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FoEKPL News

by Nikki Cutler, FoEKPL Board Member

November greetings from the Friends! The holidays are fast approaching and we all know this can be a hectic time of year. As you make your end-of-the-year plans for 2024, there are still many opportunities to support the East Kingston Public Library.

Charitable Gaming Nights November 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th, and 20th

5 days to support us! FoEKPL receives a percentage of the profits from Oceanfront Gaming Casino in Hampton Beach on these designated dates.

Friends Annual Meeting on Tuesday, December 10th at 5pm

A Zoom link will be available for anyone who cannot attend in person.

You won't want to miss these **November Highlights** at the **USB (Used Book Store) at the Pound School**. This is a great chance to get ahead of your holiday shopping!

Open Fridays 10a-5p & Saturdays 10a-1p

- Extensive donation of Field Guides
- Set of train books for sale
- Books on Birds of interest - both to the casual observer as well as the more serious birder
- Books on Hunting and Fishing
- Special note about kids "5th Saturday" in November - because it falls on Thanksgiving weekend we will postpone it until the following weekend on Saturday, Dec 7th. Stop on by with the kiddos!

2025 Membership Drive

Each year 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 to help enrich the lives of our community.

In addition, under the leadership of our UBS Director Carol Powers and her phenomenal group of volunteers, the Friends run the Used Book Store at the Pound School. The UBS has had another outstanding year and exceeded all expectations. With people visiting from all over New England, we are grateful for the support and patronage.

With your support, the Friends of the Library have also been busy this year with a few exciting projects and purchases, including:

- Providing free and reduced passes to more than eight museums,
- Supporting the community Summer Farmer's Market series, which included locally grown produce and crafts, and
- Replacing the Library's electric fireplace, which is now working and fully powered by the Library's solar panels!
- Finalizing the purchase of the Library's solar panels, which are entirely paid off and owned by the Library now.
- Sponsoring the Library pet Sherlock, and
- Fully funding the Library's Summer Reading Program.

Your generosity is critical to support these and other exciting initiatives.

If you have already sent in your 2025 Membership donation -THANK YOU! If not, please consider renewing, or joining us, for 2025. Current FoEKPL have been sent renewal forms. New members: please stop in at the library for a membership form or email us at friendsofekpl@gmail.com for more information.

We would also like to take this opportunity to invite you to join us as a volunteer with the Friends. If you would like to learn more, please reach out to us via email or indicate your interest on your membership form.

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