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Celebrations!

Hello Laura,

There is much to celebrate this month. First, thank you to all who voted in the March local elections. As part of the town budget, our budget passed, and we appreciate your support!

Second, we celebrate National Poetry Month with not one, but two, poetry programs. Read on for all the details. Even if you think you're not a "poetry person," hearing someone recite poems aloud is a different experience than reading poems in school.

And third, we celebrate National Library Week, April 23 - 29, as a time to celebrate libraries, library workers' contributions and promote library use and support. The theme, "There's More to the Story," illustrates that in addition to books, libraries offer much more. We lend items such as hiking kits, preschool learning bags, a telescope, and Kill-a-Watt energy monitors. We offer programs that bring our community together for entertainment, education, and connection through book clubs, Preschool Story Time, movie nights, discussion groups, and lectures. And library infrastructure advances the Bethlehem community, providing internet and technology access, literacy skills, and support for businesses and job seekers.

The library is for everyone. If you haven't stopped by in a while, we'd love to see you again!

Have a good day,

Laura

Upcoming Program

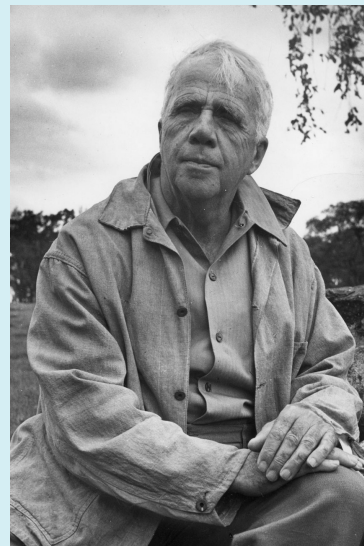
Tale of Two Poets: Poetry Programs this Month



Wednesday, April 19th
5:30pm
The Story of NH Poet
Maxine Kumin

Suzy Colt, Kumin's personal assistant, will read some of her favorite Maxine Kumin poems and essays, and share personal anecdotes about the poet

More information on our [Adult Programs page](#)



Wednesday, April 26th 6pm
NH Poet Jeffrey Zygmunt
recites Robert Frost

Zygmunt returns to recite a selection of Robert Frost's poems about farming and farm life in our region a century ago.

Join the Fun

5th Annual Peeps Diorama Contest

Create a diorama based on a book or scene from a book, but the characters are Peeps!

Submissions due Saturday, April 8th by 1pm.

Judging by popular vote April 10-15. Winner announced April 17th will win a book store gift



certificate.

This program is sponsored by The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library

[Click here for rules and details](#)

Weekly Program Preschool Story Time and Stay & Play



Tuesdays 10:30am

Join Miss Kami for stories, songs, and activities for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Stay after for open play: social play for kids, socializing for adults.

The last Tuesday of the month is Stay & Play. After Story Time, stay for an extra-special play time. In April, stay for Space play and a Rocket Playhouse!

Upcoming Story Time themes:

April 4 Easter

April 11 Poetry

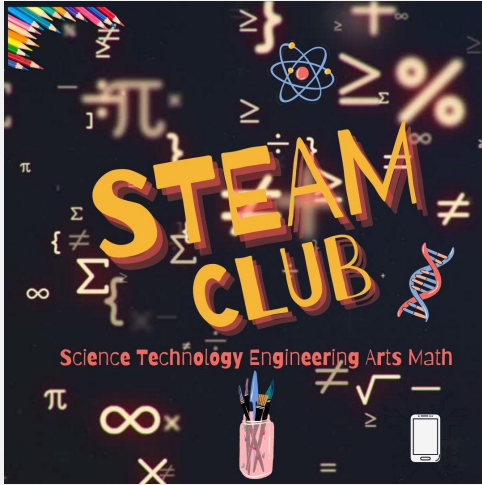
April 18 Arbor Day

April 25 Space, plus Stay & Play all afternoon!

Weekly After School Programs

Mondays & Thursdays 2:30 - 3:30pm

For Ages 5+



STEAM Club Mondays
Community Room

We still have Legos out too!



Arts & Crafts Club Thursdays
Children's Room

Different every week!

Weekly Program

Let's Talk

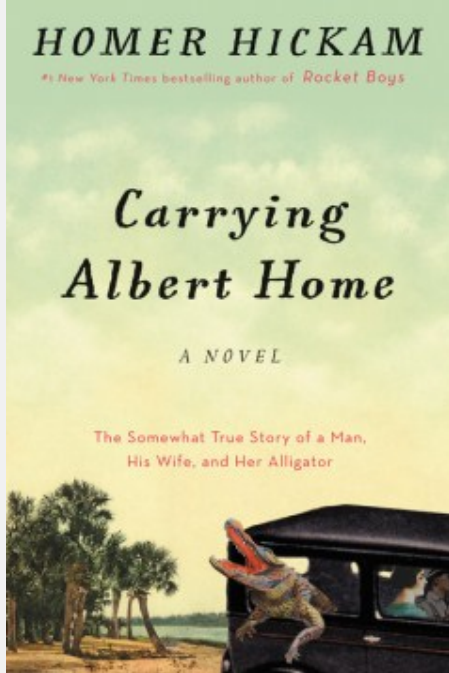


Fridays 10:15am

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

April topics include: If you Won the Lottery, Poetry, Guilty Pleasures, Dream Vacations

Monthly Programs



[click on cover for book info](#)

Readers Cafe Book Discussion
Thursday, April 13th Noon
AND Saturday, April 15th 9am

April's book is *Carrying Albert Home* by Homer Hickham.
Same book, two discussion times. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk.

[Click here for the 2023 list](#)

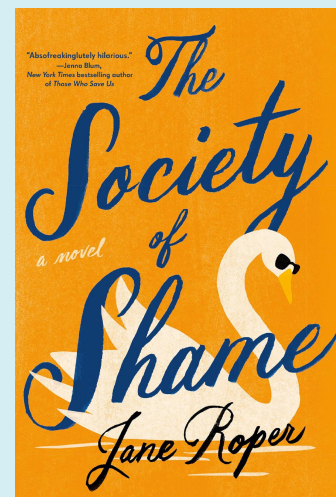
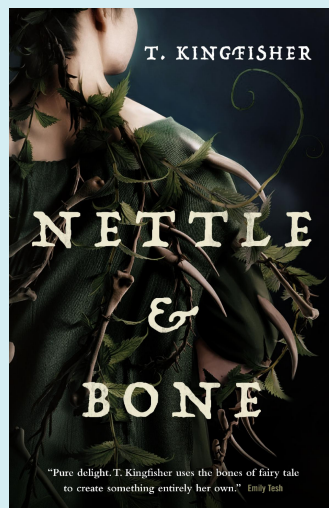
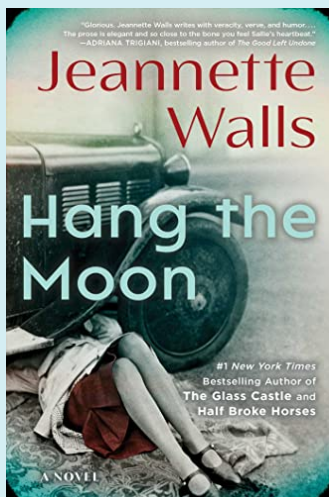


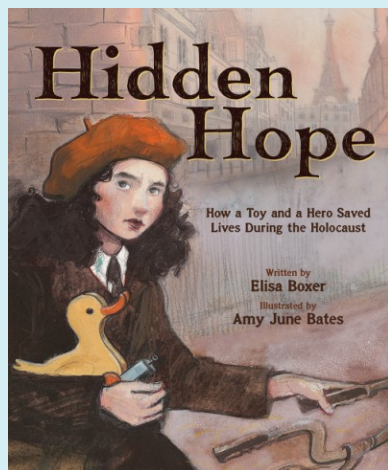
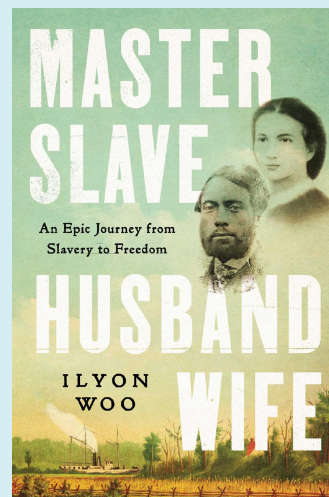
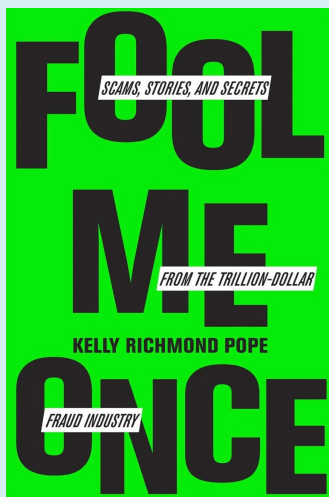
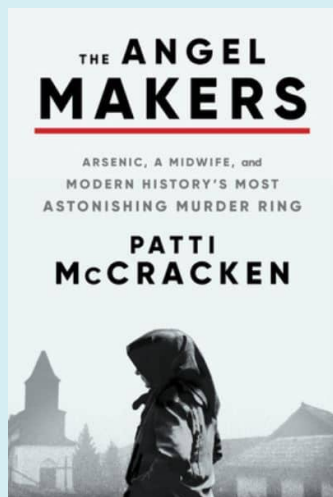
Trivia Night
Thursday, April 27th
6pm

Bring yourself, or bring a team!
All ages welcome!

Brush up on your knowledge of Bethlehem history for the final question!

Lots of New Books!
Click on cover for more information , or to reserve





Coming April 22nd!

April Showers Weather Program!

More details coming soon on our website & social media!

Library Trivia

- * There are 123,627 libraries in the U.S.; there are only 13,515 McDonald's.
- * There are 234 public libraries in New Hampshire.
- * Peterborough, NH was the first free tax-supported public library in the nation.
- * According to Gregory C. Wilson's *Bethlehem, New Hampshire: A Bicentennial History*, Bethlehem Library was founded in 1877 and was known as the Kenny Library. It was located in the old Methodist Church and is said to have been started by a Mrs. Presby of Littleton with \$1.00 and one book.



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