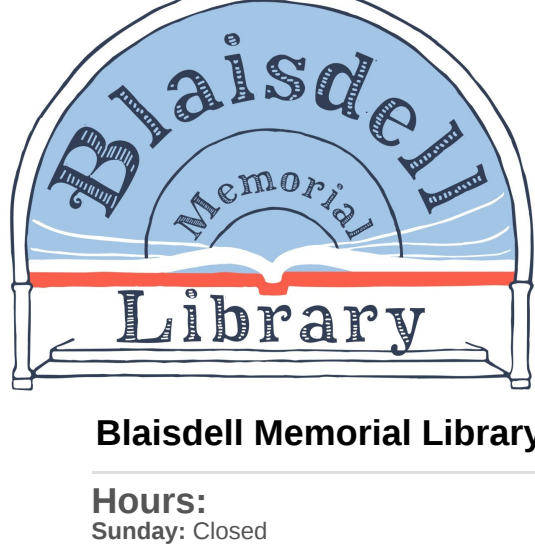




Blaisdell Memorial Library

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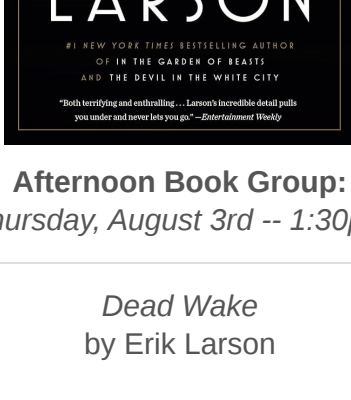
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We are closed for some holiday weekends.

Summer time and the program's breezy

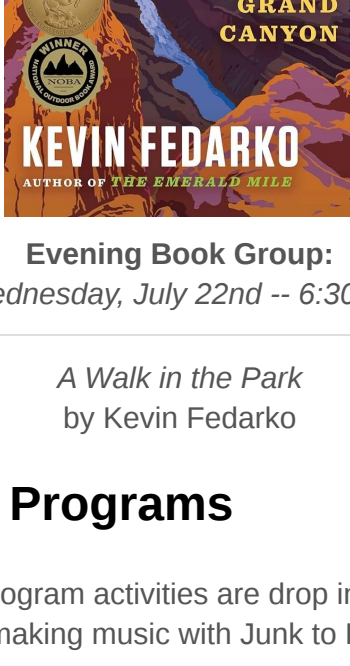
To paraphrase Janis Joplin, "summer time and the program is breezy." The Summer Reading Program has returned, stronger than ever! Blaisdell Memorial Library is ramping up activities for the month of July as well as summer reading program prospective prizes! Please stop by the circulation desk or our website for copies of the July calendar, to see which events you're able to attend.

Book Groups



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

Dead Wake
by Erik Larson



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

A Walk in the Park
by Kevin Fedarko

Regular Children's Programs

Most of the Summer Reading Program activities are drop in, however, sign ups are required for those interested in making music with Junk to Funk.

- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Thursdays, and Fridays -- 10 AM*
- **Evening Story Hour with Miss Olivia:** *Thursday, June 25th and Thursday, July 23rd-- 5 PM*

Story hours are drop-in and open to all ages.

- **Homeschool Meetup:** *NO JULY OR AUGUST MEETINGS*

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

- **Junk to Funk Midsummer Special at Nottingham Recreation Center:**
Tuesday, July 14th

Junk 2 Funk provides a unique opportunity to work together and create music using upcycled materials! Families are welcome to join us for a special large group assembly at 10 AM. Participants entering grades K-8 are encouraged to join us for small group breakout sessions - see sign-ups on our website at <https://forms.gle/L6yHT9ytmjrY5GYC9>. Recreation camp children will automatically be enrolled. There are 25 spots per library time slot available. All participants will receive a confirmation email regarding their time slot spot.

Regular Youth Programs

- **BYG:** *Wednesday, July 15th -- 6 PM*

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

This month we will be eating pizza and making flower arrangements.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, July 7th -- 1 PM*

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

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

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

- **July 1st:** Adult and Teen Summer Clothing Swap with Amanda S.
- **July 8th:** Local Author Panel & AMA with Elizabeth G, Tom E, & James K
- **July 15th:** Flower Arranging with Julie
- **July 22nd:** The Barn at Merry Hill with Bobby
- **July 29th:** NHH Special - Presentation and Music - Songs of Emigration with Jordan Tirrell-Wysocki

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

- **Mah-jongg Club:** *Wednesdays after Coffee Hour at 11:15 AM (EXCEPT on July 15th when Mah-jongg is at 1:15 PM), Fridays at 10 AM, and Saturday, July 11th at 10 AM.*

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!

- **Casual Critics:** *Every 2nd Thursday, July 9th -- 5 PM*

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 *2081 (rated NR)* which will be watched together, served with mocktails and popcorn. A discussion will be had regarding the differences between the movie and the Kurt Vonnegut story *Welcome to the Monkey House*, which members will have been lent a copy of to read prior.

- **Homesteaders' Hub:** *NO JULY MEETING*

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.

- **Chess Club:** *Every 3rd Saturday, July 18th -- 10 AM*

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!

Library Events

Just because it's the summer reading program, doesn't mean there aren't activities for folks of all ages during it! Below are some of our summer reading program activities, targeted at either families or adults (depending on the event), that have a special feel to each of them. Please take a gander.

- **Leaping Lizards:** *Wednesday, July 1st and the Nottingham Recreation Center -- 10 AM*

Designed to engage children, teens, and adults alike, this show offers a unique opportunity to explore the fascinating lives of reptiles. The knowledgeable educators present captivating stories about various species, their habitats, and the importance of conservation. With live reptiles on display, attendees can enjoy a hands-on experience that enhances their understanding of these incredible creatures.

- **Guided Painting:** *Wednesday, July 8th -- 11:30 AM*

If being led through painting a landscape sounds zen to you, join Neolani as she walks you through painting Blaisdell Memorial Library. Adults only. Space is limited. Sign ups are required. Sign ups can be found at <https://forms.gle/kdYawW5LMpD2ppN58>. Hope to see you there!

- **Ranch Revision:** *July 21st to July 27th*

FORMERLY KNOWN AS THE CHOPPED CHALLENGE--Pick up a seasoning packet at the circulation desk (one packet per household). Create a dish with it that is not traditional ranch dressing. Snap a picture and send it to bmlchildrensdesk@gmail.com, no later than July 27th. Pictures will be posted to Facebook. Vote only once. Do not share this with others as posts are meant to be anonymous. The top two dishes with the most thumbs up win Hannaford gift cards! First place will receive a \$30 gift card and second place will receive a \$20 gift card. Winners will be announced on August 4th!

- **Blind Fruit Taste Test:** *Wednesday, July 22nd -- 3 PM to 6 PM*

Join us as we offer a variety of fruits that are less commonly eaten in New England. See what ones you might enjoy, and try to guess where they're from!

- **Puzzle Competition:** *Tuesday, July 28th -- 10 AM*

Open to patrons of all ages, try your hand at a timed team puzzle competition. If your team can finish the 300 piece puzzle, you win a 550 piece puzzle to take home as your prize!

- **Summer Reading Program Finale:** *July 31st -- 10 AM to 12:30 PM*

Celebrate with library staff our finale for the summer reading program on an upbeat note. During this time we will be serving a spread of refreshments. From 11 AM to 12:30 PM members of the Southern New Hampshire Ukulele Group offer ukulele lessons, and will be providing a performance together afterwards. How cool is that?!

Upcoming at the Library

The library will be closed for Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Please schedule borrowing your materials around that.

Back only for the summer-time: library passes to the Boston Aquarium! Passes admit up to 4 people for \$20 on a Monday through Friday, or the printed day of the pass. Passes are available up to September 4th, 2026.

Beginning mid-August, the library will be offering notary services on Saturdays. It is encouraged, but not required, to notify staff before hand, so that the appropriate staff members may shift their work load accordingly. Identification will be required for all notary services.

Personal Message

Preparing for a regular school-year library program can take weeks. Preparing for the library summer reading program takes months (more than half a year). As such it shouldn't be a surprise that we get really excited to share it with the community once the time has arrived. It's an effort of platonic love that we collaborate on, put hours into, and pull resources for, just to put a smile on each of your faces.

We spend dozens of hours putting forethought into every detail, from the activities, to the reading trackers, to the decorations, to the prospective prizes. As one of the two staff members who has been working on the prizes for this year, I'd like to give you a sneak peek for what you could win. Last summer I introduced you all to weekly raffle prizes, with a smörgåsbord of prize options. This year, just like the Reading Dragons trackers are back, so too are the weekly raffle prizes. Are there book prizes? Yes. Program day-of prizes? Some. What about other types of prizes? Definitely.

So what makes this year different? For starters, the prizes will not be on display this year. Last summer prizes and cans got moved around, which affected where some patrons accidentally entered their tickets. This year, the prizes will be shown/listed on a poster display, next to their associated raffle cans. That should assist folks in putting their tickets in the right can. Additionally, last summer prizes were either for kids or everyone.

This year, prize options are for kids, teens, adults and either everyone or family. The ones marked for everyone are free game for all ages, should they prefer to enter for that prize, over the one allotted that week for their age range. The family options, are a bit of my pride and joy about this summer's options though. I specifically made 2 baskets, one for the opening week, and one for the finale week that are designed to be something for the whole family. They have gift certificates, they have books, they have crafts, they have games-- and they're all tied together in beautiful baskets with a neat bow. I try to be all inclusive, and after last summer, I realized that some of you have large families. This means that sometimes not everyone in a household can win, but everyone deserves to feel like they've won, and so I hope that the families those baskets go home to, enjoy their well deserved winnings.

Curious of what you can win for all of your hard work reading books and attending our programs? Stop in each week to get your raffle ticket and discover what's available!

I look forward to seeing you soon.

Sincerely,

Neolani Conroy
Librarian, MLIS

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