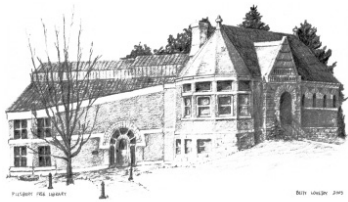


## Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ February 15, 2024



**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. 20**, for **Feb. 22** issue.

## Town & School News

Town Offices and the Library will be **closed Monday February 19** for Presidents' Day. School is open but not Boys & Girls Club at Simonds.

**Meetings:** scheduled in the Town Hall unless otherwise indicated

### Selectboard meeting

Tuesday, February 20, 5:00 – 6:00pm

### Library Trustees Monthly Meeting

Tuesday, Feb. 20-6:30–8:30pm Library

### HazMit committee working session:

Wednesday February 21, 9 am -12 pm at the Fire Station/EOC.

### Economic Dev. Advisory Committee

Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 – 8:00pm

<https://WarnerNH.gov/calendar>

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

**Sample ballots** for Town elections on March 12, with a candidates list and a Zoning amendment are posted online and at Town Hall, the PO and Library.

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

### Job Openings

**Warner Department of Public Works:**  
32 hr/ wk PT with building maintenance/ repair skills, [603-456-3366](tel:603-456-3366)

**Warner Police Department:** full-time officer position. Apply at [PoliceApp.com](https://PoliceApp.com)

**Kearsarge Regional School District**  
[www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65](https://www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65)

**KRSD vacation:** Feb. 26-March 1.

### Now enrolling Fall preschool!

<https://bit.ly/krsdpreschool>

**Kindergarten Registration:** contact Wendy at Simonds School: 456-2041.

### 2024-2025 KRSD calendar:

[www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars](https://www.kearsarge.org/district/family-community/pages/calendars)

**The Hazard Mitigation Plan Update Committee** wants to hear **YOUR extreme weather experiences and concerns.**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerNH-HazMit> Paper copies are available at the library, Church, Bank and Town Hall.

**Beware of Medicare Scam** callers: Several people locally have reported someone claiming to be from Medicare called and requested verification of their personal information and asked for the number on their card. Sensing something was up they called Medicare and were informed that **Medicare does not cold call people**.

**Warner Community Power** will begin serving Warner residents with low cost and flexibly sourced energy supply in **March**, managed by **Community Power Coalition of NH** which will purchase energy on our behalf, and 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](http://www.communitypowernh.gov/warner) or call [1-866-603-POWER](tel:1-866-603-POWER) 866-603-7697 to choose your power option, or to opt out, and have your Eversource account number handy Default CPC rate is 8.1 cents at this time.

**\*FREE\* Lecture: “Late in Arriving: How Electricity Changed Rural New Hampshire”** by Stephen Taylor. Saturday, February 24, 2 p.m. *in person* at New Hampshire Historical Society, Concord. This lecture is offered through the **Humanities to Go** program of New Hampshire Humanities. No registration required

The **Warner Housing Advisory Committee** survey is online at [surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerHousing24](https://surveymonkey.com/r/WarnerHousing24). Paper survey is available at the Town Hall (outside the Town Clerk's office), Pillsbury Free Library, 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.

**Friends of Concord-Lake Sunapee Rail Trail Board meeting** Monday, Feb. 19, 6:30 – 7:30pm in Library meeting room (lower level). Public welcome.

## Warner People



**Welcome to our new Town Administrator, Kathy Frenette, and many thanks to outgoing Interim TA Butch Burbank** for his excellent guidance during the transition between TAs since Diane Ricciardelli left. Photo: Butch and Kathy at the Community Meet and Greet on Monday, Feb. 12.

Kathy is looking forward to meeting the community.

## It's The Season!

**Warner Ice Rink:** Check for status: [www.facebook.com/riversideicerink](https://www.facebook.com/riversideicerink)

**Muster Field Farm's Ice Day 2024** will be held on February 18 if the ice is safe, at Kezar Lake-in Sutton. Free. <https://www.musterfieldfarm.com/annual-events>

## Voting and Legislation

**Election day** for Warner is **Tuesday, March 12, 2024**. Voting hours are 7 am - 7 pm. The Town Clerk's office will be closed that day for **Town elections**.

**Changes to the Warner Zoning Ordinance, Article XV, Non-Conforming Use** will also be voted on **by ballot** on Election Day. Relevant Documents are available at <https://warner.nh.us/notices>, including: Current Zoning Ordinance, Proposed Changes, Sample Zoning Ballot, Sample Town Ballot, Sample School Ballot, and Absentee Ballot Request

Form.

**Town Meeting is Wednesday, March 13 2024, 6 pm until done**, at Warner Town Hall  
You must be present at Town Meeting and be a Registered Voter to vote on Warrant Articles. Some documents for Town Meeting are at <https://warner.nh.us/notices>:  
Revenue summary for 2023 (XLSX), 2024 Estimated Tax Rate (XLSX), 2024 Operations Budget, 2024 Warrant Articles.

Warrant article in the news:

<https://www.concordmonitor.com/Warner-select-board-expansion-warrant-53943202>

**Warner Candidates' Forum** Thursday, March 7, 7:00 PM at Warner Town Hall.  
Come hear from the **candidates running for contested races for Town offices**. Each candidate will give brief open statements and then answer questions posed by the Women's League of Women Voters' Moderator and submitted by the audience.  
Candidates speaking will be: **Selectboard** - 1 opening for one-year term: Karen Coyne and Faith Minton, **Budget Committee** - 2 openings for 3 year terms: Richard Bixby, Jr, Alfred Hanson, and James F. Sherman

**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)

**Taxes in NH: some information and news.**

<https://www.concordmonitor.com/Warner-budget-public-hearing-continued-53943153>

<https://www.nhmunicipal.org/understanding-new-hampshire-property-taxes>

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/municipal/documents/2023-municipal-tax-rates.pdf>

<https://www.revenue.nh.gov/mun-prop/municipal/property-tax-rates.htm>

<https://www.citizenscount.org/topic/property-taxes>

<https://www.citizenscount.org/nh/merrimack/warner#elected-officials>

## Warner Area Business News



**Warner Public Market's** founders are in the final stages of signing a lease and transferring the foundations of WPM to **new owners!** They're working to keep many of your favorite parts of the store, and will also add their own flair with home cooked to-go foods and more from the kitchen. Stay tuned for more info as they plan to open their doors in the next few months.

**Twin Ridge Farm** is looking for an additional set of hands at our barn in Warner NH on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursday. If interested, please message us here, email [TwinRidgeFarmNH@gmail.com](mailto:TwinRidgeFarmNH@gmail.com), or text (603) 573-9923.

**Charlie Mac's Pizzeria** is 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.

Warner Wednesdays:

2/21 Fear the (Big) Beer – special release & hard to find beers

2/28 Fundraiser for Warner Historical Society

**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](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. [info@soulsourcenh.com](mailto:info@soulsourcenh.com) 603-620-1863

SCORE Free Online Workshops: <https://www.score.org/graniteregion/local-workshops>

**Do You Think You Need a Business Plan?** Let Us Help You Take the Anxiety Out of Creating One. **February 20, 2024, 10:00am EST** <https://www.score.org/graniteregion/event/online-workshop-do-you-think-you-need-a-business-plan-let-us-help-you-take-4>

## Warner Groups and Museums



Have you taken a **favorite place selfie** photo yet for Warner's 250th Birthday anniversary? Here is one from the Library staff...can you guess where?

(L-R: Nancy, Casey, Marcia, Sue and Roger; Top: George).

**Borrow the yellow 250th poster** for your photo (and return to) the Library, Bank, Historical Society.

Need a **"Selfie Stick"** to take your photo? You can now [borrow one](#) at the library!

Many thanks to Ralph Elwell for the idea and the donation.

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.

**New Hampshire Telephone Museum** will reopen March 2, for Saturdays & Tuesdays.

## At Your Library

**Library Book Group** Next meeting: **Wed. March 13** at 1:30 pm, to discuss [The First Ladies](#) by Marie Benedict. Copies are 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/> Register for zoom link <https://signup.com/go/nKVRrom>



**Tax forms!** We now have 1040 and 1040 SR forms, AND instruction books, and can help you print other forms you may need. Need help filing? Call 211 for an appointment for free assistance or go to [NHTaxHelp.org](http://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. **March 21** at 6:30 pm. Please sign up to help plan handouts/ send updates: <https://signup.com/go/biWjjqL>

## Library Passes and Other Resources!

We have free or reduced cost admission Library 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 (add \$7 /show/person).

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

**Stories of the Sea** is the Currier Museum's new maritime-themed collection display built around two extraordinary loans currently on view: Vincent van Gogh's first outdoor painting, *Beach at Scheveningen in Calm Weather* (1882), and Andrew Wyeth's haunting *The Wake* (1964).

**Art for Vets Family Day**, free, 3rd Sat. of each Month. Next: Sat. Feb. 17

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

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)

### Miss Sue's News (for Kids)

**New Children's Items in our catalog:**

[December](#), [January](#), [February](#) **STEM KITS**  
**NATURE KIT backpacks** filled with durable folding identification guides!



Despite no school on Tuesday, POKEMON club was well attended. "LUVDISC" was the theme for the snack, as well as celebrating Valentines Day!

Miss Sue has a "stick horse" for the play ;) Thank you to Nancy! Ichabod Crane has his horse!



**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, call to

be sure that we are open.



4th Graders and up. April is fast approaching! Don't forget to read as many Great Stone Face books as possible for the party and voting!

**School vacation week**- need ideas to keep busy? Come to the library to play some games, bring some home with some books or DVD's, KITS too! Don't forget the Story Walk and there are LEGOs!

## Warner Youth

The highly anticipated **Simonds School Annual Lip Sync** will be held **Friday, February 16, at 6pm** at the Warner Town Hall. Free admission, but selling baked goods and refreshments for fundraising. All proceeds will go to Simonds School.

**5th grade Shakespeare** after school opportunity and volunteer driver call: In collaboration with **Kearsarge School District** and the [New London Barn Playhouse](https://www.knppnh.org/), Kearsarge Neighborhood Partners (KNP) is piloting a volunteer driver program to help students access programs at the Barn. **Drivers are needed** on Mondays and Fridays from March 4 to April 19. Are you going to New London? Offer a ride to others! Students will be picked up and dropped off at Simonds' school in Warner. Class begins at **3:30pm and ends at 5:30pm**. To volunteer, email [info@KNPnh.org](mailto:info@KNPnh.org). The Barn Playhouse is located at 84 Main Street, New London. See more KNP projects at <https://knppnh.org/>

**Boys & Girls Club's Warner Early Learning Center** has openings for the **toddler** section! Apply now if you need daycare! 49 West Main St., Warner (603) 856-8649  
[dthurston@nhyouth.org](mailto: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.

## Outdoors, Fitness and Environment

**Want to give up something for Lent that makes a positive difference? How about plastics?** Some ideas can be found at <https://www.plasticfreejuly.org/>, or go the extra step of joining a group like the [New Hampshire Network's Plastics working group](#)

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

**NexTrex stretchy plastic recycling** progress report: we have now collected **695 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.

**Warner Conservation Committee** needs an organizer to **coordinate** the annual **Warner Water Quality Monitoring** in Ballard, Willow, French, Frazier and Davis Brooks. Equipment and training provided by NH Fish & Game to assess dissolved oxygen, PH, and water bugs. Interested? Call Nancy Martin at 603-456-3064.

[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 on May 18. 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).

**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 unless no school, so NOT Feb. 26 or Mar. 1. Use the gym's outside door.  
**Warner Parks & Rec. Old School P.E.** meets at Simonds on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. All adults welcome. Corn Hole, Volleyball; the activities rotate and are posted on FB!

## Warner Music, Crafts and Authors

The **Center for the Arts** will be hosting a meeting of local Authors, Writers, and Poets on **March 7th, 5:30 pm at Tracy Library** in New London. The intention is to gain input on ways in which they can help them pursue their craft. Email Jean Connolly <jconnolly@cfnh.org> with your contact info.

**Reed's Acoustic, Tavern Night Music Sat. Feb. 17, 6-9 pm [Joe Leary](#)**

[Buttonwood Shop workshops:](#)

**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](http://warner.lib.nh.us/warner-events-calendar), [nh365.org](http://nh365.org), [visithn.gov](http://visithn.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/)

## Health and Helping Hands

**The Family Closet Thrift Store** Store is open and accepting winter clothing, bedding, footwear, etc. **Hours: Wed. and Sat. 10 am - 4 pm**

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

**Wishlist update:** Diapers - Size newborn & 1; Beef Soup; Shampoo & Conditioner; Dry Milk; Juice Boxes; Dog & Cat Food.

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-hampshrie-income-tax-direct-file-53873418>

**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](#).

## 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.

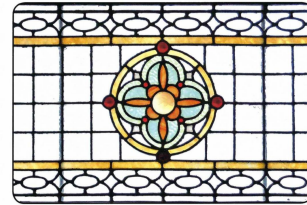
Trustee meetings are published 24-48 hours in advance on the [Warner Events Calendar](#). Approved minutes are published on the [Trustee Meetings page](#).

## 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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