



FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2016

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Friends' Meetings

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:
9/14, 10/12, 11/9, & 12/14

FKPL Online

[www.keenepubliclibrary.org/
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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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Include Museum Visits in your Summer Plans

As you make plans for your summer outings, why not include a museum or two and take advantage of the many museum passes provided by the Friends of the Keene Public Library? This article features just a few of the museums—a complete listing of the 19 museums is available at the library check-out desk. Passes may be booked in advance and are checked out with a library card. Due to the popularity of many of these museums, it is recommended that you plan ahead and always check out the museum's website (or call them) before heading out for your excursion.

Brattleboro Museum and Art Center

The newest addition to the list of FKPL museum passes, the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center is an independent, non-collecting contemporary art museum whose mission is to present art and ideas in ways that inspire, educate, and engage audiences of all ages. BMAC is located in historic Union Station at the foot of Main Street (10 Vernon Street) in downtown Brattleboro, Vermont. The museum is open daily except Tuesdays from 11-5 and is open until 8:30 PM first Friday of each month. One coupon, which admits a family for free, is available for each day. The museum's phone number is (802) 257-0124, and the website is www.brattleboromuseum.org.

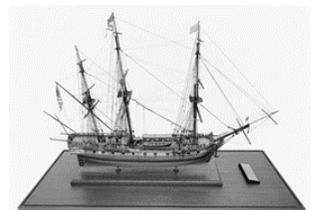
The following summer exhibits will open on June 24:

- Up in Arms: Taking Stock of Guns
- Chaos and Light: Jamie Young
- Union Station: Gateway to the World
- Your Space: Imagination Station



Strawbery Banke

If you've never visited the Strawbery Banke, a 10-acre living history museum in Portsmouth, this summer might be the perfect time to go. On Friday, July 1st a new permanent exhibit, "**Port of Portsmouth: War, Trade & Travel,**" will open. Located in the Montrone Family Gallery, Winn-Yeaton House, the exhibit focuses on the maritime history of Portsmouth and the Seacoast, showcasing eight beautifully-crafted models of Portsmouth-built sailing ships, originally collected by Joseph Sawtelle. Paintings and historical artifacts once owned by ships' masters or builders are also on display. This opening will be part of the 14th annual American Celebration that will take place July 1-4. Strawbery Banke is located at 14 Hancock St in Portsmouth. The phone number is (603) 433-1100, and the website is www.strawberyanke.org. Two passes are available each day. Each pass admits two adults and up to four children for free. *continued on p. 3*



Library Events Sponsored by the Friends*

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Babies...Kids...Teens...Adults

Get into the game! Join the Keene Public Library Summer Learning Program. Explore all things sports and fitness. Enjoy weekly programs, special events, prize drawings, science and physical activities, story hours and more.



You can sign up anytime in person or through the library website: www.keenepubliclibrary.org.

On Your Mark, Get Set... Read! Kick-off Celebration

Sat Jun 18 1-3 PM Library Annex Lawn (rain venue—Heberton Hall)

Join us for a special celebration to start the summer off right. There will be lawn games, ice cream, and a special jazz concert by TOO HUMAN.



Mysteries, Puzzles, & Mind Twisters: Stories to Ponder and Play

Fri Aug 12 6:30-7:30 PM
Youth Department

Join award-winning storyteller Rona Leventhal as she spins tales of mysterious shapeshifters, mind plays, and creative solutions to problems that will leave you pondering the stories for days!

Friday Family Flicks

Fridays 1-3 PM Auditorium

- Jun 24 Clifford's Really Big Movie
- Jul 1 Air Bud World Pup
- Jul 8 Babe the Gallant Pig
- Jul 15 The Good Dinosaur
- Jul 22 Shaun the Sheep
- Jul 29 Space Jam
- Aug 5 Jumanji
- Aug 12 Race for your Life Charlie Brown
- Aug 19 Finding Nemo



YOUTH PROGRAMS

Terrific Tuesdays

Tuesdays 1-2 PM Heberton Hall
Jun 21-Aug 16

Terrific Tuesdays takes place each Tuesday during our summer reading program. Each week there is a different special event designed for kids that are appropriate for children ages 5 and up. Younger children are welcome to attend with an adult.

Jr. Robotix Camp

Tuesdays Jun 21-Aug 16 2-4 PM
Kay Fox Room

Join us for a hands-on adventure into the world of LEGO® WeDo™ robots, Finch™ robots, Sphero robots, Ozobots, and Cubelets. For children ages 7-10. Please sign up for each session that you wish to attend.

Maker Mondays

Mondays Jun 27-Aug 22 3:30-5 PM
Youth Dept. Creation Station

Kids ages 5 and up are invited to drop by to tinker, explore, and build at the library!

Maker Camps

Thursdays Jul 7-Aug 11 2-7 PM
Story Room

Tinker and explore in our a highly interactive hands-on program. Workshops are designed to introduce young learners aged 8 to 13 to many creative processes and their real world applications. During each session, youth will imagine, plan, explore, communicate, tinker and create. Please register for each session so we know how many materials to provide.



Science of Sports Camp

Wed Jul 6 & 13 2-4 PM Kay Fox Room

Campers ages 6 through 10 will learn the science of sports and how and why to make exercise and good nutrition a part of everyday life.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Yoga @ your Library!

Mondays starting Jul 25
6:30-7:30 PM Kay Fox Room

Yoga @ your library is a beginner level yoga class for adults and teens. No experience is required. Yoga mats are available for use during the class or you can bring your own. Please register for the classes that you will attend.



Monday Night Fiction Writers

Mondays 6:30-9:00 PM Trustees Rm
Have you always wanted to write a novel or short story? Our writers' group welcomes new members and provides prose fiction writers a friendly and supportive environment to share their work.

Exercise Your Mind Film Series

Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium

- Jun 22 Eat Pray Love
- Jun 29 A Beautiful Mind
- Jul 6 Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind
- Jul 13 Capote
- Jul 20 Stranger than Fiction
- Jul 27 Dirty Dancing
- Aug 3 Spanglish
- Aug 10 The Jackie Robinson Story
- Aug 17 Babe



TEEN PROGRAMS

Erin Bowman Author Visit

Mon Jul 18 5-7 PM Heberton Hall

Join New Hampshire's own young adult author Erin Bowman as she discusses her writing journey, road to publication, and approach to writing. Stick around for a Q&A period where Erin will answer questions from the audience. Light hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided.



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

Meet our Newest Board Members

At its May 11 Annual Meeting, the Friends of the Library Board elected two new members-at-large, Sally Rinehart and David Meader. We'd like to introduce them to you.

David Meader resides on the East Surry Road in Keene and is employed by Cheshire Oil Company at T-Bird Mini Mart on West Street. He is a former member of the Keene City Council, having served for 17 years. Also, he was elected to the New Hampshire Legislature for seven terms and has served for six years as a member of the Keene Planning Board. A board member of the Keene Senior Center, he enjoys reading, hiking and exploring libraries. As a city councilor, David served as liaison to the library Board of Trustees. He is excited to be a participant in the process that will culminate in the Keene Library's most important construction project.



Born and educated in Pittsburgh, PA, Sally Rinehart's parents always gave her books for Christmas and birthdays. Her father's death when she was 10 shrunk her world drastically, and she turned to books even more to expand her horizons. Sally spent 45 years in New Milford, CT. While there, she served on the New Milford Library Board of Trustees for 10 years, most as Treasurer. During that time the library had a major renovation, expansion and revitalization. She also raised 3 children and now has 7 grandchildren. Sally resides with her husband, Bert, on School St., literally 2 doors away from the best library ever! A 3 1/2 year resident of Keene, she feels very fortunate to be here and has an added bonus of some of her family within walking distance. For recreation, Sally likes jogging, golf, all winter sports and year round reading!



Take Me Out to the Ballgame

We are delighted to report that over **1300** children from the fourteen participating schools hit a HOME RUN for literacy by completing Mr. Gemmell's Reading with Ribby program. The Friends are happy to champion reading at the elementary level and very proud to sponsor the program for a 12th year in conjunction with the Swamp Bats organization.

Come join the Friends at a Swamp Bats game on the evening of **Thursday, June 16th** to help us celebrate this year's pint-sized participants. The parade around the field begins at **6:00 PM** sharp.



Museums, continued from p. 1

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center

The McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center's mission is to inspire every generation to reach for the stars, through engaging, artful and entertaining activities that explore astronomy, aviation, earth and space science. Delve into the worlds of astronomy, aviation, earth and space sciences and become immersed in this entertaining learning environment.



The center is located at 2 Institute Drive in Concord, NH. Public hours are Fri-Sun 10:30-4. The center is also open 6:30-9 PM the first Friday of the month. Two passes are available each day the center is open. Each pass is valid for admission to the exhibit halls for 4 people. There is a charge of \$4 per person for the planetarium shows. Call (603) 271-7827 (STAR) or visit www.starhop.com for more information.

deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum

Established in 1950, deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum is the largest park of its kind in New England encompassing 30 acres, 20 miles west of Boston. Providing a constantly changing landscape of large-scale, outdoor, modern and contemporary sculpture and site-specific installations, the Sculpture Park hosts more than 60 works, the majority of which are on loan to the Museum. Inside, the Museum features a robust slate of rotating exhibitions and innovative interpretive programming. Located at 51 Sandy Pond Road in Lincoln, MA, the museum is open Wed-Fri 10-4 and Sat-Sun 10-5 except for major holidays. One pass is available each day. Each pass admits four people with a \$5.00 charge per person. Call (781) 259-8355 or visit www.decordova.org if you have questions.



FKPL News Updates

- Another **Book Sorting Catch-Up Day** has been scheduled for the end of this month on **Thursday June 30th from 9-12 AM in the Kay Fox Room of the library**. All are welcome-no experience necessary!
- The spring book sale was very successful, bringing in \$12,573. The **Fall Book Sale** dates have been set for **Friday, October 21st through Sunday, October 23rd**.
- The Friends of the Library Board held its annual election at its May 11 Annual Meeting. The current listing of board members and officers is on page 1 of this newsletter.
- Library Summer Hours:** Beginning on Saturday, June 4, 2016, the library will **close at 1 PM on Saturdays**. Summer Saturday hours (9 AM - 1 PM) will remain in effect through September 3, 2016. Starting with September 10, 2016, Saturday hours will revert to 9 AM - 5 PM. Also the library will be closed on Monday, July 4.



Be a Friend to the Library!



Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

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Email _____

Membership Options

- Literary Sponsor \$1-\$50/year
- Literary Mentor \$51-\$100/year
- Literary Benefactor \$101-\$250/year
- Literary Patron \$251-\$500/year
- Literary Guardian over \$500/year

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