

Friends of EKPL (FoEKPL) News

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November greetings from the Friends! The holidays are right around the corner and we all know this can be a hectic time of year. As you make your end-of-the-year plans for 2025, there are still many opportunities to support the East Kingston Public Library.

Charitable Gaming Nights December 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th

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

Come join us at **Street** in Exeter next month for a tasty meal and fundraiser at the same time! On **Tuesday, December 16th** head on over to Street for dinner, then mention that you're there to support the Friends of the EKPL and **20% of all in-house sales when the Friends of the Library is mentioned** will go to us. Please help us spread the word!

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

- Books on art and artists
- Beautiful leather bound classics
- Recent huge donation of non-fiction books
- Vinyl records
- Holiday books - crafts and novels

2026 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-cost passes to ten local museums,
- Supporting the community Summer Market Series, featuring locally grown produce and handcrafted goods,
- Fully funding the Library's Summer Reading Program, which engages readers of all ages,
- Purchasing new outdoor sports equipment and a storage unit for the After-School Program,
- Installing new shelving and an organizational system in the Library's staff workroom, improving efficiency behind the scenes,
- Welcoming our new Library pet, Biscuit, who has quickly become a favorite among visitors and brings joy to patrons young and old.

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

If you have already sent in your 2026 Membership donation -THANK YOU! If not, please consider renewing, or joining us, for 2026. 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.