

# Kingston Public Library



6 Green Street, Kingston Massachusetts 02364

781-585-0517

[Calendar](#)

[General Information](#)

[Events & Programs](#)

[Reference](#)

[Readers](#)

[Gifts](#)

[Friends of the Library](#)

[Kids](#)

[Teens](#)

[Local History](#)

## KPL Connection



*October 2015*

### FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

**The Kingston Public Library – it's beyond words!** We recently tried to come up with a concise description of library services. You know – public computers and free wifi, print books, ebooks, audiobooks, downloadable audio, print magazines, digital magazines, dvds, downloadable movies, music, storytimes, craft programs, early learning programs, STEM programs, teen programs, author programs, concerts, puppet shows, art exhibits, local history, technology help, tutorials, research databases, research help, homework help, online language programs, reading groups . . . We quickly learned that it's pretty hard to fit all of that into a brief description. So now when we're asked what the Library does and why it's important to the community, we're likely to smile and say, "It's beyond words."

**These are busy times at the Kingston Public Library.** From programs for children and teens to our new Partnership for Lifelong Learning, we have a lot in the works for you. Read on!

### Building Study

The Library Building Study Committee has been working with the firm [Oudens Ello Architecture](#) on the feasibility of the current building, the current location, and alternate locations for the library within the town. We made a presentation to the Board of Selectmen in September, which you can see on the [PACTV website](#). The presentation begins at 1:03 minutes in.

We expect to hold some community forums soon so you can see the design ideas, ask questions, and contribute your own ideas. You can follow the committee's progress on the LBSC pages on the [website](#), and you are welcome to attend any of our meetings. They are posted on the [Library calendar](#) as well as on the [Town calendar](#).

### What's the Big Idea: a Partnership for Lifelong Learning

The Library and the Council on Aging share a common mission, to provide Kingston residents with opportunities to learn throughout their lives. We think teaming up to present programs about books and ideas is a perfect way to further that mission. To that end, we are now collaborating with the Council on Aging on our Author Talk series and our South Shore Locavores programs. We're delighted that the Kingston Public Library Foundation has agreed to partner with us, and that several local businesses have signed on as sponsors: [WATD 95.9FM Radio](#), [Marty's Buick GMC](#), and [Boerger Law](#). And of course, we continue our collaboration with [edible South Shore & South Coast](#) magazine, our partners on the South Shore Locavores series since 2010.

This is just the beginning -- we expect that this partnership and the programs we can offer will grow, and we're very excited about the programs we can bring you in the future.

You can always contact us by [email](#), phone (781-585-0517), mail (6 Green St. Kingston MA 02364) or in person. We'd love to hear from you!

---



## Circulation

**Museum Pass Program.** Autumn is a great time for hiking, and the trails in our state parks are some of our most precious assets. Take advantage of our **Massachusetts Parks Pass**, which entitles you to free parking at over 50 facilities in the Massachusetts State Parks System that charge a day-use parking fee. Or treat your Thanksgiving guests to a day at **Plimoth Plantation** with our discount pass. The Plantation closes for the season on Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup>. Most of our other passes are available throughout the year. You can reserve passes [online](#) or by calling 781-585-0517 x111. These passes are provided by the Friends of the Kingston Public Library.

**Home delivery** is available for Kingston residents who cannot get to the library. Call 781-585-0517 x125 and speak with Jennifer.

**Did you know?** When you request an item that is on our shelves and you want it right away, call ahead for us to put it aside for you -- otherwise a popular item may be checked out before you get here! You can reach the Circulation Desk at 781-585-0517 x112 or by [email](#).

P.S. When you call the Library, you can dial any extension as soon as the message starts. No need to listen to all the options if you know the extension!

---



## Children's Services

Find dates, times, and details for these programs on the [Kids Page](#) of our website.

**Drop-in Story and Craft times on Fridays at 10:30** and run **through December 11<sup>th</sup>**, with songs, movement, poetry, a picture book or two and a craft. The craft is best suited for ages 3 and up, but younger siblings are welcome. All children attending drop-in programs require an accompanying adult. Registration is not required.

**Night Readers Book Group for children in grades 3 and 4** and the **Lunch Bunch group for grades 1 and 2** on the Kids Page. Please call Mrs. Legg at 781-585-0517 x118 for more information or to sign-up.

**Storytime for children ages 18 to 35 months with an adult on Thursday, October 29 and November 19 at 10:30.** Please register for this program [on the Kids Page](#) or by calling 781-585-0517 x111.

**Storytime and Playgroup for children ages 6 to 18 months with an adult, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 11:00.** Please register for this program [on the Kids Page](#) or by phone to 781-585-0517 x111.



**Leigh and Friends Puppet Storytime** will be here on **Friday, October 16, November 20 and December 18 at 10:30**. These drop-in programs are for children of all ages. All children attending drop-in programs need to bring their own adult. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Kingston Public Library.

**Big Ryan's Tall Tales on Friday, October 30 at 10:30**. This program is for all ages. Please register [on the Kids Page](#) or call 781-585-0517 x111.

Please check out the [Children's Room Blog](#) for program information, book reviews, book lists, and web site reviews.

Call Children's Services at 781-585-0517 x118, or check the Library's [Event Calendar](#) and the [Kids Page](#) for further information.

---



## Teen Services

**National Teen Read Week is October 18-24**. The Youth Advisory Council had an all-day **Read-a-thon** on Saturday, October 17 and raised \$200 for teen programs. Thank you to our avid teen readers and all of their sponsors!

### Upcoming Youth Advisory Council Meetings (YAC)

Opinionated teens wanted. On Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> and December 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:00, we are looking for your input and help to make the Kingston Public Library YOUR Library.



Our **Teen Book Group** will meet on **Monday, November 23 at 6:00**. We are currently on a John Green kick and will be reading [Paper Towns](#). We invite you to join the discussion. If you would like the Library to help you locate a copy, please call 781-585-0517 x121.



### **Edible Fun Shop with Let's Gogh Art on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.**

Yummy fun for starving artists. Literally make your masterpiece and eat it too in this very creative edible workshop. Taste the best that art has to offer. We'll start by decorating your own chef's hat and then make an edible color wheel, an edible mosaic and paint with pudding. Bring your imagination and come with an empty stomach. Registration is limited and reservations will be required.

Have you seen the [KPL Youth Advisory Council Page](#) on Facebook? Take a peek! Don't forget to take a moment to "like" their page.

If you would like to learn more about the Youth Advisory Council (YAC), contact Hannele Minsk at 781-585-0517 x114 or by [email](#). Don't forget to check the [Teen](#) page on our website!

---



## **Reference and Adult Services**

### **Author Talks**

We have a great line-up of well-known Massachusetts authors this fall. This series is now part of our new partnership with the Kingston Council on Aging and the Kingston Public Library Foundation **What's The Big Idea: a Partnership for Lifelong Learning.**

**Please note that these programs are being held at the Kingston Senior Center, 30 Evergreen Street. All programs begin at 7 pm.**

The series began on October 8<sup>th</sup> with a familiar radio personality, **Ron Della Chiesa**, who regaled an enthralled audience with stories from his autobiography, [Radio My Way](#).

**Thursday October 22<sup>nd</sup>** Acclaimed historical fiction novelist **William Martin** will present research that resulted in his novel [The Lincoln Letter](#).

~~**Thursday October 29<sup>th</sup>**~~ *[We have just learned that Mr. Cox will not be able to join us on the 29th. Watch for a new date!]* We will learn about pie making and baking in New England with **Robert S. Cox** as he talks about his timely new book [New England Pies: History Under A Crust](#).

**Thursday November 5<sup>th</sup>** **Randy Susan Myers** will talk about her latest novel [Accidents of Marriage](#), a Massachusetts Center for the Book's Must Read Book for 2015.

**Tuesday November 10<sup>th</sup>** **Casey Sherman**, co-author of *The Finest Hours*, will tell stories of this daring rescue at sea. The film based on the book is due out in December.

**Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup>** **Annie Weatherwax** will present her debut novel [All We Had](#), also a Must Read Title for 2015, being made into a major motion picture directed by and

starring Katie Holmes.

**Wednesday December 2<sup>nd</sup> Dick Lehr** visits to discuss the events behind his book [Black Mass](#), the basis for a blockbuster movie starring Johnny Depp.

[Westwinds Bookshop](#) in Duxbury will provide copies of the books for sale and signing.

Light refreshments will be offered at each event, and although the programs are free reservations are requested. For more information or to register, visit the library's [online calendar](#) or call 781-585-0517 x112.

### **Tech Thursdays**

From 10:30 -11:30 a.m. and from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. every Thursday, staff will be available to assist you with your questions about using our electronic resources: how to download ebooks and audiobooks from our digital catalog, how to search for books and place holds, how to access the many research databases offered through the Kingston Public Library and our partners the Massachusetts Library System and the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners. If your question is about using your mobile device or laptop, bring it with you.

If you need further assistance you can [Book-A-Librarian](#) for one-on-one 30 minute sessions designed to answer your questions about using any Library resource. To make an appointment, call 781-585-0517 ext. 121 or [email](#) us.

### **Featured databases**

[Lynda.com](#) All you need is your Kingston library card to take video classes on a huge range of topics. Go at your own pace, whenever it suits you, from home or at the Library. Sponsored by the Kingston Public Library Foundation.

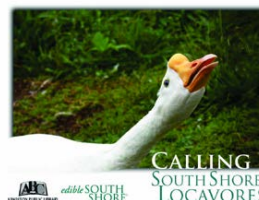
[Indieflix](#) Streaming video: thousands of award-winning shorts, feature films, and documentaries, all available from home with your Kingston library card. Sponsored by the Kingston Public Library Foundation.

[Mango Languages](#) Learn a new language, or study English as a second language. Mango teaches conversation skills for 64 languages, and it's easy to use, at the library or from home, with your Kingston library card. Sponsored by the Kingston Public Library Foundation.

[Axis 360](#) Thousands of ebooks and audiobooks available on your computer or mobile device, provided through the Commonwealth eBook Collections. The new mobile app is very easy to use.

These databases join the many already available to you with your library card. You can find these on our newly revised [Reference Page](#).

Looking for a good summer read? Checkout the [Readers Page](#) on our website for current bestsellers in the Library and for book suggestions.



## South Shore Locavores

This series is now part of our new partnership with the Kingston Council on Aging and the Kingston Public Library Foundation, What's The Big Idea: a Partnership for Lifelong Learning.

Please note that these programs are being held at the Kingston Senior Center, 30 Evergreen Street.  
All programs begin at 7 pm.

The season continues with **Pie Making Marathon II on Thursday, November 19 from 7:00 to 9:00**. The Locavores will be making apple pies – a whole lot of them. The pies will be donated, frozen and unbaked, to families served by the Greater Plymouth Food Warehouse, complete with baking instructions and nutritional labels. In 2014 the group made and donated 65 pies.

Registration is not necessary. If you would like to make a donation or have questions about this program, please call or [email](mailto:email) Library Director Sia Stewart, 781-585-0517 x122.

Next programs for this season:

### **January 21 How Do You Locavore? A mix-and-mingle potluck**

Bring a dish and join fellow locavores for one of our famous potlucks. Curious about how others manage to do this locavore thing in New England in the middle of winter? This is the group for you!

### **March 17 South Shore Organics: a few more of our favorite things**

Pam Denholm of South Shore Organics, a family-owned delivery service for fresh local and organic and sustainably-grown produce, returns to share some of her favorite local products and vendors.

### **May 19 Local Cheese Tasting with Adam Centamore**

Back by popular demand, wine and cheese educator Adam Centamore returns to offer a tasting of local cheeses and advice on wine pairings. His new book, *Tasting Wine and Cheese: An Insider's Guide to Mastering the Principles of Pairing*, will be available for purchase and signing. Watch this one for a possible change of venue.

## **Book group and more**

The Kingston Public Library Book Group meets on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30. A light supper is provided by members. New members are always welcome. For more information email Anna Kelley at [kplreader@hotmail.com](mailto:kplreader@hotmail.com). Upcoming books:

November 12<sup>th</sup> [\*All the Light We Cannot See\*](#) by Anthony Doerr

December 10<sup>th</sup> [\*Where'd You Go, Bernadette\*](#) by Maria Semple

If you would like the Library to help you locate a copy, please call 781-585-0517x121

Join the **Knotty Knitters on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.** in the Children's Activities Room. In this congenial atmosphere we share our patterns, techniques, and experience. Everyone is welcome! To find out more contact Maryanne Driscoll at 781-585-0517 ext. 115 or by [email](mailto:email).

If you're interested in **showing your artwork at the Library**, here's [how to exhibit](#) -- or contact Maryanne Driscoll at 781-585-0517 x115 or by [email](mailto:email).



## Local History Room

If you haven't taken a look at the Local History Room's blog *Pique of the Week*, here's a random sample that might entice you, or you know, pique your interest.

- [Trains](#), lots of [trains](#).
- [Boats](#), [boats](#) and more [boats](#).
- Delivery wagons for [groceries](#) and [fruit](#)
- Holidays, like this [one](#), that [one](#) or the other [one](#).
- [Scandal](#)
- [Heartbreak](#)
- [Pilgrims](#), lots of [Pilgrims](#)
- The [colossal elephant](#)
- The [leprechaun couple](#) (yes, it fits under holidays, but why not show it off!).
- The [famous hermit](#)

And so much more! There's a search box at the bottom of each page on the blog, but feel free to call (718-585-0517 x123), [email](#) or drop by ([hours here](#)) to ask a question or research something specific.

---



## Kingston Public Library Foundation

The Kingston Public Library Foundation is looking for volunteers with grant writing experience. Attention to detail and accuracy will be needed, but we're applying for non-government grants and the process shouldn't be too complicated. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

To volunteer, find other ways to help or get more information, [email](#) Ellen Cook, KPLF President; send a message to [info@kplf.org](mailto:info@kplf.org), or visit the [Foundation website](#).

You can also contact Library Director Sia Stewart by [email](#), phone (781-585-0517 x 122), mail (6 Green St. Kingston MA 02364) or in person.

---



## Friends of the Kingston Public Library

The Friends are a small but dedicated group of volunteers who raise funds year round to provide services to the Library and the Community. We meet the first Friday of the month at 1 p.m. in the meeting room of the Library. Consider joining us -- new ideas and suggestions are most welcome and very important to us. Our membership year runs from January through December.

We support Children's Library Programs, like Leigh & Friends, as well as the ever popular Museum Pass program.

We also contribute to education workshops for Staff, the Youth Advisory Council, Membership in the Mass. Library Association and special events such as the recent concert by Finnish musical duo Vellamo, and the Tri-Town author visit from Anita Diamant in Duxbury, both highly successful events in August. Over the summer we all worked on a new shelving project in our book storage area, adding 14 new free standing shelf units and new wall shelving for our heavier books. This will aid us greatly in preparing for our book sales. We also added a second book sale cart with better signage and a great stock of used books.

We rely *heavily* on our semi-annual book sales as well as dues and generous donations from *you*, and we thank you for your support.

*Like* the [Library](#) and the [Friends of the Library](#) on **Facebook** ... get all the latest news first!

Contact Friends President Sandra Underhill by [email](#), if you have any questions, or join us at one of our [meetings](#)!

***SEE YOU AT THE LIBRARY!***

**[Sign up for KPL newsletters.](#)**

**[Email us if you'd like the Library to purchase a title.](#)**