

E. KINGSTON EDITION

"It looked like the world was covered in a cobbler crust of brown sugar and cinnamon." ~ Sarah Addison Allen



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The NH Philharmonic Orchestra

by Tracy Waldron, Library Director

The East Kingston Public Library is partnering with the NH Philharmonic Orchestra. The Orchestra performs at the Seifert Performing Arts Center at the Salem (NH) High School and is offering 20% off of their normal Adult and Senior priced tickets. The discount is for online ticketing only, not for box office day of purchases. Library users would need to go online to purchase and print ticket from home or here at the library.

If you are interested, please visit www.nhphil.org for the listing of concerts and dates. To purchase tickets please visit nhpo.booktix.com/index.php and use the code Kingston. You won't regret it!

Friends of the East Kingston Public Library News

by FoEKPL

2022 Membership Drive in full swing!

This month we kick off our 2022 Friends Membership Drive. This 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 we hope helps to enrich the lives of our community.

If you do not receive an email or letter from us the first week of November regarding the drive, please reach out at the email below, or inquire at the library!

If you have any questions, please email the Friends at friendsofekpl@gmail.com.

As always, thank you for your support!

E.K. Historical Society Update

by the East Kingston Historical Society

Next time you drive through the heart of East Kingston, take note of the gorgeous mums in the planter in front of our historic Town Hall!

We are welcoming new members! Our mission is "to promote a community dedicated to protecting and preserving our heritage for generations to come". During the colder months, we meet at the Pound School Used Bookstore at 7pm on the third Monday of every month. Any changes to scheduling or location will be posted on our Facebook page or sent out via email. For more information or if you'd like to be added to our email list, please send an email to EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com. We look forward to meeting you!



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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: 6pm - 8pm

By Appointment

Town Administration

(603) 642-8406

Monday: 8am - 4pm

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday:
8am - 2:30pm

Wednesday: 10am - 2pm

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 - 3pm

Tuesday & Thursday:
3pm - 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 be aware that the pandemic may affect normal business hours. It may be best to call before attempting a visit.

Long-time EK Library Trustee Honored by NH Library Trustees Association

by Robert Minicucci, EKPL Board of Trustees, Chairperson

Conrad Moses, a long-time East Kingston resident and library trustee, was honored by the New Hampshire Library Trustees Association (NHLTA) with Dorothy M. Little Award. The award is for people who have “demonstrated sustained, extraordinary public library advocacy and activism on a local, regional, and state level.”



Conrad Moses

Elected to the East Kingston Public Library (EKPL) Board of Trustees in 1995, Conrad played a pivotal role in our library’s development and evolution in many ways during his 26-year tenure. He was first elected when the library was located at the 100-year-old Pound School building. Conrad worked to evolve the Board from three to five members, so more people could serve the community, help with EKPL business, and offer a broader range of ideas. He became library trustee Vice Chair in 2002.

Conrad played a crucial role on the team of Trustees responsible for gaining town acceptance to build a new library. From 2004 to its opening, Conrad worked with the town’s board of selectmen, as well as presenting during town meetings, to gain consensus and ensure that the vision came to fruition. That vision was to have a community resource in the village center, a building in keeping with our New England character; a learning, meeting, and resting place that welcomes everyone. Once the new library opened in 2008, the Pound School building became a community meeting space used by other groups in town. It also houses a used bookstore that is staffed with volunteers from the Friends of EKPL, a volunteer organization that also supports EKPL programs for children and adults each year.

Although he recently left behind his trustee duties, Conrad volunteers for the NHLTA. He serves on the Board of Directors, and he represents NHLTA at associate awards events and conferences. He also leads Seacoast Region Trustees meetings to discuss many issues such as library advocacy, create networking opportunities, and build a community of library trustees on the Seacoast.

As noted in the May 13, 2021, issue of the Carriage Town News, “In an era when it is difficult to find people to volunteer, Conrad exemplifies the best of community involvement and serves as a great role model.”

Conrad brought continuity to our board, as well as 25+ years of institutional knowledge. Although he has moved to other endeavors, he remains a resource to us. Our library is fortunate to have Conrad’s energy, advocacy, and expertise. Please congratulate him when you see him around town.



From left: Robert Minicucci, Laura Branting, Tracy Waldron, Zoe Sucu, Marcia McLaughlin, Conrad Moses, Robert Nigrello, Nancy Parker. Photo taken by Grace Ruelle.

Santa for Seniors

by Zoe Sucu, Library Staff

Every year, the library takes part in Santa for Seniors, a Meals on Wheels program that brings holiday presents to people who cannot leave their houses. While our giving tree is still a little ways off, here's a letter from Amy Head, our contact at Rockingham's Meals on Wheels:

"It's that time of year again, we are starting to prepare for the Santa for Seniors Program at Rockingham Nutrition & Meals on Wheels! I am writing to ask for your continued support this holiday season. Our meal delivery drivers are making their lists and checking them twice of what clients need.

With Covid still a concern we are doing things similar to last year. We plan to use the outside storage unit again. I know how generous you have all been in past years and we are truly grateful for that. Due to storage restrictions we will need to limit gifts to one bag per person no larger than a Michaels/ TJ Maxx/ Home Goods/ Grocery store reusable bag size (roughly 20in x 17in) or other comparable sized gift bag.

Don't feel comfortable shopping or delivering a gift? We will be accepting gift cards mailed to our main office or monetary donations made via PayPal as well. Thank you!
~Amy Head"

We will be announcing the moment our Giving Tree goes up, so keep an eye out for that announcement! We'll be focusing on local organizations that could use some holiday spirit.

Successful BioBlitz on Town Land

by East Kingston Conservation Commission

A dozen East Kingston residents, including high school junior Matthew Allen and Conservation Commission Chair Dennis Quintal, participated in the East Kingston Town Forest BioBlitz on Sept. 8 and 18. Together, they helped identify and document nearly 100 plant, mushroom, and animal species on East Kingston town land, using a phone-based App called iNaturalist.

The NH BioBlitz 2021 was a statewide species scavenger hunt sponsored by UNH Extension throughout the month of September. This effort helped towns gather information about their natural resources and engaged residents to visit town lands around the state.



Important Dates

- **November 1st @ 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.
- **November 8th @ 5:00pm - East Kingston Conservation Commission**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meeting will be held at the town offices. More information can be found at eknh.org/conservation-commission.
- **November 10th @ 3:45pm - EK School Board Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Elementary School. The Agenda, Zoom link and more can be found at www.sau16.org/en-US/board-info-ceedbec/east-kingston-a080f4ca.
- **November 15th @ 7:00pm - EK Historical Society Meeting**
 - In-Person at the Town Offices or the Pound School. Email EKhistoricalsociety@gmail.com for more.
- **November 15th @ 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.
- **November 18th @ 7:00pm - Planning Board Meeting**
 - In-Person at the Pound School. Visit eknh.org/planning-board for more.
- **November 22nd @ 7:00pm - EKPL Board of Trustees Meeting**
 - In-Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. Visit eastkingstonlibrary.org for more information.
- **November 29th @ 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.