



Stories at the Old Schoolhouse 2026 Children's Summer Program

Wednesdays at 10:30 am
June 24 through August 12

Spend an hour at Old York, hearing a story highlighting New England history and culture. Afterwards enjoy a related activity or take a peek inside the historic one-room York Corner Schoolhouse.

Recommended for children ages 4 to 10. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is FREE!

For more information email Erin Tewksbury at education@oldyork.org, or call 207-363-4974.

Program Schedule

June 24

***Independence Cake*, by Deborah Hopkinson (author) and Giselle Potter (illustrator)**

Celebrate American independence with a story inspired by the childhood of Amelia Simmons, author of the first American cook book, published in 1796. Before then, all the cookbooks printed and used in America were British. After the story we will visit historic Jefferds Tavern to sign the Declaration of Independence and try some Independence Cake.

July 1

***Now & Ben: The Modern Inventions of Benjamin Franklin* by Gene Barretta**

Benjamin Franklin was a Founding Father and the first Postmaster General of the United States, but he still found time to invent many useful things that we still use today! After the story, create your own postcard to send to Ben and tell him about your favorite inventions.

July 8

***Hello Lighthouse*, by Sophie Blackall (author and illustrator)**

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to live in a lighthouse, surrounded by water? In this story, see how the daily life of a lighthouse keeper and his family unfolds. Days and seasons pass, and the keeper writes every detail in his logbook. We will also have a visit from the current day keeper of our own Nubble Lighthouse.

July 15

***Miss Rumphius*, by Barbara Cooney (author and illustrator)**

Miss Alice Rumphius made a promise to make the world a more beautiful place. She began by sowing lupine seeds along the coast of Maine, and soon became known as the Lupine Lady. After the story, paint a watercolor painting with Miss Rumphius!

July 22

***Blueberries for Sal*, by Robert McCloskey (author and illustrator)**

Enjoy this classic Maine story about Sal and her mother, picking blueberries on Blueberry Hill on a bright summer day. Find out what happens when Sal and her mother meet a mother bear and her cub preparing for their long winter, and afterwards enjoy a taste of Maine's favorite berry!

July 29

***The Snail and the Whale*, by Julia Donaldson (author) and Axel Scheffler (illustrator)**

Hear the heartwarming adventure of the snail who hitches a ride around the world on a whale. After the story, stick around for a craft activity.

August 5

***The Lobster Lady*, by Alexandra S. D. Hinrichs (author) and Jamie Hogan (illustrator)**

Hear the story of Maine's own "Lobster Lady," Virginia Oliver, who spent more than ninety years lobstering and living her life doing what she loved. We will be joined by our friends from *Off the Boat Lobsters*. After the story, we will meet some real lobsters and learn about this curious sea creature.

August 13

***At One in a Place Called Maine*, by Lynn Plourde (author) and Leslie Mansmann (illustrator)**

Celebrate Maine's unique wildlife and learn to be present in nature in this beautiful tale by Lynn Plourde. Following the story, we'll have a visit from our friends at *White Pine Programs* to learn about the plants and animals of Maine.



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