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KPL Connection

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Welcome to the first issue of the KPL Connection, the Kingston Public Library's new quarterly newsletter. In this issue, we introduce some of our departments and services. In future issues, we'll include upcoming programs, events, and news. You can always find out more by visiting our [website](#).

We hope you will want to hear about library news and events, but if you would prefer not to receive future issues, click on the Unsubscribe link below or [email us](#), and we will take you off the mailing list.



The Circulation Desk is library-speak for the place where you check out books. If you have [requested](#) a book, a movie or a [museum pass](#), that's where you go to pick it up. If you need to [update your account](#), [renew items](#) or [get a new card](#), stop by. You'll find friendly staff, ready to help. Questions about your account or want to renew what you've checked out? Call 781-585-0517 x112.



The Children's Room is the perfect place for children ages 10 and under to find books, magazines, and movies for both education and entertainment. Stephanie Legg, the Children's Librarian, conducts weekly and monthly programs, supplemented with outside entertainers and educators. The Children's Room also offers a [Summer Reading Program](#), which includes Wednesday evening programs for children ages 8 and up. The [Kid's Page](#) on the Library's website is the place to go for information and links to upcoming programs, new books, databases, [Mrs. Legg's blog](#), volunteer opportunities for children and educational websites. You can reach the Children's Room at 781-585-0517 x111.



Teens are very important to us here at the Kingston Public Library. Our Teen Space is a fun place to read, do research, use the computer or browse the latest in music, movies, graphic novels and books. We're always open to suggestions from teens to help us transform "the" library into "your" library! With the help of Teen Specialist Hannele Minsk, our Teen Advisory Board (TAB) meets monthly to select new music, movies and books for the collection; plan events like the annual pet show and other fund-raisers; and go on field trips. Check out the [Teen Page](#) to see past TAB programs, along with links to homework resources and websites geared to teens. Looking for a fun community service opportunity and a chance to hang out with some really great people? Join TAB! Call 781-585-0517 x114 to find out more.



Visit the Reference Desk when you're looking for help with anything from serious research to recreational reading. Want to find out about a company before you apply for a job? Need to find a new doctor? Searching for a new washing machine? Looking for a new author to read? Ask us! Reference Librarian Susan Oslin maintains an excellent print reference collection and a wide variety of [online databases](#). Most databases can be used both in the Library and from home with your library card. You'll find resources for homework, consumer research, medical and legal information, genealogy research, and even learning languages.

And of course, we have books: hard-cover, paperback, large print, audio, and electronic. You can [search our online catalog](#) and [place holds](#) on the items you want. You'll also find [downloadable audiobooks and electronic books](#) that you can download or reserve from home. If you don't know what to read next, we're happy to help you find your next book or movie. With this newsletter, we're introducing [email lists](#) of fiction, nonfiction, audiobooks, teen books, children's books, and more selected for you by KPL staff. When you find one or more you like, [sign up!](#)

Finally, we offer programs for adults: author visits, workshops for caregivers, book groups, CPR classes, art programs, [art exhibits](#), and more. To see what's coming up, check our [program page](#) and [calendar](#). We welcome questions in person, by phone 781-585-0517 x121 or by [email](#).



The Local History Room (LHR) has grown out of a box of "anything which may promise to be of local interest in the years to come," as Jennie F. McLauthlen, first Librarian of the Frederic C. Adams Public Library, KPL's predecessor, wrote over 100 years ago. The foresight of our first librarian, and other historically minded Kingstonians, have left an amazing wealth of manuscripts and photographs and publications and artifacts and on and on, all about Kingston.

Archivist Susan Aprill is proud to care for these materials and to make them available to anyone with an interest or a question. Items from the collection appear in monthly exhibits in the LHR case in the Library lobby. The [Local History Room page](#) on the Library website provides links to documents about Kingston, [finding aids](#) (guides for using manuscript and archival collections) and the blog [Pique of the Week](#). You can contact the Local History Room at 781-585-0517 x123 or by [email](#).

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