

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.

The Arrival of Autumn

Days grow shorter as a new season begins

After several quiet weeks following Blaisdell's August closure, regular programs have returned for the fall and winter season. There have been some changes to dates and times, as well as the addition of a new weekly program, but the content of our usual programming has not changed.

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

Book Groups



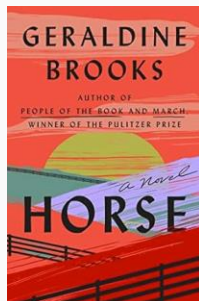
Afternoon Book Group: *Thursday, October 6th -- 1:30pm*

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid



Cookbook Group: *Thursday, October 2nd -- 6pm*

Half Baked Harvest Every Day by Tieghan Gerard



Evening Book Group: *Wednesday, September 27th -- 6:30pm*

Horse by Geraldine Brooks

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 current children's programming session began on September 5th and will be running for six weeks until October 13th. There will be a two-week break after this session's end before the next begins.

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.

Both afterschool clubs are currently full on participants for the session. Sign-ups for the next session will be announced in October, with priority being given to those who joined the waitlist for the previous session.

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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, October 21st -- 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. 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, October 7th -- 10am*

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, October 3rd -- 1pm*

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

- **Community Coffee Hour:** *Every Wednesday -- 10am - 11am*

Blaisdell will be hosting bite-size discussions each Wednesday morning. Join us to talk about Nottingham and the latest local 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.

- **Craft Together:** *Saturday, October 14th -- 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 project you're working on.

Library Events

- **The Impact of COVID and Our Future:** *Thursday, September 21st -- 6pm*

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Stephen Soreff kept a daily journal of what was happening in his life and the world. Join him to discuss the impact of this period in history and what can be do to minimize the negative effects we see going forward. Dr. Soreff's book will be available for check out at the library.

- **The Old Man: His Life and Legacy:** *Wednesday, October 4th -- 6pm*
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When the Old Man in the Mountain fell from his perch in Franconia Notch in 2003, it made international news. Many in New Hampshire and beyond responded as if mourning a beloved public figure. Presented by Inez McDermott, this program presents the “story” of the Old Man and the way that public perception of the profile played a role in shaping New Hampshire’s physical and symbolic identity.

- **Planting Garlic:** *Thursday, October 12th -- 5pm*

Garlic is delicious, and you may be surprised at how easy it is to grow at home. Join BML’s own Julie to learn how to plant in the fall for a tasty harvest come spring. All attendees will receive an instructional sheet and a free bulb of organic garlic.

Friends of the Library Fall Book Sale

The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library will be holding their biannual book sale at the end of September. Organized and run by the Friends, proceeds from the sale will go towards helping support BML in a variety of ways. Volunteers looking to assist the Friends can reach out to them via [email](#) or [Facebook](#).

Book Sale Hours:

- **Friday, September 22nd:** 3pm - 6:30pm (*Nottingham Residents Only!*)
- **Saturday, September 23rd:** 9am - 2pm
- **Sunday, September 24th:** 9am - 2pm

Book Sale Donations:

Donations for the Fall Book Sale may be dropped off at the Old Town Hall building, across the street from the library, from September 18th to the 21st. Donation hours are currently **10am to 2pm, Monday 9/18**, and **10am to 6pm, Tuesday 9/19, Wednesday 9/20, and Thursday 9/21**.

The Friends will be accepting new and like-new books, DVDs, Blu-Rays, audiobooks, puzzles, and board games. Donated items should not have water damage, mold or mildew, tears or stains, markings. The Friends cannot accept old or outdated items, text books, encyclopedias, study materials, magazines, CDs, or VHS tapes.

*Items that do not meet donation criteria as well as any items left outside the library or dropped at the Old Town Hall outside of donation hours cannot be accepted and may be discarded. **Please limit three boxes of donations per household.***

Upcoming at the Library

BML is proud to have both our **IR Books** and **Board Game Collections** live and available for checkout! Adding on to the **Telescope**, we hope to continue expanding into offering more and more physical items for check out as part of our growing Library of Things!

Waiting for the Leaves

After an exciting summer, there's something relaxing about settling in for September and October. It's not just the cooling days--though it's nice to escape the heat--but the familiarity of old faces and regular programs, saying hello to patrons here for story times, book clubs, and their usual weekly reads. It's also exciting to meet our new regulars; those whose children are finally old enough to join in new activities, families that finished moving in, and those attending the new Community Coffee Hour!

Fall means changes, both big and small, and while my favorite seasonal change has yet to arrive, the library has plenty to tide oneself over. New programs, new games, plenty of new titles in the collection... and bigger things, in the future, as we discuss ways to transform our space and what we can offer to make BML the best place it can be.

The weather is still warm, but in time it will grow crisp and cool. The days will grow shorter, and the season for staying in and reading will be here soon. It's a particularly special time, and I hope you'll come enjoy it with us.

Jordan Reed
Circulation Desk
