

## Pillsbury Free Library News March 16, 2023, Warner, N.H.



**PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY**  
Warner, New Hampshire

### Hours (as of May 2022)

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



*The library is open for walk-in use. Masks and distancing encouraged.*

*You can also borrow books by phone 603-456-2289, email, or by placing holds from the website catalog at [warner.lib.nh.us](http://warner.lib.nh.us)*

## Community News From Your Library

**We now have 992 Subscribers! Tell your neighbors about subscribing!**

**You may need to click "See more" at the bottom to see ALL the news!**

Find older newsletters, or subscribe to the free emails at [warner.lib.nh.us/library-news](http://warner.lib.nh.us/library-news).

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## In and Around Warner

**Election Day and Town Meeting were POSTPONED** due to the extreme weather, Election Day is now **Tuesday, March 28** and Town Meeting will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, March 29**, at 6 pm. Polls are open on Election Day 7a-7p. WHS Bake Sale will be there! Complete information including all related documents on the [Notices Page](#).

All previously elected officials are still in place until election of their replacements. If you had cast an absentee ballot, that is still valid for the new polling date.

**Note: The Well Water program** sponsored by the library for March 29 is in process of being rescheduled since that is now Town Meeting night.

**Town committees...** Meet mostly at Town Hall and often also on ZOOM. Links are on agendas [WarnerNH.gov/agenda](http://WarnerNH.gov/agenda) <https://WarnerNH.gov/calendar>

**Subscribe to Town notices +/-or alerts:** [warnerNH.gov/keep-in-touch](http://warnerNH.gov/keep-in-touch)

**Tax Forms available** at the library. For free tax assistance appointment call 211

### **Kearsarge Regional School District**

Closed for teacher work day March 31. 2023 & 2024 Calendars available [HERE](#)

### **Kindergarten and New Student**

registration can be done online: [Details](#)  
**Preschool applications** for the 23-24 school year: [www.kearsarge.org/james-house-preschool/pages/apply](http://www.kearsarge.org/james-house-preschool/pages/apply)

**Planning for an Easter gathering** and want to be sure you don't accidentally bring Covid? **FREE At-Home Covid-19 Test Kits** can be picked up at the Library, courtesy of NH DHHS. Good until October 2023. Check updated expiration dates [www.aconlabs.com/flowflex-covid-19-antigen-home-test-new-shelf-life-extension/](http://www.aconlabs.com/flowflex-covid-19-antigen-home-test-new-shelf-life-extension/) For businesses and non-profits, we also have **boxes of masks**.

We hear the post office is no longer allowing community posters to be hung in the lobby. Only Federal, State, and Town announcements were allowed. (The library is considered part of town government). Heads up to organizations if you hang posters they'll likely be tossed out.

**You can order a reflective 911 address marker** through the Warner Fire Rescue. The cost is only \$20. It may help save your life or someone you love. Please use this [order form](https://warner.nh.us/temp/AddressMarkerForm.pdf). <https://warner.nh.us/temp/AddressMarkerForm.pdf>. Orders will be processed on January 15, April 15, July 15, and October 15 each year.

## It's That Time of Year!



### **Maple Weekend** (March 18-19)

(Photo of Coursers' sugar house by Penny Courser)

**Maple syrup!** Visit some sap-houses!

<https://nhmapleproducers.com/directory/>

**Saturday, March 18** events:

**Pancake Breakfast 7:30-11 am at United Church of Warner.** Funds go to Warner's 250th Birthday celebration in 2024.

**Make and take craft at Pillsbury Free Library**, during open hours, 9 am to 2 pm.

**Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum Maple Day 10 am to 4 pm.** Free outdoor demonstrations.

Regular admission applies to tour the museum. We'll also have a raffle and maple baked goods and maple syrup for sale. [Maple Day Event Page](#)

**Nature Discovery Center** will be open free, 10 am - 4 pm

**Bag Sale** at Family Closet Thrift Store Saturday, 10 - 4

**Saturday and Sunday**

**MainStreet BookEnds** store will be open 9 am - 6pm both days.

**Yankee Farmer's Market:** free samples, family farm activities & sales, Sat 9-4, Sun 9-2.

**Sunday March 19**, noon to 3 pm: **Warner Historical Society** is sponsoring a **Maple Syrup tasting** event at Town Hall.

**Denise Green** will have her art studio open to the public all weekend. Located on Gore Rd, just off Kearsarge Mt Rd in Warner. She will be open 10-4 Sat & Sun 3/18 & 19. Stop in on your way to Kearsarge Gore Farm for maple weekend.

### **Free K-5 child care at Simonds School for Town Meeting night**

Child care will be provided for Elementary School-age (K-5) children in the school's multi-purpose room on Town Meeting night. Student volunteers from the Kearsarge Regional High School and Middle School, along with Simonds Principal Tim Stokes, will be on hand at the school with games and activities from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 29.

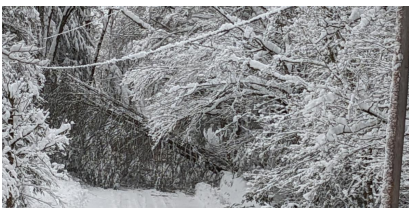
(Town Meeting begins at the Warner Town Hall at 6 p.m.)

For more information, contact Principal Stokes at [tstokes@kearsarge.org](mailto:tstokes@kearsarge.org).

**The Groundwater Protection Committee Newsletter # 5** explains the proposed [Groundwater Protection Ordinance Overlay District](#) that is on the **Town ballot on March 28**. [map](#). Updated Facts sheet: <https://warner.nh.us/downloads/gpc/Facts.pdf>

**Mud season! Weight Limits on Town Roads:** Class V Roads within Warner shall be **closed to vehicles in excess of 6 tons**. Fuel delivery trucks and emergency vehicles excluded. For Permission to exceed the limit: contact Tim Allen, DPW, 603-456-3366.

## Warner People



A huge shout-out of thanks to the **Warner DPW** heroes who worked endlessly during and after the recent 24 hour blizzard to keep our roads and sidewalks open as much as possible in spite of copious numbers of falling trees and branches, and difficult, wet and deep snow. (Photo by Dan Watts of



large pine tree across Newmarket Rd, March 15)  
Also, to the private **plow people and Responders** who had to work in such challenging conditions, with multiple roads blocked by fallen trees and lines.

Warner's **Jody Sloane** is one of 3 featured comedians on April 28th at 7 PM! at the **Hopkinton Police Association Fundraiser** comedy show, in partnership with the American Legion Post 81! There will also be multiple raffles for prizes available! Tickets [HERE](#). At the Hopkinton American Legion post 81, 169 Bound Tree Rd, Contoocook on April 28th at 7 PM! Doors open at 6 PM with food and drink available!

**Matt Forrest Esenwine** says: "one year after my picturebook *I AM TODAY* was published, it now has a Korean translation! Considering it's a rhyming picture book, I'd love to know how the words translate into another language - but what a thrill to see!"

Some long term residents may remember **Dan Shoemaker** who grew up in Warner. He and his wife Jenny have a YouTube channel to share their travels in the US in their new home, a 2015 Jeep JK Rubicon that has been completely modified to live in the backcountry <https://www.youtube.com/@somerwhereyetnowhere>.

## Warner in the News

**KRSD news on Yankee Chronicle** (March 9). An update on the Kearsarge Regional School District available on YouTube [HERE](#) More regional topics at <https://ycnnow.com>

## Warner Nature

Check out the series of free programs provided by UNH extension, [Nature in Your Backyard](#). Hosted on Zoom every Thurs from 7:00 - 8:30 PM March 23 - April 27.

## Library Happenings

**WELL WATER TESTING Workshop**  
presented by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)



**Wednesday, March 29, 2023**  
**6:00 pm. FREE**  
in the meeting room of the Pillsbury Free Library (masks optional)

The Pillsbury Free Library **NEW DATE** for **Well Water Testing Informational Workshop THURS. March 30, 2023 at 6:00 pm**. Presented by the NH Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) in the library's meeting room and also on Zoom, the workshop will cover why well users should get their water tested; the most common contaminants and associated health risks; how to test your water; what your test results mean, and water treatment options.

**Water test kits with forms will be available** for pickup at the library during the event, as well as Sat. April 1 for those unable to attend but who still want to have their well water tested.

As an added convenience, private well owners who have collected well water samples may drop off their water samples to a Library Trustee on the porch of Cafe One East on Sunday, April 2, between 1 and 3 PM, with the completed test forms and a check to NHDES for the testing requested.

To help with planning kit numbers, please **register by calling 603-456-2289 or emailing the Pillsbury Free Library**; and indicate if you want a test kit. You can also register and indicate your need for a sampling kit [HERE](#).

<https://www.wmur.com/article/nh-chronicle-libraries-arent-just-about-books-you-can-also-borrow-other-things/43179995> What would YOU like to borrow from your library?

**Grow-it-Yourself Series:** Attend in person or by Zoom (links on the [Warner Events calendar](#) and <https://Facebook.com/PillsburyFreeLibrary/events>).

Workshops by **Master Gardener Ron Trexler** include **Getting the Garden Ready** (Wednesday April 26) and **Composting Basics** (Wednesday May 17)

## Arts and Artists

Thurs. March 23, at 6 PM **Ross Mingarelli** of [CandleTree Soy Candles](#) is doing another **Tea Light candle making & Coffee tasting** at [Cafe One East](#). Click on the [Facebook event](#) and press \*going\* to sign up.

The **Annual Indoor Flea Market & Crafts** fundraiser at Warner Town Hall is only 1 month away! Easter Weekend, **Saturday April 8 from 9 am to 2 pm**, this event benefits the Pillsbury Free Library. Tables/ spaces are available for \$15. There will be a raffle, and snacks for sale. Contact the library 603-456-2289 to reserve a sale table. Or register online at <https://forms.gle/gEDXnMLzh8heHNUE9>

The deadline for submissions is April 15, 2023 for the **Art & Poetry Challenge** for NH Residents of all ages. Every New Hampshire resident from Kindergarten to adult is invited by the Racial Unity Team to submit an original **poem or visual work** of art inspired by this year's theme: "*A hidden past >>> an inclusive future.*" Find a story that is rarely told and express how it helps us move toward a more inclusive future.

For challenge rules and resources: <https://racialunityteam.com/art-and-poetry-challenge>

Hopkinton Town Library is hosting a Community Reading of Charles Simic poems, "Come Closer and Listen" on Sunday, May 7, 3-5 pm. **TO JOIN THE READING and reserve a place**, please send your top three choices of Simic poems in order of preference to: CatherineROBrian@gmail.com or PO Box 469, S. Sutton, NH 03273 **by April 15**. A limited number of reading spaces are available on a **first-come, first-served** basis. Each reader will read one poem. High School students are encouraged to read!

**\*FREE\* Lecture: "Covered Bridges of New Hampshire," by Kim Varney Chandler**  
Saturday, March 25, 2023, 2 p.m at [New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord NH.](#)

## Warner Youth

**SOFTBALL PARENTS:** Indoor practices for spring softball have begun: registration will close on March 19th! To register your child, go to <https://warnersports.org/> and click the TeamSnap registration link. Questions? email Becky at [softball\(at\)warnersports\(dot\)org](mailto:softball(at)warnersports(dot)org).

Your local **Girl Scouts cookies:** order at <https://digitalcookie.girlscouts.org/scout/troop62194-126?fpkp=1> Also, remainders may be sold on April 8 at the Flea Market.

**NH Historical Society in Concord:** FREE Family Program: **Family Fun Day**  
Saturday, March 18, 10 a.m. to noon.

Help the **KRHS music program** raise funds Saturday, March 25, 2023 at 10 AM – 4 PM by buying a mattress or telling others about the [Kearsarge Music Mattress Fundraiser](#) at Kearsarge Regional High School.

The March **Simonds PTO** meeting will be held on Thursday, March 17, 2023 at 7:00 pm. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82995294560?pwd=QnlOSEVvdG9SejFSa0tqMEZxbzhIZz09>

**March is Reading Month! Simonds Book Fair** is March 17-22. Simonds Read-A-Thon

Sponsor packets will go home on Monday, 3/27. Please encourage your students to read from Friday, March 31 through Friday, April 7. All Read-A-Thon packets are due back on Friday, April 14. A special Read-A-Thon Celebration will take place on Friday, April 21

## Warner Area Business

NH Magazine's yearly "Best of NH" voting is open until **17 March** so visit **NOW** <https://www.nhmagazine.com/best-of-nh/> to vote for your favorite businesses.

**Plugged in Music Lesson Studio** <https://www.facebook.com/Plugged-In-Music-Lesson-Studio-2313125558971827/> has a couple of open spots for lessons, and beginning in May will be starting the next phase of Plugged In: Ensemble classes. These provide a chance to play music together as a group. A great way to socialize as well as learn team building skills. <http://PluggedInStudioNH.com/>

A reminder that **The Kearsarge Chamber** is sending their brochure to [R.C. Brayshaw & Company, LLC](https://www.rcbrayshaw.com/) for printing next week. Join at <https://store.KearsargeChamber.org> by Saturday 3/18 to be included.

[Wicked Sweet Cakes and Treats](#) will have a variety of maple goodness available such as maple walnut scones, maple truffles, maple whoopie pies, and maple cupcakes! All made with [Rogers Maple Syrup](#) out on Schoodac Road. Thursdays 7-2, Fridays and Saturdays 7-4, Sunday 7-2.

**Soul Source: 15% off discount\*** through March 26 on kitchen items, cleaning supplies, home goods, gifts and goodies, and more, all US sourced and made without the harmful toxins that are so common in our household goods. 102 East Main Street in Bradford, NH. *\*Discount does not apply to furniture or mattresses.*

Join **Kearsarge Food Hub** staff and board members at the **Learning as we Grow Annual Meeting** on March 21, 6-8 pm. It's free to join in virtually. All are welcome! Save your spot by visiting [/bit.ly/2023\\_KFH\\_annual\\_meeting](https://bit.ly/2023_KFH_annual_meeting).

Did we miss mentioning YOUR news? Help us out!  
Send your news to [Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov](mailto:Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov)!

## History, and Museums

**Native American Stories of the Night Sky** Friday March 24, at 7 PM – 9:30 PM at **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum**. This OUTDOOR live program is free, thanks to the New Hampshire Humanities and in partnership with the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center. Bring your chairs, warm clothing and blankets to spend an evening of stargazing and storytelling around a campfire and looking at celestial objects through telescopes. **If it is too cloudy, we'll move this program to Friday night, March 31**, so check the forecast and the facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/events/1392175361591482>.

## Helping Hands

### Family Closet Thrift Store News

Most of the store's apparel is 50% off, and some wonderful new winter merchandise is still coming in. ALL TOYS are 50% OFF, **BAG SALE** on Maple Weekend March 18 - buy a bag(s) for \$5 and fill it. **\$1 DAYS**, end of the month - Winter items \$1 each.

There is always a demand for quality backpacks and winter gear..

## COVID News

Free at-home covid test kits are available to pick up at the library, from NH DHHS.

**Free COVID and Flu VACCINES! COVID-19 boosters for ages 5 years and older.,** Primary series available for age 6 Months and up. [vaccines.nh.gov](https://vaccines.nh.gov).

**Warner's new cases-reported: 14 since Thursday 3/2/23. Total so far 788** as of 3/14/23 [www.wmur.com/article/covid-19-cases-nh-town/37155089#](http://www.wmur.com/article/covid-19-cases-nh-town/37155089#). (Updated Thursdays but it had been static for a couple of weeks). Note that reported **numbers do not reflect all cases due to home testing**.

**Merrimack County** and all other NH counties' risk are at **LOW** this week (based on **hospitalizations as well as case rates per 100,000**). Source: **CDC covid-19 data tracker** site <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>.

**CDC guidelines for isolation and quarantine:**

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/quarantine-isolation.html#>

### We Recommend

**For NH Museum links and info about library passes, visit** [warner.lib.nh.us/museum-passes/](http://warner.lib.nh.us/museum-passes/)

**NH State Parks** some parks are accessible in the off season. [www.nhstateparks.org/](http://www.nhstateparks.org/)

**NH Telephone Museum** <https://www.nhtelephonemuseum.org> and Warner Firefighter's Museum, Open Tues. and Sat. 10 am - 4 pm

**McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** includes the Mt. Washington Observatory Museum. **Open** Fri-Sun and **Vacations** 10:30 AM-4 PM [starhop.com](http://starhop.com) for show schedules.

**The Currier Museum of Art** in Manchester [currier.org](http://currier.org) is open, Wed-Sunday. 1/2 price with pass.

**MFA- Boston:** For the promo-code "pass", to get a large discount, call us at 603-456-2289. [mfa.org/](http://mfa.org/)

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum**  
Winter: see events, below..

### Unforgettables by Roger Robbins

Every once in a while, a book grabs you. It seeps through your pores and settles into your Reader DNA. At the oddest moments, on the slightest pretext, the memory -and emotion- of that story floods back.

#### Fiction

**A Map of the World** (Jane Hamilton)  
A few distracted minutes, thoughts elsewhere, is all it takes to destroy lives and to change the world.

**Birds Without Wings** (Louis De Bernieres)

A small coastal town in the dying days of the Ottoman Empire. De Bernieres doesn't just tell a tale of this community and its people, he makes the reader a participant,

#### Non-Fiction

**Hellhound on HIs Trail** (Hampton Sides)

The "Hellhound" is James Earl Ray, the man who murdered Martin Luther King. Sides paints a searing portrait of a terrible event and time.

New titles: [Nov.](#) [Dec](#) [Jan](#), [Feb](#)

The **John Hay Estate at The Fells**  
<https://thefells.org/> closed for winter

Find other lists [at our catalog](#)  
and at [Instagram.com/pillsburylib](https://www.instagram.com/pillsburylib)

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

## Teen Talk



### Read a 2023 ISINGLASS AWARD NOMINEE!

[Legendborn](#) by [Tracy Deonn](#)

After her mother dies in an accident, Bree Matthews wants nothing to do with her family memories or childhood home. A residential program for bright high schoolers at UNC-Chapel Hill seems like the perfect escape-- until Bree witnesses a magical attack her very first night on campus. A young mage who calls himself a 'Merlin' attempts-- and fails-- to wipe Bree's memory of everything she saw. Now she'll do whatever it takes to find out the truth, even if that means infiltrating the Legendborn as one of their initiates.

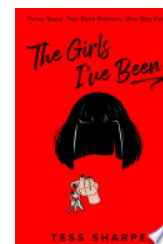
**[The Isinglass Award is voted on each April](#) by 7th and 8th graders. Read them all and cast your vote!**

### Read a 2023 FLUME AWARD NOMINEE!

[The Girls I've Been](#) by [Tess Sharpe](#)

When seventeen-year-old Nora O'Malley, the daughter of a con artist, is taken hostage in a bank heist, every secret she is keeping close begins to unravel.

9th-12th graders vote on **[Flume Award favorites each April](#)**. Read them all and vote!



## Miss Sue's News (for Kids)

**New Children's Items in our catalog:**  
[January](#) [February](#) [March](#)

Remember that the library has [passes to Museums](#) - plan ahead for vacation week!

Happy St. Patrick's Day! We enjoyed having a "Green" story time this week! Hopefully it brings everyone lots of luck!



**Preschooler Story times** with Miss Sue are held every **Thursday at 10:30** am - stories, songs, fingerplays, and a craft. This program is held in the library's Children's Room.

The weather is supposed to be nice this weekend for "Maple Weekend". Enjoy visiting the sugar houses! There are brochures & a **craft here at the library**. YUM! Also enjoy some of our books about [Maple syrup](#).



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## Events in Brief

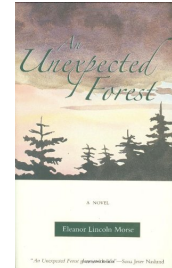
### Every Week

- **Library Story Time** Thursdays 10:30 am
- **Family Closet Thrift Store** Wed & Sat 10-4
- Trivia night at Reed's North: Thursdays 6-8pm

### Coming Soon

- **Reed's Acoustic:** Sun. Mar. 19 at

- 4:00-7:00pm: [Jimmy Howe](#), Local Favorite
- **Maple Weekend!** March 18-19
  - **Pancake breakfast** Sat. Mar. 18, 7:30-11 am at United Church of Warner, to support the Warner 250th Birthday events.
  - Maple Syrup tasting Sun. March 19 at Town Hall, 1-3 pm
  - **Well Water Testing** info **Thurs Mar. 30** at 6 pm at the library and [on Zoom](#) by **NH DES**.
  - **Friday 3/31** No School KRSD (teacher work)
  - **Bookends Book Club** Sun. April 2, at 4 PM (Zoom) 'An Unexpected Forest' by Eleanor Morse.
  - **Indoor Flea Market** at Warner Town Hall, Saturday April 8, 9 am - 2 pm [BOOK NOW](#)
  - **Library Book Group:** Wed. Apr. 12, 1:30 pm [Black Cake](#) by [Wilkerson](#), at the Library



Check the [Warner Events Calendar](#) for more.

### Other Online Event listings: Things to do or view

[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), [centerforheartsnh.org](http://centerforheartsnh.org) Arts calendar [facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/](https://facebook.com/NHMusicCollective/),

## Library Meetings

**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 meeting schedules.

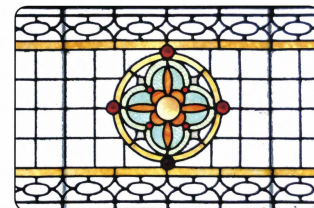
Trustee meetings are published 24-48 hours in advance on the [Warner Events Calendar](#). Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Meetings page](#).

## Your Donations Keep Library Services Strong!



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or Simply Donate  
HERE

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



Stained glass theme **"Thank You" cards** (3 for \$5), or other non-specific library stained glass cards (5 for \$10), pictured here. Call 603-456-2289 to arrange for pickup.





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