



1st Wednesdays

Newport

Goodrich Memorial Library • 7:00 PM • 802.334.7902

OCTOBER 2 • Barry Deitz The Game's Afoot

Scholar Barry Deitz looks at the life and times of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of Sherlock Holmes. He discusses the inspiration for Holmes and examines what other writers, actors, and directors have done with the character over the past 130 years.

Underwriter: Stanstead College

NOVEMBER 6 • Josie Leavitt So This Happened: A Comic Confronts Cancer

In early 2018, award-winning comic and storyteller Josie Leavitt was diagnosed with breast cancer. In her solo show *So This Happened*, she takes the audience on her almost year-long cancer journey, pulling no punches in an intimate performance about her treatment.

DECEMBER 4 • Mark Breen Vermont's Climate: Past, Present, and Future

Mark Breen, Senior Meteorologist at the Fairbanks Museum and host of VPR's *Eye on the Sky* forecast, looks at Vermont's ever-changing climate, using past events to put today's changes into perspective, and discusses what these changes suggest for the future.

Underwriter: Richard and Kathy White

JANUARY 8 • Julie Kalish Finding Your Voice in 2020

For those with New Year's resolutions to write or those just wanting to write more clearly and deliberately, Dartmouth writing instructor Julie Kalish leads an interactive exploration of the principles of context, audience, tone, purpose, and message.

Underwriter: Passumpsic Bank FDIC

FEBRUARY 5 • Patricia Julien Stories about Composing Music

Accompanied by recorded and live performances, musician and UVM professor Patricia Julien discusses the interplay between words and music, and the ways in which literature has influenced the process of her music composition.

Underwriter: University of Vermont Humanities Center

MARCH 4 • Jessamyn West Vermont's 183 Libraries

Sharing history, trivia, and photographs, librarian Jessamyn West reflects on her quest to visit Vermont's 183 public libraries. Come learn about Vermont's live-in libraries, the history of Vermont's bookmobiles, and why there are old shoes in one library's display case.

APRIL 1 • Melanie Finn Writing Naked

Writing can be a state of emotional undress, requiring ruthless self-honesty to write passionately and authentically. Author Melanie Finn—whose fictional worlds feature drug use, unhappy marriages, and child abuse—talks about the boundaries between a writer's private life and her work.

Underwriter: Peter Gilbert Endowment Fund

MAY 6 • Russell Muirhead Conspiracy Theory and Democracy Today

Conspiracy theories are as old as politics. Dartmouth professor Russell Muirhead explores how "conspiracy without theory" has moved from the fringes to the heart of government within the last decade. He discusses how this new form differs from classic conspiracy theory and suggests what can be done to resist it.

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