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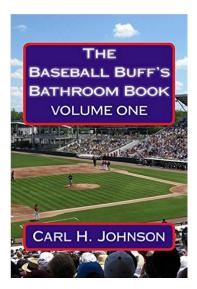
The Friends of KFL Blueberry Festival book sale was held on July 22 and 23 and brought in \$1460.67 in sales! The money raised by the Friends goes toward purchases for the Library such as museum passes, large print books and teen movies. Learn more about joining the Friends.

Most Likely to Succeed Documentary - Location Change

The location for the Most Likely to Succeed community event at the Waterhouse Center has been moved to Kennebunk Elementary School gymnasium. The date and time have remained the same, **Thursday, August 4 at 7:00 PM**.

Baseball Author and Columnist To Discuss Book

Local author Carl Johnson will be discussing his book, *The Baseball Buff's Bathroom Book:* Volume One on Tuesday, August 2 at 6:00 PM.



The Baseball Buft's Bathroom Book is a collection of articles about major players, games, series and other events in Major League Baseball, both historical and contemporary. It contains entertaining and informative stories about Babe Ruth, the 2004 Red Sox comeback, The Williams Shift, the Gashouse Gang, New Hampshire's own Sam Fuld and many more.

Carl writes the column "Baseball World" for the Biddeford Journal Tribune, manages an MLB blog, has taught college level baseball classes and is a lifelong student of the game.

Carl will also have copies of his book, From Beer to Beards: Boston Baseball's 2011-2013 Roller Coaster Ride. There will

be selling and signing of both books after the presentation.

100 Years After Einstein: Gravitational Waves and Why They Matter

On **Wednesday**, **August 3rd**, **at 6:00 PM** Professor Ian Durham from the Astronomical Society of Northern New England will present on one of the biggest physics news stories of the year. Gravitational Waves, ripples in the fabric of space-time generated by strong gravitational interactions, were first predicted by Albert Einstein in his Theory of General Relativity. They remained undetected until last September, 100 years after first proposed.

lan is Professor and Chair of the Department of Physics at Saint Anselm College in Manchester, New Hampshire. His research focuses on relativistic quantum information and the foundations of physics and mathematics. In particular, he is interested in the "big questions". As such, he is a member of the John Templeton Foundation-funded Foundational Questions Institute (FQXi) and is the founding editor of The Quantum Times, which is a publication of the American Physical Society's Topical Group on Quantum Information (GQI). He recently completed a three-year term as Secretary-Treasurer of GQI, the world's largest organization dedicated to quantum information and quantum computing. He is currently serving as Treasurer of the Kennebunk-based Astronomical Society of Northern New England (ASNNE), of which he has been a member for 15 years. He lives in Kennebunk with his wife, kids, and dog where he enjoys fly fishing, softball and other pursuits in his spare time.

Children's Programming

Intertidal Buffet: Life Between the Tides

Thursday, August 4 at 2:00 PM. Live marine animals and sea plants will be on display "buffet-style." We'll discuss environmental stressors and adaptations that enable organisms to successfully survive a life between the tides. Participants will then be able to handle the live creatures displayed. Ages 5 & up.

YogaPlay

YogaPlay will be offered on **Monday**, **August 8 at 10:15 AM**. Geared towards children ages two and three and their caregiver, this program offers a playful approach to yoga involving songs, movement and stories. Library Assistant Susan Mirisola, Registered Yoga Teacher, will lead. Pre-registration (please add the program name in the subject heading) and a waiver for each participant is required. Please bring a blanket for covering each of you.

Olympic Madness with Mad Science

Tuesday, August 9 at 6:30 PM. It's the Mad Science Physics Olympics, 2016! In this interactive show we will explore the FUN-damentals of the science of sports! Learn about the science of cycling with a gyroscope that will make your head spin. Test your strength and discover the wonders of air pressure in a Tug-of-War challenge. Become a gymnast as we perform an experiment about the center of gravity. All ages.

KFL is a PokeStop



Minecraft Beadcraft

Wednesday, August 10 at 3:00 PM. Calling all Minecraft fans! Turn your favorite piece into a keychain or necklace and wear it with pride! Ages 6 & up. <u>Pre-registration required</u>. Please add the program name in the subject heading.

Bedtime Math Party

Friday, August 12at 12:30 PM. Your filled-in star chart is your entry ticket to an afternoon of fun math Olympics and snacks! Ages 5 & up.

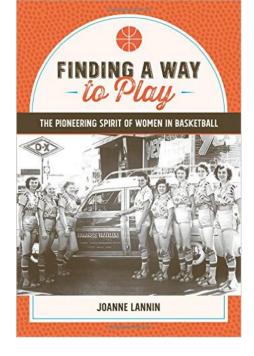
Children Summer Reading Program Brochure

Finding a Way to Play Author Speaks about Women's Basketball

Joanne Lannin will discuss her book Finding a Way to Play on Monday, August 8 at 2:00 PM.

Joanne's third book is full of stories about women who have gone to great lengths to play the game of basketball. The book discusses: Early pioneers who played despite concerns about risks to health and femininity, Black and Native American women who endured racial discrimination as they searched for opportunities to play, lesbians who hid their identities for fear of being denied the chance to play or coach, and women over 50 who ignored aches and pains to rediscover the joys of a childhood passion. Readers will come away with an understanding of the roads women have traveled to bring the game intothe future. Those who grew up before Title IX may find themselves or loved ones in the stories of women who kept the earlier flame alive.

Joanne played basketball in high school and college and currently plays on a senior women's team. She was a sports and feature writer for the Maine Sunday Telegram in Portland, Maine for 23 years. She writes a blog about women's basketball.



Teen Programming

August 2: Harry Potter Returns
Celebrate the newest installment in the saga of The Boy Who Lived. I solemnly swear I will be up to no good! . 3:00-4:30 PM

August 9:Anime Afternoon Part II:Watch Anime -Make Candy Sushi. 3:00-4:00 PM

August 11: Chocolate Olympics
-A chocolate championship for all! Oreo tower. M&M mania. Pudding pandemonium. Trivia treats and more, 3:00-4:30 PM



August 13: Summer Reading Raffle Prize Drawing

-Make sure you have turned in all your Summer Reading raffle tickets by this deadline. You do not have to be present to win. Winners will be notified Monday, August 15. 4:45 PM.

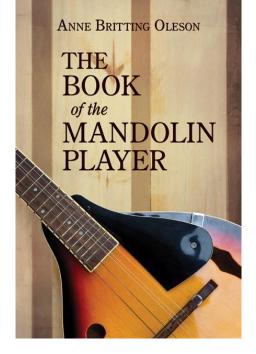
August 7, 12, 19 & 26: Teen Gaming -Play Smash Brothers or bring your own devices, board or card games. 2:30 PM.

Teen Summer Reading Program Brochure

Maine Writer Discusses Novel

Anne Britting Oleson will discuss her novel, *The Book of the Mandolin Player* on **Wednesday**, **August 10 at 6:00 PM**.

Meg Cross lives in a small Maine town with a family that is too big, too loud, too everything. Life in a small Maine town: where everyone is related by blood or marriage, where everyone knows everything there is to know about everyone else, and where there is no anonymity. So it seems for her, living in an old farmhouse on the side of a mountain with her young niece, Maeve. It's easy to fall in line with her family's expectations, but easy, too, to resent them, when



she's certain there's something more out there for her. Then tragedy strikes to the core of who and what she believes she is. How does a person remake a life from all the broken pieces? Meg finds herself forced to re-examine all she formerly found important, and in the process, comes to realize that though it might chafe, there is strength to be drawn from the place she comes from, and the people to whom she is truly known.

Anne Britting Oleson lives and writes from the mountains of Central Maine.

Power Aging

Cindy Simon (NCC, RMT) will be discussing Power Aging on **Tuesday**, **August 16 at 6:00 PM**. A discussion of a variety of health-related information will take place including engaging in fun, super foods and creative activities that inspire sharing wisdom for growing younger. You'll also uncover keys to longevity, learn about meditation and reframing negatives to positive and brainstorm the how-tos of simplifying your life.

Thank You For A Successful Event!

Check out the pictures from July 8



Genealogy Group

On **Saturday**, **September 10 at 10:00**, Krista Ozayazgan will be be discussing targeted DNA testing as an approach to "brick walls," barriers in your genealogy research. Stay tuned for how you can soon submit your own brick walls to KFL's genealogy group for review in the winter and spring. The genealogy group is looking for members to volunteer as researchers. Please <u>contact us</u> if you're interested.

The World in Your Library

KFL is once again partnering with the Maine Humanities Council for *The World in Your Library*. It's easier than ever to stay on top of the news; worldwide events are at our fingertips, in real time. But if you want to get a grip on the bigger pictures, it can be harder than ever to find coverage that explores international issues in depth. Communities are increasingly turning to their libraries to

gain this kind of information perspective and insight into foreign policy issues, and *The World in Your Library* can help meet this growing demand.

On **Tuesday, September 13 at 6:00** Hong Zhang, Assoicate Professor of East Asian Studies at Colby College will discuss Globalization and Outsourcing: the cost of cheap labor in China.

On **Tuesday, October 4 at 6:00** Scott Erb, Professor of Political Science, University of Maine at Farmington will discuss The Syrian Crisis: ISIS and refugees.

KFL is also looking for local residents with specialties in these or other international areas and an interest in presenting to please <u>contact us.</u>

Check out the Cornhole Set and Play at the Library



Community Yard Sale

Saturday, August 20 from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Prime visibility on Main Street! Free advertising! Register now to reserve your space. A limited number of 10'x10' spaces are available to rent at \$25. Proceeds benefit KFL.



Click here for more info.

"Romantic Landscapes"

Our August 2016 exhibition



is "Romantic Landscapes" - the acrylic/watercolor works of Ken Post. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours when the gallery is not in use for library programs.

Ken Post graduated from Kennebunk High School in 1958, attended UMO, spent four years in the Air Force, was a Portland business owner, world traveler and lived in Corsica for six years. After starting his art career

as a teacher at the Portland School of Fine Arts, he was discovered during a summer job by interior designer Burgess Wilson, an Architecture and Design board member. This new phase of his career was launched and took him to Pawtucket, Rhode Island, working for R.G Nelson and winning national awards for interior design.

Ken doesn't think people see enough of the beauty in life. He uses his art to create an atmosphere of romance. Though well travelled, Ken believes Maine is the best place to be and he has gratefully settled again in Kennebunk to paint. Ken has great admiration for the beautiful churches in Kennebunk and is proud of his series of church renditions.

The public is invited to attend an artist's reception on **Saturday**, **August 6 from 10 AM to 12 PM**. The artist will be giving away prints of his work "The Crowns of Kennebunk" to the first 25 people attending the reception.



Classic Comedy Films

Kennebunk Free Library is pleased to continue our classic comedy film series on **Monday**, **August 15** at 5:30 in Hank's Room. Be prepared for an evening hosted by Jim Macmath including Buster Keaton and Laurel & Hardy features and shorts.

What eReader do you use?

Help out Maine State Library in this very brief survey.

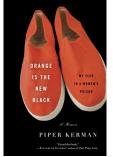
24th Annual Pet Show (Reschedule)

Come show off your pet or learn about the pets of others on the new date of **Monday**, **August 1 at 6:00 PM**. One pet per child. Pets must be up-to-date on all shots, on leash or caged and accompanied by an adult. Please clean up after your pet. Thanks to Kennebunk Veterinary Hospital for sponsoring our show again this year. Pre-registration for all pets required.

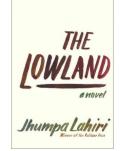
Adult Reading Groups

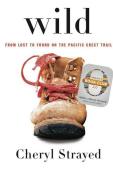
Nonfiction Book Group - Orange is the New Black by Piper Kerman on Monday August 8 at 6:30 PM.

> Adult Book Group - The Lowland by Jhumpa Lahiri on Tuesday, August 23 at 1:00 PM.



Summer Reading Group -Wild: From Lost to Found on the Pacific Crest Trail by Cheryl Strayed on Tuesday, August 23 at 6:00 PM.





Summer Storytime



Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 AM (Ends after August 11)
Regular Storytimes return September 12

Nifty Knitters

Every Tuesday at 11:00 AM.

Bring a needlework project to work on while socializing with other crafters, or bring in your project for others to help you.

Beginners welcome. We lend needles and wool available for the asking.





Wednesday, August 31 at 6:30 PM

New Ways to Help KFL

You now have the option of contributing a portion of your Amazon purchase through smile.amazon.com
We are listed as Kennebunk Free Library Association.



Additionally - we're in need of new or used padded envelopes. We use these to safely ship your A/V materials through Inter-Library Loan and we're running low.

In Memoriam - Janet D. Cate August 21, 1951 - July 5, 2016

By Susan Mirisola

In September of 1995, I decided to forego my attempt to secure a Maine State Teacher Certification having seen a position advertised in the local paper for a Library Assistant at the Kennebunk Free Library. If you know me at all, it might not surprise you that I still remember what I wore to that interview with Janet Cate, then Youth Services Librarian, and Penny Savage, then Library director, and that, lo, my nails were painted. (Believe me, I would learn fast about what a Librarian's work does to painted nails!) I mention this fact of remembering my interviewing outfit because I know it is something that would make Janet laugh.

That interview was my first introduction to the woman who would be my direct supervisor for years, and who would then morph into various positions at the Library, eventually landing in the role of Assistant Library Director. In the course of the almost 21 years that Janet Cate and I worked together, our professional relationship developed into a friendship that supported me in both my work and personal life, while affording me the opportunity to really know and learn from Janet Cate.

Janet was a person of tremendous energy and determination. Once Janet put her mind to a task, she went full force, whether it was cleaning out and organizing the Library kitchen cupboards, or tackling the specifics of readying for the Annual Library Road Race. Often Janet would come bustling in with armloads of clothes and other items from home to give away-when this happened, you knew she was in her "cleaning out" mode at home (and, watch out, at work, next), which she did several times a year. More, it seemed, than any of the rest of us.

Janet was a person of great generosity and goodwill, someone who prepared handmade goods for a staff member in need, or for any number of Library functions. How well I remember the gifts of her hands: homemade chocolate pecan pies and tall, frosted cakes presented in old-fashioned cake and pie carriers, as well as any number of savory dishes, her tasty, nutritious soups, the eggs from her well-fed and tended chickens. Defining the tables at our Library celebrations would be Janet's vintage tablecloths.

The sense of humor and fun, that bubbly laughter that were so much a part of Janet got us through difficult times at the Library, and aided Janet in her own personal challenges throughout the years. She was a person who could laugh not only at life's ridiculousness, but at herself, as well . A person who believed, in the end, that all things would turn out right.

It was this valor in the face of her physical difficulties and personal losses over the years that I most admire and from which I have learned. As well as her fortitude that helped the staff who cared so very much for Janet, to get a grip and deal with life's reality, and then to get on with the work of living, and running the Library. Janet never wallowed in self-pity, nor did she accept it from or allow it in others. Her strength of character in the face of difficulty always demanded the best in me; she was like a metaphoric shake of the shoulders. I could almost always hear her voice in my ears saying, "Snap out of it!"

And then there was the fashion side of Janet Cate and life at the Library. Yes, this did exist at KFL. Our talk about fashion could be endless, always was the first order of business when Janet and I saw each other in the morning as she showed off a new pair of shoes purchased for \$2.00 at Goodwill. New, of course! Janet never tired of sharing these stories of bargains and designer name brands purchased on a dime. It was that frugal practicality in her character shining through. There is no doubt that over the course of her service to the Library, Janet saved the Library countless numbers of dollars.

Janet and I shared common ground in attachment to family. Her love for her husband David and expanding family was so big, so encompassing, so joyful. I followed her stories of Johanna and Ben growing up, as they went to college, married on the heels of each other, and brought new babies into the world, only months apart. Janet rejoiced in the new fullness of life as her family grew and surrounded her with love and chaos. The good kind.

It is impossible to sum up a life, nor is it right to do so because a life is so much more than mere feeble words can describe. But when I think of Janet, I will miss so very much the huge loving energy she brought to life, her "can do" attitude and the expectation, nay, the belief, that "YOU can do", as well. I will miss her dramatic sweeping into the Library in the morning, her laughter, so giggly and girlish. Those fashion talks, and all the hand-me- downs from Janet's closet that came my way.

Janet has taught me much as a friend and a supervisor: always to erase the computer screen after a patron interaction in order to protect patron privacy; to love babies and toddlers as a result of my experience leading the Peek-a- Book Babies storytime, the program that Janet introduced to KFL; valor in the face of life's random unfairness and heartbreak; that riding a motorcycle to work is both sexy and empowering; that changing the color of her daily wig was as natural and right as changing her shoes to match her outfit. And that maybe we should start wearing wigs, too, if we wanted to look as cool.

This quote of Kahlil Gibran's presented itself recently and brought to mind Janet. "Beauty is not in the face. Beauty is a light in the heart." Yes, this describes Janet, I thought. The light in Janet's heart lit the way for all who knew her, in whatever capacity. What greater gift can a human soul give to life on this earth than for one's light to be so bright as to light the path of others? I am lucky to have walked in that light, and for the job I love for which Janet Cate hired me all those years ago. As the last of the Old Guard standing at KFL, I continue my work in Janet's honor, remembering her good service to the Kennebunk Free Library, and being grateful for the chance she took by hiring me.

In the years since becoming a Library Assistant at KFL, I have long since stopped wearing nail polish to work because of the futility of keeping it looking good. But that never stopped Janet Cate.

August Calendar of Events

- Aug. 1: 24th Annual Pet Show (Reschedule), 6:00 PM
- Aug. 2: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Aug. 2: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 2: Harry Potter Returns, 3:00 PM
- Aug. 2: Author Talk: Carl Johnson, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 3: Crafting Friends, 5:30 PM
- Aug. 3: Gravitational Waves, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 4: Summer Storytime, 10:15 AM
- Aug. 4: Intertidal Buffet, 2:00 PM
- Aug. 5: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
- Aug. 6: Artist Reception, 10:00 AM
- Aug. 8: Yoga Play, 10:15 AM
- Aug. 8: Author Talk: Joanne Lannin, 2:00 PM
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- Aug. 12: Bedtime Math Party, 12:30 PM
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- Aug. 13: Kids' and Teens' Summer Reading Program Ends
- Aug. 15: Classic Comedy Films, 5:30 PM
- Aug. 16: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 16: Power Aging, 6:00 PM
- Aug. 19: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM
- Aug. 20: KFL Community Yard Sale, 8:30 AM 12:30 PM
- Aug. 23: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM
- Aug. 23: Adult Book Discussion, 1:00 PM
- Aug. 24: Chair Tai Chi, 2:30 PM
- Aug. 26: Teen Gaming, 2:30 PM

Aug. 30: Nifty Knitters, 11:00 AM Aug. 30: Trustee Meeting, 7:00 PM Aug. 31: Trivia Night, 6:30 PM



Tallulah sitting just like the statue and Matilda reading her book to the other. Photo Courtesy of Pat Carls

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