



September 2023 Events Newsletter

Call for Pies!



Friends of the Athenæum Pie Sale Fall for St. J Saturday, October 7

Donate a pie and help with our most delectable fundraiser.

All monies raised will be donated to the St. Johnsbury Athenæum Youth Services and Adult programs.

Sign up at the front desk, email awestfisher@stjathenaeum.org or call 802-745-1392.

Thanks for your help!

Adult Events

Death Comes to the Athenæum

Death Café

Wednesday, September 6, 7 pm



Renowned children's book author Natalie Kinsey-Warnock will read from her brother Leyland's poetry, Athenaeum Director Bob Joly will read Loudon Young's work, and Bob Hunt, Associate Director of Operations at the Old Stone House Museum, will read from Daisy Dopp's writings.

This event is free, ADA accessible and open to the public.

Sounds and Objects
Papermaking Collaborations: Janus Press
Opening Reception
Sunday, September 10, 4 pm



Papermaking Collaborations will exhibit works by Janus Press (founded by Claire Van Vliet nearly 70 years ago). John Buchtel, Ph.D., Curator of Rare Books and Head of Special Collections at the Boston Athenaeum, is the featured speaker. His talk will illuminate the resonance between the physical book and the poetry and prose being displayed.

The exhibit will include a selection of Claire's pulp paintings and six particular books: *Circle of Wisdom*, *Batterers*, *Lilac Wind*, *Watermarks*, *The Dream of the Dirty Woman*, and *Aura*.

The exhibit will be in the Athenaeum Hall Gallery from September 4 through October 31.

Supported in part by Vermont Humanities.

Death Comes to the Athenaeum
The Denial of Death in America
Wednesday, September 13, 7 pm



A theatrical presentation/performance on the denial of death in American society, followed by a discussion with the performer – Darryll Rudy – who has Alzheimer’s Disease and is in the process of dealing with his own death head-on.

Through 50+ years of Buddhist practice, 80 years of aging, and three years of living with his Alzheimer’s diagnosis, Darryll has come to grips with the inevitability of his life’s end. At the same time, he has noticed how we rarely – if ever – talk about or acknowledge the fact that we all will die someday. This event is an invitation to change that.

This event is free, ADA accessible, and open to the public.

Sounds and Objects
David Godine:
Five Decades of Independent Publishing
Sunday, September 17, 4 pm



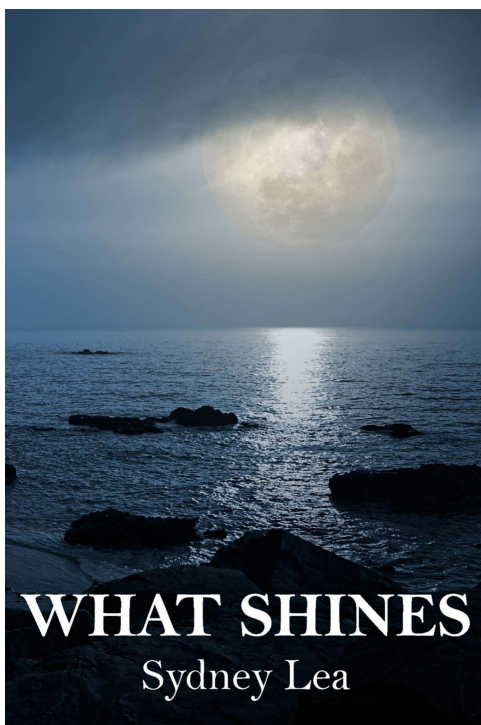
Panel includes:

- Dr. Mary Ready (medical director for Northern Counties Home Health & Hospice)
- Rev. Ann Hockridge (interfaith chaplain for Home Health & Hospice)
- Jay Abramson (Elder Law attorney)
- Steve Robinson (funeral director at Sayle’s Funeral Home)
- Michelle Acciavatti (advanced care planner, creator of a Vermont “green” cemetery)

Presented in conjunction with Northeastern Vermont Regional Hospital.

This event is free, ADA accessible, and open to the public.

Sounds and Objects
Sydney Lea:
Poetry Reading and Book Signing
Sunday, September 24, 4 pm



Sydney Lea was Poet Laureate of Vermont from 2011-2015. In 2021, He received Vermont’s highest artistic distinction, The Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts.

In 2022, he published *Seen from all Sides: Lyric and Everyday Life*, a collection of newspaper columns on poetry, composed during Lea's laureate tenure. A third edition of *Roads Taken: Contemporary Vermont Poets*, an anthology he co-edited with Chard deNiord, his successor as state poet, is now available.

His sixteenth collection of poems—*What Shines*—is due in September 2023. In early 2024, his collection of personal essays, *Such Dancing as I Can*, will appear, and later in the year, his second novel, *Now Look*.

This event is free, ADA accessible, and open to the public.

Movie
Keys Bags Names Words:
Hope in Aging and Dementia
Thursday, September 28, 6:45 pm



Keys Bags Names Words shows intimate profiles of people living with dementia and their care partners. You'll meet doctors discussing what you can do in your life to support brain health and prevent cognitive decline. And you'll also meet musicians and artists, scientists and policy experts from around the world engaged in a bold approach to tackle what has become the greatest global challenge for health and social care in the 21st century, dementia and brain health.

This film is not a lament to loss, but a quirky and inspiring lens on the human spirit.

You can watch a trailer for the film here: <https://vimeo.com/668768385> | Password: kbnwtrailer

Sponsored by the Alzheimer Association, Vermont Chapter

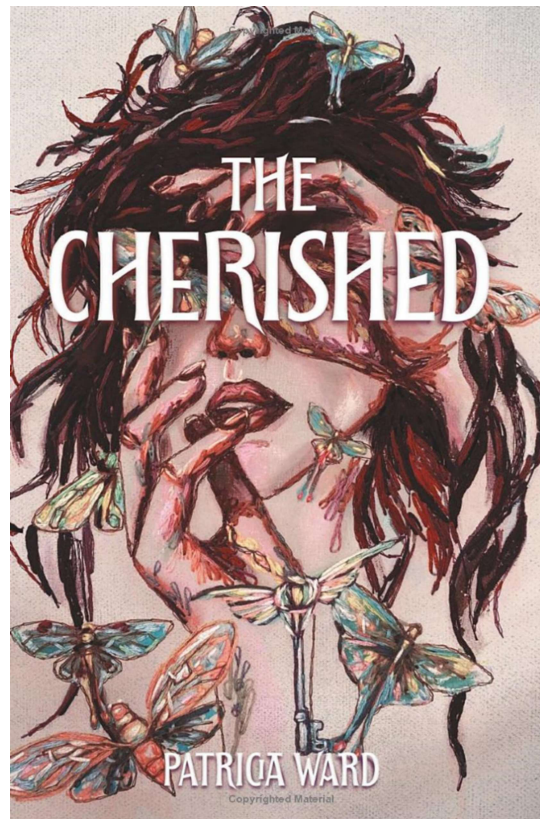
Events for Everyone

Game Night Friday, September 29, 6 pm



Looking for something to do on a Friday night? Then come play around at the Athenaeum! Board games galore! Play ours or bring your own. Bring your friends. Adults, youth, and kids. Everyone Welcome!

NEK Book Discussion Tuesday, October 11, 6 pm



Join us for a book club on the NEK haunted tale, *The Cherished*. The author Patricia Ward will visit our small group discussion to share her insight and answer questions.

Books available for checkout at the second floor desk.

Youth Special Events

Monday Mixers
September 11, 18, 25, 10:15 am



Get energized with this 30 minute unstructured dance, play and creating in the Children's Library. This is fun playtime for children and parents. For ages birth to five years old, siblings welcome.

Storytime

Mondays, September 11, 18, 25, 2 pm
Fridays, September 15, 22, 29, 10 am



Join us at the Athenaeum for 30 minutes of stories, songs and play. Each child will receive a coloring sheet. For ages birth to five years old, siblings welcome.

Geography Fair

Tuesday, September 26, 10 am

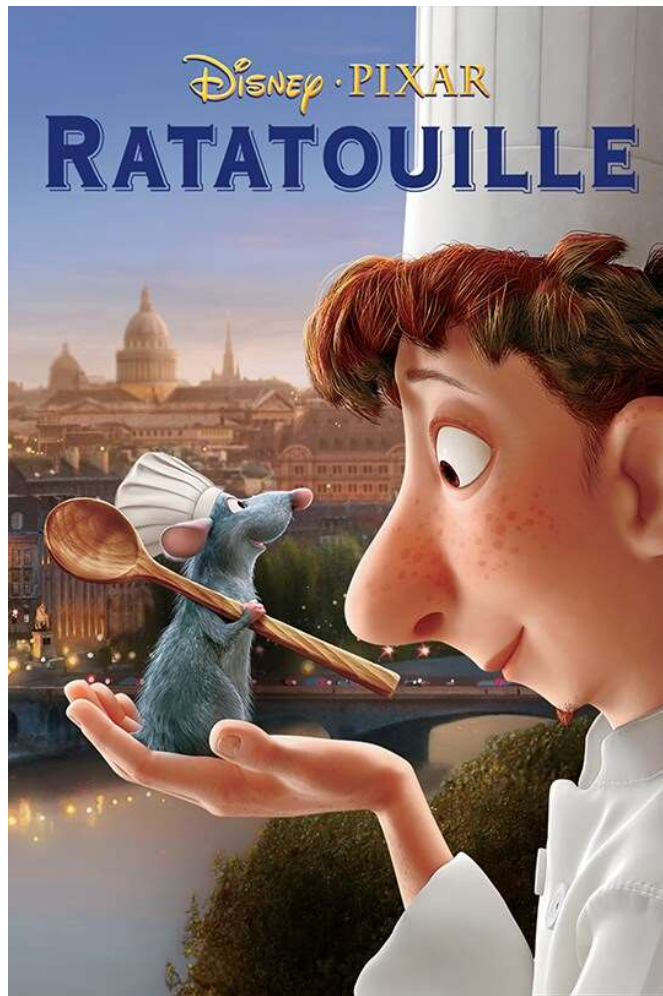


Homeschool Families display and present facts about various countries customs, traditions, and history.

All are welcome attend event.

Homeschool families interested in participating, please visit the Children's Library to sign up.

Display space will measure at 36" W X 30" D, approximately. Space is limited to 20 participants.



Beat the heat with a movie showing in the Children's Library. This week's movie: *Ratatouille*.
BYOS– Bring your own snacks.

Dress the Shelves
Wednesday, June 28, 3:00 pm



Display your creativity & help us liven up the teen area. Join us for a chance to decorate our bookends & chat about our favorite reads. For teens, tweens, and adults too!

Support the Athenaeum

Your investment in the Athenaeum supports events, buys books and other library materials, maintains the unique art gallery, and allows us to continue serving St. Johnsbury, the Northeast Kingdom, and visitors from around the world.



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