

NOTTINGHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

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Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library

Submitted by the Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library

The Friends celebrated **National Library Appreciation Week** from April 25-29 by recognizing our amazing library staff, as well as organizing a raffle giveaway for library patrons who had a chance to win 1 of 5 different themed gift baskets. We hope to make this an annual tradition! The **Spring 2023 Book Sale** was a huge success. Thank you to all the community members who donated or came to support the library at the sale! The past two book sales provided the Friends with enough funds to purchase materials for a much-needed shed for library storage. Special thanks to Joe Medeiros (and crew), who has generously donated his time and equipment to build the shed for us.



Our **Fall 2023 Book Sale** will be in September at the Old Town Hall (across the street from the library). Look for more details in the coming months at the library and on our new Facebook page. Please remember the library does not have space to store donated materials. The Friends will accept book donations the week of the sale only.

Thank you to all who chose to volunteer at the library on **Community Clean Up Day** on April 15th. We had 26 volunteers between Friends, Trustees, Staff, Veterans, and Community Members!

The Friends are planning a **Fall Library Clean Up Day** for mid-October. Look for more information in the coming months if you are interested in volunteering. This can be a great way to earn community service hours for high school students.

We had two **Little Libraries** built and donated by a community member. Thank you, Neil Santos, for the beautiful craftsmanship! One Little Library will be placed at the Town Hall near the main entrance. The

other Little Library will be located on the Camp Store in Pawtuckaway State Park. The next location will be in West Nottingham. Stop by the library to **vote** for a location where you would like to see one. We continue to look for interested volunteers **to build Little Libraries**. We are also looking for local artists interested in painting them once completed. If you are interested in helping to build or paint, please contact the library with your email/phone number and a member of the Friends will be in touch with more details. The Friends now have their own Facebook page! You may find us by searching for "Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library" – please consider following us to stay up to date with our fundraisers and special events.

The Friends of the Blaisdell Memorial Library are a non-profit group that supports the library in various ways. We are always happy to welcome new Friends. Please join us at our monthly meetings, typically held the first Thursday of each month at 6:00 pm in the library.

Teacher Appreciation Week May 8-12, 2023

The Nottingham School PTA is pleased to share that Teacher Appreciation Week was a huge success due to the contributions from the amazing businesses and families within our community.

We want to recognize Rymar Flooring, Shea Concrete, and Andrea and Nate White, for their eagerness to support our teachers and staff. Additionally, many families in town gifted school supplies, gift cards, and other items that contributed towards the rewarding week. This generosity enabled the PTA to treat the teachers and staff to a different event each day. Catered Panera breakfast and Los Olas lunch, midday Aroma Joe's coffee delivery to their classrooms with crumb cake donated by Rolleyhollers in Exeter, notes of gratitude from students, a teacher supply popup table, and daily drawings for gift cards to local eateries and popular business like Barefoot Medical Spa in Stratham and Adagio Spa & Wellness Center in Barrington.

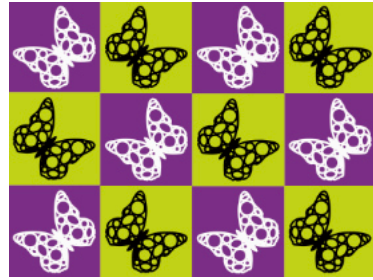


Thank you to the Nottingham community for all of your help as none of this could have been done without you.

Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild

Submitted by Pat Vachon

The Pawtuckaway Piecers Quilt Guild meets the second Monday of every month (except August) at 6:30 PM at the Nottingham Community Center. The guild is a small group of talented, creative quilters who love to get together and share our love of quilting. There is usually an informative program at each meeting. We also hold a monthly Saturday sew at the Community Center and an annual weekend retreat.



New members and guests are always welcome! Our annual dues are \$20. A part of the dues goes toward charitable donations such as local food pantries, End 68 Hours of Hunger, and summer camp scholarships for our local Recreation Departments.

You need not be an experienced quilter or a resident of Nottingham to join. If you have any questions or would like more information about the guild, feel free to contact Pat Vachon at 603-679-8078.

Nottingham Community Church - Unitarian Universalist

Submitted by
Andrea Jackson,
NCC Board Clerk

Nottingham
Community Church
- Unitarian

Universalist is a multi-faith community that began here in 1875. All faith backgrounds are kindly welcome. We hold services at 10 am on Sundays in our beautiful historic building located at 106 Church Street (behind Liar's). Our last 'traditional' service of our 'season' will be on Sunday June 25, and our less traditional, more meditative summer services will begin on July 2. To attend our summer services, held mostly virtually, please ask to join our Facebook group at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/nccuu>.

As our tradition values creativity, music, poetry, storytelling, and art, we are formulating plans to host a 'coffeehouse'-style gathering. If any community members are interested in contributing to this endeavor, we encourage you to contact us and we welcome your participation. Please advise us of your interest, questions, etc., at nottinghamuu@gmail.com.

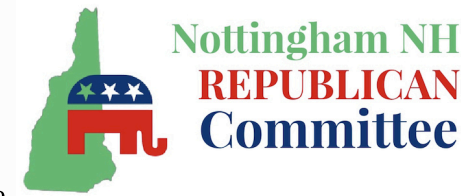
Please keep an eye out for further information concerning the upcoming People and Planet Healing Summit, to be held at the church on October 14 between 9 am and 12 pm. This event is sponsored by the NH Community Rights Network & hosted by the Nottingham Community Church. We are hoping to join people together with the common goal of healing our communities, our environment, and encouraging positive participation. Peter White can be contacted for further information @ 603-895-3857.

Our traditional services will resume on Sunday September 10, at 10 am, encompassing the tradition known as "Ingathering", where we welcome friends, old and new, back to our beloved community. All are kindly welcome. As our sign says out front, 'Come as You Are'.



Nottingham Republicans

Happy
Independence
Day



July 4th, 1776, the Second Continental Congress unanimously adopted the Declaration of Independence. July 4th, 2023 will mark 246 years since that great achievement.

The tradition of setting off fireworks in celebration of this country's independence from Great Britain began in Philadelphia in 1777. What caused nationwide celebrations that have endured to this day? If you remember your U. S. History, freedom and "WE the People" should come to mind. After New Hampshire became the ninth state to ratify the Constitution on June 21, 1788, the First Federal Congress convened March 4, 1789. The Senate passed its first bill on May 5, 1789, the Oath Act. This act pertains to government and civil servants and simply says "I solemnly swear that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States".

After 234 years, that oath to the Constitution seems to be waning. Some would profess that we have an outdated Constitution and others say the purpose of the Constitution should continue to be followed. Agreeing or disagreeing with this thought depends on your belief system or ideology. Today, the government at all levels affects nearly every facet of daily life. Nottingham Republican Committee members are fully supportive



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and committed to the Amendments to the Constitution as written.

Please consider joining our growing organization. Meet liberty minded people that help govern your town. Stay informed about the latest curriculum being used at our school as well as the latest news from various town boards and committees. The committee meets the second Thursday of the month at 7pm. Meetings are held at New Hope Church, 34 Raymond Rd.

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The Nottingham Community Newsletter is a community service and is published bi-monthly and mailed to every Nottingham resident. The deadline for submitting ads and articles for the September /October 2023 newsletter is August 1, 2023. Advertising ad size is 3.5 inches by 2 inches. Ads are \$20 for Nottingham residents and \$35 for nonresidents.

Please note: Due to increased costs, including postage, we have to raise our rate for ads by \$10 per issue for both residents and nonresidents beginning with the January 2024 issue. The current rate has been in effect since January 2008.

Please submit news articles as a **Word or text** document—**NOT PDF**. Pictures and ads should be in **png or jpg** format at 300dpi, via e-mail to adnottinghamnews@gmail.com.

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~ Submitted by the Board of Selectmen



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Nottingham Democrats and Friends

Submitted by the Nottingham Democratic Committee

A lot has been happening in Nottingham!

In May, the Nottingham Democrats held a joint meeting with Northwood Democrats, and allied Undeclared voters from both towns, at the Northwoods Brewing Company, Northwood. A large crowd of concerned citizens, ranging in age from 13 to 93 years, were in attendance proving that you're never too young or too old to have your voice heard!

The Democratic tent is large, and it is welcoming – there's room for everyone.

Of particular interest is the upcoming Nottingham/Northwood Special Election to replace Ben Bartlett (R) as one of our 3 State Representatives. If there is more than one candidate running for either party, a primary election will take place on August 1, 2023 - Election Day would follow on September 19th. If no primary needs to be held, Election Day will be on August 1st.

Wondering how and why this Special Election is happening...and how you can help secure ethical, committed, and responsible state representation? Come to our meeting and get out the vote!

Come to our July meeting: **Thursday, July 13, 7:00 PM @ Northwoods Brewing Company** (rear of the restaurant) All Northwood/Nottingham registered Democrats, allied Undeclared, and young future voters, are cordially invited. Appetizers, pizza, micro brews and non-alcoholic beverages will be available.

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Higher Ground Remnant Church

Submitted by Robin Marshall

Higher Ground is a regional church with a global vision. All our steps are guided and directed by the Holy Spirit. Our Five-Fold Ministry church model is based on the original Apostolic Church seen in the Book of Acts. Our mission statement is: *"Impacting Generations One Soul at a Time with the Love of Jesus Christ."*

We hold our *live service on Sunday's at 10:00 am* and welcome all who would like to come and worship with us. We are located at 100 Old Turnpike Road in Nottingham (On Route 4).

Our Bible Study groups are on break for the summer.

Save the date family event:

Farm Day – Sunday, Sept. 17th (1pm - 5pm)

You can also check out various other activities on our website: hgremnant.com or our Facebook page: *"Higher Ground: A Remnant Church"*.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please call (877) 580-3026 or email info@hgremnant.com.

We hope you will stop in and join us! We look forward to meeting you!

New Hope Church

Welcome

If you are looking for a Biblical church to worship, this is your church. We follow the bible in everything we do.



We have worship every Sunday at 10:00 AM. There is a Junior Church for children under 8.

We have a discipleship program for adults. We meet every Tuesday night at 6 for women, one is at the church. For information you may email Karen Rowland at kirkrowl@aol.com. There is another one on Tuesday in Strafford. It is for women. For more information you may email Elaine White, whitehouseelp@hotmail.com.

For more information on discipleship, you can check out disciplemakinglife.com.

We are always happy to see a new face. Come and join us to Praise the Lord

Ted White Pastor 603-2585-3533

Conservation Commission News

Submitted by Susan P. Mooney

Did you know that turtles were the earliest reptiles on earth, dating from approximately 240 million years ago (MYA) during the Triassic Period and predating dinosaurs of the Jurassic Period during the Mesozoic era? Since then, the two turtle groups that have survived all those years have changed little in form and habits. Turtles and tortoises are characterized by slow growth, low reproductive rates, often not reaching sexual maturity until 10 to 20 years of age. Amphibians appeared even earlier, emerging from aquatic habitats about 370 MYA during the Paleozoic era. "Amphi" is Greek for "both kinds of life". All amphibians must live near water. This group of animals includes frogs, toads, all salamanders, big and small, and caecilians. Because of this lifestyle and their permeable skin, amphibians are the most vulnerable to pollution, habitat loss, invasive species, and an increased risk of fungal diseases.

Commission member Dallas Huggins is a cofounder of New Hampshire Turtle Rescue and the team is licensed to assist injured turtles. On Saturday, April 29, the **Turtles of New Hampshire** power point and discussion program hosted by Blaisdell Memorial Library was very well attended by adults and children. Of the seven turtle species in NH, five are protected by NH Fish & Game. Ms. Huggins and Drew Stevens emphasized the fragility of these animals stressing their high nest and hatchling mortality rate (close to 99%), and their long reproductive maturity. Some turtles live as long as 80 years or more. Contact information is nhturtlerescue.org.

Big Night is a series of sensitive events during warmish rainy spring nights when amphibians hop (frogs) or swim (salamanders) across roads to their personal wetlands to breed. To save the lives of these amphibians, Ms. Huggins, other commission members and community volunteers post temporary signage along roads in wetland areas the day before a "Big Night" event to request that people not drive after dark and



help protect these vulnerable animals. We thank those volunteers who recently helped us with this year's project!

On May 10th Raelene Shippee-Rice hosted a **Climate Change Workshop** / community engagement discussion at Blaisdell Memorial Library. Information gathered from a number of NH communities and professional health care organizations implicating plastic waste as a major contributor to climate change was shared. Attendees were encouraged to consider individual as well as public approaches to mitigate some of our recent climate changes.

The Conservation Commission, Trails Committee, and Parks and Recreation Department teamed up this spring to host several events including a Vernal Equinox hike at Marston Farm, a Town Wide Cleanup of recreational fields and Earth Day public trail clearing. More activities are scheduled for the summer and fall. Please visit town web pages for upcoming events.

The Commission has recently reviewed/is reviewing several subdivision applications that were/are before the Planning Board. Applicants attend Commission meetings to review their plans so that the Commission can discuss actions for the protection of the natural history of the parcels and abutting areas to minimize detrimental impacts to wetlands, wildlife, topography, and scenic roads. Members also participate on public site walks held by the Planning Board. The Board welcomes Commission communication on these jurisdictional areas to assist them in determining plan designs that will provide strong conservation protection.

Use of road salt particularly in areas where stratified drift aquifers exist has been a topic of concern for several years. All Nottingham residents and businesses draw water from these sources. Recently the highway department has been erecting Low Salt Usage signage along non-state roads in the aquifer areas to inform their crews and residents of this new status. Once Nottingham has taken this first step, the next two large aquifers to protect in this way are under the jurisdiction of the NH DOT: Route 156 (Raymond Road) and Route 152 (Stage Road).

The Conservation Commission meets every second Monday of the month at 7:00 PM unless the date falls on a holiday. The Trails Committee meets every first Thursday of the month at 6:30 PM, sometimes recessing in January and February. The Commission is seeking alternates, and the Trails Committee always welcomes new members and volunteers for seasonal trail work for Nottingham's public trail system.

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Nottingham School Retirements*Submitted by: Meghan O'Brien, School Counselor*

It is bittersweet to announce that Nottingham School congratulates three fantastic staff members this year. Their dedication to the students, school and community is truly memorable. Take a peek at these awesome educators.

Janice Kane: Wow! It's hard to believe that I've been a staff member at Nottingham School for twenty-five amazing years. My journey at Nottingham began as a sub, moving on to a position as a library/technology assistant, and then I became the Technology Integrator. For many years, I coached Track & Field and Cross Country (coaching 3 Championship Girls CC Teams), and I've run 2nd, 3rd & 4th grade Coding Clubs. I've always been a member of the Technology Committee and the Emergency Management Committee. I'm looking forward to retiring, spending more time with my beautiful grandsons, and continuing my teaching journey, teaching STEM at Snapology in Dover. Thank you, Nottingham families, for sharing your children with me and for a teaching experience that I will always treasure.



Suzanne Dolan is retiring this year after 42 years of service to the Nottingham community and its children and 49 years in the field of education.



Suzanne began working in Nottingham in the old school in 1981. She taught 5th and 6th grade before becoming a reading specialist, a position she has had and loved ever since.

Suzanne has worked tirelessly to help students become better readers. Steadily and faithfully she implemented lessons that were especially tailored to individual student needs, resulting in many academic successes for those students. We all wish Suzanne a joyous and well-deserved retirement.

Erlinde Beliveau: Although I have been at Nottingham School for a little more than 20 years, I have practiced

occupational therapy for over 42 years in various settings. What I love most about my job is discovering how connected the mind and body are when learning, playing, and simply moving. I think our staff are masters in figuring out how each student learns best. Working with the Special Education team, Guidance Department, the paraprofessionals, and the teachers offers the opportunity to experience "collective effervescence". This occurs when a community comes together and simultaneously communicates the same intention which energizes all the participants and serves to unify the group.



In my retirement, my husband, Mark and I plan to do some traveling including visiting some of the National Parks as well as seeing more of our two daughters. I enjoy the outdoors and can be spotted walking, biking, gardening, practicing yoga or cooking. I plan to continue to be active in our church as well. One of the things I will miss the most is my daily interactions with my colleagues and students. I will also miss the familiarity that comes with working at a place long enough where one's internal rhythm is composed of all the comings and goings of students and staff in, out and through the hallways and rooms of Nottingham School. I am grateful for the more than 20 years at Nottingham School. It has been a place where when I have needed support, I found it and it is also a place where one can be empowered by supporting others. A real community in action! Keep moving, learning, and playing...and maybe do all three at once!

Massive Amounts of Milfoil Found in Town Beach Cove

Report from Neil Santos, Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association Milfoil Team Leader:

While we had several reports last year of milfoil in the Town Beach area, this past Friday May 26 was the first opportunity that the Milfoil Team had to plan a thorough search of that area.

While we expected to find milfoil, we were stunned by the magnitude of the problem in that area. Within 30 minutes of starting our search, we had dropped all 47 of our markers before we ran out and sighted many, many more plants while covering only about 30% of the search area. This is monstrous.

This is, by far, the worst situation we have yet seen, much worse than the amount we saw in Gove's Cove last year. In several cases, we saw up to 80 feet of solid walls of milfoil plants. Jim Kelly, a member of the dive team, took the time to return to the scene to take videos of the infestation, and they show only a small portion of

what we observed during our search. You can see two of them here: <https://pawtuckawaylake.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/straight-line-swim-30-feet.mp4> and here: <https://pawtuckawaylake.com/wp-content/uploads/2023/05/Circling-the-biggest-plant-Ive-ever-seen.mp4> *Ed. Note: Depending on your Internet connection, these files may take a couple of minutes to download, but after being downloaded the files will play at normal speed the second time.*

They are frightening in their size and density, especially so early in the season. If the rest of the beach cove has as much as we saw, I would estimate at least 200-300 gallons of Milfoil in that 7-acre area alone. That's half of the total that we were able to remove from the whole lake from May to December last year! Since that area borders the main part of Fundy, it is reasonable to expect that we have or soon will have a similar infestation in the Fundy area. This is definitely another huge issue for the control of milfoil in the lake.

We also found many floating fragments of milfoil in the cove. It is unusual for milfoil to fragment so prolifically this early in the year so I think that props or prop wash have been chopping up the milfoil which, of course, will lead to an accelerated spread throughout the area and perhaps through Drowns Dam and into the Lamprey River.

Pawtuckaway State Park Expansion Plan

Submitted by the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA)

NH Parks and Recreation has plans to add 35 RV campsites at Pawtuckaway State Park. The current design shows them all grouped on or near the waterfront along the North Channel. See their plan below.

Proposed Development

- A new campground loop with a total of approximately 35 Improved Sites, water and electricity on site, will provide a site type not in the park and increase in the overnight capacity of the campground.
- A new bathhouse, designed to a standard that is appropriate for the historic context of the park, will support the new campground pod.
- Renovate toilet/shower building #8 on Big Island.
- A dump station, located along the existing road adjacent to the day use parking lot, will support recreational equipment users from all the different campgrounds within the park.

ESTIMATED COST = \$4,150,000

- Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2024.

Next Steps

- Design and engineering will begin Spring 2023
- Bidding in the fall 2024, construction to begin in fall/winter 2024-2025.
- Plan review and comment at the 30% and 60% design stage

The State Park system is self-funding, so the revenue generated from fees does not go into the general fund but is rather used to pay for the personnel and maintenance needs of all the state parks. The plan to expand Pawtuckaway campsites is intended to increase that revenue and the Pawtuckaway Lake Improvement Association (PLIA) appreciates that need. However, the plan calling for the construction of new campsites with water and electric hookups so near a very crowded and vulnerable stretch of the lake is flawed. It threatens the health of the lake as well as its wildlife because of the loss of habitat and likely shoreline erosion, not to mention the loss of recreational opportunities and it leading to more invasive species in that area.

For these reasons, the PLIA opposes the existing design of the expansion, as proposed. The State has told us that the design is "conceptual" and can be modified. Based on that understanding, we want those campsites to be relocated **away from the water**, where they will not threaten the delicate balance of our lake. If you would like to weigh in on this project, we urge you to send a letter or email to our state officials voicing your opinion. We have drafted a letter summarizing these problems and encourage you to use it, modify its message, or draft one of your own to alert government officials about your concerns. We also have drawn up a list of officials and their contact information. For more information or feedback, please contact the PLIA at Info@pawtuckawaylake.com.

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Submitted by Emma Breslend,
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Nottingham Parks & Rec Sponsorship Opportunities:

Visit our website if you or your business is interested in partnering with us in 2023.

2023 Community Needs Assessment:

The Nottingham Parks and Recreation Department has launched an internal Comprehensive Recreational Needs Study project to gather relevant information from the residents of Nottingham, New Hampshire. The Parks and Recreation department seeks to understand how residents utilize the town's recreational facilities and programs, assess whether existing recreation facilities and programs are meeting the needs of the community and project trends in future recreational amenities, to define a comprehensive plan for the future of Nottingham.



Take the Survey NOW: Scan QR Code with your smart phone or go to our website and find the link.

Upcoming Events and Programs:

Summer Concert Series 2023

All Ages FREE ADMISSION 6:30 – 8:00 PM

Located at the Town Hall Band Stand

Join us during July and August for FREE music down at The Bandstand, Located at the Nottingham Town Hall! Tuesday nights at 6:30PM. Bring the family for live music, great company, and yard games set up in the grass. The Rec will be providing light refreshments-



donations will be accepted for sustaining this event. Are you a Concert Junkie? Stop by the Rec booth and buy a T-shirt or sticker to support the series.

Who: All Ages!

When: *7/11/23- North River Music* (If inclement weather, show will be inside the Town Hall Gym)

7/18/23- The Hot Skillet Club (If inclement weather, show will be outside on 7/20/23)

7/25/23- Dancing Madly Backwards Band (If inclement weather, show will be inside the Town Hall Gym)

8/1/23- Fretbenders (If inclement weather, show will be inside the Town Hall Gym)

American Eagle Mixed Martial Arts- Brendan Behr
Ages 5 and up, Kids Beginner, (Year -round) Monday and Wednesday, 5:30PM-6:15PM

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Preregistration Required

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*There are NO daily/part time rates available, and payments will be made monthly. Half of your invoice MUST be paid by August 1. Specialized payment plans must be requested. Scholarships are available. Please reach out to recreation2@nottingham-nh.gov for more information.

Snapology Camps

Town Hall Conference Room 1, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham
Preregistration Required

August 14 – 18, 2023

First Session: Planes, Trains, and Automobiles
MORNING (9AM – 12PM) \$196

In Snapology's Planes, Trains, and Automobiles program, children will explore the world of transportation. Students will build models of their favorite forms of transportation as they learn about energy, wheels, and axles, air resistance, and more.

Second Session: Ninja Adventures AFTERNOON
(12:30-3:30 PM) \$196

Your sensei needs you! Design a new dojo for Snapology made from LEGO Bricks and train your men to battle with the best. Go through ninja training and earn your black belt, Snapology-style. Get ready to have fun and become a Master Ninja.

*****If you sign up for both sessions, lunch is INCLUDED*****

Miss Caroline's Art, Dance, & Music Summer Camp

Town Hall Gym, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH

Preregistration Required

Monday – Friday August 14th – 18th

8:00 AM – 5:00 Pm

Caroline van den Berg Bossmeyer is a registered Teacher with the Royal Academy of Dance in London and has taught dance, movement and the performing arts to children, teens and adults in the United States for over 33 years. She has Diplomas in Child Psychology and Development as well as Anatomy and Kinesiology. She is currently spending summers with her daughter, son-in-law and granddaughter in Nottingham and is very excited at the opportunity to teach and work with children during the Nottingham Parks and Recreation Department's Summer Program.

First Session : Incoming 1st and 2nd grade (\$195)

Second Session: Incoming 3rd and 4th grade (\$195)

Third Session: Incoming 1-4 grade (\$50/day)

T.A.G. Create & Connect Art Camp

Town Hall Kitchen, 139 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH

Preregistration Required, \$175

Monday – Friday August 14th – 18th

9:00AM – 12:00PM

Gallery on August 18th at 2:00PM

Incoming 5th – Incoming 12th Graders

Over the course of a week, dive into creative and unique printmaking techniques! We will be spending the week learning and practicing over five different ways to create unique prints by utilizing the nature around us. At the end of the week, we will have a gallery to showcase our work throughout the week to family, friends, and the community. Come, explore a new medium, build confidence, and enjoy having guided studio time before school starts. All supplies will be provided.

Instructor: My name is Olivia and I am a graduate student at Lesley University. I graduated from Moravian University with my degree in art education and

experience teaching K-12th grade art classes. Currently, I am studying art therapy and mental health counseling. I blend my studio knowledge and my experience with mental health to create a calm and nurturing environment to build skills while exploring unique subject matter.

CO-ED NFL Flag Football League

August – October– Preregistration Required (JULY)

1st – 8th Grade

Games on Saturdays at 9:00AM , Practices at least once a week. Marston Farm Recreation Area (229 Mill Pond Rd)

The league consists of Nottingham, Barrington, Northwood, Deerfield, and Strafford. Participants will receive (1) reversible NFL Flag Core Jersey in an assigned NFL team, as well as (1) Official NFL Flag Belt. Participants will be able to purchase Nottingham "Rec League" apparel upon registration. Come Join, it is a blast!!

After School Care

All School Year

2:30 – 5:30

K – 8th Grade

Preregistration Required (JULY)

Nottingham Elementary School, 245 Stage Road, Nottingham, NH 03290

NP&R's After Care philosophy is to provide our community with a safe place that encourages participants to make good choices, free play and enjoy structured games and activities after school. We are so happy to be back in action and provide this service to the town of Nottingham. This program fills up fast, so make sure to mark the calendar! Participants will have the opportunity to get their homework done, socialize, with their friends and have a blast while they wait for their guardians to get out of work.

Granite State Generals Wrestling “Keep The Rust Off” Summer Camp 2023

Saturdays July 8th – September 16th

9AM – 11 AM

K – 12th Grade

Preregistration Required (\$75)

Town Hall Gymnasium

This camp offers strength, conditioning, and technique skills.

Save the Date! National Night Out – August 1st, 2023

Tuesday, August 1st, 2023 All Ages

Town Hall 139 Stage Rd. Nottingham NH

Save the date for National Night out with the Nottingham Police Department.



Blaisdell Memorial Library

Submitted by Jordan Reed

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Library Hours

Monday: Closed

Tuesday: 10am – 5pm

Wednesday: 10am – 8pm

Thursday: 10am – 8pm

Friday: 10am – 2pm

Saturday: 10am – 2pm

Sunday: Closed

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Some programs may require registration, due to limited supplies. To register for any program, please call, e-mail, or inquire at the front desk. All library programs are free and open to the public.

Summer Reading Specials:

July and August, BML will be celebrating summer reading with special events open to all ages and all patrons. Events might include games, refreshments, raffles, or more! **13-0-6**

Wildlife Encounters: SRP Kick-off – July 6th @ 10am

Start off Summer with a visit from Wildlife Encounters and their Junior Zookeeper program! Everyone from children to adults are welcome to the library for the chance to meet some amazing animals up close and learn more about them. There will be free giveaways for Summer Reading all day, as well!

Flying High Agility Dogs – July 22nd @ 1pm

Join BML at the Marston Throughout Property for an amazing agility show full of tricks and excitement, brought to you by Mike Piazza and the Border Collies of Flying High Dogs.

Tailwinds Raptors & SRP Wind-down – August 11th @ 11am

Say goodbye to another summer and learn about raptors and their conservation with the Tailwinds Raptors program (in partnership with Nottingham Parks and Rec). See incredible birds in person and learn about how you can help with conservation. Afterwards, enjoy ice cream and have fun at the library! This event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.



Adult Programs:

Game ‘n Gab – July 11th & August 1st @ 1pm

Join us for games, conversation, and friendly competition while relaxing in the library.

Afternoon Book Group – First Thursday of the month @ 1:30pm

July 6th: Nomadland by Jessica Bruder

August 3rd: Flight Behavior by Barbara Kingsolver

Evening Book Group – Fourth Wednesday of the month @ 6:30pm

July 27th: My Sister the Serial Killer by Oyinkan

Braithwaite

August: No Evening Book Group

Copies of book group titles are available at the circulation desk. Please register for the group if you haven't already to ensure the library will have enough copies. A valid Nottingham library card is required to borrow book group books

Cookbook Group – Second Thursday of the month @ 6pm

July 13th: No Cookbook this month.

The theme is picnic dishes

August 10th: TBA


To join the cookbook group, please register with the library staff. Each month, the cookbook group chooses a new cookbook to borrow. Members may take home a copy, then select a recipe to make and bring into the meeting. The group shares food as well as recipe tips – what went well, what didn't, what you'd make again, etc.

Social/Emotional Skills for Young Children – July 6th @ 6pm

Aimed at parents and early childhood teachers, join us for a presentation about social and emotional development in young children held by Nottingham resident Lynne Bova.

Flower Arrangements – July 11th @ 10am

Drop in all morning and use local fresh-cut flowers to create beautiful arrangements and displays.



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Craft Together: Learning Crochet – July 29th @ 10am

Pick up a new hobby and try something new with a lesson on beginning Crochet with BML. More experienced crafters welcome! This lesson is aimed at adults or teens and no sign-ups are required. Craft Together's usual programming will be on pause for July and August.

Mixed Media Wood Block Crafting for Adults – August 8th @ 6pm

Make beautiful decorations out of wood, paper, and other media in a guided class. Sign-ups may be required and will be announced later.

Youth/Young Adult Programs:

BYG (Blaisdell Youth Group)

Regular Meetings: July 19th @ 6pm

Hogwarts Role-playing Game: July 5th & August 2nd @ 6pm

The BYG is a club for kids of middle school age to get together, make friends, discuss books, and participate in fun activities. New members are always welcome and normal meetings are drop-in with no registration required.

Cookie Decorating: All Together Now! – July 19th @ 4 - 6pm

For children and teens. Come in and decorate a cookie to match this year's summer reading theme. You can enter it into the contest and let the library vote on their favorites or simply eat what you made. Every participant leaves with a cookie!

Children's Programs:

July and August mark a change-over from BML's regular youth programming into activities and programs unique to Summer Reading. Regular story hours and STEAM clubs will resume in September.

Littles Story Hour with Miss Julie and Miss Robin – Thursdays & Fridays @ 10am

Beginning on July 7th with a special Singalong Startup, Littles Story Hour is for young children, from babies to

kindergarten. They include a story, songs, fun activities and crafts, and sensory play.

Special events will include an outdoor "Gruffalo" story walk on July 13th & 14th, and a visit from a special therapy dog friend on July 21st.

Lunch Bunch with Miss Julie – Thursdays @ 12pm (noon)

Starting on July 13th with the "Gruffalo" story walk, Lunch Bunch is for children in early elementary (grades K-3+). Bring a light meal or snacks from home and enjoy a story, lunch, and special crafts.

Some crafts will include dog week finger puppets, hand-sewing toys, a giant outdoor memory game, and Sharpie ink art.

Summer STEAM+ with Miss Julie – Tuesdays @ 10am

Starting on July 11th, Summer STEAM is for children in elementary and early middle school. Each week has new projects and new skills to learn, making art and learning about science.

Topics will include making friendship bracelets, hand-sewing toys, wood block collages, root beer floats, and making flower arrangements and crafts to donate to community members.

Keep up to date on the latest library news at [Nottinghamlibrary.org](https://nottinghamlibrary.org) or blaisdellml on Facebook.



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