

Blaisdell Memorial Library

Hours:

Sunday: Closed

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Tuesday: 10am - 5pm

Wednesday: 10am - 8pm

Thursday: 10am - 8pm

Friday: 10am - 2pm

Saturday: 10am - 2pm

We are closed for some holiday weekends.

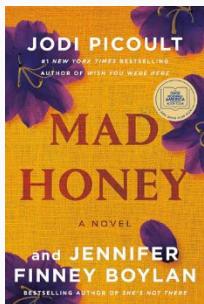
Hoping for an Early Spring

Keep your energy up through chilly nights and sunny days at the library!

Though February is a short month, we've packed it full of exciting events to keep you going through the last of the snow storms and the oncoming mud season. And there's yet more to come!

The full monthly calendar for February is now available online and in the library.

Book Groups



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

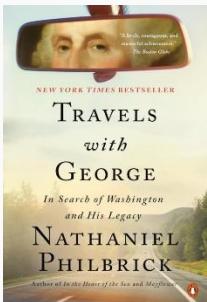
Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult



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

Theme: Cooking with Sourdough

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Evening Book Group: *Wednesday, February 28th -- 6:30pm* *Travels with George: In Search of Washington and His Legacy* by Nathaniel Philbrick

Children's Programs

Today, February 16th, marks the end of our January-February programming session. Children's programming will be on break for the next two weeks. Our March-April programming session will begin on March 5th and run six weeks until April 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.

Due to high interest and limited space, sign-ups for Lego + and STEAM Club make use of a lottery system. Priority is first given to participants on the waiting list from the last session. For the remaining spaces, all sign-ups are entered into a pool. At the end of the sign-up period, we draw from this pool to determine the club members.

Sign-ups for the next session are **now open** and will continue for the next week until February 23rd.

- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays -- 10am*
 - **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 6):** *Tuesdays -- 3pm*
 - **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** *Thursdays -- 3pm*
 - **Weekend Story Hour:** *Every 2nd Saturday, February 9th -- 10am*
 - *There is no STEAM or LEGO+ Club on early release days*
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February Vacation Specials

- **UNH SeaTrek - Lobsters:** *Tuesday, February 27th -- 10am*

UNH's SeaTrek program returns to BML! Lobsters are icons of New England and fascinating creatures in their own right. Participants will get to examine lobster traps, handle a live lobster and learn how lobsters measure and band lobsters for the market! They'll also have the chance to consider the delicate balance between protecting the lobster species, providing a livelihood for lobsters and ensuring that we continue to enjoy this delicacy from the sea.

This program is aimed at children around elementary school age, but older or younger kids may attend.

Sign-ups are required. To reserve a place, please contact the library!

- **Lego for Littles:** *Thursday, February 29th -- 10am*

Lego for Littles is a drop-in free time for younger children to play and build alone or together with the library's Lego collection. The only limits are your own imagination!

- **Dr. Seuss Birthday Storytime Extravaganza:** *Friday, March 1st -- 10am*

Celebrate Dr. Seuss and all his wonderful, wild worlds and stories with a special storytime! We will be reading some of his books and enjoying Seuss-themed activities while eating birthday treats!

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. New members are always welcome and no registration is required--you can drop in at any time or even bring a friend.

- **BYG Meeting:** *Wednesday, February 21st -- 6pm*
- **BYG Tabletop Games:** *Saturday, March 2nd -- 10am*

BYG Tabletop Game sessions are currently full.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, March 5th -- 1pm*

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

- **Community Coffee Hour:** *Every Wednesday -- 10am*

Join us every Wednesday morning for bite-sized discussions with free coffee and snacks. Each week has a new short presentation or activity brought to you by members of the community or local NH institutions. Learn something new, connect with the town, and have some fun!

Interested in presenting? Reach out to the library staff about your topic and scheduling a date!

Upcoming Coffee Hour Topics:

- **Feb. 21st:** ChatGPT with Jim Kelly
- **Feb. 28th:** Parks and Rec at BML
- **Mar. 6th:** The History and Trails of Wagon Hill with Neolani
- **March 13th:** Birds, Bats, and Butterflies with Tom Eid

Upcoming at the Library

Starting this month, BML's Cookbook Group is shifting to a new bi-monthly model. The new cookbook group will be split between a special demonstration or class focused on cuisine or ingredients one month, and a more typical cookbook group meeting based on that theme the next.

All patrons are welcome to sign up for the food demonstrations and those who are interested in putting their new skills into practice are welcome to join the cookbook group and attend the next meeting. It's our hope that this new model will give more patrons a chance to explore cooking and food, and share that exploration at the cookbook group!

The library is also currently looking ahead to our anniversary in early April. Look forward to more information on how we'll be celebrating--and inviting you to join--in March!

For the Love of a Library

February is famously the month of love, but I think romance ends up hogging the spotlight. As children, you might give Valentines with your family or classmates, but once you grow up it's mostly about significant others. I think that's a shame! There's countless forms love can take: love for family, love for friends, love for pets, and love for things even more abstract than that.

In particular, I'm thinking about the love someone can have for their hobbies-- the kind of passion that makes you want to share it with the world. We've seen a lot of it at the library, recently! Love for cooking, love for crafting, love for history, love for Disc Golf... things we present in the hope that you can fall in love with them, too.

It might not be romantic, but that doesn't mean it's not special! Every month, we keep looking for new things to share, fresh stories to tell, and more ways for our patrons to use the library. We hope that our hard work can give you plenty of reasons to fall in love with Blaisdell Memorial Library... or at least a reason to come back and visit us again!

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