



FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Board meetings are open to all members and are usually held at 7PM on the second Wednesday of the month at the library.

Future Meeting Dates:

Nov 14, Dec 12, Jan 9, Feb 13,
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Mission Statement

The purpose of the Friends of the Keene Public Library is to support the Library and staff in areas not funded by the city budget and to provide enriching programs at no charge for adults and children in the community.

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Library Project Update

By Jane Pitts

Where to begin? After a whirlwind of activity this past summer, so much has been accomplished to move our library forward to be the best it can be to nurture our thriving community. Last week I was fortunate to have the opportunity to don a hardhat and take a walk through the active construction site. I was amazed by how the renovations and new construction to the library has progressed in leaps and bounds since the chilly groundbreaking ceremony held last December.* With the work 70% complete, the project is tracking for the new spaces to be occupied in a couple of months.



In the Annex building, I could see that Heberton Hall was getting a much needed sprucing up, with attention given to acoustical enhancement, new flooring and the refurbishment of windows and architectural moldings. Dry-wall, plaster and some splashes of paint color now delineate what will be the



renovated kitchen, the two new conference rooms, and the makerspace also on that level. A dusty walk up to the second floor revealed an imprint for the instructional classroom space, a freshly painted and renovated performance and multi-purpose space (the old Temple Room), and a brand new home for Cheshire TV. Most notably, the imposing concrete tower for the new elevator shaft asserted itself through every floor of the building – an important reminder for me that this project originated from the desire to restore and create an accessible space for all to use.

A stroll through the new connecting atrium placed me in a fresh, bright space that will allow entry both through a courtyard on the Winter Street side and a patio on the West Street side. Plans for a bus stop cut out on West Street are underway. Walls on both library and annex sides of the atrium have been broken through, making the two buildings truly joined as one, a concrete and symbolic merger between the traditional learning, collaborative, and creative spaces.

We summer patrons could not avoid the enhancements that were taking place in the library proper either. The smell of fresh carpeting throughout the entire building now greets us as we walk through the entrance along with some new display configurations.

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*An on-going time-lapse video has captured the construction work from the very beginning. It is worth viewing on the library's website at: <https://ci.keene.nh.us/keene-public-library/library-renovation-project>

Library Events Sponsored by the Friends*

Explore Earth Exhibit

For all Ages Oct 17–Dec 14

Explore Earth: Our Changing Planet is an interactive, all-ages exhibition that explores local earth science topics such as weather, the water cycle, and how changes in our local ecosystem impact the



global environment. The Keene Public Library was selected to be one of eleven sites nationwide to host this exhibit, which is part of the STAR Library Education Network (STAR_Net) led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute.

Explore Earth Open House Kick-Off Event

Fri Oct 19 4-6:30 PM

Representatives from local groups will be on hand to share information, activities, and citizen science projects. There will be hands-on activities for visitors of all ages as well as refreshments. Teachers can tour the exhibit, book a class visit to the library and meet our science instructors.

Explore Earth Kids Tech Challenges

For children ages 7-13

Kids' Power

Wed Oct 24 4-5 PM Youth Department
Michael Caduto presents an entertaining new program about renewable energy explored through science and the arts.

Wind Turbines

Nov 14 4-5 PM Youth Dept
Children will build a model wind turbine, then explore and test common materials to identify a modification that would enable their model to better catch the wind.



Green Energy

Wed Nov 28 4-5 PM Youth Dept
Children will work in teams to design, build, and iteratively test a model of a neighborhood using conductive and insulating dough, LEDs, and hand-crank generators.

Kids Tech Challenges, cont'd

Harris Center for Conservation

Wed Dec 5 4-5 PM Story Room

Susie Spikol from the Harris Center for Conservation Education in Hancock, N.H. will present a program.

Daylight in a Bottle

Wed Dec 12 4-5 PM Youth Department

Children will experiment with radiant energy and the concept of refraction to develop a lighting system made out of recycled materials.

Additional Explore Earth Programs

Cleaning Up the Loon's Environment

For Preschool & School Age Children

Sat Nov 17 10:30-11:30 AM

Auditorium

The Loon Lady takes children on an enlightening journey into the fascinating behaviors of loons.



Family Science Investigations

For School Age Children & Families

Sat Nov 24 11-4 PM Youth Dept

Drop by the library for hands-on

STEM activities.

Animals in Winter

For Preschoolers

Sat Dec 8 10:30-11AM Youth Dept

How do animals survive in the cold? This interactive program will explore animal hibernation, migration & winter adaptations using lots of touchables such as furs, feathers & pelts.



Sarah McQuaid Concert

For all ages

Sat Oct 20 7-9 PM Auditorium

Singer, songwriter and guitarist, Sarah McQuaid has recorded five solo albums. "Her subtle mastery onstage launches her straight into my fave shows ever." — *Huffington Post*



International Games Day

For Teens and Families

Sat Nov 10 10 AM-4 PM Auditorium

Like other libraries across the country and around the world, the KPL will offer special gaming programs and events suitable for the whole family. Drop in anytime for the fun.

Frankenstein at 200!

2018 marks 200 years since Mary Shelley first published Frankenstein. The KPL has planned lots of activities to commemorate this milestone.

Frankenstein Read-a-Thon

For Adults

Sat Oct 27 10 AM-4:30 PM Auditorium

Attendees can take turns reading from the 1818 novel or just enjoy listening.

Frankencrafts

For All Ages

Sat Oct 27 11 AM-4 PM Youth Dept

Drop in and make something at the library!

Frankenstein Film Festival

Wed Oct 31 Auditorium

For Adults

11 AM-12:15 PM Frankenstein (1931)

1-3 PM Young Frankenstein (2006)

5:30-6:45 PM Bride of Frankenstein (1935)

7-9 PM Son of Frankenstein (1939)

For Tweens and School Age Kids

3:30-4:45 PM Scooby-Doo! and Frankencreepy



Adult Film Series

Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium

Oct 17 Battle Royale

Oct 24 Never Let Me Go

Oct 31 Frankenstein Film Festival (see above)

Nov 7 Black Angel

Nov 14 Racing Extinction

Nov 28 Waking the Green Tiger

Dec 5 Charlie Chan in Rio

Dec 12 H2Oil

Dec 19 Little Women

Dec 26 Meet Me in St. Louis

ESL Grammar Learning Circle

For Adults

Wednesdays starting Oct 24

6-7 PM Green Room

This learning circle will work together on a Universal Class beginning grammar and writing course for learners of the English language. This course is Level 1 and will cover present simple and past simple tenses. If English is new for you or if you need a solid refresher on the basics, this is an excellent course for you.

*This is just a sampling of library events sponsored by the Friends. The Calendar of Events on the library website has a complete listing.

Keene Public Library News

KPL Receives Prestigious STEM Grant

A team of Youth Librarians including Department Head Gail Zachariah and librarians Tracy Snow, Colleen Swider, Jay Fee, and Amy Kramer worked together to develop and submit a successful National Leadership Planning Grant awarded by Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS). The Keene Public Library's proposal, "Little Makers: Library STEM and Maker Activities for Very Young Learners" will develop STEM and Maker programming for young learners ages two through six and their families and was awarded \$244,142.00. Principal grant investigator Gail Zachariah explained that the project is very timely because librarians across the country are being called upon to offer science learning programs for younger children and often these librarians feel unprepared.

The Institute of Museum and Library Services supports projects that address significant challenges and opportunities facing the library and archives fields and that have the potential to advance theory and practice with new tools, research findings, models, services, practices, or alliances that will be widely used.



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Reading with Ribby

Every year the FKPL supports the Reading with Ribby program for children in the Keene area schools. Created by Fuller school teacher, Jon Gemmell, with a partnership of the Keene SwampBats and their mascot, Ribby, the program just celebrated its 15th anniversary. If students complete the reading challenge they receive a Reading with Ribby t-shirt and a free family pass to a special celebratory night at a SwampBats game. In 2018 the grand total was 1355 students, with 899 of these in the Keene schools. Thanks to the FKPL the program has a new logo to brand the program.



Library Project Update, cont'd (from p.1)

Historical windows have been sent away for a makeover, and repair work to sidewalks and ramps is finishing up. Behind the scenes, I have witnessed multiple committees comprised of staff and volunteers thoughtfully making decisions for new furnishings, landscaping, and programming. Ever resourceful, the library staff continues to work very hard to minimize the disruption to us. They have good-naturedly extended the same level of excellent programming we are all accustomed to, despite the interruptions to their own workflow.

Though well on its way, there is so much more to be said about this vital transformation. Stay tuned for information on how the new Friends basement space under the connector will be transformed, plans for a time capsule dedication, and best of all - ribbon cutting day!

Summer Visitors with a Special Connection

By Jane Pitts

In late June, Friends, Trustees, and library staff were delighted to receive an email from Pat Butler mentioning that she and her sister Connie Dixon would be visiting Keene to donate some important papers to the Historical Society. Although hailing from Pennsylvania and New Jersey respectively, Pat and Connie have a special connection to our town and our library – they are the great-nieces of Katherine Heberton. We enjoyed exchanging stories with Pat and Connie whose families would summer with their great aunt Heberton in Chatham, MA. Pat and Connie happily shared that "Great Aunt Kathy was a fun character with a sense of humor who enjoyed gardening. A practical person by nature, she was a special lady who quietly helped many behind the scenes." We can certainly include our library among those many. For those who remember, in 2003 a generous bequest to the Friends from Katherine Heberton made possible the purchase of the library annex building in which the large performance space –Heberton Hall – now bears Katherine's name. Their serendipitous visit was well timed to be able to see the exciting changes transforming our library. We hope Pat and Connie will visit us again soon to help us celebrate when the renovations are complete!



Book Bin News

By Kathleen Chertok

It has been a busy summer for book donations and we want to thank everyone who has contributed. We're excited about our upcoming sale to be held in Delegation Hall at County Hall on October 19, 20 and 21.

We also need to thank all the volunteers that have helped us at the bin with presort and transporting to our storage at County Hall as well as those who have come to our pricing days. In addition we had help with sorting and pricing from two community groups, The Badger Company and freshmen at KSC. It is wonderful to have such support.



Due to the exciting library expansion/renovations that include work in the library lobby area we have **stopped accepting donations** as of September 26, 2018. This will also allow us to get ready for the book sale in a few short weeks.



The bin will return. We plan to start accepting book donations again sometime in January 2019 when we get settled into our new storage/work space in the library. The exact date will be announced.



Be a Friend to the Library!

Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

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- \$25 \$250
- \$50 \$500
- \$100 Other: \$ _____

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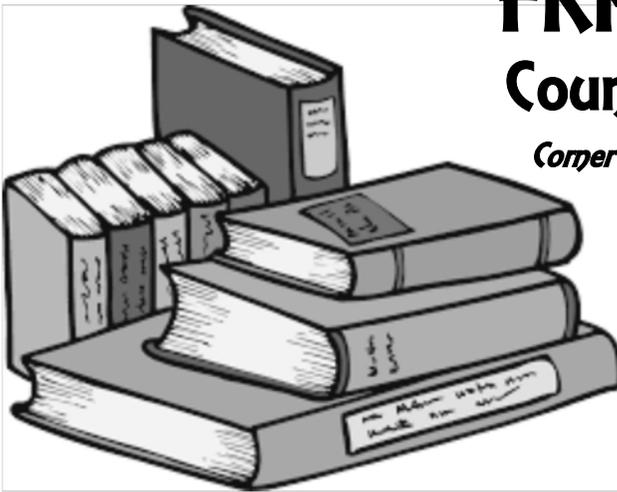
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Please make checks payable to Friends of the Keene Public Library, or FKPL.

Please return this form to:

Friends of the Keene Public Library
60 Winter Street
Keene, NH 03431



FKPL Fall Book Sale

County Hall (old Court House)

Corner of Court & Winter Streets; Enter from Winter Street

Delegation Hall, 2nd Floor

Friday, October 19 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, October 20 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, October 21* 9 AM - 2 PM

*Books are \$5.00/ bag on Sunday

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