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POKÉPARTY: 30TH ANNIVERSARY POKÉMON CELEBRATION

Saturday, Sept. 12
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.
Heberton Hall



Pokémon fans ages 8 - 18 are invited to come celebrate the 30th anniversary of our favorite multi-media franchise! Bring some cards to trade, decks to battle, and your creativity for some Pokémon-themed crafts! We'll have library-made booster packs (for free!) while supplies last, as well as pre-made decks so everyone can try their hand at a battle.

We encourage you to wear your Pokémon best, whether that's a Pikachu onesie, an awesome Charizard t-shirt, or your Pokémon trainer outfit!

Registration is appreciated.



INTERNATIONAL OBSERVE THE MOON NIGHT

Saturday, Sept. 19
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
Ashuelot Park



Join Keene Public Librarians and our friends from the Keene Amateur Astronomers to take a look at the moon through a number of different types of telescopes. Come curious and learn something amazing about our moon!

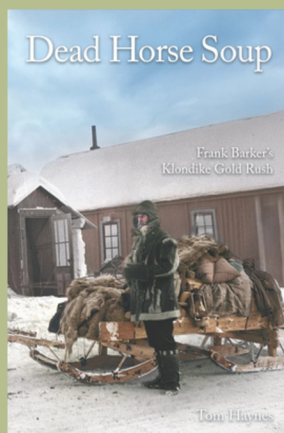
Please register if you want to be advised of changes to the program due to weather.

AUTHOR VISIT: TOM HAYNES

Tuesday, Sept. 29
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Ruth Huntress Auditorium

Copies of the book will be available for purchase at the event

Registration is appreciated.



Come learn more about an extraordinary piece of local history. *Dead Horse Soup*, a new book by local author Tom Haynes, chronicles the true story of Frank Barker, a young Keene man who set out in pursuit of fortune during the legendary Klondike Gold Rush of the late 1890s. *Dead Horse Soup* is available to borrow from the library.

Book Clubs & Events

BOOK CRUSH A ROMANCE READERS GROUP

Wednesday, Sept. 2
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!

September's Theme: Fanfiction

GREAT SHORT STORIES DISCUSSION GROUP

Tuesday, Sept. 3 & 17
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
Eppes Room



Welcome to the 40th year of Great Short Stories discussion group.

9/3: Susan Glaspell, "A Jury of Her Peers" & Harold Brodkey, "Verona: A Young Woman Speaks"

9/17: John Updike, "Gesturing" & Mary Lerner, "Little Selves"
Copies available at the reference desk.

Registration is greatly appreciated.

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

Tuesday, Sept. 15
4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Miller-Vincent Room



Join our mysteries and thrillers book club!
Our September pick is
She's Not Sorry by Mary Kubica.

When a witness comes forward with new details about a coma patient, previously thought to be a suicide attempt, ICU nurse Meghan gets entangled in the patient's life. Only when it's too late, does she realize that she and her daughter could be the next victims...

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

INFINITE WORLDS A SPECULATIVE FICTION BOOK CLUB

Thursday, Sept. 17
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.

September's Theme: Curses

From fairytales to modern day, curses have always been a staple of fantasy stories. Pick a novel that features a curse at the center of the story to discuss with the group. Visit our website or email kmcstravick@keenenh.gov for recommendations.

Registration is appreciated!

Adults

CANNING DEMO WITH CELESTE LONGACRE

Saturday, September 5
10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
Heberton Hall



Come and join Celeste Longacre for a hands-on demonstration of canning. We will take some onions, tomatoes, basil, thyme, garlic and oregano and whip up a delightful mix that we will then preserve in order to save it for the future. I refer to these jars in my pantry as "summer in a jar." Everyone will get a jar to take home.

Space is limited and registration is required.

SO YOU WANT TO START A FAMILY?

Thursday Sept. 10
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Masiello Classroom



Raising your children is a constitutional right. Marriage is a contract. Come find out the terms before you sign, with Keene Family Law attorneys Sofia Cunha-Vasconcelos and Lindsey Bramble.

Information in this seminar is legal education, not legal advice. Attendance does not constitute the creation of an attorney client relationship.

Registration is required.

TECH TALKS

Keene Public Librarians will lead a monthly discussion and hands on training aimed at improving tech skills and savvy. Attendees are encouraged to bring their own devices. Limited tech tools are available for the workshop.

TECH ETIQUETTE

Thursday, September 17
6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Masiello Classroom



This month's tech talk will be on the subject of tech etiquette. We will discuss things like when to turn off speakerphone, use of punctuation and implied meaning in text messages, and which method of communication is best suited to which type of content, among other subjects.

Registration is appreciated.

ADULT CRAFT: NEEDLE FELTING

Thursday, Sept. 17
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Kay Fox Room



Step into the cozy world of needle felting in this true beginner workshop. No prior experience needed! This class is designed especially for first-timers and will cover all the basics, from how to safely handle felting needles to how to shape and attach wool.

Registration is required.

Adults

A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO DEPRESSION

Saturday, September 19
10:30 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.
Miller-Vincent Room



Depression is a complex and deeply personal experience that affects emotional, mental, and physical well-being. This 90-minute workshop explores depression as a whole body condition that is shaped by an interplay of biological, psychological, social, and lifestyle factors.

The workshop combines science-based knowledge with holistic perspectives and herbalism to foster greater awareness, compassion, and empowerment. **Registration is required.**

DIGITAL RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: PETERSON'S TEST AND CAREER PREP

Tuesday Sept 29
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Masiello Classroom



Join us for a monthly step-by-step demonstration of one of our featured digital resources from account creation to making the most of the features.

This month: Peterson's Test and Career Prep prepares you for upcoming standardized tests, information on post-high school education, citizenship tests, and job hunting tips. **Registration required.**

WALKING THE WHITE BLAZES: EXPLORING THE APPALACHIAN TRAIL

Thursday, Sept. 24
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Ruth Huntress Auditorium



Stretching over 2,190 miles from Georgia to Maine, the Appalachian Trail is one of the world's most famous footpath journeys. Join us for an engaging presentation that traces the history, landscapes, and culture of "the A.T."

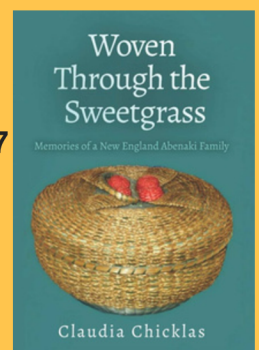
We'll explore the origins of the trail, journey through the 14 states it traverses, highlight its diverse flora and fauna, and learn unique trail lingo. Whether you're an experienced backpacker, a casual day-hiker, or an armchair traveler, you'll leave with a deeper appreciation for this iconic American treasure.

Registration appreciated.



COMMUNITY READ: WOVEN THROUGH THE SWEETGRASS

Pick up a free copy of the book from the circulation desk while supplies last, then join us on **November 7** for a conversation with Joyce Heywood, the book's editor and Claudia's daughter. Joyce will share these cherished stories, show beautiful family heirlooms, and answer your questions. Books available for pick-up starting **Sept 1**.



Adults

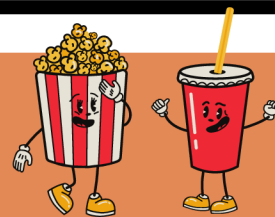


REEL NIGHT OUT

Wednesdays

Ruth Huntress Auditorium

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



12 Angry Men
The Poseidon Adventure
The Princess Bride
Bad Day at Black Rock
The Adventures of Robin Hood



PLAY AMERICAN MAHJONG

Wednesdays
1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Kay Fox Room



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

SERENITY CENTER

Thursday Sept. 10 & 17

3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday Sept. 11

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Lobby

Keene Serenity Center will be tabling in the library lobby to share resources and raise awareness for National Recovery Month. Visit with their outreach team to learn more about local recovery resources and how the Keene Serenity Center helps the community on their pathways to recovery.

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 Sept. 14

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.

Teens

TEEN SIT & SCRIBBLE

Wednesday, Sept. 9
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 CRAFTERNOON SHRINKY DINKS

Monday, Sept 21
3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.
Timken Teen Space



Hey middle and high schoolers! Join us this month for a crafternoon favorite: SHRINKY DINKS! Make keychains, earrings, magnets, and more this month in the teen space.

TEEN GAMING DROP-IN

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



Teens and tweens in middle and high school are welcome to game together every Thursday after school in the Teen Space!



Kingsbury Makerspace

CREATE YOUR OWN RUBBER STAMP

Friday, September 11
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

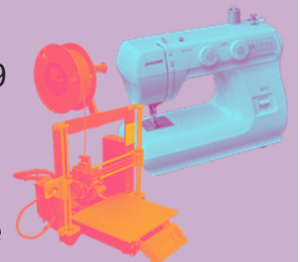


This workshop will introduce you to materials and processes needed to create your own Ex Libris bookplate rubber stamp using the laser engraver and the 3d printer.

To participate in this workshop you must complete the online tutorial(s) at least 1 week prior to the workshop.

MAKERSPACE OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, September 19
11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.



Curious about the Makerspace? Come see what we are making! Makerspace staff will be on hand doing demos and answering your questions.

This event is free and intended for adults and youth ages 14+

Kids & Families

**KIDS STEAM
NOW ON TUESDAYS!**

Designed for ages 6-11
Registration required.

WIND SOCKS

Tuesday, September 8
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Kay Fox Room



Want to know which way the wind is blowing? We'll create and decorate our own wind socks and learn about their uses for tracking wind speed and direction.

JUNK HEAP SCULPTURE

Tuesday, September 22
3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Kay Fox Room



Inspired by Sabato Rodia, Tyree Guyton, the Washed Ashore project, and other artists, we'll be using leftover supplies and recycled materials to create new works of art.

KIDS COMIC CLUB

Friday, Sept. 11
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.

Library Build-A-Rama

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 RETURN!

PRESCHOOL

Sept 30 - Nov 18
Wednesdays
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.



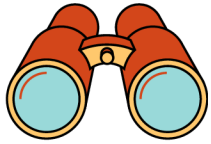
BABIES

Oct 1 - Nov 12
Thursdays
10:30 a.m.- 11:15 a.m.





Library of Things, Garden Tools, and Outdoor Gear Collections



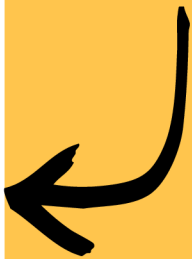
The Keene Public Library lends out a variety of equipment, gear, and tools that promote engagement, creativity, and recreation. These Items range from telescopes and sewing machines to pruning saws and snowshoes.



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
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Millyard
Museum



Mariposa
Museum



McAuliffe-
Shepard
Discovery
Center



Montshire
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Museum of
Science



Museum of
Fine Arts



Mt. Kearsarge
Indian
Museum



New England
Aquarium



New
Hampshire
Historical
Society



Squam Lakes
Natural Science
Center



Strawberry
Banke
Museum



Worcester Art
Museum



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Holiday closings and hours

**Library Closed on Monday, September
7th for Labor Day**

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday: 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.
Tuesday: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.
Wednes.: 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.



VISIT THE MAKERSPACE!

Tues: 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Wed: 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Thurs: 3 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
Sat: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.



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