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Library board

• Tuesday November 12 • 6pm

• Monday December 9 • 6pm

Friends board

Monday December 16 • 6:30pm

Library hours

Weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

Holiday hours

• November 11: OPEN 9-9

• November 27: OPEN 9-5

• November 28: CLOSED

Thanksgiving Day

• November 29: OPEN 9-5

• December 6: CLOSED

Staff development day

• December 24-25: CLOSED

Christmas holiday

• December 31: OPEN 9-3

• January 1: CLOSED

New Years' Day

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The *footnotes* newsletter is published six times a year and mailed to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District.

What's new?

More Maker tools at the library

If you haven't checked out our Tech Room Makerspace in a while, then now is the time to stop by and see all of the great new tools we've been busy adding over the summer.

Front and center is our brand-new **Cricut Maker**, which allows for precision cutting of paper, vinyl, fabric and other materials. This versatile tool is perfect for scrapbooking, quilting, creating custom cards, and more! It can even letter and emboss for a polished text presentation. Patrons will be responsible for bringing their own materials to use in the Cricut. Not sure how it works? Come see it in action at a demonstration **Monday November 4 from 6-8pm**.

The Cricut joins the **Makerbot 3D printer, a die cutter, laminator, button maker and sewing machine** available for use anytime during library hours. Visit our expanded Tech Room Makerspace today and set your imagination and creativity free at the library!

All ages

Knit One Purl One

Sunday November 3 • 2pm

Sunday December 8 • 2pm

*If you're an experienced knitter, bring your current project. If you're a beginner, bring size 8 knitting needles no longer than 10 inches; we'll provide yarn and get you started. **For adults, teens and kids age 9 and up.***

3D Printing Mechanics **S**

Saturday November 9 • 2:30pm

How does a 3D printer know what to print, and how does it build something from a spool of material? Members of the Bethlehem FIRST Robotics team will talk about the mechanics behind 3D printing and Computer Aided Design.

Make It Yourself: No Water Winter Snow Globe **S**

Wednesday December 4 • 6:30pm

*Create a winter scene in a water-less snow globe. **Please register each person completing a craft. All ages welcome; children must be assisted by an adult.***

Adults

Coffee and Conversation: History of Bethlehem

Friday November 1 • 1pm

Bethlehem Historian Susan Leath with talk about the town's past. Refreshments follow the program. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Cricut Demonstration

Monday November 4 • 6-8pm

*Drop in the library's updated Tech Room Makerspace and see the Cricut cutter in action or give it a try yourself. The Cricut can be used to create precision designs in hundreds of different materials. **Teens welcome!***

Trivia Night: All About the '90s

Wednesday November 6 • 7pm

*Come alone or as a team and match wits with others. Trivia questions will encompass several categories. Limit of 10 teams of 1-5. **Prizes donated by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. Teens ages 14 and up welcome!***

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American Red Cross Blood Drive **S**

Thursday November 7 • noon-6pm

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org for more information and to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Coffee and Conversation: Familiar Songs; Unfamiliar Stories

Friday November 8 • 1pm

Storyteller Sandy Schuman will talk about how some of the best-known American songs came to be written. Refreshments follow the program. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Sunday Cinema: Tolkien (PG-13, 112 mins., Fox)

Sunday November 10 • 2:30pm

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

Intro to Essential Oils **S**

Tuesday November 12 • 7pm

Learn about essential oils and how to safely use them for your home, health and creativity. Make a scented craft to bring home.

Coffee and Conversation: PBS's Country Music

Friday November 15 • 1pm

Catch a sneak preview and behind-the-scenes look at the new Ken Burns series. Refreshments follow the program. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Simplify Holiday Mailings **S**

Monday November 18 • 10am

Learn how to use Microsoft Excel and Word to create merged address labels for your holiday (or other) mailings.

Open Sewing **S**

Monday November 18 • 6-8pm

Monday December 2 • 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.*

Ethical Journalism in Challenging Times

Monday November 18 • 7pm

Times Union Editor Rex Smith will share his insights on the challenges journalism faces in the digital era and with the current political climate. **All ages welcome!**

Listening Parties: Stardust

Thursday November 21 • 7pm

Listen to and discuss one of the most recorded songs in history in honor of songwriter Hoagy Carmichael's 120th birthday.

Yoga

Thursday November 21 • 7pm **S**

Find your balance with hatha yoga led by a local instructor. Mats will be provided, but bring your own if you have one. Beginners welcome.

Cards and Chitchat

Friday November 22 • 1pm

Enjoy a social hour playing cards — either an old favorite, or try a new one. Refreshments will be served.

Terracotta Pot Snowman **S**

Sunday December 1 • 2pm

Whether the pot is right side up or upside down, you can't go wrong with this clever terracotta craft. **Teens ages 14 and up welcome!**

Adobe Premiere Elements Training **S**

Monday December 2 • 10am

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.

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Book Discussions

DayBooks

Thursdays or Mondays
at 1:30pm

November 4 or 14

Little by Edward Carey

December 9 or 12

Virgil Wander by Leif Enger

Check 'Em Out Books
Mondays at 7pm

November 4

The Kitchen Daughter by Jael McHenry

AfterDinner Books
Tuesdays at 7pm

December 10

Harry's Trees by Jon Cohen

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



Time to Unwind
December 18



Adults (continued)

A Little Sunday Music

Bethlehem Public Library's annual winter concert series, A Little Sunday Music, has entertained and delighted audiences for years and is still going strong.

The 2019-20 series opens **Sunday November 17 at 3pm** with the **Adirondack Baroque Consort**, one of the oldest early music groups in the United States, whose performance will be celebrating the songs and works of local poet of Claire Loux. The series continues **December 8 at 2pm** with the **Etude Club of Schenectady**, which was founded in 1925 to provide an opportunity for women musicians to meet and perform for one another. After a break in January, the series resumes in February. *Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

Support and Guidance for Dementia Caregivers **S**

Wednesday December 4 • 11am

Social workers from Eddy Alzheimer's Services will be available to speak with caregivers of individuals with dementia. Contact Sarah LaPierre (sarah.lapierre@sphp.com; 518-238-4164) to reserve a time. Funded by a grant from NYS Department of Health.

Felted Soap **S**

Monday December 9 • 7pm

Learn about life on the Helder~Herdwyck Farm and how to use fiber felting to create a washcloth-like covering for a bar of soap. Teens ages 14 and up welcome!

Make It Yourself: Decorative Bookmarks

Tuesday December 10 • 2pm

Choose from among several projects to make beautiful bookmarks to keep or give as gifts.

Elder Abuse Workshop

Thursday December 12 • 6:30pm

Learn how to identify elder abuse and neglect and how to take action. Presented by the Sexual Assault and Crime Victims Assistance Program of St. Peter's Health Partners.

Sew It Yourself: Soup Bowl Cozies **S**

Monday December 16 • 6pm

Protect your hands and furniture with a soup bowl cozy that's cute and functional. Bring two 10-inch squares of cotton fabric. Teens welcome!

Time to Unwind

Wednesday December 18 • 7pm

Say goodbye to the stress of the season as you indulge in a little self care at the library with some tea, cookies, classical music and relaxing activities like adult coloring books and puzzles. Teens 14 and up welcome!

Paint a Cardinal with Noreen Powell **S**

Saturday December 28 • 11am

Make a painting featuring red cardinals on branch in the snow by following step by step directions to make a beautiful scene come to life!

2020 Vision Board Workshop

Monday December 30 • 2pm

A vision board is a collage of images and affirmations designed to serve as a source of inspiration and motivation. Create your own at the library to guide you in the new year. Some materials provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Join us for a craft swap

Are you a crafter who has accumulated a bunch of tools or supplies that you no longer need? Come to our Craft Swap **Monday November 25** and exchange those unwanted but still usable items for something different! Starting at **6:30pm** in the Community Room, we will be accepting craft supplies that are clean and in good shape in exchange for an admission ticket to the swap session, which begins at **7pm**. Shop the swap and see where your inspiration takes you! Bags will be provided.

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Tweens and Teens

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday November 9 • 2:30pm

Saturday November 23 • 2:30pm

Saturday December 14 • 2:30pm

Sunday December 29 • 2:30pm

Use your imagination and problem-solving skills while meeting and socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet.

For grades 6-12.

Felted Soap

Monday November 11 • 10am

Learn about life on the Helder~Herdwyck Farm and how to use fiber felting to create a washcloth-like covering for a bar of soap. **For ages 9 and up.**

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday November 15 • 3:45pm

Friday December 13 • 3:45pm

Monday December 23 • 2pm

Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch!

Snacks provided. **For ages 9 and up.**

Take a Dip Taste Test

Friday November 22 • 3:30pm

Make and taste a selection of healthy dips featuring ingredients like Greek yogurt, avocado and citrus fruits. **For grades 6-12.**

Cookie Decorating Challenge

Friday December 20 • 3:30pm

Use colored frosting, sprinkles and candy to decorate sugar cookies and vote for your favorite creations! **For grades 6-12.**

Out and about at BCMS

Join us this fall for some afterschool fun as we host a variety of activities at Bethlehem Central Middle School for grades 6-8. Stop by **Wednesdays** for **Nintendo Switch gaming** at **The Pit**. Book Club will meet **Thursday November 7** and **Thursday December 5** (titles to be announced). We'll be making Thankful Trees on **Thursday November 21** and Fuse Bead Crafts **Thursday December 19**. Activities and Book Clubs take place at the middle school's **Library Media Center**.

Kids and families

International Gaming Week: Table Top Games

Tuesday November 5 • 5:30-8pm

Stop by the Children's Place or Teen Area to try out some of the library's newest games. If you can't make it, you can always check out a game from our Library of Games!

Teens and families welcome!

Afterschool Art: Poppies

Wednesday November 6 • 3:45pm

Craft red paper poppies using scissors, tissue paper and pipe cleaners. **For grades 1-5.**

DIY Chroma Turkeys

Monday November 11 • 2pm

Mix science and art as you use coffee filters, markers and construction paper to make a chromatography turkey by separating out the components of a mixture by passing it through an absorbent material.

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Taste Test
November 22**



**DIY Chroma Turkeys
November 11**

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Kids and families *(continued)*

Train like a Jedi

To become a Jedi, a young Padawan must learn how to first harness the power of the Force. Are you up for the challenge? If so, join us this winter break for **Jedi Training Camp on Friday December 27 at 2pm**. Complete a series of carnival-like activities, games and crafts designed to strengthen your connection to the Force and prepare you for a future as a Jedi. Dress for the part or come as you are. **For ages 5-11.**

KBA: Kids Builder Association

Tuesday November 12 • 4pm

Tuesday December 3 • 4pm

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

Chess Club

Tuesday November 19 • 5:30pm **OR** 6:30pm

Tuesday December 3 • 5:30pm **OR** 6:30pm

Sign up for one session and try your hand at chess with our teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome. **For grades K-5.**

Meet and Greet with Bruce the Bear

Wednesday November 20 • 4-4:45pm

Stop by the Children's Place for some face time with this lovable curmudgeon of a bear!

Family STEAM Night: Marble Run Fun

Wednesday November 20 • 6:30pm

Work with your family to build your own marble run out of recycled materials. Add twists, turns and any obstacles you can imagine, then use problem-solving skills to improve your design.

Vacation Cinema: Toy Story 4

Friday November 29 • 10am

Woody, Buzz Lightyear and the rest of the gang embark on a road trip with Bonnie and a new toy named Forky (G, 100 min., Disney).

Hour of Code

Thursday December 12 • 4pm

Learn basic coding skills through online skill-building games. Bring your own laptop or use one of ours (supply is limited).

Vacation Cinema: Dora and the Lost City of Gold

Thursday December 26 • 2pm

A teen who moves from the jungle to high school but soon begins an adventure for the Lost City of Gold (PG, 100 min., Paramount).

Harold and the Purple Crayon

Friday December 27 • 10am

Watch a video adaptation of "Harold and the Purple Crayon" (and more Harold stories!) and do some purple art activities.

Paint a Cardinal with Noreen Powell

Saturday December 28 • 2:30pm

*Make a painting featuring red cardinals on branch in the snow by following step by step directions to make a beautiful scene come to life! **For ages 7 and up.***

Teens welcome!

Family Book Discussion: Winnie's Great War

Monday December 30 • 10am

Read and discuss Lindsay Mattick's story of a real-life bear cub during World War I that was the inspiration for Winnie the Pooh.

New Year's Eve Party

Tuesday December 31 • 11am

Make a noisemaker and enjoy some bubbles and dancing as we count down to the new year at a more family-friendly hour!



Meet Bruce the Bear
November 20



Paint a Cardinal 
December 28 *(kids and teens)*



New Year's Eve Party
December 31



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Storytimes and more

Harness the power of play

Explore all the ways playing with your child can benefit you both and learn about activities that can help enhance your interaction at the library's four-week **Play With Me Workshop** presented by **Capital District Child Care Council** and based on the New York State Pyramid Model playgroup structure. Each session will offer several different activity stations for caregivers and children (ages 18 months to 3 years old) to discover together.

The series takes place every **Friday at 10am from November 1-22**. Registration is required, with a one-to-one caregiver to child ratio.

Tiny Tots

Mondays at 9:30am • November 4-December 16*

Tuesdays at 9:30am and 10:30am • November 5-December 17

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

*except November 11

Family Storytime

Mondays at 10:30am • November 4-December 16*

Thursday at 10:30am • November 7-December 19*

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

*except November 11 & 28

Sensory Playtime

Wednesdays at 9:30am • November 6-December 18*

Enjoy a variety of sensory play bins. Up to age 3-1/2 with family. *except November 27.

Family Playtime

Wednesdays at 10:15am • November 6-December 18*

Free play and socialization with toys, blocks, balls and more. Up to age 6 with family. *except November 27.

Music & Movement

Thursdays at 9:30am • November 14-December 19*

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

Time Out for Tales

Saturdays at 11am • November 2-December 28

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

Pajama-Rama

Wednesday November 13 • 6:30pm

Wednesday December 11 • 6:30pm

Enjoy some fun and stories before bedtime. Up to age 6 with family.

Story-Based Yoga

Friday December 13 • 10am

Yoga instructor Janine Murphy will teach yoga poses through story that help to focus the mind while building strength. Dress comfortably and bring a mat or towel. For children up to age 3 with caregiver.

What Size Is It?

Friday December 20 • 10am

Learn about size and measurement with hands-on activities and stories. 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.

Tiny Tots
Mondays at 9:30am
Tuesdays at 9:30 and 10:30 am



Literacy tip

As children scribble and draw, they practice eye-hand coordination and exercise the muscles in their fingers and hands. This helps develop the fine motor control they need to write letters and words.

Story-Based Yoga
December 13



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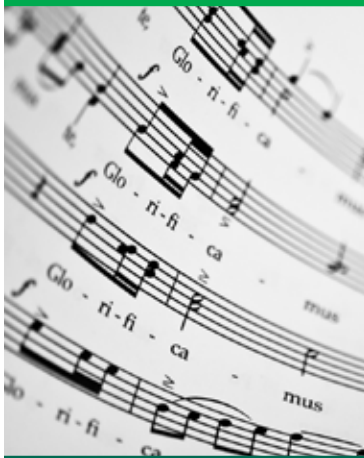
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What's new?



A musical afternoon

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will hold their annual winter concert on **Friday December 6 at 1pm**. The program, which will be held at **Bethlehem Town Hall**, is free and open to everyone. Enjoy a musical afternoon as the chorus, directed by Claudia Summers and now in its 13th year, presents timeless music to be enjoyed by all. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Bus to NYC with Friends

Seats are still available for the library Friends' trip to New York City on **Saturday December 7**. 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.

The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. A sign up form is available at www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org. For more information, call Polly Hartman at (518) 439-3291.



Exhibits

During the month of November, the hallway exhibit space will feature works by the **Bethlehem Art Association**. In December, there will be photographs from **Michael Joyce** and oil paintings by **Dee Foley**.



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.

