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• Monday March 11 • 6pm

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• Monday April 15 • 6:30pm

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weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

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• April 21 CLOSED: *Easter*

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## What's new at the library

### A Friends book sale bash

The Friends of the Library are holding a weekend-long book sale bash **Friday to Sunday April 12-14**, where you'll be able to donate newer works in good condition or shop for some great book bargains.

Books donations will be accepted in the Community Room on **Friday evening from 4-7pm** and **Saturday morning from 10am-noon**. The book sale begins **Saturday afternoon and runs 1-5pm**, continuing **Sunday from noon-3pm**.

Donations can only be accepted during the above times and must fit the following criteria: current adult paperback or hardcover fiction and nonfiction; current children's board books and picture books; and current elementary and middle school chapter books. The Friends cannot accept books older than 10 years; torn or moldy books; encyclopedias; videos, tapes or CDs; magazines; computer books older than three years; test prep books older than the current year; or textbooks of any kind, including law and medical books.

### Studio Makerspace opens

The library's brand-new A/V Studio Makerspace is set to open **March 18**. Find out how easy it is to create your own video or TV show with the One Button process, which records and saves an mp4 file directly to your USB flash drive in one step. Laptops with Adobe Premiere Elements will be available in the library for any additional video editing. The studio can be used to create programming for BCN-TV, the library's public access station, or for posting online, on social media or personal use. Podcasting equipment is also available. Call 518-439-9314 or visit the Information Desk to schedule an orientation.

### Trustee candidate info available

Nominating petition forms and informational packets will be available at the library Information Desk beginning **Monday February 25** for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. There is one seat on the 2019 ballot, currently held by incumbent Joyce Becker, who will not be seeking re-election.

Petitions will need at least 49 signatures of voters residing in the Bethlehem Central School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by **5pm on April 22**. The election will be held **Tuesday May 21**.

#### Save the Date: Meet the Candidates

Thursday May 2 • 6pm

*Stop by and learn more about the candidates running for the library board.*

### We heard you

Thank you to everyone who filled out the Bethlehem Public Library community survey. Your comments are important as we make decisions about how to best serve you today and in the future.

#### From a number of you, we heard the following:

- *Stay open longer on the weekends.*
- *Do not close on Sundays in the summer.*
- *Hold more children's programs in the evenings and on weekends.*
- *Implement a better way to place holds and request items through the catalog.*
- *Provide more quiet study and reading areas.*
- *Install a book return in the Glenmont area.*
- *Shorten the wait times for eBooks.*

In the coming year, the Board of Trustees will be taking a careful look at all of these suggestions as they prepare a long-range plan for the library.

Please reach out to Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick at **518-439-9314, ext. 3022**, if you have anything you'd like to add to the discussion.



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## All ages

### Knit One Purl One

Sunday March 10 • 2-3pm

Sunday April 28 • 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.**

### Hikes to Take with Kids, Dogs or by Yourself

Wednesday April 17 • 7-8:30pm

Author and outdoor enthusiast Alan Via will share a visual tour of great places to hike — some with water where dogs or kids can splash and most within a short drive.

## Adults



### Seeds of potential

It's time to get growing at Bethlehem Public Library! This spring, we are starting our very own seed library featuring a variety of open-pollinated vegetables and some herbs. Seed libraries like these support sustainability and food security by allowing the community free access to the means of growing their own food.

Our seed library, located at the back of the Information Desk, will be self-serve with some limits on quantities. To get the seed library up and running, we have a full calendar year of gardening programs for both new and experienced gardeners of all ages. Look for the seedling icon in this newsletter to quickly locate one of these events. You can expect even more exciting additions to this new service in the coming months.

### Sunday Cinema: *RBG (PG, 98 min., Magnolia)*

Sunday March 3 • 2:30pm

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

### Open Sewing

Monday March 4 • 6-8pm

Monday March 18 • 6-8pm

Monday April 8 • 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.

### Better Angels Information Session

Monday March 4 • 6pm

Friday March 15 • 2:30pm

Learn about this bipartisan citizen's movement to bring red and blue Americans together into a working alliance to participate in public life. Anyone interested in improving communication with people on the other side of the political aisle is welcome to attend. Presented by Better Angels Capital Region Alliance.

### The Battle of Bennington

Tuesday March 5 • 7-8pm

Historian David Pitlyk will talk about this decisive victory over British forces in the summer of 1777 and how it has been commemorated over time.

### In Her Rightful Place: Women in Shaker Society

Wednesday March 6 • 1-2pm

A Women's History Month event. Lorraine Weiss from the Shaker Heritage Society will talk about some of the key women in the Watervliet Shaker Community.

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## Adults (continued)

### Albany History Uncovered April 7



## Book Discussions

### DayBooks

Thursdays or Mondays  
at 1:30pm

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

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

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.*

### Friday Cinema: *The Bookshop* (PG, 113 min., Universal)

Friday March 8 • 2:30pm

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

### *Seed: The Untold Story*

Saturday March 9 • 3-4:40pm

An introduction to the new Seed Library with a screening of this documentary film about the importance of heirloom seeds (PG, 94 min., Seneca Falls Picture Company).

### A Little Sunday Music: Irina Tikhonenko

Sunday March 10 • 2-3pm

Enjoy a vocal recital featuring British and Russian classical arts songs. Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. **All ages welcome!**

### Fun and Games for Grownups

Monday March 11 • 6-8:30pm

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

### Qi Gong

Friday March 15 • 11am

Thursday March 28 • 4pm

Tuesday April 16 • 3pm

Practice this gentle movement exercise rooted in meditation at any or all sessions. All ages and abilities welcome. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and shoes.

### Hands-Only CPR and First Aid Trivia

Tuesday March 19 • 7pm

A Delmar-Bethlehem EMS representative will demonstrate hands-only CPR followed by some hands-on practice and informal trivia fun with health-related prizes.

### Make It Yourself: Ceramic Tile Painting

Saturday March 23 • 2:30-4pm

Local artist Lydia Lynch will show you how to create unique ceramic tile artwork using the trendy medium of alcohol inks. All supplies provided. Wear an old shirt or smock. Registration closes Thursday March 21 at 3pm; open to BCSD residents only.

**Teens welcome!**

### The Suffragents

Sunday March 24 • 3pm

A Women's History Month event. Brooke Kroeger will discuss her book "The Suffragents: How Women Used Men to Get the Vote," which details how powerful New York men were influential suffrage allies. Co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Albany County.

### iPad Basics

Monday March 25 • 10am-noon

Monday April 15 • 10am-noon

Monday April 29 • 10am-noon

Do you have a new iPad? We'll show you how to use it. Bring your iPad and Apple ID and password. **Sign up for one session.**

### Triskele: An Afternoon of Irish Music

Wednesday March 27 • 2-4pm

This all-female Celtic band from Albany performs traditional, original and some modern Irish music. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. **All ages welcome!**

### Trivia Night for Adults

Wednesday March 27 • 7-8:30pm

Wednesday April 10 • 7-8:30pm **Back to the '80s edition!**

Come alone or as a team and match wits with others as you compete for trivia supremacy. Limit of 10 teams. Prizes donated by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

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### Friday Cinema: *Pride and Prejudice* (PG, 129 min., Universal)

Friday March 29 • 2:30pm

Film series with titles suitable for adult audiences. Shown with Subtitling for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing when possible. A companion to *Places in 'Pride and Prejudice'* on April 6.

### Starting Seedlings at Home

Sunday March 31 • 2-3pm

Learn the basics of starting seedlings at home, including low-cost options for light, water and heat requirements. Presented by Eric de Long of Foxtail Community Farm.

### Sewing Machine Basics

Monday April 1 • 6:30pm

Understand the basics of sewing on a machine and try out the library's sewing machines and serger. **Teens welcome!**

### Coffee and Conversation: Mark Twain Erupts

Friday April 5 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour

Jim Ketcham as Mark Twain uses the author's own words to describe "the whole damned human race." Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### Places in 'Pride and Prejudice'

Saturday April 6 • 2pm

David M. Shepard, author of "The Annotated Pride and Prejudice," will share pictures and anecdotes about some of the locations in Jane Austen's novel and how they related to her own life. Presented by the Capital Region Chapter of the Jane Austen Society of North America.

### Albany History Uncovered

Sunday April 7 • 2-4pm

Author Erik Schlimmer will take the audience on a virtual tour of the history of Albany's street names as described in his book "Cradle of the Union: Albany History Uncovered." A Q&A and book signing will follow.

### Better Angels Skills Workshop

Monday April 8 • 6pm

Learn communication skills to help you navigate the polarized political discussions that are all too common today. Presented by Better Angels Capital Region Alliance.

### Coffee and Conversation: Travel Deals with the Shoppertunist

Friday April 12 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour

Shannon Fromma, the Times Union's 'Shoppertunist' columnist will share tips for planning your summer vacation. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### Eden 2.0: How Farming with Nature Can Save the Food System and the Planet

Tuesday April 16 • 7-8pm

Farmer and author Gary Kleppel will talk about the ways that agriculture can improve environmental quality, public health and the economy.

### Coffee and Conversation: Win, Place or Show

Friday April 26 • 1-2pm program; 2-3pm coffee hour

A representative from the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame will discuss the history of thoroughbred racing as the Kentucky Derby approaches. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### World Tai Chi and Qi Gong Day

Saturday April 27 • 10am

Join the library and the Asian Arts Group Tai Chi Center of Albany for a morning of tai chi and qi gong on the Green, weather permitting. No experience is necessary. **All ages welcome!**

### Sew It Yourself: Sunglasses Case

Monday April 29 • 7pm

Bring two coordinating fat quarters to make a soft sunglasses case. Basic sewing machine experience required.

Triskele  
March 27



## Listening Parties

Thursdays at 7pm

March 21

Renee Fleming  
Esteemed soprano who continues to be widely honored for her work in opera, pop, jazz and Broadway.

April 18

Nocturne  
Examine the idea of "nocturne" in music, including its origin, meaning and interpretation across genres.

Listen to great music, discuss and share your opinions.

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## Super Smash Ultimate April 25

### Creation Station

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

March 4-10 — Rainbow Cloud  
April 1-7 — April Flowers  
April 19-28 — April Showers



## Stuffed Animal Sleepover ☺ April 22

## Teens

### Snap Circuits

Monday April 22 • 10:15am (for ages 9-14)

Have fun and learn about electricity and circuit basics as you work in teams to explore the library's different circuit kits.

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Thursday April 25 • 2-3:30pm (for grades 6-12)

Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate and help us unlock all the characters on our new Nintendo Switch! Snacks will be served.

## Out and about at BCMS

This spring, we're host a variety of activities at Bethlehem Central Middle School for grades 6-8. Every **Wednesday from March 6 to April 17**, stop by for **Super Smash Bros. Ultimate gaming at The Pit**. On **Tuesday March 26**, the **BCMS Book Club** will discuss "Etiquette and Espionage" by Gail Carriger. Book Club will meet again **Tuesday April 30**, to talk about "Renegades" by Marissa Meyer. We'll be making Seed Bombs on **Thursday March 21**, with another activity TBA scheduled for **Tuesday April 9**. Activities and Book Clubs take place at the middle school's **Library Media Center**.

## Kids and families

### Chess Club ☺

Tuesday March 12 • 5:30-6:30 **OR** 6:30-7:30pm (for grades K-5)

Tuesday March 26 • 5:30-6:30 **OR** 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday April 2 • 5:30-6:30 **OR** 6:30-7:30pm

Tuesday April 30 • 5:30-6:30 **OR** 6:30-7:30pm

**Sign up for one session per night** and try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome.

### KBA: Kids Builder Association

Wednesday March 20 • 6:30-8pm

Wednesday April 24 • 6:30-8pm

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

### School's Out 'Incredible' Double Feature

Friday March 22 • 10:30am — *The Incredibles* (PG, 115 min., Disney)

2:30pm — *The Incredibles 2* (PG, 118 min., Disney)

Spend the day off from school at the library enjoying these animated films featuring everyone's favorite super family. Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy on the floor.

### Vacation Cinema: *Christopher Robin*

Friday April 19 • 10am

*Winnie-the-Pooh* helps an adult Christopher Robin rediscover the joys of life (PG, 104 min., Walt Disney). Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy on the floor.

### Get Growing for Earth Day ☺

Monday April 22 • 2-2:45pm

Read a story and learn how seeds germinate and plant your own to take home.

### Family Book Discussion: *All of-a-Kind Family*

Monday April 22 • 3:30pm

Read Sydney Taylor's story about five sisters growing up in New York City in the early 1900s and then join in a family discussion.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover ☺

Monday April 22 • 6:30-7:15pm

Wear your PJs and bring your stuffed animal for stories, fun and a snack. After a group photo, your stuffed animal is invited to spend the night at the library.

Pickup begins the following day at 10am and continues through 5pm April 25.

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## Kids and families (continued)

### Silent Wings: Birds of Prey

Tuesday April 23 • 11am-noon **OR** 12:15-1:15pm  
Explore the fascinating world of hawks, falcons, owls and eagles with the Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York. Space is limited.

### Earth Day Exploration

Thursday April 25 • 10am-noon  
Meet at the Van Dyke Preserve in Bethlehem for crafts, storytime and a short hike.  
Co-sponsored by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. **To register online, go to [mohawkhudson.org/events](http://mohawkhudson.org/events).**

### Vacation Cinema: Winnie the Pooh

Friday April 26 • 10am  
Pooh and his friends embark on an adventure to find Eeyore's missing tail. (G, 63 min., Disney). Bring a blanket or pillow to get comfy on the floor.

## Storytimes and more

### Tiny Tots

Mondays at 9:30am • March 4-April 29\*  
Tuesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am • March 5-April 30\*  
Stories, songs and fingerplays for children up to age 35 months with caregiver.  
\*except April 22 and 23

### Family Storytime

Mondays at 10:30am • March 4-April 29\*  
Thursdays at 10:30am • March 7-April 18\*  
Stories, songs and activities for children up to age 6 with family.  
\*except April 11, April 22

### Sensory Playtime

Wednesdays at 9:30am • March 6-April 17  
Enjoy a variety of sensory play bins. For up to ages 3-1/2 with family.

### Family Playtime

Wednesdays at 10:15am • March 6-April 17  
Free play and socialization with toys, blocks, balls and more. Up to age 6 with family.

### Music & Movement

Thursdays at 9:30am • March 7-April 18\*  
Songs, instruments, dancing, learning and fun for babies, toddlers and preschoolers. \*except April 11

### Time Out for Tales

Saturdays at 11am • March 2-April 27  
Stories and fun for children up to age 6 with family. Special bilingual storytimes with the BCHS Spanish Honor Society on March 16 and April 21!

### Pajama-Rama

Thursdays March 7 and April 4 • 7-7:30pm  
Enjoy some fun and stories before bedtime. Up to age 6 with family.

### Preschool Challenge

Wednesday April 24 • 2pm  
Your baby, toddler or preschooler can Talk, Read, Write, Sing and Play their way to reading as we provide a variety of fun activities in the Community Room.

### Parents, please note:

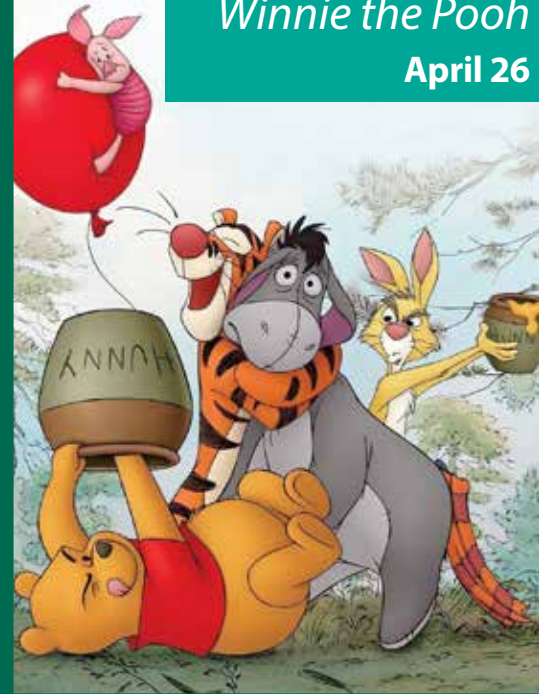
All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly; please arrive early. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all storytimes are cancelled.

### Literacy tip

When looking at a book with your child, point out how we read from left to right and how words are separated by spaces.

## Vacation Cinema: Winnie the Pooh

April 26



Rubber Ducky Club  
Sign up today!

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## Coming up

### Fund boosts tech

The **Krakower-Storch Family Technology Fund** was established at the end of 2016 by Bethlehem residents and library supporters Joe and Naomi Storch in honor of their parents and grandparents. It has in recent years allowed the library to purchase some exciting cutting-edge technology for patron use, including the Oculus Rift virtual reality headset in the Tech Room.

Over the course of five years, Joe and Naomi have pledged to match up to \$1,000 per year of other donations, and in past years, the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library and a generous anonymous donor have met that challenge and more.

The library is grateful for the funding, which strengthens our current spending in the area of new technologies. To donate, contact Library Director Geoffrey Kirkpatrick at 518-439-9314, ext. 3022, or visit the Friends page on our website at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-bethlehem-public-library](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-bethlehem-public-library).

### Exhibits

During the month of March, the hallway exhibit space will feature photographs by **MJ Adelman** and watercolors by **Susan Wooster**.

In April, there will be artwork from **Bethlehem Central School District students**.



## Sip and sightsee with Friends

The library Friends are sponsoring a Finger Lakes bus trip and winery tour **Saturday May 4**.

The trip will include stops at three wineries in the Finger Lakes region, buffet brunch at Bellhurst Castle, and time to shop at Sauders Market. The bus will depart the Delmar Park and Ride at 6am and return around 9pm.

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

The cost is \$142 for members and \$145 for non-members. For more information, call Elissa Zwiebach at (518) 573-7184.

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

**Friends bus trip and Finger Lakes winery tour**  
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**451 Delaware Ave.**  
**Delmar NY 12054**

### Friends bus trip and Finger Lakes winery tour

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

telephone (evening) \_\_\_\_\_

email \_\_\_\_\_

The price is \$142 for members and \$145 for non-members.  
*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 \_\_\_\_\_

name \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

