

What's new?

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Library board

- Monday March 14 • 6pm
- Monday April 11 • 6pm

Friends board

Monday April 18 • 6:30pm

Library hours

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

Holiday hours

- April 17 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.

Get growing with seed library

Our seed library returns **March 14** with a variety of open-pollinated vegetables, herbs and some flowers. Seed packets will be located behind the Information Desk. You can choose up to 10 seed packets per household. Also returning this year is our online “shopping” portal that makes it easy for you to select your seeds for pickup.

On our seed library webpage, you'll be able to browse different categories and learn more about the varieties through links to the Hudson Valley Seed Co., where our seeds are sourced from. Visit www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org to get started ordering your seeds online. We'll be in touch with you when your seeds are ready to be picked up.

Seed libraries like ours support sustainability and food security by allowing the community free access to the means of growing their own food.

Adults

DIY Wreath of the Season: Spring S

Friday March 4 • 1pm

Usher in Spring with a unique hand-crafted beaded wreath.

Macrame Keychain S

Wednesday March 9 • 6:30pm

Learn a few simple macrame knots to create your very own stylish keychain. Teens welcome!

Adult Breakout Room: Mission to Mars S V

Thursday March 10 • 7pm

Help solve puzzles to get the Mars Rover back on track. Teens welcome!

Crash Course: Transitioning from Overdrive to Libby S V

Friday March 11 • 10am

Friday March 18 • 10am

Need help transitioning from the Overdrive app to Libby? We'll help you with your questions and concerns, and show you how to navigate the Libby app.

Introduction to Google Maps S V

Tuesday March 15 • 7pm

Explore all the features that Google Maps has to offer – from driving directions, street view, traffic updates, satellite imagery, business reviews and more.

Beginning Embroidery Rainbow Sampler S

Monday March 21 • 6:30pm

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

Virtual Trivia Night S V

Thursday March 24 • 7pm

Thursday April 28 • 7pm

Join others in a friendly virtual trivia challenge. We'll be self-scoring on the honor system and competing for bragging rights.

Introduction to Streaming Video S

Tuesday March 29 • 6:30pm

Join us for an overview of all the streaming video options that the library provides. Bring your phone, laptop, or tablet for help getting started.

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Kids, tweens and teens

Forces of Nature S

Have you ever wondered how weather is predicted? Or why dams are built? Or how some buildings survive earthquakes and others don't? Take a closer look at some of these forces of nature with a 4-H educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County in a four-week series for **ages 9-13. The Forces of Nature series** takes place **every Thursday from April 7-28 at 4pm**. Registration is for the entire series.

- Build a barometer to help forecast the weather, and an anemometer to measure how strong the wind is blowing.
- Make a rainmaker to learn about the conditions that cause rain, and a rain stick to listen to the sounds.
- Build a dam to stop flooding.
- Design and build models of earthquake-proof buildings and test them.

Design Your Own Thaumatrope S V

Wednesday March 2 • 7pm

What is a thaumatrope? It is an old fashioned toy that works through optical illusion. The toy consists of a disk with a picture on each side. When the disk is twirled quickly, the two pictures appear to blend into one. For grades K-5.

Dungeons and Dragons

Friday March 4 • 3:45pm

Friday March 18 • 3:45pm

Friday April 1 • 3:45pm

Friday April 15 • 3:45pm

Friday April 29 • 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 12-18.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday March 11 • 3:45pm

Friday March 25 • 3:45pm

Friday April 8 • 3:45pm

Friday April 22 • 3:45pm

Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch! For ages 12-18.

Kindness Rock Nail Polish Marbling S

Tuesday March 15 • 3:30pm

Paint a cool rock using a marbling technique with nail polish on water.

For ages 9 and up.

Take and Make: Spring Chicks S

Friday March 25

Celebrate spring with this fluffy chick craft. For grades pre-K-5.

Family STEAM Day: Suspension Bridges S

Saturday April 2 • 2pm

Work together with your family to build a model suspension bridge out of recycled materials. For grades K-8 and families.

Take and Make: Origami for Kids S

Monday April 18

Make origami animals and shapes using simple paper folding techniques.

For ages 5 and up.

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Book Discussions S

DayBooks

Mondays at 1:30pm

March 7 (virtual)

Nine Perfect Strangers by Liane Moriarty

April 4

Memorial Drive by Natasha Trethewey

May 2

The Book of Lost Names

by Kristin Harmel

June 6

The House in the Cerulean Sea

by T.J. Klune

Own Voices Book Group

Wednesdays at 7pm

March 23

Transcendent Kingdom by Yaa Gyasi

May 25

The Sum of Us by Heather McGhee

Check 'Em Out Books

Mondays at 7pm

April 11

Winter Sisters by Robin Oliveira

June 20

Invisible Women: Data Bias in a World

Designed for Men

by Caroline Criado Perez

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

Just for Me:

Teen Book Boxes

Register for a curated box of books and treats!

April 4-18

For BCSD residents in grades 6-12.

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Kids, tweens and teens (continued)

Jump for Joy and Health S

Tuesday April 19 • 2:30pm

Jump along to music and learn five classic jump rope moves. Dress to be active.

Jump ropes provided. For ages 9 and up.

Get Ready for Earth Day S

Wednesday April 20 • 10:30am

Learn about plants, make paper flowers, and plant flower seeds to take with you.

For ages 9 and up.

Take and Make: Hooray for Earth Day! S

Friday April 22

Celebrate Earth Day with a fun earth themed craft. For grades K-5

Earth Day with MHLCS

Friday April 22 • 2pm

Join us at the Normans Kill West Preserve for Earth Day stories, a short hike and a take-home craft. Co-sponsored by the Mohawk Hudson Land Conservancy. Sign up here: mohawkhudson.org/events. For kids and families.

Storytimes and more

Over Zoom ...

Virtual Baby Bounce & Books S V

Tuesday March 8 • 11am

Tuesday March 22 • 11am

Wednesday April 6 • 11am

Wednesday April 27 • 11am

Stories, songs and baby bounces. For children up to age 35 months with caregiver.

Virtual Family Story Time S V

Wednesdays March 2-30 • 11am

Wednesday April 13 • 11am

Stories, song and more. For children ages 0-6 with a caregiver.

Virtual Music and Movement S V

Tuesday March 1 • 11am

Tuesday March 15 • 11am

Tuesday March 29 • 11am

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. For children ages 0-6 with a caregiver.

On the Green ...

Family Story Time

Tuesday April 5 • 11am

Tuesday April 12 • 11am

Tuesday April 26 • 11am

Stories, song and more. For children ages 0-6 with a caregiver.

Music and Movement

Thursday April 7 • 11am

Thursday April 14 • 11am

Thursday April 28 • 11am

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. For children ages 0-6 with a caregiver.

Stamp Art

Monday April 18 • 2pm

Read a picture book then use stamps and other materials with various shapes and textures to create an open-ended art project. For children ages 0-6 with a caregiver.

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Leadership lessons from Plutarch

Join us for a four-part virtual Coffee and Conversation series with popular presenter Giacomo Calabria, who will be discussing the Ancient Greek philosopher Plutarch's most famous writings on leadership. What lessons can be learned from these writings to better understand and practice good leadership?

The series takes place **every Friday from April 15-May 6 at 1pm**. Register for each talk individually.

Coffee & Conversation is co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc. and this 4-part series is grant funded by Humanities New York.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks **S**
Wednesday March 30 • 6:30pm OR 7:30pm
Make a decorative floral bookmark that will go perfectly with your spring reading. Sign up for one of the two time slots.

Crash Course: Get More from Google **S V**
Friday April 1 • 10am
Friday April 15 • 10am
Take an in-depth look at the various ways to search on Google, including the Advanced Search and Image Search functions, and much more.

Hands-on with eBooks **S**
Tuesday April 12 • 6:30pm
Bring your library card and your own device (fully charged!), and we will get you up and running with eBooks from the library. We can work with most smartphones, tablets, Kindles and laptops. No experience needed.

Cold Case Analysis with Dr. Christina Lane **S V**
Wednesday April 13 • 7pm
Hear how the Cold Case Analysis Center at the College of Saint Rose allows selected students from the criminal justice, behavior and law, forensic science, and forensic psychology degree programs to work on true cold cases.

Countertop Herb Garden **S**
Saturday April 16 • 2pm
Create your own compact, easy to maintain countertop herb garden for year round fresh herbs at your fingertips.

Craft and Color for Adults **S**
Monday April 25 • 11am
Choose between coloring or doing an open-ended craft activity on the Green. This activity is specifically tailored for adults of all abilities.

Accessing Digital Newspapers and Historical Collections **S V**
Tuesday April 26 • 7pm
Take a look at some of the most interesting and useful collections of free digitized newspapers, historical photographs, and local history collections online.

Alan Via's Doghiker **S**
Wednesday April 27 • 6:30pm (book sale), 7pm (program)
Author and outdoor enthusiast Alan Via will present his latest book, which is part guidebook for hikers and their canine companions and part operating manual for dog owners. Program begins with a book sale and signing.

Citizen Science **S V**
Thursday April 28 • 3pm
An introduction to the world of citizen science with examples of global, national, and local projects for the active and the armchair citizen scientist.

Program reminders

1. Events with a “V” are taking place virtually.
2. Many programs currently require registration S.
3. Programs may be canceled or go virtual if they cannot be held in person.
4. Visit our program calendar at bethlehem.librarycalendar.com for additional details or to sign up.
5. Space may be limited. Priority will be given to BCSD residents.

Pressed Flower Bookmarks S
March 30

Listening Parties V
Thursdays at 7pm
March 17
The Women Who Helped Create Rock 'n' Roll
Listen to the women who had careers performing, recording and contributing to the early days of rock 'n' roll.
April 15
Richard Davis
The versatile bassist, who turns 91 this month, has played with everyone from Stravinsky to Bruce Springsteen.



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Friends Spring Book Sale

Make space on your bookshelves and stock up on some new-to-you books and DVDs this spring at the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library's Pop-Up Book Sale on the library plaza the **weekend of May 21**. For sale will be books and other materials that have been removed from the library collection and are in excellent condition. Many are duplicate copies of popular titles, and large print titles will be available.

Pricing is cash-only by suggested donation; the Friends will not be able to make change. Stay tuned for hours and additional details.

Auto renewals enabled

As a service for our patrons, we've changed the way we handle renewals. We are now automatically renewing eligible items that have reached their due date. This means you won't have to lift a finger to have your loan period extended.

There are some exceptions, including materials that have already been renewed twice, those that have another patron hold, and high-demand non-renewable items like museum passes.

When you receive your due-date reminder, it will show the items that have been automatically renewed along with the new due date. You will also see which items cannot be renewed, so you'll know exactly what has to go back to the library and what you can keep a little bit longer.

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 2022 ballot, currently held by incumbent Mary Redmond, who will not be seeking re-election.

Petitions will need at least 51 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 18**. The election will be held **Tuesday May 17**.



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