



# FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2017

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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:

4/12, 5/10 & 6/14

## FKPL Online

[www.keenepubliclibrary.org/  
library/friends](http://www.keenepubliclibrary.org/library/friends)



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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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## Fall Book Sale Gets New Temporary Home

*By Jill Cielinski*

The upcoming library renovation and construction project will temporarily disrupt the current process for the donation of books, the sorting and pricing of books, and the location of the book sale. During construction, we will not be able to store books or hold the sale at the library. The Friends of the Keene Public Library semi-annual book sale continues to be vital to the Friends mission to support the library, as well as an important event for our community. To that end, our Book Sale Committee, in conjunction with the library, county and city, has found a solution to keep the book sale going.



We are very appreciative to Cheshire County who has offered us the opportunity to use space in the old court house, just down the street! We will continue to accept donations at the Library, however the books will need to be transported to a temporary storage space at the old court house. This will also be the new location for sorting, and where we will hold future book sales until the completion of the project. **Our first book sale in the new space will be October 13-15, 2017.**

There are three major things our Friends and the public can do to help.

1. The Friends request a short period of closure to donations for the month of April 2017 and possibly part of May 2017 while we move our center of operations from the basement of the library to our new storage and sorting areas in the old courthouse.
2. To help manage the flow of books from one building to the other, we are requesting that donations be made on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays only, beginning in May 2017 until further notice.
3. We have established some guidelines for acceptable donations that we would like people to consider when they donate books. This is important as we will need to transport donations from the bin in the library lobby to the old courthouse where our storage capacity is much smaller. Your assistance in following these guidelines would be greatly appreciated.
  - **No musty, moldy, dirty, ripped or missing covers**
  - **No underlines, highlights or notations**
  - **No encyclopedias, textbooks, magazines, Readers Digest or abridged works**
  - **No business/finance/computer publications older than 3 years**
  - **No travel guides older than 5 years**
  - **No reference or self-help older than 3 years**

The Friends thank you for your consideration as we transition to our temporary home.

## Library Events Sponsored by the Friends\*

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Messy Art & Playful Building

*Mondays Apr 10, 17, 24 May 1, 8, 15  
10-11 AM Kay Fox Room*

Let's get messy! Messy art and playful building allow children to experience water, paint, sand, and many other sensory activities. The goal is to create an environment that helps develop fine motor skills, eye and hand coordination, and imagination. The program is geared for children aged 1-5 and their families.



#### Google Science Maker Camp

*Tues-Fri Apr 18-21 10 AM-12 PM  
Auditorium*

Come participate in a great vacation week camp for children aged 10 or older. Try some themed activities, developed with the Exploratorium that will use Science Journal, and pique your curiosity. Science Journal is an app that will allow you to experiment and engage with your world using different onboard sensors in your Android phone (e.g., accelerometers, microphone), as well as compatible external sensors. We will provide five devices for use in the program, so registration each day is requested.



#### Maker Monday: LEGO® Free Play

*Mon May 15 3:30-5 PM Story Room*  
School-aged children are invited to come to the library and make their own LEGO® creations. In this free

play program, children will socialize while they use their imaginations.



We have a ton of LEGO bricks to build with and we'll take pictures of finished projects and share them with others to see. Activities are geared for school aged kids ages 5 and up.

### YOUTH PROGRAMS, cont'd

#### I...2...3... Play with Me!

*Tues May 23 10-11:15 AM  
Kay Fox Room*

#### A Family Place Parent/Child Workshop

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop. These fun learning times are for children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with a registered toddler.

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### After School Movie Matinees

*Wednesdays 3:30-6:00 PM Auditorium*

Apr 12 Moana  
Apr 19 Doctor Strange  
Apr 26 Storks  
May 3 Guardians of  
the Galaxy



May 10 Sing  
May 17 Fantastic Beasts and Where  
to Find Them  
May 24 Trolls  
May 31 Monster Calls

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Board in the Library: Sentinels of the Multiverse

*Mondays Apr 3, 10, 17  
6:00-8:45 PM Green Room*

A mad scientist holds the world hostage with his terrifying inventions.

An alien warlord from a far away galaxy brings his limitless army of bizarre minions to conquer the planet. A giant rampaging robot cuts a swath of destruction across the coast, destroying major population centers. Join our team of heroes and answer the call to protect the multiverse from the forces of evil by playing this cooperative, fixed-deck card game with a comic book flavor. No prior experience with the game is necessary; we will teach you all the rules.



### ADULT PROGRAMS, cont'd

#### Free Lincoln Center Local Film Screenings

Lincoln Center Local partners with your local library to offer exclusive free screenings of Lincoln Center's finest performances.

#### American Songbook Jason Isbell: Moving Forward

*Mon Apr 10 2-3 PM Auditorium*

A native of Muscle Shoals, Alabama, he and his band are creating a sound that stays true to his roots and cuts close to the bone.

#### A Memorial Concert for Pete and Toshi Seeger

*Sat Apr 15 2-3 PM Auditorium*

An all-star line-up of family and friends gathers to remember these leaders in folk music and activism.

#### Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street

*Mon May 5 2-3 PM Auditorium*

Murder, mayhem, and revenge... Stephen Sondheim's musical masterpiece returns to life in a bold new performance by The New York Philharmonic. Viewer discretion advised.

#### Danny Elfman's Music From The Films Of Tim Burton

*Sat May 20 2-3 PM Auditorium*

This performance includes music from Batman, Beetlejuice, Edward Scissorhands, and Tim Burton's Nightmare Before Christmas.

#### Saturday Stress Buster Coloring and Puzzle Party

*Sat Apr 29 1-3 PM Trustees Room*

Bring a buddy, colors, and coloring books to this monthly weekend coloring gathering. We will provide coloring pages, colored pencils, and crayons as well as a jigsaw puzzle.

#### Blockbuster Film Series

*Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium*

Apr 12 Hidden Figures  
Apr 19 Passengers  
Apr 26 Collateral Beauty  
May 3 Rogue One  
May 10 Dog's Purpose  
May 17 El Jeremias  
May 24 Priceless  
May 31 La La Land



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

## New Museum Passes to The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens

At the request of a library patron, we have just obtained passes to The Fells Historic Estate & Gardens. Named after the Scottish word for rocky upland pastures, The Fells is situated on a nearly 1,000-acre hillside overlooking scenic Lake Sunapee on Route 103A in Newbury, New Hampshire. It is the former lakeside summer home of American writer and diplomat John M. Hay (1838-1905).

The Fells is one of New England's finest examples of an early 20th-century summer estate. Guests may hike the scenic trails and stroll the gardens; go on a historic guided tour of the 22-room Colonial Revival home; see new art and sculpture exhibits; visit the Fairy Village; and enjoy the views of lake and mountain from the Veranda. The Fells is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is a preservation project of The Garden Conservancy.

Historic guided tours of the gardens are conducted once daily at 11 AM, Wednesday through Sunday, mid-June through mid-August. The gardens are open during regular hours year-round for self-guided tours and leisurely strolls. The passes, available at the library circulation desk, include two daily family admission passes to The Fells for each day of the week. Each pass admits up to 2 adults and accompanying children under age 18 to The Fells Main House and grounds. For more information, call (603)763-4789, or visit their website: [www.thefells.org](http://www.thefells.org).



### Armies of Volunteers and Philanthropists: Updates & Thank You

*By Jane Pitts*

It is no secret that we have an exceptional library here in Keene, but somewhat less discernable is the remarkable volunteerism and philanthropy that exist behind the scenes in support of the fundraising efforts for additional programming, materials, and learning space that fall outside of the City's budget capacity.

One of these efforts is the Friends' Book Sales. These past eight months, the Friends have been fortunate to have a small army of volunteers come to sort and price book donations on a regular monthly basis to help us prepare for our two biggest fundraisers. This lively group has been dedicated, reliable, and has grown as new friends have been invited to join the effort. As we approach our April sale and our move to the new temporary courthouse space, this group has stepped up their efforts and I wish to take this opportunity to thank them heartily for giving their time to support the library in this most helpful of ways.

Another such effort is the small army of volunteers who have been hard at work working on the capital campaign to raise funds for the library expansion and renovation. Thanks to their tireless efforts and the philanthropy of this community, I am happy to report that we have achieved 86% of our 5 million dollar goal. Certainly an encouraging indicator of support, but the campaign is far from over. You are likely hearing more about the dollar-for-dollar match I wrote about last month; in the newspaper, online, and over the radio. With the match, the library *only needs \$300,000* more to reach the final goal. Plans to begin construction this summer have made the work of this special group critical to the success of the project, so please give generously. I also take this opportunity to thank this steadfast group and all donors for their unwavering commitment to the vision for our future library space.

Sometimes it takes a village; in this case we are fortunate to have our armies!



### FKPL Recognized as Maker Corps Host Site

We are excited to announce that the Maker Education Initiative has selected the Keene Public Library as a Maker Corps host site for 2017. The Library has been a Maker Corps site since 2014, but this year for the first time -- in addition to waiving the \$1,500 membership fee -- the Library has received an additional \$5,000 to support funding of summer Maker Corps interns.

The announcement letter stated the reason for the award is that: "Your program is innovative, engaging, and inspiring. In addition, it is evident that you have an enthusiastic team that is dedicated to making this program a success. We believe your program will make a difference for many diverse youth and families in your community and that your site will become a hub of enthusiastic maker advocates for years to come."

### Friends of the Library Slate of Officers

The Friends of the Keene Public Library will present the following officers for election at its annual meeting on **Wednesday, May 10, 2017**. All members of the Friends of the KPL are invited to attend this meeting.

President: Jill Cielinski  
Vice President: Pam Knight  
Secretary:  
Treasurer: Marilyn Gemmell  
Heberton Funds Chair: Paul Ledell  
Membership: Marilyn Gemmell & Sally Rinehart  
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# Be a Friend to the Library!

## Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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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

Does your employer match charitable contributions?  
 Yes  No

If yes, please provide your employer's name and contact information:

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All contributions are tax deductible.  
 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 Spring Book Sale



Friday, April 7            9 AM - 6 PM  
 Saturday, April 8        9 AM - 5 PM  
 Sunday, April 9\*         9 AM - 2 PM

Lower Level of the Library

\*Books are \$5.00/ bag on Sunday

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