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4 ***Community 'Pokéwalk' in Bellows Falls***

5 BELLOWS FALLS — The Rockingham Free Public Library  
6 invites community members of all ages to take part in an  
7 interactive “Pokéwalk” Thursday, April 16, at 3:30 p.m.  
8 Participants will gather at the library before heading out together  
9 on a guided walk to explore the area while playing the popular  
10 mobile game Pokémon Go.

11 Organizers says this free event is designed to bring  
12 people together through technology, outdoor activity, and  
13 community engagement. Whether you're a seasoned player or  
14 brand new to the game, the Pokéwalk offers a great opportunity  
15 to connect with others.

16 Participants will need to bring their own mobile device  
17 with the game installed, wear comfortable walking shoes, and be  
18 ready for an afternoon of fun and exploration. The library will be  
19 providing free Wi-Fi during the walk from a mobile hotspot.  
20 While the event is open to all ages, children ages 12 and younger  
21 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. For more  
22 information, call 802-463-4270, or visit [rockinghamlibrary.org](http://rockinghamlibrary.org).

### 23 ***Senior meal in Halifax***

24 HALIFAX — On Friday, April 17, volunteers will prepare  
25 and serve the monthly Senior Meal at the Halifax Community  
26 Hall. The menu will feature Waldorf salad, ham with pineapple,  
27 sweet potatoes, peas, rolls, and dessert. Come at 11:30 a.m. to  
28 socialize and enjoy an appetizer. The main meal will begin  
29 around noon.

30 A suggested \$4 donation (\$5 for those younger than 60  
31 years old) will help to support the Halifax Senior Meal. The  
32 historic Hall, located at 20 Brook Rd. in West Halifax, is  
33 wheelchair-accessible via the rear door and has an accessible  
34 bathroom. For questions or to arrange for a large group, call  
35 Bettye at 802-368-7797.

### 36 ***Free fabric and yarn exchange at Brooks***

#### 37 ***Library***

38 BRATTLEBORO — Brattleboro In Stitches, the weekly  
39 fiber arts makerspace meet-up at Brooks Memorial Library, 224  
40 Main St., hosts a fiber arts supplies exchange extravaganza  
41 Saturday, April 18, from 1 to 4 p.m. Artists and crafters are invited  
42 to bring fabric, yarn, roving, and other supplies and related  
43 equipment to swap or share in the spirit of spring cleaning and to  
44 spark seasonal inspiration.

45 Brattleboro in Stitches meets every Saturday from 1 to 4  
46 p.m. to cultivate creativity, camaraderie, conversation, and  
47 connection. All ages, abilities, and experience levels are  
48 welcome and supported. Questions, expertise, and good humor  
49 flow freely every week. For more information, contact the library  
50 at 802-254-5290 or visit [brookslibraryvt.org](http://brookslibraryvt.org).

### 51 ***Botanical drawing at RFPL***

52 BELLOWS FALLS — On Saturday, April 18, from 11 a.m.  
53 to noon, join the Rockingham Free Public Library, 65  
54 Westminster St., for a botanical drawing workshop.

55 Artist Katrina Mayer will lead this workshop celebrating  
56 the start of spring. New and seasoned artists are welcome to  
57 socialize, draw, enjoy refreshments, and soak in the start of  
58 spring. All materials are provided but feel free to bring spring  
59 flowers or plants that inspire you. This workshop is free and open  
60 to all.

### 61 ***Open Building Day in Brookline***

62 BROOKLINE — On Saturday, April 18, from 9 to 11  
63 a.m., residents can connect, share their ideas, and explore  
64 Brookline's five buildings: the Historic Meetinghouse, the Historic  
65 Round Schoolhouse, the School Building, the Town Office, and  
66 the Town Garage. A Selectboard member will be present at each  
67 location to show visitors around.

68 According to organizers, this event is part of the  
69 Brookline Selectboard's "Building Planning Kickoff." They say the  
70 town "faces a lot of questions concerning building use, especially  
71 with the departure of the daycare last fall." To address these  
72 questions, the Selectboard is forming a Building Use Workgroup  
73 "to study the town's buildings, collect community input, develop  
74 and analyze the Town's options, and report back to the town."

75 The workgroup will convene this spring, then spend the  
76 next few months researching and writing a report. If appropriate,  
77 the town will vote on building use options in the fall. To be  
78 considered for the workgroup, email

79 [mdesocio.brooklinevt@gmail.com](mailto:mdesocio.brooklinevt@gmail.com) or sign up at Open Building  
80 Day.

### 81 ***Genealogy Interest Group meets April 18***

82 BRATTLEBORO — The next hybrid in-person and Zoom  
83 meeting of the Windham County Genealogy Interest Group takes  
84 place Saturday, April 18, from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., via  
85 Zoom and in-person at Brooks Memorial Library, 224 Main St.

86 The meeting will focus on “Searching for Summer  
87 Camps: A Genealogical Exploration,” presented by WCGIG  
88 member Michael Bosworth, and “Finding Ancestors in  
89 FamilySearch,” presented by Wayne Blanchard. Free and open to  
90 all, register at [bit.ly/WCGIG-2026](https://bit.ly/WCGIG-2026). A Zoom link will be sent  
91 before the meeting.

### 92 ***Spring cleaning tag sale in West Dummerston***

93 WEST DUMMERSTON — On Saturday, April 18, from 8  
94 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Dummerston Community Center and Library  
95 on West Street, there will be a Community Spring Cleaning Tag  
96 Sale.

97 To sell wares, \$10 reserves a spot in advance; \$15 on  
98 April 18. Register by texting Catherine O’Callaghan at 802-380-  
99 7935, and pay on Venmo: @lydiasfriends.

### 100 ***Earth Day celebration in Grafton***

101 GRAFTON — The Nature Museum in Grafton will be  
102 celebrating Earth Day on Saturday, April 18, with their annual  
103 open house. The festivities run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., which  
104 include programs and crafts throughout the event.

105 All-day activities include crafting native seed balls, Grow  
106 Art card-making with local artist Stephanie Sullivan, indoor and  
107 outdoor seek-and-find activities, and solar telescope viewing with  
108 the Southern Vermont Astronomy Group (SoVerA), weather  
109 permitting.

110 Special programs include a Wildlife and Working  
111 Landscapes live animal presentation from the Vermont Museum  
112 of Natural History from 11 a.m. to noon. The museum’s Magic

113 Forest Playscape, trails, and exhibits will also be open during the  
114 gathering. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person, or \$15  
115 for a family. All proceeds will support local nature education.

116 ***Rev. Yolanda and Circle of Love host benefit***  
117 ***concert***

118 DUMMERSTON — Rev. Yolanda and The Circle of Love  
119 present “A Spiritual Musical Happening,” an uplifting evening of  
120 music, love, and community to benefit AIDS Walk Brattleboro  
121 and the AIDS Project of Southern Vermont.

122 This “joyful, inclusive” concert is Saturday, April 18, at 6  
123 p.m. at Dummerston Congregational Church, featuring Rev.  
124 Yolanda and special guests. Suggested donation is \$20, with no  
125 one turned away; stay after for fellowship with coffee and baked  
126 goods. For more information, go to  
127 [facebook.com/events/1459816152156321](https://www.facebook.com/events/1459816152156321).

128 ***Free Transom Story Lab training for youth***

129 BRATTLEBORO — As part of Retreat Farm’s “America at  
130 250” series, co-presented with Vermont Public and Vermont  
131 Community Foundation, Brooks Memorial Library hosts journalist  
132 and radio producer Sophie Crane of Transom Story Lab, who will  
133 bring a team of tech assistants to the library Monday, April 20,  
134 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

135 They will present a hands-on audio storytelling workshop  
136 for young people, with a focus on the topic of this year’s National  
137 Library Week theme, “Find Your Joy.” Participants will learn  
138 interviewing skills, audio recording basics, and how to shape real  
139 conversations into short stories.

140 This workshop experience “will be about curiosity,  
141 connection, and finding meaning and joy in everyday moments,”  
142 say organizers. Attendees will go off-site for interviews  
143 downtown, with adult supervision.

144 Registration is limited to 18 participants. The program  
145 will conclude with public screenings of the finished stories  
146 during National Library Week at a Brooks Memorial Library

147 celebration on April 25. No experience is needed and all  
148 equipment — and a light lunch — will be provided. Registration  
149 can be found on the library’s event page. For more information,  
150 contact Brooks Memorial Library at 802-254-5290, or visit  
151 [brookslibraryvt.org](http://brookslibraryvt.org).

152 ***Putney Friends Meeting hosts Israeli-***  
153 ***Palestinian Memorial Day ceremony***

154 PUTNEY — Putney Friends Meeting will host a  
155 livestream of the 21st Joint Israeli-Palestinian Memorial Day  
156 ceremony, hosted by Combatants for Peace and The Parents  
157 Circle Families Forum, April 20, at the Putney Friends Meeting  
158 House, 17 Bellows Falls Rd. The gathering begins at 1p.m. to  
159 watch the livestream which will begin at 1:30 p.m.

160 Organizers say that this year’s ceremony, entitled “We  
161 Are the Day After,” will “bring forward a message that challenges  
162 entrenched violence” and calls upon “bereaved families,  
163 Palestinian and Israeli, to stand together and refuse to let their  
164 profound losses be used to justify more harm. Side by side, they  
165 call for a future grounded in dignity, equality, and an end to the  
166 occupation.”

167 The ceremony can also be accessed online by going to  
168 [afcfp.org/2026-joint-memorial-day-ceremony](http://afcfp.org/2026-joint-memorial-day-ceremony).

169 ***Beaver Believer Day at Putney Library***

170 PUTNEY — Celebrate Earth Day and beavers at the  
171 Putney Public Library Wednesday, April 22, from 4 to 5 p.m.,  
172 with special guests from Bonnyvale Environmental Education  
173 Center (BEEC).

174 Learn about flood resiliency and a unique opportunity to  
175 become more equipped to respond to climate change as beaver  
176 expert Patti Smith leads an exploration of beaver ecology and  
177 river science that focuses on the relationship between beavers,  
178 watershed health, and flood resilience.

179 Beavers play a complex role in creating ecosystems,  
180 managing water, and sometimes causing headaches for humans

181 along the way. This program will explain the benefits of beavers  
182 and how humans can live with them harmoniously. Elsa, a giant  
183 Ice Age beaver, will be present, as will a hands-on flood table  
184 activity. Attendees should be prepared to get wet and messy.

185 All families will receive a copy of *What Goes On Inside*  
186 *a Beaver Pond* written by Becky Cushing Gop and illustrated by  
187 Carrie Shryock. This program is open to all ages, but it will be  
188 geared toward 5- to 10-year-olds and their caregivers. Everyone is  
189 welcome. This program is generously supported by the Children's  
190 Literacy Foundation (CLiF).

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