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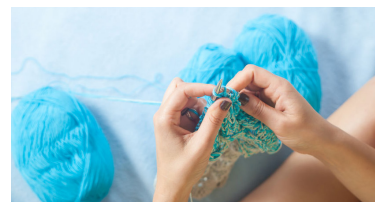


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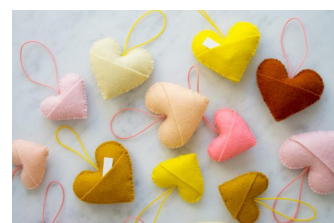
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• Monday February 11 • 6pm

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Monday February 18 • 6:30pm

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Weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

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### Holiday hours

• January 1: CLOSED

*New Years' Day*

• January 21: OPEN *MLK Jr. Day*

• February 18: OPEN *Presidents Day*

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## What's new at the library

### Good things

Our growing Library of Things makes it easy to explore a new hobby, experience nature, play a game, do-it-yourself, investigate new technology, and so much more. With dozens of "things" to check out, you may be wondering where to begin. You can start by asking yourself what it is you'd like to learn or try or do.

**DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE YOUR MUSICAL SIDE?** Brand new to our collection is a group of digital sound mixing tools, including a synthesizer, bass machine, sampler, drum machine and more. We've also got bongos, electronic drum kits, keyboards, ukuleles and xylophones.

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO BE HANDY AROUND THE HOUSE?** Borrow one of our household tools, such as a laser level or home inspection kit. We've even got diagnostic code readers for your car and a Kill A Watt meter that can help you identify ways to reduce your energy bill.

**ARE YOU UP FOR SOME ENTERTAINMENT?** Check out a karaoke machine or a digital projector and Bluetooth speaker and host an evening in with friends. Try out an e-reader. You can also borrow a virtual reality headset or a Nintendo Switch and the games to go with it. We've got lawn games, too, for some outdoor fun when the weather warms.

**DO YOU NEED TO CONNECT TO THE INTERNET?** We can help. We loan Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks and solar chargers.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIGITALLY CAPTURE AND PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES?** Our Library of Things includes GoPro cameras, digital camcorders, film and slide scanners, as well as analog video and cassette converters.

**HOW ABOUT SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS?** They can borrow everything from Ozobots to American Girl dolls, along with juggling sets, a human anatomy model and bird- or bug-watching kits.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS?** We've got a motion-activated trail camera that will capture the hidden lives of the critters in or near your backyard. We also loan out binoculars, telescopes, metal detectors, fishing poles and Empire passes for New York State parks.

All Library of Things items are purchased with support from the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library and are available on a first-come basis to library cardholders. Loan times vary by item. To see what's available, visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/library-of-things](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/library-of-things).

### Tech help at the library

If you would like to raise your comfort level with technology or software that is new to you, the library offers one-on-one tech help by appointment. During the session, a librarian will show you the ins and outs of your smart phone, tablet or e-reader. You can also learn how to set up and manage an email account, get started on Microsoft Word, or navigate Facebook and Twitter. **Sign up for a one-hour appointment at least one week in advance by visiting the Information Desk or calling 518-439-9314, ext. 3009.**

In addition to one-on-one help sessions, the library frequently schedules courses that offer small-group lessons in computer basics. Coming up in February we've got an Introduction to Windows 10 class and Intro to the Internet, both for beginners. **(See Page 5 for details.)**

When you're ready to move to the next level, intermediate courses are also offered, such as our Adobe Premiere Elements training in January and February. **(See Page 3 for more information.)**



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## All ages

### A storytelling event for all

Interactive storytelling vividly brings to life the tale of a young boy who bravely sets out to rescue the Sun from its imprisonment by a powerful dragon. With the help of a magic Phoenix, Bawshou must complete three great challenges. In "Bawshou and the Water Dragon," storytellers Bells & Motley, the husband and wife team of Sondra Bromka and John Bromka, present a traditional Chinese tale of wonder and adventure through costume, dance and music performed on authentic Chinese instruments.

The library will be hosting two performances of "**Bawshou and the Water Dragon**" on **Monday February 18 at 11am OR 2pm**, along with special participation workshops for children before each show. The event is part of the **Ann Seegal Memorial Storytelling series** that brings top-level storytelling performances to Bethlehem Public Library. Seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

Children in grades 2-8 can be part of the performance by taking part in a workshop to learn how to play the instruments and manipulate some of the props in the show. **Please see the Kids and Families section on Page 6 for details.**

#### Knit One Purl One

Sunday January 13 • 2-3pm

Sunday February 17 • 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.***

## Adults

#### Basic Bullet Journals

Thursday January 3 • 6:30-7:30pm

*Bring a journal or notebook and see how easy and fun it can be to get organized through bullet journaling. If you already keep a bullet journal, you're invited to share your insight and experience.*

#### Adobe Premiere Elements 2018 Training

Saturday January 5 • 11am-1pm

**OR** Monday January 7 • 2-4pm

**OR** Monday January 21 • 10am-noon

**OR** Thursday January 31 • 6:30-8:30pm

**OR** Tuesday February 5 • 11am-1pm

**OR** Monday February 11 • 10am-noon

**OR** Thursday February 28 • 6:30-8:30pm

*Learn how to edit videos, create titles, insert transitions, add special effects, adjust audio and more to create a professional looking video suitable for a variety of media. [Sign up for one session.](#)*

#### Fun and Games for Grownups

Monday January 7 • 6-8:30pm

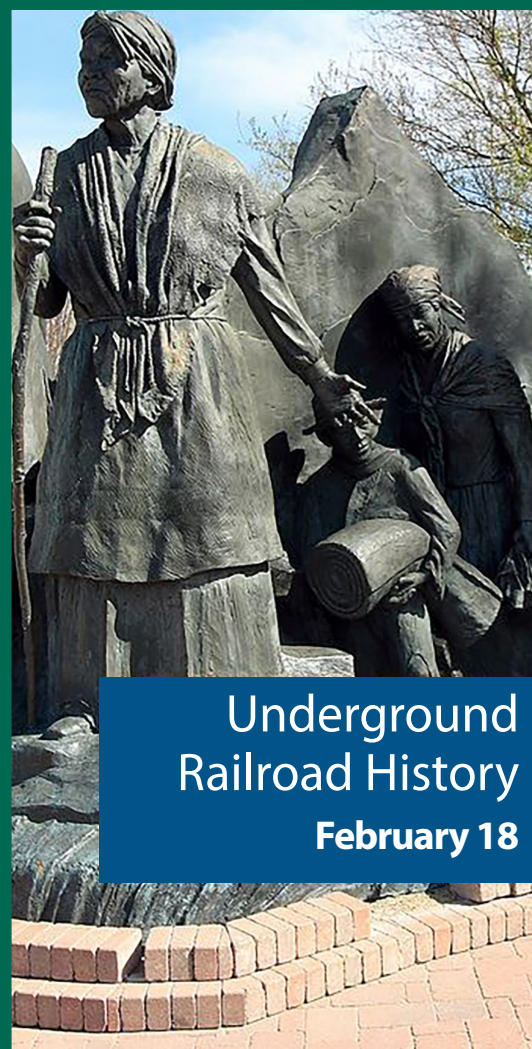
Monday February 4 • 6-8:30pm

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

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### Bawshou and the Water Dragon February 18



### Underground Railroad History February 18

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# Book Discussions

## DayBooks Thursdays or Mondays at 1:30pm

**January 10 and 14**  
Less by Andrew Sean Greer

**February 11 and 14**  
Stay with Me by Ayobami Adebayo

**March 11 and 14**  
The Baker's Secret by Stephen P. Kiernan

**April 15 and 18**  
I'll Be Gone in the Dark: One Woman's  
Obsessive Search for the Golden State Killer  
by Michelle McNamara

**May 13 and 16**  
The Immortalists by Chloe Benjamin

**June 10 and 13**  
Educated: A Memoir by Tara Westover

## AfterDinner Books Wednesdays at 7pm

**January 9**  
Little Comfort by Edwin Hill

**March 13**  
The Long Haul: A Trucker's Tales of Life  
on the Road by Finn Murphy

**May 8**  
An American Marriage by Tayari Jones

## AfterDinner Too Tuesdays at 7pm

**February 12**  
The Dry by Jane Harper

**April 9**  
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine  
by Gail Honeyman

**June 11**  
If the Creek Don't Rise by Leah Weiss  
  
New members welcome. Copies are available  
at the information desk. Audio, large print  
and downloadable copies may be available.



# Adults (continued)

## Helping Victims of Human Trafficking S

Tuesday January 8 • 7-8pm  
January is National Slavery and Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Theresa Schillaci, Safe Harbour coordinator for Albany County, will talk about how the organization helps youth who are victims or at risk for human trafficking.

## Qi Gong

Friday January 11 • 10am  
De-stress with the gentle flowing movements and breathing exercises of qi gong. Wear loose, comfortable clothing. All abilities welcome.

## Friday Cinema: Book Club (PG-13, 104 min., Paramount)

Friday January 11 • 2:30pm  
Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

## Listening Parties: Astrud Gilberto and her Legacy

Thursday January 17 • 7pm  
Listen to and discuss the beloved bossa nova singer from the '60s and her continuing influence.

## Sew It Yourself: Sweetheart Charms S

Friday January 18 • 3:30pm  
Create hand-sewn felt heart-shaped charms with a pocket for a special note — just in time for Valentine's Day. All supplies will be provided; make one or a whole bunch. **Teens welcome!**

## Sunday Cinema: Won't You Be My Neighbor (PG-13, 94 min., Universal)

Sunday January 27 • 2:30pm  
Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible.

## Open Sewing S

Monday January 28 • 6-8pm  
Monday February 11 • 6-8pm  
Monday February 25 • 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.**

## Racism and the Law: Confronting the Realities

Wednesday January 30 • 7pm  
AND Wednesday February 6 • 7pm  
Discuss the range of racial controversies affecting this country — from mass incarceration, to voting rights, affirmative action and beyond. Stephan Haimowitz will review many of today's disputes in terms of three divergent legal concepts: colorblindness, diversity and reparations.

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# Housebound? The library delivers!

Books to People is a free library delivery service available to residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who are unable to visit the library because of a permanent or temporary medical condition.

The library van will deliver requests every two weeks, and pick up returns. You can request books, circulating magazines, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks. You can even ask for your favorite authors, large print copies or specific genres, such as mystery, thrillers or romance, and a librarian will make selections based on your preferences. To ask for this delivery service, give us a call at 518-439-9314.

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## Adults *(continued)*

### Introduction to Windows 10

Monday February 4 • 10am-noon

In this class for computer beginners, we will go over the basics of using the Windows 10 operating system.

### Friday Cinema: *The Old Man and the Gun* (PG-13, 93 min., Fox Searchlight)

Friday February 8 • 2:30pm

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

### A Little Sunday Music: The Bleecker Consort

Sunday February 10 • 2-3pm

This audience favorite will play a diverse set of instruments, including early strings, reeds and a variety of percussion. Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. All ages welcome!

### Red Carpet Trivia Night for Adults

Wednesday February 13 • 7-8:30pm

Come alone or as a team and match wits with others at this special Academy Awards themed challenge. Prizes donated by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

### Underground Railroad History Project

Monday February 18 • 7-8pm

Mary Liz and Paul Stuart from the Stephan and Harriet Myers Residence in Albany will give a talk about the local Underground Railroad and how it parallels the Civil Rights Movement of the 1960s.

### Listening Parties: Sting and The Police

Thursday February 21 • 7pm

Listen to and discuss how an unlikely trio of musicians became one of the top bands of the '80s.

### Intro to the Internet

Monday February 25 • 10am-noon

In this class for computer beginners, we will go over the basics of using the Internet, focusing primarily on the world wide web.

## Teens

### Video Editing

Friday February 8 • 3:30-4:30pm (for grades 6-12)

Take Adobe Premiere Elements 2018 for a test drive and try some basic video editing.

### Super Smash Afternoon

Friday February 15 • 3:30-4:30pm (for grades 6-12)

Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. on the WiiU.

## Out and about at BCMS

Hang out after school this winter with the library as we host a variety of activities at Bethlehem Central Middle School for grades 6-8.

Every **Wednesday from January 9 to February 27** (\*except February 20), we're hosting **WiiU gaming at The Pit**. On **Tuesday, January 15**, book lovers can be part of the discussion at the **BCMS Book Club**, with "The War That Saved My Life" by Kimberly Brubaker Bradley. Another Book Club will meet in February with time and title TBA. On **Thursday, January 17**, we're rolling out the Sharpie Lab, and on **Tuesday, February 12**, we'll be making Valentine's Day cards and crafts. Sharpie Lab, Valentine crafts and Book Clubs all take place at the middle school's Library Media Center.



**Bleecker Consort**  
**February 10**



**Red Carpet Trivia Night**  
**February 13**



**Study hall**  
**@ the library**  
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**Group-study space**  
**for Regents exams**

**Schedule available**  
**in the library and online at**  
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## Chess Club

January 15 & 29,  
February 5 & 19

## Creation Station

Monday-Friday 9:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm

Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

January 7-13 — Doily Snowperson

January 21 — Make a Penguin

February 4-10 — Heart Piggy

February 18-24 — Presidents



## Unicorn Party

February 19

# Kids and families

### Chess Club

Tuesday January 15 • 5:30-6:30pm (for grades K-5)

Tuesday January 29 • 5:30-6:30pm

Tuesday February 5 • 5:30-6:30pm

Tuesday February 19 • 5:30-6:30pm

Sign up and try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome.

### Vacation Cinema: *Shrek*

Monday January 21 • 10am (for kids and families)

*Shrek*, an ogre living alone in a swamp, is suddenly invaded by a horde of fairy tale characters seeking refuge (PG, 90 min., Dreamworks Animation). Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy on the floor.

### Valentines and Hearts Galore

Friday February 1 • 10-11am (for kids and families)

Watch how Charlie Brown and his friends celebrate Valentine's Day while making a few heart-shaped valentines of your own.

### Bawshou Performance Workshops

Monday February 18 • 10:30am **OR** 1:30pm (for grades 2-8)

Children will learn how to play instruments and manipulate some of the props in the storytelling performances of "Bawshou and the Water Dragon," which will immediately follow the workshops at 11am and 2pm. **Workshops are limited to 15 participants; please sign up for only one session.** See Page 3 for more information about this Ann Seegal Memorial Storytelling event.

### Unicorn Party

Tuesday February 19 • 11am **OR** 2:30pm (for kids and families)

Join us for unicorn stories and a craft, then decorate your own magical cupcake.

**Each child must be registered individually; please sign up for only one session.**

### Stone Soup

Wednesday February 20 • 2pm (for kids and families)

Shape biscuit dough into a yummy treat and watch a classic Stone Soup tale while they bake. When the biscuits are done, enjoy them with some vegetable soup. **Please bring a canned vegetable or soup for the local food pantry.**

### KBA: Kids Builder Association

Thursday February 21 • 10am (for kids and families)

Build your own fun with Legos, Snap Circuits, K'nex, blocks, puzzles, origami and more.

### Family Book Discussion: *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler*

Thursday February 21 • 2pm (for kids and families)

Read E.L. Konigsburg's classic tale and then join in a family discussion.

### No-Sew Caterpillar and Story

Friday February 22 • 10:30-11:15am (for kids and families)

Listen to a story about a caterpillar, then make your own cuddly caterpillar to keep. **Each child must be registered individually.**

### Vacation Cinema: *Smallfoot*

Friday February 22 • 2:30pm (for kids and families)

A yeti is convinced that the elusive creatures known as "humans" really do exist (PG, 96 min., Warner Bros.). Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy on the floor.



 sign up online or call

# 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 Tots**

Mondays at 9:30am • January 14-February 25\*

Tuesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am • January 15-February 26\*

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

*\*except January 21, February 18 and 19*

## **Family Storytime**

Mondays at 10:30am • January 14-February 25\*

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

*\*except January 21, February 18*

## **Sensory Playtime**

Wednesdays at 9:30am • January 16-February 27\*

*Enjoy a variety of sensory play bins. For up to ages*

*3-1/2 with family. \*except February 20*

## **Family Playtime**

Wednesdays at 10:15am • January 16-February 27\*

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

*\*except February 20*

## **Music & Movement**

Thursdays at 9:30am • January 17-February 28\*

*Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. \*except February 21*

## **Quiet Time**

Thursdays at 10:15am • January 17-February 28\*

*Enjoy quiet time with your child with books and simple activities as we dim the lights and play some gentle music. \*except February 21*

## **Time Out for Tales**

Saturdays at 11am • January 5-February 23

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

## Parents, please note:

All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly; please arrive early. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all storytimes are cancelled.

# Rubber Ducky, you're the one!

Early literacy is the foundation for reading because it includes skills that children can work on before they can read and write. With Rubber Ducky Club, you'll see how fun and easy it is to engage your child in talking, writing, reading, playing and singing every day!

Here's how it works: Fill up a booklet (you can get one at the library), and color in a duck for every early literacy activity you share with your child. Bring your completed book back to the library for your prize. When you complete four booklets, you will have accomplished 1,000 early literacy activities. Ask a librarian how you can get started today!

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

## Literacy tip

Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices for different characters. Ham it up!



## Music & Movement Thursdays at 9:30am



## Rubber Ducky Club Sign up today!

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## Storm warning

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide the latest information on a closing or delayed opening. Please call ahead.



## Coming soon!

The library is putting the finishing touches on a new and improved audio/visual Makerspace. The space, located inside the parking lot entrance has been painted and redesigned to be ADA compliant and user-friendly.

The biggest news is the debut of the One Button Studio, which makes recording video as easy as pushing a button. The One Button Studio concept, developed by Penn State, can be used to produce content for the library's public access TV station, BCN-TV, or for sharing on YouTube or any other digital medium. Students can also use the technology to practice and record interviews or school projects. We'll also have the latest equipment and software available for video editing, podcasting, Twitch streaming and more. Stay tuned!

## Exhibits

During the month of January, the hallway exhibit space will feature photographs by **Halina McKenney** and works by **Elissa Zweibach**. In February, there will be featured artwork by **Lauren Axeford** and photos by **Bert van Grondelle** of the Schenectady Photographic Society.



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