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Adult Book Discussion
Thursday, March 24, 11:15 AM
Ann Patchett's *Bel Canto*
Copies available to borrow.
Drop-Ins are always welcome!

Don't forget...Trivia Night!
3/30 6:30 PM

Hank's Room Gallery &
Display in March:
Students of Sea Road School,
Kennebunk Elementary School,
Mildred L. Day School &
Consolidated School

Inside Youth Services

Storytimes:

Mondays 10:15 AM
Peek-a-Book Babies
Tuesdays 10:15 AM
Family Storytime
Thursdays 10:15 AM
Time for 2's & 3's

Calling all Homeschoolers!



A new homeschooling group is being created, and will meet on the first Monday of every month at 1 PM. Our first meeting will be **March 7 at 1 PM**. We see this as a drop-in brainstorming session. Meet other homeschooling families, ask questions, and get ideas! Families considering homeschooling or new to homeschooling are especially encouraged to attend. Activities for children will be

provided, or bring your own! No pre-registration needed. enough material for everyone

National Pig Day!

We're hosting a special storytime **on March 1st at 1:30 PM** to celebrate National Pig Day! We'll have crafts and activities appropriate for 3-5 year olds. Please let us know you are coming so we have enough material for everyone.



Hunt for the Dragon

On March 29 at 4 PM, we'll host a program for kids in grades 3-5 based upon the book *Dragon's Egg* by Sarah Thomson. Each child will get their own dragon egg, along with a letter from a deceased dragon with directions to the Hatching Grounds. The object is to bring the egg to the Hatching Grounds. Runes leading children to the Hatching Grounds will be throughout the library. Knowledge of runes is not necessary. Reading the book before the program is suggested, but not required. Please pre-register.

Celebrate Green!

Aye! 'Tis the time of year to be celebratin' the green, don'tcha know! We'll have all sorts of crafts--of the "green" sort--to inspire kids in grades K-2 on **March 17th at 4 PM**. We'll use recycled materials for our creations. Let us know you are coming, so we have



To pre-register for our programs and book groups, or for more information, call 985-2173 x 5 or send us an email at: ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us.

Computer Classes

KFL continues to offer free opportunities to learn computing skills.

Free, *very basic* computer classes are held on consecutive Wednesdays of the month at 11 AM for 1-hour sessions. Topics include Basic Internet (April 7th, 14th, 21st); Basic Word Processing (May 5th, 12th, 19th) and Basic Email (June 2nd, 9th, 16th.)

Sign up for each session is **required**. Classes are offered on a first-come, first-served basis; preference is given to those who have never taken a KFL class before. A limited number of spaces are available for laptop users.

Call to reserve a spot—not many slots are available and classes fill up very quickly! Classes will again be offered in the Fall. Sorry, we cannot address hardware questions or computer repairs. Call the Library for more information or to register.



Adult Book Group

The adult book discussion group meets regularly on the **fourth Thursday** of the month at 11:15 AM. Join this long established group for lively discourse and camaraderie.

Upcoming titles for discussion include:

3/24 —Ann Patchett, *Bel Canto*

4/28—Jonathan Safran Foer,
Everything Is Illuminated

5/25—Richard Russo, *That Old Cape Magic*

6/23—Tracy Chevalier,
Remarkable Creatures



Books are available to borrow
at the front desk.
Drop ins are most Welcome!

February Happenings

Children's Visions II

An exhibition entitled "*Children's Vision II*" by students of Sea Road, Kennebunk Elementary, Mildred L. Day and Consolidated Schools will be on display in Hank's Gallery during March. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours.

The Visual Arts Teachers at Sea Road and Kennebunk Elementary Schools, Darlene Nein and Kathy Marquis, along with Audrey Grumbling from Mildred L. Day and Consolidated Schools, have gathered a collection of student work from Kindergarten through 5th grade to share with the community. The exhibit is a sampling of a variety of mediums that students explore, design and create within their specified art program.



As art educators, Darlene, Kathy and Audrey contribute to learning through knowledge, production, and critical analysis of art. The program aspires to meet the needs of all students, instilling personal success, stimulating spoken and written literacy, and promoting a sense of global awareness.

Arts enhance problem solving, risk taking and critical thinking. Art is a language of visual images which provides opportunities for expressive language, ability to understand, respond to, and talk about visual images. The arts enable students to establish links between subjects and a variety of cultures, and provide a vehicle to care about our communities and our environment.

Tax Help & Forms at KFL

Free AARP Tax Help

KFL continues its free income tax help, courtesy of AARP. Services include answering your tax questions and e-filing your return. Please bring your previous year's returns and any other related tax documentation with you. **Every Thursday** from February 10th through April 14th, from 9:30 AM to Noon, two skilled representatives offer their services on a first-come, first-served basis. No reservations are accepted. Sign up begins at 9:15 AM with a sign-in sheet on our front door.

Tax Forms

KFL provides copies of some of the most frequently used IRS tax forms. The state of Maine does not provide us with state tax forms—copies are available to patrons only by calling (207/624-7894), writing your requests (mail to: Maine Revenue Services, SHS 24, Augusta, ME 04333-0024) or ordering online (www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/FormsReg_form.html). You may also download forms from the Maine government website: www.maine.gov/revenue/forms/homepage.html. KFL offers its computers for downloading these forms for a 25¢ per page fee. Library Staff can help you download forms from the internet; however, we cannot help you with your tax related questions.

Let's Talk About It

KFL continues its Let's Talk About It reading and discussion group, "Family and Self in 20th Century Japanese Fiction." It is facilitated by Patricia Parker, a former professor with experience teaching in Japan and South Korea, following a 30+ year college and university teaching career.

This five-part monthly series continues on the dates below (snow dates are in parentheses). Please stop in to pick up a book.

3/3: *The Setting Sun*—Osamu Dazai (snow: 3/10)

4/7: *Personal Matter*—Kenzaburo Oe

5/5: *Goodbye Tsugumi*—Banana Yoshimoto

Patrons have been thoroughly enjoying this series. Don't miss this opportunity to explore a culture through its literature, and to meet people who enjoy the same!

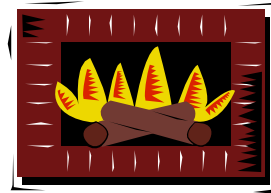
Calendar of Events

Peek-a-Book Babies: Mondays at 10:15 AM; *Family Storytime:* Tuesdays at 10:15 AM;
Time for 2's & 3's: Thursdays at 10:15 AM; *Teen Gaming* every Friday, 3 PM-4:45 PM

March

3/1	Pig Storytime & Craft, 1 PM	3/30	Trivia Night, 6:30 PM
3/1	Teen Movie Night, 5:45 PM	3/31	Free Tax Assistance, 9:30 AM-Noon
3/2	Computer Class, 11 AM		
3/3	Free Tax Assistance, 9:30 AM-Noon		
3/3	Let's Talk About It, 1 PM (snow date 3/10)		
3/3	Anime Club, 3:30 PM		
3/7	Homeschooling Group, 1 PM		
3/9	Computer Class, 11 AM		
3/10	Free Tax Assistance, 9:30 AM-Noon		
3/11	Writers Group, 10 AM		
3/16	Computer Class, 11 AM		
3/17	Free Tax Assistance, 9:30 AM-Noon		
3/17	Green Program, 4 PM		
3/21	Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM		
3/22	Page Turners, 3:30 PM		
3/24	Free Tax Assistance, 9:30 AM-Noon		
3/24	Adult Book Discussion, 11:15 AM		
3/29	Dragon's Egg, 4 PM		

Don't Forget!!
This is the LAST MONTH of
Fireplace Wednesdays & Thursdays



Library Hours:

Mon. 9:30-8 Thurs. 9:30-5
Tues. 9:30-8 Fri. 9:30-5
Weds. 12:30-8 Sat. 9:30-5

Hank's Room Artists for March:
Student Art
Kennebunk Elementary School &
Sea Road School

KFL Display case for March:
Girl Scout Memorial Books

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KFL Awarded Grant

We are thrilled to announce that the Virginia Hodgkins Somers Foundation, a private Maine foundation honoring the charitable interests of Virginia Hodgkins Somers, has awarded KFL a grant to assist us with our genealogy services. The award will fund a library membership to the New England Historic Genealogy Society for two years. Benefits of this membership include unlimited searching of the secure NEHGS online databases through the AmericanAncestors.org website, with access from all computers within KFL (including wi-fi!), as well as subscriptions to the Society's two periodicals, *American Ancestors* magazine and *The New England Historical and Genealogical Register*. The award also includes funds for public presentations at KFL by expert genealogists, and a one-year extension of our subscription to the library edition of Ancestry.com



KFL hosts monthly genealogy meetings on Saturdays. This group of novice and experienced genealogists exchange information, help with "roadblocks" and learn from each other and various presenters.

Our next meeting will be on **Saturday March 5th at 10 AM** in Hank's Room. No registration is needed, just come and be prepared to be caught by genealogy fever! FMI call the Library at 985-2173.



Book Donations at KFL

KFL receives many book donations, sometimes up to five boxes a day! Staff glean through these boxes for new and popular titles which are added to our collection as second copies, thereby lessening the wait time for patrons. Titles that we don't own, that fit our patrons' interests and which fall within our collection development policy parameters, are also added to the collection. The review of donations reveals copies of books which we already own—these are checked against KFL's copies and are switched out if the donated copy is in better condition. Since August 2010, over 575 books have been evaluated, mostly by Lisa Dibbern and Carol Whitten, and 20% of them have replaced our worn books. At \$25 a book, that's quite a savings for KFL! Another bonus: books that we don't add to the collection go to the Friends Book Sale, the proceeds of which come back to us via our annual request to the Friends.

Book Donations @ the KFL

We gladly accept book, audio & video donations. If you have a lot of items, please make prior arrangements to deliver them to the Library. If your items are not added to the collection and you would like them returned, please let us know and we will make every effort to accommodate your request.

Please be aware that we DO NOT accept the following items and will return them to you for you to dispose:

- Dirty, moldy, smelly items (we cannot sell these & must pay for disposal)
- Readers' Digest Condensed books or similar condensed books
- Textbooks
- Old computer & travel books

We regret that we cannot assign a dollar value to your donation, but will gladly provide you with a receipt.

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