

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.

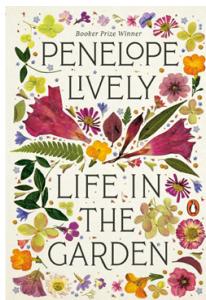
Adventure Begins at Your Library!

The end of spring and start of summer means it's time to get excited

With the end of our regular programming for spring, there's only a few short weeks before the beginning of BML's annual **Summer Reading Program!** This year's theme is "Adventure Begins at Your Library" and with that in mind we've got a packed six weeks of excitement for patrons of all ages. Learn more about this year's events and programs below or online at our website.

The full monthly calendars for June and July are now available online and in the library.

Book Groups

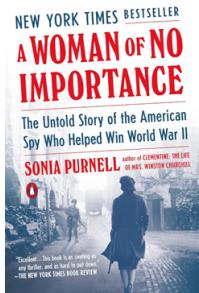


Afternoon Book Group: Thursday, July 11th -- 1:30pm
Life in the Garden by Penelope Lively



Cookbook Group: Thursday, July 11th -- 6pm
No Cookbook -- Local NH Ingredient theme

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Evening Book Group: Wednesday, June 26th -- 6:30pm
A Woman of No Importance by Sonia Purnell

Children's Programs

June 8th marked the end of our final regular programming session until fall. Summer Reading begins for all ages on June 27th; Summer Steam begins on July 2nd, and Story Hour and Lunch Bunch begin on July 11th. All programs, except the Rocky Shore special, 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!

- **Summer STEAM: Tuesdays, starting July 2nd -- 10am**
- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin: Thursdays and Fridays, starting July 11th -- 10am**
- **Lunch Bunch: Thursdays, starting July 11th -- 12pm**
- **Weekend Story Hour: Every 2nd Saturday, July 13th -- 10am**

- **Lunch Bunch with Buddy, the Therapy Dog: July 11th -- 12pm**

Have fun reading and eating with a gentle animal friend when Buddy comes to visit BML! Buddy is a certified therapy dog who is always happy to make new friends to read with.

Don't worry about missing out! Story Hour will have their own special therapy dog visit later in July.

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

gaming, book clubs, crafts, and more! New members are always welcome and no registration is required--you can drop in at any time or even bring a friend.

- **BYG Meeting:** *Thursday, July 18th -- 4 - 6pm*

The BYG meeting for the month of July will be held at the [Marston Field](#). This special meeting will include disc golf and back yard games and new attendees are welcome!

- **Tabletop Games and BML:** *Saturday, June 29th -- 10am*

BYG's Hogwarts sessions have been a rousing success, but there's room to grow! **All pre-teens and teens** —BYG member or not—are invited to come talk about the tabletop games they've played, what they want to try, and how BML can host TTRPGs going forward.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, July 2nd -- 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 Coffee Hour Topics:

- **June 19:** No Coffee Hour; Library Closed
- **June 26:** Black Bear Happenings with New Hampshire Fish & Game
- **July 3:** NH Humanities To-Go & The Nottingham Historical Society presents Henry Dearborn: From Captain to Cabinet Secretary
- **July 10:** Geocaching with Karen Given
- **July 17:** Flower Arranging with Julie Wojtkowski

- **Mahjong Club:** Every Wednesday -- 11:30am

Mahjong is a Chinese game of collecting tiles and gaining points played with four people, similar to the card game Rummy! Whether you're a beginner interested in learning the rules or an intermediate player looking for new friends, all are welcome to BML's weekly Mahjong club gathering.

Library Events

In 2024, **Adventure Begins at Your Library!** Summer reading programs will run from June 27th to August 2nd with ways to explore your world and have fun while doing it.

- **Summer Reading Kick-off - Wildlife Encounters:** *Thursday, June 27th - 10am at the Nottingham Rec Center*

Start off Summer Reading with a visit from Wildlife Encounters! All ages from children to adults are welcome to the **Nottingham Rec Center** to meet some amazing animals up close and learn more about them. Don't forget to swing by the library when you're done to pick up your calendars and other swag!

- **Teddy Bear Sleepover:** *Thursday, June 27th -- 11am to 8pm*

Send a favorite teddy bear or other stuffie on an overnight adventure! Bring your child's stuffed friend to the library between 11am to close to drop them off, then return in the morning to find out what kind of fun they had! *Stuffed animals will be kept safe and sound if you are unable to pick them up immediately.*

- **Teddy Bear Picnic:** *Friday, June 28th -- 10am*

Pick up your teddy bear or stuffie from their library sleepover and enjoy a special picnic story time all about teddy bears, including a story, songs, a gift, and a snack to share!

- **NH Humanities To-Go presents Henry Dearborn:** *Wednesday, July 3rd -- 10am*

A coffee hour special presented in partnership with the [Nottingham Historical Society](#). In this presentation, George Morrison from NH Humanities explores the long and exciting life and career of Henry Dearborn, born in North Hampton in 1751, who went from doctor in the Continental Army to a career in Congress and beyond.

- **BM^L Chopped Challenge:** *Tuesday, July 9th to Saturday, July 13th*

If you've seen Chopped, you've watched professional chefs try to create amazing meals using mystery ingredients. Now you can try it yourself with the BM^L Chopped Challenge! "Mystery Ingredients" will be available for pickup through the week of July 9th. Use your mystery ingredients and items from your home pantry to make the best meal that you can to post online and compete with your fellow Nottingham chefs!

- **Cupcake Challenge:** *Wednesday, July 10th -- 4 to 6pm*

An annual favorite for kids and teens returns once again! Come in and decorate a cupcake with a fantastic fantasy design or creature. You can enter it into the contest and let the library vote on their favorites or simply eat what you made. Every participant leaves with a cupcake!

- **UNH SeaTrek: Rocky Shore:** *Tuesday, July 23rd -- 10am*

The rocky shores of New Hampshire's coastline are home to a bounty of incredible species who thrive between the high and low tide lines. Learn about some of the many invertebrates who live there, including snails, sea stars, sea urchins, crabs, and more!

This program will require sign-ups. Sign-ups will open later in July.

Upcoming at the Library

Blaisdell Memorial Library has several upcoming closures. In June, we will be closing on **Wednesday, June 19th**. In July, we will be closing at **5pm** on **Wednesday, July 5th**, and will be closed from **Thursday, July 4th** to **Saturday, July 6th**.

As a reminder, there's a limited time left to get a museum pass for **Strawbery Banke** or the **New England Aquarium**! Strawbery Banke passes are only available until **June 30th**, and NEAQ passes will be available until **August 31st**. Call or email the library to reserve your pass before they're gone!

Summer is for Adults, Too

There's no denying it. Though we have something for everyone, summer vacation (and Summer Reading by extension) is a *bit more fun* when you're a kid. We've got Summer STEAM, Summer Story Hours, teddy bears and cupcakes... and while we've got plenty for our older patrons, once you've

outgrown reading logs there's just less excitement on your day to day library visits. And that's a shame! It's summer! It's a special occasion! Shouldn't adults get to have fun too?!

That's why this year, we're offering a little something extra in the form of the **Library Passport!** Open to everyone from adults to teens and preteens, the Library Passport is a way to track the adventures you have at the library, challenge yourself to explore BML's offerings, and create a souvenir you can look back on at the end of summer.

Get started by visiting the library from June 27th and picking up your blank passport. Then just bring it with you when you visit BML, be it for Coffee Hour, book group, or stocking up on beach reads! Collect stickers and stamps when you attend events and earn more passport rewards when you use library services and borrow books. Keep using the library to fill up the pages with a record of your adventures!

Think of it as a chance to try that thing you've had in the back of your mind but never gotten around to. Borrow that movie you've been meaning to watch and collect your sticker and take home that rainy day puzzle for another! Take a look at some new authors, try a genre you don't normally read... and bring it all back at the end of summer for a chance at some *exclusive* rewards.

Hopefully it'll be a lot of fun! At the very least, it's the chance to get a cute little notebook and some adorable stickers to fill it with. But I'm the designer, so of course *I'd* think they're adorable... you'll just have to come in and judge for yourself! Blaisdell will be here all summer long, with the passports and way more just waiting for you to explore.

...with the AC on.

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