

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.

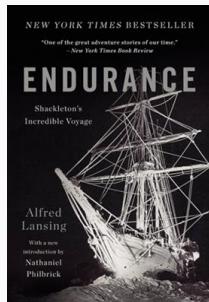
The Holidays on the Horizon

Get ready for your festivities--or get some peace and quiet--with the library

With BML entering the final stretch of 2023, there's only so many weeks left for programs, events, and new offerings before the New Year. While there will be some closures and shortened hours in November and December, our usual activities and specials will continue through the month.

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

Book Groups

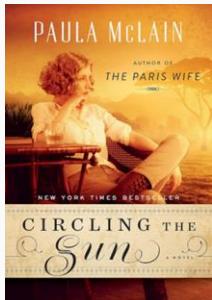


Afternoon Book Group: Thursday, December 7th -- 1:30pm

Endurance: Shackleton's Incredible Voyage by Alfred Lansing



Cookbook Group: *Thursday, December 14th -- 6pm*
Annual Holiday Cookie Swap -- No cookbook specified



Evening Book Group: *Wednesday, December 6th -- 6:30pm*
Circling the Sun by Paula McLain

*There is no evening book group for November due to holidays.
Instead, December's book group is on an earlier date.*

Children's Programs

Our current children's programming began on October 31st. This is our final session of 2023 and will run for seven weeks, until December 15th. More information about 2024's programming will be announced at a later date.

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.

There will be no children's programming from November 21st to November 25th due to Thanksgiving closures.

- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Tuesday, Thursday and Friday -- 10am*
- **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 6):** *Tuesdays -- 3pm*
- **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** *Thursdays -- 3pm*
- **Weekend Story Hour:** *Every third Saturday, November 18th -- 10am*

- **Polar Express Pajama Storytime:** *Wednesday, December 6th -- 6pm*

Get dressed in your warmest jammies, pack your stuffy friends, and stay up late for a very special trip to the North Pole! Boarding starts with a train ticket for every child and plenty of special hot chocolate and cookies to go around. Afterwards comes the star of the night: reading the classic Christmas story, *The Polar Express*!

In the case of inclement weather, this event will move to December 7th at 6pm.

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 an occasional 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.

- **BYG Meeting:** *Wednesday, November 15th -- 6pm*

Currently, there is no BYG Tabletop session scheduled for the month of December. Updated program information is available online and in-library.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, December 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 comes with a short presentation by members of the community, the town, or the library that can explore local perspectives, have some fun, and keep you up to date on the latest Nottingham events. Interested in holding your own presentation? Reach out to the library staff about setting a topic and scheduling a date!

Upcoming presentations include:

- **11/15:** Holiday Festive Creations with Parks and Rec (Hosted at the Nottingham Rec Center)
- **11/22:** Board Games at the BML
- **11/29:** Ragged Mountain Fish and Game Club Library with Neolani

Library Events

- **Craft Together Special: Holiday Cardmaking:** *December 13th -- 6pm*

Celebrate the season and the holidays with hand-made custom greeting cards! Join BML's Jordan in using a variety of materials and techniques to make professional cards all your own. Mix and match paper, use stamps and embossing, add decorative touches, and even take advantage of the library's Cricut Cutting Machine to write a message inside. There is no cost for this program, but sign-ups will be required.

Upcoming at the Library

There will be several holiday closures in November as we enter the holiday season. Please note that the library will be closed on **Saturday, November 11th** for Veteran's Day. The library will also be closing at **3pm** on **Wednesday, November 22nd**, and will remain closed for the **23rd, 24th, and 25th** for Thanksgiving. Due to the closures, there will be no library programs that week.

Blaisdell Memorial Library is currently in the middle of several upgrades to staff and patron technology and amenities throughout the building. We are looking forward to being able to offer faster and more up to date computers, with more in-library technology for all ages to come in the next few months.

This upgrade was funded with a grant from the [New Hampshire Charitable Foundation's](#) Library Technology Grant Program.

The Benefits of a Library Card

I believe in accepting what's offered to me. As a youth, I was much more shy about it--I felt guilty accepting compliments and gifts and the like. As I've grown older, though, I realized how much that feeling was self-imposed. People who offer help, want to help. Services are offered so that people will use them!

This spring, I took a trip to Boston and had a fantastic day with a discount pass to the New England Aquarium. Last year, I checked out a vegetarian Thanksgiving cookbook so a new guest for the holidays could have more options at dinner. When I wanted to reread a book I loved as a child, an interlibrary loan let me relive the entire series. And when I had the urge to try a new craft, I found the perfect book on our shelves and then used the photocopier to make the paper patterns I needed!

All of these things, I did as a BML patron. The library offered the opportunity, and I accepted! A library card gives you access to more than just books and all our services exist because we want our patrons to use them. Whether you're new to town or you've been a patron for years, why not take another look and

see what you can do at Blaisdell? You might just find something you didn't expect... and we'll be happy to help you make the most of it.

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