



# City Manager's

# NEWSLETTER

February 22, 2019

## Concord Reads 2019 title and event schedule announced

This year's selection for Concord Reads, the annual city-wide literary event organized by the Concord Public Library and community partners, is *Ghost of the Innocent Man: A True Story of Trial and Redemption* by New Hampshire native Benjamin Rachlin. Benjamin will be at Red River Theatres in Concord on May 2 at 7 p.m.

*Ghost of the Innocent Man* tells the heart-wrenching story of an innocent man's twenty-five years in prison and a relentless champion's efforts to prove his innocence. Wrought with examples of the shortcomings of the country's criminal justice system, the story is also suffused with hope and the possibility of meaningful reform as it follows the efforts of the people working to change the system. With an overarching theme of the roles of race and class in wrongful conviction, this title is sure to spark engaging and important conversation in the Concord Community.

During the event at Red River, Benjamin Rachlin will give a presentation on his writing process followed by a Q&A session hosted by Peter Biello of New Hampshire Public Radio (NHPR). Following the Q&A, Benjamin will sign books and copies will be available for purchase. This event is free and open to the public. Copies of *Ghost of the Innocent Man* are available for checkout at the Concord Public Library and its branches and the eBook & eAudio-

book can be downloaded from the library website at [www.concordpubliclibrary.net](http://www.concordpubliclibrary.net).

This year, Concord Reads programming will kick off with a wrongful conviction themed panel discussion at NHTI's Grappone Hall, Room 301 on Wednesday, 3/13 at 7 p.m. The panel, which will be moderated by Jason Moon of NHPR and host of the Bear Brook podcast, will consist of

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**MEET AUTHOR BENJAMIN RACHLIN AT RED RIVER THEATRES ON MAY 2ND AT 7PM.**  
 Benjamin will discuss his writing process and answer questions from NHPR's Peter Biello and the audience

Concord Reads is a citywide literary event encouraging community members to read and discuss the same book.

Visit [concordpubliclibrary.net/concordreads](http://concordpubliclibrary.net/concordreads) for more information about this year's book, author, and exciting slate of programming.

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Cynthia Mousseau – NH Staff Attorney for the New England Innocence Project, Sean Ellis –who was incarcerated for 21 years before being exonerated with the help of the New England Innocence Project, Gilles Bissonnette – Legal Director at the ACLU-NH, and Don Topham – a Hillsborough County Assistant Attorney.

Concord Reads was launched 17 years ago by a group of local residents who teamed up with the public library to forge community connections by encouraging citizens of all ages and backgrounds to read and discuss the same book. According to the American Library Association, “One Community, One Book” programs have been established nationwide as communities “embraced the notion of civic unity through the reading of literature.” As part of an ongoing partnership between Concord Reads and Concord High School, a number of CHS students will be reading *Ghost of the Innocent Man* and Benjamin Rachlin will be meeting with them in addition to his appearance at Red River Theatres.

To find out more about Concord Reads, *Ghost of the Innocent Man*, and this year’s slate of programming, visit the Concord Reads website at [www.concordpubliclibrary.net/concordreads](http://www.concordpubliclibrary.net/concordreads), or contact Nicole Schulze at [nschulze@concordnh.gov](mailto:nschulze@concordnh.gov).

**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

All Concord Reads events are free and open to the public. Please note varying locations.

**Wrongfully Convicted: A Panel Discussion**

March 13th @7pm at NHTI (31 College Dr.) Grappone Hall Rm. 301

With an attorney from the New England Innocence Project, a local exoneree, Legal Director at ACLU-NH, & an Assistant Hillsborough County Attorney. Moderated by NHPR’s Jason Moon.

**Concord Reads Film Festival - Snacks Provided**

Shawshank Redemption - 3/21 @5:30pm, Concord Public Library

The Fugitive - 3/28 @5:30pm, Concord Public Library

Chinatown - 4/3 @7pm, NHTI (31 College Dr.) Sweeney Auditorium

**Do You Know Where Your DNA is?**

April 16th @7pm at UNH-Law (2 White St.) Rm. 282

With Buzz Scherr, Chair of the Int’l Law & Justice Program at UNH Law.

**Concord Reads Trivia Night - Prizes for Top Winners!**

April 25th @7pm at Lithermans Limited (126 Hall St., Unit B)

**Book Discussions at NHTI Library Living Room**

The Two Faces of Justice - 2/26 @5pm

Victimization and Social Order - 4/10 @1:30pm

**Children’s Programs at Concord Public Library**

Empowerment Wall - drop in project - Month of March

STEAM Team Get A Clue - DNA & Fingerprinting hands on activities - 3/20 @3pm

Social Justice Storytime - 4/25 @3pm

**Author Presentation and Q&A**

May 2nd @7pm at Red River Theatres (11 S. Main St.)

With author Benjamin Rachlin and host Peter Biello of NHPR.

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Every once in a while, you’re going to hit a great shot into the green and have a few feet left for birdie. It’s a double edged sword: exciting that you’ve hit such a nice shot, but that upcoming putt is terrifying and can feel easy to miss.

If it’s going to go in, the ball needs to start on the right line. To do that, think of the back palm like a second putter face. Your back palm needs to look in the direction of the hole, because it’s determining the direction of the putter face. If you can keep that palm on the right line, you’re going to keep your putter face square, and on the right line; so your ball is going to roll on the right line, too. Grip pressure is also key to consistency in the putting stroke. Our grip can be firm or light but NEVER! tight. Matching the pressure of your hands to the rhythm of your putting stroke will help more putts fall.

**Ice season almost over at Everett Arena**



Ice season at the Everett Arena is almost over! This Saturday, February 23 is the last Saturday session for public ice skating, while March 3 will be the last Sunday ice skating session. Weekday skating sessions will continue through March 15. Skating hours are 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Sundays. Admission is \$5 (free for ages 3 and under) and skate rentals are available at the Pro Shop for \$5.

Adult stick practice (ages 14 and up) continues Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. to 11:20 a.m. through March 15. Admission is \$10 (free entry for goalies). Helmet and gloves are required (full equipment recommended). The Pro Shop is open daily from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. during the ice season. Sharpen your skates at the Pro Shop for only \$6! Find more information at [www.concordnh.gov/skating](http://www.concordnh.gov/skating).





## SNOW RABBIT TRAIL GROOMING AT BEAVER MEADOW

Concord Parks & Recreation is excited to have the opportunity to groom with the Snow Rabbit 3X thanks to Paul from Track Inc. East/Getsno. Staff enjoyed seeing what the machine can do! Beaver Meadow Trails have never looked better!

## NORDIC SKI RACES AT BEAVER MEADOW GOLF COURSE

Join CHS & Concord Nordic BKL for our First Annual Ski Race!

**Saturday February 23, 2019**

1 Beaver Meadow Dr. Concord, NH.

### Schedule of Events

8:30 am	Registration & bib pick up begins for all races
9:30 am	Nordic BKL races  Lollipop Pre-K & Kindergarten 9:30 distance .1K Grades 1-2 9:45 distance .5K Grades 3-4 10:15 distance 1K Grades 5-6 11:00 distance 2K  *Awards to follow
11:30 am	Citizens Race distance 5K



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#### Registration Information:

All participants will register day of.

Registration fee: \$5.00

For more information please contact race organizers:

Joe Ayotte joseph.ayotte@gmail.com

Laura Bryant lbryant@concordnh.gov

Participants and spectators can also enjoy refreshments at the 19th Hole and skating at Beaver Meadow Pond.

It will be a fun filled winter day for all!



**Spring brochure  
AVAILABLE NOW!**

Check out our [2019 Spring Brochure](#) packed full with information! We are offering several new programs including cooking classes, pre-school programs, a youth floor hockey league, new adult classes and much more. We also have included several of our summer camps. Registration is open now!

