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Carpet Installation: Temporary Hours Change

Upcoming Hours Changes:

Wednesday, 11/25: Curbside 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, 11/26: Closed

Starting Friday, November 27, you can pick up your materials via curbside:

Mondays and Fridays: 1:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m.

Wednesdays: 4:00 p.m. to 7:45 p.m.

Please stay tuned for official reopening schedule.

We are getting a wonderful upgrade! On Friday, November 27, we will begin the process of **installing new carpeting** on the entire upper level. This is a several step project that involves moving all of our materials and furniture to make the floor accessible. During this time in-person services will be unavailable. However, you can still utilize our curbside service on Mondays, Wednesday, and Fridays and our book drop will continue to be open for returns 24/7. Our adult and young adult collections will be unavailable to request at this time but you will still be able to request children's items and interlibrary loans.

We plan to resume six day per week services on Monday, December 14. In the meantime, we encourage you take advantage of our new video-streaming offering, [Kanopy](#), or our e-book and e-audiobook platforms [OverDrive](#) and [CloudLibrary](#).

Adult Programs

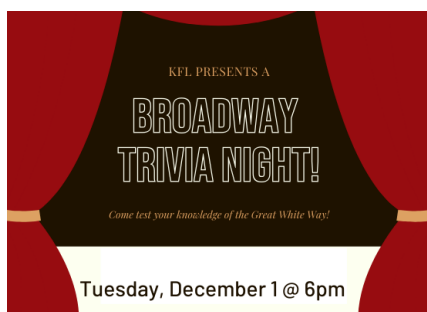


In Stitches - December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

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 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.

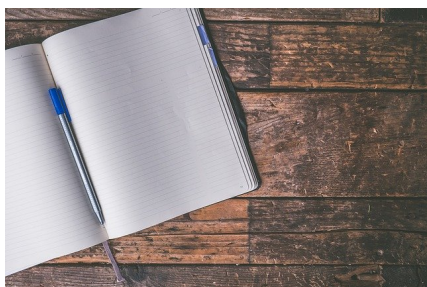
In Stitches meets every Tuesday morning at 11:00

a.m. via Zoom. Visit our website calendar for the link.



Broadway Trivia Night - December 1

Calling all theater lovers! Do you know your Chicago from your Cabaret? Webber from Sondheim? Come test your knowledge of The Great White Way on Tuesday, December 1 at 6:00 p.m. at KFL's Broadway Trivia Night [via Zoom](#)!



Journaling Meetup - December 2

Do you love to keep a journal, diary, planner, or similar type of notebook? If so, join Kennebunk Free Library on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30 p.m. for a Journaling Meetup to chat about... all things journaling! This meeting will be held via Zoom. New participants are always welcome. For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website or the calendar listing for this program.



Heart & Home Book Club - December 7

The Heart & Home Book Club is a pick-your-own book discussion group. Participants choose their own fiction or nonfiction book based on a monthly theme. On Monday, December 7, at 2:00 p.m., our theme will be *Gifts*. This discussion will take place through an audio-only (video-free) Zoom meeting. New participants are always welcome! For the link to join the Zoom meeting, please check the rotating display on our website or the calendar listing for this program.

INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

Talking to Strangers



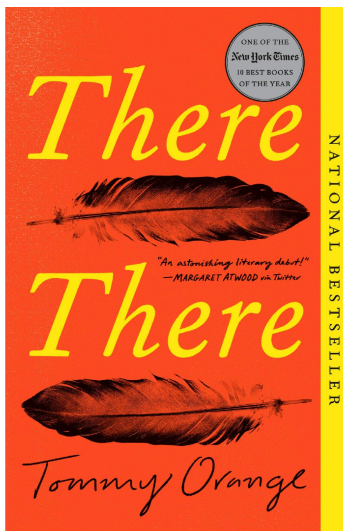
Malcolm
Gladwell

Author of *OUTLIERS*
and host of the podcast *REVISIONIST HISTORY*

Nonfiction Book Group - December 7

Join us on Monday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss *Talking to Strangers* by Malcolm Gladwell. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Talking to Strangers is a classically Gladwellian intellectual adventure, a challenging and controversial excursion through history, psychology, and scandals taken straight from the news. Something is very wrong, Gladwell argues, with the tools and strategies we use to make sense of people we don't know. And because we don't know how to talk to strangers, we are inviting conflict and



Adult Book Discussion - December 8

Join us on Tuesday, December 8 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss *There There* by Tommy Orange. Check our website calendar or rotating display for the Zoom link.

"Orange's commanding debut chronicles contemporary Native Americans in Oakland, as their lives collide in the days leading up to the city's inaugural Big Oakland Powwow. Bouncing between voices and points of view, Orange introduces 12 characters, their plotlines hinging on things like 3-D-printed handguns and VR-controlled drones. ... Time and again, the city is a magnet for these individuals. The propulsion of both the overall narrative and its players are breathtaking as Orange unpacks how decisions of the past mold the present, resulting in a haunting and gripping story. " (Publishers Weekly, vol 265, issue 14)



Block Printing - December 9

Carve a small block print for the holidays! Join us on Zoom on Wednesday, December 9 at 6:00 p.m. to make a festive art print or card to celebrate the season. Beginners are welcome, as are those with some block printing experience. The library will supply take-home kits to be picked up in advance containing the supplies you need to make a print. We will meet over Zoom for an introduction to the block printing process, work on carving our blocks and practice printing. You will be able to keep your carved block and printing paper, and return the tools and ink to the library after the program.

Space is very limited and registration is required. As block printing uses sharp tools, you will need to sign a waiver when you pick up your kit. Kits can be picked up and waivers signed via our curbside service. A Zoom link will be emailed to registrants close to the program date. Participants will need access to an internet enabled computer or device with camera and microphone that can be used near a workspace.

Virtual Take-and-Make - December 14

Pamper yourself for the holidays! At this month's virtual take-and-make program, you'll learn to make your own foot cream and face toner. How does it



work? Before the program, stop by the library during regular curbside hours to pick up a kit with all of the supplies you will need. Then join us on Zoom on Monday, December 14 at 6:00 as presenter Cindy Simon teaches us how to turn the supplies into your own holiday pampering kit.

[Please register](#) by Wednesday, December 2 to ensure that we will have a supply kit ready for you. A Zoom link will be sent upon registration.

Town Historian Kathy Ostrander-Roberts - December 15 at 6:00



KENNEBUNK TOWN HISTORIAN

Kathy Ostrander-Roberts

LOCAL HISTORY SERIES

November 23: Kennebunk Poor Farm
December 15: Ken Joy Photo Collection
January 25: Cemetery Iconography
February 22: House Moving in Kennebunk
March 22: Women in Industry
April 26: History of Kennebunk's Churches
May 24: Statues and Markers for Veterans

Check our website rotating display and calendar for the Zoom link.



Ukulele Group - December 16

Join us on Wednesday, December 16 at 5:30 p.m., for virtual ukulele group with group leader Dan Riggall. If you are not already part of the ukulele email list, please [register](#) for this month's music and the Zoom link.

Teen Programs



Teen Gaming

If you're looking for something fun to do with friends on Friday afternoons, join us every Friday for Teen Gaming at 3:00 p.m. as we play *Jackbox*! It is a fun multiplayer game that you can play from a distance. All you need is a device with internet access. Before the game begins you will be given a code to log in and play along. We also occasionally dabble in Minecraft: come join us and build. We will meet via Zoom at 3:00 p.m. to chat as we game! There will be no meeting on December 25.

Click the button below to join or check our calendar for the Zoom link! Open to all teens ages 10 and up.

ZOOM LINK



Teen Take-Home Kits

Every week kits will be available to be picked up along with your curbside order. Each kit will include the supplies and instructions necessary to complete the weekly project, either a craft or a fun science experiment! Every Monday, we will meet via Zoom to chat and complete the previous week's project. Click the button below to join us at 3:00 p.m. or look for the Zoom link in our website calendar. All Teens ages 10 and up are welcome!

ZOOM LINK

Middle School Book Group - December 16

Join us for Middle School Book Group!

On Wednesday, December 16 we will meet via Zoom to chat and discuss the book. Meetings will run from 2:15 until 3:30, open to teens in grades 6 through 8. The book club is being offered in collaboration with Louis T. Graves Memorial Public Library in Kennebunkport. The hosts will be Terri Bauld from Graves Library and Jon Roy from KFL.

This month we would like to continue our discussion about challenged books. Everyone can pick a book from the American Library Association's list of frequently challenged children's books and discuss it at the next meeting. [See the list of titles here.](#)

Please sign up in advance by calling either the Graves Library (967-2778) or KFL (985-2173). Please read book in advance of the meeting. If you have any questions, please call either library for more information.

Children's Programs



Zoom Into Storytime

Ready to zoom, zoom, zoom into storytime? Get your zoomy hands ready and let's go! Continuing through the mid-December, join us on Zoom for storytime! Storytime will be select Mondays at 10:15 a.m. Storytimes are designed for ages 2-5, but everyone is welcome! To receive the Zoom link and password for storytime, please **register** by email at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us or by phone at 985-2173. Please plan on attending as many storytimes as possible! Upcoming storytime dates are:

- December 7
- December 14

All storytimes will begin at 10:15 a.m. There are still some Storytime Kits, including a scarf, shaker egg, and crafts, available for registrants! Join Miss Maria for some stories, songs, and fun!



Take and Make Kits

Looking to get crafty? Kennebunk Free Library will be offering take and make craft kits with all the materials to make a craft or two. No registration required, available while supplies last! Kits will be available curbside. This month, in honor of our annual gingerbread house program, we will be offering gingerbread crafts and activities! Kits will be available starting Tuesday, 12/1.

Crafts:

- Decorate a Paper Gingerbread House, Gingerbread Person Lacing Craft, and Color and Cut 3D Gingerbread House

Activities:

- Five Senses Gingerbread Observation and Gingerbread Person Dissolving Experiment
 - Allergy note: These activities require gingerbread cookies, which will be supplied in the kit.

Visit us curbside to grab some supplies that will help you get creative!

MSBA Virtual Challenge

Have you signed up for the MSBA Challenge on Beanstack yet? Through 6/30/21, students in grades 4-8 can earn a virtual badge for every Maine Student Book Award title read and reviewed. Readers will also earn a raffle ticket for a \$25 gift card to Amazon! We will be selecting 2 winners on 7/1/21. The raffle is open only to KFL patrons. To register for this challenge, visit



kennebunklibrary.beanstack.org. If you have previously registered on Beanstack, you may use your existing login information. Each student participating will need to make their own profile. For any help or questions setting up your account, please contact Kennebunk Free Library at 985-2173 or via email at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us. MSBA titles are available at KFL, via the MINERVA system, and digitally on Cloud Library. Enjoy this year's MSBA titles and have fun!

Support the Library

KFL Celebrates GivingTuesday

This GivingTuesday, The Kennebunk Free Library will inspire generosity by asking people to contribute to their 2020 Campaign.

GivingTuesday is a global generosity movement, unleashing the power of people and organizations to transform their communities and their world. GivingTuesday will kick off the generosity season this year by inspiring people to give back on December 1, 2020, and throughout the year.

The Kennebunk Free Library has experienced a decline in our special event fundraising efforts due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. While the KFL had to cancel or modify some special events such as our Literary Feast and Road Race, we have become creative in our efforts to reach out to our community. Thanks to The Friends of the KFL, we have been able to offer to offer ad-free movie streaming for your electronic devices using Kanopy and to increase our digital collections. Library staff have been very inventive in putting together "Take and Make" kits for children, teens, and adults with over 400 distributed since this summer. Even though we can't be together in person, we are still finding ways to stay connected!

To keep our "Take and Make" projects and other programming available to everyone, we are asking for a donation of \$20 (or more if you feel inspired) to help us as we continue to expand into remote and virtual methods of reaching out to our wonderful, supportive community. Be one of 200 people to show the Kennebunk Free Library your support!

DONATE

Hannaford Community Bags

For every \$2.50 reusable Community Bag purchased at the Kennebunk Hannaford in December, Hannaford will make a \$1 donation to KFL.

Clynk



Turn your cans and bottles into a donation to KFL! Pick up one of our stickered Clynk Bags at the library during curbside hours, then return the full bag to Hannaford. Clynk will do the rest! Last year, the library received about \$1,000 from Clynk donations, enough to fund all of our adult programs.

Amazon Smile

Donate to the library without spending an extra dime! Instead of shopping on the regular Amazon website, shop on smile.amazon.com and select KFL as your charity of choice. The options, the prices - everything is exactly the same but Amazon will donate a small portion of the sale to KFL.

A Message from the Friends

On behalf of the board of the Friends of KFL, I want to wish you all a healthy and happy Holiday season. Like all of you, we are very happy to have access to library materials and Zoom events to ensure we keep up a sense of community.

Soon you will be receiving our annual letter regarding membership. Please consider joining us, if you have not already done so, or renewing your membership for 2021. With your help, we can continue to provide funding for library services. You will also have the chance to actively be involved with this gem of an institution.

I wish you good health and prosperity in the coming New Year!

For more information about becoming a Friend, please [visit our website](#).

Donna Gomez, President of the Friends of KFL

Library News and Events



Ancestry Library Remote Access

Great news for those of you doing genealogy research! Ancestry is going to continue to offer remote access to Ancestry Library Edition through March 31, 2021. To access the site from home, click the button below.

[Ancestry Library Edition](#)

New Books, Audio Books, and DVDs

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hot New Releases on Order for December

December 1

[Fool Me Twice – Jeffrey Lindsay](#)

[Lazarus – Lars Kepler](#)

[Long Time Coming – Michael Eric Dyson](#)

[My Name is Anton – Catherine Hyde Ryan](#)

[Opium Prince - Jasmine](#)

[Perestroika in Paris – Jane Smiley](#)

December 8

[Take it Back – Kia Abdullah](#)

December 15

[NYPD RED 6 – James Patterson](#)

December 29

[Hush-Hush - Stuart Woods](#)

A Message from the Library Director

With 2020 drawing to a close we will be saying goodbye to Library Assistant, Krissy Thistleford. Krissy has been with us since 2013 and we wish her the best on her new adventure. Not only did Krissy build up a massive following for her Tuesday handicraft group *In Stitches* but over time took on many duties including managing KFL's Facebook page, ordering and processing adult DVDs, story times, and many other contributions. Her phenomenal customer service will certainly be a loss for the community. This is especially tough since we already had to say goodbye to Library Assistant Susan Mirisola this spring after 25 years at KFL.

Kat Boucher, Administrative Assistant, is also leaving her position at the start of January but has



decided to stay on as a part-time Library Assistant. We are definitely happy to keep her around. Library Assistants Catherine Bonner and Jenny Brown will also have additional hours.

Staff Picks & Messages



With sadness, I must announce that I will be leaving KFL on December 9th. My husband finished grad school in August, and after several months of job-hunting has accepted a job in central Massachusetts. I am so excited to see where the next chapter of our lives takes us, but I will dearly miss KFL and all of the wonderful people I have gotten to know and love here. It has been a true pleasure working at the library these past 7.5 years, and I am incredibly grateful for my time here. I wish you all the very best.
- Krissy

Jenny, Library Assistant

This month, I checked out Kanopy, our library's new video streaming service. I found it easy to sign up for the service and navigate through the site. I didn't have a title in mind, so I liked how films were browsable by categories. I was happy to find the Short Film category, for example. I also found it helpful that I could add videos to "My List" and then later choose one from that list to watch. The first video I selected was *Dear Mr. Shakespeare*. At only 6 minutes in length, this Sundance-nominated short film is truly short, but I was really glad I used one of my seven monthly credits to view this carefully crafted exploration of race, immigration, blackness, Shakespeare, and *Othello*. The poetry and performances were hypnotic, and I therefore watched the film several times, which was easy to do since each Kanopy film can be viewed an unlimited number of times for three days after hitting play. I'm looking forward to my next film-find on Kanopy, and I invite you to contact the library if you have any questions about this new service.

Krissy, Library Assistant

Piranesi by Susanna Clarke

This poetic, thoughtful book instantly won my heart over with the strength of its narrator. It is not a book that tells you all or even most of the information right away, instead leaving the reader to put together clues as to what and where and when and why the events are happening (reminiscent of the way *Room* by Emma Donoghue is structured). I often find this type of book frustrating, but I did not mind it here. The narrator has an infectious sense of wonder and joy at new discoveries, and I found myself excited to learn more about the House not just because I wanted to know what was happening, but also because I wanted him to learn the answers to all his questions.

At times heartwarming, at times chill-inducing, this book always manages to be fascinating and draw you in. Yes, there is a mystery to uncover, but I found it was a book more to savor than to speed-read. It will sit with you long after you put it down.

Denise, Library Assistant

Book Recommendations: Our Shared Humanity



