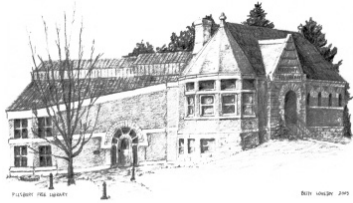


Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ February 1, 2024



PILLSBURY FREE LIBRARY
Warner, New Hampshire

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



The library is open for walk-in use with no mask. You can also borrow books by phone 603-456-2289, email, or by placing holds from the website catalog at <https://warner.lib.nh.us>

Local News from Your Library

Sent to over 1025 contacts! **69%** opened last week! (do you open YOURS?)
See past issues at <https://www.warner.lib.nh.us/library-info/library-news/>.

NEXT ISSUES: Submit current news and events In brief text please, to Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov by Tues. **Feb. 6**, for **Feb.8** issue.

Town & School News

Planning Board Meeting

Monday, February 5, 7:00 – 10:00pm

Selectboard Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 5:00 – 6:00pm

Budget Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Selectboard Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 5:00 – 7:00pm

Conservation Commission Meeting

Wednesday, February 7, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Budget Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Housing Advisory Committee

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Town Agendas (with Zoom Link) can be found at <https://warner.nh.us/agenda/>

<https://WarnerNH.gov/calendar>

Job Openings

The Department of Public Works is hiring! CDL drivers are especially wanted. Contact the department directly at [603-456-3366](tel:603-456-3366) if you are interested.

The **Warner Police Department** has an opening for a full-time officer position. Submit an application via PoliceApp.com

Subscribe to Town notices +/-or alerts:
warnerNH.gov/keep-in-touch

Kearsarge Regional School District
www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65

Now enrolling Fall preschool!
<https://bit.ly/krsdpreschool>
2024-2025 KRSD calendar is available
www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars

The **Assessing Department** invites you to come Wed. February 7 at 5pm in the Lower Meeting room at the Town Hall for a Selectboard meeting with Loren Martin, Chief Assessor for Avitar Associates, **Warner's new assessing company**. Ask some questions and hear about Avitar's **general procedures for property assessment and valuation**. This is **not** a meeting to answer specific questions about specific properties. If you do have specific property questions or concerns, please direct them to Assessing@WarnerNH.gov - 603-456-2298 Ext 3 to be addressed.

Town of Warner - Annual Town Report: To save the Town tax dollars - Would you like to receive an electronic version only? Email selectboard@warnernh.gov to remove your name from the mailing list. The report will also be available on the Town Website.

Warner Community Power will begin serving Warner residents with low cost and flexibly sourced energy supply in **March**. Last year, Warner residents voted at Town Meeting to join the energy cooperative managed by **Community Power Coalition of NH** which will purchase energy on our behalf, and on behalf of the growing number of other towns, cities and counties who are CPCNH members.

- Enrollments (if you are not an Eversource default customer) and opt-out choices will be collected in February.
- A letter has been mailed to all Warner addresses.

Want to make a difference or serve your Town? To be elected you must file a [Declaration of Candidacy form](#). Filing period ends February 2, 2024. This can be done: in Town Clerk's office during last chance **special hours February 2, 3-5 pm IN PERSON**. All candidates must be a registered voter to file. Any questions, please call the Town Clerk's Office at 603-456-2298 x5 or x6. Please fill out and return the [Declaration of Candidacy form](#).

The **Warner Housing Advisory Committee** is working to update the Housing Chapter of the Town's 2011 Master Plan. To help develop the new Housing Chapter and guide future policy, they want community members' thoughts about housing. Take the survey online at surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerHousing24 or complete a paper survey, available at the Town Hall (outside the Town Clerk's office), United Church of Warner (first floor), and Sugar River Bank (front entry). You can return your completed paper surveys to the survey collection drop boxes at these locations.

Warner People

Condolences to the family of **George E. Ruff Jr.** who passed away January 17, 2024 age 65 in Bradford VT. George grew up in Warner and has many family members here.

Two places to leave comments: <https://obits.csnh.com/george-ruff-jr>
www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/vnews/name/george-ruff-obituary?id=54201047

It's The Season!

Valentines shopping:

Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum online jewelry store has shades of pink, purple, and red in stones like Rhodochrosite, Spiny Oyster, Coral, and more. Shipping is just \$9.95 anywhere in the U.S. Order jewelry online [here](#), or call to make an appointment to shop in person.

Give your sweetheart the gift of serenity with lavender products from **The Lavender Fields at Pumpkin Hill Farm**. Order by February 9th for Valentine's Day delivery.

<https://www.pumpkinblossomfarm.com/product-page/fresh-home-gift-box>

Valentines Day Craft Fair February 10, 9 am – 3 pm at 169 Bound Tree Rd, Contoocook. This event is being held **to benefit the Warner Connects food pantry** in Warner. There will be a raffle and a 50/50 drawing raffle. Over 25 vendors.

Express your love and appreciation of a family member or friend with our lovely "Thank You" stained glass theme cards with an image of the Library's colorful front door window. See image in this newsletter, below.

And of course, there are gifts galore at the **Buttonwood Shop** and **MainStreet BookEnds** right on Main Street, as well as Gift certificates to our restaurants and Cafe!

Warner Ice Rink: This Weekend? Check for status: www.facebook.com/riversideicerink

Muster Field Farm's Ice Day 2024 will be held on February 11 (rain date February 18). in Sutton. Free. <https://www.musterfieldfarm.com/annual-events>

Voting and Legislation

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 is the last day for 25 or more registered voters or 2% of the registered voters, whichever is less, to submit to the Select Board any **petition to include as a warrant article** (NH RSA 39:3.)

The Warner Budget Committee will be holding a final **public hearing** on financial warrant articles on Tuesday February 6, and a final vote on Thursday February 8.

The Town of Warner is proposing changes to the **Warner Zoning Ordinance**, Article XV, Non-Conforming Use. These changes will be voted on at **Town Meeting on March 13, 2024**. Details are on the [Warner Notices Page](#), or you can see a copy at Town Hall. [Current Zoning Ordinance Proposed Changes](#)

Planning Board Public Hearing: Monday, 02/05/2024, 7:00 PM

Proposed NH Legislative bills: You can see the **NH House's 1035 requested bills (LSRs)** for 2024 at https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/lsr_search/LSR_Results.aspx
Find meetings and hearings:

NH Senate <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/schedule/dailyschedule.aspx>

Online testimony link: <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/remotecommittee/senate.aspx>

NH House: <https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/schedule/dailyschedule.aspx>

LIVE STREAM available on youtube!

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxqjz56akoWRL_5vyaQDtvQ

A bill aimed at saving the **NH Organic Farming certification** program, **House Bill 1184**, would send an additional \$220,000 to the state Department of Agriculture, Markets and Food for the organic certification program. That would cover the creation of one full-time and one part-time inspector, positions that Commissioner Shawn Jasper has said are necessary to keep the program running.

The second, **House Bill 1618**, would require the state to continue certifying organic farmers by turning what is now an optional program into a mandatory one.

Go online to express an opinion about these or other bills.

https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/submitted_testimony.aspx

Warner Groups and Museums

Would you like to help **United Church of Warner's Community Dinners** get started again? If so, please plan to attend a brunch/planning meeting after worship on **Sunday, February 4 (at around 11:30)** to talk about ideas/plans for getting Community Dinners going again! A brunch meal will be provided; just bring yourself and your ideas.

Warner Historical Society Barn Sale Pop-Ups are back at the **Upton Chandler House Museum** (10 W. Main Street)! **Saturdays 9-12** to Feb. 10. Typical Barn Sale items will be

featured. All proceeds benefit the Warner Historical Society.

Snow Snake Games at Mt Kearsarge Indian Museum, **Saturday, February 3**, 10:00 AM 2:00 PM - dependent on snow so stay tuned for last minute details. The museum will be open and we will have some refreshments as well. There will be plenty of snow snakes to borrow to try out. Snow Snake is an ancient game played by Northeast tribes which involves sliding a wooden snake along a trough of snow to see how far it goes! Join in on the winter fun for all ages.

The **Warner's 250th Birthday** committee will host a **spaghetti dinner** and a "**Snow Train Era**" program fundraiser on **Saturday February 24** beginning at 5 pm at the Warner Town Hall. We thank Reed's North for co-sponsoring this event. Doors will open at 4:30. The program will begin between 6:30-6:45 pm. There will be a 50/50 raffle, announcements of upcoming 250th events and Rebecca Courser will be hosting the snow train program. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$5 for children under twelve. 250th lawn signs (\$15) and magnets (\$3) will be available for sale. Questions, call Rebecca 603-456-3997.

NH Telephone Museum: is closed for January and February.

NH Telephone Museum will be needing someone **to work on Saturdays this 2024 season** (May - December). This is a great, part-time role for a retired person looking to meet people, but all interested are welcome! Saturdays or some Saturdays; 10-4. This is an hourly paid position. No museum experience required, just a happy disposition and cheerful manner. Contact Graham@nhtelephonemuseum.org

Warner Business News

Charlie Mac's Pizzeria will be closed Mondays January to March.

Reed's North: Saturday Tavern Nights from 6-9 (check FB for weekly details).

Sunday hours: 8am to 2, Brunch Menu. **Team Trivia** on Thursdays.

The Local is open 11 am - 8 pm Tues-Sat. [facebook.com/TheLocalWarner](https://www.facebook.com/TheLocalWarner)

6 PM [Team Trivia at The Local Every Wednesday!](#)

Buttonwood Shop workshops: buttonwoodshop.com/events or visit at 11 E Main. Hours: Weds 1-4, Thursday 11-6, Friday 11-5, Saturday 11-4.

SoulSource will be closing it's doors on Saturday March 2nd. *Everything must go, so come take advantage of some great deals!*

Hours now through March 2nd are Wed, Thurs, and Sat from 11-4. Everything in the store will be 20% off through February 14th. info@soulsourcenh.com 603-620-1863

Warner Indoor Flea Market on Kearsarge Mtn. Rd is open year round on Saturdays (8am to 3pm) and Sundays (8am to 2pm). Lots of treasures to be found! Contact Dan 603-748-1280 for information about setting up. <https://www.facebook.com/warnerindoorfleamarket>

Indoor flea market 2nd and 4th Saturdays, 9-noon in Contoocook at **The American Legion** 169 Bound Tree Rd (Feb. 10 and 24).

@ Your Library

Library Book Group Next meeting: **Wed. Feb. 14** at 1:30 pm, to discuss [Homecoming by Kate Morton](#). Copies available at the library.

History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide Wed. February 7, at 6:30 pm. Join **Erin Moulton** to explore useful methods for genealogy research planning through the case study of Elsie Gaskin (an eccentric librarian from New Hampshire) and become a better researcher along the way. Details at www.nhhumanities.org/programs/2023/ **Register to get reminders** and zoom link <https://signup.com/go/ZZPaRiG> **Presented on Zoom** but limited seats are available to watch on the large screen in our meeting room.

Family Stories: How and Why to Remember and Tell Them Wed. March 6, 6:30 pm. In this active and interactive program, storyteller **Jo Radner** shares foolproof ways to mine memories and interview relatives for meaningful stories. Participants practice finding, developing, and telling their own tales. More at <https://www.nhhumanities.org/programs/2022/> Registration for reminders and zoom link <https://signup.com/go/nKVRrom>

Tax forms! We have 1040 and 1040 SR forms, and expect instruction books soon. Need help filing? Call 211 for an appointment for free assistance or go to NHTaxHelp.org. File your own online at MyFreeTaxes.com. Volunteers are still need

Copier/ printer fees: As of **January 2024, black and white copies are 20 cents/ page,** and full color pages \$1. (This is our first increase since the 1980s!).

Warner Writers Group with David Elliott - next meeting, Thurs. **February 15** at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to help plan handouts/ send updates: <https://signup.com/go/biWjiqL>

Library Passes and Other Resources!

Featured Service **UPDATE** Genealogy Search link

Apologies for a non-functional link in last week's newsletter for **HeritageQuest Online**. The access is now available at home using your library card instead of a passcode, but you will need to use the special link on our website.



[HeritageQuest Online](#), can be accessed **from your home** using your library card from the [library website's link](#)

or in the library from our computers.



Ancestry Library Edition license agreement only allows access from

We have free or reduced cost admission passes for:

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center Now open **WED- Sunday and vacation weeks** 10:30 AM-4 PM. See starhop.com for show schedules (additional \$6 per person). Ask the library for a free pass!

Super Stellar Fridays: 1st Fridays.

The Currier Museum of Art in Manchester currier.org is open Wed-Sunday. 1/2 price with pass.

Art for Vets Family Day, 3rd Sat. of each Month.

Memory Cafe, (Wed. Feb. 7) the first Wednesday of each month is designed for people in early stages of memory loss along with their care partners and loved ones. Light refreshments are provided. The event is free, but space is limited. Please **REGISTER.**

Questions? Contact Lucie Amaro Chmura, Art Therapist, at 603.518.4946 or

the library building's internet account, so come in and make yourself at home for a while!

Register for our two **NH Humanities programs** on genealogy and family history to get inspired and find tips for researching and recording your family's backstory!

See details in the **@ your Library** section below.

LChmura@currier.org

Museum of Fine Arts in Boston:

www.mfa.org/exhibitions

Matthew Wong: The Realm of

Appearances ends Feb. 14, 2024

Tiny Treasures: The Magic of

Miniatures ends Feb. 11, 2024

For the promo-code "pass" discount at MFA, call 603-456-2289.

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

Warner Youth

KCPA's **THE SNOW QUEEN** is February 3rd, 7:00pm and Sunday Feb. 4th, 2:00 pm Matinee at WARNER TOWN HALL. This musical theatre adaptation is written by Angela Tarleton with vocal music by Angela Tarleton and Kim Nichols and dance music by Randal Michael Tobin and Curt Steinzor. The whole family will enjoy!

Tickets: \$20 Adults and \$15 Children and Students: www.NHPerformingArts.org

Boys & Girls Club's Warner Early Learning Center has openings for the **toddler** section! Apply now if you need daycare! 49 West Main S., Warner, (603) 856-8649 dthurston@nhyouth.org www.nhyouth.org/location/warner-early-learning-center/

WYSA news: WYSA spring baseball and softball registration is open. Go to www.warnersports.org to register via TeamSnap.

The highly anticipated **Simonds School Annual Lip Sync** will be held **Friday, February 16, at 6pm** at the Warner Town Hall. Volunteers needed!! We will be selling baked goods and refreshments. All proceeds will go to Simonds School.

Warner 4-H Club's next meeting will be **Monday, February 12** at the United Church of Warner, 6:30 PM. Ages 8-18 welcome. contact Susan Jenna 603-456-3394.

***FREE* Family Program: New Hampshire Hands at Work at NH Historical Society** Saturday, February 10, 2 to 4 p.m. No registration required. Admission is free thanks to a generous contribution from **Concord Pediatric Dentistry**.

Miss Sue's News (for Kids)

New Children's Items in our catalog:
Nov., December, January **STEM KITS**
NATURE KIT backpacks filled with durable folding identification guides!

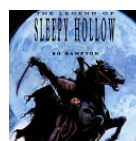


Happy Groundhog Day to everyone! As nice as it'd be to think of winter being over, have we really had one yet!?? Miss Sue is just hoping for more



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 library's Children's Room. If bad weather, always call to

be sure that we are open.



Play practice has been moving along quite well. If bad weather and/or no school please check to be sure that

GROUNDHOG DAY

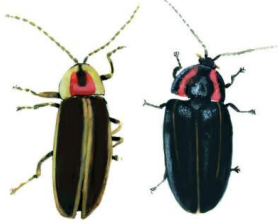
snow, and not so much the bitter cold! Also, there are [Groundhog day](#) books now available.



there will be a practice. Miss Sue, if the library is open, will usually contact everyone.

Thank you to Chris Martiello for assisting!

Outdoors, Fitness and Environment



Fireflies that don't glow? Winter fireflies often appear during winter thaws. The beetles emerge from bark crevices and move about as the sun warms their dark bodies. They are fond of sweet sap flowing from freeze cracks or other tree-bark injuries, including maple taps. This attraction to sap explains why their common name is **the sap-bucket beetle**.

northernwoodlands.org/articles/article/winter-fireflies

Rethink, Refuse, Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Repair

NexTrex stretchy plastic recycling progress report: we have now collected **656 pounds** of the target (1000# by August) to win a bench for Simonds School. Clean **plastic bags and stretchy film, including bubble wrap** can be brought to the library or the School. Many thanks to Judy Pellettieri who is handling the weighing and reporting.

NEW RESOURCE FOR HOUSEHOLDS – The NHDES Solid Waste Management Bureau has a new “**Managing My Waste**” webpage www.des.nh.gov/waste/solid-waste/managing-my-waste.

The Town's **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee** survey has received **69** responses about YOUR extreme weather experiences and ideas. Help us get to **100!** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerNH-HazMit>. Paper copies are available at the library, Church, Bank and Town Hall. Next HAZMit committee working session: Wednesday February 7, 9 am -12 pm at the Fire Station/EOC. All welcome.

Reminder about Brush Burning Limitations Residents are reminded that even though there may be snow on the ground and a [fire permit](#) from the local fire warden may not be required, only brush with branches less than 5 inches in diameter can be burned. The burning of construction and demolition debris is prohibited, as well as the burning of domestic waste, tires, trash, treated wood and other non-conforming materials. Questions? Ask a local fire warden. <https://warner.nh.us/departments/fd/>

Warner Indoor Pickleball at Simonds School is Fridays and Mondays 6:30-8:30 pm in the Gym (MPR) unless no school. Beginners welcome. Use the gym's outside door.

Warner Music, Crafts and Authors

Sandy Bartholomew is holding a **yART SALE** fundraiser for Elsa Bear's service dog training on Saturday, Feb 10th, from 10-4, at the **Velvet Moose**. It's also her first birthday! Everyone who comes and wishes her Happy Birthday, gets a free art sticker!

Val Blachly's trio Hot Skillet Club is playing at Daniel's Restaurant in Henniker on **Thursday, February 8th from 6-8 pm**. They will be singing vintage jazz with a Western swing flavor. Val Blachly on Bass from Warner, Ellen Carlson on Fiddle and Liza Constable on guitar. Make reservations before 5:00 on Feb. 8th to get a better table for the music. Daniel's Restaurant 603-428-7621

Reed's Acoustic, Tavern Night Music Sat. Feb. 3, 6-9 pm [Mikey G](#)

Peg Chaffee will be hosting "Second Tuesday Open Mic" at **Cafe One East** on **Tues. February 13, 6:30 to 8:00 pm**. To play, come early to sign up for a 10-minute slot.

Buttonwood Shop workshops:

February 15: An experienced glassblower and educator by trade, Carolyn Riordan is passionate about glass! Sift through an extensive selection of Carolyn's very own beads to create a one-of-a-kind bracelet while you chat about the history of glass.

Feb. 22: In a monthly series, Lisa Hurley teaches the art of journaling through mixed-media techniques. Join just one session or join them all!

Give Blood or help with a donor event: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?order=DATE&range=10&zipSponsor=03278> Friday Feb. 9, 12-5 pm at United Church of Warner,

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/

Health and Helping Hands

The Family Closet Thrift Store Store will **reopen** and donation acceptance resumes **February 3. NO winter clothing** being accepted.

Warner Area Food Pantry. <https://www.warnerconnectsnh.org>

Wishlist update: Juice boxes, Toilet paper, Granola bars, Feminine products, Peanut Butter, Jam/jelly.

'Where can I donate?' Sugar River Bank - Warner location, Food Pantry Office, Food Pantry Outside cabinet, Market Basket outside bin.

Office Hours: Tues - Thurs., 10am - 3pm.

Pantry Client Hours: TUESDAY 4:00-6:00 & THURSDAY 11:00am- 1:00 pm .

<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575>

Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action has office hours in Warner at 49 W. Main Street next to the Family Closet Thrift Store. **Public hours: Tuesdays and Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm.** Stop by for assistance with Energy cost applications etc. or visit <https://capbm.org/> or call 603-456-2207 (x 6301 is Joe Cullen).

Welfare Office Please email [welfare@warnernh.gov], stop in, or call [603-456-2298 Ext 1229] with questions, concerns, or need.

Applications are in the plastic tub labeled 'Welfare' in the front of the Town Hall - this area is open and accessible 24 hours a day.

We have a handful of Covid-19 Test Kits at the Library, Lots of Covid around! Ask your insurance if they will reimburse or provide test kits.

Did you order **one set of 4 free at-home** individual rapid antigen COVID-19 tests since October? Limit of one order per residential address. <https://special.usps.com/testkits>. Tests may show "expired" dates on the box, but **FDA has extended those dates;** [see the full list of extended expiration dates](#).

Keep Learning!

Be a Lifelong Learner! <https://www.unh.edu/olli/> OLLI at the University of New Hampshire (UNH). Spring 2024 Term Starts Monday, February 19th! over 170 courses. The [Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at the University of New Hampshire \(OLLI at UNH\)](#) is a member-driven, volunteer-based educational program for older adults.

***FREE* Virtual Lecture: "Live Free or Die: The Contested History of the Words on Your License Plate"** Wed., Feb. 7, at 7 p.m. Register through [Zoom](#). [NH Historical Society](#) through the **Humanities to Go** program of NH Humanities.

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.

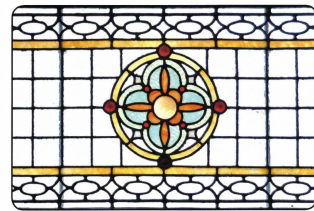
Trustee meetings are published 24-48 hours in advance on the [Warner Events Calendar](#). Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Meetings page](#).

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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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