

June



at KFL



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LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS

Summer Reading Fun for All Ages!



Kennebunk Free Library's summer reading program is coming!! This year's theme is Read, Renew, Repeat, and all ages are welcome to participate! Fill out a summer reading bingo card and earn raffle tickets for gift cards from local businesses! All ages will be eligible to enter a raffle in their age group. The summer reading program will run from June 24-August 17. Some of the awesome programs we're doing this summer:

For adults:

- Center for Wildlife visit for adults
- Chris Schadler of Project Coyote

For teens (ages 10 and up):

- Teen Tie Dye Party
- Dungeons and Dragons
- Anime Club
- Solar Oven S'mores
- Super Smash Bros. Tournament

For kids:

- Stuffed Animal Adoption
- Special guests Center for Wildlife
- Honeybee Tea
- Taylor Swift, Library Version Party

For all ages:

- Rockin' Rainforest Summer Reading Kickoff Party
- Life-Sized Candy Land
- Music from Bondeko
- Ice Cream Social Finale Party

We have even more program fun planned! Dates and times of all programs will be announced soon. Join us for some fun this summer!

Interruption in Minerva/MaineCat Requesting this Summer

Unfortunately, Minerva and MaineCat requesting will be unavailable for a while this summer. Interlibrary loans are transported between Maine libraries via a courier hired by the Maine State Library. The contract with the current vendor expires at the end of June and the new contract is an evolving situation. Because of this, we don't yet know when this interruption will begin or how long it will last. We will keep you updated regularly. As soon as we have information, we will pass it along.

You will still be able to use the Minerva catalog to request items from our collection, just not those from other libraries. The good news is that Maine Reciprocal Borrowing is still in place. If we do not have an item that you want, you can use your KFL card at [any library on this list](#). Because we won't have transport, you would just need to pick it up and return it there. We also have reciprocal agreements with Graves Memorial Library in Kennebunkport and the Wells Public Library. If you live in Kennebunk or Arundel, you are able to get library cards there.

We will have purchase request forms at each circulation desk. If there's something you want that we don't have, feel free to fill one out. While we can't buy everything, it will help us decide what needs to be added. We'll also be looking into adding some additional titles to Libby.

I'm not going to sugar coat this - this is going to be frustrating and it could last for a few weeks to a few months as things get sorted out. We will do our best to help you find the materials that you need. Please be extra kind to staff, who will also be having a frustrating summer. If you have questions or concerns, please bring them to [Michelle](#) or to [me](#).

I've scheduled two drop in information sessions: Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 and Monday, June 17 at 6:00. If you have questions or concerns, stop in. We'll have snacks and I'll share what I know. I'll be on vacation the first week of June, but otherwise, you are always welcome to stop by my desk (to chat about this or anything!) outside the Walker Room.

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Monthly Phone Wallpaper

Looking to change up your phone background? Like our Newsletter Banner? Download our monthly phone wallpaper and match with us! New backgrounds every month! E-mail Amelia for assistance.

To download to your phone, tap 'Download' as highlighted in the newsletter on your mobile device. Follow the link. Once you arrive at the download page from our calendar, tap and hold on the image, then select 'Save to Photos'. The image will be saved to your 'Photo Gallery' and you can change your wallpaper from there.



KFL's Annual Appeal

Hello Spring! The longer days of sunshine and warmer temperatures mean that summer will make it to Maine eventually and that it's time to fundraise for all the creative programs and activities that are on the KFL calendar. Our dedicated volunteers and staff members are prepping the Annual Appeal mailing that will make its way to you shortly. As an independent nonprofit, your support is vital to making our mission “to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and

connect”, come to life and for that we are truly grateful.

Please find more detailed information here:

[Link to AA letter 2024](#)

[Link to AA infographic 2024](#)



A Message from the Friends

Thank you for the great turnout at our May Day book-sale. Together we raised \$1,365 for KFL programs and services and had many happy customers of all ages. Our next book sale will be in July!

Would you like to join the Friends leadership team? We meet 4 times a year and work as a team. For more information please reach out here (link to friends page and email contact?)

We'd love to have you!



Summer is here and our 27th Edition 5K is right around the corner!

Our scenic, USATF-certified course begins and ends in the library parking lot, winding through peaceful local neighborhoods and the beautiful and perfectly-maintained Hope Cemetery and Woods trails.

Following the race, join us for a party on the library lawn, with live music, food, and a beer tent!

Prizes will go to the top male and female finisher in each of nine age categories.

Please [email us](#) or call us at (207) 985-2173 if you have any questions .

REGISTER NOW!

ADULT PROGRAMS

Reader's Choice Book Club

Monday,
June 3rd

2:00 - 3:00

This month's theme...

Identity and Expression



Reader's Choice Book Club - June 3

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, June 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Identity and Expression*

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!



Spanish Language Discussion Group - June 3 and 10

Stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from **5:30 to 6:30** on Monday evenings for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish with educator and native Spanish-speaker Eva Hernandez. June 10 will be the final meeting before summer break. Everyone is invited to stop by for a finale gathering with snacks and wine.



In Stitches - June 4, 11, 18, 25

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.



Tax Diversification and Insurance - June 5

Taxes are a part of Americans' financial lives and help afford much of what makes this country great. Yet, for those entering and in retirement – when preserving and protecting every penny becomes a priority – minimizing tax liabilities can be especially important.

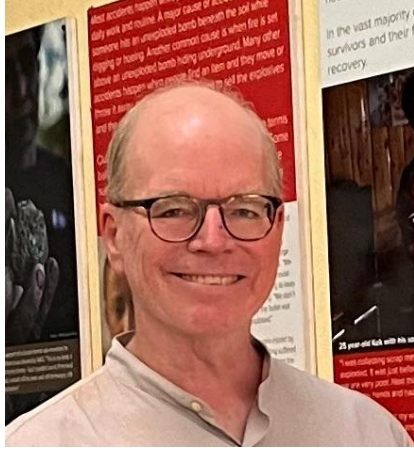
Tax risk is a real cost in retirement and can affect a retiree's income through increases, reduced deductions, and a higher than expected tax bracket. The good news is that tax diversification strategies work to reduce future tax liabilities, potentially add to one's total retirement income amount, and provide for beneficiaries thereafter.

On Wednesday, June 5 at 6:00 Danny Gallant will be at Kennebunk Free Library to discuss what you can do to help reduce your future taxation and protect the longevity of your retirement account.

Danny Gallant is a second-generation life insurance broker, licensed to work in all fifty states. Danny has helped hundreds of families plan for retirement, protect their families and/or businesses. He specializes in leveraging permanent life insurance to safely build wealth and tax-free income. He lives in Kennebunk, Maine with his wife, Robin. Danny also holds a Bachelor's of business administration with a major in management information systems from the University of Moncton in New Brunswick, Canada.

Michael Ambler of Restoration Laos - June 11

On Tuesday, June 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. Michael Ambler of Restoration Laos will be at Kennebunk Free Library to discuss the work his organization is doing to clear bombs from villages in Laos.



From 1965 to 1974, the United States waged a secret war in the tiny Southeast Asian nation of Laos. Laos is adjacent to Vietnam, where we were fighting in an effort to prevent Communist North Vietnam from taking over non-Communist South Vietnam. To try to cut North Vietnamese supply lines running through Laos, the U.S. secretly bombed the area. We dropped the equivalent of a planeload of bombs every eight minutes, 24 hours a day, for nine years. Most of the towns and villages of eastern Laos were destroyed, and a generation of children grew up in caves. Laos is the most heavily bombed country in history.

The war is not yet over for many people in rural Laos. About 30 percent of the bombs we dropped way back then didn't detonate at the time, and are deadly to this day. They still kill people, often children. They keep people living in fear. And they keep people poor, because they cannot safely use their own land to grow crops for sustenance and income.

Governments around the world, including the U.S. Government, support efforts to clear this half-century old scourge. But the work is too slow: many villages will wait years or decades more for a bomb clearance team to arrive.

Restoration Laos accelerates the pace by funding a bomb team that otherwise would not exist. We find and destroy lethal bombs in the most remote and poorest areas of Laos so that villagers can once again grow rice, go to school, and live with safety and dignity.

Come join Michael Ambler, the head of Restoration Laos, to learn more about the Secret War, the damaged yet beautiful nation of Laos, and the work of Restoration Laos.

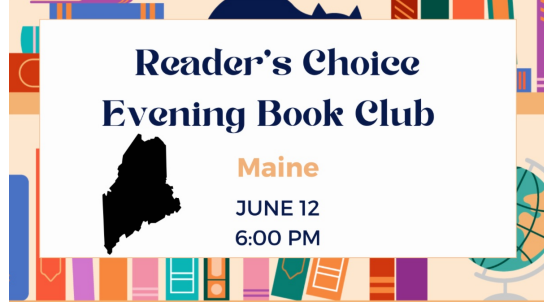


Ukulele Group - June 12 and 26

The Ukulele Group is back! We'll continue to meet twice a month: the 2nd Wednesday at 3:30 and the 4th Wednesday at 5:30. We will be playing the same music at both sessions. You can join us for both or either. Whatever works for you!

The 2nd Wednesday Group will meet in person at the library. That session will focus on the songs for the month in greater detail. It will provide an opportunity to answer any questions you may have from your practice and learn from each other. The 4th Wednesday Group will meet via Zoom at 5:30 p.m. Here we'll just strum and pluck and yuck it up in the privacy of home — where no one else can hear you making ukulele fun and no one cares about bloop & errors! Less talk and more play. If you are not already on the music mailing list, please [email Allison](#) to register.

We'll be taking a break over the summer so we'll have a finale celebration on June 12. Even if you are not a ukulele player, all are welcome to drop by the amphitheater outside the library at 3:30 for a sing-along and snacks!



June 12

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, June 12 at 6:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: *Maine*.

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!



Writer's Group - June 18

Whether you are looking for feedback on your writing or encouragement to keep writing, join us on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. for a meeting of the new KFL Writers' Group! Bring a 500 - 1,000 word piece of work to share with the group. We hope to see you there!



Paint and Sip: Flower Hammering - June 18

Join us on Tuesday, June 18 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. for a different kind of paint and sip: flower hammering! You will use rocks to hammer flower petals into watercolor cardstock to create your own unique designs. Enjoy a glass of wine and light refreshments while working on your creations. This program is for ages 21+. [Registration Required](#).

Summer Reading Kick-Off Party for All Ages! - June 24

This year's summer reading theme is Read, Renew, Repeat, and Kennebunk Free Library is ready to get wild! On June 24 at 5 p.m., KFL will host a Rockin' Rainforest Party – and you're invited! Come dressed as your favorite animal! Our party will include a DJ, a fun craft for all ages, games, a photo booth, and tasty treats. Let's kick off the summer and have a wild time!



Die Well Death Education - June 24

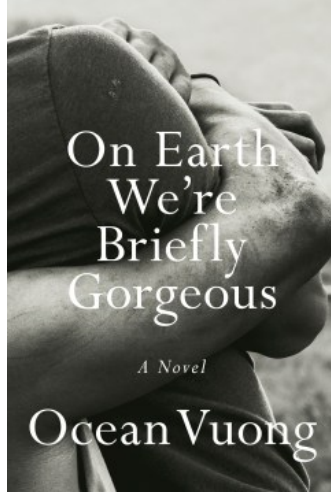
Join us at Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, June 24, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the second session in the Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. (This session was postponed from last month due to presenter illness.) You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions - no registration is required.

Session two is a film. Barbara Karnes's *This is How People Die – Part One: Natural Process of Dying from Disease & Old Age* addresses the normal dying process, from months before death through the actual moment of death. This film provides the knowledge and tools for working with the end of life, presented with non-medical terminology. It is a practical guide for working with anyone facing end-of-life issues. Part One will cover: role models for dying, dying being a normal and natural part of life, ways to die, dying development compared to infant development, dying dynamics, and 3-4 months before death on a continuum. Open discussion to follow.

Die Well Death Education is the passion project of Leona Oceania. Always fascinated with death and baffled by the fact that we don't talk about the one thing that is going to happen to all of us, she decided to do what she could to encourage that conversation. She has trained to become an End-of-Life Doula, a Home Funeral Guide, a Life Legacy Facilitator, and a Death Educator. She also serves on the board of the Funeral Consumers Alliance of Maine, is the facilitator of a number of Death Cafés in Southern Maine, and is a volunteer with a local hospice organization. She has built a bookcase coffin with the prodigious Chuck Lakin, which is currently in use as a bookcase in her living room until it is needed as a coffin.

Fiction Book Discussion - June 25

Join us on Tuesday, June 25 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *On Earth We're*



Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong.

"This first novel by poet Vuong (*Night Sky with Exit Wounds*, 2016) is narrated by Little Dog, a Vietnamese refugee who grew up in Hartford with his mother and his maternal grandmother, Lan. A writer now, he addresses his story as a letter to his mother, who cannot read, 'to tell you everything you'll never know.' He recalls her painful attempts to toughen him and his simultaneous rage for all that frays her—work, memories, difficulty communicating. At 14 he gets a job cutting tobacco, and there meets Trevor. Two years older, Trevor works to escape his alcoholic father and makes Little Dog feel 'seen—I who had seldom been seen by anyone.' Their covert love blooms brilliantly as Trevor, battling his own demons, handles Little Dog with bewildering warmth. This plot line is its own speeding train, while Little

Dog's letter also reveals the family's inextricable legacy from the Vietnam War. In Vuong's acrobatic storytelling, Lan's traumatic wartime tale unspools in a spiraling dive, and a portrait of Trevor emerges in the snapshots of a 10-page prose poem. Casting a truly literary spell, Vuong's tale of language and origin, beauty and the power of story, is an enrapturing first novel." --
(Booklist, vol 115, number 16, p21)



Trivia Night - June 26

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 is trivia night at KFL! Bring a team, join one of our friendly teams of regulars, or take on the challenge solo. Light refreshments will be served.

Because we're closed to celebrate Juneteenth on the 19th, Trivia Night will be on the 4th Wednesday this month.

Mah Jongg - Mondays and Wednesdays

Everyone is invited to drop in on Mondays from 12:30 - 3:00 p.m. or Wednesdays from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. to play Mah Jongg. The library has 3 sets available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Don't know how to play? Members of our friendly group were all beginners themselves just a couple of months ago. You're welcome to watch and learn. We can also share some resources for learning on your own. Please [email the library](#) with any questions.



Tech Time - Wednesdays & Thursdays

Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to help!

To sign-up for one of our Tech Time appointments, please visit the front desk to be placed on our scheduling sheet.

Appointments to meet one-on-one with our Technology Educator can be scheduled **Wednesdays** from 2:00 - 4:00 p.m., and **Thursdays** from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Appointments are 45 minutes long, but there is always an opportunity to schedule a follow-up appointment if we run over our time limit. When setting up the appointment, help us to better assist you by describing the issue you want to discuss. If possible, also make sure to bring your charged device with you along with any needed usernames and passwords. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to visit us at the desk, call (207) 985-2173, or email our technology educator at kfl@kennebunklibrary.org so we can help you further.



June Take and Make: Macrame Rainbows

This month, pick up a kit to make a cheery rainbow you can hang anywhere you want to add a little more sunshine! Kits will be available starting Tuesday June 11th, while supplies last.



Dungeons and Dragons - June 3, 10, 17

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 on the following Mondays: **June 3, June 10, and June 17** from 3:30-4:30 P.M. We will begin our 7-week long summer campaign on June 17th with a character creation day to go over our new and exciting quest and to answer any questions you may have about the game. 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!



First Friday Fun: Upcycled Rainbow Decorations - June 7

Are you looking forward to the weekend? Let's kick it off with an activity to take home from the library! Each first Friday of the month there will be a different crafting activity and Summer Reading pin for you to pick up. This month, on **June 7**, there will be kits to make rainbow wall decorations from upcycled materials available in the Walker Room (where we keep our YA books)! You can grab one of these crafts anytime, and the bags will be available until they are all taken.



Chill Gaming: Minecraft Dungeons - June 13

Ready to chill, eat snacks, and adventure in the world of Minecraft? We're leaving creative mode to offer the chance to hang out with friends to play Minecraft Dungeons on our Nintendo Switch, color in some coloring sheets, and spend time with other gamers! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **June 13**, from 3:30 -4:30 P.M. The library will provide games, but players are free to bring their own games, learn new games at their own pace, or just come to hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats!

Anime Club: Cosplay Repair Kits - June 20

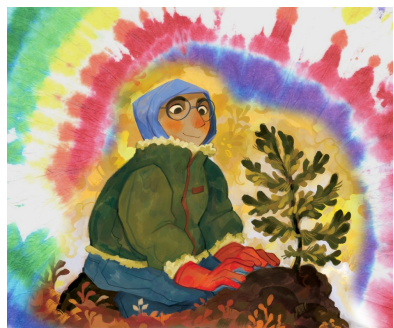


Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **June 20**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to create cosplay repair kits! If you are interested in going to events like PortCon or other Comic Cons, cosplay repair kits can be helpful for those in-the-moment wardrobe malfunctions that need to be fixed quickly. Supplies will be available to make these bags, and we will also have sewing machines and other resources if you have cosplays that need some mending too! This program is designed for dedicated and new fans interested in learning more about the fandom. This event is free, the space is wheelchair accessible, and it is open to Teens ages 10 and up. If you have any questions, see Miss Emmaline downstairs in the children's room, or call (207) 985-2173. We look forward to seeing you there!

Teen Magic the Gathering - June 25



Looking to test out your new Magic the Gathering deck with friends? Join us to play on **June 25** from 5:30-6:30 p.m.! There will be cards available to make a deck, but if you have your own, we encourage you to bring them!



Teen Tie Dye Party - June 27

Summer is here, so come join us for a fun afternoon as we tie-dye tote bags as a part of our Summer Reading Program, "Read, Renew, Repeat!" Tables and supplies will be outside of the Kennebunk Free Library on Thursday, **June 27** from 3:00-4:00 p.m. This event will be open to teens and tweens ages 10 and up. Tote bags will be provided, but you may also bring your own items to dye if you would like to repurpose something for this program.

Please wear clothes that you don't mind being stained - just in case!

CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

STEM Night: It's Electric - June 4

Want to add a little science to your evening? Join us on



Tuesday, June 4, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. for a special science program hosted by Mousam River STEM Academy! Come be a scientist and learn all about electricity! We'll use hands-on learning to discover conductors, insulators, and series and parallel circuits using playdough! This program is for PreK – 5th grade, no registration required.



Beadcraft - June 5

In the mood to get creative? Perler Beads - tiny plastic beads that can melt - were first introduced as a craft in Sweden in the 1950's, and we still love them! Children ages 6 and up, or age 5 with a caregiver, are invited to join us for an afternoon of beading fun on Wednesday, June 5, at 1:00 p.m. What a great way to spend an early release afternoon! Design suggestions will be offered, but creativity is encouraged! All craft materials will be provided. [Registration](#) is recommended but not required.



Kindness Crew - June 11

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on Tuesday, June 11, at 3:45 p.m. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This program is open to ages 6 and up; registration is appreciated but not required! This month, we'll talk about being kind to ourselves and practice some self-care! Kindness has no age requirement – if a friend younger than 6 would like to join in, please reach out to Miss Maria at mrichardson@kennebunklibrary.org, or 985-2173 x 105. Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!

Eclipse Storytelling - June 18

The April 8th solar eclipse was an awe-inspiring sight for so many people in Maine. Now that we have all had time



to reflect and remember what we experienced on the day, we all have a story to tell about it. Come along to this family event to share your story and listen to others describe the sights, sounds and surprises from this very rare celestial event in Maine.

On Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 p.m., Terence Finnegan, eclipse coordinator at the Gulf of Maine Research Institute, invites you to bring along any story, artwork, photo, video or object to share with the community in an open forum.



Summer Reading Kick-Off Party for All Ages! - June 24

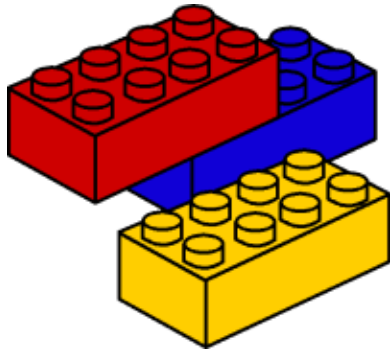
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Stuffed Animal Adoption - June 26

Do you have room in your heart and your home for a new stuffie? On Wednesday, June 26, from 2 to 4, KFL will be an adoption center for stuffies that are looking for their forever homes! Drop in during adoption hours to pick out a stuffie to keep. We'll have all sorts of animals to choose from! You'll also receive an adoption certificate to take home. The Animal Welfare Society will also be on hand to talk about their organization. While you're at the library, sign up for this year's summer reading program! Leave the library with everything you need for a summer of fun AND a new friend! Registration is recommended and much appreciated.

This program will be held outside of the Children's Room and on the library's front lawn. In the event of rain, we will hold the program inside the Children's Room.



Lego Club - June 27

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Thursday, June 27, from 3:45-4:30 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.



Storytime - Mondays

It's time for Storytime! Come to the library for stories, songs, and fun with Miss Maria! We'll even get to say hello to our puppet friend, Ami the bunny. On Mondays in June at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held in the amphitheater outside the Children's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Don't forget sunscreen, a blanket to sit on, and a drink to keep hydrated! In case of inclement weather, we will be in Hank's Room inside the library. We can't wait for you to join us! Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- June 3
- June 10
- June 17
- June 24



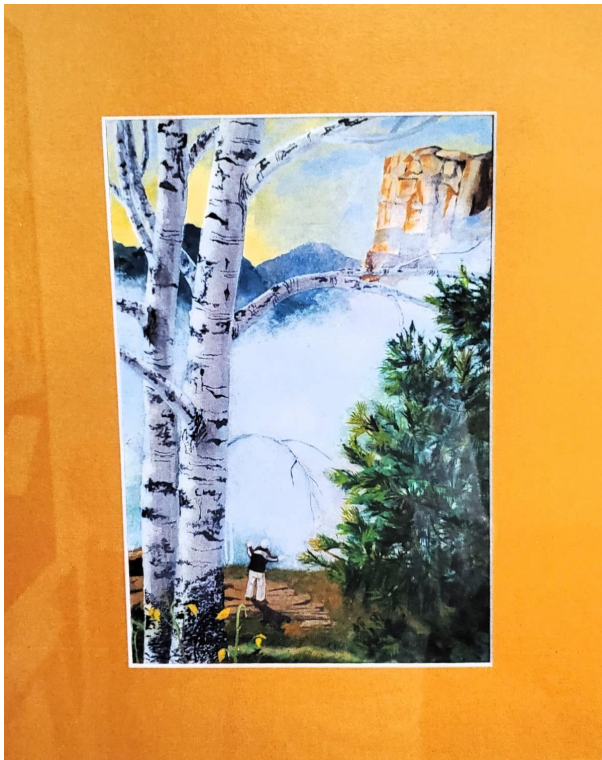
Thursday Family Fun Play - Weekly

Have a morning of play at the library! On most Thursday mornings in June, Kennebunk Free Library will bring out the toys for a library play date. These toys are best enjoyed when the whole family plays together! Before we say goodbye until next time, Miss Maria will read a story. Come play and make new friends at the library! All programs will run from 10 am to 11 am. Thursday Family Fun Play is for children

ages 0-5 and their grown-ups. No registration is required. Our last session of Thursday Family Fun Play until the fall will be Thursday, June 20. Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- June 6
- June 13
- June 20

SPEERS GALLERY



June Artist: Randal Boyd

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents the exhibit “Seeking the Quiet Within” by L. Randal Boyd of Kennebunk. The exhibit runs June 3-28.

The two-dimensional works feature oil on canvas, mixed media, and several prints of personal observations. Randal expresses “This is my first ‘one-man’ show, and intentionally my last. As my life ebbs, naturally, I consider how I wish to be remembered – as an artist. Hopefully, viewers will see a work that engages their own memories and our shared emotions.” Four of the nineteen works were completed prior to 1999, and the others since the fall of 2019. Since 2019 Randal has also painted an additional ten works privately owned and not on display. No work in his exhibit is for sale.

Randal said one main feature of his life are the many recurrent voices intoning these similar themes: “Why, you could have been in *this* profession; you could have done *this* with your life; you might have been well remembered had you become *this*. BUT (says I), I have been a veteran, a darkroom film developer, a tailored suit salesman, an air conditioner installer, a truck driver, land surveyor, a vice president of a government union, and an Engineering Instructor. And yet, after retiring with 38 years of service, from Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, I am happy to finally accept my own artistic ‘gift’ from my Grandmother, Clara Marie Sands Boyd, and as Bob Dylan said ‘all the faces who brought me here’”.

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

The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library’s Speers Gallery from June 3-28 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 & 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.

Books on order for June

June 3

[Eruption](#) – Michael Crichton

June 4

[Stuart Woods' Smolder](#) – Brett Battles

[The Comfort of Ghosts](#) – Jacqueline Winspear

[Farewell, Amethystine](#) – Walter Mosley

[One Deadly Eye](#) – Randy Wayne White

June 11

[Swan Song](#) – Elin Hilderbrand

[Clete](#) – James Lee Burke

[Red Star Falling](#) – Steve Berry

June 18

[The Glassmaker](#) – Tracy Chevalier

June 25

[Flashback](#) – Iris Johansen

[Resurrection](#) – Danielle Steel

[Proof](#) – Fern Michaels

[Some Murders in Berlin](#) – Karen Robards

[Don't Let the Devil Ride](#) – Ace Atkins

[Market for Murder](#) – Heather Graham

[Pitch Dark](#) – Paul Doiron

[Warrior King](#) – Wilbur Smith

A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Our 27th Edition 5K is coming up on July 12. This is our largest fundraising event and it is made possible by community participation and sponsorships.

· [Run, wheel, or walk in the race by registering](#)



at this link.

- [Volunteer at our race by visiting this link.](#)
- [Contribute to our online auction. Email Michelle at this address.](#)
- [Support our sponsors at this link.](#)
- [Purchase a 50/50 ticket in person starting June 1. Winner drawn at the race on July 12.](#)
- [Bid on an auction item July 2 – July 16. Information coming soon.](#)

Pictured: My kids joined me for a photo after my graduation from the University of Southern Maine.

STAFF PICKS

Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

My Name is Barbra by Barbra Streisand

Starting with the early death of her father, attention-deprived childhood, ugly duckling appearance and overcoming barriers by sheer grit and determination to finally being recognized as the true star talent she is. I highly recommend making the time commitment required by this long autobiography to anyone interested in hearing the details of her artistic genius in acting, singing, directing, script writing, fashion, and makeup. Her romances and professional relationships are shared for those that love “movie star” stories. Her research into her Jewish faith tradition and the Torah as she prepares to write scripts and music, act and sing, as well as direct Yentl is fascinating. Even if you do not finish it, this book is worthwhile. The audio version is read by the author, and it feels like you are sitting and having a chat with Barbra Streisand. The book has great photographs. (Available book from KFL, audio through Libby.)

Day Hiking New England by Jeffrey Romano

This is a new addition to KFL’s Bolton Travel Library. It gives very useful information in the “Hikes in a Glance” section including location, length, difficulty, season availability, kid or dog friendly, beach combing, birds, flowers, waterfalls, geologic, historical, and if there is a fire tower. I have done a couple of the hikes and found the detailed information that follows the “Glance” section useful and accurate. (Available book from KFL)

American Fiction – directed by Cord Jefferson, Based on Erasure by Percival Everett

Jeffrey Wright stars as frustrated author Thelonious “Monk” Ellison that watches authors that pander to African American stereotypes win critical acclaim and awards that completely ignore his more serious literary works. The movie manages to mix social commentary, comedy and family dynamics dealing with the sudden death of a sibling and caring for an aging parent with dementia (Leslie Uggams). I enjoyed the whole movie, but the ending is the showstopper. (Available from KFL)

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