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Adult Book Discussion
Thurs. December 8th @11:15 AM
— Voltaire's *Candide*
Copies are available to borrow.
Drop-Ins are always welcome!

Speers Gallery Artist in
December:
YES Artists

No Trivia Night in December.
Next Meeting:
1/25/2011 at 6:30 PM



Inside Youth Services

Storytimes

Storytimes will continue until Dec. 15. We will take a short break and begin our schedule again on Jan. 9, 2012:

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

Homeschooling Group

The Homeschooling Group will meet on **Mon. Dec. 5 from 2-4 PM**. Interested parents, beginning homeschoolers and experienced parent-teachers are invited to share ideas, brainstorm solutions and get support. Activities for children will be provided. This is a drop-in group; no pre-registration is needed. We meet every month on the first Monday of the month, from 2-4 PM.

Get Ready for the Holidays!

Children in grades 4 and up

are invited to learn a simple weaving technique, and create a bookmark for themselves or to give as a gift. Laura will lead this yarn craft on **Thurs. Dec. 8 at 4 PM**. Please pre-register.



Children in kindergarten through third grade are invited to make an ornament **Tues. Dec. 13 at 4 PM**. Start a new family tradition with handmade ornaments or make one to give as a gift. Please pre-register.

School Vacation Week

Ms. Susan will offer two yoga classes for children during school vacation week. On **Tue. Dec. 27 at 10:30 AM**, children ages 4-7



are invited to **Yoga Play**. In the afternoon at **2 PM**, children ages 8-11 are invited to **Yoga Stretch**. Both classes require pre-registration and a signed permission waiver. These classes are popular —

register early!

On **Thurs. Dec. 29 at 2 PM**, children in grades 3-5 are invited to an **American Girl Tea Party**. We will host this in our Reading Room, with a warm fire going! Children are invited to bring their American Girl dolls with them if desired! The *American Girls* series deal with issues of various time periods including war, the Great Depression, and slavery, and personal issues such as divorce, death, and getting along with others. We'll discuss history, and how KFL has changed throughout different time periods in our local history. After tea we'll move downstairs for a craft project. Please pre-register.

To pre-register for programs, you may call 985-2173 x-5 or email us at ys@kennebunk.lib.me.us.

The Teen Zone

Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Dec. 6th at 3:30 PM. TAB members recommend books and movies for the teen collection, help plan fun and exciting teen programs, and discuss current trends in technology. New members are always welcome. For more information please call 985-2173 x 5.

Teen Movie Night Nov. 6th at 5:30 PM. *Captain America* (2011; PG-13). "After being deemed unfit for military service, Steve Rogers volunteers for a top secret research project that turns him into Captain America, a superhero dedicated to defending America's ideals." © IMDB. As always, free pizza is served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Anime Club Dec 1st and 15th at 3:30 PM. Anime is the Japanese word for animation. Anime Club includes practice drawing in the anime style, Asian inspired crafts, and manga and anime film discussion. Free anime DVD's from Operation Anime are viewed and critiqued at every other meeting.



Gaming at the Library Fridays at 3 PM

Gaming at the Library is a weekly gaming group that includes electronic games and fantasy board games. Gaming offers Wii sports, Wii Sports Resort, Super Smash Brothers Brawl, and Rock Band 2. This popular gaming program continues to be a magnet for drawing middle school students to the library.

Fireplace Afternoons Begin in December

The fireplace in our Reading Room will be ablaze every Wednesday and Thursday from **December 1st through March 31st**. What a pleasant place to spend time with a good book, newspaper or magazine!



There's always a puzzle under way too, in case you run out of reading materials or just want to linger a bit longer....

Kindle & Nook Tutorials



Now that KFL lends Kindles and Nooks, we are offering sessions to help individuals get acquainted with their own e-Readers.

Drop-in sessions will be held by KFL staff on Monday evenings from 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM, Thursday afternoons from 2 PM - 3PM or by appointment. To schedule an appointment, call 985-2173.

KFL's Literary Tree

During the month of December, the Friends of the Library's Literary Tree is on display.



Decorated with hand-crafted Gladys Boalt ornaments, the tree displays characters from classic novels such as *Heidi*, *The Nutcracker*, *Peter Pan*, *Pinocchio*, *Wizard of Oz* and a *Christmas Carol*. Take a moment to try to identify the ten classic novels represented!

Book & Cookie Sale

The annual KFL Friends holiday book and cookie sale will be on **Saturday, December 3rd from 8:30 AM to 1 PM**. There are some great finds to be had for gifts for friends and family—and for yourself, too!

If you're willing, we'd love your cookies to sell at the event. Bring in your labeled cookies (with the variety baked and whether they contain nuts) to the Library by 4 PM on Friday, December 2nd. Thank you for your support!

Updated KFL Mission & Vision

On October 25, 2011, KFL's Board of Trustees revised the KFL Mission Statement creating a cleaner and crisper reflection of what we do at KFL.

Vision

The vision of the KFL is to serve the diverse cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community.

Mission

The KFL serves the diverse cultural, informational, educational, and recreational needs of the community by:

- developing and promoting the use of resources including books, technology, films, informational materials, programs, displays, and community exhibit space that contribute to literacy, informed citizenship, and lifelong learning;
- providing educational opportunities and engagement for people of all ages;
- offering expert and personal assistance; and providing inviting and accessible facilities.

New Faces at KFL

If you have visited the library during the past year, you may have seen a variety of new faces. In addition to adding substitute library assistants to our roster, we have welcomed three new staff members and reassigned a fourth to full time to help assist you with your library needs.

Will Bedard is our new maintenance manager. Will ably maintains the building, gardens and walks, repairs and builds equipment, and will readily help anyone who asks. Most of his spare time is spent with his toddler grandson, the "apple of my eye."

Keith Drago is new to the Kennebunk area, "but so far I have loved the time I have spent here and the people I have met. I was raised in Camden, ME so I have been in Maine my whole life and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. Currently I am a graduate student of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston, MA. In my free time I enjoy reading and writing, two hobbies I have kept up with since I was young. I'm looking forward to getting to know the community even better in the coming months so feel free to introduce yourselves if you have not already met me."

Adam Bohanan is a graduate of Vanderbilt University, Chicago Theological Seminary, and Dominican University Graduate School of Library and Information Science. He worked in academic libraries in Chicago before coming to KFL. His hobbies include hiking, running, music, and, of course, reading. Originally from Gatlinburg, Tennessee, Adam lives in Kennebunk with his wife Becky and dog Olive.

Laura Bellina was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky. She received her bachelor's degree from the University of Louisville. In May 2010 Laura moved with her husband Vincent and son Peter to Saco, Maine. Before moving here, Laura worked in children services for the Louisville Free Public Library. In November 2010, Laura was hired as a part-time library assistant in adult services. This past fall, Laura started working full time in the Children's Department. Laura enjoys doing story times and programs with the children who visit the library. In her spare time Laura loves spending time with her family, walking the beach and painting.

If you haven't already met our new staff members, please stop in and introduce yourselves!



Laura, Keith & Adam
Not pictured: Will

Calendar of Events

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

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

December:

- 12/1 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 12/3 Book & Bake Sale, 8:30 AM -1 PM
- 12/5 Homeschooling Group, 1 PM
- 12/6 Teen Advisory Board, 3:30 PM
- 12/6 Teen Movie Night, 5:30 PM
- 12/8 Adult Book Discussion, 11:15 AM
- 12/8 Book Mark Craft, 4 PM
- 12/9 Writers' Group, 10 AM
- 12/13 Make an Ornament Craft, 4 PM
- 12/15 Anime Club, 3:30 PM
- 12/24 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 12/26 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 12/27 Yoga Play, 11 AM
- 12/27 Yoga Stretch, 2 PM
- 12/29 American Girl Tea Party, 2 PM

12/31 LIBRARY CLOSSES AT 1 PM

January 2012:

- 1/2 LIBRARY CLOSED
- 1/11 Not So Young Adult Book Club, 6:30 PM

Speers Gallery Artists for December:
 YES Artists

KFL Display cases in December:
 Community Bicycle Center

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KFL's Board of Trustees

KFL Board of Trustees has elected five new members – Nicole Labbe-Trufant, Elizabeth Bodner Cumisky, Risa Oganessoff Heersche, Deborah Redding-Sampson and Mark Sternman - to fill the Library's thirteen seat Board. The Board has also elected its 2011-2012 slate of officers: Andrew Golub, President; Kate Moxham, Vice President; Nicole Labbe-Trufant, Treasurer; and Paul Coughlin, Recorder.

New Trustees Bring Expertise to the Library



"The Board of Trustees is pleased to welcome five new members whose wise counsel, expertise and support will prove tremendous assets in continuing our work to ensure the fulfillment of the Library's Vision and Mission." said Andrew Golub, KFL Board of Trustees President. "Debbie, Mark, Risa, Nicole and Elizabeth have each displayed a keen appreciation for and commitment to the important role the Library plays in our community. We have enjoyed their collaboration as supporters and are delighted that they are increasing their involvement by joining the Board."

(Seated l-r: Steve Passerman, Kate Moxham, Andrew Golub, Nicole Labbe-Trufant, Christine Walsh-Okwuosa. Standing l-r: Beth Cumiskey, Debbie Redding-Sampson, Jeff Cole, Paul Coughlin, Alan Shepard, Mark Sternman, Risa Oganessoff Heersche. Absent: Laura Desmarais)

Debbie Redding-Sampson, a nine-year resident of Kennebunk, brings to the Board an expertise in education and board tenure for several non-profits. An avid reader and library patron, Debbie "...appreciate[s] the quality of the staff, the attention to welcoming details (i.e. Fairy Garden, outdoor seating, Hank's Gallery, informational displays), the varied programming, and its location." An ardent volunteer, Debbie's most recent volunteer experience has been a nine year association with Ruth's Reusable Resources, serving as board president for four years.

Mark Sternman has lived in Kennebunk as a part-time resident for seven years and has been looking for ways to give back to the community. Mark has been an active volunteer for a variety of non-profits and chose to lend his experience in Public Relations and Development to the KFL. He has served on the professional staffs of two Members of Congress for more than seven years, and currently manages public relations for MassDevelopment.

Elizabeth Bodner Cumiskey "has watched this institution grow into a wonderful resource for all of our Kennebunk area citizens." A Saco/Biddeford Adult Literacy Volunteer for the past five years, Beth has also served on the boards of Maine Writers and Publishers, College Club of Portland, and Spring Point Museum. A background in public relations in Boston from 1985-1998, Ms. Cumiskey brings to the board a desire to help propel the KFL into the future.

Nicole Labbe-Trufant, the Vice President for Fiscal Affairs at UNE, began her term on the Board of Trustees in February 2011, and became the Treasurer of the Board in July 2011. Her previous volunteer experience has been as the founding officer and treasurer of the Elder Abuse Institute of Maine and treasurer of the Children's House. A lifelong avid reader, Nicole now brings her children to KFL and "watch[es] as they enter the world of knowledge and fantasy worlds."

Risa Oganessoff Heersche has been involved in secondary education as Director of Admissions and International Student Relations at a San Francisco Bay area independent school. This position involved substantial community outreach, board relations and committee work, as well as recruitment and sustaining student enrollment. Risa also taught Japanese language and dance for eight years at the secondary level. A lifelong library user, Risa is pleased to serve on the Board of Trustees using her skill set to help "sustain the future of this important civic institution."

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