



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

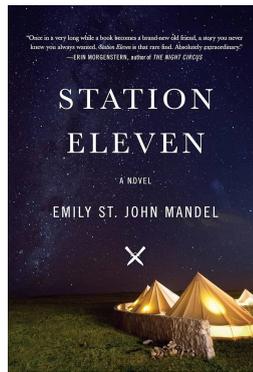
We are closed for some holiday weekends.

♪ Oh the weather outside is frigid! ♪

February may be frigid, but the library's warmth brings the fun forth!

Though February is the shortest month of the year, that doesn't stop Blaisdell Memorial Library from being packed with new things and programs! That includes February Break! Further details are in our pamphlets and calendars, which can be found online as well as at our circulation desk.

Book Groups



Afternoon Book Group:
Thursday, March 5th at 1:30PM

Station Eleven
by Emily St. John Mandel



Evening Book Group:
Wednesday, March 25th at 6:30PM

Don't Let The Forest In
by C. G. Drews

Casual Critics

Every 2nd Thursday, March 12th at 5PM

Are you a film buff? Join the Casual Critics! Each month, a new movie is chosen. Stream it at home or pick up a copy from the library, watch, and join the meetings to discuss! This month's movie is *The Batman* (2022 film).



Children's Programs

Current programming ends on the week of Saturday, February 14th, 2026.

Sign-ups for all afterschool programs will be open [online](#) from **Saturday, February 14th** until **Saturday, February 21st**. Due to high interest and limited space, after-school club signups may use a lottery system.

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- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays -- 10am
 - **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** Tuesdays -- 2:45pm
 - **STEAM Club (Grades 3 -5):** Thursdays -- 2:45pm
 - **Weekend Story Hour:** Every 2nd Saturday, February 14th -- 10am

Story hours are drop-in and open to all ages. Sign-ups are required for STEAM and Lego + Club.

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- **Homeschool Meetup:** Thursday, February 19th at 1PM. *Join us as we discuss maps, while we sew Olympic flags, make our own maps, and participate in BML's version of the Olympic games.*

Calling all homeschool families! Join us at BML to socialize, discuss, and learn at the library! All ages are welcome. No registration required.

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- **February Break**The 2026 February vacation dates for BML are Tuesday, February 24th to Saturday, February 28th.

Feb. 24th 10AM to 12PM-- Penguin STEAM stations (for kids)

Feb. 26th 10AM to 12PM- Legos for Littles

Feb. 27th 10AM-- Dogman movie and party with snacks, sewing and other activities

Feb. 28th 10AM to 12PM-- Design and make a stuffie (all ages welcome)

Youth Programs

- **Middle School Club (Grades 6 - 8):** Wednesdays -- 2:45pm

The Middle School Club is for library-loving kids to get together in the library after school to try out crafts, cooking, art and games!

*The Middle School Club is part of our regular programming sessions. Online sign-ups are required. For more information about the current programming dates, see Children's Programs. **The Middle School Club is on hiatus for the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.***

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- **BYG:** Wednesday, February 18th at 6PM
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Blaisdell Youth Group (Grades 9-11), also known as BYG, is a club for teens to get together, make friends, discuss books, and participate in fun activities, including gaming, book clubs, crafts, and more! New members are always welcome--you can drop in at any time or even bring a friend.

Meetings alternate between regular sessions and tabletop game sessions.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Chess Club:** *Every 3rd Saturday, February 21st -- 10am*

Are you an avid chess player or someone looking to learn? Drop into BML's Chess Club for the chance to practice your skills against fellow players!

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

Join us every Wednesday morning for bite-sized activities and discussions with free coffee and snacks. Each week has something new!

- **02/04/2026:** *Ukraine Presentation* with Josh Duclos
- **02/11/2026:** *Blaisdell Memorial Library Trustees Public Forum* with Jen Phillips
- **02/18/2026:** *BML at Parks and Rec - AI: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly* with Dan Bunker and Amanda Stevens
- **02/25/2026:** *Virtual Reality Special* with BML Staff
- **03/04/2026:** *Literary Talk: Motivation Scaling and Horseshoe Theory* with Alex Conroy

Want to present? Reach out to the library staff about a subject and date!

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- **11 O' Craft:** *Every 2nd Wednesday, February 11th -- 11am*

Join library staff once a month for a unique craft aimed at adults (but open to families). No sign-up needed and all supplies provided! This month's craft is sewing and making decorations.

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

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

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- **Homesteaders' Hub:** *Every 3rd Thursday, February 19th -- 5pm, with guest speaker Kat Holder*

Homesteaders and those interested in building their skills are invited to join the Hub! Share your knowledge, trade tips, and learn about traditional skills, self-sufficiency, and sustainable living.

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- **Mah-jongg Club:** *Wednesday after Coffee Hour (11:15am); Friday -- 10am*

Mah-jongg is a Chinese game of collecting tiles and gaining points played with four people. Whether you're a beginner or an intermediate player, all are welcome to BML's weekly Mah-jongg club gathering! Beginners meet on Friday dates.

Library Events



- **Basics of Ice Fishing and Ice Safety**

02/11/2026 at 5PM

Are you interested in ice safety? Have you ever been fishing? How about in an ice fishing derby? NH local Charlie Reid is giving a free, family-friendly lesson on the basics of ice fishing and ice safety. This will prepare those fascinated by the subject, as well as refresh those who will be joining the Bow Lake ice fishing derby later this month. No sign ups are necessary, just drop on in!

- **Virtual Reality Open House**
02/25/2026 12PM to 2PM
02/26/2026 4PM-6PM

New to virtual reality games? A veteran at them? Either way, drop in and try a small curated collection of VR games. See the dates and times above.

New to the Library

New Streaming Service

Looking for a new streaming platform this year? Introducing Kanopy, the premium streaming service now available to you for *free* using your Blaisdell Memorial Library Card. Kanopy brings you a curated collection with no monthly fees, zero ads, and compatible streaming on a variety of platforms. Our plan affords patrons 25 tickets per month to access the collection that includes:

- *Award-Winning Indie Films*: Gems from A24, Criterion Collection, and The Great Courses.
- *Powerful Documentaries*: Deep dives into social issues, history, and science.
- *World Cinema*: Critically acclaimed films from every corner of the globe.
- *Kanopy Kids*: A separate, curated collection for children with parental controls featuring favorites like *Sesame Street* and *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!!*

Simply download the Kanopy app, have your library card available, and follow the sign in instructions.

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Message From The Author

Change is never easy. As we inch through winter, we say farewell to our wonderful colleague, Jordan Reed. Jordan had been here before I arrived, and has been one of the staff members whose personality shines like a star. I have learned so much from them, and am thankful for everything they have taught. In their absence, I take solace in knowing that while they will no longer be a part of our staff, we are left with remaining staff members (that feel like family), as well as an outstanding community, with members such as yourselves. Please join me on our journey, as we grow our new proverbial branches together.

Sincerely,

Neolani Conroy
Librarian

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