

## Blaisdell Memorial Library

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### 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.*

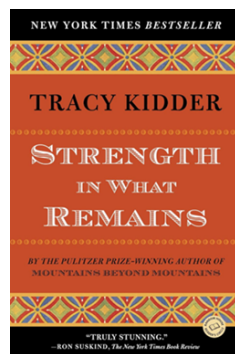
## In Like a Lion...

Through days cold and warm, dry and rainy, BML's got your fun!

With the advent of March, the library's next children's programming session has begun! Add in some activities for adults and families and we should have a month with a little bit for everyone.

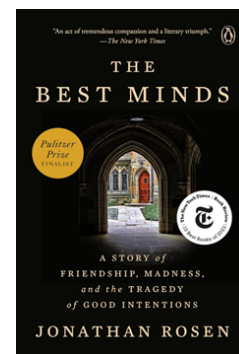
Calendars for March are now available online and in the library.

## Book Groups



**Afternoon Book Group:**  
*Thursday, April 3rd -- 1:30pm*

*Strength in What Remains*  
by Tracy Kidder



**Evening Book Group:**  
*Wednesday, March 26th -- 6:30pm*

*The Best Minds*  
by Jonathan Rosen

## Children's Programs

The current children's programming session began on Tuesday, March 4th and will run for seven weeks until April 19th. After that time there will be a two week break before the Spring Session 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.

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- **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:** *Saturday, March 15th -- 10am*

*This month's Weekend Story Hour will be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month instead of the 2nd.*

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- **Mr. Popper's Penguins Book Club Party:** *Saturday, March 22nd -- 10am*

Enjoy a classic kid's book with your family! Mr. Popper's Penguins has been a favorite for decades, and this book club party is the perfect chance to celebrate it. Pick up your copy of the book from the front desk through March, read it at home, then come in on the 22nd to talk about the characters, the penguins, and have some fun!

*Sign-ups are required for the book club party. Please call, email, or visit the library to register.*

## 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!

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- **BYG:** *Wednesday, March 19th & April 2nd -- 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, April 1st -- 1pm*

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

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- **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:*

- **March 5:** Local Author Rebecca Rule presented by NH Humanities
  - **March 12:** How Computers Work: PC Deconstruct with Dan Bunker
  - **March 19:** BML at Parks and Rec - Paint & Sip with Neolani Conroy
  - **March 26:** Intro to Anime and Manga with Jordan Reed
  - **April 2:** Animal Tracking & Spring Birds with the Nottingham Trails Committee
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- **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.

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- **Homeschool Meetup:** *Wednesday, March 19th -- 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

- **Baby Wrapping and Wearing:** *Friday, March 14th -- 10:30am*

There are a variety of ways to wrap infants and carry them. Learn about some different styles of wrapping with Adrian Pasquale and trade tips and safety information with other parents to help find what can work best for you and your baby! This program will be held after Friday's story hour. *Please note this is a parent-lead conversation, and not certified medical or safety advice.*

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- **Sourdough Baking Special:** *March 20th -- 6pm [Rescheduled]*

With a distinct flavor and incredible versatility, sourdough has become a rising star in the world of baking. Learn about its rich history and the many ways to use it at home with a demonstration by Adrienne Pasquale of [Titus 2 Breads](#). Get a sample of your own dried starter and learn how to care for it, as well as how to use it in a simple bread.

Sign-ups are required for this program. Please call, email, or visit the library to register. If you registered for this event last month, you will be contacted to confirm your attendance.

## Upcoming at the Library

**Seeds are in!** If you placed an order during the Friends of the Library seed sale, your seeds are now available to pick up at the library. Check in with the library staff to get your order!

The library's **Board Game Collection** is about to expand...! We've got a bunch of new games in for kids, teens and adults looking to have some fun. If you haven't browsed the board games before you can see our selection and learn more [on our website](#).

April 6th to April 12th is **National Library Week!** We always look to do some special stuff for the occasion, so look forward to more information at the end of the month in April's newsletter!

## ...Out Like a Lamb

I talk about the passing of the seasons quite a lot in this newsletter. Part of it is that it's a natural topic of discussion, but I also feel quite sensitive the way that the world changes around us. The rain, the cold, the clouds and humidity are all reflected inside myself and my own mood, for better and for worse.

It's about to get significantly better as we approach spring and Daylight Savings returns! Much as I hate waking earlier, I do love leaving work while it's still light out, and with the snow melting I can feel my energy returning.

That energy lets me turn my attention to the future... specifically, spring and summer and our plans for both. For one thing, the backyard has practically been *pinning* since the snow covered it up. It's going to be beautiful in bloom!

There's Summer Reading, too. Last year I had a ton of fun designing the Library Passport program and all of the stickers, and while I don't want to spoil this year's plans... if you took a Passport last year, maybe you should see if you still have it! Just in case.

I'm also thinking about more crafting projects. Despite all the delays, the Valentine's Cards and Bookmarks was a great time, and everyone who attended made beautiful pieces. I have a long list of crafts I'd love to try with BML, and it's time to whittle that down to what's feasible for the library!

It's easy to dream big but harder to see things through. Winter has been busy, and while we plan and think and imagine the future, too often things have to be set aside. But just as the longer days and warmer air heralds a moment where the snow melts and the daffodils bloom, the oncoming spring speaks to the right time for me to get *going* on all those projects.

So stick around! I can't say for sure what the future holds but I'm fairly sure BML will have some exciting things coming in the next few months. And don't you want to be there and see it? You'll just have to drop by!

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