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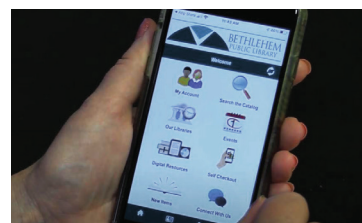
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Blockchain Basics S V November 9

Book Discussions S V

DayBooks

Mondays at 1:30pm

November 1

There There by Tommy Orange

December 6

The Thursday Murder Club
by Richard Osman

Antiracist Book Group

Wednesday at 7pm

November 17

Beloved by Toni Morrison

Check 'Em Out Books

Mondays at 7pm

December 13

The Midnight Library by Matt Haig

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



Adults

Coffee & Conversation: The Knapp Family and Cherry Hill S V

Friday November 5 • 1pm

Minnie Knapp and her sister Jane Amelia Knapp came to Cherry Hill in 1854 and were raised as wards and servants in four Van Rensselaer households. Hear about the connection between the Knapp family and the Van Rensselaers dating back to time of enslavement. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Crash Course: Consumer Reports S V

Monday November 8 • 10am

Monday November 15 • 10am

Join us for an introduction to the library's Consumer Reports database and learn how to access unbiased reviews for all types of products.

Make It Yourself: Book Page Wrapping Paper S

Monday November 8 • 7pm

Create one-of-a-kind upcycled wrapping paper. All supplies will be provided.

Teens 16 and up welcome!

Blockchain Basics: An Introduction to Cryptocurrency S V

Tuesday November 9 • 7pm

Join us for a discussion about cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin and the technology and philosophy that make it all possible. Presented by Matthew Sevey, a software engineering manager and career coach. *Teens welcome!*

Make It Yourself: Yarn Bird S V

Wednesday November 10 • 7pm

Make adorable bluebirds out of yarn. Supplies will be available to pick up at the library in advance of the virtual program. *Teens welcome!*

Sew It Yourself: Felt Gift Bags S

Monday November 15 • 6:30pm

Sew and decorate a felt gift bag perfect for the upcoming holiday season. All supplies provided. *Teens welcome!*

Listening Parties: Laura Nyro S V

Thursday November 18 • 7pm

Fifty-two years ago, three songs out of Billboard's Top Ten were written by Laura Nyro, and all three were recorded by other performers. We'll listen to Nyro's own recordings of her big pop hits and explore her enchanting, and inspiring, music.

Crash Course: Scholarly Research with Gale Academic OneFile S V

Monday December 6 • 10am

Friday December 10 • 10am

Brush up on your searching skills while browsing scholarly sources from Gale Academic OneFile, a database containing millions of periodical sources on a variety of subject areas including: science, criminal justice, economics, history, political science and more.

Beginning Modern Embroidery S

Monday December 6 • 6:30pm

Learn basic embroidery stitches and begin working on a modern embroidery sampler. All supplies provided. *Teens welcome!*

Trivia Night S V

Thursday December 9 • 7pm

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

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Adults *(continued)*

Books to People

Our Books to People free delivery service is available to homebound residents of the Bethlehem Central School District and can be especially helpful to those who need to take extra precautions to avoid exposure to the COVID-19 virus.

With Books to People, selected materials are delivered (no contact!) every other week via the library van. If you or someone you know would like to learn more about this service, call the library at **(518) 439-9314** or visit www.bethpl.org/services/books-to-people to fill out an online request form.

DIY Wreath of the Season: Winter **S**

Friday December 10 • 1pm

Decorate your home with a classic winter wreath. Supplies provided.

Introduction to Streaming Video **S**

Tuesday December 14 • 7pm

Did you know you can watch feature films, indie movies, TV shows and award-winning documentaries from home with your library card? Join us for an overview of all the streaming video options that the library provides. Bring your phone, laptop or tablet if you would like help getting started.

Take and Make Paper Craft: Geometric Snowmen **S**

Wednesday December 15 • all day

*Sign up to receive a kit to make fun winter decorations using simple paper-folding techniques. The kit will include materials, instructions and links to online resources to assist you with your project. **Ages 12 and up welcome!***

Kids, tweens and teens

Make it Yourself: Pinecone Owl Pal **S V**

Wednesday November 3 • 7pm

Join us on Zoom to make cute owls out of pine cones and other craft materials. Supplies will be available to pick up at the library in advance of the program.

For grades K-8.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday November 5 • 3:45pm

Friday November 19 • 3:45pm

Friday December 17 • 3:45pm

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

For ages 12-17.

Afterschool Craft: Beaded Turkey Necklace

Tuesday November 9 • 4pm

Stop by after school to make this craft from a kit. Supplies are limited.

*Caregivers will need to help younger children with the craft. **For grades 1-5.***

Take and Make: Turkey Windsock **S**

Friday November 12

*Assemble a fun turkey windsock at home. You will receive an email when the craft kit is ready to be picked up. **For pre-K-grade 5.***

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Storytime Online

Did you know you can access a storytime even when the library is closed? Check out our Storytime Online videos with suggested songs, rhymes, and crafts:

[bethlehempubliclibrary.org/
programs/children/story-time/
storytime-online-kits](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org/programs/children/story-time/storytime-online-kits).



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Kids, tweens and teens (continued)

Dungeons and Dragons

Friday November 12 • 3:45pm

Friday November 26 • 3:45pm

Friday December 10 • 3:45pm

Use your imagination and problem-solving skills while socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. Playing materials provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet. **For ages 12-17.**

Paper Plane Flyoff S

Sunday November 14 • 2pm

Design and fly paper airplanes in the library. The plane that flies the farthest will win a trophy. We also have a special prize for the most original design so don't be afraid to get creative! Caregivers are welcome to help. **For ages 12 and up.**

Family STEAM Kit: Sail Car S

Monday December 6

Work as a family to design and build a vehicle with a sail that moves with the wind. **For grades K-8.**

Take and Make: Cotton Ball Penguin Craft S

Friday December 17

Make a cute penguin craft at home. You will receive an email when the craft kit is ready to be picked up. **For pre-K-grade 4.**

Rainbow Mobile S V

Tuesday December 28 • 2pm

Brighten up the gloomy winter with this rainbow cloud mobile to hang in your bedroom. **For grades K-8.**

Breakout Game S

Wednesday December 29 • 2:30pm

Try to solve the puzzles to unlock all the locks before time runs out! **For ages 12-17.**

Wait! There's more

Not every great activity at the library makes it into our Footnotes newsletter, so be sure to check out our online calendar to find out what's coming up. Visit bethlehem.librarycalendar.com to start your search. You can even narrow down what you're looking for by age range or interest. Our calendar makes it easy to find out what's happening at the library and when.

We also encourage you to sign up for our weekly e-newsletter for the latest library news and information about just-added programs. We promise to keep it short and sweet, and we won't overload your inbox. Sign up here: mailchi.mp/bethpl.org/e-newsletter.

Storytimes and more

See you at storytime

Our storytimes are a great way for your little ones to practice their early literacy skills in a fun and engaging way. Join us and all your storytime friends as we learn and grow together!

Visit our online calendar at bethlehem.librarycalendar.com to check out upcoming storytimes. Programs for November/December are virtual.

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From the director

As we move into the winter months, current virus transmission rates mean we are facing yet another season of uncertainty. Although this persistent pandemic has made it a challenge to plan upcoming events, we are keeping the programs you love on the schedule as we cross our fingers and hope to see infection trends inch downward. **Please keep in mind that the events listed in this issue of Footnotes may be canceled or go virtual if we feel we are not able to offer them safely in person.** Always check the online calendar at bethlehem.librarycalendar.com for the very latest information.

We know many of you enjoy the sense of community you feel when attending events at the library, and we thank you for your patience and flexibility when we are forced to cancel, reschedule or reimagine those events in an online space.

— Geoffrey Kirkpatrick, Bethlehem Public Library director

Your library at your fingertips

With the new Upper Hudson mobile app, you can find the books, movies and music you're looking for with a simple, mobile-friendly search from your own phone or handheld device. The app makes it easy to manage your account on the go – place holds, pay fines and more.

You can also browse upcoming events and sign up for what interests you – all from your phone. The app lets you see the new items at all Upper Hudson libraries or locate a library near you. You even have access to digital library resources like Ancestry.com.

No more digging through your wallet to find your library card – with the UHLS app, it's always at your fingertips. You can also store more than one account on the app.

But here's the BEST part: You can use the self-checkout function to scan and borrow items at Bethlehem Public Library right from your phone, which is perfect for those grab-and-go moments or when the kids are ready to leave RIGHT NOW.

To get started, search for "UHLS Mobile App" in your device's app store. Once you download the app, you'll select "Bethlehem Public Library" from the options. On the app's homepage, click "My Account" and then "Manage Accounts," where you'll be prompted to enter your card number and PIN. After that, you're ready to explore all of the app's features.

Meet Libby

Speaking of apps that can enhance your library experience, the Libby app makes it easy to borrow OverDrive ebooks, audiobooks and magazines to read on your phone or tablet. Download Libby from your app store. Setup is simple for new users and current OverDrive app users.

In early 2022, the legacy OverDrive mobile app will no longer be available to download and will be phased out. Current OverDrive app users are encouraged to switch to Libby. Need help? Give us a call at (518) 439-9314.



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Library board

- Monday November 8 • 6pm
- Monday December 13 • 6pm

Friends board

- Monday December 20 • 6:30pm

Library hours

Weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5
Sundays 12-5

Holiday hours

- **November 11:** OPEN 9-9
- **November 24:** OPEN 9-5
- **November 25:** CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day
- **November 26:** OPEN 9-5
- **December 3:** CLOSED
Staff development day
- **December 24-25:** CLOSED
Christmas holiday
- **December 31-January 1:** CLOSED
New Year's Day

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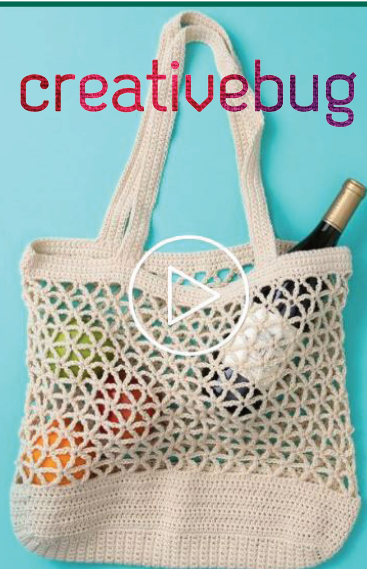
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Homework help online

Does your child need a little extra help this school year? We're here to help. Cardholders have access to HelpNow by Brainfuse, a learning resource for all ages with personalized homework help in core subjects, as well as SAT preparation. Live one-on-one online tutoring is available for elementary, middle school, high school and college students.

Find HelpNow on the library's Research page at bethlehempubliclibrary.org/webapps/research.asp.



Wellness resources

Do you have questions about COVID-19, vaccines and your health? Our librarians have compiled a list of trusted resources to help you find the answers.

Visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/covid-19-wellness-resources to learn more.

