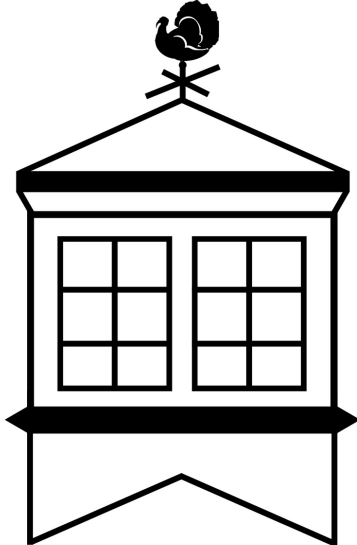


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## A New Chapter

As of January 1st, 2023, the East Kingston Public Library is officially changing hands. Tracy Waldron retired at the end of 2022, after 28 great years as East Kingston's one and only librarian. While her retirement was something we knew about for a little bit, it was something we kept putting out of our minds until the very end. We know she'll be back to visit, but we'll miss her all the same.






So with that said, I wanted to introduce you, the town of East Kingston, to the new management. Hi! For those who don't know me yet, my name is Zoe Sucu. Tracy hired me back in 2012 as a library page. I had just received my license as a high school sophomore and I took my first joy ride... to the library (this says so much about me). I've been here ever since, working through school. To say I've been here only eleven years, however, is a bit misguided. I've lived in East Kingston my entire life. My sister and I spent those early Friday mornings sitting around that table in the Pound School listening to Miss Tracy read stories at story hour. Let me tell you how difficult it was for me to stop calling her "Miss Tracy."

I have my Associate's degree in Liberal Arts from Great Bay Community College, a Bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from Southern New Hampshire University, and a Master's degree in Library and Information Sciences from Drexel University. Tracy's simple hiring of a high school kid to shelve books really carved a path for me to find something I enjoyed, a place that I felt I could make a difference.

As I'm the one attempting to fill Tracy's shoes, someone has to fill mine. Sherry Castle has been hired as my Assistant Director, starting January 3rd. She joins us from North Hampton Library where she has been working as Library Assistant while earning her Masters in Library and Information Science (MLIS). Sherry, a Louisiana native, has been a NH resident for 20 years and active in the local EK community, where she moved in 2018. She was elected EK Supervisor of the Checklist in 2022 and is a former Friends of the Library Board member. "The library is a community hub and I am excited to be an integral part of the town I live," Sherry says.

While we have to create a new normal here at the library, we are so very excited for the future. 2023 will be the year of community building, and we've got a whole slew of ideas in store for all the fun we will have.

As always, if you have any questions, concerns, great program ideas, etc., please don't hesitate to stop by, send an email or give us a call. We want to provide the best possible library service to East Kingston that we can.

MONDAY 9AM-5PM	TUESDAY 11AM-7PM	WEDNESDAY 9AM-5PM	THURSDAY 11AM-7PM	FRIDAY 9AM-1PM	SATURDAY 9AM-1PM
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## EKPL is seeking Board Members!

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Is your New Years resolution to become more involved in your community? Maybe you want to find a volunteer experience that could get you out of the house and help you meet new people? We are looking for one Board Member and a few Alternate Trustees to join the EKPL Board of Trustees.

An Alternate Trustee is similar to an alternate on a jury. You can learn about the inner workings of the library and ensure your voice is heard. If a Trustee is absent, then you step in to ensure the Board has quorum and you can vote, so we continue to move the work of the EKPL forward. A Board Member is quite similar, if not more a permanent place on the Board of Trustees. The biggest difference between the two positions is that board members are elected positions, meaning the town votes you into office at March's local election. An Alternate is an appointed position.

Requirements for these positions are quite minimal. We have one meeting on the fourth Monday of every month (meetings generally run 1.5 - 2 hours). Occasionally special meetings will be held, or attendance at a program is required, but not often.

If you are interested, please email or call Robert Minicucci at chair.ekplbod@gmail.com or (339-206-1722) to learn more.

## The Friends of EKPL are looking for a Treasurer

by FoEKPL

Interested in a volunteer role to support your local library? The Friends of the East Kingston Public Library are looking for a Treasurer. The perfect candidate is organized with attention to detail. No prior accounting experience required. The role, which requires a background check, includes the following:

- Co-signer on the Friends of the Library bank account
- Primary contact for NH Lottery Games of Chance, Charitable Gaming
- Perform monthly financial reconciliation
- Draft quarterly Treasury Reports to the membership
- Draft, with the President, the annual budget

The election will be held on January 25, 2023. The Friends' Board is available to answer any of your questions!



# Friends of EKPL News



As the new year dawns, we want to thank you for generous support of East Kingston Public Library last year and ask that you consider continuing your support into 2023:

- Join us at the **Friends Annual Meeting** on Wednesday, January 25th 5:00-7:00 in person or via Zoom. Here's your chance to join us as a Board member! **The Treasurer position will be open for elections.** The perfect candidate is organized with attention to detail. No prior accounting experience required. For anyone wanting to attend, in-person or via Zoom, The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on [eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl](http://eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl).
- **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 to help enrich the lives of our community. If you have already sent in your 2023 Membership donation -THANK YOU! If not, please consider renewing, or joining us, for 2023. Membership forms are available in the library or via email [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com).
- If your News Year Resolution includes cleaning out your bookshelves, please consider donating your books to the **UBS (Used Book Store) at the Pound School**, or if you'd like to read more, why not visit and check out the January sales? ALL books are 50% off and all cozy mysteries and middle school books are 4 for \$1. The USB is open Fridays 10-5 & Saturdays 10-1.
- Log into Amazon.com and sign up for Amazon Smile designating the "Friends of the East Kingston Public Library" as the charitable organization associated with your account. Amazon will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the Friends of the East Kingston Public Library at no additional cost to you.

We leave you with a few pictures of the East Kingston Friends who joined us at the **Friends Holiday Social** last month. Take a peek inside the library on the evening of December 2nd....



The UBS donated books for 7 raffle baskets



Santa stopped by to share one of his favorite books



Guests created crafts together, shared cocoa and treats and enjoyed getting to know one another, chatting about favorite books and holiday plans



Happy New Year from the FoEKPL Board

(left to right) Cara Gray, Sherry Castle, Carol Powers, Áine Cronin & Stacy Friedman

Please follow our FaceBook Page "Friends of East Kingston Public Library", visit our webpage or email us at [friendsofekpl@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofekpl@gmail.com) for information in 2023.