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Greetings!

It's hard to believe that our Summer Reading program is coming to an end next week. We have two authors coming to the library: Michael Bruno on Monday, and Duncan Watson on Thursday. Tuesday is the children's finale, Bright Star Theatre, plus ice cream and raffle prizes. As has been for many years, our Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL) sponsor the finale and provide the ice cream.

FOBPL is a non-profit whose mission is to support and augment the library budget. Through their fundraising, Bethlehem residents are gifted many "extras" that the library budget cannot afford. They paid for a large part of the new pavilion out back. They paid for the museum and attraction passes available at the library; residents can now go the NH Parks, Fairbanks Museum & Planetarium, Squam Lake Natural Science Center and more, at free or reduced cost. They also fund and run the annual Children's Christmas Party during Christmas in Bethlehem. FOBPL is instrumental in so many things that make this library the best it can be for our town.

FOBPL is having a fundraiser Saturday, September 12th at 1pm. Storytellers Rebecca Rule and Fred Marple team up bringing laughter, music and assorted nonsense. Information about this family-friendly event, and how to get your tickets in advance, is below. They anticipate a sell-out crowd, so get your tickets early!

Happy August,

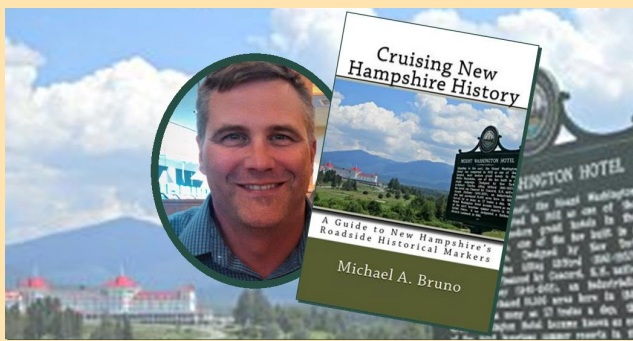
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Bingo Ends Monday, August 3rd 7pm
Stop in and Claim your Tickets

AUGUST PROGRAMS



THIS MONDAY:
Author Michael Bruno:
Colonial-Era New
Hampshire

Bruno, author of *Cruising New Hampshire History*, discusses the New Hampshire historical markers relevant to the colonial era.

Monday, August 3rd 6pm



THIS TUESDAY:
Summer Reading Finale!!
Bright Star Theatre

Step into the prehistoric world with Dino Academy! Led by the quirky and curious Dr. Sarah Tops, this action-packed adventure uncovers fascinating dino facts that will wow even the biggest dino fans. Featuring life-like, colorful dinosaur puppets that stomp, roar and charm their way into every heart, this show blends science, storytelling and imagination in the style of your favorite nature programs. It's an unforgettable field trip through time!

Tuesday, August 4th 11am

This show and ice cream for everyone is generously sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library!

After the show, we will pull names for raffle prizes. If you played Bingo, you could be a winner!



THIS THURSDAY:

Author Duncan Watson

Whether you know him as the childhood voice of Charlie Brown, a yoga teacher, or the Assistant Director of Public Works for the city of Keene NH, you'll learn about all those threads when Watson discusses his book *Everyone's Trash!*

The book looks the social aspects of recycling and landfills, in a story with characters who populate the "dump" in Keene, providing lots of laughs.

Thursday, August 6th 6pm

MORE PROGRAMS For Adults

Ongoing Programs

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

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

- 8/7 Musicals
- 8/14 Retirement
- 8/21 Nostalgic Foods
- 8/28 Fantasy/Science Fiction



Wednesday, August 26th 6pm **Trivia Night** - all ages welcome!

For Readers



Un-Book Club

THIS SATURDAY, August 1st 11am



Reader's Cafe Book Club

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



**Wednesday, August 12th 1:30pm AND
Saturday, August 15th 9am**
Same Book - Two Convenient Times!

This month we discuss *Wyrd Sisters* by Terry
Pratchett.

*Double, double toil and trouble;
Fire burn and caldron bubble.*

A cauldron of fun is brewing when a trio of
witches, led by the delightfully unconventional
Granny Weatherwax, turn their wands to royal
politics in this brilliant satire that echoes some
of William Shakespeare's best-loved works.

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

Books of Jewish Interest

Wednesdays 4pm

- *My Hijacking* by Martha Hodes August 5th
- *Melting Point* by Rachel Cockerell August 19th

For Kids

3D Movie - Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Tuesday, August 11th 11am

An Encore Presentation!

Manny and the herd discover a lost world of funny & ferocious
dinosaurs, including a cranky T-Rex who's got a score to settle
with Sid!

We have 3D glasses for everyone!



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You Don't Want to Miss This!



Yankee Humor

**Saturday, September 12th 1pm
at The Rocks, 113 Glessner Rd, Bethlehem**

Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library present Yankee Humor with Fred Marple and Rebecca Rule on Saturday, September 12th at 1pm.

Join the fun when these two well-known humorists team up, bringing laughter, music and assorted nonsense. "We figure folks will welcome a chance to be inside, away from the black flies," says Fred.

Purchase tickets during the Sunday Gazebo Concerts (cash or check). Credit card payments coming soon. [Check their web page for updates.](#)

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