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Public Budget Hearing

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

On **Monday, January 15 at 6pm**, the Public Budget Hearing will be held at the **Pound School, 41 Depot Road**. The Public Budget Hearing is a presentation of the budget and warrant articles to residents of East Kingston by Selectmen and town department heads. After this hearing, the budget and warrant articles are then pushed through to the Deliberative Session, happening on February 3rd at the East Kingston Elementary School. Changes to the articles and budget lines can only be made at the Deliberative Session. Anyone who is interested in the process, or curious about the budget is welcome and encouraged to attend.

****Time and place subject to change. Please check the town website for the most accurate information****

NEKS Republicans to Meet

The Newton, East Kingston, Kensington and South Hampton (NEKS) Republican Town Committee will meet on Wed., January 10, 2024, 6 p.m.

The Republican Town Committee is an organization of voters who meet monthly to learn about the Republican Party and support its candidates and principles.

Any and all Republican voters, and like-minded independents, are invited to participate in the committee.

For detailed information about speakers and the location of the meeting, email neksgop@icloud.com.

Pickleball in East Kingston

Interested in Seeing Pickleball in East Kingston? We want to hear from you!

The town is working to bring pickleball to town and we want to gauge people's interest. Please take a moment to take our survey. Your input is important to us.

Thank you.

www.surveymonkey.com/r/YPDJFJY



An EKES School Board Update

by Kirsten Soroko, EKES School Board

East Kingston Elementary School Board will have a public hearing followed by a board meeting on January 8, 2024 at 5 pm at EKES.

East Kingston Edition

Town of East Kingston
www.eknh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

(603) 642-8406 x2

Monday: 8am - 5pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406 x1

Monday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:

8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5427

East Kingston Fire

ekfd.org

Emergency: 911

Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

East Kingston Public Library

eastkingstonlibrary.org

(603) 642-8333

ekpublib@comcast.net

Monday & Wednesday:

9am - 5pm

Tuesday & Thursday:

11am - 7pm

Friday & Saturday:

9am - 1pm

E. Kingston Elementary School

(603) 642-3511

EKES on the web: eks.sau16.org

SAU16 on the web: sau16.org

Newsletter Deadlines

Submissions for the following

month must be submitted by the

17th of each month. Send

submissions to

newsletter@eastkingstonnh.gov

****Please Note: Date, time and location are subject to change. Please visit eknh.org or sau16.org for up to date information.****

24 DEPOT ROAD
EAST KINGSTON, NH 03827
(603) 642-8406



CONSERVATION COMMISSION

PUBLIC NOTICE! CONSERVATION COMMISSION SPONSORING BARRY CONSERVATION SUMMER CAMP 2024

Once again, this summer, the East Kingston Conservation Commission will sponsor up to three interested young people for Barry Conservation Camp in the White Mountain National Forest. Applicants must be 8-16 years old, residents of East Kingston and first-time campers.

To reserve a spot, interested parents should apply on or before **January 8, 2024** to Dennis Quintal, Chair of the East Kingston Conservation Commission, at (603) 382-7650, with the session and gender of the camper. Parents are asked to furnish a \$150.00 nonrefundable deposit at the time of the application registration; the balance of the tuition will be paid by the East Kingston Conservation Commission.

Operated by the UNH Cooperative Extension 4-H Program in cooperation with the NH Fish and Game Department, the Camp provides a small close-knit community for its 40 campers and 11 staff. Small, cozy cabins house 7 campers and a counselor. Hands-on experience is the rule. Campers are grouped by age and gender and have access to modern central toilets; shower facilities and a beautiful dining hall complete with a great kitchen which produces legendary meals.

Each week has a theme along with traditional camp activities such as swimming, hiking, campfire, canoeing, skits, fishing, archery and more. The 2024 sessions are as follows:

- 4-H Shooting Sports - June 23-28, for Ages 10-16
- Mini-Camp - June 30 - July 3, for Ages 8-12
- Fish Camp - July 7-12, for Ages 10-16
- 4-H on the Wild Side - July 14-19, for Ages 10-16
- Hunter Education - July 21-26, for Ages 12-16
- North Country Adventure - July 28-Aug 2, for Ages 12-16
- Junior Conservation Officer Camp - August 4-7, for Ages 14-17

For more information and the various sessions, go to <https://extension.unh.edu/new-hampshire-4-h/barry-conservation-4-h-camp>



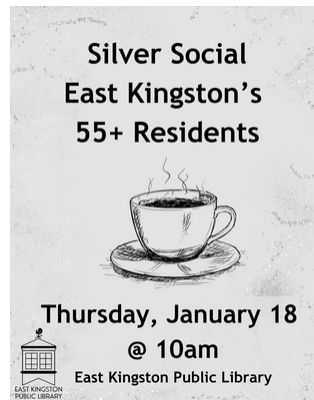
January at the Library

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

2023 was a busy year for the East Kingston Public Library. We knew we'd have big shoes to fill when Tracy retired, and we hope we were able to do the library and East Kingston justice while we found our footing.

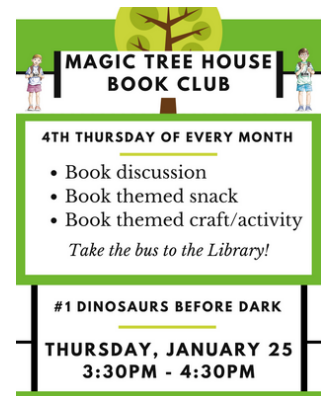
Sherry has been an amazing addition to our staff and has brought some fresh new eyes to our small little library. She's worked hard to create new programs like *Let's Get Digital* which teaches residents how to use our many digital services like Libby, Kanopy, and more. Both Kathy and Sarah too are continuously working hard to make every patrons library experience the best it can be.

2024 for the East Kingston Public Library will be a fun year. We're ramping up our programming and will be introducing new series programs as well as standalones. As always, if you have something you'd like to see at the library, please let us know.



In January, we're starting our quarterly Silver Social group. This is a social for residents 55+ living in East Kingston. The first program will be a meet & greet with refreshments. We'd love to hear from you about what programs you'd like hosted by the library! Join us on Thursday, January 18th @ 10am. We hope you can join us!

We're also rekindling our Magic Tree House Book Club! This is an after school program for kids aged 5 - 9. We'll discuss the book, have a themed snack and do a craft/activity. We are starting with book #1 Dinosaurs Before Dark and books will be available at the desk. Book club starts at 3:30pm on Thursday, January 25th. Kids can take the bus to the library or be dropped off.



Our Board of Trustees are looking for an Alternate. These positions are volunteer based and stand in for a trustee when a quorum cannot be met. More information can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/trustees

Lastly, our Friends of the Library are integral in funding the majority of our programming, including the Summer Reading Program. Please consider attending the annual meeting on January 29th. They're always looking for new members! More information can be found on their website at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl

Friends of EKPL News

By Nikki Cutler, Board of the Friends

As the new year begins, we want to thank everyone for their generous support of the East Kingston Public Library in 2023 and ask that you consider continuing your support into 2024.

- The **Friends Membership Drive** is our most important fundraising period. The support we receive during this drive allows us to budget and plan for the year ahead with confidence that we can continue to support the library's ability to offer the kinds of programming and opportunities that enrich the lives of our community. If you have already sent in your 2024 Membership donation - THANK YOU! If not, please consider renewing, or joining us. Membership forms are available in the library or via email friendsofekpl@gmail.com.
- **DATE CHANGE** for the **Friends Annual Meeting**. It will now be held on **Monday, January 29th 5:00-7:00p** at the library. Here's your chance to join us as a Board member! The President and Secretary positions will be open for elections. Email us with any questions you might have about the roles and responsibilities for these positions. For anyone wanting to attend and vote, stay tuned for meeting materials and the Zoom link if you want to attend virtually.
- Another wonderful way to continue to support the library is by visiting the **UBS (Used Book Store)** and checking out their great selection of books. They're always getting new donations in so you never know what gems you'll find! Specials for January include:
 - Clearance on Christmas novels, cookbooks, and crafts
 - Big Ben jigsaw puzzles - \$0.10 each
 - Large donation of Nancy Drew mysteries
 - Inspiring books about women

Lastly, we just want to give a big thanks to everyone who came out for our **Annual Holiday Social** last month on **December 2nd**. Festive fun was had by all, Santa came for a visit, and we had lots of cookies to swap and raffles to give away. This has become a great yearly tradition at the library.



*Happy New Year from the FoEKPL Board!
(Aine Cronin, Stacy Friedman, Cara Gray, Carol Powers, and Nikki Cutler)*

Look Ahead to 2024

- **January 8** - EKES Budget Hearing @ EKES
- **January 11** - SAU16 Budget Hearing @ EHS
- **January 15** - EK Budget Hearing @ the Pound School
- **January 23** - Presidential Primary in NH @ EKES
- **January 24 through February 2** - Filing Period for Town Positions:
 - Selectman, 3 yr. term (1)
 - Moderator, 2 yr. term (1)
 - Trustee of the Cemetery, 3 yr. term (1)
 - Trustee of the Public Library, 2 yr. term (1)
 - Trustee of the Public Library, 3 yr. term (2)
 - Road Agent, 3 yr. term (1)
 - Supervisor of the Checklist, 6 yr. term (1)
 - Trustee of the Trust Fund, 3 yr. term (1)
- **February 3** - Town Deliberative Session @ EKES
 - School: 8am - 10am
 - Town: 10am - 12pm
- **February 8** - SAU16 Deliberative Session @ EHS
- **March 12** - Town Voting (Budget, Warrant Articles and Town Positions) & SAU16 Voting @ EKES

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Important Dates

- **January 8th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person. Meetings will be held at the Town Offices. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/conservation-commission.
- **January 8th @ 5:30pm - East Kingston School Board**
 - In-Person. Meetings are held at the East Kingston Elementary School, in the library. More information can be found at www.eks.sau16.org.
- **January 10th @ 6:30pm - Selectmen's Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the Town offices. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eknh.org/selectmen.
- **January 15th @ 6pm - Public Budget Hearing**
 - Hearing will be held at the Pound School. Learn about warrant articles and budget line items before it makes it's way to the Deliberative Session in February.
- **January 18th @ 6:30pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - In Person. Meeting will be held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/planning-board.
- **January 22nd @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Public Library**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org.
- **January 18th @ 6:30pm - Zoning Board Meeting**
 - In Person. Meeting will be held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/zoning-board-adjustment.
- **January 29th @ 5:00pm - Friends of the East Kingston Public Library**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl.
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