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SUMMER READING IS ON! UNEARTH A STORY JUNE 1- AUGUST 6

Discover something NEW with KPL for this summer's reading challenge!

Join the challenge and earn prizes.

Join us for

SUPER SATURDAYS

in July! Special, all ages & family friendly programs to celebrate summer. Register in person or online.



EXPEDITION REPTILES

Super

Saturday, July 11

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Heberton Hall



Shedding Fears One Snake at a Time. Do you love reptiles? Come learn about and meet 15 different reptile species - (snakes, tortoises, and tegus) from around the globe in this hands-on reptile show. This program is free and open to all ages.

Registration is appreciated.

WIGS & WIGGLES

Super

Saturday, July 18

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Heberton Hall



Super Saturdays continue with The Monarchs of Mayhem! Drag is a fun, sparkly, inclusive art form that is for everyone! It features outrageous costumes, make-up, and wigs! The Monarchs of Mayhem present a unique show combining storytime with full drag performances and interactive play with music, dancing, lip syncing, and more. This show is for children ages 0 - 18 and their caregivers.

Registration is Required.



LINDSAY & HER PUPPET PALS

Super

Saturday, July 25

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Heberton Hall



Lindsay is back with her larger-than-life Puppet Pals in this funny, fast-paced, and highly interactive variety show that will delight our youngest friends and the young at heart! You never know who you might meet. Come find out who's making an appearance this time! This program is free and open to all and is a great fit for ages 3-8 and families.

Registration is appreciated.

Book Clubs & Events

BOOK CRUSH

Wednesday, July 1
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! July's Theme: Vacation

INFINITE WORLDS

Thursday, July 23
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!

July's theme: Mythical Creatures
Manticores, unicorns, and dragons -- oh my! Get into the realm of myth and legendary creatures with this month's theme. Any mythical creature will do, so enjoy this broad theme!

Registration is appreciated!



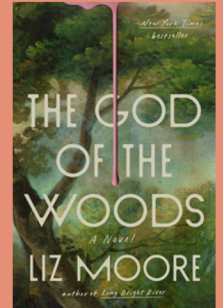
THIS BOOK CLUB IS MY ALIBI: A MYSTERY & THRILLERS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 21st
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Miller-Vincent Room

Join our mysteries and thrillers book club!

Our July pick is

The God of the Woods by Liz Moore.



14 years after the disappearance of her brother, Barbara Van Laar goes missing at her wealthy family's Adirondack summer camp. Worlds collide and long-hidden family secrets are unearthed as the state police investigation unfolds.

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

COOKIES AND COLORING

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

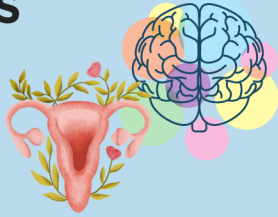


Join the crowd of adult coloring fans and find out why adults are going back to coloring. Grab a friend, sit back, and have a good time. We will provide refreshments, coloring books, and colored pencils; you bring a good conversation with your friends and fellow coloring fans.

Adults

HOLISTIC APPROACH TO PMS

Saturday, July 18
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Miller-Vincent Room



This 90-minute workshop offers a holistic, whole-person approach to understanding PMS, looking beyond symptoms to explore the underlying patterns that influence menstrual health. We will explore how hormonal shifts affect our appetite, sleep, stress levels, and emotional well-being throughout the monthly cycle.

The workshop integrates current scientific understanding with holistic principles to help you better understand your cycle and identify personal triggers that may contribute to PMS symptoms.

Registration required.

About the Presenter:

Lior Sadeh is a clinical herbalist who weaves modern, evidence-based knowledge with traditional Western herbalism. As a "retired" farmer with over a decade of experience in herb growing and medicine-making, She has developed an intimate relationship with many of the herbs they use in their practice. I practice root cause herbalism. One phrase that you will often hear her say is, "It's Not what you take; it's what you Do."

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA: BASICS

Thursday, July 9
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Masiello Classroom



This month we will be discussing social media: how to use it and why you see the content you see. We will be covering Facebook and Instagram, with other sites on request.

We will cover questions like: What does "sharing" mean? How do you view a friend's profile? What is a reel? What's the difference between a Facebook group and a Facebook page? Bring your questions and your devices!

Adults



REEL NIGHT OUT

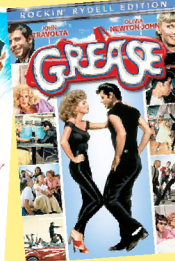
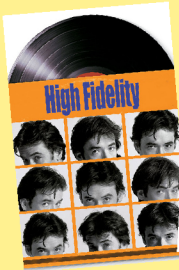
Wednesdays

Ruth Huntress Auditorium

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



High Fidelity
Singin' in the Rain
Grease
Music & Lyrics
Saturday Night Fever



MONADNOCK PEER SUPPORT

Monday July 6
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.

CHILDCARE AWARE

Monday July 13
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.

Kids and Families

VIRGIL THE THERAPY DOG

Wednesday July 8
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Ashuelot River Park



Join librarians Scout and Parker for some doggone fun stories, songs and activities, and meet with Virgil to learn all about his job as a therapy dog. This is a great introduction for Virgil's future library visits!

Tuesday July 14
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Storyroom



Virgil loves stories, but dogs can't read! Virgil is a great listener and loves to be read to. He especially likes picture books. Learning to read can be hard work, and Virgil is here to help. Register to read to Virgil and practice your skills! **Ages 5-10, 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

July 9: Volcanos!

Meet us in the Gallup-Minard Courtyard for this craft!

Join Miss Scout for a scientific experiment with a prehistoric theme!

Practice making
VOLCANOS!

Learn how to create a chemical reaction for a bubbly explosion, as well as designing a volcano to take home and keep the messy fun going :)



July 23: Leaf Clay Dish

Play around with petrification by creating an air-dry clay leaf molded dish. You can bring any leaf you want, but we will have plenty of leaves available!



KIDS COMIC CLUB

Friday, July 10
4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
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.

Storytimes at Ashuelot Park

Wednesdays, July 8-28
10:30 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.
Ashuelot River Park



Registration is greatly appreciated and encouraged in order to receive email updates for any weather related changes.

For children 0 - 6 and their caregivers.

Teens

SIT & SCRIBBLE

Wednesday, July 8
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 a place safe from judgment, where you can bounce ideas off each other, share your stories, and dedicate time each month to be creative.

TEEN GAMING SUMMER VACATION

Thursday, July 16
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Ruth Huntress Auditorium



Join us for all things Nintendo Switch on the big screen, from Just Dance to Mario Kart to Switch Sports (and more)!

TEEN CRAFTERNOON BOOK BEDAZZLING

Tuesday, July 28
1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Kay Fox Room



Looking for a way to take your favorite book and make it stand out? Join us for an afternoon of book bedazzling. You bring the book, we bring the crafting tools!

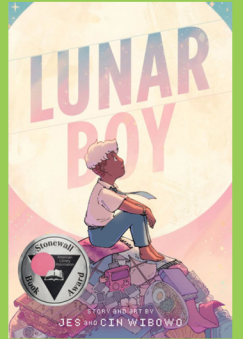
Registration required.

KEENE PRIDE YOUTH BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, July 14
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 or Youth@KeenePride.org!

Lunar Boy
by Cin & Jes Wibowo
Stonewall Award Winner!



TEEN TREAT TASTE TEST

Tuesday, July 21
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Kay Fox Room



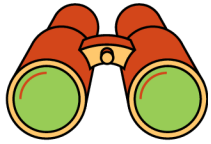
The Teen Treat Taste Test is back, and this summer, we're trying chips and sodas! From seared scallop potato chips to Scottish soda that tastes suspiciously like bubblegum, join us to find your new snacking obsession!

Registration Required.

due to the nature of this program, we are unable to accomodate allergies



Library of Things, Garden Tools, and Outdoor Gear Collections



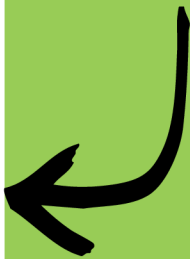
The Keene Public Library lends out a variety of equipment, gear, and tools that promote engagement, creativity, and recreation. These Items range from telescopes and sewing machines to pruning saws and snowshoes.



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
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New England
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Squam Lakes
Natural Science
Center



Strawberry
Banke
Museum

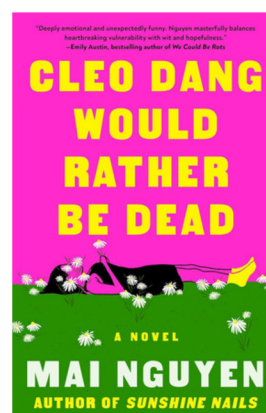
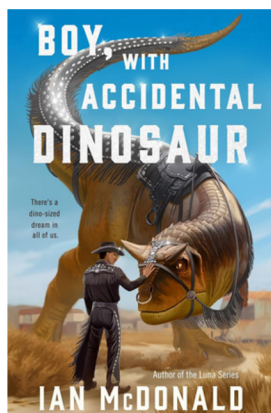
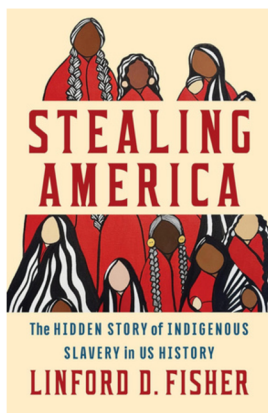
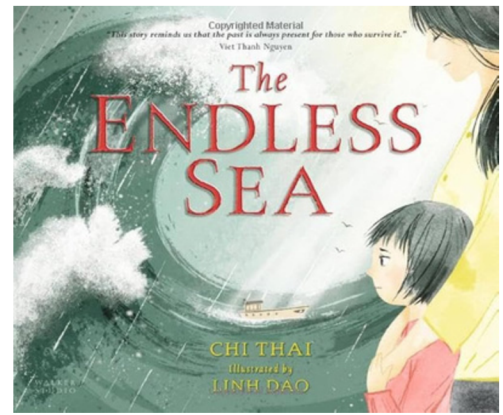
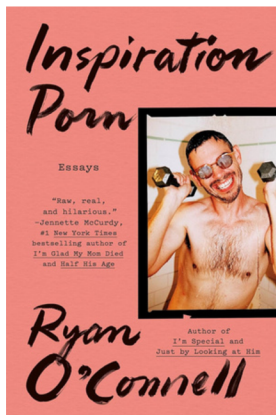
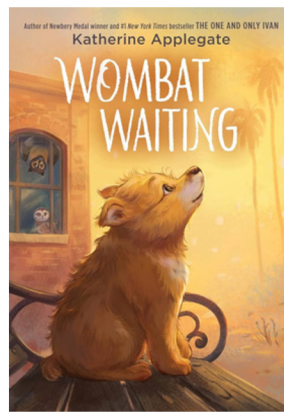
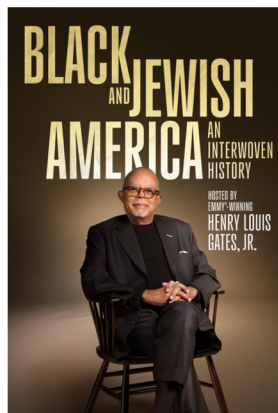
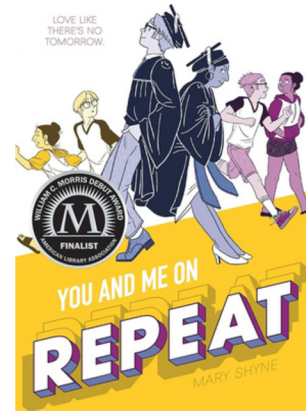


Worcester Art
Museum



VINS Nature
Center

New & Featured Items



Holiday closings and hours

**Library Closed on Friday, July 3 &
Saturday, July 4 for
Independence 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.

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