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4      ***Learn how to spot online scams***

5      BRATTLEBORO — Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main  
6      St., will host a guided discussion on identifying features of online  
7      scams during the monthly drop-in “Talking About Tech” program,  
8      in which technology users bring their questions and their advice.

9      This month’s gathering will take place Saturday, Feb. 28,  
10     from 10:30 a.m. to noon in Meeting Room D. Matthew Wojcik,

11 the library's electronic services specialist, will be on hand to  
12 provide expert help.

13 These sessions are intended as an interactive gathering a  
14 bit like a book club, crossed with a crafting group, with a touch  
15 of a drop-in bike repair clinic.

16 Each session begins with a 30-minute presentation  
17 followed by an hour for mutual support on the focus topic, other  
18 areas of need, or discussion of trends in technology such as A.I.  
19 Attendee input helps guide the content.

## 20 ***Calling all comic fans: Drawing 'Hidden*** 21 ***Systems' at RFPL***

22 BELLOWS FALLS — On Saturday, Feb. 28, from 1 to 2:30  
23 p.m., join the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65 Westminster  
24 St., for a presentation sponsored by the Vermont Humanities  
25 Council entitled "Drawing Hidden Systems."

26 People of all ages are invited to join Vermont author and  
27 artist Dan Nott for discussion of his nonfiction graphic novel,  
28 *Hidden Systems*. The group will also explore questions such as  
29 where electricity comes from, how the internet works, or how  
30 there's (mostly) enough water for everyone all the time. Where  
31 did these systems come from, and how do they affect our  
32 challenges like inequality and climate change?

33 The talk will also include visual readings from *Hidden*  
34 *Systems* that focus on the electric grid and energy uses, lessons  
35 from comics history, and information for readers and aspiring  
36 cartoonists on how to read and draw comics.

37 Nott is a cartoonist, illustrator, and educator. His  
38 nonfiction work uses comics to explore and untangle complex  
39 topics and create a basis for understanding current events. He  
40 teaches at The Center for Cartoon Studies in White River Junction.

41 For more information about this and other programs, call  
42 802-463-4270, visit [rockinghamlibrary.org](http://rockinghamlibrary.org) or stop by the library.

## 43 **Great Books Group meets March 2**

44 BRATTLEBORO — On Monday, March 2, from 7 to 9  
45 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Library’s Mezzanine Quiet Reading  
46 Room, the Brattleboro Great Books Group will be discussing  
47 Fyodor Dostoyevsky’s *The Devils*, also known as *The Possessed* or  
48 *Demons*.

49 Described by organizers as “emotionally harrowing and  
50 structurally messy,” this novel of the havoc wreaked by a group of  
51 1860s–1870s Russian nihilist intellectuals on their provincial  
52 society should evoke a growing sense of dread — or laughter —  
53 from its readers.

54 The group’s April selection will be *Swann’s Way*, the first  
55 of seven volumes of Marcel Proust’s monumental seven-volume  
56 novel *Remembrance of Times Past*, sometimes translated as *In*  
57 *Search of Past Time*. For further information, contact Michael N.  
58 Landis at [emagicmtman@gmail.com](mailto:emagicmtman@gmail.com) or 802-257-1851.

## 59 **Taking Solace series continue at Brooks**

60 BRATTLEBORO — The “Taking Solace” series presents  
61 the documentary *Come See Me in the Good Light*, Wednesday,  
62 March 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at Brooks Memorial Library.

63 Organizers described this in a news release as “a  
64 poignant and unexpectedly funny love story” about poets Andrea  
65 Gibson and Megan Falley as they face an incurable cancer  
66 diagnosis “with joy, witt, and an unshakeable partnership.”  
67 Through “laughter and unwavering love,” organizers said, “they  
68 transform pain into purpose, and morality into a moving  
69 celebration of resilience.” Note this documentary contains adult  
70 language, illness, and mature themes.

71 This event is free. For more information, call 802-257-  
72 0775 or email [info@cfsolace.org](mailto:info@cfsolace.org). Center for Solace (formerly  
73 Brattleboro Area Hospice) offers services and support free of  
74 charge for serious illness, hospice, and grief, while engaging the  
75 community in conversations about mortality and life. To learn  
76 more, visit [centerforsolace.org](http://centerforsolace.org).

77 ***Potash Hill presents Decoda winter concert,***

78 ***dinner***

79 MARLBORO — On Friday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m.,  
80 join Decoda — Carnegie Hall’s Affiliate Ensemble — for a special  
81 salon-style concert and dinner in the Dining Hall as part of their  
82 2026 Winter Retreat on the former Marlboro College campus on  
83 Potash Hill.

84 Decoda describes itself as “a collective of world-class  
85 chamber musicians dedicated to artistic excellence, mentorship,  
86 and meaningful community engagement.” Inspired by the  
87 Spanish tradition of gathering for conversation, music, and shared  
88 meals, this evening will feature chamber music selections  
89 interwoven with a multi-course dinner. “Performances and  
90 courses unfold together, creating a warm, social atmosphere  
91 where music and community meet,” wrote organizers in a news  
92 release.

93 Dinner will be catered by the Brattleboro Food Co-op,  
94 highlighting fresh, locally sourced ingredients.

95 Tickets are \$45, with reservations required by Feb. 27 at  
96 [bit.ly/854-decoda](https://bit.ly/854-decoda).

97 ***Annual urine donor kick-off event set for***

98 ***March 6***

99 BRATTLEBORO — Curious about “peecycling?” All who  
100 are already urine donors, or longtime fans, or simply intrigued by  
101 the idea that one’s body can help grow food and protect  
102 waterways, are welcome at Rich Earth Institute’s annual  
103 community potluck on Friday, March 6, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the  
104 Winston Prouty Center, 209 Austine Drive.

105 This will be the celebration of 13 years of operating the  
106 nation’s first community-scale peecycling program and will honor  
107 the urine donors who make this work possible, including the  
108 2025 “Piss-Off” champions. Highlights include sharing the data of  
109 how much urine fertilizer this community collected last year,  
110 how it’s being used in research and demonstration projects, and

111 how to get involved. Learn more about becoming a urine donor  
112 at the Get Involved page at [richearthinstitute.org](http://richearthinstitute.org).

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