

# 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:

April 15, May 13, June 10

## FKPL Online

[www.keenepubliclibrary.org/  
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## 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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## Planning for Our Future Library: President's Update and Musings

*by Jane Pitts*

Out and about town, I have been asked many a time for news of the library's development plans for the future. As the snow melts and winter reluctantly releases its hold, I find myself dreaming of spring and all the splendid new growth and excitement it brings. I think this is a perfect opportunity to give you an update on some things that have been blossoming behind the scenes with the library project.

Since December, library architect Jeffery Hoover has been busy working to produce the first level of concept development for an expanded library footprint. This involves seeking input for program and design from this community, library staff, City of Keene professionals, Library Trustees, the Historic District Commission, the Keene Heritage Commission and last but not least, the Friends. It also includes reviewing existing programs, assessing existing physical conditions, designing a draft floor plan and providing initial cost estimates. A great beginning, but no small task.

Concurrently, the Friends have retained a consultant to work with us along with representatives from the Library Trustees to prepare a Feasibility Study for the project. This study will help us assess and align positive community response with the support and resources that are available to make a project like this happen.

So what's next? We have not set a date yet, but keep your eyes and ears open for a third Community Meeting in the late spring. This promises to be our most exciting gathering to date as Jeff will present some design concepts for linking the two buildings and interior space. We will offer again the opportunity to tour the unused parts of the Annex building.



I have had the pleasure of seeing many of our Friends members in attendance at each of the two Community Meetings that were held in the early and late fall. I wish to thank all of you for listening, asking questions, and providing feedback to architect Jeff throughout his presentations. Your input has been thoughtful, enthusiastic, and very helpful to this planning process.

Our library is a community space for learning that is open to all. It can be both a quiet refuge for knowledge acquisition, and an active connection to information and collaboration. This spring, let's dream together about an enhanced future space in which we can continue to make this happen.

## Library Events Sponsored by the Friends\*

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Playful Building

Mon Apr 20-Fri Apr 24 10 AM - 12 PM  
Kay Fox Room

The Playful Building activities are designed to engage children and tweens ages 8 through 13 in hands-on engineering fun at the library. This week is a series. When you sign up for one event, you will automatically be signed up for each event.



#### Scratch Creations - Introduction to Scratch

Mon Apr 20—Fri Apr 24 2-4 PM  
Kay Fox Room

If you are 8 to 13 years old, sign up and learn Scratch, the computer programming language Python, which is totally free and easy to use. We will have five classes, each one about a different part of the program. Each session is independent of the others, so you can take any or all of them. These are hands-on classes, so class size is limited. Registration is required.

#### Afternoon Song & Dance Party

Mon Apr 20 & Mon May 18  
4-4:30 PM Story Room

Put on your dancing shoes and join your friends in the library for an



afternoon of singing and dancing to some of our best recorded music for kids. If you haven't used this collection yet, come find out what you've been missing.

#### Block Party: LEGO® Fun @ your Library

Mon Apr 27 4-5 PM Story Room

The library's LEGO club is open to kids of all ages.



### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Game On! Trading Card Games

Mon Apr 6 6-9 PM Trustees Room

Yu-Gi-Oh? Magic? Whatever your favorite game, bring your decks to the library and meet other players while you have some gaming fun.



#### Sci-Fi/Fantasy Club

Tues Apr 21 3:30-5:30 PM Auditorium

Come discuss and watch some of your favorite science fiction and fantasy media. We'll



watch fun sci-fi shows like the X-Files, Firefly, the Twilight Zone, Battlestar Galactica, and Babylon 5. This club can be whatever you want to make of it.

#### Do It Together Crafternoons

3-5 PM Middle Grade Area

Fri Apr 16 Upcycled Crafts

Fri May 15 LED Paper Flowers

#### Teen Robotics Workshops

Tues May 12 & May 19 6-8 PM

Auditorium

Workshop I: Programming

Workshop II: Building Robots

#### After School Movie Matinees

Wednesdays 4-6 PM Auditorium

Apr 1 The Goonies

Apr 15 Red Dawn

Apr 22 The Karate Kid

Apr 29 Jurassic Park

May 6 Raiders of the Lost Ark

May 13 Ferris Bueller's Day off

May 20 School of Rock

May 27 Super 8



### PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

#### Family Dance @ Your Library With Brendan Taaffe

Fri Apr 3 6:30-8:30PM

Heberton Hall

#### With Allison Aldrich Smith

Fri May 6 6:30-8:30PM

Heberton Hall

### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### How-To Festival

Sat Apr 25 10 AM-4 PM

Keene Public Library and  
Keene Senior Center -70 Court St.

Just us at both locations for a day of fun and learning—for free! You can learn to play the ukulele, fold origami, crochet or learn a language, among many other options.



#### Matt Daniel Band

Sat Apr 25 7-8 PM Heberton Hall

The Matt Daniel Band presents a program that is as inspirational as it is educational and entertaining.

With a taste of some of the twentieth century's most important musical movements, The Matt Daniel Band reinvigorates old songs with a new twist.

#### What's for Lunch @ your Library!

12-1 PM Trustees Room

Community members are invited to bring a lunch the **last Thursday of the month** and listen to a local food producer talk about his or her work and share taste samples. Bring your lunch and join in the discussion. Beverages will be provided.

**Thur Apr 30 - Noah Elbers** from Orchard Hill Breadworks talks about his bread making business.

**Thur May 28 - Jacqueline Goohs**, proprietor of The Magic Flute will talk about smoothies and share some of her healing combinations.

#### Adult Film Series

Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium

#### Samuel Fuller War Film Series

Apr 15 Fixed Bayonets!

Apr 22 Merrill's Marauders

Apr 29 The Big Red One

#### Wednesday Weepies Film Series

May 6 An Affair to Remember

May 13 Peyton Place (6:30 showing)

May 20 The Fugitive Kind

May 27 The Crimson Kimono

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

## Guest Author, Chris Bohjalian

The Friends of the Keene Public Library are happy to announce their guest author for this year's annual event. **Please save the date on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 for an evening with Chris Bohjalian from 5-7 PM.** The details will follow later this spring.

Chris Bohjalian, who resides in Lincoln Vermont, is the author of 17 books, including ten *New York Times* bestsellers. His work has been translated into roughly 30 languages and three times become movies. The paperback of his most recent novel, *Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands*, will be published this May.

His books have been chosen as Best Books of the Year by *the Washington Post*, *the St. Louis Post-Dispatch*, *the Hartford Courant*, *the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel*, *Publishers Weekly*, *Library Journal*, *Kirkus Reviews*, *Bookpage*, and *Salon*.

His awards include the ANCA Freedom Award for his work educating Americans about the Armenian Genocide; the ANCA Arts and Letters Award for *The Sandcastle Girls*, as well as the Saint Mesrob Mashtots Medal; the New England Society Book Award for *The Night Strangers*; the New England Book Award; Russia's Soglasie (Concord) Award for *The Sandcastle Girls*; a Boston Public Library Literary Light; a

finalist for the Lambda Literary Award for *Trans-Sister Radio*; and the Anahid Literary Award. His novel, *Midwives*, was a number one *New York Times* best-seller, a selection of Oprah's Book Club, and a New England Booksellers Association Discovery pick. He is a Fellow of the Vermont Academy of Arts and Sciences.

He has written for a wide variety of magazines and newspapers, including the *Washington Post*, *Cosmopolitan*, *Reader's Digest*, and the *Boston Globe Sunday Magazine*. He has been a weekly columnist in Vermont for the *Burlington Free Press* since February 1992.

Chris graduated *Phi Beta Kappa* and *Summa Cum Laude* from Amherst College and lives in Vermont with his wife, the photographer Victoria Blewer. Their daughter, Grace Experience, is a young actor in New York City. Among the audiobooks she has narrated is *Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands*.

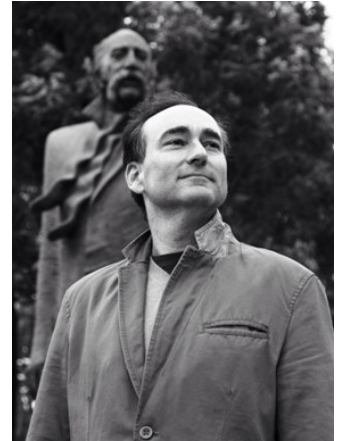
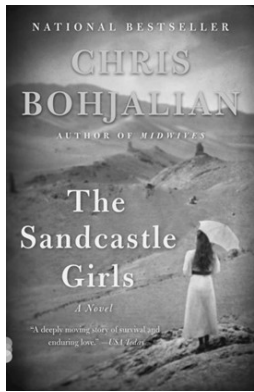


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## Meet the New Teen Services Librarian

The Keene Public Library has a new Teen Services Librarian, Brantley Palmer. According to Brantley, "I'm a big Boston sports fan, especially the reigning Super Bowl champion New England Patriots, and I actually worked for four years at NESN (New England Sports Network) after graduating from Keene State College in 2008 with my degree in Film. I also worked on a bunch of small independent films down there and also one big one, *Moneyball* with Brad Pitt. I love movies, TV shows, comics, books, and video games and already have some fun video gaming programming lined up."



Brantley has reinstated the Teen Advisory Group to assist him with planning. He also welcomes input regarding collections and programming from the youth, who can email him at [bpalmer@ci.keene.nh.us](mailto:bpalmer@ci.keene.nh.us).

Brantley works at the Keene Public Library generally Monday through Thursday from 3PM-9PM and on Saturdays for four hours, usually 1PM-5PM, depending on programming. In addition to his position at the KPL, Brantley is an Adjunct Faculty Librarian and the Assistant Archivist at the Mason Library at Keene State College.



## Friends of the Library Slate of Officers

The Friends of the Keene Public Library will present the following officers for election at the annual meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2014:

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Heberton Funds Chair: Paul Ledell  
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Book Sale Chairs: Don Wilmeth & Barry LeClair  
Newsletter: Pam Knight  
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## Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

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### 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

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All contributions are tax deductible.  
Please make checks payable to Friends of the Keene Public Library, or FKPL.

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Friends of the Keene Public Library  
60 Winter Street  
Keene, NH 03431

# Spring Book Sale

Friday, April 10 9 AM - 6 PM

Saturday, April 11 9 AM - 5 PM

Sunday, April 12\* 9 AM - 2 PM

Lower Level of the Library

\*Books are \$5.00/bag on Sunday



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