

E. KINGSTON EDITION

“It’s beautiful the Summer month of June . . . and the sun shines most of the day brightly.”
– Francis Duggan



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The East Kingston Summer Markets are back!

Join us on Sunday **June 18, July 16,** and **August 27**, from 10am-2pm, for our Summer Markets! These markets, held on the lawn of the East Kingston Public Library, are full of local vendors from East Kingston and beyond.

Our first market back, on June 18th, will feature a father's day raffle, over 30 vendors, live music, and oh so much more. We hope to see you there!

Brooke Anne Petrucelli Joins the Conservation Commission

by Vicki J. Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

The East Kingston Conservation Commission (EKCC) welcomes Brooke Anne Petrucelli. Brooke Anne joined the May 2023 EKCC meeting as a fully sworn in member.

Brooke Anne has lived in town with her family since 2003. She works at Deerfield Community School as Technology Coordinator/Digital Learning Specialist and in her free time enjoys gardening, hiking, history and dogs.



“Brooke has already made an impact with her marketing and promotion of our Morning Bird Walk program on June 3. We are grateful to Brooke for her expertise and for volunteering her time to support our town and its beautiful natural resources,” said Dennis Quintal, EKCC Chair.

Brooke Anne will work with Dennis and members Adam Barss, Vicki Brown, Gordon Powers and Julie Ostopchuk to support these important 2023 projects:

1. Powwow River Bank Restoration. We plan to restore and improve the bank at the Railroad parcel town beach, a resource for all East Kingston residents. www.eknh.org/conservation-commission/pages/powwow-bank-restoration
2. Land Conservation. We aim to add 1,000 acres of East Kingston land in conservation easements over the next 10-20 years. www.eknh.org/conservation-commission/pages/protect-it-or-lose-it-land-conservation

Now six members strong, the EKCC has immediate openings for two alternates. Please email us at EKconservation@gmail.com. Or attend one of our monthly meetings on the second Monday of the month at 5pm at the Town Office (downstairs).

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Town of East Kingston
www.eknh.org

Town Clerk & Tax Collector

(603) 642-8794
Monday: 8am - 5pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 5pm - 7pm

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406
Monday: 8am - 4pm
Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm
Wednesday: 11am - 7pm

East Kingston Police

Emergency: 911
Non-Emergency: (603) 642-5428

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

NH Library Trustee Association

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

On May 9th, 2023, three of your elected Library Trustees (Robert Minicucci, Lou Barsalou, and Sarah Courchesne) attended the annual Trustee conference in Concord, NH. They took classes specifically designed for trustees and library directors to better their knowledge of their position, as well as learn new and innovative ways to bring the East Kingston Public Library to the community.

EKPL Treasurer Sarah Courchesne, alongside EKPL Director Zoe Sucu and Brentwood's library Director Janice Wiers, presented a class on their program series Courageous Community Conversations and how the program could be beneficial to small town libraries like East Kingston and Brentwood.



We have alternate trustee spots open if anyone would like to get out into their community and volunteer. It's a great group doing great things and only meet once a month. Join us at our next meeting on June 26th to learn more!

All Together Now - Summer Reading Program 2023

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director


Summer Reading is officially here! The theme this year is All Together Now and is focused around Kindness and Community. Our Kick Off, a pollinator party, will be held on **Monday, June 26th from 10am - 12pm**. This drop-in event will feature games, crafts, snacks, and of course registrations for summer reading!


The Summer Reading Program, for those who aren't familiar, is designed to keep kids reading and engaged over the course of the summer to prevent the learning slide that often occurs during this long break. The program is free to all who would like to attend. We have programs for all ages. You can find more information on our website, under Summer Reading Program. We hope you can join us!

All Together Now

Summer Reading 2023

@ the East Kingston Public Library





What

The East Kingston Public Library presents All Together Now for our summer reading theme this year! The theme focuses on kindness and community, and thus, Bees! The program runs from **June 26th through August 12th**. Summer Reading is for students of all ages, as well as some added events for families and adults. We hope you will join us for some amazing bee themed crafts, story hours, special guests, field trips, and so much more! Visit the Library (47 Maplevale Road, in East Kingston) or our website www.eastkingstonlibrary.org for more information!

Kick Off

June 26th 10am - 12pm

Help us Kick Off our Summer Reading Program at our Pollinator Party! The Kick Off is drop-in between 10am and 12pm. You will be able to **register for summer reading**, receive a whole bag of goodies, play games, and more!
You'll be able to learn about all the activities we have planned for this summer and sign up for the ones that interest you the most!
You can sign up at any point during Summer Reading, so if you can't make it to the Kick Off, don't worry!

Read for Prizes

When you register for summer reading, you will receive a reading tracker. If you keep track of how many hours you read, and turn in the tracker when you've completed it, you'll receive a raffle ticket to add to our prize raffle.
You can also earn tickets simply by coming to the library! You get one ticket for visiting the library and another for taking part in one of the library programs. The more tickets you earn, the more chances you'll have of winning one of the big prizes!

Special Events

Here's a sneak peek at just SOME of our special events!

- Talk with a beekeeper and meet some bees!
- Family Night at Tricklin' Falls
- Sing along with Mr. Aaron
- Work together to complete a giant crossword puzzle
- Weekly take and makes
- Community Member Story Hour & Library Story Hour
- and so much more!

On Powwow River

by Gordon Powers, East Kingston Conservation Commission

The ice is out, the days are longer and warmer...and it's time to pull the kayak out of the shed and get on the water! The 285-acre Powwow Pond is a great paddling destination. Did you know that East Kingston residents have their own gravel boat ramp for small craft located off Rte. 107A on Kelley Lane? A resident sticker, which may be obtained at the Town Office (2 for free with vehicle registration proof), is required to park in the area near the ramp. The parking area has been virtually empty on my trips there.

A few residents have commented to the EK Conservation Commission that the aquatic plant growth, especially along the shore line, is a nuisance to boaters and have suggested that it be cleared near the ramp. Much of the surface growth is made up of water lilies, although there are 28 reported types of aquatic growth according to the Powwow Pond Council. Water lilies provide benefits, however, and removal could be detrimental to the overall health of the pond.

Here are some reasons to like our lilies:

- They provide shade and shelter from predators for underwater creatures, like fish
- They keep the water cooler preventing algae that thrive in the heat from growing in excess
- They absorb nutrients in the water keeping it clear and clean-looking
- They have attractive flowers in the spring and summer
- The white water-lily flower is a favorite of honeybees
- Lilies have inspired nearly 250 Monet paintings!

There are some undesirable aquatic plants on Powwow too, including the aggressive milfoil species which, although present on the pond, are controlled by monitoring and removal. A portion of your conservation budget, along with funds from Kingston, is spent on periodic removal. Another pesky plant is pondweed which can be a nuisance when growth is excessive. The New Hampshire Lakes Association (NH Lakes) provides a flyer at this site [Lake-Host-AIS-Identification-2019.pdf](https://www.nhlakes.org/files/Lake-Host-AIS-Identification-2019.pdf) (nhlakes.org) which is a quick reference for aquatic invasive plants- it includes contact information for reporting invasive sightings. The times I have visited the pond there was no volunteer host checking boats for milfoil, so it is incumbent on us to responsibly check and “clean- drain- dry” our craft before entering the pond (also after leaving to prevent spread to other waters).

Lest I give the wrong impression- the Powwow Pond has PLENTY of open water. From the ramp, a few quick strokes will take you out past the perimeter growth into the open where you can easily paddle a length of almost two miles end to end. If you head left after leaving the ramp and pass under the railroad trestle you will come to the East Kingston public beach.

Happy paddling.



Friends of EKPL (FoEKPL) News

by FoEKPL

🌱 Book, Bake & Plant Sale @ EKPL June 3rd 🌱

Saturday, June 3rd 10am-2pm

Plan to attend this fun-filled day and support the library at the same time. In the meantime, if you would like to donate any plants, seedlings or baked goods, please sign up using the Google Form on our website or by emailing us at friendsofekpl@gmail.com. Thank you!

A shout out to Mrs Lynne Blunt for offering face painting at the Used Book Store's 5th Saturday event in April. The next 5th Saturday event will be July 29th if you'd like to mark your calendars.

Friends' Quarterly Meetings

Last month, the Friends held their first quarterly business meeting. Minutes will be available on our [webpage](#). Please try to join us at our next meeting, Thursday July 13th @ 5:00. The group plans to hold a discussion around the expected board openings for 2024. We could use your help!

Charitable Games of Chance Dates

FoEKPL receives 35% of the profits from Oceanfront Gaming Casino on Hampton Beach on designated dates.

Our upcoming dates include

June 3rd & 4th and August 7th and 8th.



📚 June at the Used Book Store (UBS) 📚

Located at the Pound School

open Fridays 10am-5pm and Saturdays 10am-1pm

Get a jump on your summer reading and stop in to check out our **June Specials**:

- Baseball books & movies
- Fishing
- Science Fiction
- Featured Authors - David Baldacci & John Grisham are **half price**
- DVDs \$1 each or a box of 10 for \$25

SUMMER Drawstring bag special! - Purchase a Friends of East Kingston Public Library drawstring bag for \$10 (at the bookstore or library) and receive a free book every time you shop with your bag at the UBS this summer. Available in a selection of colors.

Volunteers Needed

To help run the community table during the farmer's markets

Sundays
 June 18th 10am-2pm
 July 16th 10am-2pm
 August 27th 10am-2pm

SCAN ME!

The community table is a great concept the library thought up to allow local vendors who can't make the Farmer's Market to be able to sell their goods.
 Any amount of time is helpful.
 Sign up at the Library, reach out to eastkingstonfarmersmarket@gmail.com or scan the QR code

As always, thank you for your support! Please follow our FaceBook Page "Friends of East Kingston Public Library", visit our [webpage](#) or email us at friendsofekpl@gmail.com for more information.

School Board Meeting Announcement

by Kirsten Soroko, School Board Member

School Board Meeting Dates:

EKES School Board will meet June 14th at 4:00 in the EKES Library. Meeting times and dates subject to change. Please see the EKES website for the latest information.

Republicans to Meet

The Newton, East Kingston, Kensington and South Hampton (NEKS) Republican Town Committee will meet on Wednesday, June 24th at 6:00 pm.

Our 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 please email neksgop@icloud.com.

In Memory of Priscilla Clark

This month's issue is dedicated in memory of Priscilla Clark. An East Kingston resident for over 40 years, Priscilla was an avid supporter of all social justices, the environment, art and literature. You can find one of her published books, *The Old Hollow Tree*, at the library. Priscilla will be greatly missed by all who knew her.



Important Dates

- **June 12th @ 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.
- **June 12th @ 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.
- **June 17th @ 4:00pm - EKES School Board Meeting**
 - In Person. Meeting will be held in the EKES Library. More information can be found at eks.sau16.org.
- **June 15th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - In Person. Meetings are held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/planning-board.
- **June 22nd @ 7:00pm - Zoning Board**
 - In Person. Meetings are held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/zoning-board-adjustment.
- **June 26th @ 5pm - EKPL Board of Trustees**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. The agenda, Zoom link, and more can be found on eastkingstonlibrary.org.