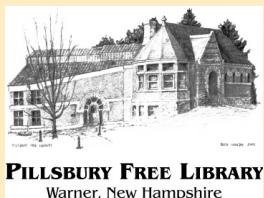


# Warner News and Events ~ Jan. 29, 2026 from Pillsbury Free Library



**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,  
[Library.WarnerNH.gov/contact-us](http://Library.WarnerNH.gov/contact-us),  
or via the **catalog** at  
<https://pillsbury.nhais.bywatersolutions.com/>

Please submit news events to [newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov](mailto:newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov) by  
Tues. February 3 for the February 5 issue!

See past issues or **subscribe** at <https://library.warnernh.gov/news-and-events/>

If this was in your Spam folder, add [newsletter@library.warnernh.gov](mailto:newsletter@library.warnernh.gov) to your **email contacts** and/or whitelist addresses or mark it as "not spam".

## This Weekend

Weather closings: the library will announce on [Facebook](#) and on [www.wmur.com/weather/closings](http://www.wmur.com/weather/closings) if we are closed. Or you can call ahead 603-456-2289.

[NH Telephone Museum](#) is open **Fridays** 10 am-4 pm and **Saturdays**, 10 am-2 pm  
[Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum](#) open **Fridays and Saturdays** 10am-4pm.

**Thurs. Jan 29, 5-8 PM** Ryan Williamson at The Local. [thelocalwarnernh.com/events](http://thelocalwarnernh.com/events)

**Friday, Jan. 30 Last day to Sign up for Town Elections:** Town Clerk's office will be open from **3:00 P - 5:00 P. only**. List of openings at [warnernh.gov/notices/](http://warnernh.gov/notices/)

**Jan. 30**, 7 pm Warner Snow Train and ski slope history program by Warner Historical Society. \$10 includes Apple pie dessert.

**Jan. 30**, 6:30pm Center for the Arts Presents: Windborne a *capella* group at Kearsarge Regional High School. The KRHS Chorus will perform one song with Windborne. \$5 -\$30

**Sat. Jan 31**

**9:30-10:30 am. Crochet lessons** in the Library **with Susan Jenna, and OTHER crafts of your choice** **Saturdays**, All ages (parents please assist with under- 8's)

**Jan. 31** 10 am KACC Annual meeting and Business Mingle at Cedar and Main, Tooky.

**Jan. 31**, 1-3 pm **Chill Out at Chandler** sledding and other activities. Free. Mink Hill Rd.

**Jan. 31**, 7 - 10 pm **Karaoke** at the Depot under Reed's North.

**Feb. 1**, 12-2 pm "Messy Worship": Valentines cards for shut-ins and decorations at United Church of Warner:

**Feb. 1, 4-7 pm.** [Reed's North](#) Open Mic with **John Farese**. [facebook.com/reedsnorth](http://facebook.com/reedsnorth)

## Coming Soon

**Feb. 3**, 6:30-7:45 PM **Warner's Writer's Group** at Pillsbury Free Library. Come write!

**Feb. 4**: **Warner Fall Foliage Festival** Board 6 pm at Sugar River Bank. Come join!

**Feb. 4** **Tour of Sutton Central, School Facilities** Tour **5:30pm** & Board Mtg, **6:30pm**.

**Thurs. Feb. 5, Paddling Through Time: The Long History of Canoes in New England** by zoom, 5:30-6:30 **Robert Goodby**. Cosponsored by Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and the Harris Center for Conservation Education.

**Feb 5**, 7:00 to 8:30pm **Getting the most from your garden**: Crop planning, food storage and preservation for good eating year round. **Noah and Sophie Courser-Kellerman** of Alprilla Farm, sponsored by the Warner Agricultural Commission. Warner Town Hall lower level. Free admission

**Feb. 5, 5-8 pm** Music from **Kat Ivy at the Local** <https://thelocalwarnernh.com/events>

**Friday, Feb. 6 Red Cross Blood Drive** 12-4:30 PM United Church of Warner Fellowship Hall. Sign up <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/>

**Friday Feb. 6** Book Group at 4 pm at the bookstore. Discuss 'The Measure' by Nikki Erlick. [www.facebook.com/events/1929316971799217](https://www.facebook.com/events/1929316971799217)

**Feb. 7, 10:30-11:30am Poetry read-aloud group** 1st Saturdays at MainStreet BookEnds

**Feb. 7, 2 pm** NH Humanities Program "Late in Arriving," by Steve Taylor, Warner Town Hall. Free. How electricity changed rural New Hampshire life. Cosponsored by **Pillsbury Free Library** and **Warner Historical Society**.

**Feb. 7 4:30 PM** Communion In The Parish house Chapel, United Church of Warner.

**Feb. 7** Music with **Wayne St. Jacques**, 6-9pm in The Depot

**Feb. 7, 4pm**, Bradford Town Hall Theater: experience the life of a Revolutionary War soldier, in celebration of America's 250th anniversary. live reenactors, musket drill, etc

**Feb. 7 Twin Ridge Farm and 5 Star Rider Physio:** 223 Pumpkin Hill Road, Warner, [rider biomechanics clinic](#) 60 minute one on one sessions. Horse massage available. Sign up at <https://forms.gle/evdGrcBDoy2SHvWP9> Some horses may be available for this clinic.

**Feb. 8, 9 am to done - Ice day** harvest at Kezar Lake and [Muster Field Farm](#) -all weathers

## Warner People / in the Media



The **Circle of Friends** of the Pillsbury Free Library have been organizing displays for our glass case (built by master woodworker **Ted Blachly**).

The current new display for February is about weaving, with items provided by local weaver **Joan Warren**, including a charming miniature loom that she uses regularly to make small items.

If you have a collection or hobby that you could display, let us know!

**Condolences** to family and friends of:

**Peter E. Newman**, who passed Jan. 23, 2026 [Obituary](#) Calling hours will be Friday, January 30, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm at Chadwick Funeral Home, New London, NH. There will be a burial service in the spring.

**John Stevens Jr.** passed away January 11 <https://obits.csnh.com/john-stevens-jr>

**Laura Dreyer** 62, passed away Wed., Jan. 7, 2026 [Obituary](#)

**Judith Henriksen** ([no details in obituary](#))

**Joyce Joy** 83, at North Beach, MD, Dec. 4, 2025 [Obituary](#)

**John Sokolow** Nov. 2, 2025 [Obituary](#)

**Concord Monitor:** Jan. 26, 2026: [USS Kearsarge crew visit to KRHS](#). and an article about **Conservation of Mt. Kearsarge land** (no CM link- but also reported at Forest Soc. [here](#))

**Articles about Warner:** The library clips and saves news by and about Warner people. Please clip Warner items in the Union Leader, Boston Globe or other sources for us!



Our Meeting Room is being brightened up by quilts from the Allen- Parsons family.

Most were created by Anna Allen, a librarian and Library Trustee.

Two were completed by her family from her plans. **Do you** have quilts or hangings we can display? Please call!

## Warner Town & School Meetings

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

**Planning Board Feb 2 CANCELLED**

**Select Board Meeting**

Tues. Feb. 3, 6:00 – 8:00pm

**Conservation Commission Meeting**

Wed. Feb. 4, 7:00 – 8:00pm

**Budget Committee**

Tues Feb. 10, 7 pm Public Hearing on the

**2026 budgets** of the Town and the

Warner Village Water District.

Continued on Thurs. Feb 12 at 7 pm.

**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](https://www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65)

**School Board Meeting - 6:30 pm**

**Thurs. Feb. 5, & Feb 19** (New London)

[Kearsarge Professional Devel Ctr, New London](https://www.earsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars) or Zoom

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

**School Facilities Tours:**

**Feb. 4 Tour of Sutton Central, 5:30pm & Board Mtg, 6:30pm.**

**WYSA** spring baseball and softball registration is **now open**. Register via TeamSnap at [www.warnersports.org](https://www.warnersports.org) Also, **Volunteer coordinators** needed!

**Town of Warner is seeking a Human Services Director.**

<https://warnernh.gov/tow/downloads/jobs/jobdesc-HumanServices.pdf>. Please send a completed application - <https://warnernh.gov/tow/downloads/Employmentapp.pdf>, letter of interest and resume via mail or email to: [SelectBoard@WarnerNH.gov](mailto:SelectBoard@WarnerNH.gov).

**Proposed Zoning Ordinance Changes**

There are proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance that will be voted on, Tuesday of Town Meeting in March. [Download the proposed changes.](#)

**Declarations of Candidacy:** Multiple Town Offices are up for election in March, as usual. Anyone wishing to be on the ballot **including to renew expiring terms** for any of these positions should fill out a [Declaration of Candidacy](#) form and return it to the Town **per the instructions** on the form.

Please note that signups can **only be done thru 01/30/26**. Any form received outside of this time frame will not be accepted. Town Clerk's office will be open on **Friday, January 30 from 3:00 P - 5:00 P. only**. List of openings at [warnernh.gov/notices/](https://warnernh.gov/notices/)

The **Warner Housing Survey** deadline has been **extended to Feb. 6, 2026**. The second Warner Housing Committee (aka the HOP Grant 2 Committee) would love to hear from you with regard to new NH State housing laws. (Accessory dwellings, etc). Your feedback is valuable, and many thanks to those who already responded!  
<https://SurveyMonkey.com/r/WarnerHousing2025>

The **Kearsarge Regional School District** is accepting **preschool applications** for the 26-27 school year for KRPS New London and Bradford. The lottery for full day spaces will occur on March 16. Apply <https://bit.ly/krspdpreschool>

Curious what MTSS means? Check out Curriculum Director Andrea Castaldo's January newsletter to learn more about Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) and get a snapshot of learning happening across the district. <https://app.smore.com/n/mas5y>

## News to Use

AI-free search engine— <https://noai.duckduckgo.com>

**Google has free SAT practice exams in Gemini, plus a writing coach:** free, full-length SAT practice exams are coming to Gemini, thanks to a partnership with The Princeton Review. To get started, just say "I want to take a practice SAT test" in Gemini. Google is also partnering with **Khan Academy** to launch **Writing Coach**, an AI tutor that helps students improve their writing through interactive feedback. Both tools are available now for free.

**Fun fact:** Our online language program **Transparent Language Online** has both an English and a Spanish version of the [2025 Citizenship practice tests](#). It is a tutorial format with realistic Q&A. Try it for fun and see if you would pass! Free to use with your library card. Ask staff how to access this resource which has over 100 languages to learn.

**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!

## At Your Library

Link to list of SO MANY **new adult items** added in [January 2026](#)  
**New Children's Items** in our catalog: [January](#) and [STEM KITS](#),

**IRS tax forms:** Seem to be delayed for NH libraries this year. Available at [www.irs.gov/](http://www.irs.gov/). Library staff can help you print them. For other assistance try <https://nhtaxhelp.org/>. For an appointment with AARP tax helpers in Contoocook (Hopkinton Library) call 211.

**Winter activities!** Borrow our [Puzzles or Games](#), or a [pass to a Museum!](#)

**Museum and Parks passes** for free or reduced admission are available:

- [Museum of Science](#) in Boston, all year, for 1/2 price entry!
- [McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center](#) Wed. through Sun., 10:30 AM – 4 PM.
- For show schedules, check [starhop.com/planetarium](#). Borrow our pass! includes Special First Friday events and Sky watches.
- [The MFA \(Boston\):](#) [www.mfa.org/exhibitions](http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions): Chinese patchworks, Modern Art, etc.
- [Currier Museum of Art](#) 1/2 price with our passes. special exhibit [Embellish Me: Works from the Collection of Norma Canelas Roth and William Roth](#).

**Back by Popular demand:**

- [New England Aquarium](#) 1/2 price- starting when the coupons arrive next week.

**Arriving SOON:** [Children's Museum of NH](#) in Dover, 1/2 price (4 people once per day)

**Full list** and more details at: <https://library.warnernh.gov/services/passes-2/>



**You can borrow our code reader** for cars to see what that worrisome engine code is before calling a garage.

See other handy items in our "[Library of Things](#)" collection including [Kill-o-Watt energy meters](#) , [DVD players](#), CD and VHS players, a selfie stick, a

**Radon monitor and puzzles!** Need a sewing machine? Use ours! You can even book time in the meeting room to use it instead of lugging it home.

Find the most recent OverDrive/Libby [audiobooks](#) and [ebooks](#). Try free [digital magazines](#)!

## Miss Sue's Library News (for Kids)



Miss Sue is collecting empty seed packets for a summer project. Please bring in empty flower or vegetable packets you may have. Also, any food magazines of any type would be great too.



[Valentine's Day](#) is coming fast! The Valentine's Day items are now readily available to enjoy. February 12th, Miss Sue will be doing a Valentine's Day story time. Spread LOVE, JOY, and KINDNESS!

**Family Crochet AND CRAFT days are continuing!** Saturdays, January 31 and into February. 9:30-10:30am in the library meeting room with **Sue Jenna of Warner 4-H Club**. Come learn, or help others - adults welcome too! Come make Valentine cards!

**Preschooler Story times every Thurs.** at 10:30am with Miss Sue: stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft - in the Children's Room.

**Saturday Story times** Monthly at 10:30am: **Feb. 21, March 21, April 18, and May 16.**

We're getting closer to spring, at least by the physical calendar!! The [Groundhog Day](#) books are now available. Shadow or not on February 2nd?

**New Children's Items in our catalog:** [November](#), [December](#), [January](#) and [STEM KITS](#). There is a new kit, just added, all about [Magnets](#). Come check it out!

The Library book discussion group will not meet in January. The next meeting will be on **February 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm** in the library to discuss *The Lost Bookshop*. Copies are now available at the library.

**BookEnds BookGroup** meets at 4pm on the **first Friday** every **other month** at MainStreet BookEnds. Next meeting **Friday Feb. 6** at 4 pm at the bookstore. We will discuss 'The Measure' by Nikki Erlick.

[www.facebook.com/events/1929316971799217](http://www.facebook.com/events/1929316971799217)



## Warner and NH Legislators

**The 2025 NH legislature is in session!**

To comment on a Bill, 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](#)

For more Information on our **elected officials**, how to contact them, and how to watch or comment on legislation in NH or Congress has been placed **on our new website** to save space: <https://library.warnernh.gov/local-info/legislative-representatives-for-warner-n-h/>

## Warner Businesses

**Kearsarge Area Chamber of Commerce** Annual Meeting on **Saturday, January 31, at 10:00 AM at Cedar & Main in Contoocook**. After the short meeting, stay for a **Business Mingle** hosted by the restaurant—an easy way to connect with fellow members and local professionals. Not a member? It's affordable and worthwhile! [kearsargeChamber.org](http://kearsargeChamber.org)

Reed's North special menu/events: **Feb 8** Super Bowl watch party,  
**Tues. Feb. 17** Chinese New Year - Chinese food & party

**The Local's** new website includes events, specials, full menu, and online table reservations: <https://thelocalwarnernh.com/>

The **Lavender Fields at Pumpkin Blossom Farm** will be launching a new product this spring, **lavender lemonade** in three flavors branded as **Purpl.TM** [www.drinkpurpl.com/](http://www.drinkpurpl.com/)

**BUY LOCAL!** Many local businesses are listed at [/kearsargechamber.org/page/members](http://kearsargechamber.org/page/members) <https://www.facebook.com/Buttonwood.shop> <https://www.mainstreetbookends.com/>

## Warner Groups and Museums

**NH Telephone Museum Jan.- April Hours:** **Fridays 10-4 and Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm**  
The New Hampshire Telephone Museum has been selected for another string of dates at the **Revo Casino and Social House!** **Charitable Gaming** is a way for non-profits to get funds. Game nights are January 31 thru February 9 at the **Revo Casino located in Keene**

**Warner Firefighters Museum** is CLOSED for the winter.

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum HOURS:** through April, the museum is open **Fridays and Saturdays 10am-4pm**, with tours at 10:30am and 1:30pm. **The library has passes!**  
**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** Snow Snake Games on **Saturday, Feb. 21** from 10am-2pm. The museum will be open, hot cocoa and smores.

**Warner Historical Society** The 15 W. Main Street Office is open 1 to 4pm Tuesdays and by appointment. [info@warnerhistorical.org](mailto:info@warnerhistorical.org) or leave a message at 603-456-2437.  
**Cookie walk** Sunday Feb. 14 at Upton Chandler House Museum.

**Saturday Night Communion In The Chapel at United Church of Warner.** at the back entrance of the Parish House, **The first Sat. every month, at 4 PM. - Feb. 7, March 7 Every Sunday at 10 AM:** Worship services.

## More Arts, Music, Games, etc

**Poetry read-aloud group** 1st Saturdays at MainStreet BookEnds 10:30-11:30am - **Feb. 7.**

**Crochet** in the Library **with Susan Jenna, and OTHER crafts of your choice will continue Saturdays, 9:30-10:30 am.** All ages including adult (parents requested to assist with under- 8 yr olds).

**Reed's North: Music SUNDAY 4-7 pm. Feb. 1** Open Mic with John Farese, **SATURDAY Feb. 7** Wayne St Jacques 6-9 in The Depot, **SUNDAY Feb 15** Gus & Jean **Sat. Jan. 31 and Feb 28** Karaoke at the Depot (under Reed's): 7 - 10 pm

**Warner's Writer's Group** First Tuesday of every month 6:30-7:45 PM (**Feb. 3**) at Pillsbury Free Library (Frank Maria Meeting Room), Enjoy an hour+ of dedicated writing time.

Open Mic at **Cafe One East** is the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Door opens at 6 pm.

**Thurs. Feb. 12 Warner Underground Comedy** is back! Celebrate Valentine's Day with dinner and laughs with Boston Headliner Mark Riley, Tim McKeever and Jolanda Logan. \$50 Dinner 6:30, show at 8:30 pm. Reservations needed.

**The Local:** Music most Thursdays 5-8 pm. <https://thelocalwarnernh.com/events>

**Other Event listings online :** <https://library.warnernh.gov/news-and-events/>, [nh365.org](http://nh365.org), [visitnh.gov](http://visitnh.gov), [kearsargecalendar.com](http://kearsargecalendar.com) [nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming](http://nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming), [centerforheartsnh.org](http://centerforheartsnh.org) Arts calendar, [facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/](http://facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/)

## Tech Tips: Audio books etc

If you are using the **free downloadable audio books** from [OverDrive/Libby](#), be aware that you can change the **default loan time from 7 days to 14 days** in your account settings. You must change it BEFORE you hit borrow.

If you have to renew a title, this will usually use up one of the purchased total "lease" uses so please don't borrow more than you can read in the 2 weeks - **use "suspend hold"** if a hold becomes available before you are ready, then unsuspend it when you are almost ready, and you will be next. Thanks for helping to keep costs down!

**Good News:** We have started purchasing downloadable titles / title leases JUST FOR WARNER for popular titles with large numbers of holds, so our borrowers can get access faster. This is accessed with the same search. Feel free to point out titles in demand.

iPhone 17 and newer models can use the built-in Camera app's Dual Capture feature to **record videos using both front and back cameras** simultaneously. This allows users to capture their reactions while recording something special. [iPhoneLife.com Article](#)

## Helping Hands

### Family Closet Thrift Store

Will be **closed for January**,  
reopening Feb. 4. 603-456-2183  
[familyclosetwcnh@gmail.com](mailto:familyclosetwcnh@gmail.com)

### Warner Area Food Pantry

Thank you to all the groups and businesses who donated recently!  
[www.warnerconnectsnh.org](http://www.warnerconnectsnh.org)

**Drop off items during office hours only,**  
**Tues. & Wed.** 10-1pm. Thank you!

### Pantry Client Hours: [Facebook](#)

TUES. 4-6 pm & THURS. 11:00am- 1:00 pm.

### [Belknap-Merrimack County Community](#)

[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** - hours by appointment:  
Contact [Warner Welfare office](#) at 603-456-3004 or 456-2298 x1229, or email [help@WarnerNH.gov](mailto:help@WarnerNH.gov). Urgent? [Dial 211](#)

**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](http://nhaa.net/meetings/warner-group)

## Outdoors and Sports

### **Ice Rink at Bagley park:** [facebook.com/WarnerParksAndRecreation](#)

From Parks and Rec: Please help rink maintenance by clearing items off the ice when done, and if the yellow bumper caps have blown off, please retrieve and replace them!

**Local sports news and signup** [www.warnerparksandrec.com/](http://www.warnerparksandrec.com/) or [Warnersports.org/](http://Warnersports.org/)

**Chill Out at Chandler** new date: Jan. 31, 1-3 [Facebook.com/WarnerParksAndRecreation](#)

**Indoor Pickleball** at Simond's: Mondays and Fridays 6:30-8:30pm. Use **TeamReach** WarnerNHPB, code WPB21 for attendance. If fewer than 4 sign up in the app, by 2pm it may be cancelled for that date unless comments in app indicate it's on.

Two New London groups play **Sundays at Colby Sawyer College, sometimes Fridays.**  
**Volleyball: Simonds School gym, Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 pm.**



**February 13-16 is the NH Audubon's Society Backyard Winter Bird survey.** This statewide participatory science project invites you to watch and report the birds visiting your backyard, helping track winter bird populations across New Hampshire. Whether you count for 15 minutes or all weekend, your observations matter. [www.birdcount.org](http://www.birdcount.org)

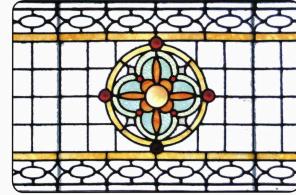
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Library Trustee meetings include the **Monthly Board Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month** (at 6:30 pm, in person). Trustee meetings are posted 24-48 hours in advance online and at the USPO and Library, and on the [Warner Events Calendar](#).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

**MANY thanks** to all who have donated to support the library in the past year or as a result of the Annual Fund campaign. If you lost or did not receive a letter and envelope you can pick one up at the library, or simply use a method described below. Thank you!



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



Buy cards or  
just Donate

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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