

## Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ February 20, 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 from 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 In brief text please, to  
[Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov](mailto:Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov) by Feb. 25 for Feb. 27 issue!

## Town & School News

**KRSD schools are on break Feb. 24-28.**

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

### Selectboard Mtg

Tues, February 25, 4:00pm -includes public hearing on petition to increase the # of board members at 6 pm.

**Precinct Commissioners** (Joppa Rd)  
Wednesday, February 26, 3:30 – 4:30pm

**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 Meetings - Thursdays

(Prof. bldg 165 Main St. New London)

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

**Kearsarge Regional Preschool** is now accepting applications for 2025-26 for Bradford and New London locations.

<https://www.kearsarge.org/krrps-bradford-and-new-london/pages/apply>

Now Hiring **School Bus Drivers** for KRSD. \$26.00 per hour. Apply today OR SHARE with someone who might be interested! Apply: <https://bit.ly/4f0FiLd>

Residents will be VOTING on whether to merge the two jobs of **Town Clerk and Tax Collector** on the official ballot March 11 (when you vote for new officials). The merging would not happen until elections in March 2026. The Board of Selectmen will hold an Informational Session on **Tuesday, March 4** at 6 pm for residents to ask questions about the proposed change. [Sample Ballot](#)

**WARNER CANDIDATE FORUM.** Come hear from the candidates running for **contested** races in Warner. **Tuesday, March 4** at 7:00 pm, Warner Town Hall

**Selectboard** - 1 opening for a 3-year term: Alfred Hanson, Derek Narducci

**Budget Committee** – 2 openings for 3-yr terms: Michael Cutting, Kelly Lombardi, James F. Sherman.

Bring your questions! Sponsored and moderated by the **League of Women Voters of the Kearsarge/Sunapee Area**, a non-partisan organization.

The Warner Town calendars are going through some transitions which is affecting the

merged [Warner Events Calendar](#) - please be patient about errors or omissions while it is being worked out. We have added the new United Church of Warner calendar, some of its events are internal meetings at this time, others are public such as the exercise classes, and AA meetings and we thought it worth adding.

**Thank you to the 113** people who answered the Pillsbury Free **Library Programs Survey** about topics and times. The **survey closed on Monday, Feb. 17**. Results soon!

## Warner People

**Jody Welch**, who operated a Hair Salon in Warner and later in Concord, passed away February 13, 2025 age 66.

[www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/concordmonitor/name/jody-welch-obituary?id=57579443](http://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/concordmonitor/name/jody-welch-obituary?id=57579443)

**Susan Jenna**, Warner 4-H Club leader, is one of the people featured in a recent WMUR Chronicle episode on "[Kids Getting Hooked on Crochet](#)" (Sue is at min. 5:26)

## Warner Voting

The **Supervisors of the Checklist** will meet for a Public Session on the 2nd floor of the Warner Town Hall from 9:00 AM to 9:45 AM on **Saturday, March 1, 2025**.

This meeting will be **to register voters** and/or to make changes to the checklist. You may also register or make the changes with the Town Clerk's Office.

**Town Elections** will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM

Warner Town Hall, for Official Officers and three (3) questions. There is also a Zoning Ballot question. **Town Meeting** for discussion of other warrant articles is Wednesday, March 12, 2025 Starting at 6:00 PM at Warner Town Hall.

[MS-737](#) (Budget), [Sample Ballot](#) [Sample Zoning Ballot](#) [Application for Election Absentee Ballot](#) [Proposed Floodplain Development Ordinance Changes](#)

## Misc. Town News

The **Town of Warner** is seeking a **Police officer**, a **Transfer Station** attendant, and **DPW crew member**. [warnernh.gov/job-openings/](http://warnernh.gov/job-openings/)

## Seasonal Stuff

**7th Annual Outdoor Winter Challenge!** Join **Take Me Outside**, from February 24 to March 7 for their annual [Outdoor Learning Winter Challenge](#) and embrace the beauty of winter learning. Amazing prizes, and many ways you can participate in this challenge from Canada. Check out [their website](#) for details on contests, resources and activity ideas.

**Warner Parks and Rec** are looking for a **CO-ED Softball Director** to run the league this year. If you are interested please email us at: [parks@warnernh.gov](mailto:parks@warnernh.gov)  
Other Parks and Rec. positions available: President, and general Board Member.  
Without volunteers we can't run the programs, so please consider applying.

Get ready for MAPLE WEEKEND! March 15-16 - More next week!

## 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](http://www.youtube.com/@NewHampshireSenate)  
**House Livestream and recordings:** [www.youtube.com/@NHHouseofRepresentatives](http://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](mailto:governorayotte@governor.nh.gov)

**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](#) (links to this and a Bill search are on the [General Court home page](#). [www.gencourt.state.nh.us](http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us).)

Tracking **any NH Legislation**? Let us know what Bills you think people should watch!

**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](http://www.senate.gov/states/NH/intro.htm) **Maggie Hassan & Jeanne Shaheen**  
Senate calendar and webcast: [https://www.senate.gov/legislative/legislative\\_home.htm](https://www.senate.gov/legislative/legislative_home.htm)  
**President** Donald J. Trump: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/>  
**Congressional transcripts** and summaries at [www.congress.gov/congressional-record](http://www.congress.gov/congressional-record)

File IRS taxes online - for free - directly with the IRS. **IRS Direct File** is for eligible taxpayers - check your eligibility and file at <https://directfile.irs.gov/>  
**1040 and 1040 SR Tax form** and instructions are available at the Library. Or find forms and instructions at [www.irs.gov/site-index-search?search=1040](http://www.irs.gov/site-index-search?search=1040)

**Hopkinton AARP Tax-Aide** prepares Tax returns, free, by appointment only, at the Hopkinton Town Library, 61 Houston Drive in Contoocook on Wednesdays and Thursdays between 9:45 am and 1:30 pm starting on 2/5/2025 through 4/10/2025. For an appointment or more information, call 211 or 866-444-4211 or [www.nhtaxhelp.org](http://www.nhtaxhelp.org)

## Arts, Music, Games, etc

**Kearsarge Regional High School and the Kearsarge Actors Guild** proudly present the Winter One-Act Plays **Fri. March 7th, 7 pm and Sat. March 8th, 5 pm. \$5**

1. How to Get Away with a Murder Mystery by Don Zolidis
2. Check Please by Jonathan Rand
3. In the Forests of the Night by Del Martin

Please be advised that this play has mature situations and themes.

All performances will take place in the Kearsarge Regional High School auditorium.

To reserve tickets email [senelson@kearsarge.org](mailto:senelson@kearsarge.org)

<https://www.facebook.com/events/527420219768659>

**Pancake Breakfast:** The Bradford NH Fire Rescue will be hosting a free pancake breakfast at the station prior to the candidate forum on March 8, 7:30 - 10 am to fund-raise for the Association. They hope some of the candidates will stop by. Donations accepted.

**Indoor Pickleball** in the Simonds School gym, Mon. and Fri. 6:30-8 pm. Except days school is closed or no after school activities. Free. **NOT school vacation (Feb 24, 28)**

**Vincent van Gogh's paintings** of the postman Joseph Roulin and his family will be on exhibit starting March 30 at the MFA in Boston. Timed-entry tickets are required for this

special exhibition! [Book early to guarantee your preferred entry date](#) and time. **Ask the Library about a promo code discount for museum entry.**

**The Local:** Music Thursdays 5-8 pm [Feb 20, Brad Myrick](#), Feb 27 [Ian Archibold](#)  
**Team Trivia Nights:** Weds at 6 pm. The Local now has **Monday** hours **11-8!**

**Reed's North: Tavern Night Sat. 6-9 pm:** 2/22 Chris Bonoli. **Open Mic** Every 1st Sat.  
**Trivia with Competitive Edge Trivia** Thursdays 6-8 **introducing music bingo**

**Sunday March 23**, 4 pm at Reeds: Make your own chunky blanket. These blankets will use 5 rolls of chunky blanket yarn, and there will be multiple color options to choose from at the event. \$85- register in advance.

## Cool Zooms and Articles!

**Exploring the Governor's Budget Proposal** by New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute  
Feb. 21 @ 10:30am. [nhfpi.org/events/examining-the-state-budget-2025-webinar-series](https://nhfpi.org/events/examining-the-state-budget-2025-webinar-series)

Where do wild bees spend the winter? [https://northernwoodlands.org/outside\\_story/article/bees-at-home](https://northernwoodlands.org/outside_story/article/bees-at-home) You can also check out our print copies of Northern Woodlands Magazine!

The [NH Butterfly Monitoring Network](#) is a collaborative effort to engage volunteers in counting and identifying butterflies across New Hampshire. [nhbutterflies.org](https://nhbutterflies.org).

- 2/26 - [Wetland Butterflies of New Hampshire](#)
- 3/12 - [Butterflying New Hampshire's Woodlands](#)

**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!

## History, Museums and Groups

The **United Church of Warner** announced that the Benefit Spaghetti Dinner on February 1, combined with donations that came in afterwards, raised a final profit (after expenses) of \$4273.50!! Checks of \$2136.75 each will be sent to the communities of St. Mark's Episcopal Church and Altadena Community Church, in Altadena, CA to help them recover from the recent devastating wildfires.

[NH Telephone Museum](#) is seeking a part-time seasonal Receptionist/Tour Guide – 6 hrs/week (Saturdays) May – December, with potential for additional hours and growth.

[Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum](#) From January through April, the museum is open **Fridays** only, 10-4, with tours at 10:30am and 1:30pm. Check the [new website design!](#) MKIM membership is invaluable and directly contributes to the ability to enhance exhibits, events, and educational programs. **Beginning April 1st**, there will be small increases in membership fees. [Renew now](#) if you'd like to take advantage of current rates.

Join Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum for an exciting and refreshing **Spring Social** on **Saturday, March 22, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM**. This event is open to the public! Enjoy a fun-filled day with a potluck meal—please bring your favorite dish to share. There will be social dancing with two drums, featuring the Walking Bear Singers and Black Thunder Singers. Feel free to bring your craft projects and get creative as a community. Admission is free, but in lieu of a fee, a **donation of a non-perishable food item for the Warner Food Pantry** would be greatly appreciated.

**Other Event listings online :** [warner.lib.nh.us/warner-events-calendar](http://warner.lib.nh.us/warner-events-calendar), [nh365.org](http://nh365.org), [visitnh.gov](http://visitnh.gov), [kearsargecalendar.com](http://kearsargecalendar.com), [nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming](http://nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming), [centerfortheartsnh.org](http://centerfortheartsnh.org) Arts calendar, [facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/](https://facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/)

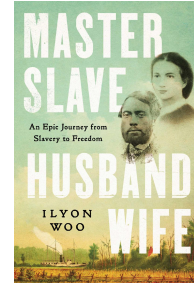
## At Your Library

### Book Discussion Groups

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

**March 12** [Master Slave Husband Wife](#) by Ilyon Woo

**April 9** [Year of No Garbage](#) by Eve O. Schaub



**BookEnds BookGroup** will be meeting at 4pm on the first Friday every **other month**. The next meeting will be on **April 4, 2025**.

You can also request copies for any book group via the library through inter-library loan.



A chance to win *Chocolate* by trying something New! Stuck in a rut with the same old book authors? Try a "Blind Date with a Book" by borrowing a mystery book to spend the evening (or week) with!

Add your name to a basket each time and see if you win chocolates, too! Drawing will be March 1 at noon.

**Hurry to** register for a space at the April 12 **Annual Indoor Flea Market** library fundraiser. \$15 per table/ space inside Warner Town Hall. Online registration form: <https://forms.gle/goXZ6RhhbFoHMs2d9>. Reservation is not final until payment received, and if spaces available. Hurry, more than half of the spaces are already Booked!

We have **Library passes** for free or reduced cost admission to:

**Now available!** [Boston Aquarium](#) passes, Jan. - May 2025 and [Museum of Science](#) passes all year, for 1/2 price entry! See our [Museums & Parks](#) page for more passes!

**NH State Parks pass** - Find parks which are open at [nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/](http://nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/) and news updates at <https://www.facebook.com/NewHampshireStateParks>

**McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** Wed-Sun. 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

Free with library pass. See [starhop.com](http://starhop.com) for SHOW schedules (add \$7 /show/person), and check out the exhibits at <https://www.starhop.com/exhibits>.

**The Currier Museum of Art** in Manchester [currier.org](http://currier.org) open Wed- Sun. 10am-5pm. and school holidays. 1/2 price with a library pass.

**Second Saturdays** are Free for NH Residents. **1st Wednesdays** [Memory Cafe](#)., [Art for Vets Family Day](#) is the 3rd Saturday of every month, free entry for Veterans & family.

**Museum of Fine Arts in Boston:** [www.mfa.org/exhibitions](http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions)

For the promo-code "pass" discount at MFA, for \$10 admission, call 603-456-2289.

**Current exhibits include** ["Landscape and Labor: Dutch Works on Paper in Van Gogh's Time"](#), presenting the Hague School at its best..

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** January through April, open **Fridays** only, 10-4, with tours at 10:30 and 1:30. Group tours are also available for groups of 10 or more during the winter by calling and making an appointment. Email [education@indianmuseum.org](mailto:education@indianmuseum.org). or call 603-456-2600 to arrange a time and date.

**New Hampshire Telephone Museum** By appt. for groups, Jan-Feb

## Warner Youth

Find New Hampshire summer camps and programs, for every type of kid, including: STEM and STEAM, overnight and nature, and arts and theatre. Download the ebook: <https://www.nhmagazine.com/summer-camp>

Recreation Department and New London Conservation Commission (NLCC) 's Clark Lookout **Community Snowshoe** Tuesday, Feb. 25, 10am-12 PM. To register and for additional details <https://newlondon.nh.gov/recreation>. Free.

**Kearsarge Youth Hockey** registration is already open for the 25-26 season (starts in October!) [kearsargehockey.org](http://kearsargehockey.org)

**WYSA** (Warner Youth Sports) Spring softball, baseball and Spring Soccer Clinic registration is open: <https://warnersports.org/home> NEW website with easy registrations!

The Racial Unity Team is sponsoring its seventh annual **Art & Poetry Challenge**, inviting K-12 students to submit an original poem or artwork. The 2025 theme is "Building Bridges, Tearing Down Walls." <https://racialunityteam.com/art-and-poetry-challenge>. The deadline for submission is August 31, 2025. First, second, and third place winners will receive \$300, \$200, and \$100 respectively in elementary (K-2 and 3-5), middle school, and high school categories of both art and poetry. Winners will be announced in October.

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

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



**Preschooler Story times** with Miss Sue are held every **Thursday at 10:30** am - stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft. This program is held in the Children's Room. **Call if bad weather to be sure**

**we are open.**

**We'll be all about Dr. Seuss next Thursday** in celebration of his birthday, **March 2nd.**

**February 22, 10:30**, is the next **Saturday Story Time** for kids of working parents who missed the Thursday event. Turtle stories, songs, fingerplays and a turtle project.

**New Children's Items in our catalog:** [December](#), [January](#), [February](#) and [STEM KITS](#) or [NATURE KIT backpacks](#)

**The next spring play will be "KID FRANKENSTEIN". Performance date is Saturday, May 10, 4:00pm. Practices are on Wednesdays, 3-5:00pm.**



Another reminder to all 4th graders and up to 7th, it's time to really get the reading done. The **Great Stone Face party will be Friday, April 18th 5:30-8PM.** Anyone

who has read at least 1 book can come, but the more books you read the better! More details as we get closer to party time!

**Pokemon Club** meets at the Library the 2nd Tues. of the month, 3-5 pm. All welcome. Miss Sue walks Simonds students from school to Library.

Find the most recent audio and ebooks purchased for Overdrive: [nhdbooks.blogspot.com](http://nhdbooks.blogspot.com)

## Area Business and Farms

Any businesses in town who want to be included on the 'Explore Warner' page of the <https://www.pumpkinblossomfarm.com/explore-warner> website, Or who need your listing updated or changed, please let them know.

**Super Salmon Saturday at Yankee Farmer's Market:** Saturday, February 22, 9am-4pm a day filled with wild-caught Alaskan seafood, including: Salmon, Cod, Halibut, Pollock, Tuna and more. Come by for cooking tips, recipes, samples, cases and loads of fun. The bison, cows and goats are here as well. All purchases are double stamped for Buff Bucks Day! 360 Rt 103 E, Warner, NH <https://yankeefarmersmarket.com/supersalmonsaturday>

[Sweet Beet Cafe temporarily closed for post-fire reconstruction](#): Due to a fire at 11 West Main St, home of Sweet Beet, in Bradford on Tuesday, February 17, [Sweet Beet Café](#) will unfortunately be closed for an undetermined amount of time to undergo significant repairs. [Sweet Beet Market](#) is still open with regular winter hours, Weds-Fri 11am-5pm and Sat-Sun 9am-4pm. The stock has been replenished with new produce.

**Kearsarge Food Hub** is 10 yrs old and has a [brand-new website!!](#)

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

## Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

NH Recycling Legislation 2025:

**HB 451, which would establish a paint recycling program in NH.**

NRRA looked at data for over a dozen communities that held household hazardous waste collection days through NRRA's cooperative program. These communities had an average population of 9,631. The average cost to hold a collection event was \$13,091.

NRRA found that on average, 53% of the material collected (by weight) at those collection events was paint. This means that on average, these communities spent \$7,126 for paint collection and recycling alone at collection events. [MORE ABOUT PAINT RECYCLING](#)

**HB 355 would extend the end of the term of the NH Solid Waste Working Group**, which was formed to advise the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) on planning for NH's solid waste future. House vote: Ought to Pass: 02/06/2025. **Follow these and more waste bills:** <https://www.nrrarecycles.org/policy-legislation>

In Warner, recycling earns \$\$ and reduces tipping costs, especially Metal, Aluminum, Mixed paper, corrugated cardboard, Plastics #1 and #2 (clear/green and laundry/milk).

Want to get together with others to talk about solutions to **NH environment and energy** concerns? Find online meetings and activities at <https://www.newhampshirenetwork.org/>

## Helping Hands

Family Closet is always looking for committed volunteers to serve our community. Income from the store supports the Food Pantry. Can you spare a couple of hours a week or month? Some can be done from home. Stop in to chat with Patty about how you can help.

**Family Closet Thrift Store** Open Weds and Saturdays 10am-4pm 603-456-2183. Accepting WINTER donations until Mar. 12. Special: \$5 February -except new items.

**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

**Warner Area Food Pantry.**  
[www.warnerconnectsnh.org](http://www.warnerconnectsnh.org).

**Wishlist:** The Food Pantry is in need of Jam/Jelly, Tea/Coffee, Hot Cocoa, Boxed Cereal - Variety.

**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.

**Pantry facebook:** [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575)

**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](mailto:help@WarnerNH.gov). If you are having trouble getting through, call 456-2298 x 2.

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

**Ash Wednesday** is March 5. Contact United Church of Warner to assist.

**AA Meetings:** Weekly on Saturday 7:00 – 8:00pm and Wednesday, 7:30-8:30 pm at the United Church of Warner [https://nhaa.net/meetings/warner-group\\_000021167/](https://nhaa.net/meetings/warner-group_000021167/)

## Your Donations Keep Library Services Strong!

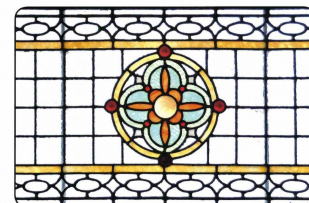
**Library Trustee meetings** include the **Monthly Board Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month (at 6:30 pm, in person)**. Various Committee meetings, some that meet monthly, vary in schedules.

Trustee meetings are published 24-48 hours in advance 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.

