



FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Summer 2014

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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:
Sept 10, Oct 8, Nov 12 and Dec 10

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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Have ideas for the newsletter?
Email pam.knight@hp.com

Donate to Keene Public Library's Summer of Making!

We need your help so that we can bring new cutting-edge programs to Keene! The Friends of the Keene Public Library is raising money for the library so that we can create more opportunities for young people to develop confidence, creativity, and an interest in science, technology, engineering, math, art, and learning as a whole through making. The library is thrilled to offer Makerspace programs like 3D design, modeling and printing using our 3D printer. And we are even more excited to keep developing innovative and exciting programming.



This summer the library is participating in a program through the Maker Education Initiative (<http://www.makered.org/>). KPL will have two interns who will work at the library and collaborate with librarians to further develop existing Makerspace programs, including a weekly drop-in for community members. They will staff and provide support to community members like you in tinkering and interactions with new technology. In addition library interns will create, promote, and facilitate a six-week maker's series exploring science and technology targeted to middle school students. This summer project will introduce youth to new technology and encourage deeper and experiential learning. For more information you can visit: <http://www.makered.org/keene-public-library-in-keene-nh/>

If you can, please support us in our innovative programming by meeting our fundraising goal of \$10,000. You can donate directly to the library or online at <https://rally.org/keenepubliclibrary> and as always your donation to the library is tax deductible.

Another Successful Friends Event

Thank you so much to more than 75 guests who were able to join us on May 21st to meet and hear Lisa Gardner speak at our appreciation event. We were pleased to see so many Friends, Trustees, board members and members of the general public. Lisa regaled the audience with stories of how she came to write her first novel at age 17 and how she gained admission to the Body Farm research facility to learn more about body decomposition for one of her novels. It was a fun evening and really nice to meet some new people who are interested in supporting our cause!



For those of you who are not familiar with Lisa Gardner, she writes and lives here in New Hampshire with her auto-racing husband and black-diamond skiing daughter. She is a #1 New York Times crime thriller novelist. Lisa describes herself as a research junkie and her work as a research analyst for an international consulting firm parlayed her interest in police procedure, cutting edge forensics and twisted plots into a streak of internationally bestselling suspense novels, including *Fear Nothing*, which was released in January 2014. Lisa graciously autographed copies of her books for her fans.

Library Events Sponsored by the Friends

PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

Summer Reading Program

The 2014 Summer Reading Programs begin June 20 and are open to young people, pre-school through young adult, as well as adults of all abilities. You can sign up anytime in person or through the library website:



www.keenepubliclibrary.org

Fizz, Boom! Read! Drop-In Summer Reading Kick-Off

Fri Jun 20 5:30-6:30PM

Youth Program Room

Join us in the Youth Department for treats and a drop-in craft before you enjoy an evening of stories with Rona Leventhal.

Boom-A-Rang Tales: Stories that Pop, Plop, Zing and Bang!

Fri Jun 20 6:30-7:30PM

Kay Fox Room

Rona Leventhal has gained a reputation as an exuberant and dynamic storyteller who brings a cornucopia of voices and characters in a fun, engaging and dramatic fashion. She will share stories and songs from her large repertoire of multi-cultural folktales, infusing drama, movement, and audience participation while she creates a joyful sense of community by inviting the audience on a journey in their mind's eye!

Popup Makerspace Drop-In

Mondays Jun 30-Aug 24 5-8PM

Lower Level

Tinker, hack and invent at the library's Summer



Makerspace Drop-in's.

We will have tools and ideas but bring in your own projects. Our 3D printer will be available (1 item per person up to 45 minutes of printing) and lots of other cool tools! This program is for Makers of all ages!

YOUTH PROGRAMS

Reading with Ribby Night at the Swamp Bats Game

Attention all kids who completed Mr. Gemmell's Reading with Ribby program. Wear your T-Shirt and come march in the pre-game kids parade around the field at 6 PM on Saturday June 14th.



TEEN PROGRAMS

Summer Maker Mondays: 3D Printer and CAD MakerLab

Mondays Jun 20-Aug 18 2-4PM

Youth Department

Use the library's computers and free CAD software to design, modify or download a 3-D model and print using our MakerBot 3D Printer. Space is limited. To participate in the MakerLab, you should be between 10-18 years old. If you want to use the 3D printer or the CAD software, please sign up in advance. If you cannot make it, call Gail at 352-0157.

Teens Write: Tips on Writing, Editing & Self Publishing Fiction

Mon Jul 14 11AM - 12PM

Heberton Hall

Get tips on writing, publishing, and marketing your book from local young author Cearu Comeau, who will also be signing her books for those who bring or buy a copy.

Teen Film Series

Wednesdays 4-6 PM

Auditorium

After School Movie Matinees

Jun 11 Friday Night Lights

Jun 18 Unbreakable

Spark a Reaction Movies

Jun 25 Joe Versus the Volcano

Jul 2 I Frankenstein

Jul 9 Star Wars the Clone Wars

Jul 16 Bicentennial Man

Jul 23 October Sky

Jul 30 Hunger Games Catching Fire

Aug 5 After Earth

Aug 13 Back to the Future



ADULT PROGRAMS

Help! I have a Kindle/Nexus/iPad!

The KPL has scheduled a series of workshops in June to help patrons learn to use their Kindles, Google tablets, Nooks, iPads, and other devices to download books from the library's digital book collection. Call the library at 757-1838 to sign up. Registration is required!

Kindle workshops:

Mon Jun 16 10-11:30AM

Fri Jun 27 1-2:30PM

Tablet workshops (Nexus, Nook, Samsung, Kobo):

Fri Jun 20 9:30-11AM

Tue Jun 24 2-3:30PM

iPad/iPod/iPhone workshops:

Tues Jun 17 2-3:30 PM

Mon Jun 23 10-11:30 AM

Lunch @ your Library: The Creative Mind at Work & Play

Thursdays Jun 12-Aug 14

12-1PM Trustees Rm

Bring your own lunch and listen to a local maker talk about his or her work.

Jun 12 Hans Schepker

Jun 19 Luanne Udell

Jun 26 Bob Askey

Jul 10 Jim Murphy

Jul 17 Gary Spykman

Jul 24 Mary Iselin

Jul 31 Alice B. Fogel

Aug 7 Jason Koerber

Aug 14 Emily Derosier and Laura Bolduc

Adult Film Series

Wednesdays 7-9 PM

Auditorium

Current Topics Documentaries

Jun 11 Gimme Shelter

Jun 18 Naqoyqatsi

Jun 25 Waltz with Bashir

Literary Elements Film Series

Jul 2 Ender's Game

Jul 9 The Andromeda Strain

Jul 16 The Time Traveler's Wife

Jul 23 1984

Jul 30 Fahrenheit 451

Aug 5 Invisible Man

Aug 13 Time Machine

Aug 20 Hitchhikers Guide to the Galaxy

FKPL President's Annual Report

This has been without doubt another very successful year for the Friends organization. This year has been characterized by good financial health, change and increased efficiency within our own Board composition, and the genesis of an exciting new partnership with the Trustees and the City of Keene on a project that will address the future of our cherished library.

Financially, two record-breaking book sales, steady membership contributions and donations, and a conservative investment strategy provided the Friends with a solid cash flow for spending. This allowed us to fulfill our mission to support the library through the purchase of new equipment such as a 3D printer, a flat screen monitor, and a book drop bin just to name a few. We were able to continue our yearly commitment to budget funds to develop the library's collection, maintain 20 museum passes for patrons, and sponsor Mr. Gemmell's Reading with Ribby program for the tenth year in a row. This revenue also allowed us to offer superb additions to Youth and Adult programming. Family Dances, the Summer Reading Program, and Astronomy and Slavery lectures are but just a few examples. We contributed towards the landscaping planning initiative again. We created a Finance Committee that developed a simplified budget process and implemented a formal Investment Policy for the Board. We have agreed to serve as the fiscal agent for the Library's exciting new Maker Initiative Program.

Administratively we continue to be a very hard working Board. Through our collective efforts and the addition of three new Board members and Trustee Liaison, we have created much new efficiency, improved upon processes, and entered into new collaborations together. Our newsletter continues to be a vibrant and informative communiqué to our membership and greater community. Our membership campaign has been revitalized with new outreach ideas, an engaging letter, a tidier database of our 200 plus membership, and a streamlined acknowledgement and tracking process. Our two book sales have had superior leadership that has persistently sought to improve upon the process. Our sorting room and sorting volunteers have been re-organized to promote spatial efficiency and scheduling consistency. Recruitment for new volunteers in this area has been active and successful. We have reconfigured our sale offering dates to include Sundays. Our Annual Member Recognition Event with a guest author is quickly becoming a welcome tradition.

Conceptually, we have entered very exciting new territory as we partner with the Trustees and the City in a Memorandum of Understanding to support and plan for the renovation and building of a connection between the existing Library and Library Annex buildings. In less than one year's time, the Friends have actively participated in a Visioning process along with the rest of the community on what our Library of the Future should look like.

This year was my maiden voyage in the role of President for this Board. A learning curve to say the least to be sitting on this end of the Boardroom table. My role has been made infinitely easier with the full support of this hard-working and conscientious Board. I thank Jill, Pam, Yvonne, Don, Paul, Jenn, Hope, Marilyn, & Laurie. Your input is always thoughtful, productive and relevant, and your commitment to this organization and its mission to support our Library is glaringly apparent. I also extend heartfelt thanks on behalf of the Board to Judy Noonan who has served as our Trustee's Liaison this past year, and to Nancy Vincent and the entire library staff for their consistent excellence in service to this community and to this organization.

So, onward and upward. I am pleased to be just one, serving among such an outstanding group, and look forward to another year full of new possibilities working together.



Friends of the Library Slate of Officers

The Friends of the Keene Public Library elected the following officers and committee chairs at the annual meeting on May 14, 2014:

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Another Record-Breaking Book Sale!

The spring book sale set another record, with sales totalling \$13,600.00. The success of our book sales is directly dependent on our volunteers, most notably our book sorters, who work all year long, sorting and pricing books. Many thanks to the following book sorters:

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| Maria Baril | Michelle Keyes |
| Jonathan Bateman | Barry & Doris LeClair |
| Catherine Behrens | Chris Mills |
| Marcia Bennett | Judy Perry |
| Jim & Mary Fay | Frances Potter |
| Marilyn Gemmell | Marilyn Taylor |
| Mindy Hawes | Hope Therrien |
| Dorothy Herr | Judy and Don Wilmeth |
| Carol Hines | |

The Fall Book Sale will be held **October 24,25 & 26.**



Be a Friend to the Library!

Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Membership Options

- Book Friend up to \$15/year
- Book Worm \$16-\$25/year
- Book Conservator \$26-\$50/year
- Book Angel \$51-\$100/year
- Special Edition \$100+/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:

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Keene, NH 03431

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Letters of Appreciation

Two thank you notes were recently sent to the Friends of the Keene Public Library:

Dear Friends,

The library has received a new iPad mini, which was purchased with funds you so generously donated for the purpose. Thank you so much for the amazing support you provide us so that we can make tools like this, as well as programs and other resources, available to our patrons. In the case of the iPad, I will be able to demonstrate a variety of new technologies to patrons much more easily. Thank you again for your continued support of our library.

Cary Jardine
Digital Services Librarian, KPL

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Cobb Meadow Puppeteers, I would like to thank you so much for providing the opportunity for us to perform for the community on Saturday, January 18th. We had a wonderfully attentive audience of over 100 people. The children were spell-bound for about 40 minutes! It was a diverse group of children and adults. Thank you!

Warmly, Lesley Arnold

