

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.

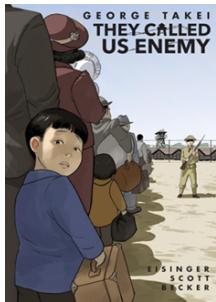
Exit Summer, Stage Left

Regular programming has returned for Autumn

The Library has reopened after a slightly extended closure and our regular after school and children's programs have resumed in full force!

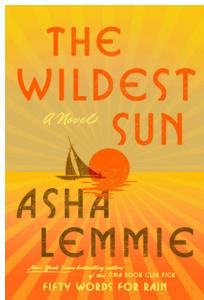
Full calendars for the month of September are available online and in the library.

Book Groups



Afternoon Book Group: *Thursday, October 3rd -- 1:30pm*
They Called Us Enemy by George Takei

Cookbook Group: *On pause for the months of September & October*



Evening Book Group: *Wednesday, September 25th -- 6:30pm*
The Wildest Sun by Asha Lemmie

Children's Programs

The first fall session of programming began on September 3rd for story hour and September 11th for afterschool programs. Both series will run for the next six weeks, ending on Friday, October 18th.

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.

- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays -- 10am*
- **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 6):** *Tuesdays -- 3pm*
- **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** *Thursdays -- 3pm*
- **Weekend Story Hour:** *Every 2nd Saturday, Sep 14 & Oct 12 -- 10am*

- **Witches Story Hour:** *Thursday, October 17th -- 10am*

Get ready for Halloween with a special witchy story hour!

Youth Programs

The Youth Afterschool Club is a **new** group for kids grades 6 through 8 to get together in the library after school to try out crafts, creative writing and games,

and read books! Perfect for library-loving kids who're hitting middle school and want to have some fun when class is done!

There's still room! Reach out to the staff if you would like your child to join the Afterschool Club or visit for a day!

- **Youth Afterschool Club (Grades 6 - 8): Wednesdays -- 3pm**

The BYG (*Blaisdell Youth Group*) is a club for teens in middle and high school 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 Tabletop Games: Wednesday, October 16th -- 10am**
- **BYG Meeting: Wednesday, September 18th -- 6pm**

BYG Meeting days and times may be subject to change.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab: Tuesday, October 1st -- 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:

- **September 18:** Color Theory with Jordan Reed
- **September 25:** Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia with Melissa Grenier

- **October 2:** Literary Discussion with Alex Conryo
- **October 9:** Planting Garlic with Julie Wojtkowski
- **October 16:** Brunch at Nottingham Parks and Recreation

- **Mah-jongg Club:** *Every Wednesday -- 11:30am*

Mah-jongg 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 Mah-jongg club gathering.

Library Events

- **Homeschool Meetup:** *Wednesday, September 18th & October 16th -- 1pm*

Calling all homeschool families! Come join your fellow homeschoolers at BML to socialize, discuss, and explore the library and what it can offer in this new monthly meetup! This is a family-friendly group, so parents and children of all age are welcome to attend. Meetups are drop-in; no registration required!

BML in the Community

- **Nottingham Day:** *September 21st @ Pawtuckaway State Park*

Blaisdell's Dan Bunker will be at Nottingham Day! Celebrate the town of Nottingham with fun all day long and free entry to Pawtuckaway for town residents!

- **Nottingham Parks and Rec Halloween Festival:** *October 19th @ Town Hall -- 3 to 6:30pm*

Enjoy spooky, silly, and sweet fun for Halloween! Say hello to the library at our table in the festival!

Friends of the Library Book Sale

The Fall Book Sale is on the horizon!

The next book sale will be held from **Friday, October 4th until Sunday, October 6th**. The donation period will begin on September 30th and end on October 3rd. Both the donations and book sale are run by the Friends of the

Blaisdell Memorial Library at the Old Town Hall building across from the library.

[Learn more about the sale and donation period](#) and follow the [Friends on Facebook](#)

Upcoming at the Library

After some small hiccups, the library has completed all work on our septic system! Thank you very much to the Nottingham Highway Department for all their great work!

Renovations and updates continue both inside the building and out... next time you visit, be sure to take a look at the backyard! We've got a spectacular new brick path and clearing as well as space for all kinds of fun in the future, including the mud kitchen (with plenty of utensils for play!), the sandbox, seating for parents, raised bed gardens and more on the way!

Our goal is to create a beautiful outdoor space that everyone will be able to enjoy freely, with funding for this transformation coming from a generous grant from **Libraries Transforming Communities**. Thank you to **Tenney and Son Landscaping** for their work on construction and **Brieghan of Stage Road Gardening** for consultation!

Work will continue indoors with the replacement of BML's current carpeting! Although it has held up admirably, moving furniture has really shown how much wear and tear the floor has taken over the decades. As such, the library will be **closed** for these renovations from **Friday, September 27th to Saturday, September 28th**. We appreciate your patience with these closures and look forward to a carpet that will last another 25 years!

Brief, For Once!

Ordinarily, this is where I take my time to talk with you all a little more casually... go into not just what we're doing but *why*. I love this job, we all love to help our patrons, and every step we take towards making BML better for the community is something to get excited about!

But I sprained my wrist the other day, so typing is hard. Oops! So September will be short and next month will be a return to your regularly scheduled rambling.

Change can be tumultuous and messy, but do the leaves not experience chaos as they take on their fall hues? Does the caterpillar not fall apart before it finds form as a butterfly? Yeast becomes bread, sand becomes glass, and promise the library will look *really, really* nice once we're all done sprucing it up!

Have a good September, take care of your wrists, and I'll see you in the next newsletter!

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