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Get Ready! Summer is Here!

Greetings!

Summer means one thing at the library; we're getting ready for Summer Reading!

This year's theme: *Unearth a Story*. Children's programs focus on dinosaurs, while other programs are embracing a history theme, helping to celebrate our country's 250th birthday.

We have six weeks of fun programs this summer. We're starting early (June 15th) with a NH Humanities program, Portraits of a Revolution (see below for details). Our official Kick-Off on Tuesday, June 30th is Dinosaurs Rock with Mr. Aaron! This program is held at The Colonial Theatre. The Colonial is a wonderful partner, allowing us to use the theater for our entertainment - we don't have to worry about weather, and the theater can accommodate the large crowds we have for kick-offs. Admission is free to every program, and we welcome all North Country residents and visitors.

Details on all our summer events will be coming out later in June via this newsletter, social media, and our website.

Bingo is back too, for ages 6-99. Sign up to play begins Monday, June 29th. We have great raffle prizes, including theater tickets, gift cards to Meadowstone, Settler's Green, Funspot, and more, and a Visa gift card! The more you read, the more chances to win!

Summer is a great time to do some leisure reading, enjoy a program, or just stop in and enjoy our A/C!

Hope to see you soon,

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Programs at a Glance



JUNE 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4 Friends Meeting 5:30pm	5 Let's Talk 10:15am Gaming Club 2:30pm	6 Un-Book Club 11am
7	8 Library Trustees 7pm	9 Mah Jongg 12:30pm	10	11	12 Let's Talk 10:15am Death Cafe 11:30am	13
14	15 Portraits of a Revolution 6pm	16 Mah Jongg 12:30pm	17 Readers Cafe Book Discussion 1:30pm DNA Doe Project 6pm	18	19 LIBRARY CLOSED FOR JUNETEENTH	20 Readers Cafe Book Discussion 9am
21	22 Beekeeping 6pm	23 Mah Jongg 12:30pm	24 Trivia Night 6pm	25	26 Let's Talk 10:15am	27 Book Sale 9am-3pm
28	29 Book Sale 1-7pm	30 Dinosaurs Rock w/Mr. Aaron 11am Book Sale 10am-4pm	At the Colonial Theater			

KEY: Purple =Kids Red=Adults Green=All ages

Holiday Closure: Friday, June 19th for Juneteenth



Annual Book Sale

Begins Saturday, June 27th 9am-3pm

Continues June 29th - July 3rd during regular library hours

This year we have a large selection of children's books, brand-new, many signed by the authors!

Exclusive Event!!

Members of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library - you get exclusive early shopping on **Friday June 26th from 5-6pm.**

You must be a current member in good standing, or join that night!

We're still taking donations, especially adult fiction. [Click here for donation details.](#)

JUNE PROGRAMS For Adults



RESCHEDULED, NEW DATE: Investigative Genealogy and the DNA Doe Project

Wednesday, June 17th 6pm

Chelsea Hanrahan will speak on investigative genetic genealogy, the emerging practice of using genetic information to identify suspects or victims in criminal cases. Hanrahan's talk explains what she does and how she uses science to help identify John and Jane Doe cases.



Death Cafe

Friday, June 12th 11:30am

A respectful and confidential place to discuss death, with no agenda, objective or theme. Refreshments will be served.

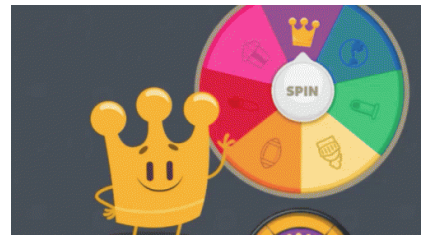


Beginner Beekeeping

Monday, June 22nd 6pm

Think you might want to add bees to your land? Janice Mercieri of White Mountain Apiary will discuss how to get started. Just curious about these wonderful creatures? Join us to learn more.

This program is part of our Simple Living program series.



Trivia Night

Wednesday, June 24th 6pm

Join our monthly Trivia Night! Come alone or with a group. All ages welcome for this friendly competition.

Ongoing Programs

Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm **Mah Jongg** All abilities welcome!

Fridays 10:15-11:30am **Let's Talk Discussion Group**

- 6/5 Dangerous childhood fun
- 6/12 Standardized testing
- 6/19 – no program, library closed
- 6/26 Useless skills



For Readers



Un-Book Club

Saturday, June 6th 11am

Want to talk about books, but short on time? This is the book club for YOU! No required reading! Come as you are, and talk about what you've been reading! Come away with awesome book recommendations! We have coffee!

Want even less pressure? Join us via Google Meet (you can stay in your PJs!)

Google Meet joining info

Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/mwj-mwpm-bfv>

Or dial: (US) +1 252-376-1101 PIN: 150 369 625#

Note: this is a new link and QR code for June meeting going forward



Reader's Cafe Book Club

Wednesday, June 17th 1:30pm AND

Saturday, June 20th 9am

Same Book - Two Convenient Times!

This month we discuss *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo

Oluo guides readers of all races through subjects ranging from police brutality and cultural appropriation to the model minority myth in an attempt to make the seemingly impossible possible: honest conversations about race, and about how racism infects every aspect of American life.

[Click here for more Readers Cafe information](#)

SUMMER READING 2026



Whether readers are digging into a good book, uncovering hidden histories, or exploring the past, **Unearth a Story** underscores the joy of discovery that reading brings. It also emphasizes that every person and every community has stories waiting to be found and shared—through books, programs, and local knowledge.

Bethlehem Public Library has programs for all ages, with a dinosaur theme or a 250th anniversary of our country theme.

Portraits of a Revolution

A NH Humanities Program

Monday, June 15th 6pm

This program explores American portraits painted and sculpted during the years leading up to, and the decades after, the Revolution. The ideals, values and virtues expressly stated in our founding documents are easily identifiable in these portraits once we know how to “read” them. We will examine portraits of founding “fathers” and “mothers,” as well as of lesser-known individuals, as documents that can be read like texts. We will also discuss the tradition of portraiture, and the influences of earlier art movements, artists, and artifacts, that inform these American portraits. Audiences will be introduced to, and practice, some skills of art analysis and learn how art works can reveal so much about a culture.



New Hampshire Humanities programs are made possible in part by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities.



Summer Reading Kick-Off!!
Dinosaurs Rock with Mr. Aaron
Tuesday, June 30th 11am

****This program is being held at the Colonial Theatre****

Mr. Aaron gets the audience moving and grooving with Dinosaur songs, stories, puppets and more. Mr. Aaron sings, plays the guitar, the saxophone, and also teaches the participants how to beatbox for a special live-looping one-of-a-kind collaborative dinosaur song that we create on the spot. Join in this high energy interactive music show and let's see what kind of musical stories we unearth!

This program is generously sponsored by The Littleton Diner
Thank you to the Colonial for the generous use of their space

More Attraction Passes!

Many thanks to the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library for purchasing passes for our patrons! All the details are [here!](#)



Squam Lakes Natural Science Center (Holderness)

Discounted admission for up to four people.



McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center (Concord)

Free admission for up to four people.
Planetarium shows are extra.

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Don't miss out! Did someone forward this to you? You can sign up to receive our newsletters: this monthly general newsletter, and/or our occasional newsletter with information geared toward adults with children ages 2-5.

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