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Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays (*beginning 9/10*) 12-5

Holiday hours

• September 2-4 **CLOSED**

Labor Day weekend

• Monday October 9 **OPEN** 9-9

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What's new at the library

Back to school with Britannica

The right research materials can make schoolwork shine, and we've added to our online research tools two new Britannica databases that will make it easy for students to craft well-sourced reports on almost any topic.

Britannica School is the go-to site for grades pre-K-12 and offers thousands of curriculum-relevant articles, images, videos, maps, recommended websites and more. *Britannica Academic* combines in one resource the venerable Encyclopedia Britannica with Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary, periodicals and other reliable sources that college students need to consult when conducting thorough collegiate research.

In addition to our new Britannica offerings, you can make your research count with *Opposing Viewpoints in Context*, *Literary Reference Center*, *Gale Virtual Reference Library* and *General OneFile*. Go online at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org and click the "Research" tab to get started.

What's app?

Bethlehem Public Library now offers an app through the Upper Hudson Library System called UHLS Mobile, available for free in both Android and Apple app stores.

With the app, you can search the UHLS catalog, check the status of your account, place items on hold so they can be picked up at the library, access digital items like eBooks, audiobooks, and digital magazines, and look up library hours and program calendars. The app can even scan the ISBN barcode of any book to see whether any UHLS libraries own a copy of a specific title — and place a request for it right away.

For more information and to download UHLS Mobile, go to uhls.boopsie.com.

Coming soon

Library construction

This winter, the library is expected to begin a major upgrade to the building's aging heating and cooling system. There may be some minor disruptions during this time as we work to accommodate the construction. Check for updates in future editions of *Footnotes* and on our website.



All ages

Knit One Purl One

Sunday September 10 • 2-3pm

Sunday October 1 • 2-3pm

*If you're an experienced knitter, bring your current project. If you're a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles; we'll provide yarn and get you started. **For adults, teens and kids age 9 and up.***

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All ages (continued)

Costume swap

Bring your gently used costumes to the library between **October 1-19** and receive a ticket to pick out a new-to-you costume from **5-7pm Friday, October 20**. We are accepting costumes in all sizes – including adult! You can drop off a costume even if you're not interested in choosing a new one. Leftover costumes will be donated to charity.

Grassroot Givers Book Donation Day

Saturday September 16 • 10am-1pm

Donate your like-new books to a nonprofit organization that shares them with those in need in our area. Collection takes place in front of the library's garage.

Sunday Cinema: Family Edition – *Beauty and the Beast* (PG, 128 min., Walt Disney)

Sunday September 24 • 2pm

Enjoy this live-action version of the popular fairy tale.

Ann Seegal Memorial Storytelling Program: *Travel the World in Tales & Tunes*

Monday October 9 • 2-3pm

A storytelling extravaganza featuring audience participation, tales, tunes and drama representing each of the seven continents.

Morning Concert: *The Pacemakers*

Monday October 16 • 10:30-11:15am

We're joining our friends from the Center for Disability Services for a morning of music. Refreshments will be served.

Gals Who Play Jazz

Sunday October 22 • 2-3pm

This quintet of professional jazz artists will perform selections from the Great American Songbook, as well as original compositions.

Library Card Month fun

How well do you know your library? Take part in our Library Card Month scavenger hunt from **September 5-30** and find out! Participants will be entered in a raffle for prizes. **Adults can stop by the Information Desk to get started; kids can head to the Children's Place.**

Adults

Tai Chi for Health

Thursdays September 7-December 21* • 10:30am

Weekly class explores the Tai Chi for Diabetes form. No experience is needed, and all ages and abilities are welcome. Wear loose, comfortable clothes. Participants will build on skills from week to week. *No classes October 5, November 16 and 23.

Friday Cinema: *The Zookeeper's Wife* (PG-13, 124 min., Focus Features)

Friday September 8 • 2pm

Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

Fun and Games for Grownups

Monday September 11 • 6-8:30pm

Monday October 2 • 6-8:30pm

An adults-only gathering where you can play games, including chess, color and socialize. Snacks served!

Trivia Night for Adults

Wednesday September 13 • 7-8:15pm

Wednesday October 4 • 7-8:15pm

Sign up alone or as a team and match wits with others. *Prizes donated by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

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Costume Swap
October 20

Listening Parties

Thursdays at 7pm

September 14

Steely Dan

Popular '70s band that created a jazz/rock hybrid style.

October 19

Maurice Ravel

Modern French composer whose music fused Spanish, jazz and Baroque influences.

November 16

Frank Sinatra: 'Only the Lonely'

This 1958 collection of torch songs was Sinatra's personal favorite of all his albums.



Listen to great music, discuss
and share your opinions.



Book Discussions

DayBooks

Mondays at 1:30pm

September 11

All Things Cease to Appear
by Elizabeth Brundage
(Author will be joining the discussion.)

October 9

*The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu:
And Their Race to Save the World's
Most Precious Manuscripts*
by Joshua Hammer

November 13

Commonwealth by Ann Patchett

December 11

A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles

AfterDinner Books

Wednesdays at 7pm

September 13

The Last Painting of Sara De Vos
by Dominic Smith

November 8

News of the World by Paulette Jiles

AfterDinner Too

Tuesdays at 7pm

October 10

Silence by Shusaku Endo

December 5

Norwegian By Night by Derek B. Miller

New members welcome. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio, large print and downloadable copies may be available.



Elizabeth Brundage
joins Daybooks discussion
September 11



Adults (continued)

Sewing volunteers needed

Experienced sewers are needed to share their expertise and help patrons with a basic overview of machine sewing in addition to project help. An ongoing commitment is preferred.

Coffee and Conversation: To Life! Part III

Friday September 15 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Richard Feldman returns to showcase songs from popular American musicals about falling in love and believing in yourself. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Paint a Pumpkin for Breast Cancer Awareness **S**

Sunday September 17 • 1-4pm
Volunteer to help paint and decorate pink pumpkins to promote breast cancer awareness in the community. Co-sponsored by To Life! Breast Cancer Support and Education. For ages 16 and up.

Brain Health: Eat Well

Monday September 18 • 2-3:30pm
Karen Roberts Mort, a community nutrition educator with the Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany, will highlight dietary and other health tips thought to decrease a person's risk of Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia.

Sewing Machine Basics

Monday September 18 • 7pm
Learn the basics of sewing on a machine, and try out a sewing machine and serger.

Arm Knitting: Infinity Scarf **S**

Tuesday September 19 • 7-8:30pm
Wednesday September 20 • 2-3:30pm
Learn how to knit a scarf using just yarn and your arms. No knitting experience necessary. Bring one skein of super bulky yarn. Sign up for one session.

Brain Health: What You Need to Know

Wednesday September 20 • 7-8:30pm
Dr. Richard Holub, of Neurological Associates of Albany, will discuss how a healthy lifestyle can optimize brain health and potentially slow the progression of Alzheimer's.

Coffee and Conversation: Flight Paths

Friday September 22 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Darryl McGrath will discuss her work to save the bald eagle and peregrine falcon in New York state. Copies of her book will be available to purchase after the program.

Daywriters

Monday September 25 • 1:30-3pm
Monday October 23 • 1:30-3pm
Spend an hour writing with the final half hour for optional sharing and feedback. Open to anyone interested in writing; all abilities, genres welcome.

Open Sewing **S**

Monday September 25 • 6-8pm
Monday October 2 • 6-8pm
Monday October 23 • 6-8pm
Sewing machines will be available for independent projects. Bring your own supplies. Volunteers may be on hand to assist you. Register for up to two sessions.

Student Loan Repayment **S**

Tuesday September 26 • 7pm
Workshop and Q&A session will cover repayment plans, deferments, loan consolidation, loan forgiveness and more. Co-sponsored by the NYS Department of Financial Services.

From a Mile to a Marathon **S**

Wednesday September 27 • 7-8:30pm
Runner Vincent Ferraro will talk about his experience completing 50 marathons in 50 states, all after the age of 50. He will also share tips and resources.

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Coffee and Conversation: Fundamental Jazz

Friday September 29 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Dave Kissinger will provide an introduction to jazz and discuss significant jazz recordings before 1945. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Coffee and Conversation: Shakers in America

Friday October 6 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Author Ann C. Sayers shines a light on the peak years of Shaker history, from the 1820s to the 1850s. Copies of her book will be available for sale after the program. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

The Lostkills: Off the Beaten Path in the Catskills

Wednesday October 11 • 7-8:30pm
Local author and hiker Alan Via will share photos and stories of some of the more obscure mountains of the Catskills.

Coffee and Conversation: Spotlight on Botswana

Friday October 13 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Michael Matthews shares pictures and information about his six-month visit to Botswana. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Sew It Yourself: Corn Heat Packs **S**

Monday October 16 • 2:30-3:30pm **or** 5-6pm
Bring a fat quarter or any 18-by-21-inch piece of cotton fabric. Basic sewing machine knowledge required. Sign up for one session.

Finger Knitting: Cowl Scarf **S**

Tuesday October 17 • 2-3:30pm **or** 7-8:30pm
Learn how to knit an infinity scarf using just yarn and your fingers. Bring one skein of super bulky yarn. Sign up for one session.

Cyberbullying: What Parents Need to Know

Wednesday October 18 • 7-8pm
Find out how young people are using social media and how to spot the signs of cyberbullying. Co-sponsored by the Albany County District Attorney's Office.

Coffee and Conversation: Sonny and Perley

Friday October 20 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour
Popular musical duo will entertain with selections from the Great American Songbook and more. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Financing Your Education **S**

Tuesday October 24 • 7pm
*Learn about filling out the FAFSA, grants, scholarships, types of loans and more. **For juniors and seniors and their parents.** Co-sponsored by the NYS Department of Financial Services.*

Focus on Nature

Wednesday October 25 • 7-8:30pm
Patricia Kernan, staff illustrator at the State Museum, will discuss the museum's natural and cultural history illustrations. Co-sponsored by Capital Region Audubon Society.

Sew It Yourself: Halloween Treat Bags **S**

Friday October 27 • 10am-noon
Bring 1/2 yard each of two coordinating Halloween fabrics to make a treat bag. Basic sewing machine knowledge recommended.

Friday Cinema: My Cousin Rachel (PG-13, 106 min., Fox Searchlight)

Friday October 27 • 2pm
Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

Sunday Cinema: A Monster Calls (PG-13, 108 min., Focus Features)

Sunday October 29 • 2pm
Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

Adulting 101 **S**

Monday October 30 • 6-7:30pm
*Learn about money skills, cooking and home DIY as we share resources and "life hacks" for the young and young at heart. **College-bound and independently minded teens are welcome!***



S Finger Knitting: Cowl Scarf October 17



Sonny and Perley October 20

Rescheduled from June! Save the Date

Coffee and Conversation: Talking with Susan B. Anthony

Friday November 3 • 1-3pm
Hear all about the Women's Suffrage Movement in honor of its 100th anniversary in this first-person depiction portrayed by Phyllis Chapman of Vintage Visitors.

**November 10 Coffee and
Conversation to be announced.**

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🧵 No-Sew Emoji Pillows September 21



Creation Station

Monday-Friday 9:30am-8:30pm
Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm
Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

September 5-10 — School Bus Craft
September 21 — School's Out
October 2-9 — Autumn Tree



Spooky Stories Writing Contest October 2-31

Enter your original story at
www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.
The winner will get a prize and
have their story displayed in the
library. You'll find the details online.
For kids in grade K-5.



Teens

No-Sew Emoji Pillows 🧵

Thursday September 21 • 10:30-11:30am
Make a fun emoji pillow – no sewing necessary!

Teen volunteers needed

The library is looking for volunteers in grade 6-12 who are willing to teach chess to younger kids and play games with them on Tuesday evenings. We're also looking for book reviewers and program assistants. Sound like fun? Fill out a volunteer application, and we'll contact you to schedule training.

Kids and families

KBA: Kids Builder Association

Thursday September 14 • 4pm
Thursday October 12 • 4pm (for kids and families)
Build your own fun with Legos, Snap Circuits, K'nex, blocks, puzzles, origami and more.

Apple Mash-Up 🍏

Friday September 15 • 10am (for 18 months and older with family and friends)
Listen to an apple story and then make an apple treat. **Sign up each child individually.**

Talk Like a Pirate Day

Tuesday September 19 • 4pm (for kids and families)
Ahoy, mates! Join us for some pirate-themed crafts and snacks.

Green Screen Fun

Thursday September 21 • 2-3:30pm (for kids and families)
Have you ever wanted an action shot of you running from a dinosaur? Or a picture of you visiting the pyramids – even if you've never left the state? Then give our green screen a try, and let your imagination run wild! Come dressed up or use our props. We'll supply the iPads, but you can bring your own cameras, too. **Teens welcome!**

Chess Club ♟

Tuesdays September 26-October 24* • 6:30-7:30pm (for grades K-5)
Sign up for one or all sessions and try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome. ***No Chess Club October 10.**

Pokémon Card Gamers

Thursday September 28 • 4-5pm
Thursday October 26 • 4-5pm (for kids and families)
Bring your Pokémon trading cards to play and meet with other gamers. All skill levels are welcome.

Color a Trick-or-Treat Bag 🍬

Friday October 13 • 10am (for 18 months and older with family and friends)
Decorate a small keepsake fabric bag. **Sign up each child individually.**

Domino Building Basics

Saturday October 14 • 3-4pm (for kids and families)
Learn the basics of building with dominos with BCHS student Jacob Koplik.

Make a Great Pumpkin

Tuesday October 17 • 4pm (for ages 3 and up with family and friends)
You bring the pumpkin; we'll provide the decorating supplies. Then watch the Charles Schulz classic, "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown."

Trick or Treat at the Library

Tuesday October 31 • 10:15-10:45am or 2:15-2:45pm (for ages 0-6 and families)
New! Stop by the Children's Place any time during the above times and trick or treat in a safe, dry place. Costumes are optional, but fun is not! Treat bags will be provided.

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Storytimes and more

Nurture your child's love of books through music, movement and stories while helping to develop their language, motor and social skills!

Tiny Sign

Mondays at 9:30am • September 11-December 18*

Songs, stories and play incorporating American Sign Language for children up to age 35 months with caregiver. *except October 9

Family Sign Storytime

Mondays at 10:30am • September 11-December 18*

Songs, stories and play incorporating American Sign Language for children up to age 6 with family. *except October 9

Tiny Tots

Tuesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am • September 12-December 19*

Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver. *except October 31

Family Storytime

Wednesdays at 9:30am • September 13-December 20*

Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family. *except November 22

Family Playtime

Wednesdays at 10am • September 13-December 20*

Free play and socialization with toys, blocks, balls and more. Up to age 6 with family. *except November 22

Music & Movement

Thursdays at 9:30am • September 14-December 21*

Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. *except September 21 and 28, and November 16 and 23

Just for Me

Thursdays at 2pm • September 14-December 21*

Children age 3-6 can get ready for kindergarten with a story, song and activity or craft while caregivers wait at nearby cafe tables. *except September 21 and November 23

Time Out for Tales

Saturdays at 11am • September 9-December 30

Stories and fun for children up to age 6 with family.

Just for Me: Music and Movement

Tuesday September 26 • 2pm

Tuesday October 24 • 2pm

Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun for children age 3-6 while caregivers wait at nearby cafe tables.

Rubber Ducky End of Summer Party

Friday September 8 • 10-11am

We'll have lots of fun rubber ducky things to do like water races, bubbles and more! For children up to age 6 and families.

Rubber Ducky Bedtime Stories

Tuesdays • September 12 and October 3 • 7pm

Wednesdays September 6 and October 18 • 7pm

Wear your PJs and bring a stuffed friend to enjoy fun and stories before bedtime.

Rubber Ducky Fine Motor Playtime

Fridays • September 29 and October 20 • 10am

A time for children up to age 6 to play while developing fine motor skills.

Rubber Ducky Sensory Playtime

Friday October 6 • 10am

A playtime for children up to age 6 where they can use their senses to explore the world around them.

Parents, please note:

All abilities are welcome. No signup is required, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly; please arrive early.

Literacy tip

One way children learn vocabulary is from listening to stories. They listen to understand what is being said, which helps them learn new words and their meanings.

Firehouse storytimes

Family Storytime at Selkirk Firehouse

Wednesdays at 10am

September 6-December 13*

Meet at **Selkirk Fire Station #2** (301 Glenmont Road) for a weekly storytime for children up to age 6, co-sponsored by RCS Community Library. *except November 22

Fire Prevention Storytime

Thursday September 28 • 10:30am

Join us at the **Elsmere Fire District** (15 West Poplar Drive) for stories, a craft and an up-close look at a fire engine.

Delmar Fire Department Open House

Sunday October 8 • 1-3pm

We'll be hosting a storytime and craft at the annual open house (145 Adams St.).



Trick or Treat at the Library

See Page 6 for details.

October 31

Sign up for Rubber Ducky Club today!

Register at

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Rubber Ducky Club is sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

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Library exhibits

September

- Jim Sande – paintings
- Daniel Breen – photographs

October

- Susan Leath – photographs
- Victor Grant – photographs

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** Seats may still be available for the Friends' trip to the Museum of Fine Arts in Boston on Saturday October 14. The cost is \$120 and includes bus trip, entrance fee and tour, and a lunch voucher. For more information, contact Barbara Kling at (518) 439-1199.*

Bus trip to NYC

The library Friends are once again sponsoring a trip to New York City on Saturday, December 2.

The bus will leave CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot next to Mercato's Restaurant at 7am. The bus will depart New York City promptly at 6pm. Bryant Park is the arrival and departure point in New York.

Your check is your reservation; there are no refunds unless your seat is sold.

Cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. For more information, call Polly Hartman at 439-3291.

Make your check out to **Friends of Bethlehem Public Library** and send it with the form on this page to:

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Friends bus trip to New York City Saturday December 2

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address _____

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Enclosed is my check made out to *Friends of Bethlehem Public Library*.

I understand that my cancelled check is my reservation
and my money will be refunded only if my bus seat can be sold.

List names of others in your party:

name _____ Friend

name _____ Friend

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

