

## Blaisdell Memorial Library

### Hours:

**Sunday:** Closed  
**Monday:** Closed  
**Tuesday:** 10am - 5pm  
**Wednesday:** 10am - 8pm  
**Thursday:** 10am - 8pm  
**Friday:** 10am - 2pm  
**Saturday:** 10am - 2pm

*We are closed for some holiday weekends.*

## September is Quickly Approaching

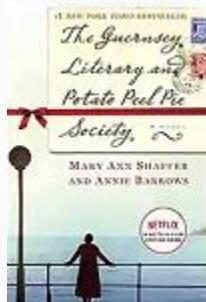
**Looking forward to fall programming**

Blaisdell Memorial Library's Summer Reading Program was a massive success. We've seen incredible attendance for our events and story times, checked out thousands of books, and welcomed dozens of new patrons to the library! Yet all good things come to an end, and as we return from our week-long closure we will have a quiet August before resuming regular programming.

Monthly calendars for September are available in the library and online for more information about upcoming events and programs.

*The library will be closed on Saturday September 2nd for Labor Day weekend.*

## Book Groups



**Afternoon Book Group:** *Thursday, September 7th -- 1:30pm*

*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by

Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows



**Cookbook Group:** *Thursday, September 14th -- 6pm*

*Plenty More* by Yotam Ottolenghi

**Evening Book Group:** *Monthly, every fourth Wednesday -- 6:30pm*

*The Evening Book Group is on vacation for the month of August*

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Copies of book group titles are available at the circulation desk. Please register for the group if you haven't already to ensure the library will have enough copies. A valid Nottingham library card is required to borrow book group books.

## Children's Programs

Our first children's programming session of fall will begin on September 9th and run for six weeks until October 13th.

Story hours are drop-in, and open to all ages: Lap-sit and pre-school age children are both welcome. Sign-ups are required for STEAM and Lego + Club and space is limited. To sign your child up for either after school club, please contact the library.

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- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Tuesday, Thursday & Friday -- 10am*
- **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 6):** *Tuesday -- 3pm*
- **Lego+ Club:** *Thursday -- 3pm*
- **Weekend Story Hour:** *Every 3rd Saturday, September 16th -- 10am*

## Youth Programs

The BYG (*Blaisdell Youth Group*) is a club for kids of middle school age to get together, make friends, discuss books, and participate in fun activities, including a bi-monthly YA Book Group. New members are always welcome and no registration is required--you can drop in at any time or even bring a friend.

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- **BYG Meeting:** *Wednesday, September 20th -- 6pm*
- **BYG Tabletop Games:** *Saturday, September 9th -- 10am*

*BYG Tabletop Game sessions are currently full.*

## Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, August 29th -- 1pm*

Join us for games, chat, snacks, and friendly competition while relaxing in the library.

*September's Game and Gab will be held at the end of August to accommodate the Labor Day holiday weekend.*

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- **NEW! Community Coffee Hour:** *Every Wednesday, 10am -- 11am*

Starting in September, Blaisdell will be hosting byte-size discussions each Wednesday morning. Join us to talk about Nottingham and the latest local

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events, learn something new, hear about resources for daily life, and enjoy free coffee and snacks. All are welcome, and community members who'd like to share their own events or knowledge should reach out to the library staff.

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- **Craft Together: Saturday, September 9th -- 10am**

Working on a crafting project? Stop by the library with your work and while away the time crafting with others. We provide the space and the company, you bring the enthusiasm and the project you're working on.

Craft Together is now starting an an earlier time!

## Library Events

There are currently no special events scheduled for the first half of September. As we transition into autumn, if you would like to see certain topics or seminars at the library or have expertise that you want to share with the community, please reach out to the BML staff

## Upcoming at the Library

BML has added **Immersive Reality (IR)** books to its collection! These special books work with a free downloadable mobile app and a small VR headset to deliver a one-of-a-kind learning experience to children. Each focuses on a different topic, aimed at younger or older children. Alongside traditional pages are links to augmented and virtual reality segments that help kids learn even more! IR Books are available alongside our other Juvenile Non-Fiction titles.

The **Board Game Collection** is now live as well. Check out classic and exciting board games for adults, families, and children alike, the same as any book or DVD. The collection is expanding with new games, so check back often to see if your favorite has been added!

Plans for the **Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale** are now underway.

Currently, the book sale is planned to start on September 22nd, with the book donation period starting on September 18th. We ask that patrons not bring in book donations outside of the specified donation period, or we may be unable to take them. All book sale dates are subject to change; for the most up-to-date information, follow the [Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library](#) on Facebook.

## Looking Back on Summer

Although there are still two weeks left in August, there's no denying that we're approaching the end of Summer. Children are starting to return to school, the sun is setting earlier, and Blaisdell's Summer Reading has come to a close for the year. Even if it remains hot in September, it will still be Fall.

It's both melancholic and exciting to say goodbye to another season; Summer Reading was a roller coaster from start to finish, packed with fun, but once the ride ends you have to catch your breath! The final two weeks of August will be BML's breather, as we prepare for our next children's session, get our new programs ready, and fill the shelves up with the latest book releases.

The past week's closure gave the entire staff the chance to clean the building, do some organizing, and get ourselves focused and energized for what comes next. We're already making plans to bring in more lectures and discussions in the future, so please look forward to hearing more in next month's newsletter!

Whether you're picking up books for back to school, printing out your first college papers, or sneaking in one last beach read before summer ends, Blaisdell Memorial Library will be here, ready to provide.

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