



FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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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:

4/11, 5/9, 6/13

FKPL Online

www.keenepubliclibrary.org/library/friends

 Find us on Facebook!

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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Keene Public Library Awarded \$10,000 American Dream Literacy Grant

The Keene Public Library has been selected as one of 20 public libraries nationwide to receive a \$10,000 American Dream Literacy Initiative grant from the American Library Association (ALA) and Dollar General Literacy Foundation. With the funding, the Keene Public Library will develop English language conversation circles and a computer learning lab.



"We are thrilled that our library was chosen for this competitive grant," said Gail Zachariah, Head of Engagement, Outreach, and Youth Services at the Keene Public Library. "With this \$10,000, we will be able to better assist adults in our community who wish to improve their English language skills."

The library will partner with Keene Community Education. The English language conversations circles will start in the summer, and the learning lab will be available four hours a week in part of the new programming rooms that will be available once the library's construction concludes.

The Keene Public Library was selected through a competitive, peer-reviewed application process. Eighty-five public libraries applied for the 20 available grants, according to the ALA Public Programs Office.

The American Dream Literacy Initiative strives to develop tools and resources for libraries and library staff to provide effective literacy services to adult English language learners in their communities and across the country.

Since the program's inception, more than 200 libraries in Dollar General communities have initiated or expanded literacy services for adult English language learners. The grants allow libraries to augment their print and digital English as a second language (ESL) collections; increase computer access and training; provide job training; hold English language learning (ELL), general educational development (GED) and citizenship classes; and raise the visibility of services for immigrant populations.

Book Donation Update

By Kathleen Chertok

As Winter begins to loosen its hold we are anticipating the return of the book bin in the library. An exact date is still unknown as we are ever at the mercy of the weather. We need sidewalks and streets to be clear of all ice and snow as our volunteers need to be able to push a cart full of boxed donations from the library to County Hall. No easy feat. But the bin will return!

In the meantime we continue to receive donations and so far have approximately 85 boxes waiting to be categorized and priced. We will need about 120 boxes before we schedule a sorting morning, and we are looking forward to seeing all of our wonderful volunteers who help us with that task.

To donate at this time please contact us through our email address - friendsofthekeenepubliclibrary@gmail.com - and we will set up a date and time to meet you at County Hall (the Old Court House) to accept your donations.

Thank you all again with this donation process. We remain very excited as the renovations take place.

Have ideas for the newsletter?
Email pamdknight@gmail.com

Library Events Sponsored by the Friends*

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Carrot Salesman Puppet Show

Sat Apr 7 1-1:45 PM Auditorium

Join Mr. Bunni, the door-to-door vegetable salesman, as he journeys beneath the earth, into the sea, and even to outer space in search of new customers. This colorful 2D table-top show is performed by puppeteer Brad Shur and features plenty of audience interaction! Recommended for ages 3 and up.



Save Our Oceans: Student Art Exhibition Opening

Sat Apr 7 2-3 PM Story Room

Please join the NH Plastic Pollution Alliance and Art & Dialogue for an art exhibit that explores the issues of plastic waste in our society. Refreshments will be provided. The exhibit will showcase 30 student artists from the seven local schools. Artwork will be on display at the Keene Public Library for the month of April.



Sally Ride Space Day

Sat May 26 11 AM-4 PM

Youth Department

The 1st woman in space Sally Ride was born on May 26 in 1951. Come celebrate her achievements and space explorations with hands-on activities and virtual reality field trips.

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Superhero Bash

Sat Apr 28 11 AM-4 PM

Youth Department

Calling all superheroes! It's Superhero Day, a day to honor superheroes, both real and fictional.



We will celebrate with crafts and activities. Wear your favorite superhero t-shirt or costume. Take pictures in your disguise in front of our photo booth.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Future Ready for Middle Schoolers

Mon Apr 2 5:30-7 PM

Mon Apr 16 3:00-4:30 PM

Mon Apr 30 5:30-7 PM

Auditorium

If you're a student in middle school, a parent of a middle school student, or a community member who realizes the value of developing future ready skills at the middle school level, please join us for an open discussion on the development of a new program aimed at college and career readiness for middle schoolers.

The Chamber of Secrets Picture Show: An Interactive Harry Potter Movie Experience

Sat Apr 14 2-5 PM Auditorium

Join us for an interactive screening of Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, where we invite the audience to shout back at the film and interact with one another in hilarious ways. Harry Potter themed costumes are encouraged.

STAR WARS Day - May the Fourth Be With You!

Fri May 4 3-5:30 PM Youth Dept

Celebrate STAR WARS Day playing with robots. There will be Spheros, Cubelets, Finches, and Dash and Dot available, and we'll show you how to use Scratch to create a STAR WARS themed game of your own. We'll also have crafts and activities set up in the youth department so there will be something to enjoy for everyone.

After School Teen Movie Matinees

Wednesdays 3:30 PM Auditorium

Apr 4 Wonder

Apr 11 Thor: Ragnarok (2017)

Apr 18 Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle

Apr 25 Justice League

May 2 Star Wars: The Last Jedi

May 9 Pitch Perfect 3

May 16 Pacific Rim (2013)

May 23 The Space Between Us

May 30 Valerian and the City of a Thousand Planets



ADULT PROGRAMS

Bill Nye, the Science Guy Combating Anti-Scientific Thinking

Mon Apr 17 6:30-8:30 PM

Auditorium

This film features the life and work of TV's favorite scientist. Turning his focus to adults, the iconic bow-tied scientist is engaging with those who deny climate change, evolution, and a science-based worldview.



Astronomy Lectures

Astronomer's Search for Neighboring Earths

Tues Apr 3 7-8:30 PM Auditorium

Claudio Veliz will discuss the short history of contemporary exoplanet search efforts, what the Kepler mission unveiled and how the upcoming TESS mission, to find nearby Earth-like planets, differs.

Touching the Stars

Tues Apr 24 7-8:30 PM Auditorium

April Jubett will talk about the evolution of stars, from birth through their sometimes violent deaths, and how NASA uses data from the Chandra X-ray Telescope to "see" the x-rays produced by such high-energy changes.

Mapping the Heavens with Priyamvada Natarajan

Tues May 8 7-8:30 PM Auditorium

Natarajan will recount the evolution of celestial map-making and show how maps literally track our ever-evolving cosmic view, tracing our understanding of the universe, its contents, and its evolution.

Wednesday Night Film Series

Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium

Apr 4 Wonder

Apr 11 Darkest Hour

Apr 18 The Commuter

Apr 25 Walking Out

May 2 Only the Brave

May 9 Murder on the Orient Express

May 16 The Greatest Showman

May 23 Crooked House

May 30 Goodbye Christopher Robin



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

A World of Knowledge Literally at your Fingertips—the Universal Class

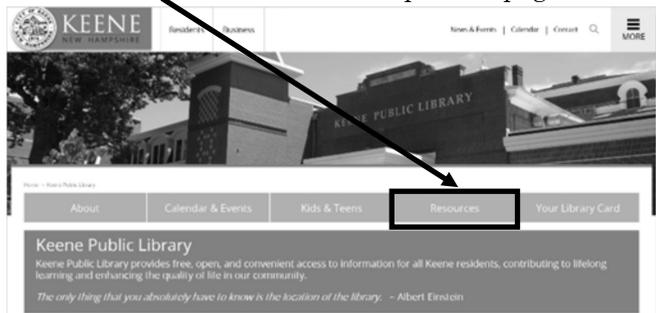
This article will show you how to take advantage of one of the many amazing resources available on the library's website—the Universal Class. Library patrons have access to lifelong learning courses in over 30 subject areas, many of which offer optional Continuing Education Units (CEUs). More than 500 courses are available, and all are designed and led by professional instructors to build deeper understanding and mastery of subject matter. Patrons may take multiple classes and learn at their own pace. Available subjects include Computer Training, Finance, History, Art, Business, Career Training, Health/Nutrition, Crafts and Hobbies, Basic Writing and Mathematical Skills, and How To/Do It Yourself. You need an email address and a library card to register.

Let's get started... First go to the library's home page: Previously the URL was <http://keenepubliclibrary.org>, but it is now <https://ci.keene.nh.us/keene-public-library>. However you can still get there with your old link. If you haven't been there lately, you will notice that the website has changed considerably, since it is now part of the city of Keene's website. Navigation between pages has changed, and you might accidentally end up in a different part of the city's website – for example the city calendar instead of the library one - so use your "Back" button to return to the library site. The photos below are admittedly hard to read—if you'd like more detailed, easier to read instructions, send an email to pamdknight@gmail.com.

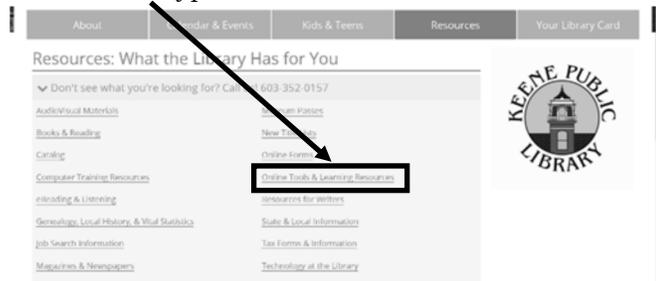
Note: If you are not comfortable exploring the website on your own, visit or call the reference desk at 603-757-1855 for assistance.

How to Register for Universal Class

- 1) Once you are on the library's home page, click the **Resources** button near the top of the page:



- 2) Scroll down to the *Online Tools and Learning Resources* hyperlink:

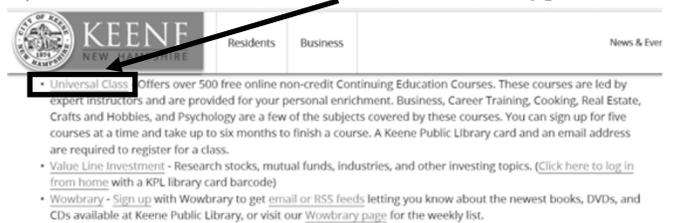


- 3) Click the hyperlink. The list of resources displays.

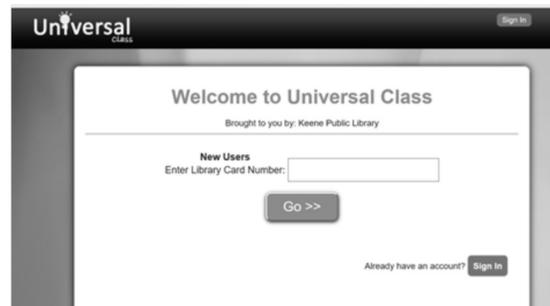


Look through this list carefully to discover what information might be of interest to you.

- 4) Scroll down to see the *Universal Class* hyperlink.



- 5) Click the *Universal Class* hyperlink. The Welcome screen displays. To sign up, enter your Library Card Number in the box provided and click **Go >>**.



- 6) Follow the online prompts to enter the required information, and make sure to keep a record of your username and password.

After you complete the registration process, wait for the verification email. When it arrives, click the hyperlink and enter your login and password. After the email verification is complete, you can start sign up for the subject area(s) and specific course(s) that you want to take. You can also choose whether you want to receive CEUs for completing the course.

Whenever you return to the Universal Class site, you will enter your Library Card Number in the box provided (see above) and click **Sign in**. After entering your login and password, you will then proceed to your classes.



Be a Friend to the Library!

Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

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:

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
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Keene, NH 03431

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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 9, 2018**. All members of the Friends of the KPL are invited to attend this meeting.

- President: Jill Cielinski
- Vice President: Pam Knight
- Secretary: Kathleen Chertok
- Treasurer: Marilyn Gemmell
- Heberton Funds Chair: Paul Ledell
- Membership: Sally Rinehart
- At Large: Mike Chelstowski, Michelle Fuller, Jane Pitts & David Meader

FKPL Newsletter—Your Input Needed

We are looking at ways to improve the Friends of the Keene Public Library newsletter and would like your help. Please review the following questions:

- ◆ Would you like to have the newsletter emailed to you instead of receiving it in the mail?
- ◆ Do you want more information about using the library's website, like the article included in this newsletter?
- ◆ Would you be willing to be a guest writing contributor to the newsletter? For example, if you have used a museum pass, you could submit a brief article about your visitor experience or a thoughtful meditation on an experience you have had as a patron of our library.

If you'd like to provide input on any of these items, please email them to pamdknight@gmail.com or call and leave a message at (603) 355-4760.