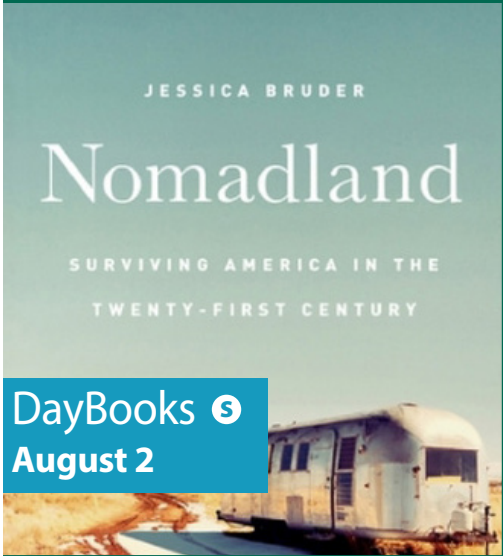


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**August 2**



**Tie-Dye T-Shirts 📍**  
**August 17**



## Adults *(continued)*

- Make It Yourself: Wreath of the Season 📍**  
Saturday July 10 • 2pm  
*Create a fun summer wreath to brighten up your front door. Supplies provided.*
- Sew It Yourself: Market Tote 📍 V**  
Monday July 26 • 7pm  
*Sew a cute and versatile market tote bag in this virtual program. Supplies provided except for your choice of fabric. (See details when registering.)*
- DayBooks: Summer Edition 📍**  
Monday August 2 • 1:30pm  
*Join us for a special DayBooks on the Green. “Nomadland” by Jessica Bruder will be discussed. **In the event of rain, this program will take place virtually.***
- Hand-Sewn Rope Basket 📍 V 📍**  
Tuesday August 17 • 3pm  
*Craft a hand-sewn rope basket in this virtual program. After you register, we'll let you know when supplies are ready to pick up. **Teens 14 and up welcome!***
- Make It Yourself: Faceted Tealight Candle Holder**  
Monday August 23 • 2:30pm  
*Sculpt a tealight candle holder out of air-dry modeling clay. Supplies provided.*

## Teens

- Dungeons and Dragons**  
Thursdays July 1-August 27 • 2pm (grades 6-12)  
*Use your imagination and problem-solving skills in a teen-led virtual role-playing adventure on the Green.*
- Outdoor Escape Room 📍**  
Wednesday July 14  
10am • 11am • noon • 2:30pm • 3:30pm (grades 6-12)  
*Join us on the green to solve puzzles and try to unlock all the locks before time is up! Please register for only one session.*
- Faux Cactus Painting 📍**  
Tuesday July 27 • 3pm (grades 6-12)  
*Use acrylic paints to create a faux succulent garden entirely from rocks.*
- Modern Embroidery for Teens 📍**  
Tuesday August 10 • 2pm (grades 6-12)  
*Learn some basic embroidery stitches, and start working on a cute modern embroidery pattern.*
- Make It Yourself: Tie Dye T-Shirts 📍**  
Tuesday August 17 • 10am (ages 12 and up)  
*Bring a cotton T-shirt; the library will provide the dye, techniques and washing instructions. Dress for a mess.*

## Kids and families

- Paint a Stepping Stone 📍**  
Thursday July 8 • 10am **OR** 11:30am (grades K-5)  
*Come paint a concrete stepping stone to display in your yard or garden using acrylic paints. Wear clothes you do not mind getting paint on.*
- Color Play 📍**  
Friday July 9 • 2pm (families and children of all ages)  
*Join us outside for some playful, hands-on activities designed to introduce children to color theory. The activities will get messy, so dress accordingly!*

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## Kids and families *(continued)*

- Author talk with Jeff Mack**  
Children's author and illustrator Jeff Mack will be hanging out with us on the Green **Friday July 30** to talk about why and how he makes his books, and give us an inside look into his drawing process. We'll even provide drawing materials for you to create your own inspired illustrations! Books will be available for purchase; cash only.
- For pre-K-grade 1: 4:30pm**  
**For grades 2-6: 6:30pm**
- Family Book Discussion: Jeff Mack's Mr. Monkey Takes a Hike 📍 V**  
Thursday August 12 • 7pm (kids and families)  
*We'll be talking about Jeff Mack's lovable Mr. Monkey's wacky outdoor adventure.*

- Make Your Mark**  
Tuesday July 13 • 10am (families and children of all ages)  
*Join us on the sidewalk for some chalk fun.*
- Let's Make Clean Water 📍**  
Tuesday July 13 • 2:30pm **OR** 3:30pm (grades K-5)  
*Water is critical for life on Earth. Explore the basics of water filtration as we learn why clean water is so important. Come prepared for a mess.*
- Color and Listen**  
Friday July 16 • 11am (families and children of all ages)  
*Color your own Tails and Tales poster while relaxing and listening to music outdoors.*
- Let's Drum with Jonathan Duda 📍**  
Wednesday July 21 • 2:30pm (grades K-5; pre-K with caregiver)  
*Play fun rhythms and musical games on percussion instruments while learning about their cultural and historical context.*
- Coyotes with Five Rivers 📍**  
Monday July 26 • 2pm (grades 2-5)  
*A Five Rivers educator will talk about these fascinating canines and debunk some myths through interactive games and activities.*
- Design Your Own Animal 📍**  
Tuesday July 27 • 10am **OR** 11:30am (grades K-5)  
*Use your imagination to design your own animal choosing from a variety of craft materials and a set budget. What is its habitat, habits and diet?*
- Pond Ecology Exploration with George Steele 📍**  
Wednesday July 28 • 10am (families and children of all ages)  
*Sign up as a family for this hands-on program where participants will examine their own freshwater sample to discover the myriad life forms found in a pond.*
- Solar Painting 📍**  
Friday August 6 • 1:30pm **OR** 2:30pm (grades 2-8)  
*Learn about the power of the sun and the importance of sunscreen when you use it to paint on solar paper.*

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- Thursdays in the Park**  
The library has teamed up with Bethlehem Town Parks and Recreation to offer a family-friendly series of events **every Thursday at 7pm from July 1-August 5 at Elm Avenue Park**. Shows are co-sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library and take place on the special events lawn at the park, with space available on a first come basis. Visit [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](http://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) for details about the performers.
- July 1:** Jester Jim  
**July 8:** Andy the Music Man  
**July 15:** Heard: World Jazz
- July 22:** Image Quilt Dance Theater  
**July 29:** Ratboy Jr.  
**August 5:** Magician Ron Cain

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**Jeff Mack visits**  
**July 30**

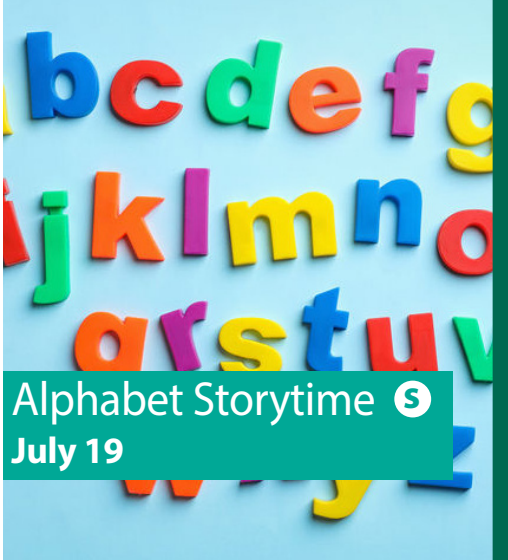
- Family Fun Night Take-Home Kits 📍**  
Sign up for your Family Fun Night Kit featuring crafts, activities and suggested reading. Make this a screen-free night or follow the provided links to storytime videos to enhance your experience. **For kids and families.**
- JULY: Garden Fun**  
**AUGUST: Ocean Friends**
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- Volcano Fun 📍**  
Tuesday August 10:30am **OR** 11:30am (grades K-5)  
*Have an explosive good time making a baking soda volcano, and then watch a demonstration of a 2-liter soda eruption. Come prepared for a mess.*
- Solar S'mores 📍**  
Friday August 13 • 1:30pm **OR** 2:30 pm (grades 2-8)  
*We'll harness the energy of the sun to make s'mores together. Build solar ovens in groups to take home and try. Food will be served.*
- Paint Your Own Llama 📍**  
Saturday August 14 • 3pm (grades K-5)  
*Paint a ceramic llama that would make a cute addition to a desk or bookshelf.*
- Solar Sundials 📍**  
Friday August 20 • 1:30pm **OR** 2:30 pm (families and children of all ages)  
*Learn how to tell time using shadows cast by the sun and make your own sundial.*
- River Otters with Five Rivers 📍**  
Tuesday August 24 • 2pm (pre-K to grade 2)  
*What is this tail for? A Five Rivers educator will present an interactive program all about otters and how conservation efforts have helped to expand their range.*
- Solar Power 📍**  
Friday August 27 • 1:30pm **OR** 2:30 pm (grades 2-8)  
*Turn sunshine into energy by building a solar-powered object. This project involves small components, and younger children will need adult help.*

## Outdoor storytimes and more

- Family Storytime**  
Tuesday June 29 • 2pm  
Thursday July 29 • 11am  
Wednesday August 11 • 2pm  
**For up to age 6 and caregiver.**
- Story Walk with Us at Elm Ave Park**  
Friday July 2 • 10am  
*Meet at Elm Avenue Park at the head of the Fit Trail to hear some stories and take a walk. **For kids and families.***
- Music and Movement 📍**  
Wednesday July 7 • 2:30pm — Water edition!  
Wednesday August 4 • 7pm — Evening edition!  
Wednesday August 25 • 2:30pm  
**For up to age 6 and caregiver.**
- Sensory Storytime 📍**  
Monday July 12 • 2:30pm  
*Bring a comfortable picnic blanket to sit on and join us for a low-key outdoor sensory storytime. **For up to age 6 and caregiver.***
- Alphabet Storytime 📍**  
Monday July 19 • 2:30pm  
*Explore the alphabet as a family through stories and a craft. **For up to age 6 and caregiver.***
- Beachy Storytime 📍**  
Friday July 30 • 11am  
*It's time for a sandy, sunny, beachy storytime at the library and craft. **For up to age 6 and caregiver.***
- Colors Storytime 📍**  
Monday August 16 • 2:30pm  
*Explore a rainbow of colors as a family through stories and a craft. **For up to age 6 and caregiver.***

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All ages

## Let's read this summer!

The library's 2021 Summer Reading theme, *Tails and Tales*, is a fun take on reading inspired by creatures mythical and real. When you sign up for the library's Summer Reading Challenge, you will track your progress through challenge cards for a chance to earn some great prizes. You can also join us for themed programs all summer long — online and in-person. Check out the calendar at [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](https://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) to see what's coming up!

Registration for Summer Reading can be done online at [bethplny14.readsquared.com](https://bethplny14.readsquared.com).

Don't forget to make your mark in our **Summer Reading Bookmark Contest** by submitting your original design through August 31. The contest is open to all ages, and forms are available at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](https://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).

### Summer Reading Kickoff: Shake your Tailfeathers

Friday June 25 • 2pm

Join us on *The Green*, weather permitting, to get your summer started right and shake your tailfeathers. Sign up for the Summer Reading Challenge, make your own crafty tail, and learn a new line dance or two.



**Tails  
and  
Tales**

## Evenings on the Green

We are so pleased to announce the return of our Evenings on the Green summer music series. The free concerts are generously sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library and are appropriate for all ages. This year, they will take place every **Tuesday at 7pm from June 22-July 27**. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will take place the following day. Concerts will not be held inside the library at this time.

### June 22: Marty Wendell

Rockabilly Hall of Fame inductee playing Americana.

### June 29: Red Dirt Highway

Americana and Folk music.

### July 6: Nisky Dixie Cats

Seven-piece ensemble performing Dixieland-style jazz.

### July 13: The Pent-Up Jazz Project

Jazz standards.

### July 20: Roxy and The Road Kings

Classic hits from the '60s, '70s and '80s.

### July 27: Blind Crow

Progressive bluegrass string quartet.

## Adults

### Antiracist Book Discussion Group

Wednesday June 23 • 6:30pm

A virtual book discussion group dedicated to reading books by diverse authors in order to gain a better understanding of race and racism. This month's book is *"When No One Is Watching"* by Alyssa Cole.

### Trivia Night

Thursday June 24 • 7pm

Enjoy a general trivia night over Zoom as you compete for bragging rights.

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### Library board

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• Monday August 9 • 6pm

### Friends board

Monday August 16 • 6:30pm

### Library hours

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

### Holiday hours

• July 4-5 CLOSED *Independence Day*

• September 4-6 CLOSED

*Labor Day Weekend*

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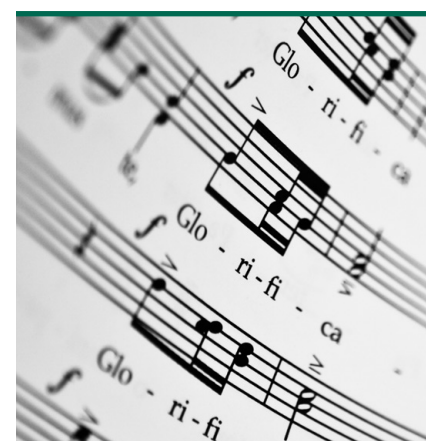


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## Senior Chorus: Together in Harmony

The Bethlehem Senior Chorus will hold a summer concert **Wednesday June 30 at 11am** on the library Green. Bring your own chair and listen to some timeless music to be enjoyed by all ages. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

## Budget passes; trustee re-elected

The library would like to thank voters for approving the \$4.2 million budget levy for 2021-22 in May with an 83 percent approval rate. Voters also re-elected Harmeet Narang to a five-year term on the board of trustees.

The library's board meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at 6pm, are always open to the public.

## Fall book groups

Our popular book discussion groups return this fall, and new members are always welcome. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio and downloadable copies may also be available.

### DAYBOOKS

*Hamnet* by Maggie O'Farrell

Monday September 13 • 1:30pm

*There, There* by Tommy Orange

Monday October 4 • 7pm

### CHECK 'EM OUT BOOKS

*Empire of Pain*

by Patrick Radden Keefe

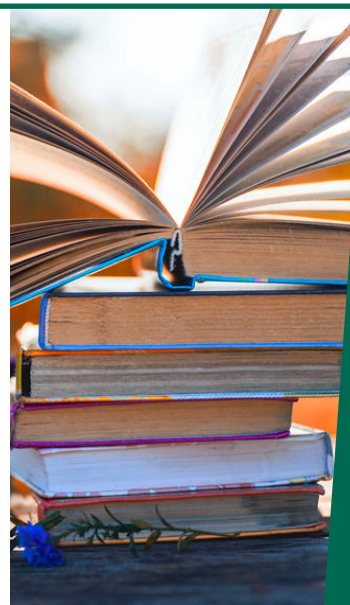
Monday October 18 • 7pm

**ANTIRACIST BOOK GROUP**

*Freedom is a Constant Struggle*

by Angela Davis

September 22 • 6:30pm



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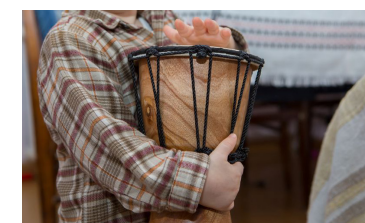
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