

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.

BLM is Back!

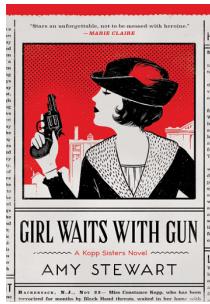
The library reopens just in time for a season of thrills and chills!

September and October have been marked by several extended closures in order to make necessary repairs and major renovations to the library building. We appreciate our patron's patience during this process and are happy to welcome you all back!

October is the month of Halloween, and in celebration of the season as well as a way to show gratitude to our community for their help and support, we're going to be holding a big Halloween & Fall Festival on October 31st! See library events for more details.

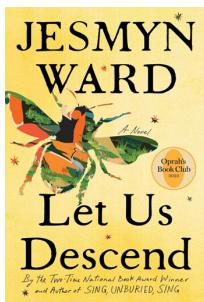
Calendars for October are now available online and in the library.

Book Groups



Afternoon Book Group: Thursday, November 7th -- 1:30pm
Girl Waits With Gun by Amy Stewart

Evening Book Group: Wednesday, November 20th -- 6:30pm



Let Us Descend by Jesmyn Ward

The Cookbook Group is currently on hiatus.

Children's Programs

Our first fall programming session finishes on Friday, October 18th. After this point, programs will be on break for two weeks. Sign-ups for after school programs will begin on October 22nd. The Fall/Winter programming session will begin on November 6th and run for six weeks.

There will be no STEAM club on November 5th. The first session will be held on November 12th, instead.

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 all after-school programs.

Due to high interest and limited space, sign-ups for Lego + and STEAM Club use a lottery system. Priority is first given to participants on the waiting list from the last session. For the remaining spaces, sign-ups submitted between the 22nd and 26th will be entered into a pool. At the end of the sign-up period, we will draw from that pool to determine the session's club members.

- **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:** *The November weekend story hour will be hosted on Saturday, November 16th as we will be closed on Saturday, November 9th to observe Veteran's Day.*

- **Potions Story Hour:** *Friday, October 25th -- 10am*

Mix up special brews in the Potions Story Hour! Enjoy a story, song, and lots of play outdoors! You'll be able to create your very own "potions" with colored water and other special ingredients that will make them bubble!

Youth Programs

- **Middle School Club (Grades 6 - 8):** *Wednesdays -- 3pm*

The Middle School Club is for library-loving kids to get together in the library after school to try out crafts, creative writing and games! Perfect for preteens who're hitting middle school and want to have some fun when class is done!

The Middle School Club is part of our regular programming sessions. For more information about the current programming dates, see [Children's Programs](#).

- **BYG:** *Wednesday, November 6th & November 20th -- 6pm*

The BYG (*Blaisdell Youth Group*) is a club for teens in middle and early 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.

Meetings alternate between regular sessions and tabletop game sessions.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, November 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 from members of the Nottingham and NH community about all kinds of topics! Want to present? Reach out to the library staff about a subject and date!

Upcoming Coffee Hour Topics:

- **October 23:** How the Friends of the Library supports BML with Karyn Quinn
- **October 30:** Halloween & Seasonal Trivia with Neolani Conroy
- **November 6:** Parks and Rec at BML
- **November 13:** Fuel Assistance Programs with Sage Davis

- **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.

- **Homeschool Meetup:** *Wednesday, November 20th -- 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.

Library Events

Celebrating the season, there will be several Halloween and Fall themed programs through the end of October!

- **Fall & Halloween Festival:** *Thursday, October 31st*

Celebrate the spookiest season with Blaisdell Memorial Library! After all of the work and projects that BML has been a part of these past few months, we're giving back to our community and our volunteers with an all-day-long festival of seasonal food and fun. Drop by for snacks, food and drink, come trick or treating at the library, check out the horror showcase, do some coloring, or take an all-ages spooky walk along the library trail from 3 to 5pm!

- **Halloween & Seasonal Trivia:** *Thursday, October 31st -- 6:30pm*

How much do you know about all things Halloween and Autumn? Test your knowledge in a trivia showdown hosted by Neolani Conroy for the chance to win fun prizes! *This trivia game will involve the same questions as the Coffee Hour on Oct. 30th, to offer more opportunities to participate.*

BML in the Community

- **Nottingham Parks and Rec Halloween Festival:** *Saturday, October 19th -- 2 to 6:30pm*

When you're having fun at the annual Halloween Festival, don't forget to stop by Blaisdell Memorial Library's booth and say hello for treats and fun!

Upcoming at the Library

Blaisdell Memorial Library will be closed on **Saturday, November 9th** for Veteran's Day Weekend. Additional holiday closures for November and December will be announced in the coming month.

Plans are already underway for special events in November, December, and the new year! Stay tuned as we finalize our next Craft Together and other specials for the winter season.

Thanksgiving! (a little bit early)

Have you seen the new BML?

I've mentioned it in the last two newsletters, but you would not believe the transformation! I still smile when I see a patron do a double-take upon entering the building and I can't blame them. We've made so many changes and renovations that it almost feels like a brand new place! And while we shouldn't need to close again, we've still got more improvements in mind!

But with the largest projects complete, we don't want to wait til November to start sharing our thanks. Hours of work went into the library over the past weeks, and we couldn't have done any of it without the generous assistance of the Friends of the Library and volunteers throughout the community. We truly cannot thank you enough for everything you've done to help make BML the best it can possibly be. We couldn't have done it alone!

We'll be showing our thanks to everyone on October 31st, during our Halloween & Fall Festival. We're packing it full of as many fun activities and delicious food as we can so that we can begin to give back to the community for all of your support. Come on in to have fun and celebrate everyone who donated their time and effort to helping the library!

We also want to thank the generous grants that helped fund projects like the garden improvements, as well as a bequeathment by one of our late patrons. The gift that he left to the library has helped us to make major upgrades to the building and expand our collection. He was a regular at BML, full of life and with an appetite for horror novels that we were happy to feed.

In his memory and in recognition of his gift, BML is expanding our horror offerings across the library and will be showcasing them in our Halloween Festival. We hope to give patrons a chance to explore the different directions that horror can take and try a new read that'll thrill and chill!

Personally, I always get the craving for horror right about this time. I know it can be an acquired taste, but the genre can encompass so many types of story from eerie thrillers to gory slashers to haunting gothic romances... and one of them might just be up your alley!

Even if not, still drop by... We've got candy, we've got decorations, and I've got my outfit all picked out! And of course, we've got all the usual things you expect from the library, ready and waiting for you to arrive.

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