



# 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:

Feb 10, Mar 9, Apr 13, May 11, Jun 8

## FKPL Online

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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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## BOOK SORTING CATCH-UP DAY!

The Friends of the Keene Public Library have had an unusual and unprecedented number of books delivered to our donation bin in the past two months. Although there is plenty of storage still available in the basement, we are running out of space to safely store the *unsorted* books, so we need to catch up!

### Can you lend a hand to the Friends of the Library?

Whether you're an experienced sorter or you have been thinking about volunteering to help the Friends prepare for our book sales, this would be a great opportunity to find out what happens behind the scenes.

**Date: Wednesday, January 27**

**Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM**

**Place: Kay Fox Room (Basement level)**

Come for an hour or come for the day.

Morning refreshments and lunch will be served.

Bring a friend or two!

An **RSVP** to a member of the book sale committee would be appreciated:

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***Need a ride to the event? Call Jane at: 381-7787.***

## Library Project Update

*By Jane Pitts*

The Friends, Library Trustees, and representatives from the City of Keene have been busier than ever working collaboratively to set all the required pieces in place to accomplish the proposed renovation and expansion of our library. This past fall, the project advisory committee, historic & planning approval boards, and architect Jeff Hoover moved closer to setting a final design. Along with the required additions such as an elevator and extra bathrooms in the Annex to bring the building up to code, some compelling new features that

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## Library Events Sponsored by the Friends\*

### YOUTH PROGRAMS

#### Harry Potter Book Night: The Magic of Spells

Thur Feb 4; 6-8 PM

Youth Department

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Patronum, the mag-

ic of the Harry Potter books revolves around spells, so what better theme is there for the upcoming Harry Potter Book Night?



#### Scratch Adventures

Saturdays Feb 13 & Mar 12

11 AM-1 PM Story Room

Children 8-12 years old and their parents or caregivers are invited to attend to learn Scratch, the computer animation program, which makes it easy to create your own interactive animations.

#### Science & Water Fair Help Day

Wed Mar 2 and Mar 9; 4-5:30 PM  
Story Room

Parents and students who would like help with science fair projects will find a wealth of information at this workshop, which will cover how to find project ideas, what terms to search for when researching your project, how to use reference books and library materials to one's advantage, and the benefits and pitfalls of using the Internet. Attendees will be given a strategy guide with the program's information to take home as well.

#### Bedtime Math's March of the Stuffed Animals

Tues Mar 29; 6-7 PM Story Room

Parade in your PJs and have fun playing with numbers! Bring your favorite stuffed animal. We will share stories, puzzles and other activities.

### PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

#### Family Dance @ your Library!

Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM

Heberton Hall

Feb 5 with Brendan Taaffe

Mar 4 with David Kaynor

### TEEN PROGRAMS

#### Anti Valentine's Day Teen Trivia Contest

Tues Feb 9; 5-7 PM Auditorium

If you need a break to take your thoughts off of Valentine's Day then join us for a fun trivia contest in the Auditorium. We'll have questions in a number of categories for teens to choose from. Snacks and refreshments will be provided and the winning teams will receive a prize!

#### Teen Tech Week Mar 7-12

Teens are invited to learn about all the technology available to them at the Keene Public Library. This includes the 3-D printer, the Makey Makey circuits, robotic material, little bits, Galileos, Raspberry Pi's, and Arduinos:

#### Open Hack Night

Mon Mar 7; 5-7 PM Youth Dept

#### Minecraft Meetup

Tues Mar 8; 4-6 PM Youth Dept

#### Screening of *The Martian*

Wed Mar 9; 4-6 PM Auditorium

#### Retro Gaming Day

Sat Mar 12; 2-5 PM Kay Fox Room

#### Teen Film Series

Wednesdays 4-6 PM Auditorium

Feb 3 Minions

Feb 10 Terminator Genisys

Feb 17 Everest

Feb 24 The Walk

Mar 2 Suffragette

Mar 9 The Martian

Mar 16 Goosebumps

Mar 23 Freeheld

Mar 30 Spectre

#### Teen Advisory Group

Mon Feb 29 & Mar 28

5-6 PM Green Room

The Teen Advisory Group is a chance for you to make a difference in what services, resources, and programs the library provides to teens. Any teens interested in helping to shape the library's future are welcome to attend. Feel free to provide recommendations to Brantley Palmer, the Teen Librarian with what you'd like to see the library do for teens.



### ADULT PROGRAMS

#### Make, Craft, Create: Adult Craft Night

6:30-8 PM Green Room

Come make, craft, and create in a friendly and supportive group on the first Tuesday of the month.

Tues Feb 2: Needlefelting

Tues Mar 1: Beaded Necklaces

#### Wednesday Night Film Series

Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium

Feb 3 The Incredible Hulk

Feb 10 Inside Out

#### The Bard's Film Series

Feb 17 Love's Labour's Lost

Feb 24 Hamlet

Mar 2 Macbeth

Mar 9 Midsummer

Night's Dream

Mar 16 Much Ado About

Nothing

Mar 23 Othello

Mar 30 Richard III

#### Cookies & Coloring for Adults

Thursdays 1:30-2:30 PM

Kay Fox Room

Looking for a way to reduce some stress and unwind? Join us for an afternoon of fun and coloring. Supplies and cookies provided, as well as soothing music.

#### Astronomy Lecture Series

#### Everything Out of Nothing? - The Story of the Universe Seen with Modern Instrumentation

Mon Feb 22; 7-8 PM Auditorium

This program is an inquiry into the origins of the universe with Eberhard Möbius, a UNH Professor in the Physics Department and the Space Science Center.

#### Observing the Origin of the Universe from Antarctica

Mon Feb 29; 7-8 PM Auditorium

Lecture by Dr. Colin Bischoff, a senior scientist at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics.

Other astronomy lectures are still being scheduled. Check the library calendar of events for details.



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

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## Two Vermont Adventures: Hildene and Montshire

By Pam Knight

My husband and I were able to make use of library passes for two Vermont excursions in the last quarter of 2015. In October we visited **Hildene** ([www.hildene.org](http://www.hildene.org)) in Manchester, VT, which is a lovely time to visit the summer home of Robert Todd Lincoln, the only Lincoln child to live to adulthood. We started in the gift shop, where we



gained free admission (thanks to the library pass) and viewed videos which provided an introduction to the buildings and grounds. Then we checked out the observatory and the 1928 Franklin Roadster in front of the home, where we were greeted by a volunteer docent, who gave us a brief introduction to the magnificent home. I don't like to go on long, detailed guided tours, so the Hildene approach was perfect for me. There are volunteers interspersed throughout the house, and they are happy to provide any information you need without rambling on about draperies, etc. The home has a 1000-pipe "player" organ, which works like a player piano, so the house is filled with music. In addition to seeing the period furniture and clothing throughout the home, there is a small Lincoln museum on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, which includes his stovetop hat and a playbill from the play where he was assassinated. I have to admit that a few tears were shed in that room.

After viewing the home we admired the fantastic views and found a picnic table, where we ate the lunch that we brought. There is no restaurant at the museum, but there are gourmet picnic items for sale in the gift shop, which also has a great assortment of items for sale. Our last stop was the 1888 Pullman train car "Sunbeam" a short distance from the home. Robert Lincoln had been the chairman of the Pullman Company, so it was appropriate for Hildene to purchase and restore this train car, which had been used by former presidents. Sunbeam is considered to be the finest example of a wooden Pullman car on public display.

Hildene would be a fabulous place to visit in just about any season. I would love to return in the spring when the fabulous gardens are in full bloom, and I understand that the home has beautiful holiday decorations in December. Volunteer gardeners from the area make sure there are fresh floral arrangements throughout the house all year long. There is no doubt that volunteers help make Hildene a wonderful place to visit.

Since we moved to Keene after our children were grown we didn't have an "excuse" to visit the **Montshire Museum of Science** ([www.montshire.org](http://www.montshire.org)) until now. Our grandsons - aged 6 and 3½ - came to visit for Christmas, along with their parents of course. Luckily the library passes were available on the day we decided to drive up to Norwich, VT, so two of the four adults in our group were able to get in free - a savings of \$28. What a wonderful museum! The Montshire is full of hands-on activities for kids of all ages: we explored bubbles, experienced the effects of air movement, observed leafcutter ants and built structures from all sorts of objects. As it was a cold rainy day, the museum was full of people of all ages, but it never felt crowded. The museum was just the right size for our crew, and we will definitely try to return on a day when we can explore the fabulous grounds and outdoor exhibits.



### Thank you Don Wilmeth!

After leading us through another successful fall Book Sale, long time member Don Wilmeth has stepped down from the Board of the Friends. Don's dedicated tenure with the Friends began 13 years ago when he joined the Board soon after relocating to the Keene area. He has shared his many talents serving in the roles of Vice-President, President, and as Chair of the Book Sales. Don's contributions were not limited to his thoughtful input however. He would often be found hard at work transporting all the weekly book donations down to the library basement - a laborious task diligently accomplished. The Friends thank Don for his long service, and, as a nod to his background as a Professor of Theatre, have added two additions in his honor to the library's permanent collection: *Razzle Dazzle: The Battle for Broadway* by Michael Riedel, and a CD set entitled *B'Way: The American Musical* produced by Michael Kantor. Both great recommendations by Don himself, we urge you to check them out. This is farewell but not goodbye, as Don continues to serve the library in his new role as a Trustee. Best wishes Don!

### Library Project Update (continued from page 1)

the design will offer are often requested: additional meeting rooms, flexible multi-purpose program areas, community performing space and a refreshed teen space. Most dramatic will be the opening up of a West Street entrance to the library, the creation of both an outdoor patio and courtyard area, and a sunny, inviting atrium that will unite the two historic buildings. Last, but certainly not least in importance, the design incorporates a new and improved space for the Friends to store and hold our popular annual Book Sales! Energy efficiency, the use of green technologies, and what appropriate future technological infrastructure will be, are also factors under consideration at this time. Throughout it all, the Friends have contributed funds towards the development of these architectural concept designs, and towards the financing for a capital campaign. To that end, I'm pleased to announce that in the late fall, development professional Patty Farmer was hired to be the Capital Campaign Manager. Very exciting times for our library! I look forward to sharing more with you in the spring.



# Be a Friend to the Library!

## Friends of the Keene Public Library Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

If yes, please provide your employer's name and contact information:

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

Please return this form to:  
Friends of the Keene Public Library  
60 Winter Street  
Keene, NH 03431

### For Your Information...

- Our Fall book sale was another big success! We were able to raise \$13,785, which will be used for collection development, programming and equipment requests from library staff to help pay for items beyond the city budget.
- At its November meeting the FKPL Board approved funding for the 2016 library budget (also known as the "wishlist") of \$52,500. \$17,500 will be used for adult and youth programming expenses, and \$35,000 is allocated for the collection, equipment, materials, contracts and interns.
- The library will be closed on Monday, February 15 for Presidents' Day.
- The spring 2016 book sale will take place April 8, 9 and 10.
- The annual Friends' author event will take place on Thursday, June 9, with **Lily King** as our guest speaker. Details to follow, but in the meantime you can check out her books (literally and figuratively): *Euphoria*, *Father of the Rain*, *The English Teacher* and *The Pleasing Hour*.

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