



MAY 2026

## IMPROVED CATALOG SEARCHING

Our online catalog is getting a sleek new look! Check it out starting on May 4<sup>th</sup> for helpful new features and upgraded searching capability. Browsing just got easier!



Classic catalog will remain available.

## TEEN LOCK - IN MOVIE ROAST

Friday, May 1  
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.  
Check in: Atrium  
Pick up: Heberton Hall



Join us for our next lock-in and roast the fever dream that is 1995's ***Mighty Morphin' Power Rangers: The Movie***, a film so cheesy it's sharp cheddar! From a villain hatched from an egg and made of purple ooze to cosmically silly combat, there's plenty to roast here, and roast we will! In addition, we'll play bingo (where prizes WILL be up for grabs), and enjoy a popcorn toppings bar so you can create a delicious masterpiece of a movie snack.

***Registration and permission slip are required.***

## INTERDIMENSIONAL: A JOURNEY INTO THE HIDDEN REALMS OF REALITY

Saturday, May 2  
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.  
Ruth Huntress Auditorium



Join author (*Monsterland* series) and researcher Ronny LeBlanc (*Expedition Bigfoot & Paranormal Caught on Camera*) for a thought-provoking presentation based on his new book *Interdimensional*, exploring the hidden connections between UFOs, Bigfoot, consciousness, and unexplained phenomena. Drawing from firsthand encounters, historical cases, and modern research, Ronny invites audiences to consider whether these mysteries point to a deeper, non-human or interdimensional intelligence shaping our reality. This engaging talk blends science, folklore, and personal experience into a compelling exploration of the unknown.

Q & A, Photos and book sales and signing. For more information about Ronny and his work:  
<https://www.ronnyleblanc.com/>  
Registration is appreciated.

# Book Clubs & Events

## BOOK CRUSH

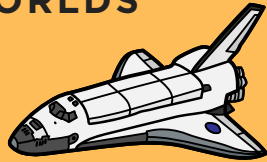
Wednesday  
May 6  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Miller-Vincent Room



Do you love love stories? Join us for Book Crush, a non-traditional book club for romance readers! Every month will have a theme related to romance tropes, conventions, and subgenres. Choose your own book to fit the theme, share your pick with other readers, and discover new titles to try!  
May's Theme: Sports Romance

## INFINITE WORLDS

Thursday, May 21  
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.  
Booras Room



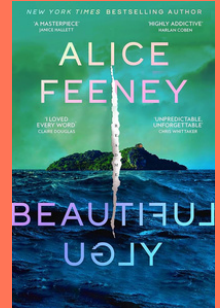
Welcome to Infinite Worlds, a non-traditional book club for adults focusing on speculative fiction! Each month we will have a set theme within which our members will select their own book to read. From sci-fi to fantasy, dystopias to alternate histories, there are infinite worlds to explore!

May's theme: Hard Sci-Fi  
We're reading sci-fi stories "characterized by concern for scientific accuracy and logic." You're not likely to find laser guns or lightsabers here, or if you do, expect an explanation of how the technology works. Some stories are considered hard sci-fi even if the science they were based on has since been disproven.

Registration is appreciated!

## THIS BOOK CLUB IS MY ALIBI: A MYSTERY & THRILLERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 19  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Miller-Vincent Room



Join our newest book club, focused specifically on mysteries and thrillers. Our May pick will be *Beautiful Ugly* by Alice Feeney.

*Grady Green, a once-successful author, retreats to a remote Scottish island after his wife Abby's disappearance, only to encounter unsettling events and a woman who looks exactly like his missing wife.*

Registration is greatly appreciated. Copies of the book will be available at the circulation desk!

## GREAT SHORT STORIES

Thursdays  
May 7 & 21  
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.  
Eppes Room



Welcome to the 39th year of Great Short Stories (formerly Great Books) discussion group. For the list of scheduled readings, please visit the online calendar, or ask at the library to have copies made. Registration is greatly appreciated.



# Adults

## HOLISTIC APPROACH TO METABOLIC CONDITIONS

Saturday, May 16  
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Miller-Vincent Room



Metabolic conditions such as insulin resistance, metabolic syndrome, type 2 diabetes, and related weight and energy challenges are increasingly common and complex. This 90-minute workshop explores these conditions through a holistic lens, recognizing that metabolism is influenced by far more than calories or genetics alone.

Registration is required.

## THE DIGITAL REBOOT

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, & 19  
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Miller-Vincent Room



In today's digital world, protecting your privacy, security, and mental well-being is more important than ever. This interactive seminar series empowers participants to take control of their digital lives with practical, accessible strategies. Through engaging discussions and hands-on exercises, attendees will learn how their data is collected, how to secure their online presence, and how to use privacy-conscious tools without disconnecting from the modern world.

By focusing on the three pillars of privacy, security, and mental health, this seminar offers a balanced approach to navigating digital spaces safely and intentionally.

Registration is required.

## PAINTED ROCKS

Thursday, May 14  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Kay Fox Room



Priya Alaire will be here to assist and inspire you with painted and pressed flower rocks. No experience necessary.

Registration is required.



## ANNUAL PLANT SWAP

Saturday, May 16  
12:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Heberton Hall  
Gallup-Minard Courtyard



It is that time of year again! Come share your extra seedlings and collect a few that you don't have. This is a great way to diversify your garden and meet other gardeners to share tips, trials and tribulations. Weather permitting we will be in the courtyard, if it rains we will be in Heberton Hall.



# Adults

## TECH TALKS

Keene Public Librarians will lead a monthly discussion and hands on training aimed at improving tech skills and savvy. These events are free and open to all regardless of experience. Each month will have a different focus. The first 20 minutes will be a presentation by a librarian followed by time for practice and questions. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own devices. Limited tech tools are available for the workshop.

## PASSWORDS



Thursday, May 7  
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  
Masiello Classroom

This month we are pleased to have Andrew Mueller, the Director of Information Technology for the City of Keene, talk about the importance of Passwords. In this workshop you will learn about passwords: why do we have so many, why are they important and how do I remember them all? We'll learn best practices in choosing and storing passwords as well as why it's important in coming up with good ones. Also what is MFA and how can it help keep you secure."

## MAKERSPACE WORKSHOPS

To participate in these makerspace workshops, participants must have a valid KPL library card and complete certain tutorials before the workshop. Registration is required and space is limited.



## RUBBER STAMPS

Tuesday, May 5 at 10:30 AM  
Wednesday, May 6 at 5:30 PM

This workshop will introduce you to materials and processes needed to create your own Ex Libris bookplate rubber stamp using the laser engraver and the 3d printer.

## CUSTOM NIGHT LIGHTS

Tuesday, May 19 at 10:30 AM  
Wednesday, May 20 at 5:30 PM



This workshop will introduce you to materials and processes needed to create your own custom night light using the laser engraver.

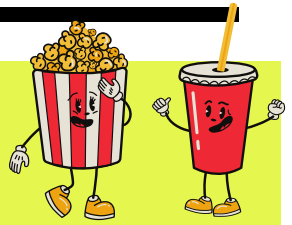
# Adults

## REEL NIGHT OUT

Wednesdays

Ruth Huntress Auditorium

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m



Back to the Future  
The Bourne Identity  
Beetlejuice  
Bruce Almighty



## MONADNOCK PEER SUPPORT

Monday May 4  
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.  
Lobby



Get information and connect with services through Monadnock Peer Support for recovery services, mental health and wellness. MPS is a member-driven organization that establishes a culture in which our members and participants feel more empowered to get support from and give support to peers.

## COOKIES AND COLORING

Thursdays  
1:30 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Heberton Hall



Join the crowd of adult coloring fans and find out why adults are going back to coloring. Grab a friend, sit back, and have a good time. We will provide refreshments, coloring books, and colored pencils; you bring a good conversation with your friends and fellow coloring fans.

## CHILDCARE AWARE

Monday May 11  
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.  
Lobby



Through Child Care Aware® of New Hampshire, Southern New Hampshire Services provides Child Care Resource & Referral (CCR&R) services to educate and support families, providers and the community regarding child care needs.

## PLAY AMERICAN MAHJONG

Wednesdays  
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Cohen Hall



Players meet weekly. Newcomers are welcome to come and observe, ask questions and get an introduction to the game. Registration is required.

# Teens

## TEEN CRAFTERNOON BEADS!!

Monday, May 18  
3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.  
Timken Teen Space

Join us this month for a crafternoon where we'll provide all the pony beads your heart desires, and you'll provide the creativity! Make a keychain, a bracelet, a lizard, or something never seen before by mankind!



## KEENE PRIDE YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, May 26  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Eppes Room

There will be snacks, crafts, and the chance to talk all about this month's pick! All LGBTQ+ youth and allied youth are welcome, no matter if you read the whole book or a single page. If you need a copy of this month's pick, reach out to [EGreen@KeeneNH.gov](mailto:EGreen@KeeneNH.gov) or [Youth@KeenePride.org](mailto:Youth@KeenePride.org)!

**Wilder Girls**  
by Rory Power



## SIT & SCRIBBLE

Wednesday, May 13  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Booras Room



Join our teen writing group, whether you're crafting a novel, a comic, or even an exciting piece of fan fiction! This is a place safe from judgment, where you can bounce ideas off each other, share your stories, and dedicate time each month to be creative.

## D&D & TEENS

Saturday, May 16  
12:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.



Join DMs Teddy and Eleanor for exciting D&D oneshot adventures! Materials will be provided such as dice and note-taking items will be provided. We ask that you either come with a level-nine character fully created, or use one of our pre-made character sheets.

## TEEN GAMING AFTERNOON

Thursdays  
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Timken Teen Space

Game together every  
Thursday after school in the  
Teen Space!



# Kids and Families

## BOOK TIME WITH BABIES & TODDLERS

Thursdays at 10:30 AM  
April 9 - May 14  
Storyroom



We'll share books, rhymes, music, fun fingerplays, puppets, and get-up-and-move activities specially designed for infants and toddlers. At the end of the program, there will be a playtime when parents and caregivers share books, puzzles, or other early literacy activities with their toddlers.

## Musical Storytime with Kim Wallach

Wednesday, May 13  
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.



Miss Kim will lead us all in song and dance for a get up and move musical storytime. Ideal for ages 3 to 5. Registration is greatly appreciated!

## PRESCHOOL STORYTIME

Wednesdays at 10:30 AM  
April 8 - May 13  
Storyroom



Preschool storytimes are geared towards pre-kindergarteners ages 3 to 5, who can sit and listen to short stories and participate in simple songs and rhymes. Storytime will always include read-aloud stories and fingerplays and may include poems, music, dramatic play, and crafts.

**Registration is required.**

## Stonewall Farm Storytime

Wednesday, May 6  
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.  
242 Chesterfield Rd



Join us for a special off-site storytime with our friends at Stonewall Farm. We will be learning all about food, where our food comes from and how to grow and harvest it. We will be visiting the gardens at the farm. **Registration required.**



# Kids and Families

## Kids STEAM

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Kay Fox Room

Join Miss Scout every other Thursday for a variety of STEAM programs!

**Registration is required.**  
Ages 5 - 12

### May 14: Sensory Slime

Create, make and get a little messy with a sensory slime exploration experience! We will experiment with creating different types of slime - puffy, glittery, colorful - and you will get to take all of these experiments home with you!



### May 28: DIY Calming Glitter Jars

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Create a glitter jar to help practice regulation, breathing and self-calming techniques.



## KIDS COMIC CLUB

May 8 at 4:30 PM  
Kay Fox Room

For comic fans ages 8-12!  
We'll meet once a month to create together, discuss great graphic novels, and watch interviews and tutorials from our favorite artists. All skill levels are welcome, and materials will be provided!  
**Registration Appreciated.**



## Lego Club

Mondays  
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Youth Department



Calling all builders! Come build with LEGO® bricks. We have a huge variety of bricks to encourage your imagination to go wild. Our Build-a-Rama club is open to kids of all ages.

## Summer Reading Challenge

Coming June 1st!

**UNEARTH A STORY!**

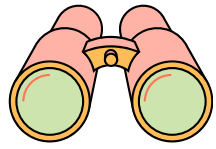


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# Library of Things, Garden Tools, and Outdoor Gear Collections



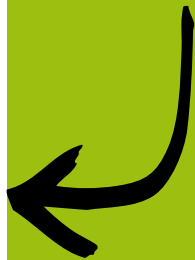
The Keene Public Library lends out a variety of equipment, gear, and tools that promote engagement, creativity, and recreation. These items range from telescopes and sewing machines to pruning saws and snowshoes.



Items from the Library of Things, Garden Tool Library, and Outdoor Gear Library collections can now be reserved up to **6 months** in advance.

To reserve an item, visit the library's website or call 603-352-0157.

Scan this QR code to browse our Library of Things online!





# Museum Passes



Museum Passes are available for check out to Keene Public Library Cardholders\* through the financial support of the Friends of the Keene Public Library. Passes can be reserved in advance online through the reservation system. Some museum passes offer free admission to an individual or a group, while other passes provide admission at a reduced rate. Each pass will include the benefits in the "Details" section online.

Any questions can be directed to 603-352-0157.

\*Museum Passes can not be checked out by patrons of Keene State College's Mason Library or Cheshire County Special Borrowers Cardholders.



Bandwagon Summer Series



Canterbury Shaker Village



Currier Museum of Art



Cheshire Children's Museum



The Eric Carle Museum of Picture Book Art



The Fort at No. 4



Hildene: The Lincoln Family Home



Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum



John Hay Estate at The Fells



Magic Wings



Manchester Historic Assoc, Millyard Museum



Mariposa Museum



McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center



Montshire Museum of Science



Museum of Science



Museum of Fine Arts



Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum



New England Aquarium



New Hampshire Historical Society



Strawberry Banke Museum

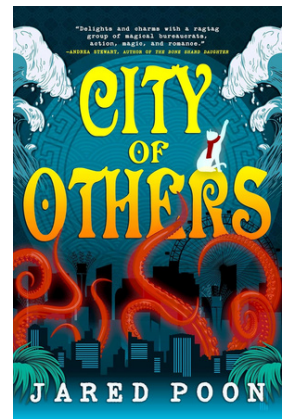
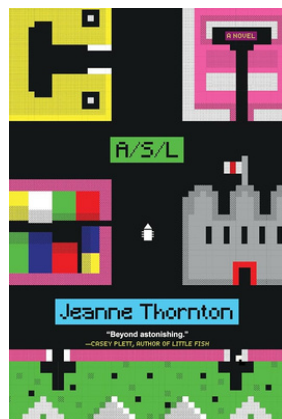
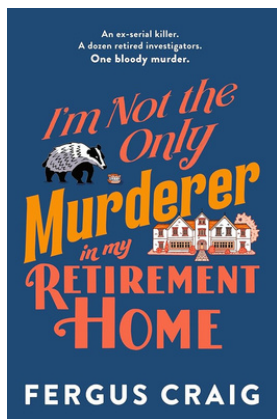
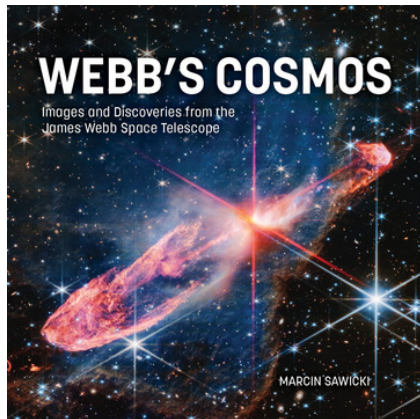
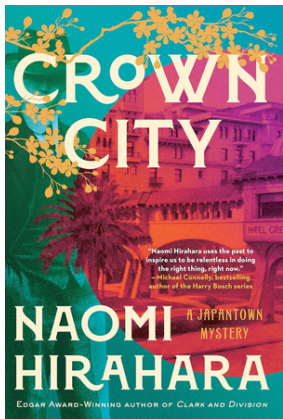
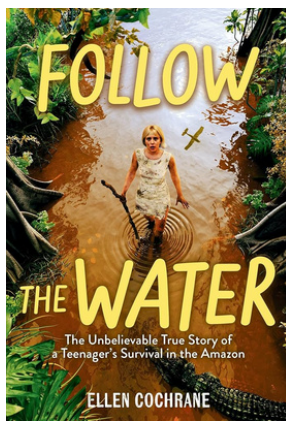
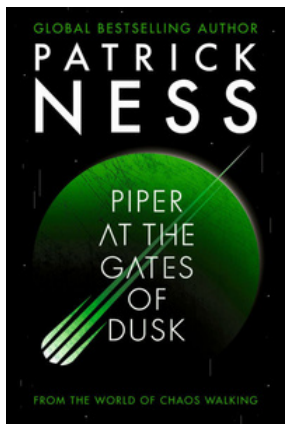


Worcester Art Museum



VINS Nature Center

# New & Featured Items



# Holiday closings and hours

Library Closed on Monday, May 25  
for Memorial Day



Please check online for  
updated Makerspace hours!

## Library Hours

Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Wednesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Thursday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.  
Friday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

For more information about  
programs and what the library  
offers, please visit our website:  
[KeenePublicLibrary.org](http://KeenePublicLibrary.org)



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