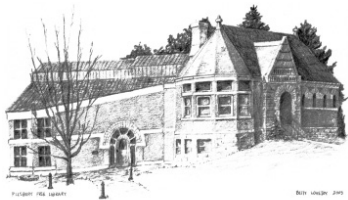


## Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ February 8, 2024



**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](mailto:Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov) by Tues. **Feb. 13**, for **Feb.15** issue.

## Town & School News

### Meet the New Town Administrator

Monday February 12, 4-5 pm

### Agricultural Commission Meeting

Monday, February 12, 7:00-8:00pm

### Select Board Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 5pm (New Time!)

### Zoning Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 14, 7:00-8:00pm

### Energy Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 15, 5:00-6:00pm

<https://WarnerNH.gov/calendar>

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

**Sample ballots** for Town elections on March 12, with a candidates list and a Zoning amendment will be posted soon online and at Town Hall and the PO. Also now available in the Library.

### 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](https://PoliceApp.com)

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

**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
[www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65](https://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](https://www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars)

**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. Residents without other fixed contracts or solar are automatically opted in. Energy users in Warner can see options and select which energy choice works best for them, including the % of renewables. Use the portal at [www.communitypowernh.gov/warner](https://www.communitypowernh.gov/warner) or call **1-866-603-POWR** 866-603-7697 to choose your power option, or to opt out, and have your Eversource account number handy .

Article in the Concord Monitor on 2/8/2024 about the proposed Town Budget:  
[www.concordmonitor.com/Warner-budget-public-hearing-continued-53943153](http://www.concordmonitor.com/Warner-budget-public-hearing-continued-53943153)

The **Warner Housing Advisory Committee** is working to update the Housing Chapter of the Town's 2011 Master Plan. They want community members' thoughts about housing. Take the survey online at [surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerHousing24](https://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

**Meet the New Town Administrator, Kathleen Frenette Monday February 12, 4pm at Warner Town Hall.** Kathy has worked for the Town of Gorham as Director of Finance and Administration and previous to that the North Country Council as Chief Operations Officer/ Co-Executive Director. Interim TA **Butch Burbank** will be assisting in an advisory role during Kathy's transition.

Warner's **Lucie Amaro-Chmura** did a radio interview about the **Art for Vets** program at the Currier that she is involved in. Some of our local Vets and Vet families may find it of interest to listen: <https://1370wfea.com/podcasts/weve-got-your-six-02-04-24/>

Did you know Warner's **Jody Sloane** is a comedian? <https://jodysloane.com/shows>

## It's The Season!

**Valentines Day thoughts:**

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

Order lavender products from **The Lavender Fields at Pumpkin Hill Farm** by February 9th for Valentine's Day delivery. [www.pumpkinblossomfarm.com/product-page/fresh-home-gift-box](http://www.pumpkinblossomfarm.com/product-page/fresh-home-gift-box)

**Reed's North restaurant** is accepting reservations for Wed. 2/14 **Valentines Day** – regular menu and Valentines Specials.

**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:** Check for status: [www.facebook.com/riversideicerink](http://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

**Zoning warrant article** 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](#)

**NH Legislative bills:** Find meetings and hearings:

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

**Online comment 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCxqjz56akoWRL_5vyaQDtvQ)

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

[https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/submitted\\_testimony.aspx](https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/committees/remotetestimony/submitted_testimony.aspx)

## Warner Groups and Museums

**Warner Historical Society** Barn Sale Pop-Up at the **Upton Chandler House Museum** (10 W. Main Street)! **Saturday 9-12 Feb. 10**. Typical Barn Sale items will be featured. All proceeds benefit the Warner Historical Society.

Winter newsletter at: <https://www.warnerhistorical.org/winter-2024-newsletter.html>

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 4:30pm**. 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.

## Warner Area 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 6-8.

Accepting reservations for Wed 2/14 Valentines Day – regular menu and Valentines Specials

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

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

**Buttonwood Shop workshops:** [buttonwoodshop.com/events](https://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 its 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](mailto:info@soulsourcenh.com) 603-620-1863

Sweet Beet NH in Bradford has a part time job opening for a part time cook.

**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** 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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 expert instruction books soon. Need help filing? Call 211 for an appointment for free assistance or go to NHTaxHelp.org.

**Copier/ printer fees:** As of **January 2024**, black and white copies are **20 cents/ page**, and full color pages \$1.

**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

Planetarium/ Discovery Center pass!

The **McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** is open **every day** for NH/MA **February vacation** weeks! (2/14/24 to 3/3/24) Book our pass!

Library passes can be used for monthly **Super Stellar Fridays**, the first Friday evening of every month. For more information, visit [www.starhop.com/ssf](http://www.starhop.com/ssf)

The application window for the Alex Higgins Memorial **Space Camp Scholarship** is open! NH students ages 9-18 are all invited to apply! More information and application can be found at [www.starhop.com/](http://www.starhop.com/)

**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](http://starhop.com) for SHOW schedules (additional \$7 per person).

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

**Art for Vets Family Day**, 3rd Sat. of each Month. Next: Sat. Feb. 17  
**Memory Cafe, the first Wednesday of each month** free, but space limited. [REGISTER](#).

Contact Lucie Amaro Chmura, Art Therapist, 603.518.4946 or [LChmura@currier.org](mailto:LChmura@currier.org)

[alexhiggins](#)

Price note: the library pass covers admission to the Discovery Center exhibits and facility, but optional **Planetarium show tickets are now \$7** per ticket for everyone 3+

### Museum of Fine Arts in Boston:

[www.mfa.org/exhibitions](http://www.mfa.org/exhibitions)

[Matthew Wong: The Realm of Appearances](#) ends Feb. 14, 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](http://nhdbooks.blogspot.com)

## Warner Youth

**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/](http://www.nhyouth.org/location/warner-early-learning-center/)

**WYSA** news: WYSA spring baseball and softball registration is open. Go to [www.warnersports.org](http://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!



**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.



POKEMON Club will be meeting next Tuesday, February 13th, 3-5:00. Miss Sue will walk the kids from Simonds. **Please tell Miss Sue and Mrs. Grimes if your child will be attending.**



Remember to always be kind, hug the ones you love! Hope your day is warm and filled with happiness!

Does anyone have a "stick horse"? We need one for the play. Let Miss Sue know. Thanks!

## Outdoors, Fitness and Environment

**Monday Feb. 12, 7-9 pm** zoom presentation on practical solutions for **reducing plastic**



**waste** at all levels, from homeowner to restaurants and businesses. Register at [Actionnetwork.org/events/unwrap-the-future-ii](https://Actionnetwork.org/events/unwrap-the-future-ii)

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

**NexTrex stretchy plastic recycling** progress report: we have now collected **686 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.

The Town's **Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee** survey has received **66** responses about **YOUR extreme weather experiences and concerns. 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.

**Apply to the 2024 NH Coverts Project Training:** Each year, 25 landowners and conservation-minded New Hampshire residents gather with a team of natural resource professionals at a rustic camp. For three and a half days, participants learn about the latest concepts and issues in wildlife and forest ecology, habitat management, land conservation, and effective outreach. You can read the [2023 Annual Report](#) to learn more about the project. The application deadline is March 1st. Apply today!

**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!

**Reed's Acoustic, Tavern Night Music Sat. Feb. 10, 6-9 pm** [Bill Coffill](#)

**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:** glassblower and educator by trade, Carolyn Riordan. 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!

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

## **Health and Helping Hands**

**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,

**The Family Closet Thrift Store** Store is open again. **Correction from last week:** winter clothing, bedding, footwear, etc. are being accepted.

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

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

Drop off at 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](mailto: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 - 24 hours a day.

**IRS Tax help:** call 211 to make an appointment with Tax aides. Also, [nhtaxhelp.org](http://nhtaxhelp.org) lists sites around the state where people can schedule free sessions to help with their taxes.

You can also see if you qualify for free online filing at the IRS site: <https://www.irs.gov/filing/free-file-do-your-federal-taxes-for-free>

New this year for certain types of filers: <https://directfile.irs.gov/> now in pilot phase, the program is currently limited, but you can [Sign up to be notified](#) when the pilot is open to new participants at <https://service.govdelivery.com/accounts/USIRS/subscriber/new>.

To use Direct File, you need an IRS account with ID.me. You can create one in advance at <https://directfile.irs.gov/idme> to be ready for when the pilot program opens up to more participants. An ID.me account helps prevent tax fraud and keeps your tax information secure. More details <https://www.concordmonitor.com/new-hampshire-income-tax-direct-file-53873418>

[Countryside Community Church](#) in Contoocook's semiannual Neighbor to Neighbor yard sale benefits [The Pass Along Project](#), an organization that makes sure that Foster Kids' clothing needs are met. They are looking for donations of new clothing to give directly to The Pass Along Project as well as used clothing and footwear to sell. Seeking spring/summer clothing in all sizes, children and adults, and also looking for volunteers on donation days to help sort and fold the donations. Drop off dates at 815 Main St. in Contoocook: Saturdays Feb. 17, March 16, or April 13. Contact [jiselleb@yahoo.com](mailto:jiselleb@yahoo.com).

**We have a handful of Covid-19 Test Kits at the Library.** 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.

# 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](#).

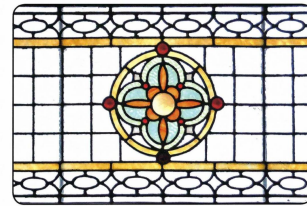
Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Meetings page](#).

## Your Donations Keep Library Services Strong!



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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