

## Blaisdell Memorial Library

### New 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.*

## Summer Starts June 21st

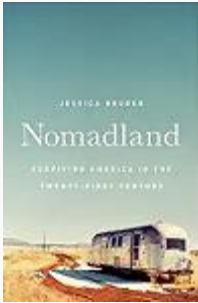
### Old programs end and new ones await at Blaisdell Memorial Library

June is a transitional period for BML, marking the end of our final programming session before Summer Reading begins. Starting in July, we will be hosting special activities for all ages, including story hours, STEAM clubs, animal demonstrations and more. Full calendars for July and August are now available both in the library and online.

In other exciting news, Blaisdell Memorial Library is pleased to welcome our new Interim Library Director, Amanda Stevens! Amanda has been a librarian for over 30 years and worked in all kinds of libraries, including public, school, and college. She comes to us from Effingham Public Library, where she was Library Director. Amanda moved to NH from Massachussets four years ago and currently lives in the Lakes Region.

Amanda will be working with BML through Summer Reading and beyond, so please feel free to say hello the next time you visit the library!

## Book Groups



**Afternoon Book Group:** *Thursday, July 6th -- 1:30pm*

*Nomadland* by Jessica Bruder

**Cookbook Group:** *Thursday, July 13th -- 6pm*

*No Cookbook Selected.* The monthly theme is "Picnic Recipes."



**Evening Book Group:** *Wednesday, June 28th -- 6:30pm*

*The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michele Richardson

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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.

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## Children's Programs

June 17th will be the end of the final regular programming session for Spring, with the next session scheduled for Fall. Starting from July 7th, new weekly activities will begin for Summer Reading. All programs are drop-in.

*Story Hour* is aimed at younger children and includes a story, songs, and crafts. *Lunch Bunch* is aimed at children K-3+. Children should bring a snack or light meal from home to enjoy over storytime. *Summer STEAM* is aimed at children in elementary to early middle school, with crafts and activities focused on learning new skills. All age ranges are suggestions, and older or younger children are always invited to join in!

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- **Summer STEAM:** *Tuesdays, starting July 11th -- 10am*
  - **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Thursdays and Fridays, starting July 13th -- 10am*
  - **Lunch Bunch:** *Thursdays, starting July 13th -- 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, July 19th -- 6pm*
  - **BYG Tabletop Games:** *No session in July*

*BYG Tabletop Game sessions are currently full.*

## Regular Adult Programming

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- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, July 11th -- 1pm*

Join us for games, chat, snacks, and friendly competition while relaxing in the library. As the library is closed on July 4th, Game n' Gab's usual date has been moved to the second week of the month.

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- **Craft Together:** *On pause*

Craft Together's usual session will be on pause during the months of July and August. Instead, there will be a special beginner's knitting lesson for adults and teens at the end of July. More information will be announced at a later date.

## Summer Reading Special Events

Throughout July and August, BML will be hosting a variety of unique activities and events for our patrons with this year's theme: **All Together Now!** Summer Reading Events will always be drop-in and free to all patrons and visitors.

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- **Wildlife Encounters and SRP Kick-Off:** *July 6th -- 10am*

Start off Summer Reading with a visit from Wildlife Encounters and their Junior Zookeeper program! Everyone from children to adults are welcome to the library for the chance to meet some amazing animals up close and learn more about these incredible creatures. There will also be special giveaways and raffles for attendees in celebration of the start of SRP!

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- **Social and Emotional Skills for Young Children:** *July 6th -- 6pm*

Designed for parents of young children and early childhood teachers, join us for a presentation about social and emotional development in young children held by Nottingham resident Lynne Bova.

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- **Singalong Summer Start-up:** *July 7th -- 10am*

Celebrate the start of SRP with all of your favorite story hour songs! Open to children of all ages, but aimed from babies to K, come enjoy a story, singing, crafts, and more!

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- **Flower Arranging:** *July 11th -- 10am*

A drop-in craft for adults and teens, this activity will be available all morning. Create your own flower arrangement using locally grown, fresh-cut flowers.

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- **The Gruffalo Storywalk Premier:** *July 13th and 14th -- 10am*

BML's Storywalk returns with a brand new tale: "The Gruffalo," by Julia Donaldson. Take a tour on the 13th or 14th with Miss Julie and snack on some Gruffalo Crumble or visit on your own all summer long!

## All Together Now!

June has been a quiet month at the library, but it feels as if it's racing by. Though the latter half of the month is a break from programming, July is so stuffed with things to do that we couldn't fit it all in one monthly newsletter!

Everyone here at the library is excited for what comes next. Animals, crafts, snacks and more--plus whatever surprises we can pull from our hats before we say goodbye to June. We're working hard to make BML the ideal summer destination, no matter your age or what you're looking--be it a one-of-a-kind afternoon or simply your next summer read. We only hope this little preview can share our excitement with all of you!

Come by, say hi, and stay cool!

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