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### Mini Golf @ KFL



#### KFL's 2nd Annual Mini-Golf Weekend

Get ready for spring with an early round of mini-golf at the library. Our shelves and stacks will be transformed into tees, fairways, greens, and holes for this event! Gather up your family and friends and drop in for fun!

Saturday, March 8th from 6-10 PM

- Over 21
- Tickets \$18 for 18 holes
- Raffle items to be drawn on Sun., March 9
- Includes light supper (soup, chowder, chili, bread & beverage)
- Cash bar
- Tee times available for foursomes. Call or email for details.

#### Sunday, March 9th from 11-4 PM

- All ages are welcome
- Tickets \$8 for adults; \$5 for kids 12 & under
- Raffles, snacks, and beverages available

#### TICKETS NOW ON SALE @ KFL!

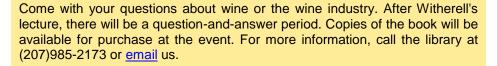
#### Wine Expert and Author at KFL



Many of us enjoy a nice glass of wine on occasion - sitting on the porch on a warm summer day, with a good meal at a restaurant, or at the end of a long day. But how often do we think about where our wine comes from - what goes into making and distributing it?

**On Mon., March 3 at 6:30**, wine expert Layne Witherell will be at the Library to discuss wine and talk about his new book *Wine Maniacs: Life in the Wine Biz.* 

Witherell has held a variety of positions in the wine industry. He's been an importer, a wholesaler, a retailer, and the CEO of a winery. He has also taught courses, written articles, and hosted a radio show about wine. He's also won an award for a wine list that he created for a Portland, Oregon restaurant.



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### Regular Library Hours Resume in March

#### Beginning March 1:

Mon.	9:30 AM -8 PM
Tues.	9:30 AM -8 PM
Wed.	12:30 PM -8 PM
Thurs.	9:30 AM -8 PM
Fri.	9:30 AM -5 PM
Sat.	9:30 AM-5 PM
Sun.	Closed

#### Dine & Donate



Don't miss out on the opportunity to dine at a fine local restaurant AND support your KFL! On **Wed. March 19th from 5:30 - 9 PM**, <u>50 Local</u>, 50 Main Street, Kennebunk, will donate 10% of its total sales to the library. Mark your calendars for this great night out.

#### A Return to Regular Hours



Thank you so much for your patience and support during the two and a half months of HVAC work at the KFL. We are pleased to report that the work is on schedule and on budget, and that we will return to our regular hours on Sat., March 1. I know that we will all be more comfortable this summer when our air conditioner will be functioning!

#### **Reading Long Distance**



There are more than 7,600 miles between Michael and Sheila Littlefield here in Kennebunk and their granddaughter Olivia in Taipei, Taiwan. But the distance doesn't stop them from spending time together. Even 10 or 15 years ago, they would have been limited to keeping in touch through long-distance phone calls and e-mail--not necessarily the best way to

connect to a small child. Now, with an iPad and FaceTime, the Littlefields are able to have regular reading dates with 3 ½ -year-old Olivia.

Each week, Sheila comes to the library and checks out a handful of books. (Princess books are a particular favorite of Olivia's.) Then, a few times a week, they sit down together and read usually one or two books at a time. Sheila sets the iPad on a stand and props the book up behind it so both she and Olivia can see the page.



The 12-hour time difference can sometimes be a challenge. When it's morning here, Olivia is ready for bedtime stories. On a February evening, Sheila read Little Red Riding Hood. As Olivia listened, she was sitting in her car seat on her way to nursery school.

Olivia understands that the books she sees are from the library. When she was in Kennebunk last summer, she came to visit KFL. She attended storytime and had fun playing with the puppets and the fairy tent in the Children's Room.

Sometimes Olivia thinks that her grandparents are a bit too conservative in the number of books that they check out. Once when Sheila explained to Olivia that the three books they just finished were all that they had, Olivia suggested that next time her grandmother should just take all of the books from the library. Sheila asked, "What will the other children do?" Olivia responded, "Get them from you." (If all of the books disappear from the Children's Room, now you know where to look!)

Though she attends an English-speaking nursery school, Olivia's first language is Mandarin. According to Sheila, regularly hearing stories read by native English speakers helps to "reinforce Olivia's bilingual status." At age three, she's already comfortable in the role of translator.

Even though the Littlefields and Olivia make regular visits back and forth, Sheila says "the wonderful thing about technology is that when you have a relationship with a child, it allows you to maintain that relationship." She thought it would be harder to build a relationship with a child that you didn't already know through in-person visits.

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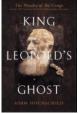
KFL's Adult Book Discussion Groups



**The Adult Book Discussion** Thursday 3/27/14 at 11:15 AM.



**The Adult Non-Fiction Book** Monday 3/10/14 at 6:30 PM.



<u>King Leopold's Ghost</u> by Adam Hochschild

**YA (at Heart) Book Group** Wed., March 19 at 6:30 PM



The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins

# Opera at KFL



The second half of our opera season continues on **Sat., March 8** with Verdi's *La Forza Del Destino*. All operas are held on Saturdays at 1 PM. There is a short

intermission between acts.

The remaining dates in our season:

- Sat. March 22
- Sat. March 29 (snow date)

This program is sponsored in part by the Friends of the Library. No

the opportunity to see the familiar environment of her grandparents' home. Sheila said that when Olivia visited last summer, they spent a lot of time in the Littlefield's garden. With the iPad she was able to see what the garden looked like this winter, covered in snow.

Recently, Sheila read <u>The Mitten</u> by Jim Aylesworth to Olivia. In the book, a little boy loses a mitten that his grandmother knit for him. Bigger and bigger shivering animals crawl into the mitten to keep warm, until the mitten finally explodes from the pressure. Sheila said that Olivia loved it even though her only experience with snow was through technology.



People love to complain about the drawbacks of technology. They say that the way we now communicate separates us; e-mail and texting make the world less personal. Here at KFL we disagree. Because of technology, a library in Maine is a part of the life of a little girl on the other side of the world. Technology has the power to make the world a much smaller place.

#### **News From the Teen Zone**



The early teen years are a time of enormous growth and biological development. An important part of collection development for young adults at libraries is providing access to materials on puberty and sexual education. In establishing a collection for young adults, the library recognizes its duty to address the needs of teenagers by providing materials with diversity of appeal and points of view. Teens and their parents may find books in the teen

nonfiction collection on changing bodies and sexual education. Within these books topics such as teen pregnancy, sexual identity, birth control and abstinence may be addressed.

These non-fiction books are carefully selected. They are peer reviewed, upto-date, and written and edited by credentialed writers and publishers. These books will not appeal to everyone, but they will appeal to teens who are seeking knowledge about sex and reproduction. Or they may be particularly useful to a young person who has a question about his or her changing body, but is shy or too embarrassed to ask.

Body image, which some of these books address, is an issue many teens struggle with. How to overcome a media onslaught of unrealistic and unhealthy female images is a point of view that can be found in <u>Body</u> <u>Drama</u> by Nancy Amanda Redd. Unfortunately, eating disorders are prevalent in the teen community and these disorders can spring in part from negative body images. Providing teens with access to materials that contain current, accurate and detailed medical information is a benefit to those teens and their parents seeking knowledge.

For more information about our teen collection, contact our Teen Librarian by *email* or phone 985-2173 x5.

### News from the Children's Room

Storytimes return to the Children's Room starting Mon., March 3. Although storytimes are geared to specific age groups, families are welcome to attend

reservations are needed for this free program. FMI, please call (207) 985-2173 or email us.

#### **Library Staff**

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#### Grant Awarded to KFL

KFL has received a \$13,000 grant from the <u>Huntington Common</u> <u>Charitable Fund</u> for Seniors to purchase a state of the art microfilm reader / printer /scanner. Genealogists and local historians will now be able to view microfilm, print or scan it, and email the information.

We expect the ScanPro II to be installed and ready for use by the end of March.

#### KFL Seeks Applicants for KFL Board of Trustees

The KFL Board of Trustees is currently welcoming individuals with a passion for their local library to apply to join the Board of Trustees. As a Trustee, you will team with other members in preserving and advancing the interests of KFL.

All persons 18 years of age who are legal residents and/or employed within the Towns of Kennebunk and Arundel are eligible to serve on the Board and are encouraged to apply.

For more information, Trustee job description and a nomination form,

- Mondays 10:15 AM Peek-a-Book Babies for children birth to age 2
- Tuesdays 10:15 AM Family Storytime for all ages
- Thursdays 10:15 AM Time for 2's & 3's for toddlers

Homeschool Group: Mon., March 3 at 2 PM. Drop-in session open to all.



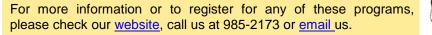
**Parenting Class:** Fri., March 21 at 10 AM. Led by Stevie Westmoreland, MS, MEd, LMFT & LCPC. Our Parenting Class will return to Hank's Room in March. All are welcome! Thank you to the Unitarian Universalist Church for providing a meeting place while we completed the HVAC work.

<u>American Girls Book Club</u>: Wed., March 5 & March 19 at 4 PM for children in grades 2-5. <u>Changes for Felicity</u> is the title we are reading for the March 5 meeting. Extra copies are available in the Children's Room. We will be working on cross stitch crafts and will finish the series with a colonial style tea party! Please pre-register.

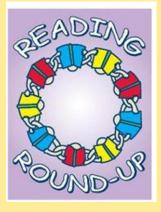


Legos Club: Tues., March 25 at 4 PM. Due to popular demand, Legos Club will be open to children in kindergarten and older starting with our March meeting! This month's challenge theme is "The Wild West" so put on your cowboy hats and get creative! We will be displaying your handiwork in the lobby showcase for the month of April! Please pre-register.

Family Yoga: Mon., March 10 at 4 PM for children ages 4 & up with an adult. Please pre-register.



# Reading Round Up: An Appreciation by Susan C. Mirisola

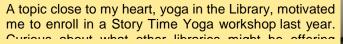


Each April for the past decade and a half, the Youth and Young Adult Services Librarians travel to Augusta, for the Annual Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference, sponsored by the Maine Regional Library System and Maine Library Association. This year marks the 25th year for this statewide conference where librarians gather to hear a well-known keynote speaker, to meet famous children's and young adult authors (a librarian's rock star!), to attend workshops on ground-breaking topics relevant to literature, Librarianship and technology, and to learn of new, award-winning titles. The conference also serves as a wonderful forum for re-connecting

with old friends and networking.

This year's keynote speaker is renowned author, editor and literary critic, Anita Silvey, whose recently published book <u>Children's Book-A-Day</u>

<u>Almanac</u> is also one of the workshop options. In addition, librarians choose three workshops to attend throughout the day, with a mid-day buffet lunch break.





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# KFL Board of Trustees 2013-2014

#### Officers

President: Alan Shepard Vice President: Deborah Redding-Sampson Recorder: Risa Oganesoff Heersche Treasurer: Mark Sternman **Trustees** Patricia Carls, Lise Dewar Molly Hoadley, Sam Hull Marka Larrabee, Karen Plattes Jeanne Peckiconis, Joy Russo Bill Walsh

Please feel free to email the Trustees.

#### March Calendar

- 3/1 Genealogy Group, 10 AM
- 3/3 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 3/3 Homeshool Group, 2 PM
- 3/3 Wine Expert & Author, 6:30 PM
- 3/4 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 3/4 Nifty Knitters, 11 AM
- 3/4 Tween Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
- 3/4 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM, <u>One Direction</u>,Rated PG
- 3/5 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM
- 3/6 Tax Help, 9:30 AM
- 3/6 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- 3/6 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 3/7 Gaming at the Library, 3:30 PM
- 3/8 Opera at KFL, 1 PM
- 3/8 LIBRARY CLOSES @ 2 PM
- 3/8 Library Mini-Golf, 6-10 PM, Over 18 only
- 3/9 Library Mini-Golf, 11-4 PM
- 3/10 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 3/10 Family Yoga, 4 PM
- 3/10 Non-fiction Book Group, 6:30 PM
- 3/11 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 3/11 Nifty Knitters, 2 PM
- 3/12 Board Game Night, 6 PM
- 3/13 Tax Help, 9:30 AM
- 3/13 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- 3/14 Writers Group, 10 AM
- 3/14 Gaming at the Library,3:30 PM
- 3/17 Peek-a-Book Babies,10:15 AM
- 3/18 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 3/18 Nifty Knitters, 2 PM
- 3/19 American Girls Book Club, 4 PM

with regard to yoga, I was inspired by what I learned in this workshop to create three Story Time Yoga programs for the Summer Reading Program last summer, different in nature and design than any other yoga program I had offered since 2007 when I began offering yoga in the Library.

This year I hope to be just as inspired by my workshop choices of "Creative Reading Strategies", "Engaging Reluctant Readers", and "Challenging Our Readers With the Common Core." In any event, enjoying the camaraderie of fellow librarians, getting excited about new books, basking in the glow of famous authors, and eating tasty food will all serve to create a memorable day.

#### Now Showing in the Speers Gallery



An exhibition entitled "Children's Vision V" by students from Sea Road School, Kennebunk Elementary School, Mildred L. Day School and Consolidated School will be on display in KFL's Speers Gallery and in our display cases during March. The public is invited to view the exhibit during regular Library hours.

The Visual Arts Teachers Darlene Nein of Sea Road School and Mildred Day School, Christina DeFilipp of Kennebunk Elementary School and Consolidated School and Audrey Grumbling of Consolidated School have gathered a collection of student work grades K-5 to share with our community. The exhibit is a sampling of a variety of



mediums that students explore, design and create within their specified art programs.

As art educators, Darlene, Christina 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.



The arts enhance problem solving, risk taking and critical thinking. Art is a language of visual images. It 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. The Arts provide a vehicle to care about our

communities and our environment.

The Library is pleased and honored to present these very talented artists.

- 3/19 YA (at Heart) Book Group, 6:30 PM
- 3/20 Tax Help, 9:30 AM
- 3/20 Time for 2's & 3's,10:15 AM
- 3/20 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 3/21 Parenting Class, 10 AM
- 3/21 Gaming at the Library, 3:30 PM
- 3/22 Opera at KFL, 1 PM
- 3/24 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM
- 3/25 Family Storytime, 10:15 AM
- 3/25 Nifty Knitters, 2 PM
- 3/25 Legos Club, 4 PM
- 3/25 KFL Trustees Meet, 7 PM Public Welcome
- 3/26 Trivia Night, 6:30 PM
- 3/27 Tax Help, 9:30 AM
- 3/27 Time for 2's & 3's, 10:15 AM
- 3/27 Adult Book Discussion, 1:15 AM
- 3/28 Gaming at the Library, 3:30 PM
- 3/29 Opera at KFL (snow date) 1 PM
- 3/31 Peek-a-Book Babies, 10:15 AM

## Fun and Games at KFL!

We offer several opportunities for gaming, should you be among those who are inclined:

Gaming for Teens: held every Fri., at 3:30 PM

Trivia Night: held on the last Wed., of the month at 6:30 PM

Board Game Night: held on the third Wed., of the month @ 6

PM.



Drop in and enjoy vourselves!

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