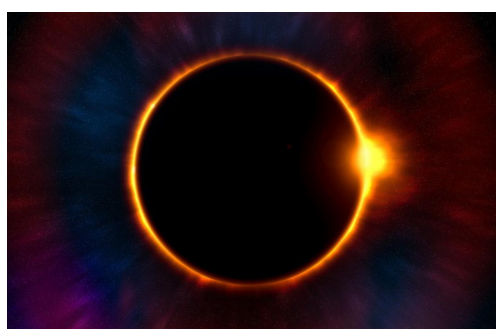




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## LIBRARY NEWS AND EVENTS



### **Eclipse Party!**

Come celebrate the eclipse with KFL! Drop into the library between 2:30 and 4:00 on April 8. We'll have games and crafts for all ages and eclipse-themed food. And, of course, we'll head out to the library lawn to do some sky watching! We will have several pairs of eclipse glasses available for those that need them. If it's cloudy and we can't see the eclipse, we'll livestream it from somewhere

with better weather and enjoy the party!



### **Trustee Information Nights**

Are you enthusiastic about the library? Would you like to serve on our Board? We're expanding our Board, seeking new Trustees who will be active participants at monthly Board and committee meetings and serve as library advocates, promoting KFL in its mission to inspire and enable our communities to discover, learn, and connect. Interested? Look over the [FAQ for Potential Trustees](#).

Email the library to learn more including how to register for one of our April in-person Information Sessions where current Trustees will answer your questions and describe their Trustee experience. Sessions are Tuesday, April 2 at 5:00 p.m. or Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 p.m.

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## Registration is now open!

Registration for our 27th Edition 5K is now open! This year's race is Friday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m. Register early to ensure that you are among the 200 lucky participants to claim one of our fabulous goodie bags, including a 5K t-shirt!

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!**

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## Library Tidbits

Going forward, we're going to be giving you a little insight each month into the inner workings of the library. For April, we wanted to tell you a little bit about how our digital book/audiobook collections work from our perspective.

As you may know, we offer two e-book platforms: CloudLibrary and Libby. Most libraries in the state participate in CloudLibrary. We all chip in some money to participate and the State Library does the e-book purchasing. Because there are so many communities contributing income, there are many more titles in the system than any one community could purchase on its own. There is also more competition for the titles in the system. CloudLibrary does not support Kindle Paperwhite use.

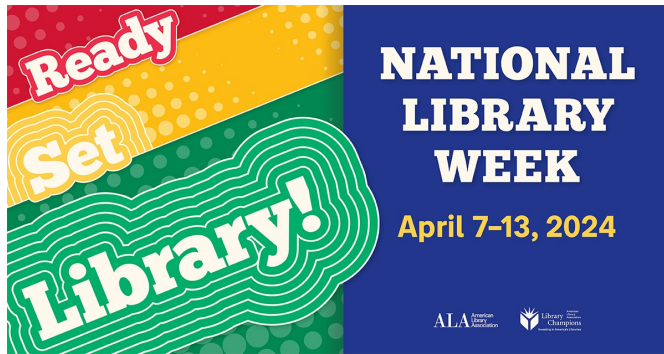
Libby is a platform that is exclusively for KFL cardholders. We do all of the purchasing (and paying for purchases) in house. Publishers don't love the idea of libraries sharing e-books so they price them high enough to make it difficult to build a large collection. They may also limit the amount of time that we can keep a book that we purchase to one or two years or to a certain number of checkouts. As an example, lets look at *You Like It Darker*, the new Stephen King book coming out in May. The e-book version costs \$59.99 and we can keep it in our collection for 2 years. The audio book is sold as "one copy/one user," which means that it stays in our collection indefinitely.

But, the cost for that is \$129.99. These are fairly typical costs (e-books range from \$55 - \$75; e-audios from \$80 to \$130) though sometimes we can purchase things on sale and some publishers will allow us to purchase one year of use for half the price.

Our audio book budget is \$3,500. This means that we have to be very selective about what we purchase. If the print version of an item is in high demand, we are more likely to purchase a digital copy. We try to purchase multiple copies of a digital item when there are a lot of holds but sometimes it's cost prohibitive. The good news is that Libby works with Kindle and, because it's only for our cardholders, the wait times are typically shorter than for CloudLibrary items.

We are always happy to chat about our work and are available to answer any questions you might have.

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### National Library Week at KFL

Stop by KFL from April 7-13 to help us celebrate National Library Week. The theme for National Library Week 2024, "Ready, Set, Library!," promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters

most. Find your crew at your library's author talks, workshops, and book clubs.

No celebration of libraries is complete without also celebrating the wonderful patrons that make the library what it is! Each time you drop by the library during National Library Week, you'll receive one free ticket to enter our annual Book Bundle raffle. We will also be offering free library card replacements. If your card is missing or getting a bit battered, now is the time to get a new one!

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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.

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Happy Spring from the Friends. We are preparing for our April 8th meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Zoom and welcome all to attend. The agenda is available [here](#). Email the library for the Zoom link. Our next event is the May Day book sale on Saturday, May 4th—mark your calendars!

## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Reader's Choice Book Club

*Monday,  
April 1st  
2:00 - 3:00*

*This month's theme...  
An Award Winning Book*



### Reader's Choice Book Club - April 1

Reader's Choice Book Club will meet on Monday, April 1 at 2:00 p.m. in the Walker Room at the library, and our theme will be: An Award Winning Book.

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 - April 1, 8, 22, 29

#### **NEW TIME!!**

Stop by the Kennebunk Free Library from 5:00 to 6:00 on Monday evenings for an opportunity to practice conversational Spanish with educator and native Spanish-speaker Eva Hernandez.

**In Stitches - April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**



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.



### Unique and Classic Boats of New England - April 8

Join us at the Kennebunk Free Library on Monday, April 8 at 6:00 p.m. for a presentation on New England Boating history with author Tom Verde.

Each boat has a tale to tell. *In a Class All Their Own: Unique and Historic Boats of New England* by Tom Verde recounts the colorful stories of nearly forty classic/unique New England vessels, including some from Maine. These include the fabled history of the cat boat; the first fiberglass sailing yacht; a NY ferry boat repurposed as a houseboat; the oldest working fishing boat in Stonington, CT; racing rivalries in the Sound; the French love affair with American boat designs; and the Jazz Age

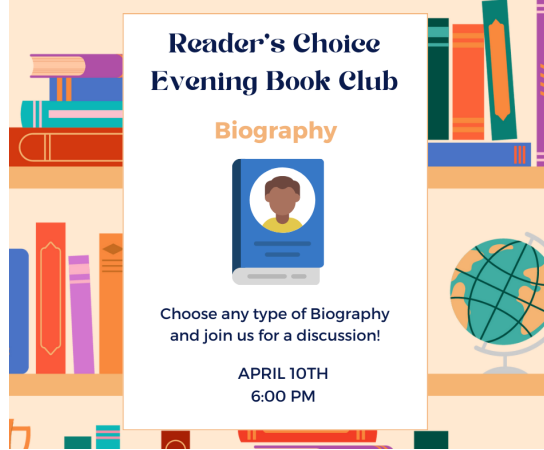
era of luxury yachting, among others. In his presentation, Verde will discuss several boats featured in his book, including their classes and designers, as well as their relationships to the waters in which they sailed, raced, and cruised.



### Ukulele Group - April 10 and 24

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 bloopers & errors! Less talk and more play. If you are not already on the music mailing list, please [email Allison](#) to register.



## Evening Readers Choice Book Club - April 10

Our Evening Reader's Choice Book Club will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesdays in the Walker Room on the main floor of the library.

The Reader's Choice format allows readers to select any book that fits this month's theme. Readers can select from fiction or non-fiction, adult books, young adult, or children's, and everything in between.

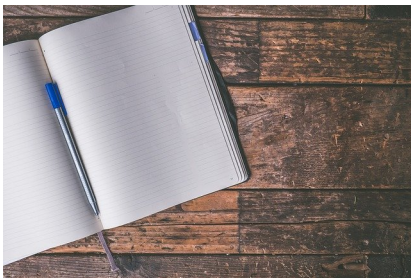
We hope you'll join us!

April's Theme is Biography.



## Poetry and Flash Fiction Fest - April 13

Celebrating short-short stories and poetry! Writers and writer wannabes mark your calendar for Saturday, April 13th from 1:00 - 2:30. KFL will be hosting a Flash Fiction Fest. Stories with 500 to 1000 words and poetry will be read to other writers and listeners. These can be originals or old favorites: If you have a piece of work that fits the criteria that isn't your own, that is fine too! Please register to read your story.



## Writer's Group - April 16

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!

## Trivia Night - April 17

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.



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### **Craft Supply Swap - April 20**

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 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 April 1 by appointment only. Donations are limited to two bags or one large tote per person; donations may be denied based on condition at staff discretion. Contact [Brittany](#) 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.

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### **Die Well Death Education - April 22**

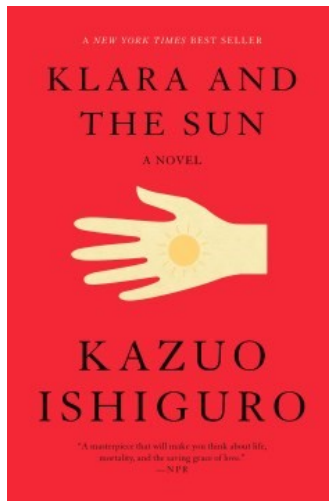
Join us on Monday, April 22 from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. for the first session in the Die Well Death Education Series with host Leona Oceania. (This session was postponed from last month due to presenter illness.) You are welcome to attend one or all of the sessions - no registration is required.

Session one is: Why Talk About Death? In this session we will discuss why talking about death is important, and the benefits it can and does provide. We will also review creating an End-of-Life Plan, the importance of legacy work,

hospice & palliative care, as well as funeral and body disposition options. (There are more than you think!)

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.

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### Fiction Book Discussion - April 23

Join us on Tuesday, April 23 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro.

“Nobel laureate Ishiguro takes readers to a vaguely futuristic, technologically advanced setting reminiscent of his *Never Let Me Go* for a surprising parable about love, humanity, and science. Klara is an Artificial Friend (AF), a humanlike robot designed to be a child’s companion. She spends her days watching humans from her perch in the AF store, fascinated by their emotions and hungry to learn enough to help her future owner. Klara, who is solar-powered, reveres the sun for the 'nourishment' and upholds 'him' as a godlike figure. Klara is eventually bought by teenager Josie and continues to learn about

humans through her interactions with Josie’s family and childhood friend. When Josie becomes seriously ill, Klara pleads with the sun to make her well again and confronts the boundary between service and sacrifice. While the climax lends a touch of fantasy, Klara’s relationship with the sun, which is hidden at times by smog, touches on the consequences of environmental destruction. As with Ishiguro’s other works, the rich inner reflections of his protagonists offer big takeaways, and Klara’s quiet but astute observations of human nature land with profound gravity ('There was something very special, but it wasn't inside Josie. It was inside those who loved her,' Klara says). This dazzling genre-bending work is a delight” -Publisher’s Weekly

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### Poet Deidre Braley - April 23

Join Deidre Braley for an evening of poetry on Tuesday, April 23 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kennebunk Free Library as she shares readings and stories from her debut poetry collection, *The Shape I Take*, along with a selection of her other favorite original poems that take an unflinching look at life, love, and learning to make peace with being human.

There are few moments in a person's life that are more emotionally dynamic, physically dramatic, or spiritually charged than those days surrounding the birth of a baby. In *The Shape I Take*, Braley documents those moments in real-time. This collection begins in the dwindling days before the birth of her





child, is swept up into the height of labor and delivery, and finishes with the acute poignancy that is unique to those first postpartum weeks. From predictions for ominous weather and late-night loving to the tension between new life and certain death, the poems in *The Shape I Take* are not your typical reflections on motherhood. Rather, they seek to capture the realities of the anticipation, desperation, and trepidation that come along with bringing a baby into the world: milk-drenched sheets and all.

Questions and conversation will be welcomed, and books will be available for signing and purchase at the event.

Deidre Braley is a freelance writer and editor. A graduate of Presque Isle High School, she now lives in southern Maine with her husband and three children. Her debut poetry collection, *The Shape I Take*, was released in December 2023 by Bottlecap Press. She is the author and host

behind *The Second Cup*, a weekly column and podcast that focuses on making peace with being human. Her award-winning poetry has been featured in *The Way Back To Ourselves* literary journal and *Maine Women Magazine*, and her essays have appeared in *The Village Magazine*, *Aletheia Today*, *The Joyful Life*, and *The Truly Co.*, where she serves as the Editorial Content Director. Deidre is a strong believer in the power of poetry, picking roadside flowers, and skipping small talk. Connect with her on her website, [thesecondcup.org](http://thesecondcup.org) or on Instagram @deidressecondcup.

This program is free and wheelchair accessible. The Kennebunk Free Library is located at 112 Main Street in Kennebunk, Maine. For more information please call 207-985-2173 or email us at [kfl@kennebunklibrary.org](mailto:kfl@kennebunklibrary.org).



### **Author Roy Smoot - April 29**

On Monday, April 29 at 6:00 p.m., the Kennebunk Free Library will host author Roy Smoot as he discusses his book *It All Belongs*, written with his late wife Judy Smoot.

In this exquisite dual narrative laced with expressive art, poetry, journaling, and hands-on help, *It All Belongs* offers a unique pairing of perspectives to actively model spiritual tools and

practices helpful for navigating life's inevitable realities and unwanted journeys — while embracing the love, beauty, light, and joy in all our life's moments.

For Judy Smoot, a devastating terminal Glioblastoma Multiforme diagnosis means putting the spiritual practices she has taught so many others to the ultimate, personal test. As an artist, spiritual director, expressive arts teacher, retreat facilitator, and innovator of a non-profit organization supporting people with chronic disease, Judy shows us what it looks like to live fully into our own mortality by living fully into hers. Actively modeling spiritual and expressive arts practices she taught to so many others, Judy lives into her own mortal battle in a way that prompts a friend's observation, "Judy taught us how to live . . . and how to die."

But that's only half the story.

Following Judy's death, *It All Belongs* then invites its readers to journey with Roy, Judy's husband of nearly 40 years, as he struggles to embrace the twin realities of love and grief. With extraordinary vulnerability, Roy offers a rare window into his struggle to learn the rhythms of this bittersweet dance. From the raw angst of navigating immediate day-to-day realities, to deep introspection during a long road trip out west, to culminating awareness on a spiritual quest in Iona, Scotland, Roy models the journey through unthinkable darkness to emerging triumphant into a full and abundant life.

Woven into both sides of this honest, beautiful, heartbreaking, and awe-inspiring narrative, readers will discover spiritual tools and practices to equip them and their loved ones for their own inevitable end-of-life realities. In this unique pairing of perspectives laced with exquisite art, poetry, and journaling, *It All Belongs* brings hands-on help for navigating any unwanted life journey to embrace the amazing love, beauty, light, and joy tucked within even our most tragic experiences.

Judy and Roy Smoot met in college at Ohio State University, and were married following graduation. Then they lived and loved for the next four decades in Georgia, Ohio, Florida and Maine. Roy enjoyed a successful banking career. Judy served as a hospice volunteer for 15 years, as a Welstreams spiritual director, as an Expressive Arts Florida Institute certified expressive arts retreat leader. She created a nonprofit to support people living with chronic diagnoses. Later in life, they made their home at "Sunrise Ridge", their cottage and retreat center in the beautiful hills of southeast Ohio.



### **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**

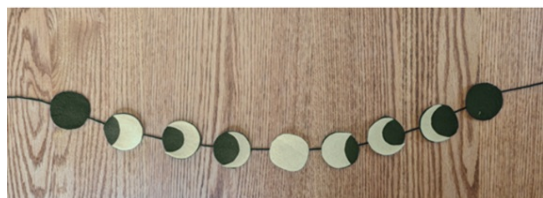
Are you stuck on a technology question that might need some extra help to be solved? Whether it be trying to use one of the library's digital services, making heads or tails of a new device, or just having a second pair of eyes help troubleshoot a piece of software, don't worry, the library is here to 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](mailto:kfl@kennebunklibrary.org) so we can help you further.

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### April Take and Make: Moon Phase Banners

This month, pick up a kit to make a celestial banner fit to hang anywhere you want! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, April 16, while supplies last.

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## TEEN PROGRAMS

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### Chill Gaming - April 11

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! Anything that relaxes you is welcome and encouraged! We will meet on the second Thursday of the month, **April 11**, 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 you can just come to hang out, eat snacks, and have a good time listening to some Lo-fi beats! 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!

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### Rubik's Cube - April 6

Join in on the fun with our new Rubik's Cube! Learn how to solve, share some tips, or practice speed cubing with friends. Open to beginner and advanced solvers, our first meeting will be held on April 6 from 11:00 - 12:00 a.m.. You're welcome to bring a Rubik's Cube from home, or to use one of the cubes that we have available here at the library. 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. Let's cube!

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### **Anime Club - April 18**

Join us for Anime Club on the third Thursday of the month, **April 18**, downstairs in Hank's Room from 3:30-4:30 p.m. to craft samurai swords from recycled materials and spend time with friends! Supplies will be available to make your sword at the library, just bring your imagination to craft your blade!

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!

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### **Dungeons and Dragons - April 22 & 29**

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: April 22 & April 29 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, 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!

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## **CHILDRENS PROGRAMS**



It's faerie house time! Build a faerie house to welcome the faeries back to the garden at Kennebunk Free Library! Faerie houses will be accepted at the library from **April 22-April 31**. We want to display your faerie house in the library! Help us do this by building a house with a base no larger than 14" by 14", and no taller than 30". Please use natural materials only! There will be a selection of natural materials available in the library starting April 1. All faerie houses submitted to the library by April 31 will receive a

certificate from the Seacoast Garden Club. Stop by the Faerie Festival on May 4 from 9:30 to 11 and find Miss Maria to receive your certificate! Faerie houses will be on display at the library through May 10. May 11 is the last day to pick up faerie houses. Would you prefer to keep your faerie house at home? Snap a photo and send it to [ys@kennebunklibrary.org](mailto:ys@kennebunklibrary.org) by April 31. We will share the photos on our social media! In summary:

- April 1: First day to pick up natural materials at the library to inspire your faerie house
- April 22: First day to bring your faerie house to the library for display
- April 31: Last day to submit your faerie house or a photo of your faerie house to the library
- May 4: Faerie Festival!
- May 11: Last day to pick up your faerie house to take home



### Beadcraft - April 3

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, April 3, at 1 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.



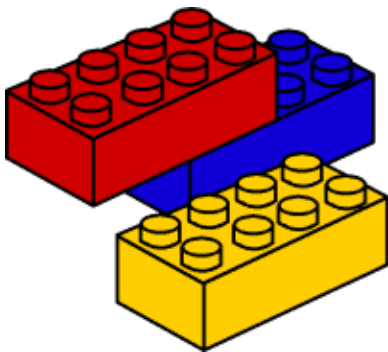
### Furry Tales - April 5

What's better than sharing stories? Sharing stories with a furry friend! Come to Kennebunk Free Library on Friday, April 5, at 11:30 a.m. for our monthly Furry Tales Storytime with Animal Welfare Society. Miss Amanda from AWS will bring an animal friend plus lots of songs, stories, and fun! Which animal will we meet this month? Join us and find out! All ages are welcome to attend. No registration required.



## Kindness Crew - April 16

In a world where you can be anything, be kind! Join us for our next meeting of Kindness Crew on Tuesday, April 16, at 2:00 p.m. Come hear a story about kindness and make a craft! This month, local author Janine P. Salevsky will be joining us again to share her new book *A Princess Heart Reflects the Beauty of the Human Spirit*. We will also be painting kindness rocks and shells. This program is open to ages 5 and up; registration is appreciated but not required! Caregivers are encouraged to join in! When your little sees you talking about and practicing kindness, they will want to join in even more!



## Lego Club - April 25

Ready to get building? Kennebunk Free Library is offering a Lego Club for children ages 4 and older. Lego Club will meet on Thursday, April 25, 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 most Mondays in April at 10:00 a.m., Storytimes will be held in Hank's Room at Kennebunk Free Library. Maybe it will be warm enough for Storytime in the amphitheater! Because of the holiday closure, we will have Storytime on **Tuesday, April 16**. We can't wait for you to join us!

Upcoming Storytime dates include:

- April 1
- April 8
- **Tuesday, April 16**
- April 22
- April 29

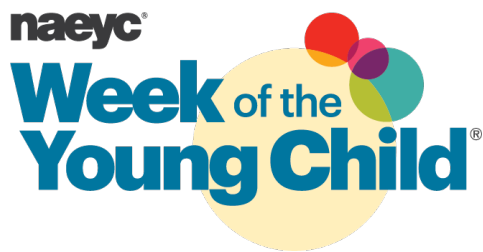


## Thursday Family Fun Play - Weekly

Have a morning of play at the library! On Thursday mornings in April, 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. Upcoming Thursday Family Fun Play dates:

- April 4
- April 11
- April 18
- April 25



This year, we are recognizing the Week of the Young Child during Faerie Festival! Stay tuned for more information about upcoming family fun and activities!

## SPEERS GALLERY



### April Artist: Creative Eight Quilters

The Speers Gallery at the Kennebunk Free Library presents the exhibit "What Friendship Looks Like in Fabric" by the Creative Eight Quilters. The exhibit runs April 1-30, and the public is invited to a reception on Tuesday, April 9 from 6-7:30 pm.

The Creative Eight Quilters started out as a small group of friends sewing together and learning from each other while sharing laughter, sadnesses, and the occasional trip to the fabric shop (okay, maybe frequent trips to the fabric shop!). The group grew from four original members to eight current members: Eleanor Dickens, Joan Emerson, Jean Irvine, Jane Lovejoy, Judy Morrison, Lola Santerre, Stella Santerre, and Pat Towne. Members live in Kennebunk, Kennebunkport and Biddeford.

Wednesday is their favorite day of the week because they know they will be sewing together. Although the group has changed membership over the years, the group values the friendship and camaraderie that comes with sharing works in progress and sharing their lives with each other. Each quilter brings their own specialty to the group which includes machine long arm quilting, hand quilting, applique, machine piecing and embroidery to their works of art. The diversity of quilts runs from Traditional quilts to Contemporary quilts.

The group believes in giving back to the community and has created many quilts and other creations for various organizations in York County and beyond! Whether they are making charity quilts, table runners, purses, or any of the many things they make, they know they can count on each other. They share food, fabric and love. Not just a group of friends, they have grown into a wonderful family.

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to showcase the work of this local group of quilters.

*The public is invited to view the exhibit in the library's Speers Gallery from April 1-30 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](http://www.kennebunklibrary.org).*

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## 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.

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

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### **Books on order for March**

#### **April 2**

[City in Ruins](#) – Don Winslow

[The Reaper Follows](#) – Heather Graham

[Sharpe's Command](#) – Bernard Cornwell

#### **April 9**

[Toxic Prey](#) – John Sanford



## April 16

[A Calamity of Souls](#) – David Baldacci  
[The Murder Inn](#) – James Patterson  
[It Had to Be You](#) – Mary Higgins Clark  
[Pay Dirt](#) – Sara Paretsky  
[An Unfinished Love Story](#) – Doris Kearns Goodwin  
[Feline Fatale](#) – Rita Mae Brown

## April 23

[Extinction](#) – Douglas Preston  
[Lucky](#) – Jane Smiley  
[The Summer We Started Over](#) – Nancy Thayer  
[Circle in the Water](#) – Marcia Muller  
[Death by Chocolate Raspberry Scone](#) – Sarah Graves

## April 30

[The Demon of Unrest](#) – Erik Larson  
[Only the Brave](#) – Danielle Steel  
[An Unfinished Murder](#) – Jude Deveraux  
[The Museum of Lost Quilts](#) – Jennifer Chiaverini

# A MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR



National Library Week 2024 is April 7-13. “[National Library Week](#) is an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.” Specifically, Tuesday, April 9, National Library Workers Day.

At KFL, we have very good reason to celebrate our library workers. On our recent strategic plan survey with 441 replies, over 25% answered the question *What is it that you value most about the Kennebunk Free Library today?* by recognizing staff. Answers included:

- The staff is so knowledgeable, friendly, and helpful
- Wonderful staff
- The staff is fantastic
- Welcoming staff
- Staff is helpful, kind, accommodating
- The people that work there
- Most welcoming library I've ever been to
- Staff is kindhearted and understanding

Please consider recognizing your KFL librarians at this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SubmitAStarforNLWD>

Pictured: Max got *Hello Dinosaurs!* By Holub and Dickason for his birthday.

# STAFF PICKS

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## Kat, Substitute Library Assistant

*The Philosophy of Modern Song* by Bob Dylan

This is another gem I stumbled across when I needed an audio book. It was available on Libby. Wow, what a treasure trove. Bob Dylan. The poet of a generation points out 66 of the songs he deems important in the last century. Bob Dylan and other entertainers offer commentary of songs I know, others I did not recognize by name and others new to me. Bob Dylan shares his stream of consciousness poetry causing me to look up the song on YouTube. Once I finished the audio version, I ordered the book because I wanted more. (Available from KFL on Libby as audio; from Minerva as a book, audio cd and in Spanish.)

*The Comfort of Crows* by Margaret Renkl

A lovely, personal diary of life lived with a keen awareness of the natural world that surrounds home. Starting in January, this book strolls through the seasons of nature and reflects on the author's life in her mid-60s. I thoroughly enjoyed the serene tone of the author's voice, her observances, and funny foibles of life. Most chapters include a poem that sets the tone. This is an easy, relaxing and joyful display of the grace and beauty of everyday life. I just learned that in the book there are 52 original color artworks by the author's brother, Billy Renkl. I have ordered a copy. (Available from KFL as a book, Libby as audio,)

*Poetry Unbound* Pádraig Ó Tuama's podcast: [onbeing.org](http://onbeing.org)

This isn't the first recommendation I have given about Pádraig's poetry essays. His book *Poetry Unbound 50 Poems to Open Your World* introduced me to his unique method of presenting poetry in a way that, well, opens my world. I am recommending his podcast now. In each episode, he introduces the poet, reads the poem, explores the poem, reads the poem again and then ends with a bit more commentary. Somehow, Pádraig's clarity, relationship and empathy toward the poet's experiences that lead to its creation become real to me. If I am unable to sleep at night, I get up, listen to an episode which includes original music performed by Gautam Srikishan and with my mind refreshed, relaxed, and full I go back to bed and sleep.

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