

Dear Beacon Society,

I am pleased and honored to be the recipient of funding from the Jan Stauber Grant Program for my Sherlock Week of activities for children and adults in Keene, NH. It took place at the Keene Public Library, who co-sponsored the event along with the Edge Ensemble Theatre company, my scion the Monadnock Sherlockians, and of course with funding from the Beacon Society. The weeklong events took place from July 15-24th, 2022.

The events began Friday July 15th with an interactive film of the animated family-friendly film *Sherlock Gnomes*. Here, children and their families were given props and words to say at particular times, and of course dance as well. A good time was had by all, and children got to keep magnifying glasses so they can search like Sherlock. The event was sponsored by the Keene Public Library.

On Monday July 18th, a lecture was given on Sherlock Holmes in Pop Culture entitled (Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes by Dr. Ann McClellan, Associate Provost at Plymouth State University. Her talk was informative and thought provoking as she explored the impact of Sherlock Holmes images in our society, and around the world. Ann gave this talk as part of the NH Humanities Council and was sponsored by the Keene Public Library. NH resident David Beffa-Negrini also displayed his fine collection of Sherlock Holmes-related games from around the world. One game was from the 1880's!

On Tuesday July 19th, Waldorf teacher, Monica Marshall, and Director of Education and Community outreach at Keene's Colonial Theatre, Vicky Pittman, along with myself presented an interactive dramatic reading of the *Attack of the Violet Vampire*, a children's Sherlock Holmes story by Derrick Belanger. Derrick and his brother Brian of Belanger Books were in attendance and signed and gave out some of their books aimed at children, which were purchased with Jan Stauber grant money. The dramatic reading, complete with costumes, was followed by a John Watson Birthday party, complete with plastic Bowler hats and stick-on mustaches, and of course cupcakes with mustache rings. The event was sponsored by the Monadnock Sherlockians, which provided the costumes and cupcakes, and the Beacon Society, which provided the books.

Also on Tuesday, a mystery puppet show was provided by Keene Public Library. Derrick and Brian Belanger were in attendance and signed and gave out their books to children in attendance. Leftover cupcakes were also provided to students in attendance. Later that evening, the library sponsored a Sherlock Holmes trivia night.

On Wednesday, July 20th, Derrick Belanger of Belanger Books gave his talk How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes, where he worked with students to develop characters and plot for a new

Sherlock Holmes story. Derrick, with parent permission, took the names of the children in attendance and will give them author credit when he completes the story and publishes it in a future Belanger book. Each child will receive a free copy of the completed story. Derrick signed and gave out copies of his children's Sherlock Holmes books to those in attendance. Sponsored by the Beacon Society. That evening the library showed the film *Mr. Holmes* free of charge.

On Thursday July 21st, I, along with Vicky Pittman, ran a Sherlock Holmes Forensics Lab, where children moved among stations of fingerprinting, invisible ink pens with secret messages to decode and create, and solving ciphers and puzzles. Students also tried their hand at decoding messages written in the Dancing Men substitution cipher. Students in attendance got to keep their fingerprint cards, an invisible ink pen, a magnifying glass, and copies of puzzle and ciphers to decode, sponsored by The Beacon Society. Children in attendance were also given copies of Belanger Children's books, sponsored by the Jan Stauber Grant.

On Thursday evening through Sunday July 24th, adults and children were invited to watch free of charge, four radio plays, complete with Foley sound effects, singers and a violinist that featured four Sherlock Holmes pastiches: Derrick Belanger's *Yes, Virginia there is a Sherlock Holmes*, Mark Twain's *Sherlock Holmes Goes West*, Vincent Starrett's *The Unique Hamlet*, and August Derleth's *The Adventure of the Late Mr. Faversham*. This event was sponsored by the Keene Public Library, the Edge Ensemble Theatre Company, and The Monadnock Sherlockians. These plays were filmed and will be soon available for viewing on the Edge Ensemble's YouTube Channel.

The goal of Sherlock Week was to to build awareness of and foster an appreciation for Arthur Conan Doyle and his Sherlock Holmes stories to local youth and adults, and I believe we have accomplished this goal. The forty books purchased through Jan Stauber grant money were given out to children in attendance of the week's events. Children also got to hear stories and watch a film with Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson characters. They learned about how Sherlock Holmes goes about solving crimes and puzzles, and even got a chance to write their own Sherlock Holmes story. Children and parents were enthusiastic about the events of Sherlock week and expressed that they enjoyed themselves. Five adults expressed an interest in joining the Monadnock Sherlockians scion. The Sherlock Holmes radio plays were well attended and enjoyed by all.

Thank you so much to the Beacon Society and to the Jan Stauber Grant Committee for your support in making this project a reality. Your funds went to purchase 40 books from Belanger books which were distributed during Sherlock week, and to purchase the printing of the posters for the radio plays, and for the purchase of the forensic lab materials including fingerprinting sets, puzzle and ciphers books, and invisible ink pens and paper. I have attached photos from the events, including programs of the week's events. The library did not allow the photography

of children, without the permission of parents. The material and books supplied by the Beacon Society were on display throughout the week.

With much appreciation,

Anna Behrens

Leader, Monadnock Sherlockian Scion

Keene, NH

SHERLOCK WEEK AT KEENE PUBLIC LIBRARY!



FRIDAY JULY 15 - 6:30 PM: interactive film **Sherlock Gnomes**

MONDAY JULY 18 - 11:00 AM: *(Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes.* Presenter Ann McClellan of the NH Humanities. (suggested ages 12-adult)

TUESDAY JULY 19th

11:00 AM: *Attack of the Violet Vampire* interactive story followed by **Dr. Watson's Birthday Party.** (suggested ages 7-12)

1:00 PM: *Jack Tuesday: Fairy Tale Investigator Puppet Show* (suggested ages 5-10).

WEDNESDAY JULY 20 - 11:00 AM: *How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes.* Presented by author Derrick Belanger
(Suggested ages 8 and above).

Film showing - Mr. Holmes

THURSDAY, JULY 21 - 11:00 AM: **Sherlock Holmes Forensics Lab,** (suggested ages 8-12).

Live Play Performances by The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company:

THURSDAY JULY 21 - 7:00 PM and SUNDAY JULY 24 - 2:00 PM

The Adventure of the Late Mr. Faversham by August Derleth
and *Sherlock Holmes Goes West* by Mark Twain

FRIDAY JULY 22 - 7:00 PM and SATURDAY JULY 23 - 2:00 PM

The Adventure of the Unique Hamlet by Vincent Starrett
and *Yes, Virginia, There Is a Sherlock Holmes* by Derrick Belanger

All events are free and open to the public.

**Sponsored by Keene Public Library, The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company and The
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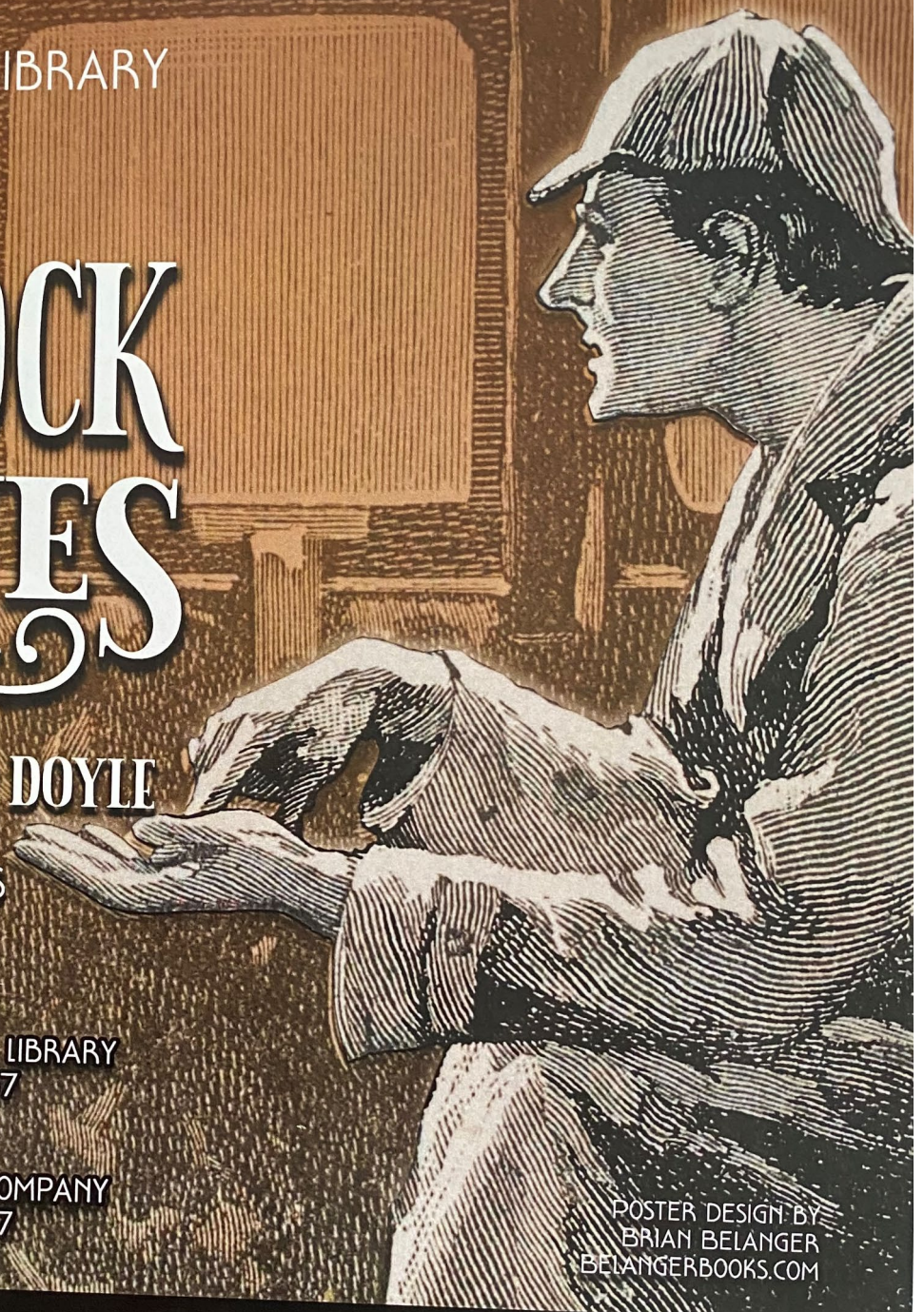
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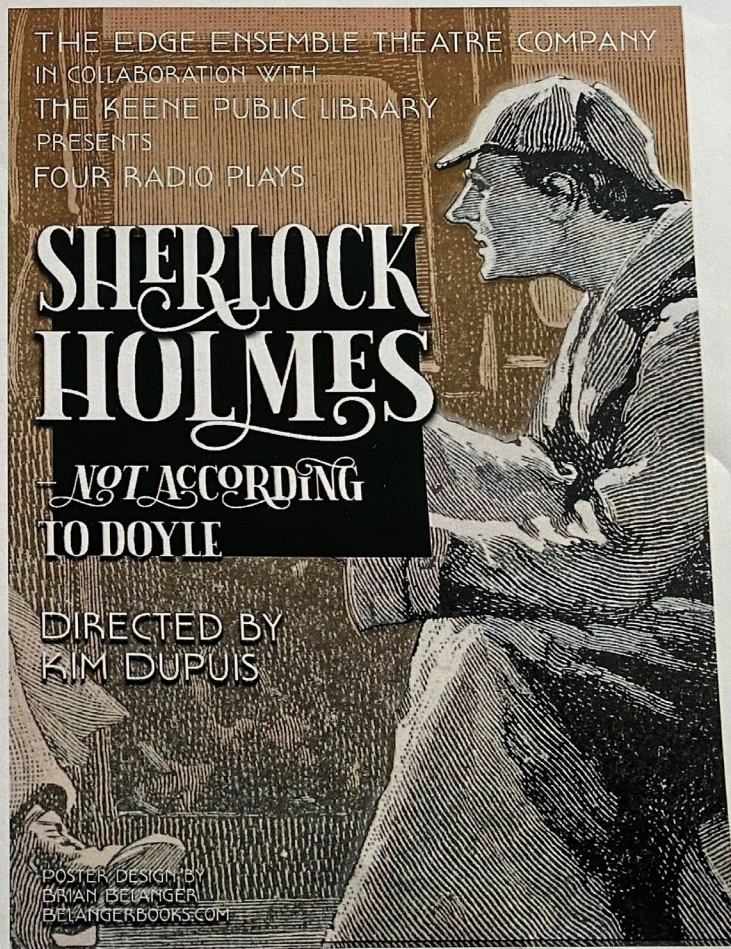


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THE ADVENTURE OF THE LATE MR. FAVERSHAM
By August Derleth
Directed by Kim Dupuis

Damien Licata – Solar Pons
John McMahon -- Dr. Lyndon Parker
Andrew Bosworth – Constable Mecker
Elizabeth McCollum – Dr. Dannel
Lindsay Bartlett – Dr. Fessenden
Erik Bell – Dr. Hans von Ruda

Performed with permission of the August Derleth Estate.

15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

THE ADVENTURE OF THE UNIQUE HAMLET
By Vincent Starrett
Directed by Tristan Shawley

Damien Licata – Sherlock Holmes
Meg Kupiec – Doctor Watson
Erik Bell – Harrington Edwards
Tom Bernstock – Sir Nathaniel Brooke-Bannerman
Liz Panneton – Maid

15-MINUTE INTERMISSION

SHERLOCK HOLMES GOES WEST
Based on a story by Mark Twain
Directed by Catherine Behrens

Marilyn Simons – Narrator/Old Joe
Elizabeth McCollum – Fetlock Jones/Mrs. Hogan
Erik Bell – Archie Stillman/Flint Buckner
Brian Belanger – Sherlock Holmes
Tom Bernstock – Stevens
John McMahon – Riley
Andrew Bosworth – Hillyer
Liz Panneton – Peterson

production is part of a *Sherlock Holmes Week* that is a collaboration among *The Keene Public Library, The Edge Ensemble, and The Monadnock Sherlockians.*

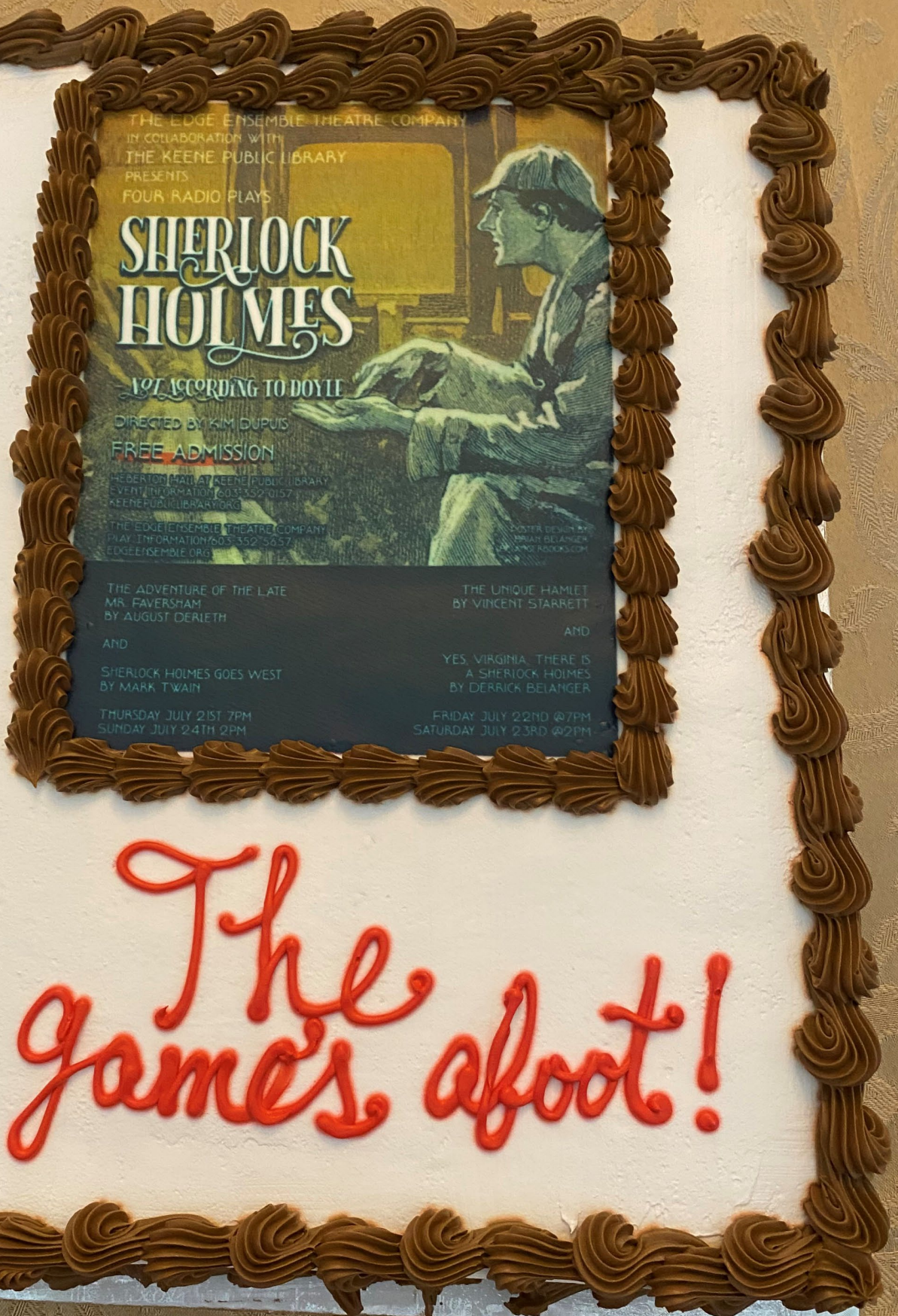
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ign Team: Set, *Susan Sanders*; Costumes, *Company*; Props, *Panneton, Rene Doyle*; Lights, *Kim Dupuis*; Sound, *David Teubner, Mark DiPietro*; Poster, *Brian Belanger*
Videographer, *David Teubner*

YES, VIRGINIA, THERE IS A SHERLOCK HOLMES
By Derrick Belanger
Directed by Catherine Behrens

PeggyRae Johnson – Omniscient Narrator
John McMahon – Bert Provencher
Brian Belanger – Sherlock Holmes/ Marty/Mendelssohn
Tom Bernstock – David/Stage Manager
Meg Kupiec – Virginia/Agnes/Young Lady
Erik Bell – Sully/Cecil
Liz Panneton – Clyde
Rene Doyle - Peter

Featuring *The Edge Radio Singers* performed by *Meg Kupiec, Lindsay Bartlett, Nicole Colson, Elizabeth McCollum, Liz Panneton, Rene Doyle*
Violin - *Rowan Gemma*
Foley Artists:
Liz Panneton, Ren Doyle, Lindsay Bartlett
Off-Air Dialogue by
Catherine Behrens, Kim Dupuis, Anna Behrens



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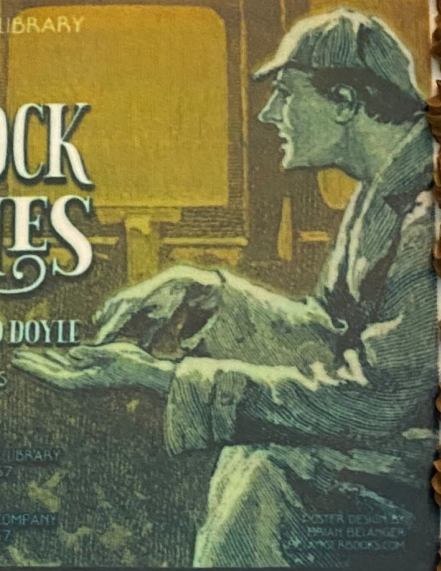
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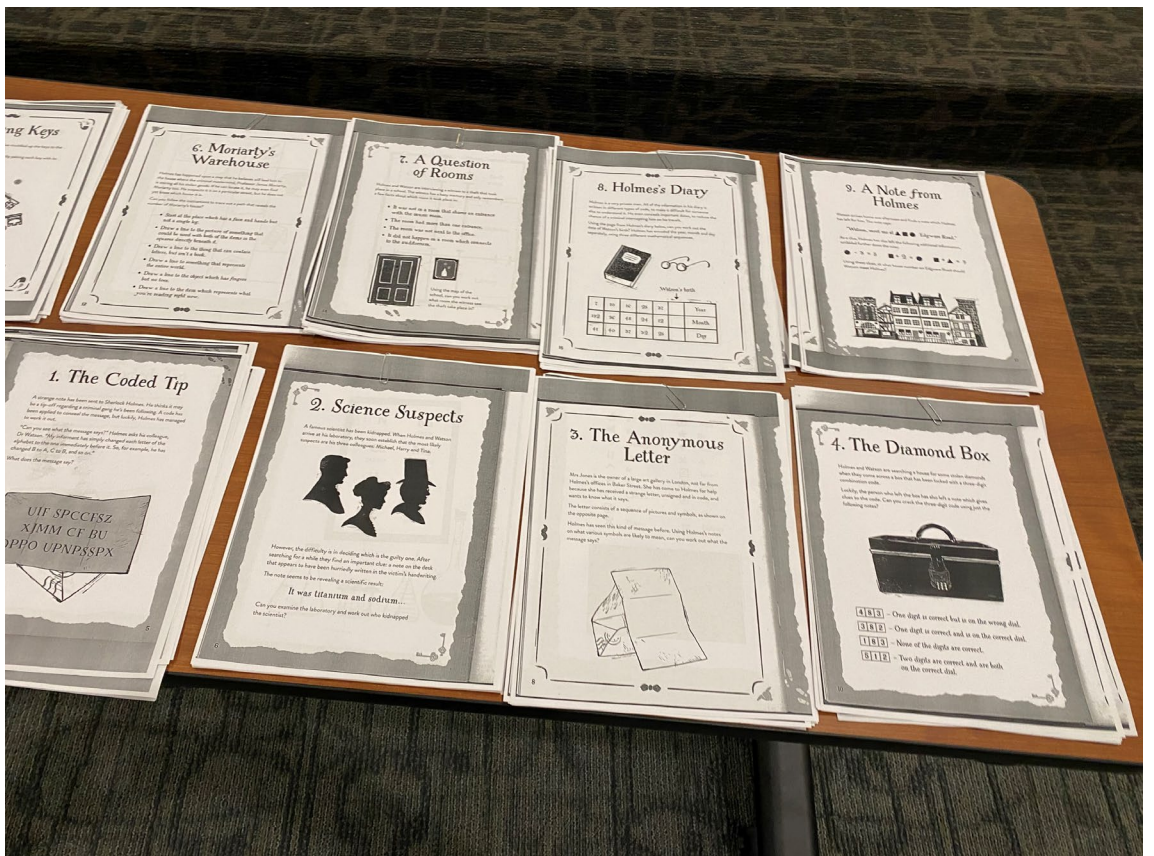
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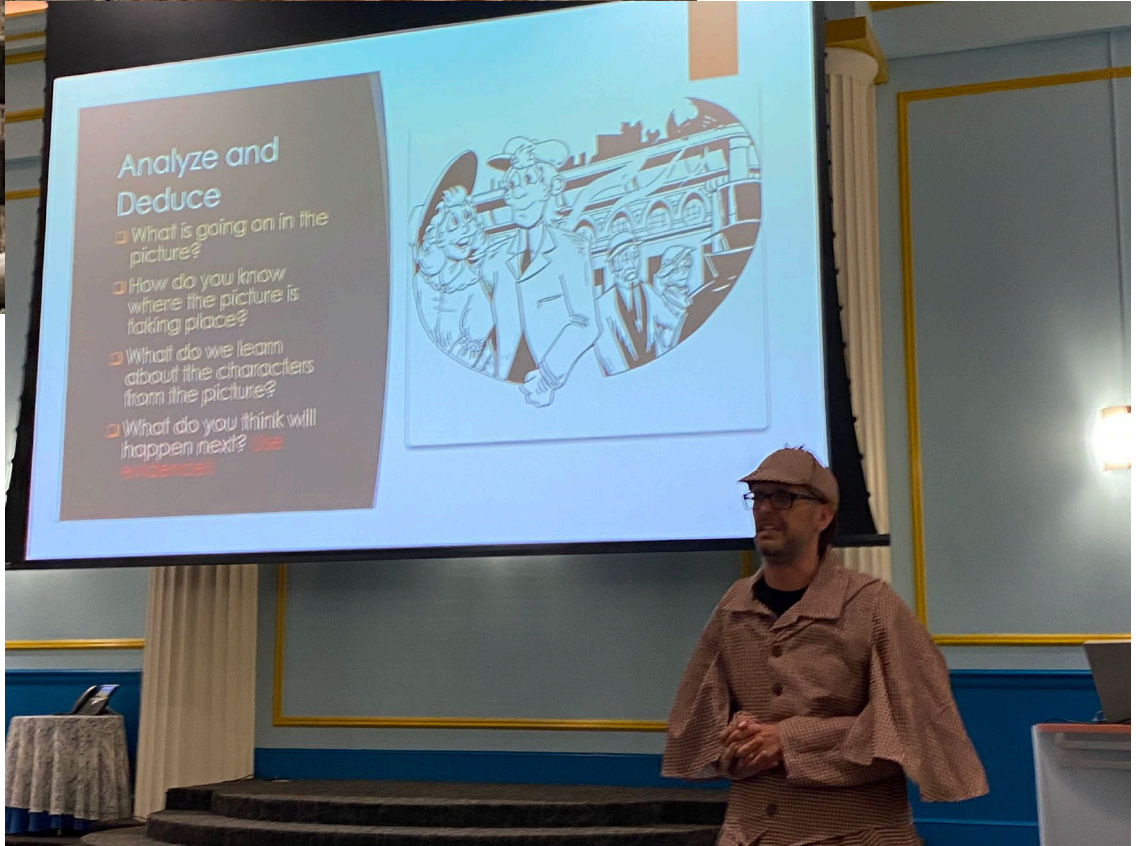
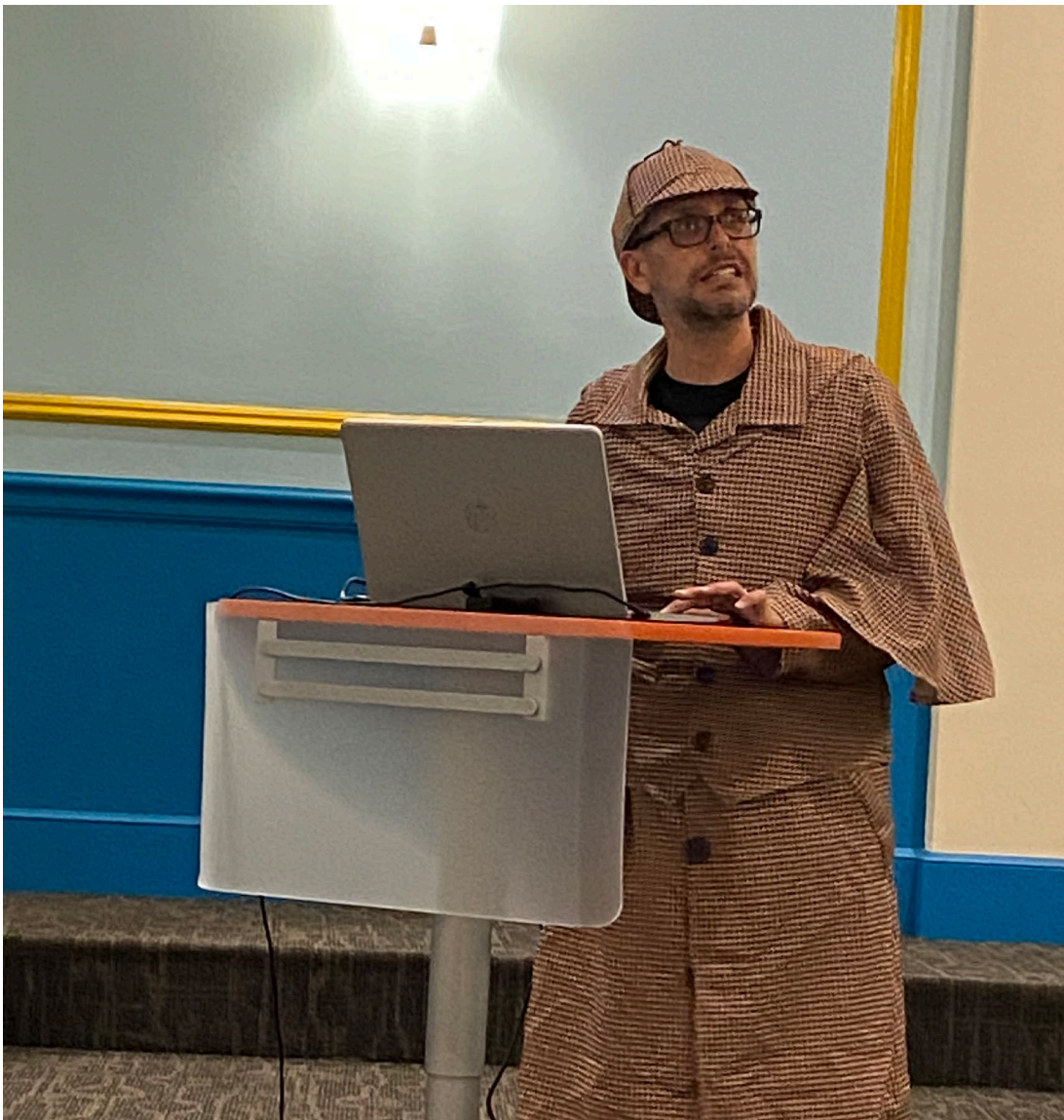






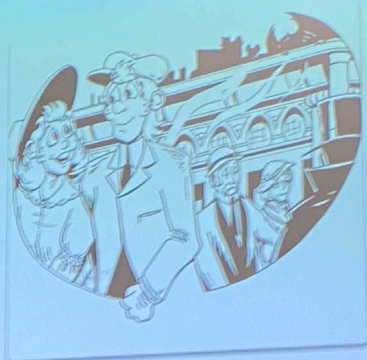




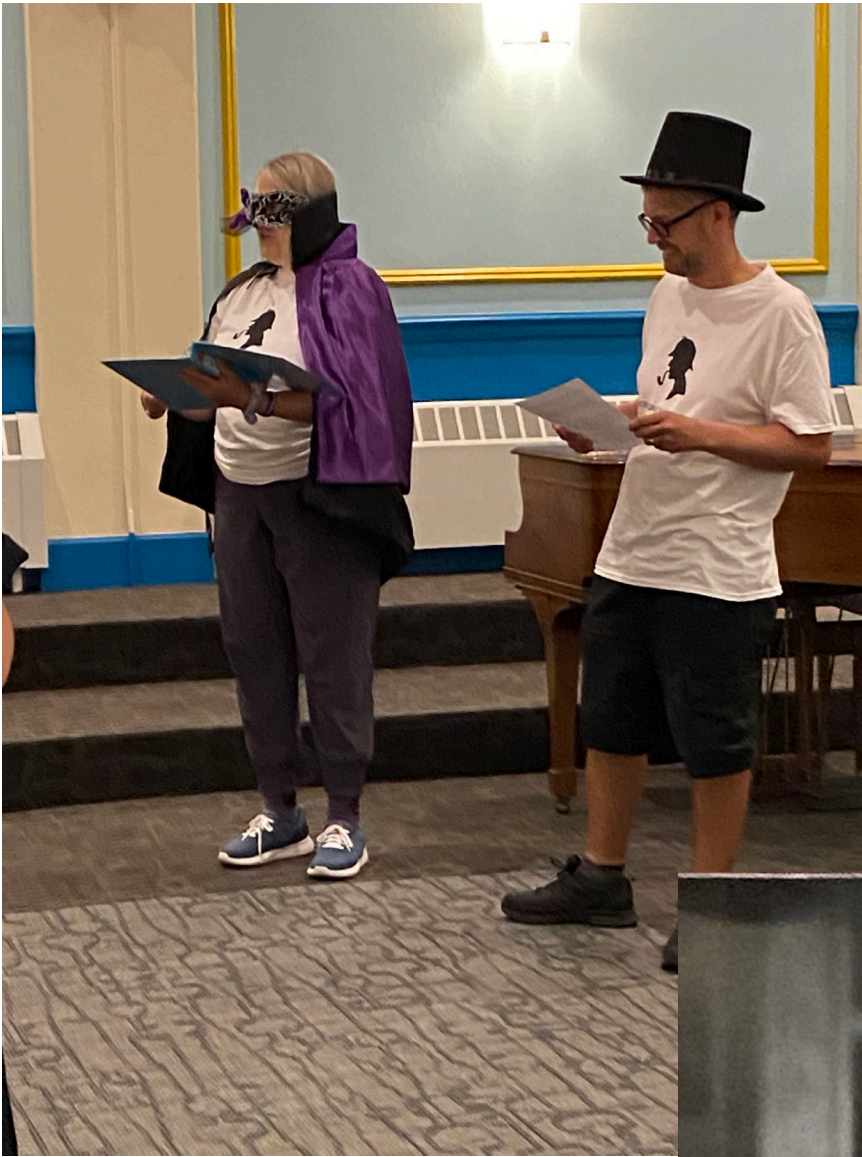


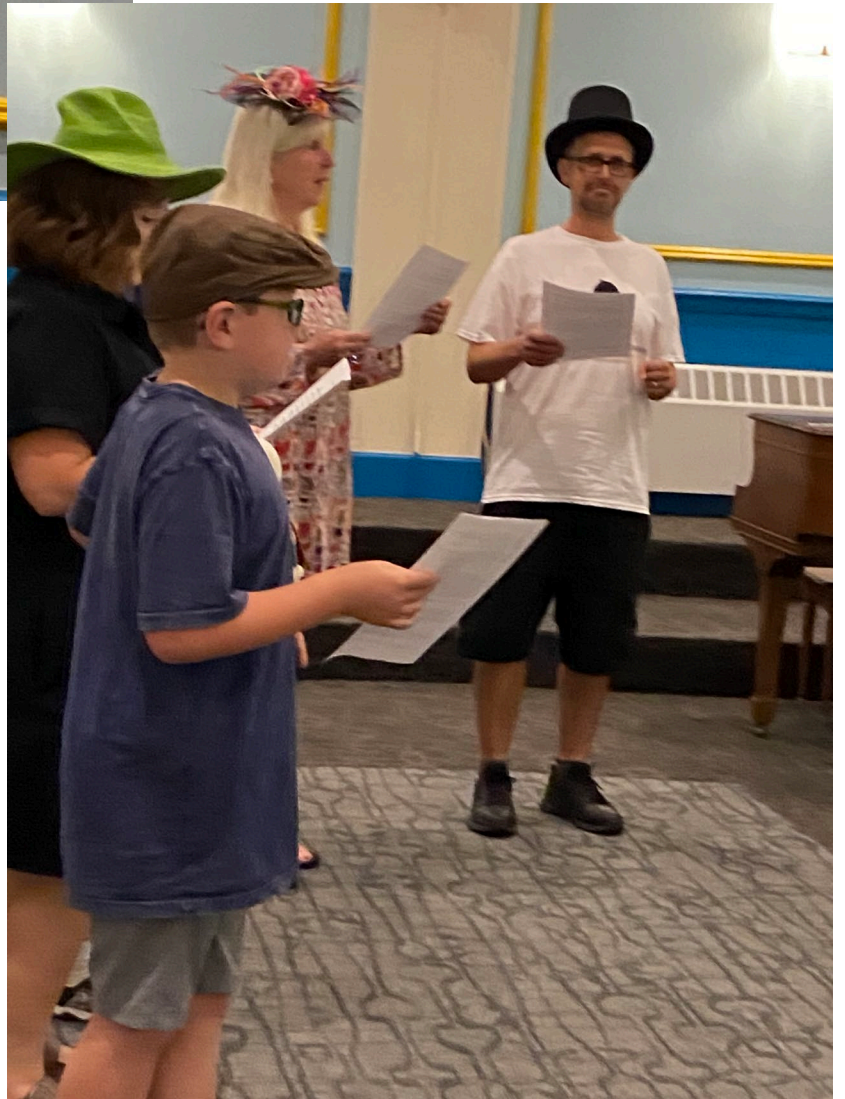
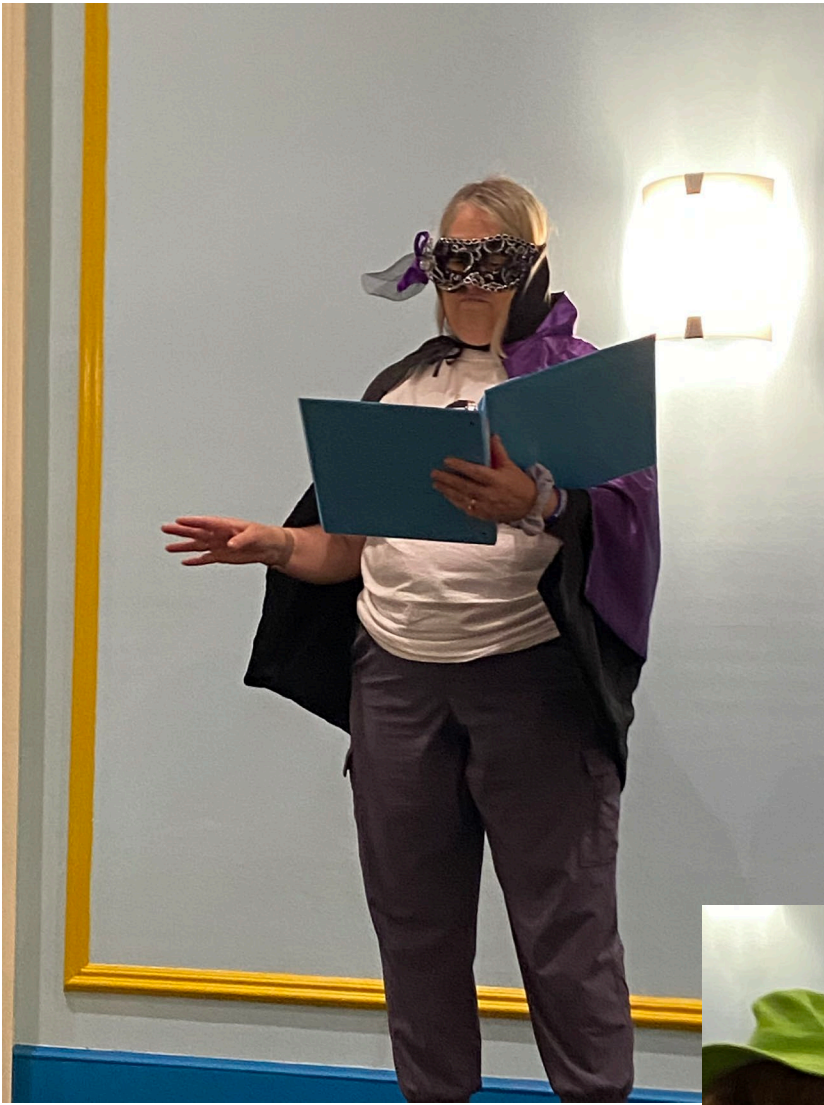
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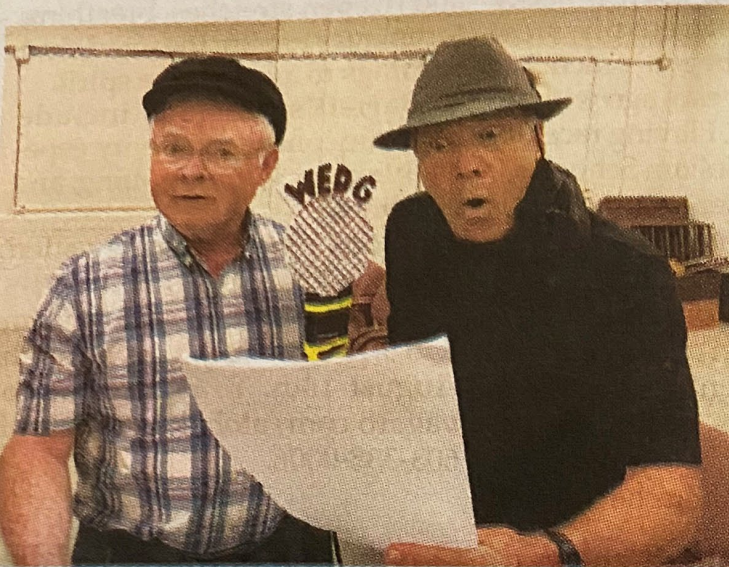






es are July 15th, 16th, 22nd, and 23rd at 8 p.m. and available for those who wish to have one.

Sherlock Holmes Celebrated At Keene Library



John McMahon and Erik Bell are shown rehearsing one of the Sherlock Holmes Not According To Doyle Radio Plays.

Holmes who is battling dementia and struggling to recall a case from 35 years earlier. He is aided in his research by a curious 10-year-old boy he has taken under his wing.

Sherlock Holmes Forensics Lab will be held on Thursday, July 21st at 11 a.m. Kids solve crimes using invisible ink, fingerprinting, and ciphers. *Sherlock Holmes Goes West* by Mark Twain and *The Adventure of the Late Mr. Faversham* by August Derleth plays that will be held on Thursday at 7 p.m. and on Saturday, July 23rd at 2 p.m. *Yes, Virginia, There is a Sherlock Holmes* and *The Unique Hamlet* by Vince Starrett, Friday, July 22nd at 7 p.m. and Sunday, July 24th at 2 p.m.

For more details, visit www.keeneh.gov/keene-public-library/calendar-events.

Keene Public Library will have a week of celebrating Sherlock Holmes beginning Friday, July 15th. The goal of Sherlock Week will be to build awareness of and foster an appreciation for Arthur Conan Doyle and his Sherlock Holmes stories among local youth and adults. All activities are free and open to the public. Featured events include:

A family-friendly interactive movie event that features Sherlock Holmes and gnomes will be held on Friday, July 15th at 6:30 p.m. Then, on Monday, July 18th, a lecture – (Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes – will be held at 11 a.m.

Dr. Watson's birthday party and an interactive reading of Derrick Belanger's pastiche, *The MacDougall Twins Mysteries with Sherlock Holmes: Attack of the Violet Vampire*, will be held on Tuesday, July 19th at 11 a.m. Jack Tuesday: Fairy Tale Investigator Puppet Show will be held on Tuesday at 1 p.m. Kids will love this original whodunit mystery show, starring a cast of familiar storybook characters and the world's greatest (and only?) fairytale detective.

How to Think Like Dr. Holmes will be a presentation by Belanger on Wednesday, July 20th at 11 a.m. This is recommended for children ages eight and above.

On Wednesday, July 20th at 6 p.m., people can enjoy a Sherlock Holmes film about a 93-year-old

Learn About Slovenian Bee Houses July 30th



Suzanne Brouillette of Slovenian Beekeeping LLC stands by one of her colorful Slovenian bee houses. Brouillette fell in love with these distinctive bee hives when she first spent time in Slovenia. The bees recognize their particular hive by the color it is painted.

A Slovenian Open Bee House Day will be held on Saturday, July 30th from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Several locations are on the schedule including Brouillette's at 321 Chesham Road in Harrisville. For more details, visit www.slovenianbeekeeping.com.



...and use some of the same characters, although some have alternate names because they were written before Conan Doyle allowed permission to use their real names.

Other writers of Sherlock Holmes pastiches include Mark Twain (who wrote the pastiche, "Sherlock Holmes Goes West," one of the four plays the Edge Ensemble will perform next week) and Stephen King.

"They all put together clues in an amazing way using Holmes's deductive reasoning," said Dupuis.

Damien Lacata plays the announcer for all four radio plays and play with Edge Ensemble in the late '90s.

Licata has been a Sherlock Holmes fan since the late '70s and said he's read every Conan Doyle story.

"People really enjoy the relationship between him and Watson," he said of his character. "They tease each other but there's mutual respect. There's a lot of opportunities for humor."

Licata added his aim is to capture Sherlock Holmes's wit.

"There's such delight he takes in revealing his process and such enjoyment at the astonishment of people that he's able to come to these conclusions," he said.

In addition to the play Dupuis will direct, Catherine Behrens will direct "Sherlock Holmes Goes West" by Mark Twain and "Yes Virginia, There is a Sherlock Holmes" by Derrick Belanger; and Tristan Shaley will direct "The Adventure of the Unique Hamlet" by Vincent Starrett.

Each play will be presented twice, with two plays each performance, which means that playgoers must attend two performances to see all four plays. Performances are Thursday, July 21 and Friday, July 22, at 7 p.m.; and Saturday, July 23 and Sunday, July 24 at 2 p.m.

All activities during Sherlock Week, including the Edge Ensemble's four radio plays, are free and open to the public.

For more information about Sherlock Week, please contact the Keene Public Library at 603-352-0157 or visit <https://keeneh.gov/calendar>. For additional information on Sherlock Week or if you are interested in attending a meeting of the Monadnock Sherlockians, email Anna Behrens at monadnocksherlockian@gmail.com. For information about the radio plays, call Kim Dupuis at 603-352-5657 or email her at TheEdgeEnsemble@aol.com.





SHERLOCK HOLMES WEEK

By Nicole S. Colson | Photos by David Teubner

Why the city of Keene will celebrate all that is Sherlock Holmes next week is no mystery, but the answer to how it all came together is anything but elementary.

A week of activities organized in the name of the beloved detective and Sir Arthur Conan Doyle character happens starting this Friday at the Keene Public Library, culminating in The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company's performance of four Sherlock Holmes radio plays on Thursday, July 21 through Sunday, July 24.

The Keene Public Library is collaborating with The Edge Ensemble, and the Monadnock Sherlockians, Keene's local chapter of the national Baker Street Irregulars Sherlock Holmes society, to offer free Sherlock Holmes activities for both children and adults. Several members of the theater company are also members of the Sherlockians, a group started in 2016 by Anna Behrens and her late husband, Richard. Behrens is also Sherlock Holmes consultant for the radio plays.

"We meet monthly and read stories from Arthur Conan Doyle and discuss them," said Behrens of the group. Sometimes, the group takes field trips to Sherlock Holmes-related locations such as Gillette Castle, former home of the late William Gillette, who played Sherlock Holmes in early films.

Last summer, the group held an outdoor gathering and invited Derrick and Brian Belanger to speak. The Belangers are owners of Belanger Books in Manchester, which produces Sherlock Holmes-related books.

Derrick Belanger expressed an interest in having one of his stories made into a play, so Catherine Behrens, a member of both Edge Ensemble and the Monadnock Sherlockians, adapted his story into a play, along with three other Sherlock Holmes pastiches. Kim Dupuis, artistic director of the Edge Ensemble, then decided to produce the plays, and Anna Behrens expanded the event into an entire Sherlock Week, with the assistance of Gail Zachariah at the Keene Public Library and Derrick Belanger.

Behrens pointed out that there are hundreds, if not thousands of Sherlockian groups all over the world, not to mention the array of films and television shows featuring his character.

"Sherlock Holmes is a lot of things to different people," she said. "The history, the time period. He's a flawed character. Although very intelligent he is not always socially appropriate, and he has his own demons."

Sherlock Holmes Week, the very first such event in Keene, kicks off with a family-friendly interactive Sherlock Holmes film featuring gnomes this Friday, July 15, followed by a program "(Not So) Elementary, My Dear Watson: The Popularity of Sherlock Holmes" from Ann McClellan of New Hampshire Humanities on Monday, July 18.

Three events are happening the following day, Tuesday, July 19: An interactive story, "Attack of the Violet Vampire," performed by Monica Marshall and Vicky Pittman, based on the book by Derrick Belanger, followed by Dr. Watson's Birthday Party and a puppet

show from Jack Tuesday: Fairy Tale Investigator. The evening ends with an online Sherlock Holmes trivia birthday for Doc Watson.

Derrick Belanger will present "How to Think Like Sherlock Holmes" on Wednesday, July 20; and visitors can learn detective techniques at Sherlock Holmes' Forensics Lab Thursday, July 21.

Be sure to check the Keene Public Library's website (<https://keeneh.gov/keene-public-library>) for which activities are appropriate for different age groups.

All week long, the library will also host a Sherlock Holmes display.

Rounding off Sherlock Holmes Week will be the performance by The Edge Ensemble Theatre Company of Not According to Doyle, a program of four Sherlock Holmes pastiches adapted into radio plays and performed live in Heberton Hall—it will be the company's first return to live theater since the start of the pandemic.

The performance will be set in a 1940s radio station, with actors, singers performing radio commercials of the time, sound effects by Foley artists, and violin accompaniment by Rowan Gemma. Many actors in the plays will play two or three roles.

Kim Dupuis directs the overall production and one of the plays, "The Adventure of the Late Mr. Faversham" by August Derleth.

Enjoy Life to the Fullest!