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Dear Friends,

We are delighted to update you on recent activities at the Peacham Library and to once again ask for your much-needed and much-welcomed support. We are so proud of the role the library plays in our community and your participation in our future inspires us to do more.

Please review our Vision Statement below and see the top priorities we're working on right now. To review the complete strategic plan, please visit peachamlibrary.org.

Vision Statement

Peacham Library will continue to be central and responsive to the current and evolving intellectual, educational, cultural and social life of the Peacham community. Peacham Library offers a welcoming environment where all may come to learn, discover and create, as well as connect with resources, ideas, neighbors, and friends.

Priority 1: Ease of Access—Availability to our community Using our small size not as a barrier, but as a strength, led us to improve both indoor and outdoor spaces. The backyard covered porch is now a welcoming space for small gatherings and events. A grant from the Vermont Public Library Foundation provided resources to update the Children's area with custom-made bins. The Meeting Owl camera is available to use for hybrid meetings at the library.

Priority 2: Empowering Users—Engaging our community with a broad spectrum of services Our website was completely redesigned this year to be more appealing and user-friendly. We continue to provide timely information via our newsletter, social media and other non-digital communications.

Priority 3: Community Partner—Strengthening connections with other community organizations Our Development Committee coordinates with other organizations to put on numerous events throughout the year to help raise money for the library. Peacham Guild Christmas Show • Winter Carnival Mac and Cheese lunch, • Book sales for the 4th of July • Fall Fondo Pie Sale

Our library would not be the vibrant organization it is today without the dedication of a multitude of volunteers—way too many to list here! We hope you're already involved with at least one of our many activities and services, whether it's attending a meeting, a coffee hour or a concert—or tapping into the wealth of resources available for all ages.

We so appreciate your support, and we welcome your feedback too. Your annual donation enables us to continue to offer diverse services and compelling programs.

Please donate either by visiting peachamlibrary.org and clicking on the DONATE button, or or by mailing your donation in the enclosed self-addressed envelope.

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Barb Schoolcraft, President Susan Smolinsky, Library Director

UPCOMING PEACHAM LIBRARY PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Gilmore Gallery: November & December, Cathy Smith paintings, For the Love of Flowers, January/February 2026,

Jane Parsons, Watercolors

Aging Well in Peacham: November 3, Ian Boswell; December 2, Christmas Party: January 6, Topic TBD; February 4,

Medicare Fraud

Readers Delight: November 20, The Nordic Theory of Everything by Anu Partanem; January 15 2026, You Dreamed of Empires

by Alvaro Enrique

Online Holiday Auction: November 28–December 5 Holiday Tea and Auction Pickup: December 7

Coffee House Music Series: January–April (1st Saturday of the month)

ONGOING PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Aging Well in Peacham | Reader's Delight Book Group | Photographer's Gathering | French Conversation Gathering | Meditation Hour | Coffee Hour | Children's Story Time | Tai Chi | Board of Trustees Meetings

LIBRARY RESOURCES

- Biblio and Kanopy Streaming services
- Libby Audiobooks and eBooks
- Vermont Online Library
- Peterson's College and Career Prep services
- Udemy: On demand video courses
- Vermont State Historic Sites and Parks Passes
- Vermont History Center and Museum Pass
- Birds of Vermont Museum Pass
- Craftsbury Chamber Players Summer Concerts Pass
- Coworking Space

- Used Book Sale Room
- Digital Moisture Meter
- Telescope
- Covid Tests
- Eclipse Glasses
- Interlibrary Loan (for books we don't own)
- Public computers and internet access
- Meeting Space
- Board Games and Puzzles
- Books, periodicals, and cozy places to sit!

PAST 2025 PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Jennifer Barlow: Quilts & Meg Morrow Clayton: Colorful WorldWatercolors Artist's Reception | Introduction to Meditation with Bill Brauer | Peacham Puzzle Race | Winter Carnival Mac & Cheese Lunch | Lost And Found: An Evening of Original Music by John Mackenzie | CCSU Student Art Show | A Birthday Celebration: The Songs of Alan Greenleaf with Jonathan Kaplan "The Doctor" & Carol Hausner | Meet, Stitch & Play | Vermont Sampler Initiative | Summer Series: Lucas Diggle, Changes in the Kitchen Between the Wars | Abigail Bartell Artist's Reception | Heirloom Recipe Baking Contest | Neighbor Up Night: Dinner & Conversation | Dinoman School Presentation | Robotics Open House | Lasagna Means I Love You Book Discussion | A Recipe For Success with Erin Moulton | Film Night: Casablanca | Nicole Wolfgang Portraits of Peacham Artist's Reception | Fall Fondo Pie Sale | Film Night: Breaking Away | Halloween and Philosophy | Film Night: Young Frankenstein

OTHER PROGRAMS

Class visits from students at Peacham School | Farmer's Market Story Time | Meet, Stitch & Play

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday & Saturday: 10 a.m.–12 p.m. Wednesday & Friday: 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Tuesday & Thursday: 1–6 p.m.