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Temporary Change in Hours at KFL



KFL will have a new HVAC system installed during December and January. "We are very excited to have an efficient and energy-conscious system installed," stated Library Director Jill LeMay, "especially after a summer without air conditioning!" KFL Board of Trustees selected the bid from Mechanical Services in Portland to install the new system; the work will begin Mon., Dec. 9th.

In order to allow both enough time in a workday as well as access to the Library by patrons, Mechanical Services will tailor their work days, beginning at 4:30 AM until 1 PM. The Library will adopt the following schedule for the month of December:

- Mon., Tues., Wed., & Thurs., 1 PM to 8 PM
- Fridays from 1 PM to 6 PM
- Saturdays from 9:30 AM to 5 PM.

A schedule of hours for January will be announced soon.

"By staying open later in the evenings, we hope to continue to offer our services and collections to patrons," said LeMay.

Library programs that typically occur in the morning, such as our book groups, children's programs and knitting programs will be rescheduled to the afternoon or go on an early December break. Please consult our website [calendar](#), [email](#) us, or call 985-2173 for all the details.

From the Director's Desk

KFL has received notification that our Minerva application was accepted! We are extremely pleased to be able to offer this valuable service to our community. Becoming part of the Minerva consortium is a primary goal in our newly released 2013 -2018 Long-Range Plan; the Board of Trustees is fully committed to its implementation and voted unanimously in support of applying for Minerva.



Our community members have repeatedly requested that we join Minerva on surveys, comment cards, focus groups, and in casual conversations. This will help take us to the next step, providing us with the ability to offer state of the art interlibrary loaning to our patrons.

As KFL Board President Alan Shepard states, "Joining the Minerva network will vault us to the place we want to be. We know this is a serious commitment of time and resources, but welcome the opportunity to provide our patrons this valuable resource."

New Staff--Meet Krissy, Julie and Molly

"What happened to the bow-tie guy?" a lot of you have been asking us. Bow-tie-guy Adam and fellow "guy" librarian Keith have moved on to other libraries and, in Keith's case, other climates. We miss them both, but their shoes are being ably filled by relative newcomers Krissy and Molly. They've both been here for a few months, so their faces are probably familiar to many of you. We wanted to give you the opportunity to get to know them a bit better.

Library Hours in December

Beginning Dec. 9:

- Mon. 1-8 PM
- Tues. 1-8 PM
- Wed. 1-8 PM
- Thurs. 1-8 PM
- Fri. 1-6 PM
- Sat. 9:30 AM-5 PM

Please check back for our January schedule.

KFL Friends Book Sale- December 7



A book sale sponsored by the KFL Friends will be held at the Unitarian Universalist Church (next door to the Library) on **Sat., Dec. 7 from 8 AM to 3 PM**. Come and support the Library and get some great deals on new and used books, CDs, DVDs and audio books! All proceeds benefit the KFL.

For more information, please call the Library at 985-2173 or [email](#) us.



Krissy Birthisel

Let's get the most frequently asked question out of the way first: How do you pronounce Birthisel? We've heard some wildly different attempts, but the correct pronunciation is birth-uh-sell, with an emphasis on the first syllable. Krissy grew up in Cumberland. She moved to Massachusetts for college but - lucky for us - decided in her senior year that "she liked Maine enough to move back." Krissy started at KFL in April, shortly before graduating from Brandeis University with a degree in Classical Studies.

Krissy says that she's known that she wanted to be a librarian since she was four. Growing up she wanted to be just like the children's librarian in her public library, who was "the coolest person ever." Now she has her chance. Though most patrons will recognize her from her work at the adult circulation desk, Krissy also works some Saturdays in the Children's Room.

If you need a recommendation for great sci-fi and fantasy books, Krissy is the go-to staff member. She loves the *Lord of the Rings* series. She also thinks that you should read *Ender's Shadow* - ask her why. But sci-fi and fantasy aren't her only literary loves. Krissy lists *Anne of Green Gables* as one of her all-time favorites. An avid knitter, Krissy developed the Nifty Knitters club which meets every Tuesday. Whether you're just learning or an experienced knitter, you're welcome to drop in for advice or just for the company of other knitters.

Julie Hoyle

Have you met our newest Library Assistant yet? Julie comes to us from the D.A. Hurd Library in North Berwick. She also worked at the Waterford Library and the library at York County Community College. She holds a B.S. in Information and Library Services from the UMaine at Augusta.



Julie grew up in North Conway, NH. Despite living close to the mountains, she prefers skating to skiing. Julie moved to Maine about 20 years ago, and has raised her children, ages 15-27, here.

Julie really lights up when she talks about or demonstrates her love of crafting. She is self taught, making costumes and other sewing projects with her children while they were growing. Currently, she is teaching herself how to quilt. All of us in the Children's Room are benefiting from her skills, as she has introduced simple crafts after her storytimes, and has created a "Make It and Take It" station at one of the play tables. Children who attend her American Girls book group will be introduced to embroidery and other intricate crafts often employed by children in years past.

Molly Graham

The newest member of the adult circulation staff, Molly joined us at the end of June. She is a graduate of Bates College and received her Masters in Library Science from Simmons University in Boston. She also graduated from the Salt Institute for Documentary Studies in Portland. A radio documentary that she produced there - *Besides Life Here* - was purchased by several public radio affiliates.



Molly's focus is oral history. Before moving back to Maine, she spent two years at the Wisconsin Veteran's Museum in Madison, recording the histories of veterans from WWII through our most recent wars.

When she's not at KFL, Molly is busy running two businesses. Through her company Felt Life, she records personal oral histories for her clients. She is also a partner in Oral History and Folklife Research, Inc., a nonprofit dedicated to preserving Maine's history. She's a great resource if you're looking for history or biography books.

Secret Santa Tags Now Available



KFL has a Secret Santa tree set up in our entry way. If you would like to buy a gift for a local child in need, please select a tag from one of the trees and purchase the requested item.

Unwrapped gifts may be returned with the tag to KFL no later than **DECEMBER 9, 2013**. Thank you!

Down East Magazines for Sale



You can now own a slice of Maine history! We are selling years of Down East Magazine, beginning in 1956, for the bargain price of \$1 a year! Check issues in our Reference Room to find the year of your choosing.

Notary Services Now Available @ KFL



The Library is now offering notary services! The service will be

available most weekdays, but we recommend calling in advance to ensure that a notary is available. Please remember to bring a valid photo ID and, of course, the document to be notarized. Most documents must be signed in the presence of the notary to be valid so it's best to not sign in advance. There will be a small \$2 fee per document. For more information, give us a call at 985-2173.

KFL's Adult Book Discussion Groups

Please stop by and introduce yourself to Molly, Krissy and Julie!

News from the Children's Room

Storytimes will continue until Dec. 5, 2013. We will take a short break over the holidays, and return with in January. The date that we resume will depend upon HVAC construction. Please check our website, follow us on Facebook or Twitter, [email](#) us or give us a call.

Mondays 10:15 AM Peek-a-Book Babies

Tuesdays 10:15 AM Family Storytime

Thursdays 10:15 AM Time for 2's & 3's



Homeschooling Group: Mon., Dec. 2 at 2 PM. All are welcome!

Parenting Class Led by Stevie Westmoreland, MS, MEd, LMFT & LCPC: Fri., Dec. 20. **This month's class will be held at the UU Church next door.** All are welcome!

American Girls Book Club: Wed., Dec. 4 & Dec. 18 at 4 PM, for children in grades 2-5. Please pre-register. We are currently reading the Felicity series. Extra copies are available. We will re-live history and learn about the Revolutionary War through Felicity's stories and by making sachets and learning how to cross stitch!!

Legos Club: Tues., Dec. 10 at 4 PM. for children ages 6 yrs. & older. Please pre-register. This month's challenge theme is "My Favorite Family Holiday Tradition!"

Drop-In Craft: Mon., Dec. 23, any time between 2-4 PM. All ages; children younger than 6 must be accompanied by an adult helper. We'll start with a reading of *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* at 2 PM to get us in the mood. We'll have all kinds of activities for all ages!



Legos for Younger Kids: Mon., Dec. 30 at 2 PM for children ages 4-8 yrs. old. Please pre-register. This will be a free building time; all you need is your imagination and creative spirit! We'll supply all the Legos. Please note: our Legos are not appropriate for those 4 yrs. old or younger. Come build with us!

Music & Movement: Tues., Dec. 31 at 2 PM for children ages 5-8 yrs. old. Please pre-register. Remember the fun of playing "bluebird, bluebird" and other school yard games? Remember singing silly songs on road trips? Do you appreciate this music, and the music of favorites like Pete Seeger, Raffi, Rick Charette? If so, maybe your child will too! Join Ms. Susan for singing and movement, simple dances, circle games, call and response games, and to explore instruments and free-form dancing.



For more information or to register for any of these programs, please check our [website](#), call us at 985-2173 or [email](#) us.

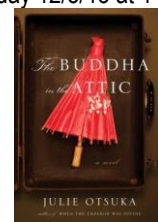
Introducing the Young Adult (at Heart) Book Group

In the 1700's when novels were a new invention embraced mostly by the young, parents were horrified. Their children were going to be corrupted. These novels would bring about a new sort of world, lacking any sense of morality. Unfortunately, criticism of young adult literature has not altered much in the last 300 years. YA still tops the most frequently banned books lists. What the critics are missing, though, is that today's young adult literature is really good.

The YA industry is currently producing some of our best literature. It's creative, it's often more concise than adult literature, and despite complaints that it presents only a

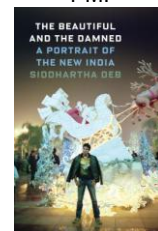


The Adult Book Discussion
Thursday 12/5/13 at 11:15 AM.



[The Buddha in the Attic](#)
by Julie Otsuka

The Adult Non-Fiction Book Monday 12/2/13 at 6:30 PM.

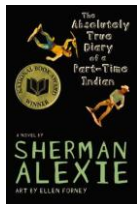


[The Beautiful & the Damned: A Portrait of the New India](#)
by Siddhartha Deb

December Calendar

- 12/2 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 12/2 Homeschool Group, 2 PM
- 12/2 Non-fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- 12/3 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 12/3 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 12/3 Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
- 12/3 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM, [Pacific Rim](#), PG-13
- 12/4 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM
- 12/5 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- 12/5 Adult Book Discussion, 11:15 AM
- 12/6 Gaming at the Library, 3:30 PM
- 12/7 Friends of KFL Book Sale @ UU Church, 8 AM - 3 PM
- 12/10 Legos Club, 4 PM
- 12/12 Nifty Knitters, 2 PM
- 12/12 Anime Club, 3:30 PM

sympathetic characters in modern fiction. YA authors comprise a vibrant online community and are very much in touch with their readers and their industry.



If you love teen literature even though your age can be calculated in multiples of teen, you are not alone. KFL wants to bring lovers of YA literature - of all ages - together. We are pleased to introduce our new Young Adult at Heart Book Group. The first meeting will be on **Wed., Jan. 22 at 6:30 PM.**

The book for the January meeting is [The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian](#) by Sherman Alexie. Copies of the book are available to borrow at the adult circulation desk. If you prefer an audio edition, let us know - we can order one for you. For more information, give us call at (207)985-2173 or [email](#) us.

Dystopian Literature



November 22nd marked the much anticipated movie release of *Catching Fire*, the second book in the *Hunger Games* trilogy by Suzanne Collins. In 2008, the first *Hunger Games* book was published, and with its publication, and subsequent success, a demand for YA dystopian literature began.

What is dystopian literature? Dystopia is the opposite of utopia—a settlement or culture characterized by harmony, peace, and goodwill. It is overseen by skillful governments and institutions enacting enlightened, rational policies. On the other hand, a dystopia is a dark future place where societies have been severely compromised. This dismantling of culture arises from a variety of sources, by ecological disaster and dwindling natural resources, or by government, nations, and institutions suppressing human freedoms. Those who lead are motivated by self-interest, greed, power and a thirst for human bloodshed. Human beings, pitted against each other, are discouraged from any acts of human cooperation or goodwill. Most authors of dystopian fiction explore at least one reason why things are that way, often as an analogy for similar issues in the real world.

The tone in a dystopian novel (sometimes referred to as apocalyptic literature) is often bleak and menacing, but the themes are thought-provoking. Perhaps teens are drawn to these themes as it allows them to confront in their own imaginations a future compromised and irrevocably changed by ecological disaster and how young people will go about rebuilding society.

With the publication of *The Hunger Games*, an appetite for YA dystopian literature was unleashed. If you are interested in reading dystopian novels, try [Divergent](#) by Veronica Roth, [The Testing](#) by Joelle Charbonneau, [Legend](#) by Marie Lu, or [Life as We Knew It](#) by Susan Beth Pfeffer.

Facebook and Twitter Workshops



Are you confused by, or have questions about Social Media? We are here to help! The KFL will be offering two workshops on Social Media: an Introduction to Facebook, and an Introduction to Twitter. Both are designed for people who would like to use the social networking sites but don't quite know how to start. We will cover the

basics of both sites, how to create a profile, and how to use it to connect with others. During the second half of each session, we will help you set up accounts, answer questions, and let you explore the sites.

The Facebook workshop will take place **Thurs., Jan. 9 from 2-3 PM.** The Twitter workshop will be held the following week, **Thurs., Jan. 16 from 2-3 PM.** Registration is required for each and spots are limited. [Email](#) or call 985-2173 to sign up. Bring your own laptop or portable internet device (iPad, etc.), if you have one. Come armed with questions!

12/13 Gaming at the Library, 3:30 PM
12/18 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM
12/19 Nifty Knitters, 2 PM
12/20 Gaming at the Library, 3:30 PM
12/23 Drop-in Crafts, 2-4 PM
12/24 Library CLOSED
12/25 Library CLOSED
12/27 Snowflake Chandelier Craft for teens & tweens, 1:30 PM
12/27 Gaming, 3 PM
12/30 Legos Club 2 PM
12/31 Music & Movement, 4 PM
12/31 Library CLOSING @ 5PM

Fireplace Days



Our fireplace will be ablaze every Wednesday and Friday, starting in December and ending in March. See you in front of the fire!

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