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ANDREW KRIVAK

SPECIAL EDITION

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A Novel

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2023 NH Big Read: *The Bear*, by Andrew Krivak

Celebrate New Hampshire's 2023 Big Read!

Big Read Kick-Off

Wednesday, September 6 at 6:00 pm, Great North Aleworks, Manchester

New Hampshire Humanities will begin our NEA Big Read of *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak. Sponsored by NHH, the Center for the Book at the NH State Library, and the NH State Council for the Arts, join us for a public reception and dramatic reading from *The Bear* to kickoff our Big Read!

Humanities@Home: *Beginning at the End: Andrew Krivak's The Bear and Post-Apocalyptic Fiction in the American Century*

Friday, September 8 at 5:00 pm on Zoom

Dr. Brent Ryan Bellamy will join us for a discussion exploring what *The Bear*, alongside other post-apocalyptic books, reveals about our contemporary anxieties.

A Year Under the Stars Planetarium Show

Saturday, Sept. 23 at 6:15 pm, McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord

On the autumnal equinox, NHH and the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center will present a planetarium show based on *The Bear*. Attendees will also be able view that night's sky with museum telescopes.

New Hampshire and The Becoming of The Bear Author talk and reception with Andrew Krivak

Sat., Oct. 14 at 1:00 pm Reception/2:00 Program, Bank of NH Stage, Concord

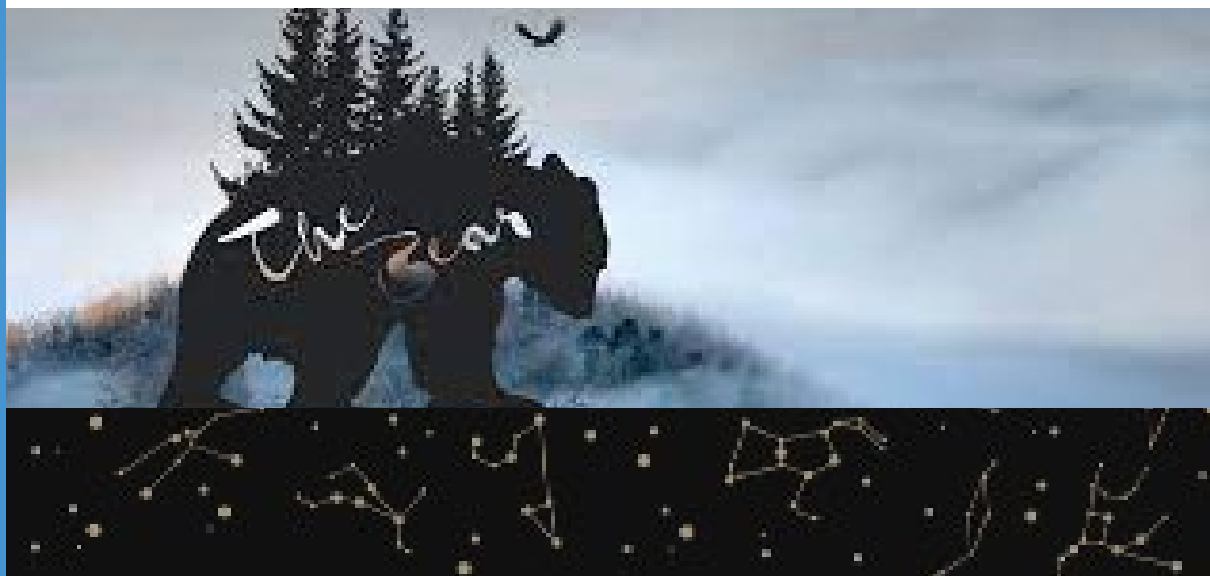
Our keynote event will be a free public discussion with author Andrew Krivak, who has shared how Mt. Monadnock inspired the book's setting. A public reception and meet & greet with the author will take place at 1:00 pm, and the author talk begins at 2:00 pm.

Humanities@Home: *Finding Your Way, The Night Sky*

Friday, November 3 at 5:00 pm on Zoom

Using passages about the night sky in *The Bear* as stepping-off point, join poet Midge Goldberg as we examine how poets have told stories about the night sky throughout human history.

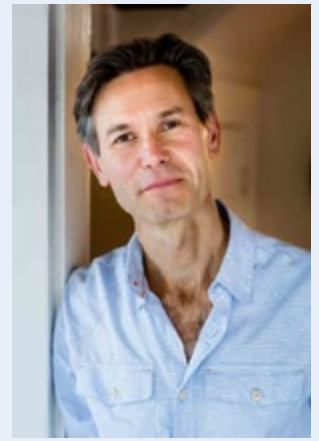
www.nhhumanities.org/BigRead



2023 Big Read in NH featuring Andrew Krivak's *The Bear*

New Hampshire Humanities, in coordination with our partners, is pleased to announce we have selected *The Bear* for our 2023 Big Read.

"She reminded him of the gifts he had given her each year on the eve of the solstice, things he had taught her to make, and things she had made with him. She told him his stories would remain with her for as long as she had memory [...] She said she hoped that would be a long time, for there was one more story yet to tell, the ending of which neither he nor she would ever know." Daughter in *The Bear*



Author Andrew Krivak

As our society emerges from the isolating nature of the pandemic, we face the challenge of reconnecting our siloed communities and repairing a strained relationship with our natural resources. *The Bear* by Andrew Krivak offers us an opportunity to join an unimaginable journey into a world both familiar and unknown as we consider what future we want for New Hampshire. Set in a post-apocalyptic future, *The Bear* is a story of the last two people on earth—a father and daughter. This novel explores powerful themes about the importance of intergenerational storytelling, our complicated relationship with the environment, and how to prepare for an unknown future.

Bringing communities together through literature and free public programs

Using *The Bear*, we will bring communities together and engage generations of Granite Staters in meaningful conversation about our shared world through free public programs that blend the humanities with arts and science. This exciting project is expected to bring together more than 5,000 Granite Staters across multiple generations and in all of New Hampshire's ten counties. From September through November, 50 public libraries will work with community partners to host book discussions and community events around themes from *The Bear*, including nature walks, wilderness survival classes, community painting, and indigenous tool demonstrations, among others. On the evening of the autumnal equinox, NHH, in partnership with the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, will host an event at the planetarium where we will experience how the daughter used the stars and constellations to track the passage of time in *The Bear*. Through our *Humanities@Home* virtual program, NHH will host two discussions. One will delve into what a recent slate of postapocalyptic books might reveal about our contemporary anxieties, and the other will

examine how poets have told stories about the night sky throughout human history.

Engaging generations of Granite Staters together through story

The Bear offers important lessons on the value of sharing and preserving stories. We are challenged to consider How and why do we tell stories? What role should older generations play in sharing stories and knowledge of the past with younger generations? Our *Connections* program will use *The Bear* to encourage incarcerated parents to tell their own stories and reflect on the role parents hold in sharing knowledge of the past with their children. We all carry our own stories and lived experiences which, when shared, can help us understand the intricacies of our connected world and envision a better future for New Hampshire. The keynote event will be a free public discussion with author, Andrew Krivak, who has shared how Mt. Monadnock inspired the book's setting.

Inspiring meaningful conversations about our world

Above all else, we hope exploring *The Bear* together through robust and creative approaches will evoke more questions than answers, such as What is our relationship with nature and animals? What elements of society are worth preserving? and How should we shape what New Hampshire will look like for future generations? Endeavoring to answer questions like these will connect us with ideas and perspectives that resonate across differences to better connect us with one another.

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NEA Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts in partnership with Arts Midwest.

NH BIG READ EVENTS

THROUGH FREE LOCAL BOOK DISCUSSIONS, LECTURES, POETRY, AND PROGRAMS THAT BLEND THE HUMANITIES, ARTS, AND SCIENCE,



9/6 | MANCHESTER | 6:00 PM

Big Read Kick-Off

Great North Aleworks, 1050 Holt Ave., #14

Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

9/7 | HUDSON | 7:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road

Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030



9/8 | STATEWIDE | 5:00 PM (VIRTUAL)

Humanities@Home: Beginning at the End:

Andrew Krivak's *The Bear and Post-Apocalyptic Fiction in the American Century*

Presented by Dr. Brent Ryan Bellamy

as part of the NH Big Read

Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

9/12 | RICHMOND | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Richmond Public Library, 19 Winchester Road

Contact: Wendy O'Brien, 603-239-6164



Photo: Concord Monitor

9/13 | HAMPSTEAD | 6:00 PM

Foraging with William Dunkerly of

Dunk's Mushrooms

Presented by William Dunkerly

Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Dr.

Contact: Julie Watt, jwatt@hampstead.lib.nh.us

9/13 | BEDFORD | 6:30 PM

Black Bear Happenings in NH

Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road

Contact: Emily Weiss, 603-472-2300

9/14 | TEMPLE | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Mansfield Public Library, 5 Main Street

Contact: Beth Crooker, 603-801-6327

9/14 | LONDONDERRY | 7:00 PM

Surviving in the Wilderness: Thrive Outdoors

Big Five Principles

Leach Library, 276 Mammoth Road

Contact: Matt Fuller, 603-432-1132

9/16 | BETHLEHEM | 9:00 AM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main Street

Contact: Laura Clerkin, 603-869-2409

9/16 | WILTON | 9:00 AM

Walk in Sheldrick Forest

Sheldrick Forest, 26-198 Town Farm Road

Contact: Nikki Andrews, 603-654-2581

9/16 | NORTHWOOD | 2:00 PM

Wilderness Survival

Northwood Athletic Fields, 616 First NH Tpk.

Contact: Donna Bunker, 603-942-5472

9/18 | HUDSON | 1:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial

Library, 194 Derry Road

Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030

9/18 | NEW BOSTON | 6:00 PM (VIRTUAL)

NH Big Read: The Bear

Whipple Free Library, 67 Mont Vernon Road

Contact: Sue Pellerin, 603-487-3391

9/18 | DOVER | 6:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Dover Public Library, 73 Locust Street

Contact: Susan Dunker, 603-516-6050

9/19 | HUDSON | 1:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial

Library, 194 Derry Road

Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030

9/19 | MANCHESTER | 6:30 PM

Wilderness Talk with the New Hampshire

Audubon

Manchester City Library Winchell Room,

405 Pine Street

Contact: Susan Harmon, 603-624-6550

9/20 | PLAINFIELD | 6:00 AM

Story Walk®

Plainfield Elementary School,

22 Bonner Road

Contact: Mary King, 603-469-3252

9/20 | GILFORD | 5:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Gilford Public Library, 31 Potter Hill Road

Contact: Arielle Allen, 603-524-6042

9/20 | DERRY | 6:30 PM

What's Up in the Night Sky Seminar

Derry Public Library, 64E Broadway

Contact: Liz Ryan, 603-432-6140

9/21 | DERRY | 6:30 PM

Sky Watch

The Taylor Library, 49 E Derry Road

Contact: Liz Ryan, 603-432-6140

9/21 | HAMPSTEAD | 1:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Dr.

Contact: Julie Watt, 603-329-6411

9/22 | MASON | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Mason Public Library, 16 Darling Hill Road

Contact: Judy Forty, 603-878-3867

9/23 | DIXVILLE | 10:00 AM

Fall Hike

Grass Parking Lot for Table Rock

Route 26 Dixville Notch

Contact: Melissa Shaw, 603-237-5086

9/23 | CONCORD | 6:15 PM

A Year Under the Stars

Planetarium Show

McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center,

1 Intitute Drive

Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org



9/25 | HAMPSTEAD | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Dr.

Contact: Julie Watt, 603-329-6411

9/25 | HUDSON | 7:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

George H. and Ella M. Rodgers Memorial

Library, 194 Derry Road

Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030

9/26 | NORTHFIELD | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Hall Memorial Library, 18 Park Street

Contact: Patty Hayward, 603-286-8971

9/27 | LINCOLN | 6:00 PM

Night Sky with Doug Arion

Lincoln Public Library, 22 Church Street

Contact: Carol Riley, 603-745-8159

9/27 | HUDSON | 6:00 PM

Art Project: The Bear

Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd

Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030

9/27 | LONDONDERRY | 6:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Leach Library, 276 Mammoth Road

Contact: Donna Plante, 603-432-1132

9/28 | LONDONDERRY | 10:30 AM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Leach Library, 535 Mammoth Road

Contact: Donna Plante, 603-432-1132

9/28 | MEREDITH | 12:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Meredith Library, 91 Main Street

Contact: Matthew Gunby, 603-279-4303

9/28 | GILFORD | 3:30 PM

Traveling Planetarium

Gilford Community Center, 19 Potter Hill Rd.

Contact: Arielle Allen, 603-524-6042

SEPT-NOV 2023

GENERATIONS OF GRANITE STATERS WILL GATHER TO READ, THINK, AND UNDERSTAND OUR SHARED STORY OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

9/28 | RINDGE | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Ingalls Memorial Library, Rindge Meeting House, 6 Payson Village Road
Contact: Donna Straitiff, 603-899-3303

9/28 | NEW BOSTON | 7/29 7:00 PM

What's Up in Tonight's Sky?

Whipple Free Library, 67 Mont Vernon Road
Contact: Sue Pellerin, 603-487-3391

9/30 | RICHMOND | 10:00 AM

Family Nature and History Hike

Bennett Town Forest, Route 32 South
Contact: Wendy O'Brien, (603) 239-6164

9/30 | RINDGE | 7/27 1:00 PM

Mt. Kearsage Indian Museum Travel Program

Rindge Meeting House, 6 Payson Hill Road
Contact: Donna Straitiff, 603-899-3303

9/30 | TEMPLE | 11:00 AM

Community Nature Hike

Town Forest, North Road
Contact: Beth Crooker, 603-801-6327

10/1 | LANCASTER | 3:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

William D. Weeks Memorial Library, 128 Main St.
Contact: Barbara Robarts, 603-788-3352

10/2 | NEWTON | 6:00 PM

Black Bear Happenings in NH

Country Pond Fish & Game Club, 82 Pond St.
Contact: Michelle Baker, 603-382-4691

10/2 | DOVER | 7:00 PM

Sky Watch

Dover Public Library, 73 Locust St.
Contact: Susan Dunker, 603-516-6050

10/3 | BARRINGTON | 5:30 PM

Big Read Paint Night With Lauren

Barrington Public Library, 105 Ramsdell Lane
Contact: Amy Inglis, 603-664-9715

10/4 | HAMPSTEAD | 5:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Hampstead Public Library, 9 Mary E. Clark Dr.
Contact: Julie Watt, 603-329-6411

10/4 | WALPOLE | 7:00 PM (VIRTUAL)

NH Big Read: The Bear

Walpole Town Library, 48 Main Street
Contact: Jane Malmberg, 603-756-8906

10/4 | SANBORNTON | 7:00 PM (VIRTUAL)

NH Big Read: The Bear

Sanbornton Public Library, 27 Meetinghouse Hill Road
Contact: Jessie Ahlgren, 603-286-8288

10/5 | WILTON | 5:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Wilton Public & Gregg Free Library, 7 Forest Road
Contact: Jane Nikander, 603-654-2581

10/5 | PLAISTOW | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street
Contact: Jenn O'Connor, 603-382-6011

10/5 | COLEBROOK | 6:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Colebrook Public Library, 14 Carriage Lane
Contact: Julie Colby, 603-237-4808

10/5 | MASON | 2:00 PM

Eyes on Owls

Mason Elementary School, Darling Hill Road
Contact: Judy Forty, 603-878-3867

10/7 | NORTHFIELD | 12:00 PM

Nature Connect - Community Outdoor Adventures

Hall Memorial Library, 18 Park Street
Contact: Patty Hayward, 603-286-8971

10/10 | BARRINGTON | 5:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Barrington Public Library, 105 Ramsdell Lane
Contact: Amy Inglis, 603-664-9715

10/10 | HUDSON | 6:00 PM

Art Project for "The Bear"

Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Road
Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030

10/10 | JAFFREY | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)

NH Big Read: The Bear

Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main Street
Contact: Julie Perrin, 603-532-7301

10/10 | MANCHESTER | 6:30 PM

What's Up in Tonight's Sky and Sky Watch

MCL Auditorium & Bishop Field, 405 Pine St.
Contact: Caitlin Dionne, 603-624-6550

10/11 | PLAISTOW | 10:30 AM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street
Contact: Jenn O'Connor, 603-382-6011

10/11 | LACONIA | 6:00 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Laconia Public Library, 695 Main Street
Contact: Sarah Frost, 603-524-4775

10/11 | DERRY | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)

NH Big Read: The Bear

Derry Public Library, 64E Broadway
Contact: Liz Ryan, 603-432-6104

10/11 | PETERBOROUGH | 6:00 PM

How Black Bear Live

Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord Street
Contact: Corinn Chronopoulos, 603-924-8040

10/11 | SANBORNTON | 6:30 PM

How to Navigate the Night Sky

Sanbornton Public Library field, 27 Meetinghouse Hill Road
Contact: Jessie Ahlgren, 603-286-8288

10/12 | WALPOLE | 7:00 PM

Bears of North America

Walpole Town Library, 48 Main Street
Contact: Jane Malmberg, 603-756-9806

10/12 | BETHLEHEM | 6:00 PM

History of the Abenaki

Bethlehem Public Library, 2245 Main Street
Contact: Laura Clerkin, 603-869-2409

10/14 | CONCORD | 1:00 PM

New Hampshire & The Becoming of the Bear

Author talk with Andrew Krivak

Bank of NH Stage, 16 South Main Street
Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

10/15 | GILSUM | 1:00 PM

October Trek - Bear's Den to Porcupine Falls

Gilsum Public Library, 650 Route 10
Contact: Lenoir Law, 603-352-4826

10/15 | HENNIKER | 6:30 PM

NH Big Read: The Bear

New England College, 98 Bridge Street
Contact: Chelsea Hanrahan, 603-428-2344

10/16 | BEDFORD | 10:00 AM

NH Big Read: The Bear

Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road
Contact: Emily Weiss, 603-472-2300



10/17 | JAFFREY | 6:00 PM
The Night Sky with the Harris Center
Jaffrey Public Library, 38 Main Street
Contact: Julie Perrin, 603-532-7301

10/17 | MERIDEN | 6:30 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Plainfield Libraries, 22 Bean Road
Contact: Mary King, 603-469-3252

10/18 | LINCOLN | 6:00 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Lincoln Public Library, 194 Pollard Brook Rd.
Contact: Carol Riley, 603-745-8159

10/18 | TAMWORTH | 6:30 PM
*One Book One Valley:
If the Earth Told Stories*
Lincoln Public Library, 194 Pollard Brook Rd.
Contact: Carol Riley, 603-745-8159

10/18 | LANCASTER | 7:00 PM
Bears in the North Country
William D. Weeks Memorial Library,
128 Main Street
Contact: Barbara R. Robarts, 603 788-3352

10/19 | LACONIA | 6:00 PM
Evening Skywatch
Laconia Public Library Garden, 695 N. Main St.
Contact: Sarah Frost, 603-524-4775

10/19 | FRANCESTOWN | 6:30 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
George Holmes Bixby Memorial Library,
52 Main Street
Contact: Laura Abrahamsen, 603-547-2730

10/20 | PLAISTOW | 1:00 PM
Friday Flicks
Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street
Contact: Jennifer O'Connor, 603-382-6011

10/20 | HUDSON | 1:00 PM
Art Project for "The Bear"
Rodgers Memorial Library, 194 Derry Rd.
Contact: Linda Pilla, 603-886-6030

10/21 | BARRINGTON | 9:30 AM
Trail Hike: Survival Skills from "The Bear"
The Barrington Trail, Barrington Youth Assoc.
Ballfields Parking, Smoke Street
Contact: Amy Inglis, 603-664-9715

10/21 | BEDFORD | 11:00 AM
New Hampshire Wildlife, by NH Audubon
Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road
Contact: Emily Weiss, 603-472-2300

10/21 | BEDFORD | 12:30 PM
New Hampshire Wildlife, by NH Audubon
Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road
Contact: Emily Weiss, 603-472-2300

10/24 | PETERBOROUGH | 11 AM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord Street
Contact: Corinne Chronopoulos, 603-831-8444

10/24 | TAMWORTH | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Cook Memorial Library, 93 Main Street
Contact: Mary Cronin, 603-323-8510

10/24 | HOOKSETT | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Hooksett Public Library,
31 Mount Saint Mary's Way
Contact: Heather Rainier, 603-485-6092

10/24 | TAMWORTH | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Cook Memorial Library, 93 Main Street
Contact: Mary@tamworthlibrary.org

10/24 | TAMWORTH | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Samual H. Wentworth Library, 96 Main Street
Contact: Nancy Frederickson, 603-284-6665

10/24 | MADISON | 7:00 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Madison Public Library, 1895 Village Road
Contact: Madison Library, 603-367-8545

10/25 | NEWTON | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Gale Library, 16 South Main Street
Contact: Michelle Baker, 603-382-4691

10/25 | LITCHFIELD | 6:30 PM (HYBRID)
Black Bear Happenings in NH
Aaron Cutler Memorial Library,
269 Charles Bancroft Highway
Contact: 603-424-4044

10/26 | DEERFIELD | 6:00 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Philbrick-James Library, 15 Church Street
Contact: Anne Meyers, 603-463-7187

10/26 | MANCHESTER | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Manchester City Library, 405 Pine Street
Contact: Steve Viggiano, 603-624-6550

10/26 | CONWAY | 6:30 PM
Experiencing the Wild
Conway Public Library, 15 Greenwood Ave.
Contact: David Smolen, 603-447-5552

10/26 | BEDFORD | 6:45 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Bedford Public Library, 3 Meetinghouse Road
Contact: Emily Weiss, 603-472-2300

10/26 | CONCORD | 7:00 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Concord Hospital Medical Library,
250 Pleasant Street
Contact: Maureen Dunn, 603-227-7070

10/27 | PETERBOROUGH | 6 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Peterborough Town Library, 2 Concord Street
Contact: Corinne Chronopoulos, 603-831-8444

10/27 | NEW BOSTON | 6:00 PM
Craft Night: Watercolor Class
Whipple Free Library, 67 Mont Vernon Road
Contact: Sue Pellerin, 603-487-3391

11/1 | LITCHFIELD | 6:30 PM (VIRTUAL)
NH Big Read: The Bear
Aaron Cutler Memorial Library,
269 Charles Bancroft Highway
Contact: Ben Stinson, 603-424-4044

11/1 | NORTHWOOD | 7:00 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Chesley Memorial Library, 8 Mountain Ave.
Contact: Donna Bunker, 603-942-5472

11/2 | NEW BOSTON | 6:30 PM
The Social Behavior of Black Bears
Whipple Free Library, 67 Mont Vernon Road
Contact: Sue Pellerin, 603-487-3391

11/2 | CONWAY | 7:00 PM (HYBRID)
*One Book One Valley:
An Evening with Andrew Krivak*
The Magestic Theatre, 36 Main Street
Contact: Mary Cronin, 603-323-8510

11/3 | STATEWIDE | 5:00 PM (VIRTUAL)
*Humanities@Home:
Finding Your Way, The Night Sky
Presented by poet Midge Goldberg
as part of the NH Big Read*
Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org



11/2 | DANVILLE | 7:00 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Colby Memorial Library, 7 Colby Road
Contact: Ann Massoth, 603-382-6733

11/6 | BEDFORD | 7:00 PM
Sky Watch
Benedictine Park, 333 Wallace Road
Contact: Emily Weiss, 603-472-2300

11/9 | DEERFIELD | 6:00 PM
Night Sky Walk
Town of Deerfield Gazebo & Field, 4 Church St.
Contact: Philbrick James, 603-463-7187

11/10 | FRANCESTOWN | 6:30 PM
*Landscape Impacts in New Hampshire
from the Last Glaciation to the Present*
Francestown Town Hall, 2 New Boston Rd.
Contact: Laura Abrahamsen, 603-547-2730

11/14 | NEW LONDON | 10:00 AM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Tracy Memorial Library, 304 Main Street
Contact: Crystal Schimpf, 603-526-4656, ext. 4

11/18 | DANVILLE | 10:00 AM
A Walk in the Woods
Tucker Town Road Trail, across from
470 Main Street (Route 111A)
Contact: Ann Massoth, 603-382-6733

11/27 | DANVILLE | 5:00 PM
Full Moon Gathering
Clyde Goldthwaite Recreation Park,
Ball Bark Drive
Contact: Ann Massoth, 603-382-6733

11/28 | GILSUM | 7:00 PM
NH Big Read: The Bear
Gilsum Public Library, 650 Route 10
Contact: Lenoir Law, 603-352-4826

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Jodi Picoult & The Writing Life: More Than a Good Story

Wednesday, November 8 • 5:00 pm Reception • 6:15 Program
The Palace Theatre, 80 Hanover Street, Manchester



Join us for a lively on-stage conversation between *New York Times* bestselling author **Jodi Picoult** and *New Hampshire Poet Laureate* **Alexandria Peary** as they discuss Picoult's long career as a virtuoso of the human story.

Often set in rural New Hampshire, Jodi Picoult's novels are an expanding archive of the controversies and dreams of

21st-century America. Glance into the remarkable work habits of a prolific writer of 30 novels, hear about Picoult's writing and research process, her collaborations with other writers, what brings her joy, and what it's like to see the **disparate reactions to her books, which have been both banned and adapted into popular films** and an off-Broadway musical.

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Enduring Presence: The Old Man of the Mountain, through Sept. 16 at the Museum of the White Mountains



Calendar

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LATE SUMMER 2023

8/15 | SUNAPEE | 5:00 PM
Harnessing History: On the Trail of New Hampshire's State Dog, the Chinook
Presented by Bob C. Cotrell
Abbott Library, 11 Soonipi Road
Contact: Abbott Library, 603-763-5513

8/15 | NEW LONDON | 5:30 PM
New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them
Presented by Jeremy D'Entremont
New London Inn, 353 Main Street
Contact: Center for the Arts, 603-526-4444

8/15 | LITTLETON | 6:30 PM
The Finest Hours: The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue
Presented by Michael J. Tougas
Littleton Public Library, 92 Main Street
Contact: Meagan Carr, 603-444-5741

8/15 | ASHLAND | 7:00 PM
Exemplary Country Estates of New Hampshire
Presented by Ashjian, Cristina Ashjian
Booster Clubhouse, 99 Main Street
Contact: David Ruell, 603-968-7716



8/16 | SUGAR HILL | 11:00 AM
Returning North with the Spring: Retracing the Journey of Naturalist Edwin Way Teale
Presented by John R. Harris
Sugar Hill Meeting House, 1448 Route 117
Contact: Carol Smith, 603-759-0785

8/16 | NASHUA | 2:00 PM
Rosie's Mom: Forgotten Women of the First World War
Presented by Carrie Brown
The Huntington at Nashua, 55 Kent Lane
Contact: The Huntington Nashua, 603-821-1200

8/16 | HAVERHILL | 6:30 PM
New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell
Presented by Pamela Weeks
Court Street Arts, 75 Court Street
Contact: Haverhill Historical Society, 774-573-3325

8/16 | SPRINGFIELD | 7:00 PM
New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality
Presented by Steve Taylor
Springfield Meeting House, 23 Four Corners Rd.
Contact: Springfield Historical Society, 603-763-4805, ext. 102

8/17 | CHESTERFIELD | 6:00 PM
Flight of Remembrance: World War II from the Losing Side and the Dream that Led to Aerospace Engineering
Presented by Marina Dutzmann Kirsch
Chesterfield Town Hall, 518A Route 63
Contact: Chesterfield Library, 603-363-4621

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8/17 | AUBURN | 6:30 PM
The Finest Hours :The True Story Behind the U.S. Coast Guard's Most Daring Sea Rescue
Presented by Michael J. Tougas
Auburn Village School, 11 Eaton Hill Road
Contact: Griffin Free Public Library, 603-483-5374

8/17 | PLYMOUTH | 7:00 PM (HYBRID)
The Enormous Impact of Two Icons Upon New Hampshire Tourism: The Old Man of the White Mountains and Dick Hamilton
Presented by Mark Okrant
Museum of the White Mountains, 34 High St.
Contact: museum.wm@plymouth.edu

8/18 | HEBRON | 7:00 PM
The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns
Presented by John C. Porter
The Red Barn, 41 North Shore Road
Contact: Kathy Begor, 603-744-3335

8/19 | HAMPTON | 1:00 PM
New England Quilts and the Stories They Tell
Presented by Pamela Weeks
Tuck Museum/Historical Society, 40 Park Ave.
Contact: Betty Moore, 603-926-2543

8/21 | MONT VERNON | 2:00 PM
Songs of Emigration: Storytelling Through Traditional Irish Music
Presented by Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki
Daland Memorial Library, 5 North Main Street
Contact: Daland Memorial Library, 603-673-7888

8/22 | ETNA | 6:30 PM
Flight of Remembrance: World War II from the Losing Side and the Dream that Led to Aerospace Engineering
Presented by Marina Dutzmann Kirsch
Trumbull Hall, 195 Etna Road
Contact: Hanover Town Library, 603-643-3116

8/22 | PELHAM | 6:30 PM
Uprooted: Heartache and Hope in NH
Presented by Sara Withers
Pelham Public Library, 24 Village Green
Contact: Pelham Public Library, 603-635-7581

8/22 | HEBRON | 7:00 PM
The Old Man: His Life and Legacy **new**
Presented by Inez McDermott
Meadow Wind Red Barn, 41 North Shore Road
Contact: George Bolin, 978-979-2099

8/22 | ENFIELD | 7:00 PM
New Hampshire's Long Love-Hate Relationship with Its Agricultural Fairs
Presented by Steve Taylor
Enfield Shaker Museum, 447 NH Route 4A
Contact: Lisa Rinella, 603-632-4346

8/23 | ROCHESTER | 6:00 PM
In the Evil Day: Individual Rights, Town Government, and the Crime that Stunned the Nation
Presented by Richard Adams Carey
Rochester Public Library Community Room, 65 South Main Street
Contact: Abby Rosselli, 603-332-1428, ext. 2

8/23 | LYNDEBOROUGH | 6:30 PM
Late In Arriving, How Electricity Changed Rural New Hampshire Life **new**
Presented by Steve Taylor
J.A. Tarbell Library, 136 Forest Road
Contact: Regina or Library Staff, 603-654-6790

8/23 | ROLLINSFORD | 6:30 PM
Songs of Emigration: Storytelling Through Traditional Irish Music
Presented by Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki
Colonel Paul Wentworth House, 47 Water St.
Contact: Julia Roberts, 603-749-1966

8/23 | LACONIA | 7:00 PM
The Old Man: His Life and Legacy **new**
Presented by Inez McDermott
Lake Winnepesaukee Museum, 503 Endicott North (Route 3)
Contact: 603-366-5950

8/29 | PETERBOROUGH | 2:00 PM
New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society
Presented by Paul Wainwright
Village Center at RiverMead, 50 Timber Pond Dr.
Contact: Jennifer Balcar, 603-924-0033, ext. 355

8/29 | GOFFSTOWN | 6:30 PM
Stark Decency: New Hampshire's World War II German Prisoner of War Camp
Presented by Allen V. Koop
Goffstown Public Library, Two High Street
Contact: Caroline Kenney, 603-497-2102

8/30 | PORTSMOUTH | 5:30 PM
Victims to Victors: Northern Provincial Soldiers
Presented by Hollis Broderick
Warner House Association, 150 Daniel Street
Contact: Maria, M1798@aol.com

8/30 | LINCOLN | 6:00 PM
The White Mountain Huts: Past & Future **new**
Presented by Allen V. Koop
Lincoln Public Library, 22 Church Street
Contact: Lincoln Public Library, 603-745-8159

8/30 | PEMBROKE | 7:00 PM
New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality
Presented by Steve Taylor
Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke Street
Contact: Ryan O'Hara, 603-485-7851

8/31 | GILSUM | 6:30 PM
A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes
Presented by Adair D. Mulligan
Gilsum Community Center, 640 Route 10
Contact: Sarah Jones, 603-354-8054

8/31 | PLYMOUTH | 7:00 PM (HYBRID)
The Birth of the Old Man: A Geologic Tale of the Mountains, Volcanoes, and Oceans
Presented by Dr. Jill VanTongeren
Museum of the White Mountains, 34 High St.
Contact: museum.wm@plymouth.edu

9/3 | WESTMORELAND | 4:00 PM
New England's Colonial Meetinghouses and Their Impact on American Society
Presented by Paul Wainwright
Park Hill Meeting House, 1 Park Hill Common
Contact: Patti Seymour, 617-417-9240

9/4 | MOULTONBOROUGH | 5:00 PM
Putting Human Faces on the Textile Industry: The Workers of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.
Presented by Robert B. Perreault
Castle in the Clouds, 586 Ossipee Park Road
Contact: K. Stawasz, 603-476-5410

9/5 | SUNAPEE | 7:00 PM
12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State
Presented by Robert Goodby
Abbott Library, 11 Soonipi Circle
Contact: Abbott Library, 603-763-5513

9/6 | WINDHAM | 12:30 PM
Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares
Presented by Jenna Carroll
Presbyterian Church, 1 Church Street
Contact: Patricia Russell, 603-434-4775

9/6 | MANCHESTER | 6:00 PM
Big Read Kick-Off ★
Great North Aleworks, 1050 Holt Ave., #14
Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

9/6 | FITZWILLIAM | 7:00 PM
Corbin's Animal Garden **new**
Presented by Mary Kronenwetter
Fitzwilliam Town Library, 11 Templeton Tpk.
Contact: Fitzwilliam Library, 603-585-6503

9/7 | PEMBROKE | 7:00 PM
History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide **new**
Presented by Erin Moulton
Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke Street
Contact: Sally Hyland, 603-566-1031

9/8 | STATEWIDE | 5:00 PM (VIRTUAL) ★
Humanities@Home: Beginning at the End: Andrew Krivak's The Bear and Post-Apocalyptic Fiction in the American Century
Presented by Dr. Brent Ryan Bellamy
Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

9/9 | GREENFIELD | 1:00 PM
Music in My Pockets: Family Fun in Folk Music
Presented by Jeff Warner
Stephenson Memorial Library, 761 Forest Road
Contact: David Bridgewater, 603-547-2790



9/11 | SUNAPEE | 1:00 PM
Thirteen Days in October: The Untold Cuban Missile Crisis Story
Presented by Michael J. Tougias
Sunapee United Methodist Church, Main Street
Contact: Joseph Internicola, 603-763-1048

9/12 | NEW HAMPTON | 7:00 PM
The Founding Fathers: What Were They Thinking?
Presented by Richard A. Hesse
Gordon-Nash Library, 69 Main Street
Contact: Daniel P. Moore, 603-968-2309

9/12 | LONDONDERRY | 7:00 PM
A Walk Back in Time: The Secrets of Cellar Holes
Presented by Adair D. Mulligan
Londonderry Historical Society, 140 Pillsbury Rd.
Contact: Gail Nessell Colglazier, 603-425-1929

9/12 | GREENVILLE | 7:00 PM
The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns
Presented by John C. Porter
Chamberlin Free Public Library, 46 Main Street
Contact: Charles Brault, 603-878-1105

9/12 | HAVERHILL | 7:00 PM
The Quest for Happiness
Presented by Maria A. Sanders
Court Street Arts, 75 Court Street
Contact: Haverhill Library, 603-989-5578







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9/13 | BOW | 12:30 PM
New England Lighthouses and the People Who Kept Them
 Presented by Jeremy D'Entremont
 Bow Old Town Hall, 91 Center Road
 Contact: Bow Young at Heart, 603-568-2812

9/13 | PORTSMOUTH | 5:30 PM
Provisioning Portsmouth: Early Farming in the Piscataqua Region
 Presented by Peter Cook
 The Warner House Association, 150 Daniel St.
 Contact: Maria, M1798@aol.com

9/13 | NEW DURHAM | 5:30 PM
History and Mystery: A Genealogy Starter Guide
 Presented by Erin Moulton
 New Durham Public Library, 2 Old Bay Road
 Contact: New Durham Library, 603-859-2201

9/13 | KEENE | 6:30 PM
The Connecticut: New England's Great River
 Presented by Adair D. Mulligan
 Historical Soc. of Cheshire County, 246 Main St.
 Contact: Historical Society, 603-352-1895

9/13 | PLYMOUTH | 7:00 PM
Thirteen Days in October: The Untold Cuban Missile Crisis Story
 Presented by Michael J. Tougas
 Pease Public Library, 1 Russell Street
 Contact: Pease Public Library, 603-536-2616



9/13 | PLYMOUTH | 7:00 PM (HYBRID)
Hearing the Old Man: Poems of the Old Man of the Mountain
 Hosted by Midge Goldberg
 Museum of the White Mountains, 34 High St.
 Contact: museum.wm@plymouth.edu

9/14 | PETERBOROUGH | 7:00 PM
Jennie Powers: The Woman Who Dares
 Presented by Jenna Carroll
 Monadnock Center, 19 Grove Street
 Contact: Monadnock Center, 603-924-3235

9/16 | HARRISVILLE | 10:00 AM
Corbin's Animal Garden
 Presented by Mary Kronenwetter
 Harrisville Public Library, 7 Canal Street
 Contact: Harrisville Library, 603-827-2918

9/16 | SALISBURY | 11:00 AM
New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality
 Presented by Steve Taylor
 Salisbury Free Library, 641 Old Turnpike Road
 Contact: Salisbury Free Library, 603-648-2278

9/18 | CONCORD | 2:00 PM
Songs of Old New Hampshire
 Presented by Jeff Warner
 Havenwood Heritage Heights, 33 Christian Ave.
 Contact: 603-229-1185

9/18 | STRAFFORD | 6:30 PM
The History of the Kancamagus Highway
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock
 Hill Library, 1151 Parker Mountain Road
 Contact: Hill Library, 603-664-2800

9/18 | NEWBURY | 7:00 PM
Putting Human Faces on the Textile Industry: The Workers of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Co.
 Presented by Robert B. Perreault
 Center Meeting House, 945 NH Route 103
 Contact: Joy Nowell, 603-938-6054

9/19 | FARMINGTON | 7 PM
Perspectives Book Group - The Reluctant Fundamentalist
 Presented by Mohamed Defaa
 Goodwin Library, 422 Main Street
 Contact: jwhite@goodwinlibrary.org

9/19 | NEW LONDON | 5:30 PM
Town by Town, Watershed by Watershed: Native Americans in NH
 Presented by John Moody
 Whipple Hall, 25 Seamen's Rd.
 Contact: Center for the Arts, 603-526-4444

9/19 | PLAISTOW | 6:00 PM
The History of Agriculture as Told by Barns
 Presented by John C. Porter
 Plaistow Public Library, 85 Main Street
 Contact: Mark Foyne, 603-832-8273

9/19 | ETNA | 6:30 PM
12,000 Years Ago in the Granite State
 Presented by Robert Goodby
 Trumbull Hall, 195 Etna Road
 Contact: Hanover Town Library, 603-643-3116

9/20 | LACONIA | 5:00 PM
The Mindful Storyteller in You
 Presented by Alexandria Peary
 Wayfarer Roasters Downtown Café, 626 Main St.
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org

9/20 | CONWAY | 5:00 PM
The Connecticut: New England's Great River
 Presented by Adair D. Mulligan
 Conway Public Library, 15 Greenwood Avenue
 Contact: Conway Public Library, 603-447-5552

9/20 | SANBORNTON | 6:00 PM
New Hampshire's One-Room Rural Schools: The Romance and the Reality
 Presented by Steve Taylor
 Sanbornton Public Library, 27 Meetinghouse Hill Rd.
 Contact: Sanbornton Library, 603-286-8288

9/20 | NORTH HAMPTON | 6:30 PM
1623: The Untold Story of NH's Founding Family
 Presented by J. Dennis Robinson
 North Hampton Public Library, 239 Atlantic Ave.
 Contact: North Hampton Library, 603-964-6326

9/20 | NEWTON | 7:00 PM
That Reminds Me of A Story
 Presented by Rebecca Rule
 Newton Historical Society, 2 Town Hall Road
 Contact: Diane Morin, 603-560-0765

9/21 | JEFFERSON | 11:00 AM
Granite State Stories: Mt. Washington, Concord Coach, Benjamin Champney
 Presented by NH Historical Society staff
 Jefferson Community Center, 178 Meadows Rd.
 Contact: jeffersonnhhistory@gmail.com

9/21 | NEW IPSWICH | 6:30 PM
Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn: The Connected Farm Buildings of New England
 Presented by Thomas C. Hubka
 Barrett House Barn, 79 Main Street
 Contact: 603-878-1187

9/21 | PEMBROKE | 7:00 PM
The First Amendment
 Presented by Meg Mott
 Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke Street
 Contact: Ryan O'Hara, 603-484-7851

9/23 | CONCORD | 6:15 PM
A Year Under the Stars Planetarium Show
McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, 1 Intitute Drive
 Contact: programs@nhhumanities.org



9/26 | GILMANTON | 6:30 PM
African American Soldiers and Sailors of New Hampshire During the American Revolution
 Presented by Glenn A. Knoblock
 Gilmanton Old Town Hall, 1800 NH Route 140
 Contact: John Dickey, 603-267-6098

9/26 | ANTRIM | 6:30 PM
Moved and Seconded: Town Meeting in NH
 Presented by Rebecca Rule
 James A. Tuttle Library, 45 Main Street
 Contact: James A. Tuttle Library, 603-588-6786

9/27 | CONCORD | 2:00 PM
Wit and Wisdom: The Forgotten Literary Life of New England Villages
 Presented by Jo Radner
 The Pierce Manse, 14 Horseshoe Pond Lane
 Contact: Joan Davis, 603-224-2939

9/28 | MEREDITH | 6:30 PM
Saturday Morning Cartoons: Bugs Bunny, Bullwinkle, and Big Business in the 1960s
 Presented by Margo Burns
 Meredith Public Library, 91 Main Street
 Contact: Erin Apostolos, 603-279-4303

9/28 | PEMBROKE | 7:00 PM
Lafayette and the Farewell Tour: Odyssey of an American Idol
 Presented by Alan R. Hoffman
 Pembroke Town Library, 313 Pembroke Street
 Contact: Sally Hyland, 603-566-1031

9/28 | ASHLAND | 7:00 PM
NH Abolitionist Nathaniel Peabody Rogers
 Presented by Rebecca R. Noel
 Booster Clubhouse, 99 Main Street
 Contact: David Ruell, 603-968-7716

9/30 | NELSON | 11:00 AM
Corbin's Animal Garden
 Presented by Mary Kronenwetter
 Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, 1 Nelson Rd.
 Contact: Olivia Rodham Memorial Library, 603-847-3214

9/30 | SANDOWN | 11:00 AM
Tangled Lives: Native People and English Settlers in Colonial New England
 Presented by Jo Radner
 Sandown Public Library, 305 Main Street
 Contact: Sandown Public Library, 603-887-3428



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Great North Aleworks, Manchester

**Humanities@Home: *Beginning at the End:*
Andrew Krivak's *The Bear* and *Post-Apocalyptic Fiction in the American Century***

Friday, September 8 at 5:00 pm on Zoom

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McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center, Concord

**New Hampshire and the *Becoming of The Bear*
Author Talk & Reception with Andrew Krivak**
Saturday, October 14, 1 pm Reception/2 pm Program
Bank of New Hampshire Stage, Concord

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Friday, November 3 at 5:00 pm on Zoom

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