



# FRIENDS OF THE KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

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Spring 2016

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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:

Apr 13, May 11 (annual meeting), Jun 8

## FKPL Online

[www.keenepubliclibrary.org/  
library/friends](http://www.keenepubliclibrary.org/library/friends)



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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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## Annual Writer's Event to Feature Lily King

The Friends of the Keene Public Library are happy to announce that this year's annual speaker will be Lily King. While we will be sending you an invitation with specifics, the date of this event will be **Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup>**.

Lily will talk about the writing of her latest book, *Euphoria*, read a short section from the novel, answer questions from the audience, and sign copies.

*Euphoria*, was released in June 2014. It won the Kirkus Award for Fiction 2014, the New England Book Award for Fiction 2014 and was a finalist in the National Book Critics Circle Awards. *Euphoria* was named one of the 10 Best Books of 2014 by *The New York Times Book Review*. It was included in *TIME's* Top 10 Fiction Books of 2014 and the Amazon Best Books of 2014. Reviewed on the cover of *The New York Times Book Review*, Emily Eakin called *Euphoria*, "a taut, witty, fiercely intelligent tale of competing egos and desires in a landscape of exotic menace." The novel is being translated into numerous languages, and a feature film is underway.



Lily King grew up in Massachusetts and received her B.A. in English Literature from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and her M.A. in Creative Writing from Syracuse University. She has taught English and Creative Writing at several universities and high schools in this country and abroad. In addition to *Euphoria*, Lily has written 3 other books *The Pleasing Hour*, *The English Teacher*, and *Father of the Rain*. She has been the recipient of many awards and accolades. For further information about Lily, please check out her website at [www.Lilykingbooks.com](http://www.Lilykingbooks.com).

## Book Sorting Catch-Up Day - Thank you Friends!

On Wednesday January 27<sup>th</sup> between the hours of 9AM – 2PM, we are pleased to report that thirty-eight dedicated Friends came out to help us sort and price an overflow of donated books, lending their time, energy, intelligence and efficiency to the task. Classification stations and category boxes

were organized all around the perimeter of the Kay Fox Room with sorting tables in the center. Many hands made for light work, and our combined efforts enabled us to completely catch up – for a little while at least – finish earlier than anticipated, and sit down to enjoy lunch and good conversation with one another.



It was a nice opportunity to feel a great sense of accomplishment and meet or catch up with some other volunteers who share similar interests and a love for the library. In doing so, those who responded to our call not only experienced a taste of what happens behind the scenes of the Book Sales, (*continued on p. 3*)

# Library Events Sponsored by the Friends\*

## YOUTH PROGRAMS

### 1000 Books Preschool Celebration

*Fri Apr 1; 6-7 PM Youth Dept.*

1000 Books Before Kindergarten is a nation wide initiative encouraging families to read 1000 books to their children before the age of 5. If you have not yet signed your child up for this exciting program there will be an opportunity to do so and a free

binder to keep track of the books you read. Children who have reached their goal already will be given a special bookplate to be placed into a library book of their choosing. There will be games, activities and light refreshments.

### 1...2...3... Play with Me!

#### Family Place Parent/Child Workshops

*Mondays 10-11:30 AM*

*May 16 & 23, Jun 6, 13 & 20*

Spend time together, play, make friends, and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable five-week workshop. These fun learning times are for children 1 to 3 years and their parents and caregivers. Infant and preschool siblings may attend with a registered toddler. Local child development specialists will be available for one-on-one chats on early childhood growth and health topics (see article on p. 3).

## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

### Music from West Africa and Beyond with Sean Gaskell

*Mon Apr 11; 7-8:30 PM*

*Heberton Hall*

Sean Gaskell features traditional songs on the Kora, a 21 string harp that he

learned how to play during multiple visits to its homeland in Gambia, West Africa. Learn more at <https://www.reverbnation.com/seangaskell>.



## PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES,

*continued*

### Beethoven's Wig featuring Richard Perlmutter

*Sat Apr 23; 7-8 PM*

*Heberton Hall*

Renowned family musician Richard Perlmutter sings and performs the music of Beethoven's Wig on piano, classical guitar and mandolin. Hailed as opening the door to "serious music" in a way that's fun, Beethoven's Wig is now the most honored musical group in family entertainment. Recommended for ages 5 and up.



### Family Dance @ your Library!

*Fridays 6:30-8:30 PM*

*Heberton Hall*

*Apr 1 with Kathy Torrey*

*May 6 with Allison & Hunt Smith*

## TEEN PROGRAMS

### Star Wars Day Celebration

*Wed May 4; 6-9 PM Youth Dept.*

After watching Star Wars: The Force Awakens for the afternoon movie, come upstairs to do some Star Wars inspired arts and crafts projects!

### Live Action Angry Birds

*Wed May 16; 4-6 PM Kay Fox Room*



With the new Angry Birds movie heading to theaters, come to the Kay Fox Room to enjoy a live action version of Angry

Birds! We'll have several "levels" set up for you to beat.

### Teen Film Series

*Wednesdays 3:30-6 PM Auditorium*

### After School Movie Month of Gaming

*Apr 13 Battleship*

*Apr 20 WarGames*

*Apr 27 Jumanji*

### After School Movie Matinees

*May 4 Star Wars: The Force Awakens*

*May 11 Creed*

*May 18 The Hunger Games: Mockingjay Part 2*

*May 25 Point Break*



## ADULT PROGRAMS

### Libraries Transform How-to Festival

*Sat Apr 16; 10:30 AM-4:30 PM*

This year's National Library Week theme is Libraries Transform, reminding all Americans that today's libraries are not just about the materials we have for people, but what we do for and with people. Local organizations, community members, and librarians will lead short, 45-minute interactive classes on lifestyle, crafting, education, and more.

A few how-to sessions will include:

- How to juggle
- How to use a telescope
- How to make a beaded necklace
- How to garden with raised beds
- How to drive proactively
- How to make a kite
- How to make early literacy tools from household objects
- How to make the most of ancestry.com and other online genealogy resources
- How to self-publish a book with SELF-e
- How to make tassel flowers



### 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.

*Apr 5 Toy Books*

*May 3 Origami Stars*

### Wednesday Night Film Series

*Wednesdays 7-9 PM Auditorium*

### The Bard's Film Series

*Apr 13 Romeo and Juliet*

*Apr 20 Taming of the Shrew*

### READ IT. SEE IT. LOVE IT Series

*Apr 27 Still Alice*

*May 4 Concussion*

*May 11 Edge of Tomorrow*

*May 18 In the Heart of the Sea*

*May 25 Far from the Madding Crowd*



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

# Keene Public Library Joining the Family Place Libraries

By Gail Zachariah

Good news! The Keene Public Library will be joining the Family Place Libraries™ national network providing a welcoming community environment with resources that families need to nurture their children's development beginning at birth to help ensure they enter school ready and able to learn.

Family Place Libraries™ is a growing network of children's librarians nationwide who know that literacy begins at birth and that libraries can help build communities by nurturing healthy families. Parents and caregivers are their children's first and most important teachers, and the library is here to support them in that role. Between birth and five years old, children's brains develop at an astonishing rate. At birth only 25% of a newborn's brain is wired. By five years, the brain is 90% wired. How adults respond to and interact with children between birth and 5 years has dramatic effects on executive function, social, emotional and intellectual development. Play is how young children learn about themselves and their world. It prepares them for reading, math, and science and promotes healthy social and emotional development. Family Place emphasizes the importance of play in early learning and the importance of parents and caregivers to promote and participate in children's play.

The Keene Public Library has long been a comfortable space for very young children and their parents and caregivers, but we will be purposefully redesigning the space so that young children and their adults can explore, play, share books, learn together and meet other families. We will also soon offer a five week play based Parent-Child Workshop series when families can play and learn together, make friends and talk one-on-one with child development and early literacy specialists.

## Facts/Statistics

Based on parent surveys and independent evaluations of the Family Place Libraries™ model throughout the country, parents who participate in Family Place programs and interactive early learning spaces report:

- Spending more time sharing books, playing, talking and singing with their children both in and out of the library.
- Seeing an impact on the development of their child's social, emotional, verbal and early literacy skills.
- Feeling more confident in their roles as first teachers of their children.
- Being more aware of library and community resources.
- Feeling less isolated and an increased sense of community belonging.

The Family Place Libraries™ model is now in over 400 libraries in 29 states serving thousands of young children and their parents/caregivers. The Keene Public Library is proud to be among them. At our library, this expanded public library role is made possible with support from the Friends of the Keene Public Library. There are still possibilities for community giving. Please contact Gail Zachariah at 603-352-0157 if you would like to be a part of this new initiative.



## Book Sorting Catch-Up Day *(continued from page 1)*

but also helped us to prepare for our spring book sale (April 8-10<sup>th</sup>) whose proceeds will benefit library programming, new equipment, and collection development.

Although we only hold two sales per year, book sorting and pricing are a year round activity. We have a dedicated group of interested volunteers who regularly devote time to the process, but we always welcome new friends who wish to help us with this or other special events that we sponsor at the library. Please contact one of us if you wish to volunteer.

Our warmest gratitude to our sorting day Friends, we are indebted to you, and hope you had as much fun as we did!

- Jane, Jill, Jean, Pam & Marilyn



*Empty sorting pallets after the catch-up day*

## Friends of the Library Slate of Officers

The Friends of the Keene Public Library will present the following officers for election at its annual meeting on **Wednesday, May 11, 2016**. All members of the Friends of the KPL are invited to attend this meeting.

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Heberton Funds Chair: Paul Ledell  
Membership: Marilyn Gemmell  
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At Large: Sally Rinehart & David Meader



# 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

# FKPL Spring Book Sale



Friday, April 8 9 AM - 6 PM  
 Saturday, April 9 9 AM - 5 PM  
 Sunday, April 10\* 9 AM - 2 PM

Lower Level of the Library

\*Books are \$5.00/ bag on Sunday

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