

Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ April 24, 2025



PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY
Warner, New Hampshire

Library Hours:

Mon. 10 am - 12 & 1 - 5 pm
Tues. 9 am - 12 & 1 - 8 pm
Wed. 1 - 5 pm
Thurs. 9 - 12 & 1 - 6 pm
Saturday 9 am - 2 pm

You can request books / contact us **by phone** 603-456-2289, **online**, or from the **catalog** at <https://pillsbury.nhais.bywatersolutions.com/>

Local News by Your Library

Sent to over **1070** contacts! "only" **63%** opened last week! (did you open YOURS?)
See past issues or **subscribe** at <https://www.warner.lib.nh.us/library-news>.

NEXT ISSUES: Submit current news and events April 29 for May 1 issue!

This Weekend

TONIGHT A free **NHSaves Button Up workshop** will be held **Thursday April 24, 7-8:30pm** at the Warner Town Hall. Also available live on Zoom at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88661755534>. Go to <https://plymouthenergy.org/button-up/> for other details of these helpful workshops showing how to **save energy and cut costs** in both summer and winter.

Sponsored by the Warner Energy Committee, Warner Board of Selectmen, MainStreet Warner Inc, Main Street BookEnds of Warner and Gallery, Bradford Energy Committee, and Sutton Conservation Committee.

If you can volunteer for replanting the construction area around the new culvert on **Red Chimney Rd** on the morning of **Saturday, April 26**, please reach out to Greg Swick (justswick@gmail.com). The Merrimack River Watershed Council will be coordinating this effort and supplying various plants and equipment which needs 9 people for up to 3 hours.

Warner Fish and Game Club Sunday **April 27th spring cleanup** starting at 8 am. Bring your weed wackers, Chain saws, Pole saws, Brush cutting equipment etc. Next monthly meeting is Wednesday April 30th.

Warner People

Sad losses in recent weeks: Condolences to family and friends.

Louise "Sissy" Brown of Texas and Warner died April 8, 2025. Obituary in **Kearsarge Shopper April 23**, page 30 <https://echocominc.com/online-shopper/wednesday-april-23-2025-vol-2025-no-17>

George Bastien, father of Margaret "Peg" Bastien, died on March 31, 2025. [Obituary](#)

Congratulations to KRHS Senior **Lilah Bartholomew** who has been named KRHS **Student of the Month** for March! In her four years at KRHS, Bartholomew creatively immersed herself in the school community through extracurriculars such as the Kearsarge Actors Guild, National Honor Society, and Art Club.

Enjoy a sunrise view of a beaver pond by **Karinne Heise** at [Northern Woodlands.org](https://www.northernwoodlands.org)

Coming Soon

Friday, May 2nd at 7:00 pm *An Evening with Local Authors and Artists* featuring Author/Artist [Sandy Steen Bartholomew](#), Author [David Elliott](#), and Author [Jesse McNeil](#) at the Pillsbury Free Library. Sponsored by The Circle of Friends of the PFL

Warner Historical Society pre-season **Barn Sale**, Outdoor only, Sat. May 3, 9 am - noon.
Barn Sale preview Party, Wed. May 14, 4:30-6:30

Adopt a **Highway Cleanup, Monday, May 5, 2025**. Meet 10:00am at Bagley Field for Trash pickup on Route 103 E.

PRELIMINARY FLOOD PLAIN MAPS update: 90 DAY APPEAL OPEN. Any owner or lessee of real property in Warner who believes their property rights will be adversely affected by the proposed flood hazard determinations may appeal to the Town of Warner. *The appeal data must be submitted to FEMA by the Town of Warner during the 90-day appeal period. The appeal period ends on June 4, 2025.*

To view the preliminary flood maps please go to: <https://hazards-fema.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=5852ea902db44e55bfce395799315f9c>

Current Flood Hazard Zones: <https://warnernh.gov/tow/downloads/FloodHazardZones.pdf>

Davisville Flea Market starts the first Sunday in May (May 4).

Find other local and Library news and events later in this newsletter (children's programs, Bicycle Clinic, lamp repair, etc)!

Arts, Music, Games, etc

The Local: Music Thursdays 5-8 pm **Team Trivia** Nights: Weds. at 6 pm.

Reed's North: Tavern Night : Saturdays 6-9 pm. 4/26: [Joe Leary](#)

Trivia, Thursdays 6-8 pm

Open Mic at Cafe One East: 2nd Tuesdays, 6-8 pm hosted by Peg Chaffee. (May 13)

Warner Parks and Rec announced OUTDOOR Pickleball and Tennis have started!

Pickleball: Sundays Open Play 8:30-1:00pm

2nd & 4th Mondays Open Play 5:30 pm - Dusk

Tuesday Mornings: Intermediate Plus Pickleball 8:30am- Noon

Wednesdays & Fridays: Open Play 5:30pm - Dusk

Indoor Pickleball at Simonds on Mondays and Fridays at 6:30 is continuing until May 19 except NOT vacation week April 28 - May 2, and NOT May 12.

Use **TeamReach** app to see updates on play and players. WarnerNHPB, code WPB21

Tennis: Tuesday pm, Thursdays, & Saturdays, and also 1st & 3rd Mondays at 5:30 pm

All other times are open to either Tennis or Pickleball first come first served.

Register now for a **WYSA** fundraiser [5K Color Run](#) on **Saturday, May 17** from 9 to 10 am at Riverside Park! This fun-filled, family-friendly event is all about movement, color, and making a difference. (Note, May 17 is also this year's Spring Into Warner Festival of Arts)

Food pantry fundraiser: O'Halloran Group Annual **Ultra 1k** to fight food insecurity in the Sunapee Region. Complete a 1k walk or run **anytime during the entire month of May**. 100% of proceeds benefit: Kearsarge Lake Sunapee Food Pantry, Newport Food Pantry, and **Warner Connects NH Food Pantry**. Sign Up at ultra1k.com Cost is \$10.

Warner Meetings & Misc News

Meetings (scheduled in the Town Hall lower level unless otherwise indicated). Check <https://warnernh.gov/calendar/>

Select Board Meeting, 4 pm

Tuesday, April 29, **hearings** 7:00pm

Planning Board Monday May 5, 7 pm

<https://warnernh.gov/landusecases/>

Agendas (often with Zoom Link) are at <https://warnerNH.gov/agenda/> Updates:

-Please check agenda AND calendar

Kearsarge Regional School District

www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65

SCHOOL VACATION April 28 - May 2

School Board Meets - 6:30 pm Thurs

May 1 (165 Main St. New London)

<https://www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars>

The next **Warner Fall Foliage Festival**

board meeting is May 7 at 6 pm inside

Sugar River Bank. All welcome. Minutes

are at <https://wfff.org/board-meetings>

Notice of Public Hearings

Tuesday, April 29th, 2025, 6:00 pm Warner Town Hall, To Hear Public Input on:

- Request and expend funds from the Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund to lease/ purchase a loader and backhoe.
- The Warner Conservation Commission (WCC) expenditure of \$9,755 from the Conservation Fund to cover unanticipated costs associated with the enlargement of the Blue Moon Berry Farm conservation easement on Tax Map 10; Lot 30-1

All **dog license renewals** are due by **April 30**. Late fees start in June, and Civil Forfeitures will go out at the end of June. Rabies shots need to be up to date. Please contact the Town Clerk's office if you no longer have your dog, to update Town records.

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair



The Library's [Spring Bike Check-up](#) helped owners of an estimated 18 bicycles check and adjust their bikes on Saturday April 19.

Thanks to **Arlon Chaffee** and **Tim Blagdon**, hosts **Cafe One East** and sponsors **S&W Sports**. Next year Arlon and Tim hope to have more helpers and perhaps extend the time, for this popular event! Want to help?

At the Library, **Jim McLaughlin** was able to give new life to 10 lamps at our repair event. Many thanks to the "customers" who donated to cover the cost of materials for fixing items and to Jim for donating his time and skills.

Thanks also to **Bill Balsam** for organizing the photography equipment collection event, which will benefit the [Vermont Center for Photography](#) (VCP) in Brattleboro, and give many items a new home.



If you have a repair/ maintenance skill or special interest to share, please contact the library to offer skills or arrange an event!

In Warner, recycling earns \$\$ and reduces tipping costs, especially Metal, Aluminum, Mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, Plastics #1 and #2 (clear/green and laundry/milk). Bring to the Transfer Station <https://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/plastics-by-the-numbers/>.

At Your Library

We have Library passes for free or reduced admission to:

New! New England Aquarium, Jan. - May 2025 for 1/2 price entry with dated vouchers.

New! Museum of Science all year, for 1/2 price entry!

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center starhop.com

The Currier Museum of Art in Manchester currier.org 1/2 price

Museum of Fine Arts in Boston: www.mfa.org/exhibitions Discount

Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum Free

New Hampshire Telephone Museum Free

NH State Parks Free

See our [Museums & Parks](#) webpage for pass details. To reserve one, call 603-456-2289



Our Library of Things: Did you know you can **borrow**:

Engine code reader

Selfie Stick (donated by Ralph Elwell)

Kill-a Watt meter (measures electricity used by appliances)

DVD /CD player - plugs in by USB cable for use with your laptop or computer.

Telescope (Donated by NH Astronomical Society)

Sewing machine - for use in library or at home.

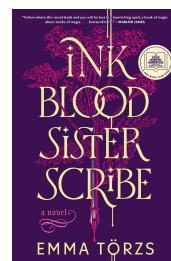
Saturday, May 10 at 4 PM "Kid Frankenstein", a play by the Library's Book Nook Theater Group at Warner Town Hall. Admission price is a donation for the Warner Food Pantry.

Craft and Art supplies: May 12-15, bring your unwanted **art and craft supplies** and equipment to the library for an Art and Craft Supply **Swap** at [Spring into Warner, May 17](#). This is a **free** swap event and any remainders will be offered to teachers, nonprofits, and the Thrift and Craft Store in Concord.

The **Library book discussion group** meets on the 2nd Wed. each month at **1:30 pm** in the library. All are welcome! **The library has copies to borrow**, up to 4 weeks before the meetings.

May 14: [Ink Blood Sister Scribe](#) by Emma Torzs.

BookEnds BookGroup meets at 4pm on the first Friday every **other month** at MainStreet BookEnds. The next meeting will be on **June 6** to discuss **The Covenant of Water** by Abraham Verghese
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1317897382825354>



Virtual book club by NH Black Heritage Trail: blackheritagetrailnh.org/special-events/
You can also request copies for any book group via the library through inter-library loan.

Find the most recent audio and ebooks purchased for Overdrive: nhdbooks.blogspot.com

Are you seeing ALL of this newsletter? In some emails or devices, the text is clipped or partly hidden, and you may see a note like **"Continue reading"** The bottom of the newsletter has **Notecard images** so if you don't see that, you're MISSING OUT!

Are you a teen interested in reading and reviewing books for the Teen books section? Stop by the library on a Monday or Tuesday to talk to Casey!

April is when teens **vote for their favorite Flume (Gr. 9-12) & Isinglass (Gr. 6-8) books!**
Vote online or in the Library! [Flume 2025 Voting form](#), [Isinglass 2025 Voting Form](#)

Miss Sue's News (for Kids)

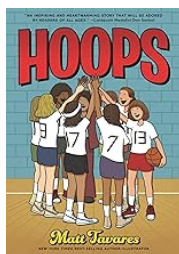
New Children's Items in our catalog:

[February](#), [March](#), [April](#) and [STEM KITS](#) or [NATURE KIT backpacks](#)



Preschooler Story times with Miss Sue: stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft - in the Children's Room. **Every Thursday at 10:30 am** - and for working parents, **Saturday May 17, 10:30am**. That is Spring into Warner weekend and the last Saturday story time until the fall.

April is Poetry month. Come in, browse and enjoy some wonderful poetry. Miss Sue has a fantastic poetry section (811 in the non-fiction area).



The [Great Stone Face](#) 2025 Award goes to [Hoops](#) by Matt Tavares. It is available for your reading pleasure. It is a very well written graphic novel.

KID FRANKENSTEIN



Clear your calendar for **Saturday May 10th at 4:00PM**. Come enjoy the humorous adaptation by Kathryn Schultz Miller of Kid Frankenstein. The entrance fee is a donation to the food pantry and there will be a bake sale at intermission.



Pokemon Club meets at the Library the 2nd Tues. of the month, 3-5 pm. All welcome. Miss Sue walks Simonds students to Library. May 13 is next

Warner Youth

Have any gently used extra large back packs to spare? Donate them **for teens in the NH Foster Care system**. The NH Lions Green Team will fill them with a week's worth of gently used clothes on May 16. Contact Val Blachly, vblachly@gmail.com to arrange pickup.

May 9 is the deadline for applications for a [Stanley Grimes Conservation Scholarship](#) from Merrimack County Conservation District. **Caroline Allen was a 2024 winner.**

May 1 is the application deadline for the **Jim Mitchell Scholarship**, awarded annually to high school seniors of Warner who have had a beneficial impact on the community and are pursuing higher education. mainstreetwarnerinc.org/services/scholarships

Host an **exchange student** this fall! Students bring spending money, health insurance, and the desire to experience American culture. Host families volunteer to provide room, board and a supportive family environment. Host families can choose a student who looks to be a good fit for their family's interests and lifestyle. Local support is provided to students, host families and schools More at <https://chinnet.org/academic-year/>

Summer swim lessons? Plan now! New London Rec Dept is offering more sessions this year and also classes with different swim skill levels to best support each swimmer in getting the most from the experience.

Also, still **looking for staff** to work at the Beach this Summer. This position is perfect for

motivated and enthusiastic teens and adults 15 years and older. For details and/or register for swim classes: <https://newlondon.nh.gov/recreation>

Need volunteer hours and/or enjoy active outdoor work? Contact [Cardigan Highlanders Volunteer Trail Crew](#) to help maintain public trails on Mt. Kearsarge, Sunapee or Cardigan. Regular dates on the 3rd Saturday of the month, and other dates as needed: to be on the notification list, email cardiganhighlander@gmail.com

Warner Museums and Groups

[Warner Historical Society](#) is hitting pause on donations until May 3rd!

If you are interested in helping with any of the events throughout the season, please contact WHS 603-456-2437 or info@warnerhistorical.org. Barn Sale shifts available throughout the summer are Tuesdays, 12:30 - 4:15 pm and Saturdays from 8:30 - 12:15 pm.

Spring Into Warner Saturday, May 17, 2025, 9am - 3pm

Warner's 17th Annual Arts Celebration. Arts & craft demonstrations, music, farmer's market, Pony rides, puppies, and much more. <https://kearsargechamber.org/> for Event Poster, Map and Schedule.

MainStreet Warner Inc. is NOW ACCEPTING BOOK DONATIONS for a "COLOSSAL USED BOOK SALE" at *Spring Into Warner*, Saturday May 17 on the lawn of the MainStreet Warner Lodge. ~ **All sales help fund the Jim Mitchell Scholarship.** Please leave book donations at MainStreet BookEnds in small to medium boxes.

[NH Telephone Museum](#) April Open dates: Tuesdays 10 - 4 and Saturdays 10 am - **2 pm**
The Firefighters Museum is open on **Saturdays in April** from 10am to 3pm.
This is your chance to purchase the Warner Fire Dept challenge coin.

[Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum](#) in April, the museum is open **Fridays** only, 10-4, with tours at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Check the [new website design!](#)

MKIM membership: [Renew now](#) or Join by April 30, to be entered in a **prize drawing**.

MKIM [artifacts are up for adoption!](#) Every artifact has a story, a piece of history waiting to be cherished. By adopting an artifact, you're not only supporting the museum, you're ensuring that our collection legacy lives on.

Area Business and Farms

warnernh.gov/job-openings/ Highway Dept., Police, Transfer Station.
Still Hiring **School Bus Drivers** for KRSD. \$26.00 per hour. <https://bit.ly/4f0FiLd>

BUY LOCAL! From local businesses such as those below and others listed at <https://kearsargechamber.org/page/members>

Other Event listings online : warner.lib.nh.us/warner-events-calendar, nh365.org, visithn.gov, kearsargecalendar.com nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming, centerforheartsnh.org Arts calendar, facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/

Helping Hands

Family Closet Thrift Store Open Weds

Belknap-Merrimack County Community

and Saturdays 10am-4pm 603-456-2183.
Volunteers needed, includes at-home jobs.
Spring clothing now being accepted.

Warner Area Food Pantry.
www.warnerconnectsnh.org.

Wishlist: The Food Pantry needs Canned pasta (not plain spaghetti o), Canned Beets Boxed cereal (variety), Boxed oatmeal packs, Dry pasta (not elbows & spegetti) Boxed snacks (crackers, cookies, chips, etc).

Drop off during office hours only, Tues.-Thurs. 10-1pm. Thank you!

Pantry Client Hours: TUESDAY 4-6 pm & THURSDAY 11:00am- **1:00 pm**.

Office Hours: Tues - Thurs., 10am - 1pm.
www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575

Action hours in Warner at 49 W. Main Street. **Tues. and Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm** or call 603-456-2207

Welfare Office Thursdays 1-4 pm on the 3rd floor of the Community building.
Contact **Peter Flynn**, Warner Welfare officer at 603-456-3004 or 456-2298 x1229, or email help@WarnerNH.gov.

If you are experiencing a mental health crisis, **call 988** to talk and/ or request help.

AA Meetings: Weekly Sat. 7:00 – 8:00pm, Mon. 6:30-7:30pm, and Wed. 7:30-8:30 pm at the United Church of Warner. nhaa.net/meetings/warner-group

Warner Connects NH, is looking for a person, or persons, to run the operations of their **Family Closet Thrift Boutique**. The current shopkeeper is **retiring in June** and a good replacement is needed. As a non-profit, the thrift store is vital in supporting the operation of the Warner Area Food Pantry financially. Contact Patty familyclosetwcnh@gmail.com.

Volunteer to help with the 6th Annual **Tray it Forward** by signing up through **KNP's Better Impact** volunteer registration portal. [Better Impact Member Application](#). for help reach out to Volunteer Coordinator, Beth at Bethg@KNPNH.org or call her at 603-317-5900 x 2.

Warner Legislators

How to watch or express your views as NH laws are proposed and discussed:
[Senate calendar](#), [House Calendar](#) (use arrows to move to other dates). **Click on a calendar item** to see details, find a link to join on Zoom, watch the YouTube live stream.
Senate Livestream and recordings: www.youtube.com/@NewHampshireSenate
House Livestream and recordings: www.youtube.com/@NHHouseofRepresentatives

Warner's NH Legislator contact pages: <https://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/>
NH Senate **District 07:** Senator [Dan Innis](#)
NH House Reps: **District 8** [Tony M Caplan](#), [Eileen S Kelly](#), [Stephanie R Payeur](#)
Governor Kelly Ayotte governorayotte@governor.nh.gov
Executive Councilor Karen Liott Hill www.council.nh.gov/district-2/councilor-liott-hill

To speak at a committee hearing, or to register a position without speaking, look up the bill number and meeting date, then go to the [House testimony page](#) or [Senate testimony page](#) Bill search [General Court home page](#). www.gencourt.state.nh.us.)

US Congress Rep, District 2: **Maggie Goodlander:** <https://goodlander.house.gov/>
House Live Stream and calendar <https://live.house.gov/>
US Senators: www.senate.gov/states/NH/intro.htm **Maggie Hassan** & **Jeanne Shaheen**
Senate calendar and webcast: https://www.senate.gov/legislative/legislative_home.htm
Congressional transcripts and summaries at www.congress.gov/congressional-record

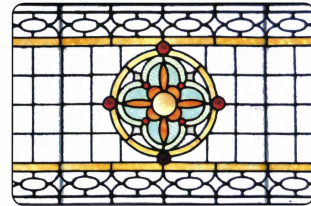
Your Donations Keep Library Services Strong!

Library Trustee meetings include the **Monthly Board Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month (at 6:30 pm, in person)**. Trustee meetings are posted 24-48 hours in advance online and at the USPO and Town Hall, on the [Warner Events Calendar](#). Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Meetings page](#).



Buy plants,
cards or just
Donate

Contributions to the library may be [donated online](#), mailed to P. O. Box 299, Warner NH 03278 or put in the book drop!



Stained glass theme
["Thank You" cards](#) (3 for \$5), or other non-specific library stained glass cards (5 for \$10), pictured here. Buy online and/or Call 603-456-2289 to arrange for pickup.



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