ANNUAL BOOK SALE AND CAR RAFFLE WRAP-UP
This fall brought us the end of the Annual Book Sale, KML’s biggest fundraiser, which wound up netting over $50,000 this year!! In addition, on October 27, the winner of the car raffle was announced: Ned Babbitt. Congratulations! Thank you to the many volunteers who helped out all summer and fall to make these two fundraisers a success!

ED EPSTEIN: SPECIAL THANKS!
We’d like to extend a special thanks this year to Ed Epstein. Ed is the consummate car raffle volunteer. He’s there for the Library in any weather, whenever asked, and even if the car is away at another venue, Ed is there with a clipboard selling tickets. Thank you, Ed!

VOLUNTEER LUNCHEON
The Annual Volunteer Luncheon was held on November 17. Thank you to all of KML’s dedicated volunteers - the Library would not be a treasure without you!

REMINDER: TEMPORARY RELOCATION
The Library will close on January 15 and temporarily move to #19 & #23 Kent Green Boulevard for a few weeks during renovations. The estimated time of returning to 32 North Main Street is early February. New materials, periodicals, a selection of audiobooks and DVDs, computers, and wireless printing will be available at #19. Patrons will be able to request materials from other libraries to be delivered to the temporary location. Selections of children’s books, toys, Tuesday baby group, Thursday lunch bunch, a winter story hour, and a TAB knitting & crochet circle will all be occurring as scheduled.

DID YOU KNOW?
Friends of KML is a volunteer organization; KML receives only 30% of its annual funding from the Town of Kent.

The Kent Library Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, January 18 at 2:00pm, immediately followed by a Sculptor Talk by Peter Woytuk.

This Library is a Treasure! Your membership can now be a recurring monthly contribution. The annual Membership Drive kicked off in November. Join us for 2020!

QUIZ NIGHT!
Quiz Night was held on September 21. With 45 teams participating, and more than 20 volunteers helping the night run smoothly, The Spanish In-Quiz-tion took first place, while Foote in Mouth came in second. Congratulations!

UPCOMING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Baking/Hospitality: KLA Annual Meeting, January 18. KML maintains a running list of volunteers who are willing to provide baked goods or other items for various events upon request. If you would like to be included on that list, please let us know. Please contact lcpierpont@biblio.org.
FEATURED FRIEND: MICHAELA LAWRENCE

Michaela, and her husband, Don, purchased a home in northern New Milford in the early 1990s, and quickly became involved in the local community. After retiring, they moved into their New Milford home full time, and Michaela began spending more free time as a volunteer at KML. She joined the Kent Library Association Board, as Secretary, in 2012. During her tenure with KML, she has worked as an archivist, helped with fundraising initiatives, and worked closely with KML staff on an assortment of other tasks. In her free time, Michaela enjoys reading books written by Donna Leon, going to the theater and supporting local artists and craftsmen. She feels passionately about animal rights, maintaining contact with friends in Africa who help with the World Wildlife Foundation. Michaela is “proud to help out with these and other passions because they are important parts of the community” and she takes pride in “being involved in something that matters.”

FEATURED FRIEND JR: WILL SAXTON

Will Saxton has been a Kent resident for his whole life and has been visiting KML since attending story hour and Lunch Bunch with his mom. Will, a sixth grader at Kent Center School, spends most of his library time at TAB and Book Club. When he’s not at the Library, you can find Will at soccer or baseball practice, playing trombone, in his garden, or building with Legos. Will likes to spend time at the library because “it’s a great place to meet my friends after school with Mrs. Sam.”

FEATURED FRIEND: MICHAEL JAY

Michael Jay, originally from Livingston, NJ, New York City, Hollywood, and NYC again, has lived in Kent since 2015. Michael, a technology consultant and personal computer tutor who has taught technology at NYU graduate school, Bennington College, and other institutes, became involved with KML in 2016. Most of Michael’s Library volunteer time is spent hosting the monthly tutoring on Apple products and related tech (he has worked with Apple products for over 30 years, coordinating directly with Apple for projects in both the entertainment industry and the non-profit sector); teaching its classes on computer usage; and helping with more challenging tech for Library events at Town Hall. When he’s not at the Library, you can find Michael working as the owner of TECHsperenced, a company which helps consumers and business owners use technology to achieve their goals. When not working, he enjoys bicycling on rural roads, listening to music, and reading main-stream newspapers. Michael believes it's important to support the local library because “libraries, and their custodians, represent the best of society: collected wisdom, transparency of information, and altruism. In doing so, they also reaffirm the concept of absolute, verifiable facts.”

WHAT'S ON YOUR NIGHTSTAND?

Michael Jay, Friend of KML
The Age of Surveillance Capitalism, Shoshana Zuboff

SARAH MARSHALL, KML Director
When Death Becomes Life, Joshua Mezrich M.D.

LUCY PIERPONT, KML Marketing and Special Events Director
Olive, Again, Elizabeth Strout

SAMANTHA SALITER, KML Co-Director of Children’s Services
The Van Gogh Deception, Deron Hicks

WILL SAXTON, Friend of KML
Rise of the Jumbies, Tracey Baptiste
SPREAD THE WORD: SMARTPHONE PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP!

KML Teen Advisory Board and Wassaic Project Collaboration: Monday, December 30, 12:30-4:30pm. This workshop, taught by professional photographer Christopher Burns, aims to teach kids (grades 5-12) how to use their smartphones to express themselves artistically and promotes visual literacy. Participants will take Polaroid portraits and then learn about smartphone photography and take and edit smartphone portraits. In January, KML will host an art show to display their work, each portrait from the class side by side. PLEASE REGISTER!

STORIES AND ART PROJECTS!
This fall the Junior Room hosted several themed story hours which featured interesting books and corresponding art projects.

KID’S CORNER - FREE EVENTS!!

TAB Meeting and TAB Book Club! Thursday, December 19, 3:30pm. Grades 5 and up, please register.

Glow in the Dark STEM! Friday, December 20, 3:30-4:30pm. Grades 2 and up. A FUN science project to make things that glow in the dark with Mrs. Sam!

Holiday Story Hour! Saturday, December 21, 10:30am. All ages, please register, not a drop off.

TAB Black Light Party! Friday, December 27 6:30-8:30pm. Dress up in glow in the dark attire and come play with black lights in the library! There will be pizza and contests and music and games and a lot of neon! Grades 5 and up, please register.

Science Tellers! Aliens Show! Saturday, December 28, 11am. Don’t miss this action-packed and educational alien adventure using science experiments for special effects. It’s totally out of this world! All ages, please register, not a drop off.

Rhythm & Rhyme: Tuesdays 10:30am. Sing-alongs and more! For kids 0-3 with a caregiver; no registration required.

Lunch Bunch: Thursdays 12:30pm. Bring along a picnic lunch and enjoy stories and a craft. All ages, with a caregiver; no registration required.

JOIN US. THIS LIBRARY IS A TREASURE.
Remember, your library card does not provide financial support to the Library. While we firmly believe that library cards must be free of charge, we depend on 70% of our budget through annual membership contributions and other fundraising events to help us provide services to the thousands of people of all ages who visit the Library, use our services, and participate in our activities.

You can now contribute online at www.KentMemorialLibrary.org and click on KLA Membership. Or please make checks payable to Kent Library Association and send to:

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