

## **Maine Author**

## **K.F. Griffin**

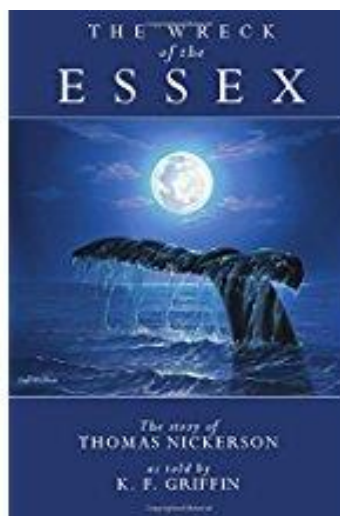
**Wednesday, May 31st**

**6pm-8pm**

**At the Belgrade Public Library**

**Moby Dick by Herman Melville is one of the most famous novels in American literature. Yet few people realize that Melville's masterpiece was inspired by a real incident in whaling history. In 1820, an enraged sperm whale charged the Nantucket whaling ship Essex and sank it, leaving the crew shipwrecked in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. In the 19th century, little was known of this event. In fact, those who lived on Nantucket kept it a dark secret. How did Herman Melville learn of the Essex whale? How much influence did his discovery of an eyewitness account have on the writing of Moby Dick? All these questions and more will be explored in this intriguing example of art imitating life.**

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