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Back to School, Back to Reading!

Greetings!

Just like that, and summer is over. After a couple weeks to regroup from summer reading, our staff is ready for fall, and it is national Library Card Sign Up month.

This year's theme, "A Library Card Hits All the Right Notes," is a reminder that libraries offer something for everyone—no matter your age, background, or goals. Whether you're checking out a classic story or trying something new, learning something at the library's programs, or composing your resume on a library computer, there's a seat in the front row at the library for you. Your library card is the ticket.

This year, we are in a friendly competition with other libraries to get the most new cardholders. In the month of September, if you are a new cardholder, or a patron who updates their expired card, you have a chance to win a sweet prize - Presby maple syrup, White Mountain Apiary honey and Qwerkz fudge! Tell your friends and neighbors they need a library card!

Keep reading and learn about our newest programs. Hope to see you soon!

Have a good day,

Laura

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P.S. The library will be closed Monday, September 7th for Labor Day.



- Come to the library: Bring a driver's license. If your license does not have your physical Bethlehem address, then please bring something that does show your address (utility bill, rent agreement, tax bill, etc.)
- Apply online: Online applications are good for two months. During that time, we ask that you come into the library so we can meet you. [Click here to apply](#)

Programs at a Glance (Details below)



September 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Red = Adults Purple = Kids		1 Mah Jongg 12:30pm	2	3 Meeting: Friends of BPL 5:30pm	4 Let's Talk 10:15am	5 Un-Book Club 11am
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Programs for Kids



New Program for After School

2:30 - 3:30pm each school day

Begins Monday, September 14th

Daily program (Monday-Friday) for children ages 5 and up (children age 5-7 should be accompanied by an adult). Kids want to relax, play, and talk with their friends after school, not necessarily participate in more activities. So, all activities are optional. B.A.S.H. will take place in the meeting room or outside under the new library pavilion. If children would

like something to do, there will be a variety of toys available, such as Legos, balls, and even virtual reality goggles some days, as well as craft and art supplies. After 3:30, children are welcome to remain in the main library area until closing time. Please send a snack and drink with your child.

School's Out Early Event

Friday, September 25th Noon

School's out early and Rec is closed. Join us at the library! We'll show a popular kids movie and enjoy popcorn!
For Ages 5+ (under 8 with an adult)



Programs for Adults



Common Man for Ukraine

Saturday, September 12th 10am

Hear from Common Man for Ukraine about their August humanitarian aid convoy to Ukraine. Their grassroots, volunteer-run organization delivers humanitarian aid, including food, and trauma counseling to Ukrainian orphans, displaced children, and families struggling to survive this war.

Co-sponsored by Daughters of the American Revolution.



Banjos, Bones, & Ballads

Wednesday, September 30th 6pm

Jeff Warner will perform tavern songs, banjo tunes, 18th century New England hymns, sailor songs, and humorous stories about traditional singers and their songs.

This program will be presented in our new outdoor covered pavilion (weather permitting).

A New Hampshire Humanities-To-Go program.



Trivia Night

Wednesday, September 23rd 6pm

One Week Early

Join in the fun of our monthly trivia program. Bring a team or come alone for some friendly competition. All ages welcome!



History of the Colonial Theatre

Monday, September 28th 6pm

Bethlehem Historical Society presents a history of the beloved theater. Learn about it's earliest beginnings and how it became a state-of-the-art music and movie venue of the North Country!



Every Week!

Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm Mah Jongg
All skill levels welcome

Fridays 10:15-11:15am Let's Talk

A thoughtful, safe, and open discussion. Coffee included!

- 9/4 Travel
- 9/11 Forgiveness
- 9/18 Your childhood home
- 9/25 Jokes

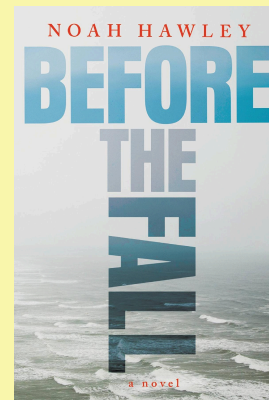
Let's Talk About Books!



Un-Book Club

Saturday, September 5th 11am

A no stress, no required read book club!
Dying to talk about a book you read?
Tell us about it.



Readers Cafe Book Club

Come away with recommendations for your next favorite book.
Perfect for time-crunched book lovers!

Option to join via Google Meet!
Google Meet joining info
Video call link:
<https://meet.google.com/mwj-mwpm-bfv>



Wednesday, September 16th 1:30pm

AND Saturday, September 19th 9am

Same Book - Two Convenient Times!

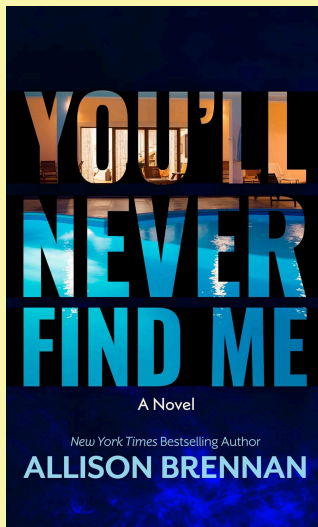
September's book is *Before the Fall* — On a foggy summer night, eleven people—ten privileged, one down-on-his luck painter—depart Martha's Vineyard on a private jet headed for New York. Sixteen minutes later, the unthinkable happens: the plane plunges into the ocean. The only survivors are the painter Scott Burroughs and a four-year-old boy, who is now the last remaining member of an immensely wealthy and powerful media mogul's family. Was it by chance that so many influential people perished? Or was something more sinister at work?

Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his deep and continuing needs, is good for him.

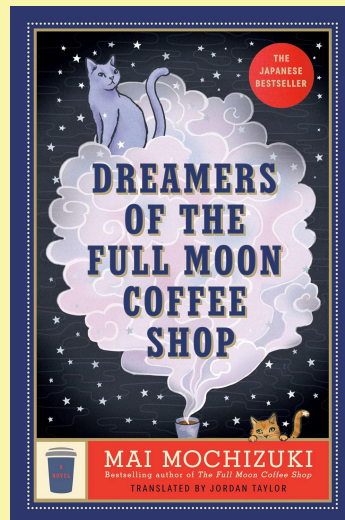
Maya Angelou

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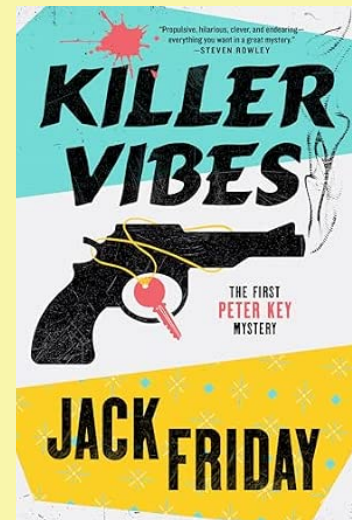
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The first in the Angelhart series about a family of detectives.

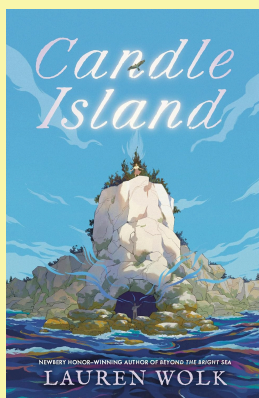


This novel brings more lost souls to the enchanted café—



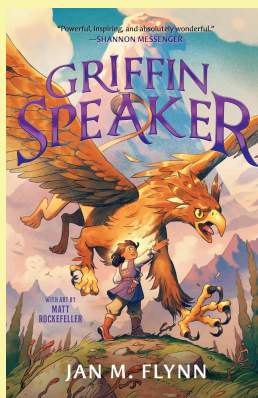
A wild and wickedly funny series debut, introducing the

With far more questions than answers and a key suspect on the run, they'll need the whole family to pitch in.



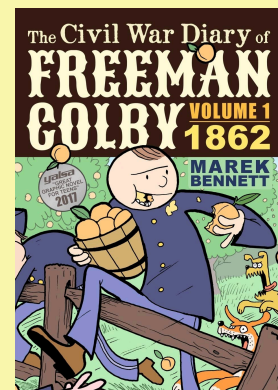
Lucretia and her mother have come to tiny Candle Island, Maine, a welcome respite. But Candle Island has secrets of its own--a hidden room in the new house, a mysterious boy with a beautiful voice--

where they might find some help from the cats who run it. It weaves together three people in a story about love in all forms.

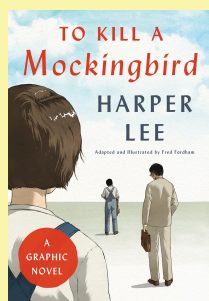


Impossible Creatures meets *Inkheart* in this unforgettable fantasy series starter perfect for kids 8-12!

irresistible and irrepressible private investigator, Peter Key, a self-proclaimed "laziest private investigator in Texas"



Marek Bennett's comics adaptation of this actual Civil War memoir brings to life the dry humor and grim conviction of teacher-turned-soldier Freeman Colby.



Something New! Graphic Novels for Adults!

Check out our newest collection. These are graphic novels that appeal to young adults and adults. We have adaptations of classics as well as new and noteworthy, fiction and nonfiction.

[Click for the list](#)



Thanks for Reading

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