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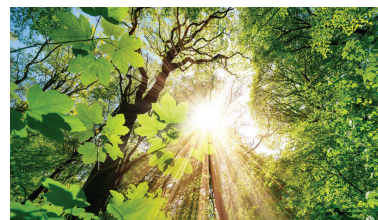
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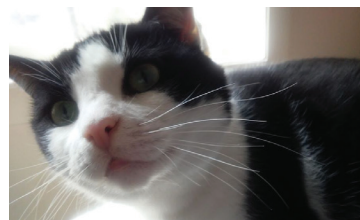
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• Monday March 8 • 6pm

• Monday April 12 • 6pm

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Monday April 19 • 6:30pm

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Please visit the website for up-to-date in-person hours/services and curbside pickup.

Holiday hours

• April 4 CLOSED: *Easter*

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



All ages

Time to wax poetic

April is National Poetry Month and we're inviting poets of all ages to celebrate by entering our monthlong poetry contest. Think you've got the "write" stuff? **E-mail your original work from April 1-30 to contest@bethpl.org**. Poems using visual elements may be emailed as pdfs. Be sure to tell us your phone number and grade level (if applicable) when sending your poems. Winners will be posted online in May.

Skype a Scientist: Pollinators

Wednesday March 24 • 4pm

Learn more about pollinators and the important work they do with Amy Geffre from the Division of Biological Sciences, University of California, San Diego. This talk is for everyone — from kindergarteners to senior citizens.

Spring Scavenger Hunt

April 1-30 • all day

Stop by the library grounds for an outdoor spring-themed scavenger hunt!

Adults

Visit with author Larry Kirwan

Rock star, playwright and author **Larry Kirwan** will drop by for a virtual visit **Sunday March 21 at 2pm** to talk about his life and work, including his new novel "Rockaway Blue," a look at one father's post-9/11 search for truth.

Kirwan was the leader of the Irish political rock band Black 47 for 25 years and has written 17 plays and musicals, three novels, a memoir and "A History of Irish Music." A political activist, he is an Irish Echo columnist and a celebrity host/producer of Celtic Crush on SiriusXM Satellite Radio.

Job Resources Tour

Monday March 22 • 7pm

Join us for a virtual tour of the workforce development resources available online through the library. **Teens welcome!**

Ultimate Game Night

Monday March 29 • 7pm

We're hosting a fun virtual mash-up of Bingo, trivia, scavenger hunts and more! Game cards will be e-mailed prior to the program.

Sew It Yourself: Fabric Utensil Holder

Monday April 5 • 7pm

Get ready for spring picnics with a homemade fabric utensil wrap. Basic sewing machine experience required. See additional requirements when you register.

The Civil War: A Military History

History enthusiasts, this one's for you! Coffee and Conversation is presenting a four-part series featuring noted speaker Giacomo Calabria highlighting the military science of the American Civil War.

Learn about the inner-workings of the Lincoln administration, Union and Confederate military strategies, Civil War era weapons and technologies, and some of the major battles and campaigns.

This series takes place **Fridays April 9-30 at 1pm** and is *co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and grant-funded by Humanities New York.*

 **sign up: bethlehem.librarycalendar.com**

Just for caregivers

Positive Discipline Strategies

Monday March 15 • 7pm

An interactive researched-based parent education program with Cornell Cooperative Extension Albany focusing on positive discipline strategies (that really work!) for toddlers and preschoolers. Children are welcome.

Kids, tweens and teens

Earth Day in nature

Join us at the Phillipin Kill Preserve in Bethlehem **Thursday April 22 at 10am** for Earth Day stories and craft followed by a short hike. Masks and social distancing are required during this event. To register online, go to mohawkhudson.org/ events. *Co-sponsored by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy.*

Ultimate Family Fun

Tuesday April 6 • 11am

Get ready for fun with Bingo, trivia, scavenger hunts and more! Game cards will be e-mailed prior to the program. **For kids and families.**

Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday April 6 • 3pm

Use your imagination and problem-solving skills in a virtual role-playing adventure. **For grades 6-12.**

Group Chat: Relax, Review and Recommend

Wednesday April 7 • 3pm

Join us online to chat about what books you have been reading. Tell us what you liked and what you didn't. **For grades 3-5 and families.**

Pet Show and Tell

Wednesday April 14 • 6:30pm

Enjoy a fun picture book about pets and then show and tell us about your pet — real or stuffed — or tell us about your dream pet. Then stick around to make fleece dog toys to donate to the Mohawk Hudson Humane Society. Sign up in advance in order to pick up supplies from the library. **For kids and families.**

STEAM fun at home

With our take-home STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, math) kits for families, you can explore your world together as a family. Sign up through our online calendar to pick up your kit. **For kids and families.**

March: Color Science

April: Oil Spill Science

Storytimes and more

Spring Potpourri

Your favorite storytime and early literacy programs continue through spring on Zoom. Bring your baby, toddler or preschooler and join us for **stories, music and activities**. Some programs will even have crafts or activities to do together that you can pick up at the library in advance!

Connect with all your library friends virtually! **Visit our online calendar for upcoming dates and times.**

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*** Programs with a “V” are taking place virtually. Visit our online calendar to sign up.**

Book Discussions

DayBooks

Mondays at 1:30pm

March 8

The Nickel Boys by Colson Whitehead

April 12

Lager Queen of Minnesota
by J. Ryan Stradal

Check 'Em Out Books

Mondays at 7pm

March 1

Meat Eater: Adventures from the Life of an American Hunter by Steven Rinella

AfterDinner Books

Tuesdays at 7pm

April 13

The Book of Lost Friends by Lisa Wingate

Antiracist Book Group

Wednesdays at 6:30pm

March 24

Minor Feelings by Cathy Park Hong

April 28

On the Come Up by Angie Thomas

New members welcome. Continue the discussion on Goodreads. Audio, large print and downloadable copies may be available.

Listening Parties

Thursdays at 2pm

March 18

Stravinsky and

The Rite of Spring

Listen to excerpts from the score of Stravinsky's 1913 ballet and more.

April 15

American Originals:

Moondog and Harry Partch

Hear the music of two American composers from the 20th century.

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Trustee candidate info available

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library through curbside pickup or digitally by e-mailing information@bethpl.org for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. There is one seat on the 2021 ballot, currently held by incumbent Harmeet Narang, who is seeking another 5-year term on the board.

Petitions will need at least 98 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 19**. The election will be held **Tuesday May 18**.

SAVE THE DATE: Meet the Candidates

Wednesday May 5 • 6pm

Learn more about the candidates running for the library board. This event may take place live via Zoom.

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