

# TRACINGS

The Newsletter of  
The Friends of Tracy Memorial Library

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## Meeting Room Upgrade

Tracy Library's Public Meeting Room recently received an upgrade. A new projector, audio/visual service, whiteboard and tables have enhanced the meeting rooms capabilities for meetings and presentations. Contributions from the Friends of the Library helped fund the upgrades.

Tracy's meeting room is available to local organizations engaging in educational, cultural or civic activities and events. The new audio visual equipment makes the meeting room a great venue for group presentations. To secure the meeting room for a meeting or event, a one- page application for can be submitted to the circulation desk.

Friends of Library use contributions from the community to provide funding for special projects such as the meeting room upgrade. In addition, contributions from the Friends support digital resources such as websites, museum memberships, library equipment and the summer reading program. Your contribution to the Friends of the Library directly supports many of the programs enjoyed by library patrons.

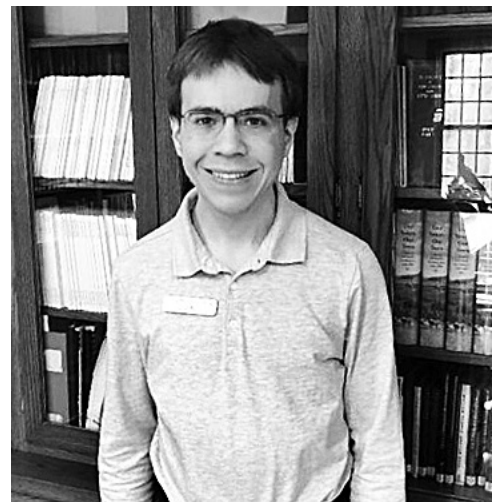
## Morning Book Group

The Morning Book Discussion Group meets once a month at the Tracy Library. The program is a joint effort by the Library and the Council on Aging (COA) and is open to all adults. Assistant Librarian Justin Levesque facilitates the discussion. The group meets on the second Tuesday each month and the reading rotates between fiction and non-fiction. For more information, please email [jlevesque@tracylibrary.org](mailto:jlevesque@tracylibrary.org).

## Introducing Justin Levesque

Justin Levesque became Tracy Library's Assistant Librarian in October of last year.

A Concord native, Justin started his library career at the Abbott Library, working up from a library aid to Assistant Librarian in 2018. In a change of pace, Justin took a position at Dartmouth Baker-Berry library in 2022. However, an academic library didn't fit with his hands-on approach to serving patrons. "I missed the community library environment." His biggest challenge at Tracy is getting to know the facilities and resources of the library. Since joining Tracy Library, Justin has taken on several duties – facilitating the Morning Book Discussion Group, ordering books, handling patron requests, and promoting the library's digital resources at the Open House in February. His goals for this year include developing an adult summer reading program, and reviving author talks with local writers. Justin's own reading interests run a wide range with science fiction and short stories as favorites. Among authors he reads are J.K. Jemisin, George Saunders and Raymond Carver.



## Take Advantage of a Terrific Benefit as a Tracy Memorial Library Cardholder!

We love our books at the Library, but we also love museums and New Hampshire State Parks! Did you know that the Library has passes to local museums and New Hampshire State Parks that allow you and your family members to visit for free or for a reduced fee? The Library is excited to offer this valuable benefit to its members, and hopes that the passes will entice the Library community to explore the area's most popular museums and State Parks.

The process for using a pass is simple: you may check out the pass with a library card, as you would check out a book. The pass is due back to the Library in 3 days, and the check-out time may not be extended. Passes are available on a first come, first serve basis, and may not

### **Mt. Kearsarge Indian Museum**

*Recently recognized as one of the top 10 Native American museums in the US! Enjoy native art and artifacts from both New Hampshire and across North America.*

18 Highlawn Rd., Warner, NH 03278  
www.indianmuseum.org • Phone: (603) 456-2600

### **The Fells**

*Visit the lovely historic home of John M. Hay, private secretary to President Lincoln, and explore the exquisite gardens surrounding the home and sloping down to the shore of Lake Sunapee.*

456 Rt. 103A, Newbury, NH 03255  
www.thefells.org • Phone: (603) 763-4789

### **VINS Nature Center (Vermont Institute of Natural Science)**

*Explore nature trails, raptor enclosures, adventure playscapes, an aviary, a reptile room and an immersive forest experience!*

149 Natures Way, Quechee, VT 05059  
www.vinsweb.org • Phone: (802) 359-5000

### **New Hampshire Historical Society**

*Learn about New Hampshire's history, art and culture while also exploring its beautiful 1911 headquarters building, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.*

30 Park St., Concord, NH 03301  
www.nhhistory.org • Phone: (603) 228-6688

be reserved. The museum passes are for ongoing exhibits, and generally do not allow entry into special exhibits or activities. There are no limits on how many different passes a family may use. A list of available passes is included below.

Once you've identified a pass that you may be interested in, please call or visit the Library's circulation desk to obtain the latest venue information and pass requirements. In addition, please check each museum's website for current hours and exhibits, and the New Hampshire State Parks website for park-specific requirements.

The Library is grateful to the Friends of the Library and a generous donor for their support for this wonderful addition to all that the Library has to offer to our community.

### **Currier Museum of Art**

*A world class museum with exhibits for every age group!*

150 Ash St., Manchester, NH 03104  
www.currier.org • Phone: (603) 669-6144

### **Billings Farm and Museum**

*Billings is a working dairy farm and is regarded as one of the finest outdoor history museums in the country. And the ice cream is amazing!*

69 Old River Rd., Woodstock, VT 05091  
www.billingsfarm.org • Phone: (802) 457-2355

### **New Hampshire State Parks**

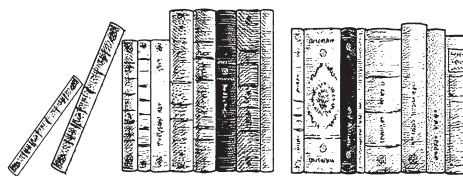
*The pass can be used for all State Parks except for the Cannon Mountain Aerial Tramway, the Flume Gorge and Hampton Beach State Park-South Beach or Wallis Sands State Park.*

www.nhstateparks.org

### **New Hampshire Telephone Museum**

*Learn everything about the history of the telephone!  
You won't believe how we used to communicate!*

1 Depot St., Warner, NH 03278  
www.NHTelephoneMuseum.org • Phone: (603) 456-2234



## Director's Notes

As the days grow longer, I'm reflecting about how much Tracy Library has grown in the past few years. In 2022 we saw a 16% increase in the number of active library card holders, and we've seen an increase in circulation of both physical and digital library materials. To meet this demand, we've expanded our staff and welcomed several new members to our team. We have a lot of new ideas for the future, and will soon be embarking on a strategic planning process with the Library Board of Trustees. These are exciting times!

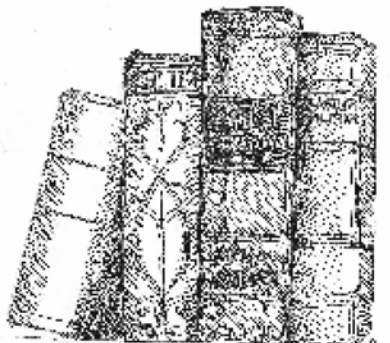
As we look ahead to our Summer Reading Program, we are thinking about the theme - *All Together Now*. This feels especially relevant to me as we welcome summer residents and visitors, and join in our favorite activities that New London and the Lake Sunapee Region have to offer. We are planning some fun programs and events this summer, many of which will be funded by the Friends of Tracy Library. Stay tuned for more details. Follow us on Facebook, sign up for our email newsletter, visit our website, or stop in to find out more about what we have to offer.

- Crystal Schimpf, Library Director  
Currently Reading: *Circe* by Madeline Miller

<b>Library Hours</b>	Thursday 9-8
Tuesday 9-8	Friday 9-5
Wednesday 9-5	Saturday 9-1

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## Popular Digital Checkouts

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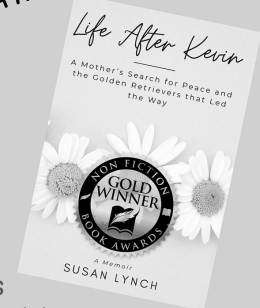
- *Music as a Mirror of History* (Great Courses)
- *Doc Martin* (TV Series)
- *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* by J.K. Rowling (Audiobook)
- *The Librarian of Crooked Lane* by C.J. Archer (eBook)
- *Into the Woods* (Movie)

### Libby

- *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny (eBook)
- *Apples Never Fall* by Liane Moriarty (Audiobook)
- *Book Lovers* by Emily Henry (Audiobook)
- *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus (eBook & Audiobook)
- *The New Yorker* (Magazine)

Tracy Memorial Library and FOTML invite you:

LOCAL AUTHORS SERIES  
Tuesday, May 30th  
6:30 pm  
Meeting Room,  
Tracy Library  
304 Main Street  
New London  
WRITER SUSAN LYNCH



JOIN US  
for Susan's presentation,  
HEALING AFTER LOSS,  
where she'll discuss her award-winning memoir  
and the experiences of losing a son  
to accidental overdose  
and moving through grief with  
the loving support of two Golden Retrievers



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email [friends@tracylibrary.org](mailto:friends@tracylibrary.org) by May 23rd for a confirmed seat



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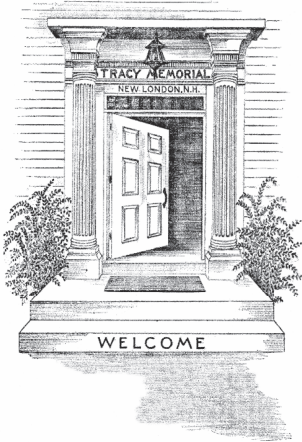
**FRIENDS OF TRACY MEMORIAL LIBRARY**  
304 Main Street  
New London, NH 03257

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Tracy Memorial Library  
as an outstanding library  
for our community!**

**Please check applicable membership**

<input type="checkbox"/> Individual	\$20.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$35.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting	\$50.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining	\$100.00
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Name \_\_\_\_\_

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Town, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to "Friends of Tracy Memorial Library"  
and mail to Friends of TML, 304 Main Street, New London, NH 03257.

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