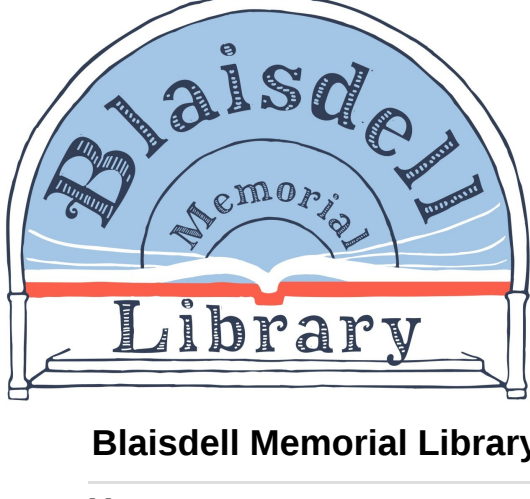




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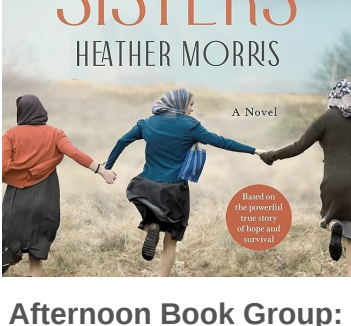
Sunday: Closed
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Tuesday: 10am - 5pm
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We are closed for some holiday weekends.

June signals the end of the school year

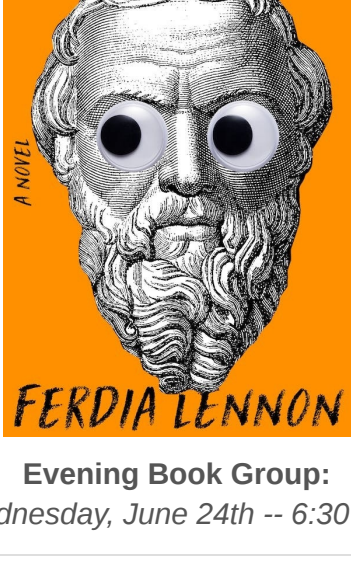
With the end of the school year fast approaching, we've got the end of our regularly scheduled programs lined up and teasers ready for our summer program. Want to see what we have in store? Please check our website for our June calendar, and check back with us in July when everything kicks off into full gear!

Book Groups



Afternoon Book Group:
Thursday, July 2nd -- 1:30 PM

Three Sisters
by Heather Morris



Evening Book Group:
Wednesday, June 24th -- 6:30 PM

Glorious Exploits
by Ferdia Lennon

Children's Programs

The programs for the school year, including Story Hour, end the week of June 13th. Sign ups for our Lego+ Club, Steam Club and Middle Makers Group return at the end of August, 2026. Please check back in August for further details.

- **Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin:** *Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays -- 10 AM*
- **LEGO+ Club (Grades K - 2):** *Tuesdays -- 2:45 PM*
- **STEAM Club (Grades 3 - 6):** *Thursdays -- 2:45 PM*
- **Weekend Story Hour:** *Every 2nd Saturday, June 13th -- 10 AM*
- **Evening Story Hour:** *Every 4th Thursday, June 25th -- 5 PM*

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

- **Homeschool Meetup:** *Thursday, June 18 -- 1 PM*

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

Youth Programs

- **Middle Makers (Grades 6 - 8):** *Wednesdays -- 2:45 PM*

The Middle Makers Group is for library-loving kids to get together in the library after school to try out sewing, knitting, crocheting, baking, cooking and more!

*The Middle Makers Group is part of our regular programming sessions. Sign ups required. **This program is on hiatus until September 2026.***

- **BYG:** *Wednesday, June 17th -- 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!

Meetings alternate between regular sessions and tabletop game sessions.

Regular Adult Programming

- **Game n' Gab:** *Tuesday, June 2nd -- 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!

- **June 3rd:** Plot Armor: Convenience or Perspective with Alex Conroy
- **June 10th:** Estate Planning and Probate with KSW Law
- **June 17th:** Painting with Deb H. hosted at Parks and Rec.
- **June 24th:** Library Gardens and Grounds with Julie F-G. and David S.
- **July 1st:** Clothing Swap with Amanda S.

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

- **Mah-jongg Club:** *Wednesday after Coffee Hour (11:15 AM); Friday -- 10 AM; the first Saturday of every month 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 Mah-jongg club gatherings!

- **11 O' Craft:** *Every 2nd Wednesday, June 10th -- 11 AM*

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 crocheting jar openers.

- **Casual Critics:** *Every 2nd Thursday, June 11th -- 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 *Arrival* (rated PG-13).

- **Homesteaders' Hub:** *Every 3rd Thursday, June 18th -- 5 PM*

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, June 20th -- 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

The Summer Reading Program begins at the end of this month. This year's theme is "Plant a Seed, Read". See what events we have to offer for the start of the program!

- **Teddy Bear Sleepover Drop-Off:** *June 25th -- 10 AM to 8 PM*

Are you a child who loves sleepovers with friends and want to encourage your stuffie to do the same? Drop off your stuffie on this day, and stop into the next morning's story hour to pick them up, have breakfast, hear a story and maybe see the photos of your stuffie's sleepover!

- **Teddy Bear Breakfast Story Hour:** *June 26th -- 10 AM*

Are you a child that had a stuffie that slept over the night before? Stop in this morning with Miss Julie to pick them up, have breakfast, a craft, and a wonderful story hour!

- **Tye Dye:** *June 30th -- 10 AM to 12 PM*

Join Miss Neolani as she walks you through making your very own tye-dye tote bag! This activity is open to folk from ages of 7 to 122. One tote bag per person, while supplies last.

Upcoming at the Library

Mah-jongg Club is now being held 2 to 3 days per week. If you are looking to get into the game, and want to be eased in with other beginners, please join us for our Saturday meetings, held on the first Saturday of every month at 10 AM. Our July session will be hosted on Saturday, July 11 to avoid the holiday weekend.

Due to a Nottingham planning board meeting with public comment on May 27th, **Evening Book Group** will be having two meetings in June. On Wednesday, June 3rd at 6:30 PM we will be discussing *Waste Wars* by Andrew Clapp. Our next meeting in June will be *Glorious Exploits* by Ferdia Lennon, and the books are ready to be checked out by group members at the circulation desk.

On Wednesday, July 1st from 10 AM to 3 PM, Blaisdell Memorial Library will be hosting its first ever *adult and teen clothing swap*! Donations will be accepted from Thursday, June 25th to Tuesday, June 31st. **Maximum donations per person are up to five items.** All items need to be clean and gently used. All sizes are welcome. Spring/Summer items preferred. We will not accept undergarments, bathing suits, shoes, t-shirts, children's clothing, bolts of fabric, any clothing with logos or sayings, or any unintentionally frayed pieces of clothing. For further information please email us at bmlcirculationdesk@gmail.com.

The library **will be closed** on Saturday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day. Please borrow your materials around this schedule. Thank you in advance.

Personal Message

Since I took over writing for the library's newsletter, I've been asked more often about programs happening at the library. Sometimes the questions are for far in the future, and sometimes the questions are for the next morning. This past week has been no exception. With our book sale now past, and our regularly scheduled programs going through the first half of this month, I think it is best to answer this with the short term programming questions that will be affecting several of us before the month is out.

Let's talk summer reading program. Here are some basic questions that I've been asked, that are good to know in advance:

When is the 2026 Summer Reading Program? Our summer reading program has its soft start this year on June 25th. It's official big kick off is on July 1st and ends on July 31st.

My kids would just be joining this year, is there a method to track their reading? Yes, we have what you need behind the circulation desk. Just ask us starting the last week of June through August.

What is the method of tracking children's reading?

Back by popular demand are the reading dragons! This is a fun card game that they can play with other readers in the community as they collect more cards throughout the summer. It's an exciting way to keep track of their reading time.

Last year raffle prizes were introduced to the summer reading program. Will we be doing that again? Yes. There will be a new raffle prize every week, for folks of all age groups. There will also be a couple of events where patrons have the opportunity to win prizes. It's a very generous year for prizes!

Are all of the programs going to be just for children? Nope. In addition to our regularly scheduled Coffee Hour programs, we will have a couple that are for teens and a handful of programs that are just for adults. Never fear, Blaisdell has something for everyone!

I hope that this newsletter found each and every one of you well and in good health. I look forward to seeing you this summer!

Neolani Conroy

Librarian