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All Together Now! ***Summer Reading 2023***



Hello Laura,

Summer is here!!!

Summer is when the library really shines. Kami and Abby have been working on programs and decorations and bingo cards so that our patrons can have the best summer ever! Our theme "All Together Now" is one of kindness and inclusivity and our programs reinforce the theme.

Summer Reading got off to a great start with our kick-off performer, comic and mime Robert Rivest. See below for more programs coming in July and August.

Sign up for bingo! We have a card for kids age 5-12, and one for teens and adults. We have all types of prizes: gift certificates, books, a lovely throw, and a great big Elmo! Every square gets you a raffle ticket, an extra two if you get a bingo. Then pick the prize you would like to win. Get the details and sign up at the circulation desk.

The annual book sale runs through Saturday. So many books, audio books, and DVDs - surely you'll find something.

We hope to see you soon!

Have a good day,

Laura

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The Library will be closed
Tuesday, July 4th for Independence Day

Programs for Everyone!

Escape Room

Thursday, July 20th 1-6pm

Harry Potter-themed room. Test your skills.

****Sign up is required. For ages 10+****

Trivia Night

Thursday, July 27th

Finale: Bright Star Theater

Tuesday, August 1st 11am in our Back Yard
National Touring Theater brings to life
Aesop's Fables.

This program is generously sponsored by
Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.



Programs for Kids!

For children entering Kindergarten-3rd Grade

Together with Community Helpers

Touch a Truck

Saturday, July 8th 10am-Noon

See a variety of Bethlehem vehicles

Together in the Kitchen

Tuesday, July 11th 11am

Kids will learn to make Mexican food in our
traveling kitchen

Together with Science

Tuesday, July 18th 11am

White Mountain Science presents "Human
Plus" using Lego robotics

Together with Friends

Tuesday, July 25th 11am in our Back Yard
Field Day! A variety of team activities!



Programs for Adults!

Readers' Cafe Book Discussion

Thurs. July 13th Noon

AND Sat. July 15th 9am

The People We Keep by Allison Larkin. A
coming-of-age story about connections, built
families and self-acceptance

Author Ryan Bernsten

Saturday, July 22nd Noon

Hear about his 23,000-mile journey through
all 50 states of his home country to answer the
question "Is American as divided as it seems?"

Programs for Older Kids!

For children entering Grade 4+

Breakfast is Easy

Friday, July 7th 11am

We'll be cooking up some yummy food in our
traveling kitchen!

Escape Room

Friday, July 21st 11am

Harry Potter-themed room. Test your skills.
For age 10-18 only. ****Sign up is required****

Game On!

Friday, August 4th 11am in our back yard

and how he wrote *50 States of Mind: A Journey to Rediscover American Democracy*

Work together on Survivor-style challenges!

Books of Jewish Interest book discussion
Wednesdays 4pm

Co-Sponsor Bethlehem Hebrew Congregation

July 12 *The Ritual Bath* by Faye Kellerman

July 26 *A Conspiracy of Paper* by David Liss

August 9 *Friday the Rabbi Slept Late*

by Harry Kemelman

August 23 *The Kill Artist* by Daniel Silva



Weekly Program

Let's Talk



Fridays 10:15am

An informal conversation with a different topic/theme each week. A thoughtful, safe, and open discussion. Coffee included!

July topics include:

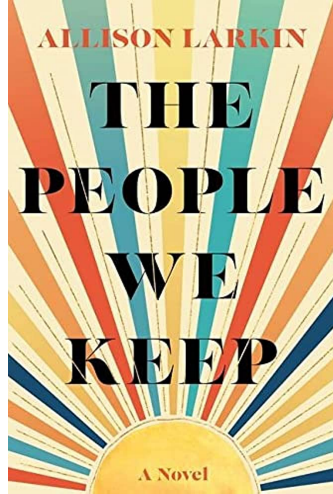
7/7 - Forgiveness

7/14 - Rule Breaking

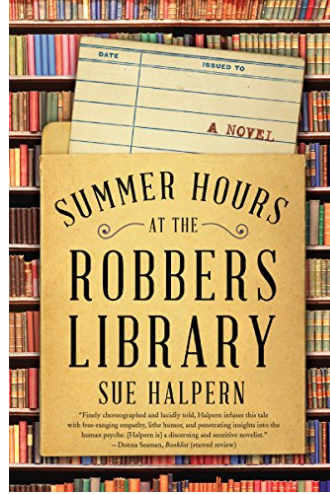
7/21 - First time drinking (7/21 is National Legal Drinking Age Day)

7/28 - Yearbooks (Bring in your yearbooks to share.)

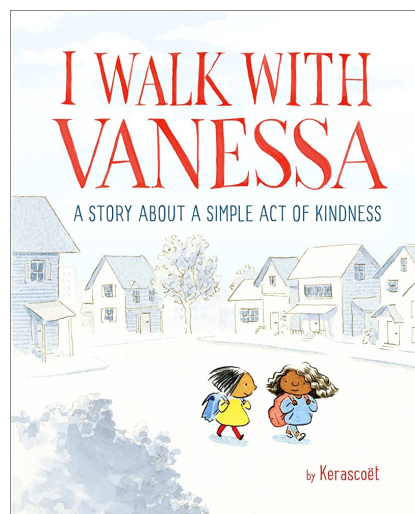
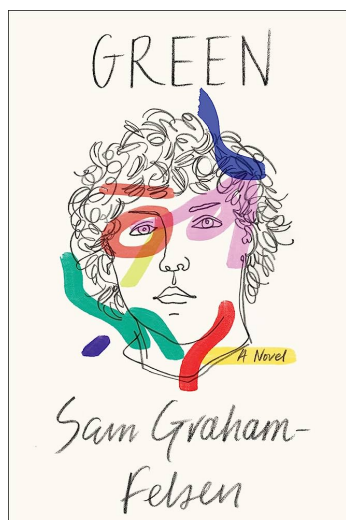
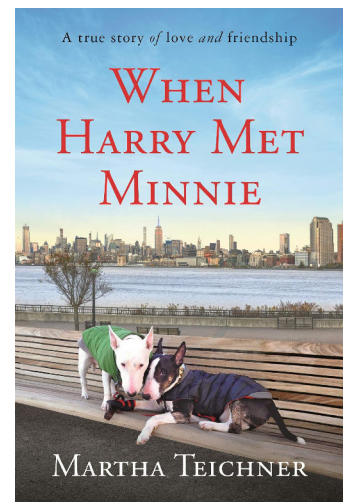
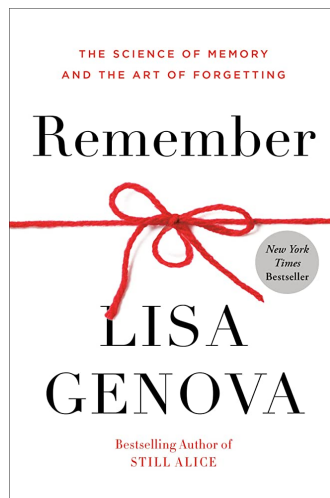
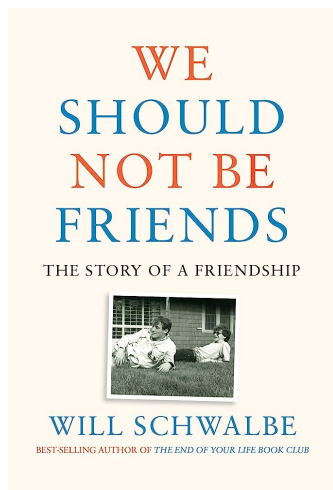
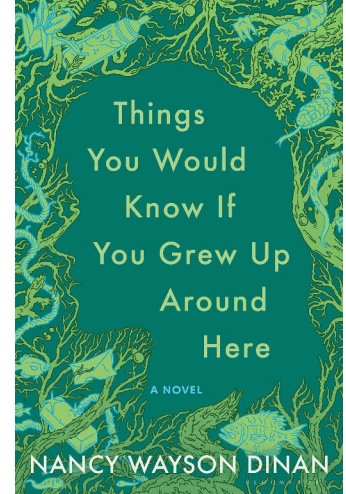
What to Read This Summer!
Click on cover for more information , or to reserve



Book discussion book for July



Set in New Hampshire



New this spring!

"I'm so excited to...promote summer reading! I come from a long line of book lovers (my

mom was a librarian!). Summer nights, cuddled up with my mom or grandmothers and a book are some of my most precious memories. I can't wait to encourage other kids to do the same- to dig into the pages of their first chapter book, get lost in a picture book or pick up their first earlier reader and let their imaginations take them away!

All Together Now is a beautiful testament to what I hope books can do for us all: connect and encourage acceptance of many different types of people. As we read "All Together Now" this summer, I know we can help shape strong, empathetic young readers!!"

— **Jenna Bush Hager, 2023 Summer Reading Champion**



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