

2023-2024 Program

Wednesday, 11 October, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 1 - 10 of *Bleak House*

Program: Discussion of the chapters led by **Anita Fenton** and skit

Host/Location: **Anita Fenton** at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host/refreshments: **Kathy McFarland**)

Wednesday, 8 November, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 11 - 19 of *Bleak House*

Program: Discussion of chapters led by **Kit Polga** and skit

Host/Location: **Kit Polga** at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host/refreshments: **Anita Fenton**)

Saturday, 16 December, 12:30 p.m.

Holiday Luncheon at The Publick House, Sturbridge, MA
Gift exchange and skit

Hosts: **Kit Polga** and **Kathy McFarland**

Saturday, 10 February, 2:00 p.m. **Dickens's Birthday Tea**

Reading: Chapters 20 - 29 of *Bleak House*

Program: Essay by Fellman Prize Winner finalists

Discussion of chapters led by **Mike Badger**

Host/Location: **Joel Brattin** at the WPI Library (Fellman Reading Room), Worc. (co-host/refresh.: **Fellowship members**)

Wednesday, 13 March, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 30 - 42 of *Bleak House*

Program: Selection from BBC video "Bleak House"

Discussion of chapters led by **Carrie Corcoran** and **Robert Steele**, and skit

Host: **Carrie Corcoran/Robert Steele** at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host/refreshments: **Anita Fenton**)

Wednesday, 10 April, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 43 - 53 of *Bleak House*

Program: "Who was Harold Skimpole?" by Margaret Watson

Discussion of chapters led by **Anita Fenton**

Host: **Robert Armstrong** at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host/refreshments: **Margaret Watson**)

Wednesday, 8 May, 7:00 p.m.

Reading: Chapters 54 - 67 of *Bleak House*

Program: Discussion of chapters led by **Joel Brattin**

Host: **Joel Brattin** at Elms Library at Briarwood
(co-host/refreshments: **Kathy McFarland**)

Planning 2024-25: Selection of book and nomination of officers

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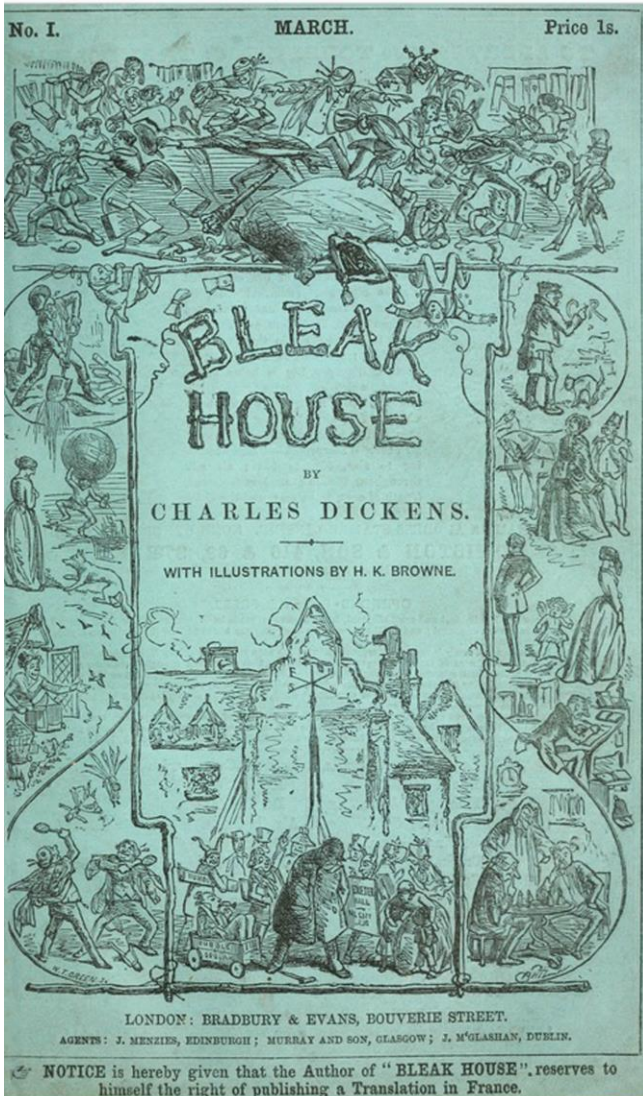
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Book of the Year: *Bleak House*



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Skits	Joan Townsend (Chair), Margaret Watson, Joel Brattin, Kit Polga, Robert Steele
Librarian	
Holiday Luncheon	Kit Polga, Kathy McFarland

Illustration: Title page of 1st edition, volume 1, March, 1852. *Bleak House* was serialized from March 1852 to September 1853. The illustrator was Hablot Knight Browne (Phiz)