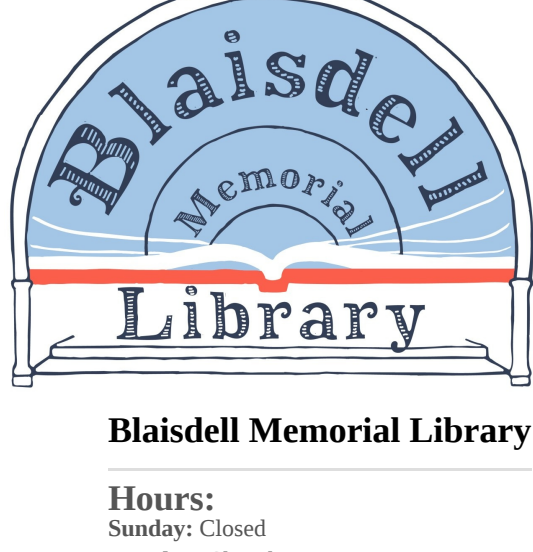




Blaisdell Memorial Library

Hours:

Sunday: Closed
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Tuesday: 10am - 5pm
Wednesday: 10am - 8pm
Thursday: 10am - 8pm
Friday: 10am - 2pm
Saturday: 10am - 2pm

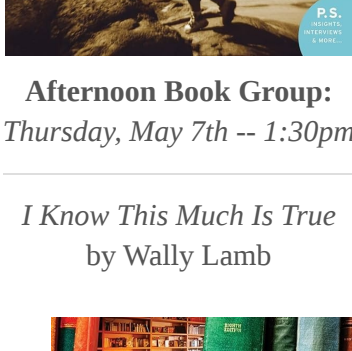
We are closed for some holiday weekends.

"April hath put a spirit of youth in everything." -- William Shakespeare

This month Blaisdell Memorial Library is keeping the Nottingham community young at heart!

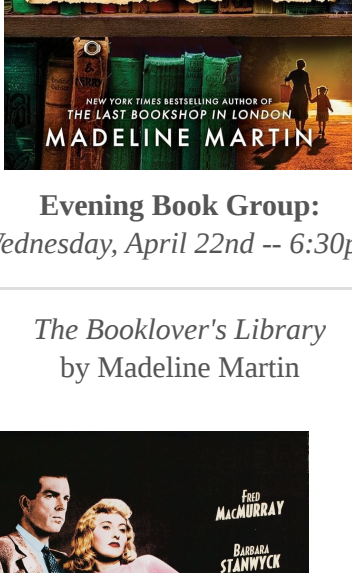
Whether you're a child or a child at heart looking for something to do during April vacation, or simply the month of April, Blaisdell Memorial Library has you covered! Please stop by our webpage or circulation desk for a copy of this month's calendar.

Book and Movie Groups



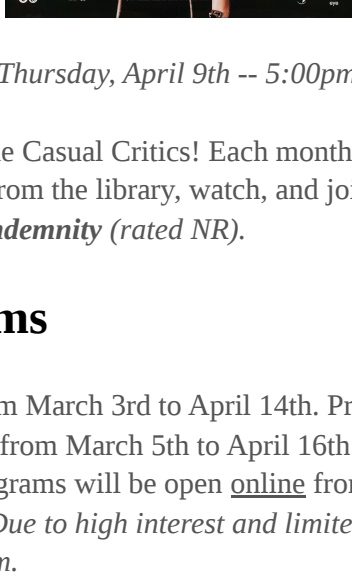
Afternoon Book Group:
Thursday, May 7th -- 1:30pm

I Know This Much Is True
by Wally Lamb



Evening Book Group:
Wednesday, April 22nd -- 6:30pm

The Booklover's Library
by Madeline Martin



Casual Critics: *Every 2nd Thursday, April 9th -- 5:00pm*

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 *Double Indemnity* (rated NR).

Children's Programs

Our current Lego Club runs from March 3rd to April 14th. Program runs for 1 hour.
Our current STEAM Club runs from March 5th to April 16th. Program runs for 1 hour.
Sign-ups for all afterschool programs will be open online from **Tuesday, April 21st** until **Friday, April 25th**. *Due to high interest and limited space, after-school club signups may use a lottery system.*

- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays -- 10:00am*

- **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** *Tuesdays -- 2:45pm*
- **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 5):** *Thursdays -- 2:45pm*
- **Weekend Story Hour:** *Every 2nd Saturday, April 11th -- 10:00am*

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

- **Evening Story Hour with Miss Olivia:** *Thursday, April 23rd -- 5:00pm*

Join us for an evening/bedtime story hour with returning staff member Olivia for stories and crafts.

- **Homeschool Meetup:** *Thursday, April 16th-- 1:00pm*

Calling all homeschool families! Join us at BML to socialize, discuss, and learn at the library! All ages are welcome. No registration required. This month our focus is snuffle mats and local community engagement.

Youth Programs

- **Middle Makers Club (Grades 6 - 8)**

The Middle Makers Club is for library-loving kids to get together in the library after school to try out cooking, sewing and other home economics inspirations.

This program is currently on hiatus until September 2026.

- **BYG:** *Wednesday, April 15th -- 6:00pm*

The BYG (*Blaisdell Youth Group*) is a club for teens high school to get together and participate in fun activities, including gaming, book clubs, crafts, and more! New members are always welcome!

Meetings alternate between regular sessions and tabletop game sessions.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Chess Club:** *Every 3rd Saturday, April 18th -- 10:00am*

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!

- **Community Coffee Hour:** *Every Wednesday -- 10:00am*

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

- **April 1st:** *The Natural Resources of Nottingham* with Tom Eid
- **April 8th:** *Faberge Imperial Easter Eggs* with Marina Forbes from the NH Humanities
- **April 15th:** BML at Parks and Rec - *Bioblitz and Wild Discovery Day* with Charlotte Thompson
- **April 22nd:** *Kanopy, Libby, and Other Digital Platforms* with Dan Bunker
- **April 29th:** *Welcome Our Robot Overlords - Science Fiction Writing & AI* with Jim Kelly
- **May 6th:** *Spring Birding* with Deb Kimball

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

- **11 O' Craft:** *Every 2nd Wednesday, April 8th -- 11:00am*

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 making handheld Swiffer-style dusters and homemade laundry detergent.

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, April 7th/Tuesday, May 5th-- 1:00pm*

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

- **Homesteaders' Hub:** *Every 3rd Thursday, April 16th -- 5:00pm*

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. This month we are learning about early season gardening with Charlie Reid.

- **Mah-jongg Club:** *every Wednesday after Coffee Hour at 11:15am (except for the 3rd Wednesday of the month, when it is at 1:15PM); every Friday at 10:00am*

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! Fridays are for beginner players, while Wednesdays are for intermediate players.

Library Events

You're Only As Old As You Feel

- **Introduction to Fly Fishing:** *Thursday, April 9th--3:45PM*

Are you a youth that's interested in learning about the ins and outs of fly fishing? Join Dan Bunker as he discusses safety, basics, how-to's and other questions. An avid young fan of fly fishing? Please feel free to bring your own gear.

- **1000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation:** *Saturday, April 18th -- 10:00AM*

BML is celebrating our first graduation for our 1000 books before Kindergarten readers! Graduates and their immediate family have been formally invited to join us for the ceremony and light snacks and refreshments.

- **Evening Story Hour:** *Thursday, April 23rd -- 5:00PM*

Do you have small children who don't have time for a story hour in the morning, but would absolutely adore a story hour closer to their bedtime? Stop by and our very own Miss Olivia will captivate your little audience!

- **Youth Sourdough Class:** *Saturday, April 25th -- 10:00AM*

Are you between the ages of 8 and 14? Are you interested in learning to bake? Do you enjoy a good sourdough bread? Sign up for a sourdough making class at Blaisdell Memorial Library. The class will be during April vacation, on **Friday, April 25th at 10AM** with Adrienne from Titus 2 Breads. The class takes about an hour. **Sign ups are required, with one form per person.** Sign ups go live on our website on April 7th and close on April 11th.

- **April Vacation Dragon STEAM Special:** *Tuesday, April 28th -- 10:00AM to 12:00PM*

If you are between the ages of 1 to 10? Do you like making diamond art and making dragon eggs? Stop by our Dragon STEAM Special in our children's meeting room area. You're in for a gem of a good time!

- **April Vacation LEGO Special:** *Thursday, April 30th -- 10:00AM to 12:00PM*

Are you missing our normally scheduled Lego+ Club program and wish that you could have another day of it during April vacation? We thought you might and planned ahead. This special day is just for you!

- **Minecraft Movie Watch:** *Friday, May 1st -- 10:00AM*

Do you enjoy playing Minecraft? Did you want to watch the movie? Youths and their families will join Miss Julie for a Minecraft movie watch party where they will have the additional options of enjoying sewing, crafting and eating some delicious snacks.

Upcoming at the Library

BioBlitz and Wild Discovery Day

Blaisdell Memorial Library is collaborating with the Nottingham community for the 2026 Nottingham BioBlitz and Wild Discovery Day. Come to Marson Farm Recreation Area on Saturday, May 2nd for a variety of guided walks, presentation tables, vendors, and activity stations. Walks start as early as 7am and end at 12pm (registration may be required). Presentations start at 9am and end at 1PM. Activities include water resources and aquatic ecology, turtle models and coloring, natural trivia, bird weighing, local geology history, and more! Curious to learn more? Check out the webpage at: <https://www.nottinghamwild.org/>

May Book Sale

It's that time of the year again, when folk want to do some spring cleaning, while bringing home some other reading materials. With that in mind, our book sale is coming up in May.

Donations to the book sale will go to the Nottingham Old Town Hall, across from the Blaisdell Memorial Library, from Monday, May 11th to Thursday, May 14th, from 10am to 6pm.

The sale itself will be at the Nottingham Old Town Hall from 3:30pm to 6pm on Friday, May 15th, and from 9am to 2pm on Saturday and Sunday May 16th and 17th.

A Note From The Author

This month is Library Appreciation Month and as usual, things are rarely still here at Blaisdell Memorial Library. When they do, it's placid for practically only a few hours. If you see us stationed at a desk, we are often doing behind the scenes work that folk didn't expect. We repair damaged materials, plan out our programs and prep them, pre-process and cover materials, and are frequently coordinating with dozens of individuals throughout the town and New England to make programs, prizes and museum passes viable for our patrons. When we're not working in the building, we might be stationed at another location, spreading our good will. We're hopping around between the Parks and Recreation Center for Easter, or at the Marston Farm Recreation Area to discuss wildlife or disc golf, or at the daycares for weekly story time, or at Old Home Day, or the winter parade, etc. No matter where in Nottingham it is, or who we are interacting with, we take great care, effort and pride in our work giving back to the community. In all of my years working as a librarian, this particular library has a special place in my heart. Part of this is because of such a wonderful community, but the other part is how deeply I can tell our library staff appreciate each other and all of you. This place is a gem. Thank you all for your mutual support.

Neolani Conroy

Librarian

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