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The Impact of Forever Chemicals

Author Talk and Community Discussion

This event is co-sponsored by **Citizens for Clean Water, League of Conservation Voters, NH Network for Environment, Energy and Climate, and Sierra Club New Hampshire Chapter**
This event will be hybrid, both in-person and livestreamed.

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They Poisoned the World interweaves the secret history of forever chemicals with the moving story of how a lone village took on the chemical giants—and won. PFAS in New Hampshire, or something even bigger?

WHO:

- Mariah Blake, author of **They Poisoned the World: Life and Death in the Age of Forever Chemicals**
- Joined by Claire Sullivan, environmental reporter for *The NH Bulletin*.

WHAT: A community conversation with author Mariah Blake, about her new book, a powerful exposé uncovering the chemical industry's decades-long campaign to hide the dangers of "forever chemicals" – toxic substances now found in the blood of nearly

every person on earth. Told through the lens of a small town's fight for clean drinking water, **They Poisoned the World** is both a riveting environmental thriller and a deeply human story of grassroots activism. Blake will discuss the hidden history of these chemicals, the lives forever altered by their spread, and how ordinary citizens across the country are fighting back, with *NH Bulletin* environmental reporter Claire Sullivan and a group discussion to follow.

WHEN: Thursday, May 8, 7 pm to 8:30 pm

WHERE: Online and in-person.

Online access: <https://www.facebook.com/share/1EnmgBeFMZ/?mibextid=wwXIfr>

In-person location: Merrimack Historical Society, 10 Depot St, Merrimack, NH 03054

This event is free, light refreshments offered. [Map](#)

RSVP here: <https://www.mobilize.us/lcvnh/event/781201/>

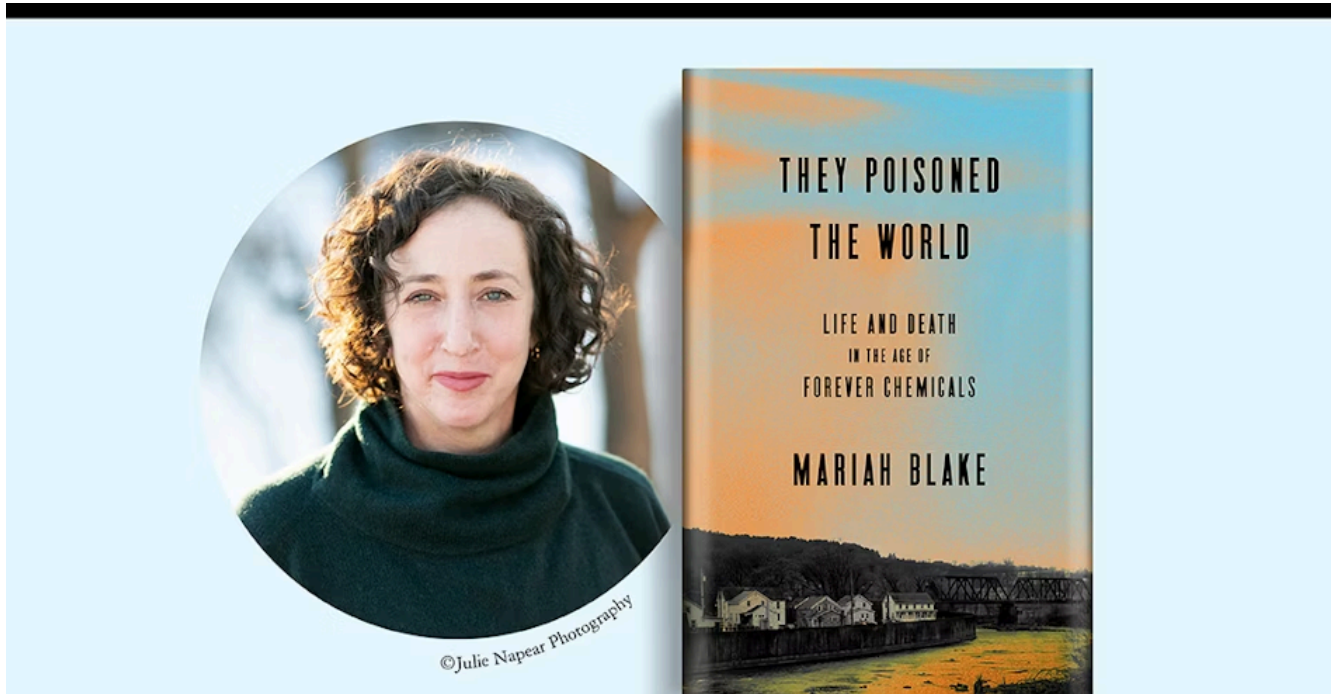
(Live attendance is optimal, but all who register will receive a link to the recording of the event.)

WHY: NH audiences are keenly aware of the widespread reaches of PFAS in the water and soil of many of our communities, and the cancer clusters that seem to be related. Humane and revelatory, **They Poisoned the World** will provoke outrage—and hopefully inspire the change we need to protect the health of every American for generations to come.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Mariah Blake is an investigative journalist whose writing has appeared in *The Atlantic*, *Mother Jones*, *The New York Times*, *The New Republic*, and other publications. She was a Murrey Marder Nieman Fellow in Watchdog Journalism at Harvard University. **They Poisoned the World: Life and Death in the Age of Forever Chemicals** goes on sale May 6. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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