

## Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ February 13, 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" **69%** 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. 18 for Feb. 20 issue!

## Town & School News

The Library, Post Office and Town Offices will be closed **Monday, February 17 Presidents' Day.**  
**KRSD schools are OPEN Feb. 17**, but will be **on break Feb. 24-28.**

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

**Planning Board Work Session** IF NEEDED  
Monday, February 17, 7:00pm  
**Selectboard Mtg**  
Tuesday, February 18, 4:00pm -includes public hearing on Tax Cap petition 6 pm.  
**Energy Committee**  
Thursday, February 20, 4:00pm

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

There will be **NO POSTAL MAILING** of the 2024 Annual Town Report. An on-line version will be available on the Warner website when it is ready. Printed copies will be available to pick-up at Town Hall and Pillsbury Free Library by March 2.

[FAQ - Town of Warner Assessing Process](#)

### **Kearsarge Regional School District**

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

#### **School Board Meeting**

(Prof. bldg 165 Main St. New London)  
Thurs., Feb. 20, 6:30 – 8:30pm

<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/krps-bradford-and-new-london/pages/apply>

Now Hiring School Bus Drivers for KRSD. \$26.00 per hour. No experience? No problem! PAID School Bus Training Program to get you on the road in no time. Save on daycare with our Child Ride-Along Program!  
Apply today OR SHARE with someone who might be interested!

Link to Apply: <https://bit.ly/4f0FiLd>

Warner Select Board Will Hold a Hearing for Public Input Tuesday, February 25, 2025, 6:00 pm at Warner Town Hall, about petition article, "Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members?"

**89** people so far have answered the Pillsbury Free **Library Programs Survey** about topics and times online at: <https://forms.gle/SHhSuuMxLVkChziS9>. Can we make it 100? Hurry! The **survey will close on Monday, February 17.**

## Warner People



Congratulations to **Lilah Bartholomew**, who competed in Tuesday night's regional Semi-Finals for Poetry Out Loud. Lilah is one of three finalists who will be competing at the State competition Friday, March 14 at 5:00 PM in Representatives Hall at the NH State House in Concord. This event is open to the public.

Poetry Out Loud is presented in partnership with the National Endowment for the Arts and the Poetry Foundation. More about New Hampshire Poetry Out Loud, at [nharts.dncr.nh.gov/programs/poetry-out-loud](http://nharts.dncr.nh.gov/programs/poetry-out-loud)

## Warner Voting

**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.

Documents: (also available at Library and Town Hall) [Sample Ballot](#) [Sample Zoning Ballot](#) [Application for Election Absentee Ballot](#)

## 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

[Lavender Fields at Pumpkin Blossom Farm](#) **Valentines Pop-up shop** will be open Fri. Feb 14, 10:00am to 4:00pm.

Get creative, gain self-care insights, meet new friends and eat chocolate! Drop in between **3-7pm Friday Feb 14**. at **Brookside Building**, 51 East Main St. for an informal **Self-Care Workshop** this **Valentines Day** and see some cool local businesses! Co-hosted by [Origins Direct Primary Care](#), [Beez Ink Studio](#) and [George S. Wallace Bag Maker](#).

[Hot Skillet Club](#) with **Val Blachly** is performing at the [Follansbee Inn in North Sutton](#). 2 Keyser St. on **Saturday, Feb. 15** at 7:30. BYOB. Call for reservations. 603-443-7538

**Pson-Skoks or Snow Snake** is a winter game which has been played by many Northeastern Tribal Nations for generations. Join **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** in partnership with Abenaki Trails for Snow Snake Games on **Saturday, February 15th from 10am-2pm**. The museum will be open and there will be hot cocoa and s'mores. Outside events are free but regular admission applies to tour the museum. There will be plenty of snow snakes to borrow to try out.

**Valentines' Day Dinner** reservations are open at **Reed's North**, with a special menu.

**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. To participate in this year's challenge including an Art contest. [SIGN UP](#) free!

# 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/>

NH residents can 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 forms** have arrived at the Library and **we have instructions** now. 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

[Old School PE group](#) at Simonds School is open to anyone. 6:30 pm in the Gym/ MPR. [Corn Hole Tournament](#) Wed. February 19. FREE: grab some sneakers and a water bottle and come have some fun!

**Indoor Pickleball** in the Simonds School gym, Mondays and Fridays 6:30-8 pm. Except days school is closed or no after school activities. Free. **NOT school vacation (Feb 24, 28)** but it is **ON for Mon. Feb 17**.

**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, bringing together more than 20 of Van Gogh's beloved works to Boston from around the world. 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.**

Exhibit at [The Pillar Gallery + Projects](#), 205 N. State St., Concord NH. FEB. 9 - APR. 2, 2025: works by **Mary Mead** of Warner, Jackie Brown, Hannah Perrine Mode, Elizabeth Nelson. ["Currents"](#) focuses on contemporary interpretations of the ocean, waterways, and

reflections on the changes we are facing as a collective. 5% of sales will be donated to the [Blue Ocean Society](#) to help clean the Gulf of Maine.

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

**Reed's North: Tavern Night Sat. 6-9 pm:** 2/15 Joe Pero, 2/22 Chris Bonoli.

**Open Mic** Every 1st Saturday.

Warner Wednesdays : Feb. 19 **Historical Society** fundraiser

**Trivia with Competitive Edge Trivia** Thursdays 6-8 **OPEN TONIGHT February 13th, until 8 pm introducing music bingo** instead of our typical trivia night

## Cool Zooms!

**Exploring the Governor's Budget Proposal** by New Hampshire Fiscal Policy Institute  
Feb. 21 @ 10:30am. Register for free at: <https://nhfpi.org/events/examining-the-state-budget-2025-webinar-series>

[National Invasive Species Awareness Week](#) (NISAW) is February 24—28, 2025. NISAW is a nationwide event to raise awareness about invasive species, the threat that they pose, and what people can do to prevent their spread.

February 24, 2025 @ 1:30 pm - 3:30 pm **CST** NISAW Webinar: NOAA's Efforts to Support Biosecurity in Marine and Great Lakes Environments (includes Coral research)

The [NH Butterfly Monitoring Network](#) is a collaborative effort to engage volunteers in counting and identifying butterflies across New Hampshire. This UNH webinar series will provide information on butterflies in New Hampshire, butterfly biology and identification, and how to get involved with the NH Butterfly Monitoring Network. To register for the session(s) you want to attend (you don't need to attend them all!), visit [nhbutterflies.org](http://nhbutterflies.org).

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

**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/)

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## History, Museums and Groups

Fundraiser at [Reed's North](#) to benefit the **Warner Historical Society**: Wednesday, **February 19**, 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Raffle prizes. Come and enjoy dinner or get takeout!

**United Church of Warner 2/8/25:** <https://youtube.com/live/cpo-TKJlst4?feature=share>

[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 will be 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. The new membership prices will be: Single adult \$55, Senior / student \$40, Dual \$80, Household membership raised to \$100.

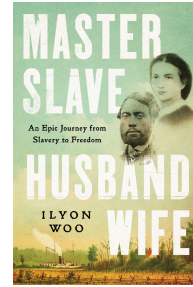
## At Your Library

### 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! We will make sure you haven't already "met" the book and you may welcome someone new into your life! 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/qoXZ6RhhbFoHMs2d9>. 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



### Teen Book Review by Katherine Blagden

#### **The Blackthorn Key** by Kevin Sands

The Blackthorn Key is an engaging and fun mystery full of twists and turns. Narrated by Christopher Rowe, an intelligent apprentice to Benedict Blackthorn, this story follows young Christopher and his best friend Tom as they try to solve the mystery of the deadly assassin group responsible for the murder of several apothecaries and scholars, including Christopher's mentor Master Benedict. Christopher must use every skill that his master taught him, code breaking and remedy making alike, to discover the truth before it's too late. As the boys uncover more and more secrets they find themselves sinking deeper into a world that they had no idea existed, and that will either be their greatest asset or their biggest threat. Full of codes, twists, riddles, and a healthy dose of humor, The Blackthorn Key is an entertaining read for all ages.

*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.**

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

**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.

**Twin Ridge Farm** is offering [February break pony camp](#) so long as at least a couple of kids sign up. For the winter version you can sign up for individual days or the full week.

**Simonds PTO** is preparing for a **March Lip Sync!** Kids, start picking your song now!

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

#### **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.**

**February 14th, 11am-12pm  
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center  
UNIVERSE UNPLUGGED**

\$5 for members, \$15 for non-members  
General Admission to the Center is included; registration required. Materials Provided. [www.starhop.com/workshops](http://www.starhop.com/workshops) to reserve your student's spot!

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

Take part in developing NH's next **Climate Action Plan (CAP)**: register for monthly sessions at <https://carsey.unh.edu/new-hampshire-listens/engage-ccap-process>

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:

- Sorting, marking and arranging merchandise coming in
- Volunteer Coordinator - schedule the volunteers monthly and substitutions
- Social Media Coordinator - pictures, text and Ads on Webpage, Facebook, etc.
- Office help - Basic bookkeeping and computer skills, Edit mailing list.
- Take home laundry - weekly

**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. Wanted: \* TODDLER 3T-5T \* TOWELS (in good shape) KING & QUEEN Sheet sets KING Blankets and comforters MEN'S BELTS, MEN'S JEANS- 34,36".

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

**Wishlist:** The Food Pantry is in need of elastics, Canned Pineapple, Size 4 Diapers (not luvs), Box 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](http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575)

The **United Church of Warner sanctuary** is open **4:30-6:30 PM Thursdays** to pray.

**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** 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.

Are you housing a young adult (18-24) who would otherwise be homeless? Waypoint Home Host Program may be able to assist! Contact Katie Anthony, coordinator 603-851-3813 [Anthonyk@waypointnh.org](mailto:Anthonyk@waypointnh.org)

## Area Business and Farms

The owner of the Warner laundromat says the bathroom will be boarded up and no longer available due to water bills over 1k due to water in the bathroom left running unattended, stolen paper goods, messes left, etc.

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.

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

**Heart and Soul Counseling Services, LLC** therapeutic support for you or someone you know: reach out for a free, 15 minute phone consult to discuss your needs 603-456-8053.

## Your Donations Keep Library Services Strong!

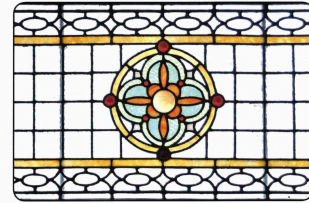
**Library Trustee meetings** include the **Monthly Board Meeting on the third Tuesday of each month (at 6:30 pm, in person)**. Various Committee meetings, some that meet monthly, vary in schedules.

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.



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