

September at KFL

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Library News and Events

Thank you to all of our wonderful donors!



We were overwhelmed with the response to our Annual Appeal this year! We cannot thank you enough for all of your support. We are grateful every day to be part of this wonderful community.

A list of this year's Annual Appeal donors is available [here](#).

Public Notice of Annual Meeting of the Kennebunk Free Library Association

Public notice is hereby given to the public pursuant to the Kennebunk Free Library Association by-laws, that the annual meeting of the Association will be held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022 at 4:30 p.m. over Zoom.

Board of Trustees' meetings are typically held on the last Tuesday of the month at 4:30 p.m. over Zoom or in Hank's Room, with the exception of July and December, and they are open to the public.

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September is Library Card Sign-Up Month!

This month, Kennebunk Free Library is providing free library card replacements -- If you've lost yours, now's the time to get a new one!

Having your library card with you when you visit the library helps staff look you up more quickly and accurately, allows you to order books from home through our online catalog, and gives you access to our e-book platforms.

If you've lost your card, stop by the library with your photo ID for your free replacement card all September long!

Friends of KFL Meeting - September 12



Are you interesting in becoming a Friend of the Kennebunk Free Library or learning more about what they do? All are invited to the Friends of KFL meeting on Monday, September 12 at 5:30 p.m., in-person at the library. (Masks are required.) Visit the [Friends page](#) on the library website for more information.

The Friends have had a busy and successful summer! Thank you all for participating in July Blueberry Fair Booksale and August Seacoast Trolley Museum Ice Cream Social.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Fest book sale on October 15. We are currently accepting donations for the October book sale, particularly hardcover fiction published after 2016, paperbacks in good condition, and puzzles.

Adult Programs

In Stitches - September 6, 13, 20, 27



Do you love to knit? Crochet? Sew? Have you always wanted to learn? Do you have an unfinished project hidden on the closet shelf? Then join us every Tuesday at 11:00 for "In Stitches", our weekly handicrafts group! Grab that half-finished project and enjoy the company of others while you work; all skill levels are welcome. Feel free to stop by for a few minutes or stay the whole hour.

On the first Tuesday of the month, In Stitches will take place on Zoom; see our events calendar for the link to the meeting. The rest of the month, the group will meet in-person either inside the library or, weather permitting, outside at the picnic table between the library and the church. See our events calendar the day of for location. Masks are required when meeting inside.

Reader's Choice Book Club - September 12

Reader's Choice Book Club

Monday,
September 12
at 2:00 p.m.

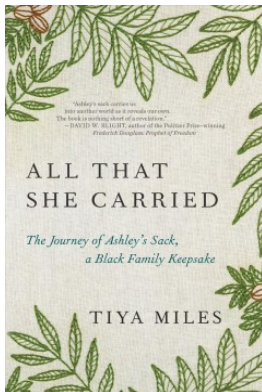
This month's theme...
*A book you read to
learn something*



Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, September 12 at 2:00 P.M. in the Walker Room. This month's theme will be: *A book you learned something from.*

How does this book club work? You choose your own book to read based on the monthly theme, and then join us for a casual and fun conversation. Everyone is welcome!

Nonfiction Book Group - September 12



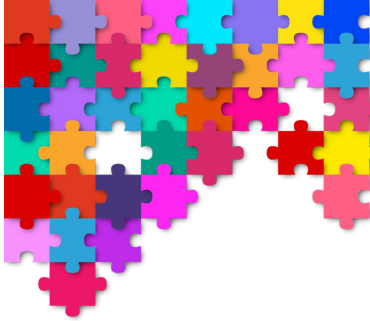
Join us on Monday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *All That She Carried* by Tiya Miles.

"Miles illuminates the lives of three generations of Black American women via a patched and embroidered cotton sack now displayed in the National Museum of African American History and Culture. Rose, an enslaved woman in South Carolina, filled the sack with what provisions and keepsakes she could for her 9-year-old daughter Ashley, who was sold away from her in the 1850s. Years later, Ashley's granddaughter Ruth embroidered a narrative of the family history on the sack. From these small clues, Miles delves into Black Americans' experience of slavery, Reconstruction, Jim Crow segregation, and the Great Migration.

With skillful writing, the author carefully explores South Carolina's history of economic dependence on slavery, and discusses the efforts of enslaved people to obtain sustenance and clothing and maintain family connections. Drawing on scant genealogical records and letters from people who were formerly enslaved, as well as research on ornamentation, Miles creates a moving account of three women whose stories might have otherwise been lost to history. VERDICT Readers interested in often-overlooked lives and experiences, and anyone who cherishes a handcrafted heirloom, will enjoy this fascinating book. With YA crossover appeal, the accessible, personal writing sets this book apart." (Library Journal, vol 146, issue 6, p126)

Puzzle Exchange - September 13

With winter just around the corner, it's time to stock up on



puzzles! On Tuesday, September 13, stop by KFL from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. to swap a stack of puzzles you've completed for new-to-you puzzles. Puzzles of all sizes are welcome! We do ask that puzzles brought for the swap be in good condition, have all of their pieces, and come from a smoke-free home. It's helpful if the pieces are contained in a large Ziploc bag so none get lost during the exchange.

Beginner Ukulele - September 14



Are you new to ukulele or need a refresher before diving back in? Dan Riggall, leader of KFL's ukulele group will be teaching the basics of ukulele in a special session on Wednesday, September 14 at 3:00. Space is limited. Please [email](#) or call the library to reserve a spot.

Improv Group - September 17



Participants had so much fun with Improv, presenter Lisa Niedenfuhr has returned to host another session! The new session will run on Saturdays - September 17 through November 19 - from 10:30 to noon. Class size will be limited. Please [email the library](#) to register.

Craft Supply Swap - September 17



Are your closets filling up with craft supplies that you've always told yourself you'd use but are gathering dust? Would you like to try a new craft but haven't gotten around to buying the supplies?

Join us on Saturday, September 12 from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m. for a craft supply swap! Bring your unused yarn, fabric, drawing, scrapbooking, jewelry-making, wreath making, and other supplies and swap them with fellow crafters! Who knows, maybe you'll end up with a new favorite hobby!

Donations can be dropped off at the library starting September 5 **by appointment only**. Contact Brittany at bkashar@kennebunklibrary.org to set up a time. Supplies can also be brought during the swap. You don't need to donate in order to attend and take!

Any supplies not taken will be used by the library for programs, donated to local nonprofits, or recycled.

Take Note - August 15

Take Note will meet on Monday, August 15 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library.



What is Take Note? It's a monthly meetup for folks who love journals, planners, digital notebooks, snail mail, stationery, pens, & more! Our discussion is free form, and no experience is needed. All are welcome!

Scottish Prisoners in Colonial Maine - September 20



Not all of Maine's earliest European settlers came voluntarily. On Tuesday, September 20 at 6:00, Carol Gardner will deliver a talk at the Kennebunk Free Library entitled "Involuntary Americans: Scottish Prisoners in Early Colonial Maine," discussing the more than 400 prisoners of war who were brought to Maine, New Hampshire and Massachusetts against their wills in 1650-1651. Dr. Gardner is the author of a narrative history, *The Involuntary American: A Scottish Prisoner's Journey to the New World*.

Carol Gardner has more than 30 years' experience as a writer, journalist and communicator. She earned a Ph.D. in English from Johns Hopkins University, taught at Johns Hopkins, Wake Forest, and Florida State Universities, and has published both fiction and nonfiction pieces in a wide variety of books and periodicals, including the *World of Baseball*, *BluePlanet Quarterly*, *Northwest Review*, *Baltimore Review*, *Potomac Review*, *The Women's Review of Books*, *Portland Press Herald*, and *The Washington Post*. She is a past winner of a Maryland Individual Artists Award. She lives in Alna, Maine.

Trivia Night - September 21



Carol's Trivia Night is back! Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 for an evening of fun, challenging questions. Play as an individual, bring your own team, or join a team at the library.

Adult Book Discussion - September 27



Join us on Tuesday, September 27 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell.

"Imagining the life of the family Shakespeare left behind in Stratford makes an intriguing change of pace for a veteran storyteller.

While O'Farrell eschews the sort of buried-secrets plots that drive the propulsive narratives of such previous novels as *Instructions for a Heatwave* (2013), her gifts for full-bodied characterization and sensitive rendering of intricate family bonds are on full display. She opens with 11-year-old Hamnet anxiously hovering over his twin sister, Judith, who has a mysterious fever and ominous swellings.

When Hamnet asks his grandfather where his mother is, the old man strikes him, and as the novel moves through the characters' memories, we see the role John Shakespeare's

brutality played in son Will's departure for London. The central figure in this drama is Shakespeare's wife, Agnes, better known to history as Anne, recipient of the infamous second-best-bed bequest in his will. O'Farrell chooses an alternate name—spelling was not uniform in Elizabethan times—and depicts Agnes as a woman whose profound engagement with the natural world drew young Will to her from their first meeting. The daughter of a reputed sorceress, Agnes has a mysterious gift: She can read people's natures and foresee their futures with a single touch. She sees the abilities within Will that are being smothered as a reluctant Latin tutor and inept participant in his father's glove trade, and it is Agnes who deftly maneuvers John into sending him away. She believes she will join Will soon, but Judith's frailty forestalls this. O'Farrell draws us into Agnes' mixed emotions as the years go by and she sees Will on his increasingly infrequent visits 'inhabiting it—that life he was meant to live, that work he was intended to do.' Hamnet's death—bitterly ironic, as he was always the stronger twin—drives the couple farther apart, and news of a new play called *Hamlet* sends Agnes to London in a rage. O'Farrell's complex, moving finale shows her watching the performance and honoring her husband's ability to turn their grief into art.

A gripping drama of the conflict between love and destiny." Kirkus Reviews

Ukulele Group - September 28



Join us on Wednesday, September 28 at 5:30 p.m., for ukulele group with leader Dan Riggall. People of all skill levels are invited to stop by and play along. This month, the group will be held in person at the library. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music.

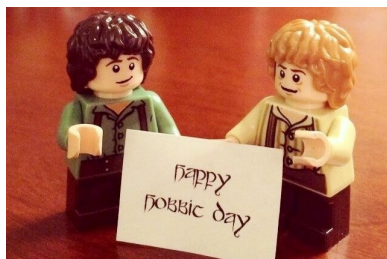
Take-and-Make: Propagation Stations



This month's take and make will include all the materials and instructions you will need for creating your own propagation station. Kits will be available starting Monday, September 12, while supplies last.

Teen Programs

Hobbit Day - September 22



We're going on an adventure to the Shire! To celebrate the birthdays of both Bilbo and Frodo Baggins, join us at the library for a day of Hobbit-themed activities and fun! We will meet on Thursday, September 22 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. There will be music, crafts, games, and more! Don't forget to bring your friends for this journey, and maybe some second breakfasts along the way! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or

call at (207) 985-2173

Fantastic Mr. Fox Apple Printing - September 27



Ready to celebrate the beginning of Autumn with Fantastic Mr. Fox and some crafting? Bring your friends and come join us at the library to learn how to create art with apples! For this activity, we will meet on September 27 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Apples will be available, but teens are welcomed to bring their own to use for this craft. Also, we will be using washable paint, but make sure to wear clothes that you are ok with getting messy. This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to

Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or call at (207) 985-2173

The Dragon Hunter and Treasure Seekers Guild - September 12, 19, 26



Welcome young adventurers! Come and join in on an exciting quest in the world of Dungeons and Dragons. Open to new and experienced players alike, we will meet every Monday on September 12, 19, and 26 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. You're welcome to bring in a character from a previous game, to make a new one, or to use one of the pre-made characters provided in the starter set. All other supplies will be provided, just bring your imagination! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up.

New players are encouraged to join in on the adventure. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call at (207) 985-2173

Chill Gaming - September 1, 15, and 23



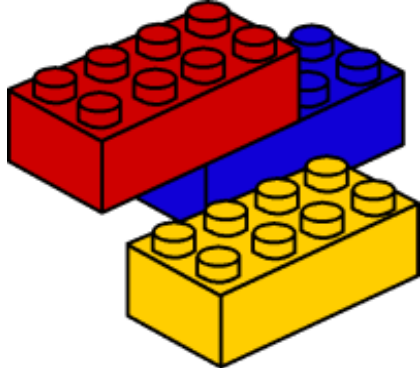
Ready to chill, eat snacks, and play some games? Come hang out with friends, test out your gaming card decks, play on our Nintendo Switch, try out new RPG board games, or anything else in between for our event, Chill Gaming! Basically anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet every other Thursday on September 1, 15, and 23 from 3:30 -4:30 p.m. There will be games provided by the library, but players are free to bring their own games, learn

new games at their own pace, or you can just come to hang out and have a good time listening to some lofi beats! This event is free, wheelchair accessible, and open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline in the Children's Room, or call at (207) 985-2173.

Children's Programs

Lego Club - September 23

It's back! Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Friday, September 23, from 4:00-4:45 p.m.



Come and build new and imaginative creations or ask the librarian for a challenge to complete. All Lego blocks will be supplied; please leave yours at home. [Registration is appreciated.](#)



Outdoor Storytime - September 12, 19, 26

It's time for Storytime! On some Mondays at 10:00 a.m., storytimes will be held outside the library near the faerie garden. Join Miss Maria for songs, stories, and fun! Bring a blanket or towel to sit on, and don't forget your sunscreen! In the event of rain or inclement weather, storytime will be held indoors. The location of storytime will be announced by 8 a.m. on the morning of storytime, and will be shared on our Facebook page and website. Masks are required when attending library programs. Upcoming storytime dates include:

- September 12
- September 19
- September 26



September Take and Makes

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. This month, craft kits will celebrate food in Fall! No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request starting Thursday, September 1. Visit us to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

STEAM to Go Kits



Looking for an activity with a side of STEAM? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering STEAM To Go kits for grades K and up with all the supplies for a fun experiment or activity. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available in the library and curbside by request. Kits will be available starting Thursday, September 1. Visit us to grab everything you need for a STEAM-tastic good time!

Book Stacks



Would you like to borrow a stack of library items handpicked by a librarian? We'd love to choose some materials for you! A KFL library card is required. If you're interested, fill out the [Google Form](#) and give us some information about your interests and the types of things you like to borrow from the library. If you have any questions, you can reach us via email at ys@kennebunklibrary.org or by phone at 985-2173. We're excited to choose library items for you!



Kennebunk Land Trust

Children's Room Updates

- Congratulations to everyone who participated in the Summer Reading Program! We counted the amount of time you busy readers logged, and we're so proud of you! You read 1,380 hours!! Wow!! We hope you had fun!
- Did you attend a program but are missing a badge? Let us know at the desk in the Children's Room and we'll get it to you!
- Upcoming program alert! KFL and Kennebunk Land Trust are working together on a special storytime. This program will be on Saturday, September 24, at 10 am. Stay tuned for more details!
- Our classic monthly programs are coming back! LEGO club is restarting on September 23, and Beadcraft will be back starting in October. We're so excited! Keep an eye out for more details!

The results for this month's Would You Rather question are in! In August, we asked, "Would you be a penguin or a seagull?" 43 friends wanted to be a seagull, while 77 friends would prefer to be a penguin. 13 friends would love to do both, and placed a sticker right on the center line. It's a tough question! Which would you choose? Keep an eye out for our next Would You Rather question in the Children's Room!



Speers Gallery

September Artist: Yuko Hasegawa Lynch

The Kennebunk Free Library announces its next Speers Gallery exhibit, "Beauty Unnoticed" by Yuko Hasegawa Lynch. The exhibit runs September 1-30, and features colored pencil drawings of Monarch butterflies and other figures from nature.

Yuko has enjoyed creating art since her childhood, went on to graduate from the University of North Carolina at Pembroke with an art minor. She has taken visual art lessons from a local artist in York, where she also resides.

Yuko says "In my art, I aim to capture the unique shapes and colors of things in nature, and enhance their beauty by turning them into art. In particular, I have always been fascinated by butterflies' grace, beauty, and strength. I am fortunate to have moved into the property that already had a pretty good size of milkweed patch. Watching the life cycle of Monarch butterflies has been my favorite thing to do in the summer. My hope is to inspire people with my Monarch drawings to help protect and promote their population."



Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to display the work of this talented artist.

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from September 1-30, 2022 at 112 Main St., Kennebunk, Maine during regular library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs. Please check the library website for current hours and gallery access, www.kennebunklibrary.org.

New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

Please note that the new items lists below are updated regularly, but through a quirk of the system, the newest items go to the end of the list. If you want to see the newest arrivals, start on the last page and work your way backward.

[Click here](#) for a look at books that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for audio/video that arrived in the last month.

[Click here](#) for new children's items that arrived in the last month

[Click here](#) for new teen items that arrived in the last month

Want to know if we have this week's New York Times bestsellers available in our various collections (print, large print, audio, ebook, eaudio)?

[Click here](#) to see the fiction and nonfiction best seller list.

September 6

[Back to the Garden – Laurie King](#)

[The Orchard – Beverly Lewis](#)

[Captive – Iris Johansen](#)

[Desperation in Death – J.D. Robb](#)

[A Song of Comfortable Chairs – Alexander McCall Smith](#)

[Hell and Back – Craig Johnson](#)

[Girl from Guernica – Karen Robards](#)

[Fairy Tale – Stephen King](#)

September 13

[Blowback – James Patterson](#)

[Oath of Loyalty – Vince Flynn](#)

[I Walk Between the Raindrops – T.C. Boyle](#)

[Lessons – Ian McEwan](#)

September 20

[A Truth to Lie For – Anne Perry](#)

[Dreamland – Nicholas Sparks](#)

September 27

[Falling Stars – Fern Michaels](#)

[Shadow Murders – Jussi Adler-Olsen](#)

[The Furies – John Connolly](#)

[Shrines of Gaiety – Kate Atkinson](#)

[Next in Line – Jeffrey Archer](#)

[Fall Guy – Archer Mayor](#)

[The Winners – Fredrik Backman](#)

A Message from the Library Director



[Banned Books Week](#) is coming up September 18-24. Banned Books Week highlights the materials that have been challenged and banned over the years in public libraries, schools, and other institutions. For me, it is a time to reflect on our intellectual freedom. KFL will highlight materials and will have handouts available to celebrate this week.

To learn more, please check out the following links:

- [Intellectual Freedom](#)
- [The Freedom to Read](#)
- [The Freedom to View](#)

Pictured: My daughter recently learned about Malala Yousafzai and asked me to bring home books about her. The morning after I did, my daughter had drawn me this picture of Malala growing up. I now have it hanging in my office.

Staff Picks & Messages

Kat, Library Assistant

Distant Shores by Kristin Hannah

This was my summer read. My daughter handed it to me after she finished it and enjoyed it. A couple struggles to find the passion in their marriage once the kids launch into their own lives. I related to the woman as she worked to revitalize the things she loved to do before marriage and family took the place of earlier loves. Her handsome ex-football player husband spends his time and efforts to rekindle his fabulous career that was taken away due to injury and a struggle with pain medication addiction. Of course, there is no lack of a woman interested in making him feel good about himself. A good story told well.

The Giver of Stars by Jojo Moyes

Alice Wright leaves England and marries American Bennet Van Cleave and joins him to live in a Kentucky mining town. Finding her new life claustrophobic, Alice jumps at the chance to become a travelling librarian. The story takes us into the homes of miners and rural families living in poverty. The librarians are faced with many challenges but also the joy of putting books into the hands of men, women and children that have never had that privilege before.

The author does a great job of helping us understand the difficulties of the 1930's south.

This work of historical fiction is based on a true story of America's past. Eleanor Roosevelt championed the traveling libraries as part of FDR's New Deal during the depression.

The School for Good Mothers by Jessamin Chan

Take this book out if you are interested in a dystopian Department of Human Services story with an artificial intelligence twist.

Denise, Library Assistant



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