

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.

Seasons Come and Go

April has been a time of transitions and new steps for Blaisdell Memorial Library

As many library patrons know, at the end of March BML said goodbye to our previous Library Director, Liz Bolton.

Things have changed, but the staff has been working hard to offer the same programming and experiences that our patrons expect.

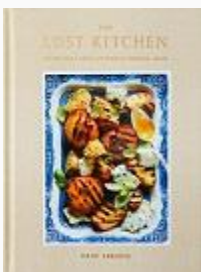
Due to staffing, library hours were changed in April. Regular programming continues in May and June with our usual book groups and programs for children, teens, and adults.

Book Groups



Afternoon Book Group: *Thursday, June 1st -- 1:30pm*

The Witch Elm by Tana French



Cookbook Group: *Thursday, June 8th -- 6pm*
The Lost Kitchen by Erin French



Evening Book Group: *Wednesday, May 24th -- 6:30pm*
Violeta by Isabel Allende

The evening book group will be continuing as usual for future meetings, with no change in the program planned.

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

Children's programming runs in 6 to 8 week sessions. Our current session started on May 9 and will end on June 17.

Story hours are drop-in, and open to all ages: Lap-sit and pre-school age children are both welcome. LEGO+ and STEAM Clubs require registration and are full for the current session. This May - June session will be BML's last of this school year before transitioning into Summer Reading.

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- **Story Hour with Miss Julie or Miss Robin:** *Daily, Tuesday through Friday -- 10am*
 - **Saturday Story Hour:** *Saturday, June 10th -- 10am*
 - **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 6):** *Tuesdays -- 3 to 4pm*
 - **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** *Thursdays -- 3 to 4pm*

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, June 21st -- 6pm*
 - **BYG Tabletop Games:** *Wednesday, June 7th -- 6pm*

BYG Tabletop Game sessions are currently full.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, June 6th -- 1pm*
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Join us for games, chat, snacks, and friendly competition while relaxing in the library.

- **Craft Together:** *Saturday, June 10th -- 12pm*

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 project you're working on.

Upcoming at the Library

The end of May and start of June will bring some brand-new items to the library's collection and offer even more for our patrons to enjoy. Look forward to the arrival of **IR (Immersive Reality) Books** and the new **Board Game Collection**, coming soon!

IR Books are children's nonfiction books that include special QR Codes. Using the included VR Viewer and the free app (available on any internet-connected smartphone), each book offers guided videos in 3D that bring readers closer to the subjects than ever before. Readers can fly through space, get close up with wild animals, and explore other countries, all from the comfort of their own homes.

BML's Board Game Collection offers a brand-new way for all patrons to play, with classic board games that you can borrow like you would a book. With options for everyone from children to adults and seniors, you can enjoy an old favorite or try something new without paying a dime.

Summer's in Sight

We at the library *love* spring. We love to celebrate green and growing things, put out the gardening books, and watch the daffodils blossom while the trees flush green. It's also the time for us to look ahead and start thinking about all the fun to come in Summer Reading.

We want to keep looking forward--not just to summer and fall, or to our future programs. Changes in the library have given us the chance to take a look at what we offer the community, and what we *can* offer in the future... new items for patrons to check out, new ways people can use our space, new experiences that we hope you'll enjoy.

As June approaches and the weather warms up, know that Blaisdell Memorial Library will always offer a cool place to unwind. As we strive to improve and grow, we only hope that you'll swing by to join us!

Jordan R.
Library Circulation Desk
