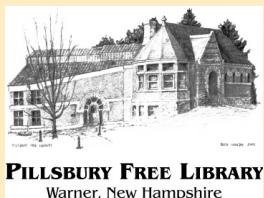


# Warner News and Events ~ Feb. 19, 2026 from Pillsbury Free Library



**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/>

## OUR 300th weekly newsletter!

Please submit news events to [newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov](mailto:newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov) by

Tues. February 24 for the February 26 issue!

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

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## 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.

**Ice Rink:** If the ice is too soft, it may have to be closed for a bit. Watch the signs.

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

Call ahead if bad weather.

**Closing Sale** at Buttonwood Shop: 11 E Main St. 12-4, Thurs, Fri and Sat through 2/21

**Saturday, Feb. 21,**  
10am-2pm **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** [Snow Snake Games](#), a traditional winter activity, with campfire and smores. Dress for the weather! Free. The museum will also be open (paid admission).

**Feb. 21**, 10:30 am: monthly Saturday **storytime** with craft at the library with Miss Sue.

**Reed's North Closed Sunday Feb. 22 for staff party.**

**Sun. Feb. 22**, 2pm **Warner Democrats** meeting at MainStreet BookEnds Gallery.

## Coming Soon

**Thurs. Feb. 26** Music at The Local: 5 - 8 pm **Emily Rae**

**Sat., Feb. 28** Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in a Public Session on the 2nd floor of the Warner Town Hall from **10:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

**Saturday Feb. 28 at 2 pm:** ["Late in Arriving," by Steve Taylor](#), Warner Town Hall. Free.  
**How electricity changed rural New Hampshire life.** (rescheduled from Feb 7). Home-baked refreshments. Books, library tote bags for sale. Cosponsored by **Pillsbury Free Library and Warner Historical Society** with funding assistance from [NH Humanities](#).

**March 3:**

2 pm Circle of Friends of the Library - Library Meeting room  
6:30 pm Writer's Group at the Pillsbury Free Library Meeting Room

#### March 4

5:30 pm School Facilities Tour of Simonds Elementary School, & Board Mtg, 6:30pm  
6 pm Fall Foliage Festival Board meeting at Sugar River Bank.  
7 pm Candidates night at Warner Town Hall  
7 pm Public Hearing Conservation Commission: Loud Lane conservation easement.

**March 7 United Church of Warner:** Saturday Night Communion in The Chapel 4 PM

**Sunday, March 8, 12-2 pm Warner Democrats' Almost Spring Soup Social**

**Sign up now for** the second annual **Community Chili Cook-Off** benefiting the Warner Food Pantry. **Sunday, March 15, 2026** 12-2:30 PM at Warner Town Hall. Calling all chili competitors and chili lovers! \$25 to register to compete. \$10 day-of to taste and vote. All proceeds donated to the Warner Food Pantry! Sponsored by **Cafe One East**, Sweetgrass Pottery, and **Reed's North**. Questions/ application: paige@CafeOneEast.com

## Warner People / in the Media

Warner was featured in the [Winter edition of Chatter](#), Ausbon Sargent's newsletter, p.12

**Concord Monitor Feb 12:** [Proposed mountain bike trail on Mt. Kearsarge](#)

[InterTown Record](#) **Feb. 17:** Town Meeting petition articles, letter, Neighbor news (at Lib.)

**Feb 10** (online only): Opinion article by Barbara Lassonde, "What's in our food?"

[Messenger Feb 19](#): Selectboard meeting: Police cruiser approval, MainStreet BookEnds NOFA award, Calendar events.

The Weekend community news column in the Concord Monitor is now being written by **Cathy Carson**, who also writes the Warner Town column in the InterTown Record. To submit news items for either, email her at [TownNews.Warner@gmail.com](mailto:TownNews.Warner@gmail.com).

**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!

## Warner Town & School Meetings

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

**KRSD School vacation / Winter Break**  
March 23-27

**Precinct Commissioners** (W. Joppa Rd)  
Wed. Feb. 25, 3:30 – 4:30pm  
**Planning Board Meeting**  
Mon. March 2, 7:00 – 10:00pm

**Agendas** (often with Zoom Link) are at <https://warnerNH.gov/agenda/> Updates:  
**-Please check agenda AND calendar**

**Warner Assessing office will be closed on** 2/25. For Building Department issues contact Building Inspector, Scott Lacroix 603-715-6624 or Select Board's office.

**IRS Tax forms** and instructions 1040 and 1040SR have arrived at the library! For schedule forms etc: [www.IRS.gov](http://www.IRS.gov)).

**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
[www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65](https://www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65)

**School Board Meetings**  
**School Facilities Tour:**  
**March 4 Tour of Simonds Elementary School, 5:30pm & Board Mtg, 6:30pm.**

**Thurs. March 12 (New London) 6:30 pm**  
[Kearsarge Professional Devel Ctr, New London](https://www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars) or Zoom  
<https://www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars>

**High School Student exchange**  
information: [chinet.org/academic-year](https://chinet.org/academic-year)

## **Town of Warner is seeking**

- **Human Services Director.** <https://warnernh.gov/tow/downloads/jobs/jobdesc-HumanServices.pdf>.
- **Deputy Tax Collector** to assist and support the Tax Collector. PT, stipend position.

To apply please send a completed application -

<https://warnernh.gov/tow/downloads/Employmentapp.pdf>, with letter of interest and resume via mail or email to: [SelectBoard@WarnerNH.gov](mailto:SelectBoard@WarnerNH.gov).

**Help Wanted: Warner Parks and Recreation Worker** to assist in the maintenance, operation, and support of town parks, recreation facilities, and public grounds. Duties may include landscaping, custodial work, facility maintenance, and helping with recreational programs or events. Contact Parks and Rec via FB or at Town Hall.

There are proposed changes to the Zoning Ordinance that will be voted on, Tuesday March 11 on the Ballot. [Download the proposed changes](#).

Full town audits for 2008 - 2023 are available at <https://warnernh.gov/audits/>

The Supervisors of the Checklist will meet in a Public Session on the 2nd floor of the Warner Town Hall from **10:00 AM to 11:00 AM on Sat., Feb. 28, 2026**. At this meeting the Supervisors will attend to any administrative matters and update the checklist as necessary. **This will be the last time to register as a voter BEFORE election day and town meeting.** However, qualifying voters will also be able to register ON election day.

**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!

## **Kearsarge School District**

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>

## **At Your Library**

Many new DVDs and books added this month! Find and reserve **new adult items** on our catalog lists: [January 2026](#), [February 2026](#) (and images in Instagram and Facebook!) **New Children's Items in our catalog:** [January](#), [February](#) and [STEM KITS](#),

**IRS tax forms:** we have 1040, 1040-SR, and instructions. Other forms 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 (Hopkinton) 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](#) **Open Feb 11- March 1**, 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](#): 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, coupons now available daily to May 22.

**NEW:** [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/>



It's that time of year again! Back by popular demand, "**Blind Date with a Book**" may help you discover a new "love" and freshen up your reading life! Grab a wrapped book, check it out and take it home. Staff can let you know if you have already borrowed it, at check out. Put your name in the basket for each book read, for a chance to win some Candy! Drawing will be Saturday March 7 at noon.

What suggestions do you have for additions to our "[Library of Things](#)" collection? So far we have [Kill-o-Watt energy meters](#), [DVD players](#), CD and VHS players, a code reader, 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.



**Saturday, February 21** is another **Story time for families**. Hopefully it will be the last winter story time. The craft is play doh fun - and take some home! Free.

**Family Crochet AND CRAFT day!** Saturday February 21st, 9:30-10:30am in the library meeting room with **Sue Jenna of Warner 4-H Club**.

[Discovery Center](#) is OPEN every day February 23rd - March 1st, 2026 during school vacation. They offer many children's programs and summer camps.

Miss Sue is planning the summer program. Free, offered Tuesday AM and Wednesday afternoons. Look for details and a brochure soon. "**Plant a seed, Read**" is the theme.

**School vacation week:** come in for some good books, STEM kits, games, LEGOs, or challenge Miss Sue to a game of checkers or chess.

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

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

**New Children's Items in our catalog:** [December](#), [January](#), [February](#) and [STEM KITS](#). There are **new kits, just added**, [Magnets](#), [Pom-Pom Maker](#), and a [Round Loom](#).

**The Library book discussion group meets monthly on the 2nd Wednesday.** The next meeting will be on **March 11, 2026 at 1:30 pm** in the library to discuss [The Frozen River](#). 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 April 3** at 4 pm at the bookstore. We will discuss 'The Berry Pickers' by Amanda Peters.  
[www.facebook.com/events/1462387815304021](#)



# Warner Voting

**Voting Day - March 10, 2026 7 AM - 7 PM**  
**Town Meeting - March 11, 2026 starting at 6 PM**  
**Warner Town Hall, 5 East Main St**

[Sample Ballot](#) [Sample School Ballot](#) [Sample Zoning Ballot](#) [Proposed Zoning changes](#)  
If you wish to vote by absentee ballot, please read the information on the [State of NH website](#). The absentee ballot request form is available there or [on the Town website](#).  
Not sure if you are still on the Warner Voter list? Check at <https://app.sos.nh.gov/viphome>

**WARNER CANDIDATES' FORUM, Wed., March 4 at 7:00 pm**, Warner Town Hall  
Come hear from the candidates running for **Selectboard** - 1 opening for a 3-year term:  
**Richard Bixby, Jr. ~ Mark J. O'Neil**

All unopposed candidates for any position are also welcomed to stand and give a brief introduction of who they are and what they hope to accomplish.  
Sponsored and moderated by the **League of Women Voters** of the Kearsarge/Sunapee area, a non-partisan organization. Bring your questions!

## 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/>

## News to Use

The Conservation Commission has released the final [2025 Warner Natural Resource Inventory report](#) (NRI). There is also an [interactive StoryMap](#).

Seasonal Jobs: NH Parks Department is taking applications for the 2026 season.

***The Librarians*** premiered on PBS Feb. 9, after a robust theatrical and festival run that saw Kim A. Snyder's documentary earn awards across the country. It is streaming free on the PBS website until May 9, 2026 [www.pbs.org/video/the-librarians-ubgpbk/](https://www.pbs.org/video/the-librarians-ubgpbk/)

***"Padding Through Time"***, Dr. Robert Goodby's discussion on dugout canoes presented by Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum and The Harrisville Center is now available [on YouTube](#).

Are you interested in watching these or other interesting films with others at the Library? let us know what topics or titles are of interest, and convenient times. Suggestions so far include farming, activism, and energy issues. There are lots of free films out there!

## Warner Businesses

**Vote by March 12** for your favorite businesses: <https://www.nhmagazine.com/Best-of-NH/>. You must **vote in at least 10 categories** for your vote to be counted. You must register/login to vote. Write in restaurants and businesses are welcome!

Buttonwood is closing its artisan gift shop to focus on their own collection of handmade goods. Enjoy the shop's final sale: 40% everything (excluding house-made items). You'll find ceramics, soap, candles, cards, stained glass, wall art and more. Located at 11 E Main St. Open 12-4, Thurs, Fri and Sat through 2/21.

Please continue to follow @buttonwood.shop (on Facebook & Instagram) for updates on their new products and fair/festival schedule!

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

**BUY LOCAL!** Many local businesses are listed at [/kearsargechamber.org/page/members](http://kearsargechamber.org/page/members)

## Warner Groups and Museums

**Sunday, March 8, 12-2 pm Warner Democrats' Almost Spring Soup Social** at the Main Street Bookends Gallery. Chat with local representatives, friends and neighbors, raise funds for local candidates, and learn about Town Meeting, while enjoying delicious homemade soups. \$10 suggested donation. Bring your mug and spoon if you like!

[Kearsarge Trail Snails](#) Meeting: 2nd Friday of every month @ 6:30pm Meetings take place at Jason's barn (590 Schoodac Road in Warner).

**NH Telephone Museum Jan.- April Hours: Fridays 10-4 and Saturdays, 10 am-2 pm**  
**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!](#)

[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.

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

**Ali "Grace" Rapetti** once a month at worship. Grace is a vocalist and guitarist who has been featured by Rolling Stone Magazine, NPR and Writer's Digest for her work. **10 AM at the United Church of Warner March 15 and April 19**

There is one opening on the **church council**. If you would like to join our council please contact Pastor Amy: (603) 456-3447 [unitedchurchofwarner@gmail.com](mailto:unitedchurchofwarner@gmail.com)

## More Arts, Music, Games, etc

**Poetry reading group** 1st Saturdays at MainStreet BookEnds 10:30-11:30am. An opportunity to read and discuss poetry that has impacted you.

**Learn to 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 assist < 8 yr )

[Reed's North](#): **Music SUNDAY 4-7 pm** CLOSED Sunday Feb. 22 for staff party.

**Sat. Feb 28** Karaoke at the Depot (under Reed's): 7 - 10 pm

**March 14** Dueling pianos 8 pm, \$59.95

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

Open Mic at **Cafe One East** the 2nd Tues. of each month. 6:30-8pm. Door opens at 6 pm.

[The Local](#): Music most Thursdays 5-8 pm. <https://thelocalwarnernh.com/events>

Do you have Picture Puzzles to share/ swap? Contact the library. Looking for 250-1000 pc.

**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) [nighthumanities.org/programs/upcoming](http://nighthumanities.org/programs/upcoming),

## Tech Tips

<https://lifehacker.com/tech/recover-lost-work-in-microsoft-word>

## Helping Hands

### Family Closet Thrift Store

Wed. and Sat. 10am-1 pm 603-456-2183  
[familyclosetwcnh@gmail.com](mailto:familyclosetwcnh@gmail.com)

### Warner Area Food Pantry

[www.warnerconnectsnh.org](http://www.warnerconnectsnh.org)

**February Wish List:** Cooking Oil, Sugar, BBQ sauce, Salad Dressing, Cream Corn, Dried Spices, Face Tissue, Dry Cat Food.  
**Drop off items during office hours** only, **Tues. & Wed.** 10-1pm. Thank you!  
**Pantry Client Hours:** [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/WarnerFoodPantry)  
TUES. 4-6 pm & THURS. 11:00am- 1:00 pm.

Free legal help: [www.603legalaid.org/](http://www.603legalaid.org/)  
Homeless or need tax help? Call 211

### Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action

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

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

[Give Blood](#) March 13, Warner 12-4:30 pm

**Contact Person Notification Program.** A statewide public safety initiative that allows residents to voluntarily provide contact information of a legal guardian or other individuals who can assist law enforcement in **communicating with persons with cognitive impairment or other disabilities**.

Voluntarily submitting your loved one's information will give law enforcement additional knowledge on how best to interact with them and allow you, the caregiver, to be contacted directly and in a timely manner.

To learn more about the program, how it works, and how you can sign up, call (603) 223-3872, email us at [NCIC@dos.nh.gov](mailto:NCIC@dos.nh.gov), or visit: [nhsp.dos.nh.gov](http://nhsp.dos.nh.gov).

## Outdoors and Sports

Help NH Fish and Game **document flocks of wild turkeys** this winter by participating in the 2026 Winter Turkey Flock Survey by March 31. [wildlife.nh.gov/wildlife-and-habitat/wild-turkeys-new-hampshire/turkey-surveys](http://wildlife.nh.gov/wildlife-and-habitat/wild-turkeys-new-hampshire/turkey-surveys)

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

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

**Indoor Pickleball** at Simond's: Mondays and Fridays 6:30-8:30pm. **NOT Feb 23-27.** 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.

## 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

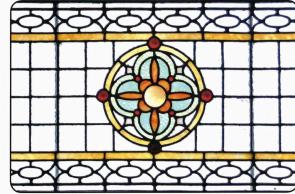
advance online and at the USPO and Library, and on the [Warner Events Calendar](#). Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Minutes page](#).

**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!



Buy cards or  
just Donate

Contributions to the library  
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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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