

E. KINGSTON EDITION

"If I had my way, I'd remove January from the calendar altogether and have an extra July instead." - Roald Dahl



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Tadpoles at the Library

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Our June Summer Market was a huge success! A huge thank you to those who stopped by, rain and all! One of our favorite booths was run by three East Kingston kids, Athos, Nate and August, who sold giant tadpoles to customers to raise money for the library. The Library is hosting four of those tadpoles and will release them back into the wild once they grow their legs. Stop by and meet them any time.

Special thanks to Athos, Nate and August for all the time and effort they put towards their booth and for the library!

Birding in East Kingston

by Vicki J. Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

Local bird expert Kirk Elwell (pictured, 2nd from right) shared his vast knowledge of birds, including songs, calls and nesting behavior, at two bird walks held by the East Kingston Conservation Commission on Saturday, June 3 and June 10. Attendees were treated to a singing male Scarlet Tanager and flyovers by both a Night Heron and the elusive Northern Goshawk.

East Kingston-based Kirk, an avid birder, says East Kingston “has it all” – migrators and winter residents, as well as forest, swamp and grassland birds. Since early May 2023, Kirk has seen and/or heard 85 species of birds near his home. His “life list” (total species detected) in the town of East Kingston is 160! Kirk co-led Friday tours years ago at Mass Audubon’s Ipswich River Wildlife Sanctuary.

If you’re new to birding, Kirk suggests reading the Introduction (pages 1-8) in the “Peterson Field Guide to Birds of North America”. He also recommends Peterson field guides for reference. Also see Kirk’s article on the Spring Birds of East Kingston.



Birder Kirk Elwell (second from right) points out one of 85 species of birds he’s recorded in the town of East Kingston since early May 2023. Photo credit: Vicki J. Brown, East Kingston Conservation Commission

East Kingston Edition

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) 642-5429

East Kingston Fire

ekfd.org
 Emergency: 911
 Non-Emergency: (603) 642-3141

East Kingston Public Library

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 (603) 642-8333
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 Monday & Wednesday:
 9am - 5pm
 Tuesday & Thursday:
 11am - 7pm
 Friday & Saturday:
 9am - 1pm

E. Kingston Elementary School

(603) 642-3511
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 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

Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee

by Ron Morales, Chairperson

The Solid Waste Removal & Recycle Committee will meet at 4 PM on July 19, 2023 at the Pound School 24 Depot Road in East Kingston for its Q2 quarterly meeting.

All meetings are open to the Public. If you wish to be on the agenda to address a concern or to make a recommendation, you must contact the Chairperson Ron Morales at ronmornh@comcast.net no later than 3 business days prior to the meeting. No notice is required to attend the meeting as an observer.

NEKS Republicans to Meet

The Newton, East Kingston, Kensington and South Hampton (NEKS) Republican Town Committee will meet on Wednesday, July 26th at 6:30 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

The Start of Summer Reading

by Zoe Sucu, Library Director

Summer Reading kicked off on Monday, June 26th! We had 70 kids sign up in two hours, and we had an absolute blast hosting a pollinator party with all sorts of crafts, games and snacks. If you haven't signed up just yet, don't worry! You can sign up at any point during the summer reading program.

We also have programs for adults! You can always head over to our website and take a peek at our calendar, or stop in at any point and ask.

The month of July is our busiest month of the year by far, and we hope that you find something to peak you, your children, or your families interests!

As always, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask!



Friends of East Kingston Public Library

by FoEKPL

Greetings from the Friends of the EKPL! Summer is under way and we hope that everyone is enjoying all that this time of year has to offer. And remember you can always stop by the library and cool off with a good book!

As you make plans for the summer, consider taking advantage of the **free or discounted admission Museum Passes** that our fundraisers help support including passes for the American Independence Museum, the Currier Museum of Art, The Museum of Fine Arts, The Museum of Science, the Peabody Essex Museum, the Seacoast Science Center, Strawberry Banke and The Trustees. A couple of recent and exciting additions that the library now offers passes and discounted tickets for are the Aviation Museum of NH and the NH Philharmonic Orchestra. Check out the EKPL Museum Passes webpage for details.

We hope you will plan on attending the next **Friends Quarterly Meeting on July 13th at 5pm** at the EKPL (a Zoom link will be available on the Friends webpage). It's a great way to be part of the conversation on how the funds we raise support programming and other library needs. We're also going to be discussing expected board openings for 2024.

July at the Used Book Store (UBS)

Located at the Pound School

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

- JULY 29TH: Kids 5th Saturday (10AM - 4PM)
Beautiful books for children of all ages will be on sale, and there will be special kids activities and crafts.
- Other July Specials at the UBS will also include:
 - Jigsaw puzzles - all sizes!
 - Classics - wonderful collection of all the famed favorites
 - Christmas in July! Mostly themed novels, cookbooks, and crafts
 - DVD clearance - priced to sell



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

We'd like to extend a huge thank you to everyone who came out to support our annual **Book, Bake & Plant Sale** on June 3rd. Despite the cool and slightly rainy weather we had a wonderful turnout and strong sales. We're grateful to the supporters who donated their time, baked goods, and plants to help create a tremendous selection. And a big shout-out to Lynn Blunt who set up in the library to do face painting - the kids loved it! We're also thankful for the many members of our community who spread the word and came out to shop. We raised over \$600!

A friendly reminder that the Friends group will be helping at the Library table during the **East Kingston Summer Farmers Market July 16th & August 27th**. If you can volunteer, please let us know via email, signing up in the library, or scan the QR code in the attached flier.

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.

Important Dates

- **July 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.
- **July 10th @ 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.
- **July 13th @ 5:00pm - Friends of East Kingston Public Library**
 - In Person with Zoom Option. Meetings will be held at the East Kingston Public Library. More information can be found at www.eastkingstonlibrary.org/friends-of-ekpl
- **July 19th @ 4:00pm - Solid Waste Removal & Recycle**
 - In Person. Meeting will be held at the Pound School. More information can be found at www.eknh.org/solid-waste-removal-recycling-committee.
- **July 20th @ 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.
- **July 24th @ 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.
- **July 27th @ 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.