

Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ March 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 by Your Library

Sent to over **1070** contacts! "only" **66%** 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 March 25 for March 27 issue!

This Weekend

Thursday March 20: Happy Solstice! Days will now be longer than nights until next fall. Time to take your feeders down, **bears are out and about!**

Friday, March 21 Kearsarge District Schools are **closed** for a teacher workday. NO pickleball at Simonds School on Friday. Next session is Monday March 24 at 6:30 pm. Free. Use TeamReach app: code WPB21 to sign up, as space is limited.

Saturday, March 22: Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum: Spring Social, 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM: Potluck meal - bring a favorite dish. Social dancing with drums, featuring the Walking Bear Singers and Black Thunder Singers. Bring your craft projects to do. Admission is free, but a **donation of a non-perishable item** for the **Warner Food Pantry** appreciated.

Kearsarge Regional High School's music department is once again holding their annual **mattress sale fundraiser Saturday March 22, 10 to 4 at KRHS!** [Info HERE](#)

Sat., March 22 at 7 pm and Sun. March 23 at 2 pm at Whipple Hall in New London. **SKIT** (Sunapee Kearsarge Intercommunity Theatre) presents **2 Great Radio Shows: Sorry Wrong Number**, a Suspense Theatre production of a plot to murder a woman in NY City overheard when three phone lines get crossed.

Gracie Runs for President, first performed 84 yrs ago by George Burns and Gracie Allen, and as funny as ever.

Celtic Folk music Saturday March 22, 6-8pm at **Newbury** Public Library. Learn the foundations and journey of Celtic music styles. All ages. Refreshments & Door Prizes!

Saturday March 22, 10am -4pm Family CLoSet Thrift Store: **\$5 BAG SALE:** Buy a bag for \$5 each, fill it with **winter clothes**. Extra markdowns on Bedding, Shoes/Boots, Toys, and Handbags. **Spring Donations BEGIN April 2.** Especially **needed:** TODDLER 3T-5T, TOWELS, KING & QUEEN Sheet sets, KING Blankets, MEN'S BELTS, MEN'S JEANS-34,36's, JEWELRY (Pierced Earrings).

Warner People

Did you miss March 17's NH Chronicle featuring **Jim McLaughlin** and his Celtic wood carvings? <https://www.wmur.com/article/nh-chronicle-the-celtic-carver/64178080>.

Candlemaker **Ross Mingarelli** was featured in the WMUR Maple program March 18: <https://www.facebook.com/ross.mingarelli/videos/1207484030954043>

Congratulations **Lisa Fantasia** and her crew at [Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats](#) for winning the WMUR voter awards for Best bagels, soups, and Pies again this year!

The **Warner Beautification Group** invites all to help with planting and maintaining flowers in public spots around Warner. Email kathy.carson50@gmail.com to join the fun.

Breaking Library news:

On Friday March 14, 2025 a [Presidential Executive Order was issued](#) directing that the **Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS)** "shall be eliminated to the maximum extent consistent with applicable law, and such entities shall reduce the performance of their statutory functions and associated personnel to the minimum presence and function required by law".

This Order has the potential to greatly impact the budgets and/or services provided to NH residents by their libraries. As of Thursday, March 20, most, if not all, IMLS staff were put on administrative leave, and **Deputy Secretary of Labor Keith E. Sonderling** was sworn in as Acting Director of the IMLS and issued [a statement of intent](#).

The **NH State Library** receives Federal funds via IMLS that are used to run the **NH Interlibrary Loan (ILL) system**, including software and statewide **delivery service**. ILL is important for our small state, because it allows every library in the state to borrow and lend items to each other, saving on library budgets and providing prompt access to books far beyond the capacity of a local library collection. The **Libby app** and services that support the statewide system of **downloadable books and magazines** is also supported via those IMLS funds, as is staffing for **Talking Books for the Blind and Physically Handicapped**.

The **Pillsbury Free Library Trustees** have [issued a letter expressing concern](#), and you will likely see other letters from many libraries published widely in NH media soon.

Find local Library news and events later in this newsletter (Skywatch, book club, Flea Market, children's programs, Bicycle Clinic, lamp repair, etc)!

Warner Meetings & Misc News

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

Precinct Commissioners (Joppa Rd)
Wednesday, March 26 3:30 – 4:30pm
Warner River Local Area Committee
Wednesday, March 26, 7:00pm
Selectboard: public hearing
Tues. April 1, 6 pm. (DPW equipment)
Conservation Commission Meeting
Wednesday, April 2 7:00 – 8:00pm

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

All Class V roads have been posted for **6 ton limits** until further notice and class VI are still restricted. Contact Road Agent Tim Allen 603-456-3366 if you need a delivery exception.

Kearsarge Regional School District
www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65
School Board Meets - 6:30 pm
Thursdays: Mar. 20, Apr.3 (165 Main St. New London)
<https://www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars>

<https://WarnerNH.gov/TownOfficers.pdf>

-Please check agenda AND calendar

Town Officers list has been updated

The **Tax Office will be closed** on Tuesday, March 25 & Thursday, March 27 due to training. Tax payments may be brought to the Town Clerk's office or placed in the secure lock box located in the Town Hall front door.

2024 Annual Town Report. An on-line version is available on the Warner website at https://warnernh.gov/meetings/minutes/town/2024_Annual_Report.pdf NOT being Mailed. Printed copies are available to pick-up at Town Hall and Pillsbury Free Library.

Town Ballot Results warnernh.gov/meetings/minutes/town/2025_Ballot_Results.pdf
Meeting results and minutes at warnernh.gov/mintown/

At Your Library



[Skywatch event at Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum](#), 18 Highlawn Rd, Warner. FREE.

Sponsored by the NH Astronomical Society, Pillsbury Free Library and the Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum.

March 27 or 28 at 7:30 pm (darkness at 8 pm)

Date is **dependent on no cloudiness/ weather.**

Wear "twice as much clothing as you think you

need", bring a **red light** flashlight if you have one, chairs optional.

Updates will be posted on the Facebook event or call the library on Thursday.

All 44 spaces are booked for the [Annual Indoor Flea Market](#) library fundraiser at Warner Town Hall, **Saturday April 12, 9 am to 2 pm!** Mark your calendars to browse for gifts for Easter, Mother's Day, or yourself! Bake sale, raffle items, crafts, antiques and assorted treasures. **Baked goods welcome**, volunteers to help the Circle of Friends set up or sell at their table please contact Carol 603-496-5191.

In honor of Earth Day, [The Spring Bike Check-up](#) is returning **Sat. April 19!** Be ready! Also that day, [Lamp repairs by Jim McLaughlin](#): and we are **seeking other workshop volunteers** for **mending clothes** or other items. Contact Nancy Ladd at the library.



Borrow our Telescope! (see also the free [Skywatch](#) event)

We have Library passes for free or reduced admission to:

New! [New England Aquarium](#), Jan. - May 2025 for 1/2 price entry with dated vouchers.

New! [Museum of Science](#) all year, for 1/2 price entry!

[McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center](#) starhop.com

[The Currier Museum of Art](#) in Manchester currier.org 1/2 price

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

[Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum](#) Free

[New Hampshire Telephone Museum](#) Free

[NH State Parks](#) Free

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

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 schedule but are posted online and at the USPO and Town Hall. Trustee meetings are published 24-48 hours in advance on the [Warner Events Calendar](#).

Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Meetings page](#).

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

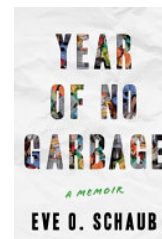


On display at the library **until March 26: Greek heritage** items from the collections of Anastasia Glavas, in celebration of **Greek Independence Day**, which is celebrated on March 25 each year, marking the start of the Greek War of Independence in 1821 against Ottoman rule. Watch a WMUR special on Greek heritage in the Granite State: <https://www.wmur.com/article/nh-chronicle-preserving-greek-heritage-in-the-queen-city/64020497>. **Have a collection to share?** Contact us!

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 up to 4 weeks before the meetings.

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



[BookEnds BookGroup](#) meets at 4pm on the first Friday every **other month**. The next meeting will be on **April 4: Still Life by Louise Penny**. You can also request copies for any book group via the library through inter-library loan.

History, Museums and Groups

Warner Fish and Game club: Next monthly meeting will be **March 26 at 7 pm**.

Kid's Fishing Derby will be Sat. May 10, Registration at 7 Bartlett Loop, Warner, starting at 6:30 am, fishing 8 am - 2 pm for kids 15 and under. Prizes and Games. Donations cool!

Warner Fall Foliage Festival: board meeting 6:00 p.m. Sugar River Bank, Wed. April 2. New Website: "2025 Info is being updated weekly" at <https://wfff.org>, including [Minutes](#).

Vendor Applications for 2025 will open in April. Food truck applications are open.

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

[NH Telephone Museum](#) **March Open dates:** Tuesdays. The Museum will be **closed on Saturday, March 29** for PBS Filming on location.

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

MKIM membership: [Renew now](#) or join by **April 1st before rates change!**

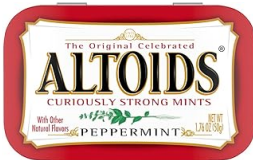
Other Event listings online : warner.lib.nh.us/warner-events-calendar, nh365.org, visithn.gov, kearsargecalendar.com nhhumanities.org/programs/upcoming, centerfortheartsnh.org Arts calendar, facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/

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!

Miss Sue's News (for Kids)



Preschooler Story times with Miss Sue: stories, songs, finger-plays, and a craft - in the Children's Room.
Thursdays at 10:30 am & Saturday April 19, 10:30am



Please save your **metal mint boxes** for Miss Sue for a summer activity. The boxes don't have to be Altoids, but that's the size needed. **THANK YOU!**

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

The winter winds have broken 2 of the **Story Walk** podium covers. They are being remade, but 2 pages are gone, so the story is a bit "broken" right now.



Calling 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 11, 5:30-8PM.**

Anyone who has read at least 1 book on the list can come, but the more you have read the better! **Register with Miss Sue.** 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 to Library. **Next session:** Tues. April 8.

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 talk to Casey!

Warner Youth

WYSA (Warner Youth Sports) **Spring Soccer Clinic** registration is open: <https://warnersports.org/current-programs> **NEW website** with easy registrations!

Register now for a WYSA fundraiser **5K Color Run** on **Saturday, May 17** from 9 to 10 am at Riverside Park! This fun-filled, family-friendly event is all about movement, color, and making a difference. www.donate.schoolathon.org. (campaign ID number is 27018) (Note, May 17 is also this year's Spring Into Warner Festival of Arts)

Kearsarge Regional District Preschool applications for 2025-26:
<https://www.kearsarge.org/krps-bradford-and-new-london/pages/apply>

Arts, Music, Games, etc

The Local: Music Thursdays 5-8 pm 3/27/25 [Taylor Hughes Live](#).

Team Trivia Nights: Weds. at 6 pm.!

Reed's North: Tavern Night music: Saturdays. 6-9 pm. Trivia, Thursdays 6-8 pm

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

Contradance Cosponsored by the Center for the Arts, Saturday, March 29, 6-8 PM Whipple Hall in New London. \$15 per person

Area Business and Jobs

[Charlie Mac's Pizzeria](#) will resume normal hours starting this weekend: Friday closing at 9 PM, Sunday closing at 8 PM, Open Mondays 4-8 PM More updates in

the coming weeks...

warnernh.gov/job-openings/ Highway Dept., Police, Transfer Station.

The **United Church of Warner** needs a **part-time assistant for technology needs**. Collaborating with the Pastor to create and present audiovisual materials for Sunday worship, managing the YouTube Livestream. **Sunday mornings 9-11 AM is required**. Contact Pastor Amy Gardner at unitedchurchofwarner@gmail.com

Still Hiring **School Bus Drivers** for KRSD. \$26.00 per hour. <https://bit.ly/4f0FiLd>

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

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

Silly but brilliant short film, [The Majestic Plastic Bag](#) narrates the "life cycle" of a wild bag.

A clear explanation of Plastic types by recycling symbol, and a summary of the relative safety for reuse: <https://learn.eartheasy.com/articles/plastics-by-the-numbers/>.

Info on **PFAS in food packaging** <https://www.scientificamerican.com/article/61-unexpected-pfas-forever-chemicals-found-in-food-packaging/>

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

Helping Hands

Family Closet Thrift Store Open Weds and Saturdays 10am-4pm 603-456-2183. No donations until April 2 for now please. Volunteers needed, includes at-home jobs.

Warner Area Food Pantry.
www.warnerconnectsnh.org.

Wishlist: The Food Pantry is in need of Jam/jelly, Coffee/tea/hot cocoa, Granola bars/protein bars, Boost drinks, Lotion.

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

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.

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

AA Meetings: Weekly Sat. 7:00 – 8:00pm, Mon. 6:30-7:30pm, and Wed. 7:30-8:30 pm at the United Church of Warner. nhaa.net/meetings/warner-group_000021167/

File IRS taxes online - <https://directfile.irs.gov/>

Tax forms and instructions are available at the Library, or www.irs.gov/

Hopkinton AARP Tax-Aide free, by appointment only, at the Hopkinton Town Library, 61 Houston Drive in Contoocook on Wed and Thurs between 9:45 am and 1:30 pm through 4/10/2025. For an appointment call 211 or 866-444-4211 or www.nhtaxhelp.org

Warner Legislators

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

Warner's NH Legislator contact pages: <https://gencourt.state.nh.us/house/members/>
NH Senate **District 07:** Senator [Dan Innis](#)
NH House Reps: **District 8** [Tony M Caplan](#), [Eileen S Kelly](#), [Stephanie R Payeur](#)
Governor Kelly Ayotte governorayotte@governor.nh.gov

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

US Congress Rep, District 2: Maggie Goodlander: <https://goodlander.house.gov/>
House Live Stream and calendar <https://live.house.gov/>

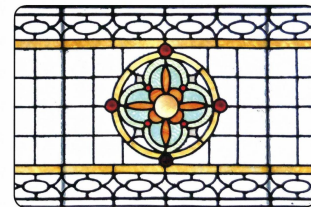
US Senators: www.senate.gov/states/NH/intro.htm [Maggie Hassan](#) & [Jeanne Shaheen](#)
Senate calendar and webcast: https://www.senate.gov/legislative/legislative_home.htm
Congressional transcripts and summaries at www.congress.gov/congressional-record

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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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