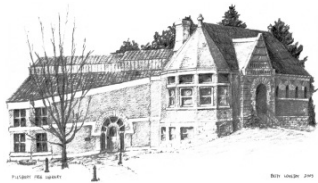


## Pillsbury Free Library, Warner, NH ~ Jan. 2, 2025



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## Local News from Your Library

Sent to over **1065** contacts! "only" **70%** opened last week! (did you open YOURS?)  
See past issues or **subscribe** at <https://www.warner.lib.nh.us/library-news>.

**NEXT ISSUES:** Submit current news and events In brief text please, to  
**Newsletter@library.warnerNH.gov** by Jan. 7 for Jan. 9 issue!

**Happy New Year** from the Library Staff! Let's make it a kind and wonder-filled year!

## Town & School News

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

### **KRSD School Board Mtg (Sutton)**

Thursday, January 2, 6:30 – 8:30pm  
see details below

### **Budget Committee & Selectboard**

Thursday, January 2, 7:00 pm

### **Planning Board**

Monday January 6, 7:00 pm

### **Selectboard Mtg**

Tuesday, January 7, 4:00 – 7:00pm

### **Precinct Commissioners (Joppa Rd)**

Wednesday, January 8, 3:30 – 4:30pm

### **Conservation Commission**

Wednesday, January 8, 7:00 – 8:00pm

### **Budget Committee & Selectboard**

Thursday, January 9, 7:00 pm

### **Agricultural Commission Meeting**

Monday, January 13, 7:00 – 8:00pm

**Agendas** (often with Zoom Link) are at  
<https://warnerNH.gov/agenda/> Updates:  
**-Please check agenda AND calendar**

### **Kearsarge Regional School District**

[www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65](https://www.facebook.com/KearsargeSAU65)

### **KRSD Annual deliberative session**

**Saturday, Jan. 4, 9 am at KRHS**

Includes vote on petition for budget and warrant articles for the March Warrant.

[https://www.kearsarge.org/district/pages/  
budgetannual-meetingvoter-information](https://www.kearsarge.org/district/pages/budgetannual-meetingvoter-information)

Bring ID and sign in if you wish to vote.

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

**The Supervisors of the Checklist** will  
meet Friday, January 3, 2025 10:00 am -  
11:00 am Warner Town Hall  
AND Saturday, January 4, 2025 8:30 am  
- 9:30 am Kearsarge Regional High  
School, 457 North Rd, Sutton, NH.

**Family Closet Thrift Store** is CLOSED  
until February.

All Town offices and Library will be closed  
on Mon., January 20, 2025.

**Kearsarge School Budget Deliberative Session on Sat. January 4th at 9 AM**, will be  
held at Kearsarge Regional High School, 457 North Rd., Sutton, NH. A petition by 25  
citizens will be discussed and voted on. The vote **at this session** will determine if

**Kearsarge Regional School District** will be required to institute a **budget cap** limiting the district's budget to \$27,000 per student in **2026-27**. If adopted, this could reduce the **2026-27** budget by over **\$10 million, or approximately a 17% cut**. It would be up to the school board and budget committee to determine what is cut. The \$27,000 per-student figure is lower than actual costs, so the SAU says it could require closing schools and dismissing 85-95 teachers/staff, which would also increase class sizes. Cuts could also lead to the removal of sports, electives, and other non-core programs, and/or Transportation services for students could be significantly reduced.

This petition and other budget articles will be discussed **and voted** on, Saturday Jan. 4.

**Full warrant and detailed KRSD budget information:**

<https://www.kearsarge.org/district/pages/budgetannual-meetingvoter-information>

There is childcare available in the rooms next to the gym, where the meeting is happening.

Note that some reporting on the petition and its impact includes errors, possibly including this newsletter, so attend the meeting to get facts!

## Warner People

The **Warner Fire Rescue** have had a busy week or two with many calls, often in the middle of the night and for many hours of grueling work. THANK YOU to our volunteer Department!

Have you checked your smoke detectors and CO detectors have current batteries and are less than 10 yrs old? This has been one of the worst years in recent history for fire and CO deaths in NH. Check them and test them regularly. If you do not have the resources to get a smoke alarm or do not know how to install them, please reach out to this Red Cross program - <https://www.redcross.org/local/me-nh-vt/about-us/our-work/home-fire-campaign/smoke-alarm-request-nh-vt.html>

## Misc. Town News

The **Assessing Office** will be closed 1/6-1/9. New Hours for the Assessing and Building Department will be starting Jan. 13, 2025: 9-4 Mon & Wed, 9-6 Tues and 7-7 Thurs.

### Update on Revaluation 2025:

The initial data collection is complete. Now all of that information will be uploaded into the Avitar CAMA (computer assisted mass appraisal) system. Once this lengthy process is complete **all properties that missed their data collector's visit will receive a letter** asking if they'd like to set up an appointment for someone to assess the interior of their home/buildings/structures.

Simultaneously we will also be updating **all properties in current use** and recertifying all exemptions or credits. [Important Note - All current use landowners should be prepared to submit an **updated map** of their property that includes all areas in and out of current use. You will receive a letter requesting this information - we are here to help, please feel free to stop in, email, or call with any questions.]

This is a long process that is not near completion - there will be plenty of chances to review and talk about the updated assessments with our new Assessors when the project is much closer to being complete. Thank you for all the patience and help through this process.

The **Town of Warner** is seeking a **Landuse Secretary, a Police officer, a Transfer Station attendant, and DPW crew member**. [warnernh.gov/job-openings/](http://warnernh.gov/job-openings/)

Volunteers for **Planning Board Alternates** sought: Please fill out a [volunteer form](#) available on the Warner Town Website and drop off at the Town Hall with Judy or Kathy.

# Warner Volunteers



**The Festival of Trees:** The **UN-decorating** is scheduled to be finished Friday 1/3. We ask that the trees be disassembled and placed in the boxes. The trees will be **returned to the attic on Saturday 1/4 from 2:30-3:30pm**; please come by and give a hand!

Thank you to the participants for creating such wonderful displays!

**Red Cross Blood Drive**, Friday January 3, 12 - 5 pm at United Church of Warner.

## Warner Weather

Ever wonder what the frequent heavy rainstorms are doing to our woodlands?

<https://northernwoodlands.org/articles/article/heavy-rains-forests>

Other great articles available online - or borrow the print copy from the Library for more!

Table of contents for Winter issue: <https://northernwoodlands.org/issues/toc>

Winter weather driving conditions: Get real-time updates at <https://newengland511.org/>.

**Winter Parking Ban:** The Town of Warner's Parking Ordinance is in effect and states that **no vehicle may be left on any street, road, or highway in the Town of Warner between the hours of 12:00 a.m. midnight and 6:00 a.m., from November 1st until May 1st.** Any vehicle in violation of this ban will be towed away at the owner's expense.

## Arts, Music, Games, etc

Area CFA Groups - Accepting New Members:

**Photography Café:** area photographers getting together to share a common interest in photography and photographic art on the second Thursday of each month starting at 6:00pm. Meetings take place at the Tracy Memorial Library in New London, virtually via Zoom, a location for photo shoots, or one of the member's homes (to be announced well in advance). For more information visit our [page](#).

**Art Critique:** This group meets every second Tuesday of the month from 2:00–4:00 pm at CFA's space (428 Main St.) in New London. Artists are welcome to bring something they're working on or a painting they've finished. The group will provide positive, gentle feedback on each other's work with the aim to develop skill and find inspiration for ourselves and others. Feel free to reach out to Alison Vernon at [avernon323@gmail.com](mailto:avernon323@gmail.com).

**The Local:** Music Thursdays 5-8 pm **Team Trivia** Nights: Weds at 6 pm.

**Reed's North: Tavern Night Sat. 6-9 pm:** Jan. 4 **Open Mic** with Brian Booth (Every 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday), **Trivia with Competitive Edge Trivia** Thursdays 6-8

**Open Mic** at Cafe One East is held the 2nd Tuesday of each month, hosted by Peg Chaffee, Next session: January 14, 2025.

**Other Event listings online :** [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),

## Museums and Groups

Get ready to kickstart your fitness journey with the revival of **Old School PE** on Wednesdays at Simonds School, 1/8/25 and 1/22/25 from 6:30-8:30pm! Events with more details will be created soon, but for now, comment on the <https://www.facebook.com/groups/warneroldschoolpe> page if you're interested in joining this free and inclusive Fun workout session with local friends.

**NH Telephone Museum** January - February hours: by Appointment

The **Warner Historical Society** is seeking candidates for an **Office Administrator** position. A complete position description may be found at [www.warnerhistorical.org](http://www.warnerhistorical.org)

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** is closed for the Winter but **has an [online store!](#)**

MKIM 2025 Annual Meeting will be January 18, 2025, 12:00pm - 3:30pm.

12:00 pm - Potluck lunch provided by Trustees, galleries and gift shop open.

1:00 pm - Program and updates on MKIM Committees' successes

2:00 pm - Galleries, gift shop, visiting, and traditional social dance and songs

3:30pm - Farewell

In case of inclement weather, please check the [Indian Museum Events page](#)

**Warner Fish and Game Club** is Looking for volunteers and donations for the Fishing Derby, whether it's cash donations or prizes, and also looking for volunteers for the children's fishing derby to work on May 10, 2025.

**Indoor Pickleball** in the Simonds School gym, Mondays and Fridays 6:30-8 pm. Except days the school is closed or cancels after school activities. Free. See who's coming and sign in on TeamReach app WarnerNHPB, group code WPB21 or just show up! Use the outside door of gym.

**Are you seeing ALL of this newsletter?** In some emails or devices, the text is clipped or partly hidden, and you may see a note like **"Continue reading"** The bottom of the newsletter has **Notecard images** so if you don't see that, you're MISSING OUT!

## At Your Library

Thank you to so many of you who have donated to our Fifth Annual Appeal! We know you have many choices, and we appreciate your help. If you would like to make a gift - and if you can afford to do so - please send a check to PO Box 299, Warner, NH 03278 or give electronically at <https://bit.ly/pfl-donation>. Happy holidays! —*The Trustees of the Pillsbury Free Library*

Do you love the Pillsbury Free Library and our programs? Do you have suggestions on how we could improve? The library wants to hear from YOU. Take our quick Pillsbury Free **Library Programs Survey** online at: <https://forms.gle/SHhSuuMxLVkChziS9>

Coming Soon! **Boston Aquarium** passes for 1/2 price entry! Jan. - May 2025

We see various 'Best Books' lists everywhere but this article brings a new perspective: <https://jansplaining.substack.com/p/why-you-cant-trust-years-best-book>

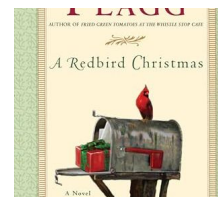
## Book Discussion Groups





The **library book discussion group** meets the 2nd Wed. each month at **1:30 pm** in the library. All welcome! The library has copies to borrow.

**January 8** [A Redbird Christmas](#) by Fannie Flagg



**BookEnds BookGroup** will be meeting at 4pm on the first Friday every other month. The first meeting will be on **February 7th** and the discussion will be about the book [Home Fire](#) by Kamila Shamsie.

You can also request copies for any book group via the library through inter-library loan.

We have Library passes for free or reduced cost admission to:

**NH State Parks pass** - Find parks which are open at [nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/](http://nhstateparks.org/find-parks-trails/) and news updates at <https://www.facebook.com/NewHampshireStateParks>

**McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center** Wed-Sun. 10:30 AM - 4:00 PM.  
Free with library pass. 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) open Wed- Sun. 10am-5pm.  
and school holidays. 1/2 price with a library pass.

**Second Saturdays** are Free for NH Residents. **1st Wednesdays** [Memory Cafe.](#), [Art for Vets Family Day](#) is the 3rd Saturday of every month, free entry for Veterans & family.

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

For the promo-code "pass" discount at MFA, for \$10 admission, call 603-456-2289.

**Current exhibits:** [Georgia O'Keeffe and Henry Moore](#) to Jan. 20, 2025. Timed tickets.

**Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum** From January through April, the museum will be open **Fridays** only, 10-4, with tours at 10:30 and 1:30. Groups tours are also available for groups of 10 or more during the winter by calling and making an appointment. Email [education@indianmuseum.org](mailto:education@indianmuseum.org). or call 603-456-2600 to arrange a time and date.

**New Hampshire Telephone Museum** By appt. Jan-Feb

## Warner Youth

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



**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 Children's Room.

**Saturday, Dec. 21st - Winter Solstice** event at The Indian Museum, was fun but bitter cold out! Miss Sue read several winter stories and a solstice story.

**New Children's Items in our catalog:**  
[October](#), [November](#), [December](#) and [STEM KITS](#) or [NATURE KIT backpacks](#)



The story walk book is up: [Good Morning, Snowplow](#) by Deb Bruss is the winter selection. Happy winter!

**The next spring play will be "KID FRANKENSTEIN".** See Miss Sue for a script and details. **ONLY 2 More kids needed! Play date is Saturday, May 10, 4:00pm.** Practices are on **Wednesdays, 3-5:00pm.**



**Pokemon Club** meets at the Library the 2nd Tues. of the month, 3-5 pm. All welcome. Miss Sue walks Simonds students from school to Library.

*Are you a teen interested in reading and reviewing books for the Teen books section? Stop by the library on a Monday or Tuesday and talk to Casey!*

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

**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 schedules.

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

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

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



**The library is giving away furniture:** We are replacing our original 1890s Table and chairs and need to find homes for them. For free. Chairs are large. The table is 107" long and 44"W x 31" H. Original, but a laminate top was added, a very durable surface. There are small drawers on both long sides. Very sturdy. It does not come apart for moving. Call 603-456-2289.

Annual stats from NRRRA for average Regional tipping costs of waste:

[www.nrrarecycles.org/resource-library/average-cost-ton-tipping-and-trucking-cd-msw](http://www.nrrarecycles.org/resource-library/average-cost-ton-tipping-and-trucking-cd-msw)

### Recycling

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

Want to get together with others to talk about solutions to **NH environment and energy** concerns? Find online meetings and activities at <https://www.newhampshirenetwork.org/>



Clean grocery bags and ziplock bags may be dropped in the box inside Market Basket. Also those pale grey plastic mailers: check the logo!

The Food Pantry often needs clean bags. OR use your own **reusable bags** for shopping!

## Area Business and Farms

**Warner Public Market:** NEW HOURS: Wed., Thurs. & Fri. 3PM TO 6PM,

Saturdays 10AM TO 6PM, Sundays 10AM TO 3PM

Open Weekday afternoons for all your local and organic grocery needs. On the weekends

there will also be delicious ready made meals, prepared in store, packed up and in the fridge for your convenience.

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

Job openings in the **Kearsarge Regional School District** [www.kearsarge.org/careers](http://www.kearsarge.org/careers)  
Also, Bus drivers are still wanted!

## Health and Helping Hands

**Family Closet Thrift Store** Open Weds and Saturdays 10am-4pm 603-456-2183.  
**Closed Dec. 22 - Jan. 31. No new item donations accepted** until February!

**Warner Area Food Pantry.** [www.warnerconnectsnh.org](http://www.warnerconnectsnh.org).

**Wish List:** Canned Peaches, Cream Corn, Hamburger Helper, Granola Bars, Gluten Free Pasta.

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

**Office Hours:** Tues - Thurs., 10am - 1pm.

**Pantry facebook:** [www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575](https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61553264195575)

The **United Church of Warner sanctuary** is open **4:30-6:30 PM every Thursday** for a quiet place to pray.

**Belknap-Merrimack County Community Action** hours in Warner at 49 W. Main Street.  
**Tues and Thursdays, 8:30 am - 4:30 pm** or call 603-456-2207

**Welfare Office** Thursdays 1-4 pm on the 3rd floor of the Community building. Contact **Peter Flynn**, Warner Welfare officer 24/7, at 603-456-3004 or 456-2298 x1229, or [help@WarnerNH.gov](mailto:help@WarnerNH.gov).

**Franklin VNA & Hospice** is hosting a **free Walk-In Advanced Care Planning** session for the public at their office at 75 Chestnut St, Franklin. **Friday, January 17, 2025 from 1:00-3:00 PM**, a Franklin VNA & Hospice Social Worker/Notary Public will be available to discuss end-of-life wishes, review Advanced Directives to make sure they reflect your decisions, assist with filling out Durable Power of Attorney for Healthcare and/or Living Will, and discuss how to have the important conversations with your loved ones regarding your final wishes. Advanced Directive booklets will be available to complete or take with you. (603) 934-3454f or email [info@franklinvna.org](mailto:info@franklinvna.org).

## Health insurance Help

[www.medicare.gov/plan-compare](http://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare). [HealthCare.gov](http://HealthCare.gov)

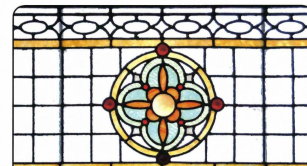
**Merrimack County ServiceLink** at 1-866-634-9412 or **603-228-6625**

**Hometown Senior Solutions** 603-441-2365. [www.hometownseniorsolutions.com/](http://www.hometownseniorsolutions.com/)  
<https://healthynh.org/initiatives/access-to-care/get-covered/> (603) 415-4256.

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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!





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