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News from the City of Dover, New Hampshire



January 16, 2026



CITY OF DOVER, NH

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Avenue
Dover, NH 03820
603-516-6000

City Hall hours:

Monday-
Thursday:
8:30 a.m. to 5:30
p.m.

Friday:
8:30 a.m. to 4
p.m.

Recycling Center hours:

School Board adopts FY2027 budget

City Manager to present city-wide budget next month

The School Board unanimously adopted the School Department's FY2027 budget at its regular meeting on Jan. 12, 2026. The adopted budget will be included in the overall city-wide budget that City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. will present to the City Council on Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2026.

The School Department's adopted budget totals \$102,782,977, which includes an operating budget of \$97,147,239 and a special revenue budget of \$5,635,738. The amount raised by local property taxes to fund the adopted operating budget exceeds the school portion of the estimated tax-capped levy by \$1,976,767, according to department documents.

Superintendent Christine Boston and Chief Financial Officer Michael Limanni will provide an overview of the School Department's budget to the City Council at a workshop on Wednesday, Feb. 18, 2026. The public hearing on the education portion of the budget will be held at the City Council's meeting on Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026. The City Council is tentatively scheduled to adopt the city's FY27 budget on April 1, 2026, with a budget adoption fallback date

Tuesday,
Thursday,
Saturday:
8:30 a.m. to 3:30
p.m.

Sunday (through
Dec. 7):
8:30 a.m. to
12:30 p.m.

of Wednesday, April 8, 2026. City ordinance requires the budget to be adopted annually by April 15.

The School Department's adopted budget does not cut any teaching positions, which Superintendent Boston said makes up about 70% of the department's expenditures. It anticipates an increase of about \$5.3 million in wages and benefits from new contracts with the school district's three unions currently under negotiation. The budget also anticipates \$160,022 increase in the facilities contract and \$527,821 in special education transportation costs, among other budget drivers.

School Board members are hopeful that some of the budget line items will come in lower than currently estimated. School Board Secretary Craig Flynn noted that CFO Limanni used conservative estimates, with some expenditure numbers being reduced since the School Board began its review, as budget numbers firm.

School Board Chair Robin Trefethen said the budget does not include any extras: only what is required by law or fills in gaps from reductions in federal and state funding. One requirement is funding a new full-time high school social studies teacher to meet new state graduation requirements for an additional social studies credit. The budget will also fund a Dover Adult Learning counselor, previously grant-funded.

The School Board began its budget review on Nov. 17, 2026, with a presentation from CFO Limanni and Superintendent Boston, followed by six budget workshops leading up to the Jan. 12 budget adoption. Video recordings of the budget discussions and related documents are posted on the city's [FY2027 Budget Revealed online resource](#).

Fire Chief Perry Plummer announces retirement after 40-year career

Fire Chief Perry Plummer has announced his retirement from Dover Fire & Rescue, concluding a distinguished 40-year career in public safety. His service includes more than 26 years with Dover Fire & Rescue, interspersed with nearly 10 years with the New Hampshire Department of Safety.

Plummer began his fire service career with Dover Fire & Rescue in 1986, rising through the ranks and developing a leadership style grounded in professionalism, accountability and service. His early years in Dover laid the foundation for a career that ultimately spanned local, state, national and international public safety leadership.

Beyond Dover, Plummer served as director of the New Hampshire Fire Academy, where he significantly expanded statewide fire and rescue training, increasing annual training delivery by tens of thousands of hours and strengthening professional development across New Hampshire.



He later served two governors as director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management for the state of New Hampshire. During that tenure, he also held numerous prominent national leadership roles, including:

- National chair, Homeland Security Advisory Council, National Governors Association
- United States co-chair, International Emergency Management Group
- Chair, Governor's Task Force on School Safety and Security
- Tri-chair, National Homeland Security Business/Government Consortium, National Emergency Management Association
- Liaison to the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission for two governors

Plummer was subsequently promoted to assistant commissioner of the New Hampshire Department of Public Safety, becoming one of the state's senior public safety officials. In that role, he provided executive-level leadership and oversight across multiple public safety disciplines and statewide initiatives.

Following his state service, Plummer served as vice president for disaster solutions and public safety for The Gigunda Group. At the request of Gov. Chris Sununu, he left the private sector to return to state service and lead New Hampshire's COVID-19 response, which was recognized as one of the most effective responses in the country.

Throughout his career, Plummer has been a sought-after public safety consultant, mentoring fire chiefs throughout New England and serving as interim fire chief for the city of Rochester and the town of Salem. He also served as executive director of the Seacoast Fire Chiefs Association, strengthening regional collaboration and leadership development.

Most recently, Plummer returned to Dover Fire & Rescue to serve as fire chief during a critical period of transition. During that time, he focused on stabilizing department operations, strengthening leadership accountability, advancing long-term fleet and capital planning, improving working conditions, and positioning the department for sustainable success.

Over the course of his career, Plummer received awards and recognition in every position he held, reflecting the respect he earned across local, state and national public safety communities.

"It has been the honor of my lifetime to serve the City of Dover and the fire service," said Plummer. "Returning to Dover to help guide the department during an important chapter has been deeply meaningful. I am proud of this organization, its outstanding people, and the foundation laid for the future."

City officials praised Plummer's leadership and lifelong service.

"I have had the opportunity to witness and work alongside Chief Plummer throughout his fire service career here in Dover and during his tenure with the NH Department of Safety," said City Manager J. Michael Joyal, Jr. "Dover and the entire State of NH have been well served by his dedication and leadership as a public safety professional. I have no doubt that he has made a lasting and positive impact not only here in Dover but across the State of NH and beyond."



City offices closed Monday for MLK Day

City administrative offices, including City Hall, will be closed on Monday, Jan. 19, 2026, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Regular hours will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 20.

The Dover Public Library is closed on Monday, Jan. 19.

The Dover Community Senior Center at the McConnell Center will also be closed on Monday, Jan. 19.

Curbside trash and recycling pick-up are not affected by the holiday.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day is a parking holiday in Dover. Metered parking is free on parking holidays, except for the Orchard Street Parking Garage and Transportation Center Parking Lot, which are paid parking at all times.

First half of tax bills due next week

The first half of City of Dover property tax bills is due next week, on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026. The second half will be due on Monday, June 1, 2026.

Tax bills can be paid by mail, online through the city's [Billing and Payment webpage](#), or in person at the City Clerk/Tax Collector's office, located in City Hall, 288 Central Ave., during regular hours. The online payment system accepts electronic check payments (ACH), subject to a \$1 transaction fee. Visa and Mastercard are also accepted, subject to a 2.5% transaction fee on the total payment. Discover and American Express credit cards are not accepted. The payment processor collects the transaction fees.

Dover's tax rate, set at \$19.68 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation by the New Hampshire Department of Revenue on Dec. 5, includes four sections: Municipal (\$6.91), County (\$1.83), Local Education (\$9.78), and State Education (\$1.16). The rate is determined by the total amount needed to be raised by taxes (\$127,421,722) divided by the municipality's total valuation (\$6,482,774,600).

The amount to be raised by taxes is determined by the adopted budget for each section, with the city collecting the Strafford County portion (\$11,848,376) and the State Education portion (\$7,348,968) on the county and state's behalf. The amount needed to be raised by taxes for Municipal (\$44,830,128) and Local Education (\$63,394,250) portions is based on the City of Dover's adopted fiscal year 2026 budget for the General Fund. The Municipal section is for all non-school departments.

The tax rate of \$19.68 is broken down as follows:

- City: \$6.91, an increase of 47 cents, or 7.3%
- Local education: \$9.78, an increase of 90 cents, or 10.1%
- County: \$1.83, an increase of 8 cents, or 4.6%

- State education: \$1.16, an increase of 6 cents, or 5.5%

The tax rate set by the DRA represents a \$1.51 increase, or 8.3%, over the prior year.

The average residential property is now assessed at \$527,204 (\$524,638 last year), which includes the combination of all single-family, multi-family units, condos and manufactured housing. The tax levy for the average residential property will increase \$843, or 8.8%, to \$10,375. For the average single-family home assessed at \$583,064 (\$580,809 last year), the tax bill will increase \$921, or 8.7%, to \$11,475.

To calculate property tax for a specific parcel, multiply the tax rate (\$19.68) by the assessed value and divide by 1,000. Find the assessed values for all property parcels in Dover on the Tax Assessment Office [webpage](#).

Property owners may appeal their property tax assessment for the 2025 tax year by filing an abatement application with the Tax Assessment Office by March 1, 2026. Please note: filing an abatement application does not stay the collection of taxes, and taxes should be paid as assessed. If an abatement is granted, the city will issue a refund with interest.

There are state and local programs available for those having difficulty paying their taxes. For those in need of assistance, contact the Tax Assessment Office or visit www.dover.nh.gov/dovercares

For more information, contact the Finance Department at 603-516-6030.

Upcoming Meetings:

Arts Commission, Jan. 17, 8:30 a.m.

The Arts Commission will hold a special meeting on Saturday, Jan. 17, 2026, beginning at 8:30 a.m., in the Community Room at the Dover Police Station on Chestnut Street.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee, Jan. 20, 5:30 p.m.

The Cocheco Waterfront Development Advisory Committee will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 20, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Council Conference, City Hall .

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Energy Commission, Jan. 21, 5:30 p.m.

The Energy Commission will hold a regular meeting on Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in

Current bid opportunities with the City of Dover

The City of Dover is currently accepting bids for the following projects:

- [Professional Consulting Services - Transportation Chapter of the Master Plan](#)

Current bid documents can be accessed on the Finance Department's [bid page](#). Vendors can also join the City's bid list by visiting the site.

For more information, contact the Finance and Purchasing Office at 603-516-6030.

the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Planning Board, Planning Technical Review Committee, Jan. 22, 10:30 a.m.

The Planning Board's Planning Technical Review Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 20, 2026, beginning at 10:30 a.m., in the Council Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

Conservation Commission, Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.

The Conservation Commission Open Lands Committee will hold a regular meeting on Thursday, Jan. 22, 2026, beginning at 5:30 p.m., in the First Floor Conference Room, City Hall.

To view the meeting agenda, [click here](#).

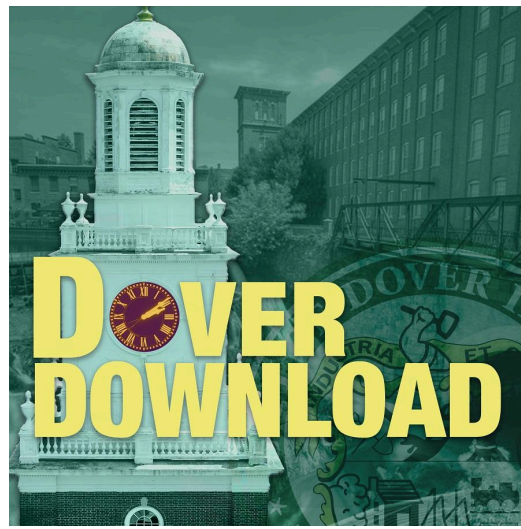
For a complete list of upcoming meetings, visit <https://www.dover.nh.gov/government/open-government/public-meetings/>.

Volunteer boards help keep Dover vibrant

The City of Dover is a vibrant community due in large part to the significant energy and talent of citizen participation on the city's many boards, committees, and commissions. Input from these boards, committees, and commissions helps guide Dover's policy decisions.

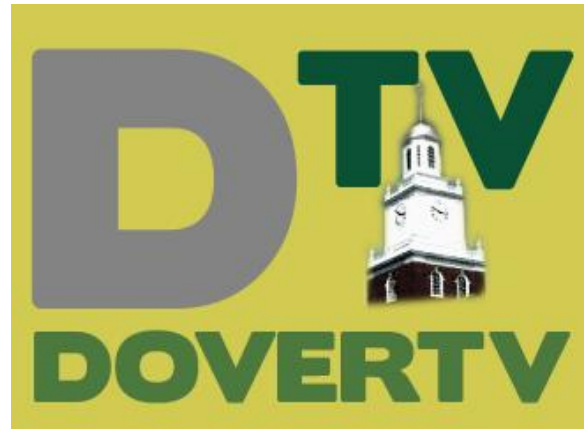
Want to get involved? There are currently committees seeking members to fill regular and alternate member vacancies, including:

- Conservation Commission
- Downtown Dover TIF
- Open Lands Committee



From Grilled Cheese to Gourmet: Chef Evan Hennessey's Culinary Evolution

In the latest episode of the Dover Download podcast, Deputy City Manager Christopher Parker chats with Chef Evan Hennessey, a Dover native who has become a prominent figure in the culinary scene. Listen wherever you get your podcasts or at <https://bit.ly/3Z9j9mY>



Missed the meeting? Catch it again online

Don't forget: If you missed the live City Council, School Board, Planning Board or Waterfront Committee meetings on DTV, you can catch them again, online and on demand.

Simply visit dovernh.viebit.com to begin watching meetings on demand. Online meetings are organized by agenda item for convenience.

- Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee
- Recreation Advisory Board
- Solid Waste Advisory Committee
- Waterfront TIF
- Zoning Board of Adjustment

The complete list of boards and committees can be found at www.dover.nh.gov/government/boards-and-commissions/

To apply, complete an application, [available here](#) and at the City Clerk's Office, and either drop it off at the Clerk's Office or email it to City Clerk Jerrica Vanslyvong-Bizier at j.bizier@dover.nh.gov. Applicants are welcome to apply to any board or commission. Applications are kept on file for one year.

The City Council appoints citizens to boards and commissions from recommendations of its Appointments Committee, which meets regularly to review applications.

Need to contact your elected representative?

The City of Dover makes it easy to reach out to your local, state, county and federal elected officials by providing contact information for City Councilors, state representatives and the New Hampshire congressional delegation.

Visit the City's online resource, [Find My Representative](#), for a complete list of local, county, state and federal elected officials, including contact information.

Want to contact your City Councilor, or wondering which councilor represents your ward? You can find out [more information about the City Council here](#).

Wondering what ward you live in? Access the [City of Dover's interactive ward map](#). The map also includes polling locations.

A list of School Board members and contact information [can be found here](#).

Dover Download 'Question of the Week'

We want to hear from you. In each edition of Dover Download, we're looking for your response to our question of the week. A new poll will appear each week in Dover Download, along with the results for the previous week. Participating is easy. Click on the link below to cast your vote.

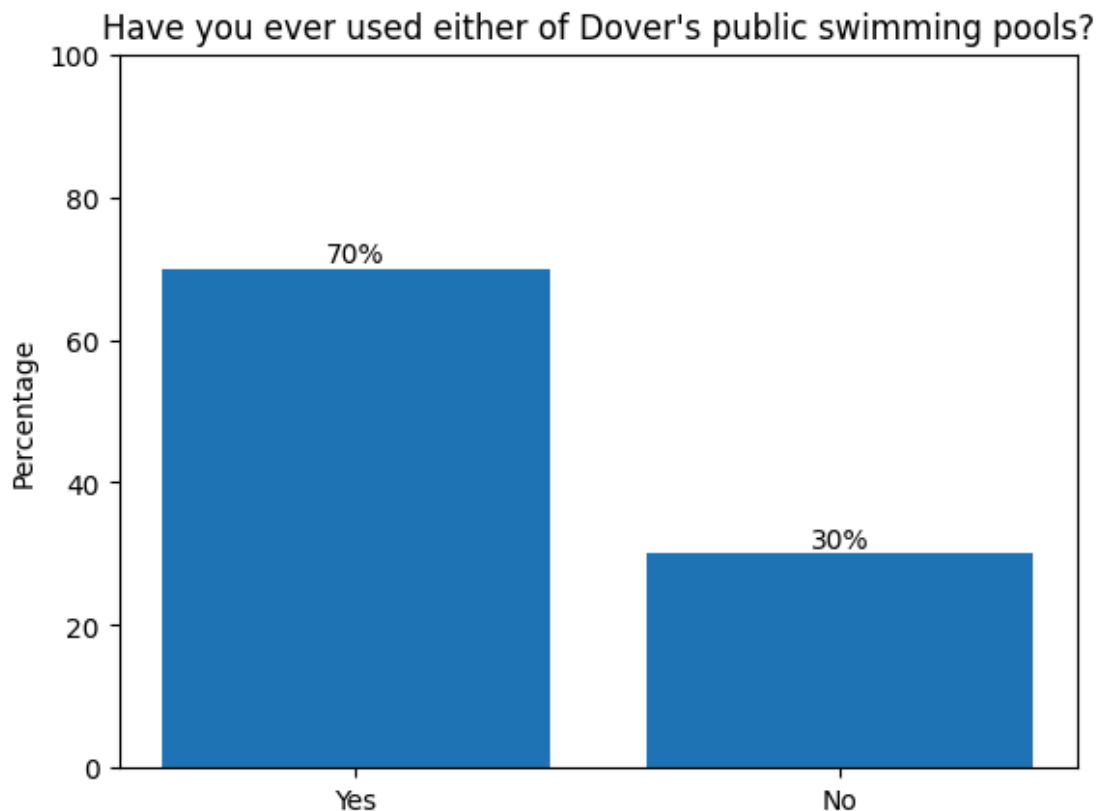
This week's question:

"Do you feel Dover is welcoming to visitors?"

Let us know here: <https://polco.us/mscsun>

Please note that if you don't already have an account with Polco, the city's polling system, you will be asked to create one. Responses are anonymous.

Here are the results from last week's poll, which asked, **"Have you ever used either of Dover's public swimming pools?"**



The following events are from various historical records, sources, and texts about the history of Dover.

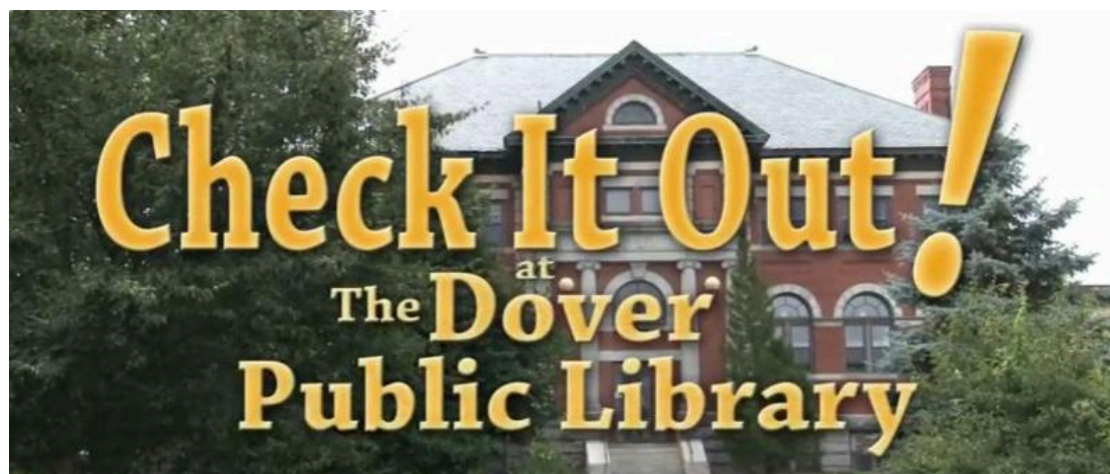
For more on the history of Dover, visit the Dover Public Library, Locust Street, and the Woodman Museum on Central Avenue. The Public Library also maintains an online collection of historical information [located here](#).

Jan. 16, 1766 — Lee, part of the original territory of Dover, and afterwards of Durham, is set off and incorporated as a town.

Jan. 22, 1770 — Residents voted to construct a new bridge over the Cochecho River at what was described as “the upper wharf below Capt. Waldron’s mills at the lower falls.” This location placed the bridge near one of the most active industrial areas in town. To fund the project, the town approved raising 200 pounds through taxation, a significant public investment at the time. Men hired to work on the bridge were to be paid two shillings per day, but were expected to provide their own food and supplies. This reflects common 18th-century labor practices, when wages were modest and workers often shouldered the cost of daily necessities. Not everyone was convinced the bridge should be built. A follow-up town meeting was held on Feb. 26, 1770, to consider whether the original vote should be reconsidered. After a formal poll of those present, residents voted not to reverse the decision, reaffirming their commitment to the project.

Jan. 20, 1910 — With complaints pouring in about horse racing on Sixth Street, the mayor vowed to end the sport. A speedway, wide enough for four or five horses, was proposed on Silver Street, starting at Arch Street. But local horsemen, not satisfied with the speedway plans, convinced the mayor to create a new speedway through Torr’s Woods on Durham Road.

Jan. 18, 2005 — Dover voters went to the polls for a special election to choose nine members of a Charter Commission, created after voters approved a referendum the previous November calling for a review of the city's governing document. The commission was charged with spending the next six months studying Dover's charter and proposing possible amendments, or an entirely new version of the document. The election drew a field of 35 candidates, the largest slate in a local race in many years. Central to the discussion were questions about whether Dover should move toward a "strong mayor" form of government. Voters ultimately selected a slate largely opposed to major structural changes. The nine winners, in order of votes received, were former State Rep. Phyllis Woods, former Police Chief Charles Reynolds, former Mayor Pro Tem Tom Dunnington Jr., local attorney Allan Krans, former Mayor Wil Boc, former Fire Chief David Bibber, former Fire Lt. Charles J. Mone, former City Councilor David Landry and former state House Rep. Gary Gilmore. Turnout was about 12 percent, which was low compared to a general election but higher than some had expected for a January special election.



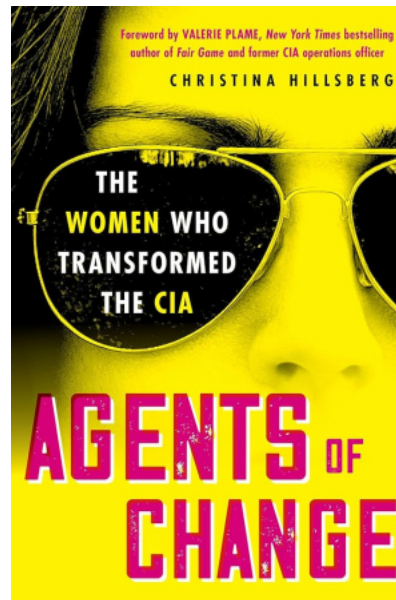
Discover the Fascinating Stories of the Women Who Transformed the CIA

Christina Hillsberg had a successful stint in the CIA beginning in the early 2000s but, when she left, she couldn't seem to shake the many stories she heard about women in the agency. Those who had sacrificed their personal lives, risked their safety, defied expectation, and boldly navigated the male-dominated spy organization.

On Wednesday, January 28 at 7 p.m., Hillsberg will join Dover Public Library virtually to talk about her new bestselling book, "Agents of Change: The Women Who Transformed the CIA". The program is in partnership with Tewksbury Public Library. [Register](#) to receive a link to the live stream.

In this presentation, Hillsberg will explore the pioneering women who changed the insulated world of international espionage — from the barrier-crashing challenges of the 1960s to the present-day reckoning.

Hillsberg's research includes exclusive interviews with current and former female CIA officers, many of whom have never spoken publicly. Seamlessly weaving together the individual stories of these exceptional women, Hillsberg deftly tackles not just the fight for gender equality at the CIA but also the current dilemma the Agency faces when dealing with the culmination of a decades-long culture of sexual harassment and assault. In this fascinating and empowering chronicle, Hillsberg takes readers inside the Agency in a way



that's never been done before, paying long-overdue tribute to the survivors and thrivers, the indispensable groundbreakers, and the defiant rabble-rousers who made the choice to change their lives and, in turn, changed history.

Hillsberg is the recipient of multiple CIA Exceptional Performance Awards. Her work at the CIA included specializing in African politics and leaders as one of the intelligence community's few Swahili and Zulu linguists, producing analytic assessments for senior-level policymakers including the president and his cabinet, and serving in the CIA's Directorate of Operations, clandestinely collecting intelligence from the field. A recognized expert on women in espionage and intelligence tradecraft, she is also the author of "License to Parent: How My Career as a Spy Helped Me Raise Resourceful, Self-Sufficient Kids". Her writing has been featured in The Washington Post, The Seattle Times, Harvard Business Review, Parents magazine, The Daily Beast, Parade, and more. She lives with her family in Boston, Massachusetts.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information or to sign up, visit the library's [website](#) or call (603) 516-6050. If unable to attend, the program will be recorded and sent via email within 48 hours of the live stream.

Cook for the Books fundraiser to support Dover Public Library

Does Chef Evan Hennessey have what it takes to turn mystery ingredients into an extraordinary three-course meal?

Find out Tuesday, Jan. 27, at 6:30 p.m. during Cook for the Books, a fundraiser sponsored by the Friends of the Dover Public Library to support the library's ongoing renovation.

During the live cooking event, three-time Chopped champion Chef Evan Hennessey will prepare original dishes at his restaurant, Stages, using ingredients selected by public vote.

A watch party will take place from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Chapel + Main, 83 Main St., Dover, with the live stream beginning at 6:30 p.m. The event will include appetizers, a light buffet, one cocktail or mocktail, raffles and a silent auction. A meet-and-greet with Hennessey will follow the cooking challenge at approximately 8:30 p.m.

[Watch party tickets](#) are \$75 and may be purchased by cash or check at the Dover Public Library's temporary location at the McConnell Center or online at galabid.com/cook-for-the-books. Event sponsors and donors include Kennebunk Bank, Chinburg Properties, The Truette and Brady-Sullivan Properties.

All proceeds will go toward furnishing the newly renovated library spaces. Donations are also welcome and may be made through the Friends of the Dover Library's GoFundMe page at friendsofthedoverlibrary.org.

Hennessey, a Dover native, first competed on the television series Chopped in 2018. He opened Stages in 2012, serving progressive New England cuisine made with locally and regionally sourced ingredients. His honors include being named a James Beard Award semifinalist for Best Chef: Northeast and receiving the Award of Excellence from the Chaine des Rotisseurs for outstanding food and service. Stages has been named one of the top 100 best restaurants in North America by Opinionated About Dining for eight consecutive years.

For more information, visit library.dover.nh.gov or call 603-516-6050. The library has temporarily relocated to the McConnell Center during the renovation of its main building. The Children's Room is located in Room 305, while adult and teen services are available in the McConnell Center cafeteria. Library hours are Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; and Sunday, noon to 4 p.m.

To hear more about the event and learn more about Evan Hennessey, tune in to next week's [Dover Download podcast](#), where Deputy Manager Christopher Parker chats with Hennessey about his local roots, his career, and the upcoming Library fundraiser.

This Week at the Library

Monday, January 19, Library Closed
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Tuesday, January 20, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Adult Knitting Group

McConnell Center Cafeteria

This group is open to anyone who has a love for knitting, crocheting, and related fiber arts. All levels are welcome no instructions provided! Please bring your works-in-progress and any finished objects you would like to show off.

Tuesday, January 20, 10 to 10:30 a.m.

Baby Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join for movement, songs, books, and rhymes. For babies 0-24 months with caregiver.

Tuesday, January 20, 3:45 to 4:30 p.m.
Don't Let the Book Club Drive the Bus!
McConnell Center, Room 306

Are you a picture book lover? Join the monthly book group all about picture books! In January, we'll be reading books by Mac Barnett. No need to read anything ahead of time, just show up, enjoy a good story, and do a little crafting. Ages 7-10.

Tuesday, January 20, 6 to 7 p.m.
Learn to Use Libby: Drop In Session
McConnell Center, Room 306

Discover Free Audiobooks & Ebooks with Libby! This easy-to-use app lets you borrow thousands of audiobooks and ebooks straight to your phone, tablet, or laptop — all with your Dover resident library card. Drop by our casual help session with Nick and Rachel, who'll walk you through getting Libby set up on your device. No registration, no stress — just bring your device, your library card and we'll handle the rest.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 10 to 10:30 a.m.
Family Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Children of all ages with caregivers are invited to attend this program with stories, fingerplays, songs, and puppets.

Thursday, January 22, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Arts and Crafts Storytime

McConnell Center, Room 306

Arts and Crafts Storytime is for children ages 3-5 who are ready to attend storytime independently, without a caregiver. Each session will focus on a different theme. Books, songs, rhymes, and an art activity will all be part of the fun. *Registration required.*

Thursday, Jan. 22, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cocheco River Writers

McConnell Center, Room 306

Join a community of local writers on the fourth Thursday of every month. Discuss ideas, get tips, and share your work with others in a low-key, inviting atmosphere. Whether you want to write creatively for fun or for publication, this group is a great way to hone your craft!

Friday, January 23, 10 to 11 a.m.

Family Place Workshop

City Hall Auditorium

Spend time together, play, make friends and talk one-on-one with specialists on child development during this enjoyable 5-week workshop series. For caregivers and children one to four years old. Topics include early literacy, child development, speech, hearing and language, nutrition, and music, play and health.

Registration required.

Saturday, January 24, 10 to 10:45 a.m.

Family Dance with The Suite Studio

McConnell Center, Room 306

Families are invited to come dance with Jenna from The Suite Studio! You are welcome to wear/hold your babies while you modify the dance moves, or they can nap/watch from their bucket seat while you dance. For kids who are able to walk, and for those kids who are older and have sick dance moves themselves, they can dance beside you! However your body moves is the RIGHT way! Come for some fun and some good laughs.

Saturday, January 24, 2 to 3 p.m.

Lego Club

McConnell Center, Room 306

Weds, Jan. 21, 10:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Caregiver Cafe

Dover Chamber of Commerce

Join Cornerstone VNA for a morning of support, education, and conversation.

Loved ones are welcome.

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

All Abilities Club: Legos

Great Bay Services

Join us in building with Legos. Use your imagination to make your own creation or try one of the challenges provided.

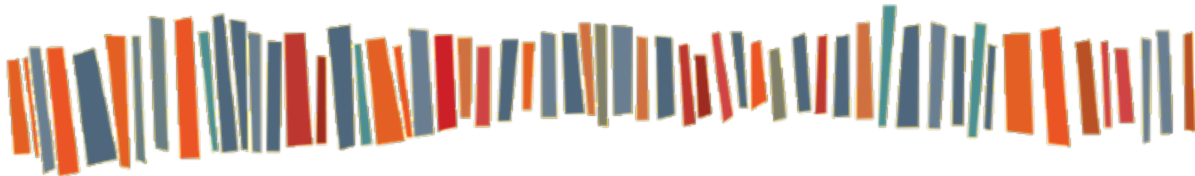
Wednesday, January 21, 7 to 8 p.m.

Virtual: How Librarians Became The Unlikely Spies of WWII

Register: <https://ow.ly/llpU50XVTyF>

Author Elyse Graham will discuss her new book, "Book and Dagger: How Scholars and Librarians Became the Unlikely Spies of World War II," the true untold story of the academics who became OSS spies, invented modern spycraft, and helped turn the tide of the war to defeat the Nazis.

Come build at Lego Club! There will be a specific "Challenge-of-the-day" to work on or you can build from your imagination. This is a family event for people age 5-99. All LEGO creations stay at the library. CAUTION: Legos are a choking hazard to children under the age of 3.





Energy Tips from Dover's Energy Commission

LEARN HOW TO MAKE YOUR HOME MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT

Your home may qualify for a free energy audit that can help you earn energy efficiency incentives and rebates.

- Free home energy audit through the NH Home Energy Performance program for qualifying residents
- Save up to 75% on weatherization costs (up to \$6,000) or 100% covered for income-eligible Eversource customers
- Lower your energy bills and enjoy a more comfortable, draft-free home

To see if you qualify, visit:
nhsaves.com/residential/weatherization/



Does your house have a draft? Do you fear looking at your heating bills?

You may qualify for a free energy audit through the New Hampshire Home Energy Performance (HEP) program. This program is a comprehensive approach to optimizing energy efficiency and comfort in your home.

When you sign up and qualify, you will receive an email to schedule a free home energy audit. Your auditor will test your home's insulation and look for any problem areas. Then, your utility-approved contractor will prepare a detailed work proposal outlining all recommended improvements and available incentives. Once approved, the scope of work will be installed. Then a quality control inspector reviews the project.

This program covers up to 75% of project costs up to \$6,000.

If you are an Eversource customer and your household income falls at or below 100 percent of the State Median Income, you may qualify for an enhanced version of the Home Energy Performance offering. The Home Energy Assistance (HEA) program covers 100% of the cost to weatherize.

To see if you qualify, visit nhsaves.com/residential/weatherization/.

To apply, you will need your home's conditioned square footage and one year of heating fuel usage history.

Critical need for blood donors

Every day, thousands of patients rely on lifesaving blood donations. The need for blood is constant.

More donors, especially those with type O blood, are needed to ensure that patients have lifesaving blood products available for emergencies and regular medical treatments, including for accident and burn victims, heart surgery and organ transplant patients, and those battling cancer.



**American
Red Cross**

Schedule a blood donation appointment through the [Red Cross Blood Donor App](#), visiting [RedCrossBlood.org](#), or calling 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). [Learn more about](#) the donation process.

Upcoming blood donation opportunities in Dover

- Tuesday, Jan. 20, 12 to 5 p.m., [Dover Moose Hall](#), 45 Chestnut St.
- Tuesday, Feb. 3, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., [St. Mary Church](#), 25 Chestnut St.
- Tuesday, Feb. 17, 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., [Bill Dube Ford/Toyota](#), 40 Dover Point Road
- Thursday, Feb. 19, 12:30 to 5:30 p.m., [Dover Baptist Church](#), 151 Washington St.

City of Dover employment opportunities

Want to work for the City of Dover? The City's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and a downloadable application for employment. The City of Dover is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Police Officer**
- **Swim Instructor, Part-Time**
- **Lifeguard I, Part-Time**
- **Fire Fighter/AEMT**
- **Diesel Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Mechanic**
- **Heavy Equipment Operator I-Utilities**
- **Seasonal Snow Plow Driver, Part-Time**
- **Lab Technician - Water Resources**
- **Utilities Supervisor**
- **Health/Fire Life Safety Officer**
- **Municipal Construction Project Administrator**
- **Prevention Programmer**
- **Custodian, Part-Time**
- **Laborer - Public Works Streets & Stormwater**
- **Truck Driver - Streets**
- **Maintenance Specialist - Utilities**
- **Fire Chief**
- **Public Safety Dispatcher**

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Dover School District employment opportunities

Want to work for the Dover School District? The District's website offers an updated list of open positions, including job descriptions and online applications. The District is now seeking applications for the following positions:

- **Special Education Teacher/Case Manager**
- **Long Term Substitute Grade 7 Special Education**
- **Spanish Teacher**
- **Substitute Teachers**

- **DALC Teacher-English for Speakers of other Languages (ESL)**
- **Social Studies Teacher**
- **Paraprofessionals**
- **Noon Supervisors**
- **Noon Aide**
- **Long Term Substitute - Speech Language Pathologist**
- **Credit Recovery Proctor**
- **Summer School Proctor**

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