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• Monday September 12 • 6pm

• Monday October 17 • 6pm

Friends board

• Monday October 17 • 6:30pm

Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

Holiday hours

• September 3-5 CLOSED

Labor Day weekend

• Monday October 10 OPEN 9-9

Columbus Day (observed)

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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?

Buy books; support the Friends

It's almost time for the Friends' fall fundraiser book sale at the library! Stock up on some new-to-you books and DVDs at the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library's Pop-Up Book Sale on the library plaza **Saturday September 17, from 10-4:30pm**. 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. Book donations are not being accepted.

Performing on the day of the sale will be guitarist **Jeff Brisbin** at **11am** and **Carolyn Shapiro** on banjo at **1pm**.

Pricing will be cash-only by suggested donation; the Friends will not be able to make change. The book sale is weather-permitting.

The Friends are an all-volunteer organization that supports some of the library's most popular events and activities. For more information, visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/friends-of-bethlehem-public-library.

Donate books; help Grassroot Givers

Looking for an opportunity to donate books? Bethlehem Public Library is partnering with Grassroot Givers, a local nonprofit, to collect like-new books for donation to local organizations and individuals in need. Collection day is **Saturday September 24 from 10am-1pm** at the library garage.

Donations to the Book Project must fit the following criteria: current adult paperback fiction and nonfiction; current adult hardcover fiction and nonfiction; current children's board books; current children's hardcover and softcover picture books; current elementary and middle school chapter books; current adult biography, self-help, cookbooks, history books.

Grassroot Givers can not accept books older than 10 years; torn or moldy books; encyclopedias; videos, tapes or CDs; magazines; computer books older than three years; test prep books older than the current year; textbooks of any kind, including law and medical books.

Collection will take place in front of the library's garage. Donations that do not meet these criteria, and donations brought before 10am or after 1pm, will not be accepted.

All ages

The Great Give Back

The Great Give Back is an opportunity for library patrons statewide to partake in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. At Bethlehem Public Library, our visitors can participate in the following ways:

1. First, we are collecting new, unopened household cleaning and hygiene supplies for the Bethlehem Food Pantry from **October 3-21**. A collection receptacle will be set up in the lobby.

2. Stop by the library's Community Room **Tuesday October 11 from 2:30-4pm** to create handcrafted cards with kind and inspiring messages to be given to people at local assisted living facilities.

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All ages

Tales for young and old

Preeminent storyteller, author and Abenaki elder Joe Bruchac returns to the library for two storytelling programs **Monday October 10 at 11am and 2pm**. As a professional teller of the traditional tales of the Adirondacks and the Native peoples of the Northeastern woodlands, Joe Bruchac has performed extensively throughout the world. He is the author of more than 130 books in several genres for young readers and adults. He lives in the Adirondack foothills town of Greenfield Center, in the same house where his maternal grandparents raised him.

Copies of his work will be available for purchase and signing following both program. These programs will take place on the Green, weather permitting. Seating is available on a first-come basis.

Fall Movie: 'Hocus Pocus'

Saturday October 15 • 2:30pm

Join us for this Halloween classic (1993, PG, 95 min.) about three 17th-century witches who are resurrected on Halloween in modern-day Salem by an unsuspecting boy.

Adults

Explore Emily Dickinson's poetry ③

Gain a deeper appreciation for the poetry of Emily Dickinson, considered by many to be America's preeminent lyric poet, at a four-part workshop series facilitated by Delmar resident and retired attorney Jeff Cohen. Workshop participants will read and explore Dickinson's work through informed discussion.

The series takes place **Tuesdays September 13, 20 and 27, and October 11 at 7pm**. Registration is required and will include all four sessions.

The Linda Brown Jazz Project

Friday September 2 • 2pm

Enjoy some modern jazz music on the Green.

Dungeons and Dragons ⑤

Wednesday September 7 • 6:30pm

Wednesday October 19 • 6:30pm

Join us for a night of laughs, critical thinking, improvisation and role playing. All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet. Beginners welcome.

Coffee and Conversation: The Gilded Age

Friday September 9 • 1pm

Rensselaer County and Troy City Historian Kathy Sheehan will discuss the Gilded Age in Troy, including some tidbits from behind the scenes of the new HBO series "The Gilded Age." Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Crash Course: Consumer Reports ⑤ V

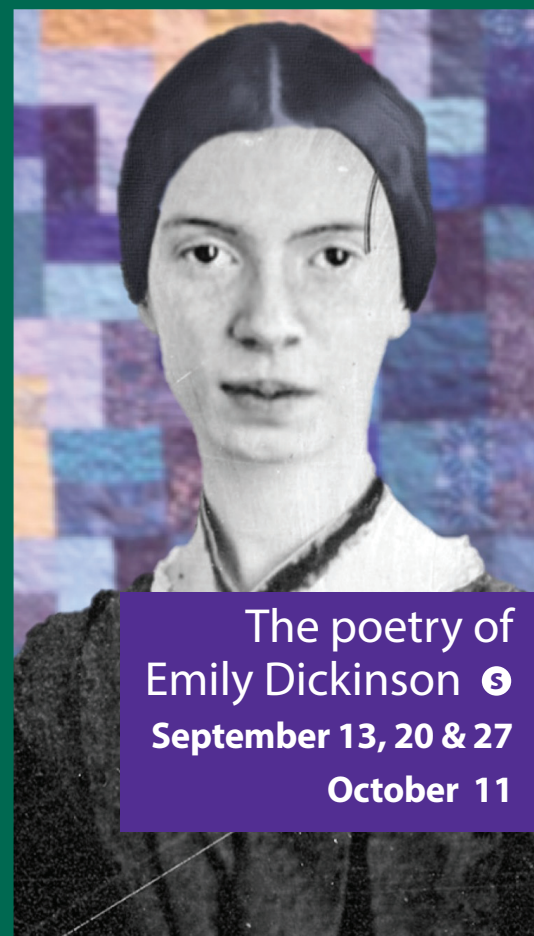
Tuesday September 13 • 10am

Join us for an introduction over Zoom to our popular Consumer Reports database, and learn how to access unbiased reviews for all types of products.

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Listening Parties

Thursdays at 7pm

September 15

Elton John

Listen to early recordings that established him as a leader of the 1970s singer/songwriter trend.

October 20

The History of Doo-Wop
This home-grown genre of pop music relied on the complex harmonies of vocal groups instead of instruments.

Listen to great music, discuss and share your opinions.

The Erie Canal September 23



Adults (continued)

A Little Sunday Music

Bethlehem Public Library's annual concert series, A Little Sunday Music, has entertained audiences for years and is finally returning for Fall 2022!

The series opens **Sunday September 25 at 2pm** with **The Dominant Five Brass Quintet**, who will perform a variety of music from Bach to the Beatles. The series continues **October 16 at 2pm** with the **"Spero Plays Nyro"** program, featuring Christine Spero performing the songs of Laura Nyro, the enigmatic songwriter behind the hits recorded by The Fifth Dimension, Three Dog Night, Blood Sweat and Tears, and Barbra Streisand.

Concerts will be held on the Green, weather permitting. The series will continue indoors for the months of November and December.

Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

The Hudson Mohawk Region: Silicon Valley of the 19th Century **S**

Wednesday September 14 • 6:30pm

Speaker Michael Barrett will discuss how 19th Century entrepreneurs consciously used the cutting-edge technology of their day to transform the dominant rural-agrarian lifestyle into an infrastructure devoted to advancement of industrial enterprise. This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. All ages welcome!

Craft & Color for Adults

Monday September 19 • 11am

Monday October 17 • 11am

Choose between coloring or doing an open-ended craft activity. This program is specifically designed for adults of all abilities.

Harvesting, Saving and Planting Seeds **S**

Monday September 19 • 7pm

Learn how to harvest native seeds, save them over the winter, plant them in fall, or start them in spring. Winter sowing will also be discussed. All ages welcome!

Macramé Leaf Garland **S**

Wednesday September 21 • 6:30pm

Create a simple and festive seasonal garland using classic macrame techniques. Prior experience not required. Teens welcome!

Coffee and Conversation: The Erie Canal — Building the Impossible

Friday September 23 • 1pm

Storyteller Sandy Schuman will talk about the saga and lasting legacy of the Erie Canal, which officially opened in 1825. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

Monday Matinee: 'Casablanca'

Monday September 26 • 2pm

This classic film (1942, PG, 102 min.) will be shown with subtitles.

Composting with Worms **S**

Monday September 26 • 7pm

Worm wrangler Bill Richmond from the Adirondack Worm Farm will demonstrate how worms convert household food scraps into all-natural compost. All ages welcome!

Coffee and Conversation: USS Slater

Friday September 30 • 1pm

Learn about the history of the famed destroyer escort docked in Albany and the museum it houses. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

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Adults *(continued)*

Get to Know Libby

Friday October 7 • 10am

Are you struggling with the transition from the Overdrive app to Libby? Bring your questions and concerns to this virtual session, and learn about how to navigate Libby.

Coffee and Conversation: Italian American Heritage Museum

Friday October 7 • 1pm

Museum Director Philip J. DiNovo will talk about the founding of the museum, as well as its collections and activities. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

The Schuyler Family: Coping with Life's Necessaries

Wednesday October 12 • 6:30pm

The Schuyler family enjoyed many luxuries as part of their refined lifestyle, but what might their hygiene practices have looked like? Learn more with speaker Ian Mumpton. This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. *All ages welcome!*

Coffee and Conversation: The Travers Stakes

Friday October 14 • 1pm

Brien Bouyea from Saratoga's National Racing Museum and Hall of Fame will talk about the history of this famous horse race, now in its 153rd year. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Coffee and Conversation: Financial Fitness for Older Adults

Friday October 21 • 1pm

Join us for a discussion with a representative from the Cornell Cooperative Extension about personal finances as they relate to aging. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Monday Matinee: 'On the Waterfront'

Monday October 24 • 2pm

This classic film (1954, not rated, 108 min.) will be shown with subtitles.

Electric Vehicles 101

Monday October 24 • 6pm

Capital Districts Clean Communities Coordinator Jacob Beeman will be here to provide information and answers about EV types, charging, government rebates and more.

All ages welcome!

Coffee and Conversation: Folk Art and Americana at the DAR Museum

Friday October 28 • 1pm

Docent Julie Johnson will discuss the Daughters of the American Revolution Museum's folk art collection. *Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.*

Meet the authors

Get to know some of your favorite authors and enjoy Q&A opportunities with bestsellers through virtual author talks available exclusively to Bethlehem cardholders. Visit libraryc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary for more information.

Coming up in September/October:

September 8 • 2pm: "Raising Thrivers" with Dr. Michele Borba

September 20 • 2pm: Author talk with Simon Winchester

September 27 • 4pm: Author talk with Hernan Diaz ("Trust")

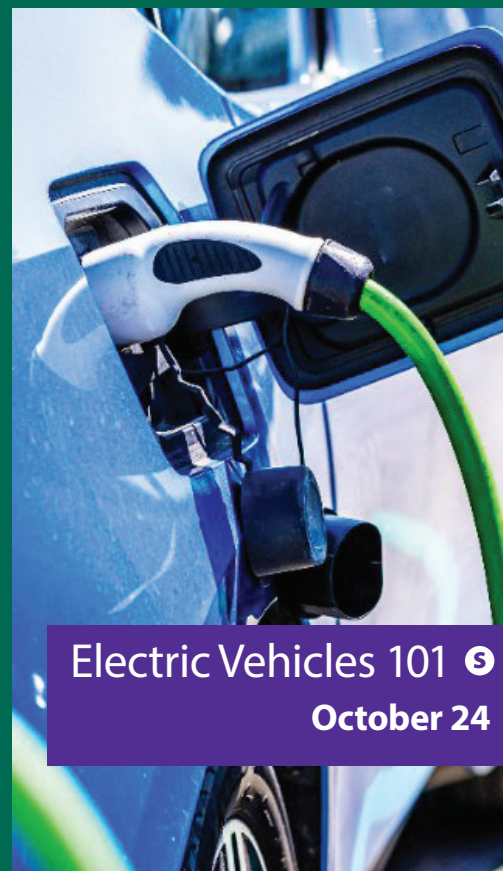
October 13 • 4pm: Author talk with Dr. Aziz Gazipura ("Not Nice")

October 25 • 7pm: Author talk with Kate Quinn ("The Diamond Eye")

Coming up in November:

November 2 • 4pm: "The Founding Mothers of NPR": Author talk with Lisa Napoli

November 10 • 2pm: "Lessons in Chemistry": Author talk with Bonnie Garmus



Electric Vehicles 101 October 24

Book Discussions

Day Books

Mondays at 1:30pm

September 12

Pachinko by Min Jin Lee

October 3

The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin

Own Voices Book Group

Wednesdays at 7pm

September 28

Light From Uncommon Stars by Ryka Aoki

Dark Corners Book Group

Wednesdays at 7pm

October 26

Whisper Down the Lane
by Clay McLeod Chapman

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

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Dungeons and Dragons September 16 & 30 October 14 & 28

Just for Me: Teen Book Boxes

Register for a curated
box of books and treats!

September 6-20

For BCSD residents
in grades 6-12.



Make Your Own Monster October 5

Tweens and teens

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday September 9 • 3:45pm

Friday September 23 • 3:45pm

Friday October 7 • 3:45pm

Friday October 21 • 3:45pm

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

For grades 6 and up.

Sensory Friendly Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Thursday September 15 • 3:45pm

Thursday October 13 • 3:45pm

*For teens who would benefit from a calmer and quieter version of Super Smash Bros. on the Nintendo Switch. **For grades 6 and up.***

Dungeons and Dragons

Friday September 16 • 3:45pm

Friday September 30 • 3:45pm

Friday October 14 • 3:45pm

Friday October 28 • 3:45pm

*Use your imagination and problem-solving skills while socializing with others who enjoy role-playing games. Playing materials provided. **For grades 6 and up.***

Kids and families

Trunk or Treat at the park

How many treats do you get when the library and the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation department team up to host an awesome Halloween extravaganza? A whole trunkload!

Drop by Elm Avenue Park Wednesday, Oct. 26, beginning at 4 p.m. for our annual Trunk or Treat community-wide event, featuring dozens of creative trick-or-treating stations hosted by local groups such as the library Friends, area scout troops, Delmar-Bethlehem first responders, high school clubs and more.

Halloween costumes are too special to wear just once, so strut your spooky stuff while "trunk or treating" your way through the parking lot. This free event is suitable for all ages. *Treat bags provided by the Friends.*

After School Art: Apple Magnets

Thursday September 8 • 4pm

*Make your own apple magnet to take home. **For children and tweens.***

After School Art: Owl Ornaments

Monday September 12 • 4pm

*Make an owl ornament to take home. **For children and tweens.***

After School Art: Birdhouse Wind Chimes

Tuesday September 20 • 4pm

*Paint or color a set of balsa wood wind chimes in the shape of a tiny bird house. **For children and tweens.***

After School Art: Autumn Hedgehog

Thursday September 29 • 4pm

*Craft a cute autumn hedgehog out of colored construction paper. **For children and tweens.***

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Make Your Own Monster

Wednesday October 5 • 2pm

Join us to design and create a cool monster out of provided craft supplies.

What will your monster look like? Scary, sweet or something else? **For children and tweens.**

After School Art: Shaving Cream Marbling

Tuesday October 18 • 4pm

Make colorful marbled paper using shaving cream and food coloring. **For children and tweens.**

Trick or Treat Story Stroll **S**

Wednesday October 19 • 4-6pm

Take a hike on the nature loop at Elm Avenue Park and enjoy a self-led Halloween story. Library and Parks and Recreation staff will be dressed up along the loop to hand out "treats." *Treat bags provided by The Friends.*

Family STEAM Night: Halloween Edition **S**

Thursday October 27 • 6:30pm

Families will work together to build a flying ghost and a skeleton hand. **For families and children grades K and up.**

Craft, Color and Play for Families

Saturday October 29 • 2:30pm

A fun, social gathering for kids and teens and their families! This program is specifically designed with neurodivergent children and teens of all abilities in mind.

Story times and more

Music and Movement on the Green

Thursdays September 8-October 27 • 10am

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. This program will take place outside. Bring a picnic blanket to spread out on. In the event of inclement weather, we will add a second indoor session at 11am with limited audience space. **For ages 0-6 with a caregiver.**

Sensory Story Time **S**

Friday September 9 • 10am

Friday September 23 • 10am

Friday October 7 • 10am

Friday October 21 • 10am

Traditional story time components with sensory elements ideal for children who would benefit from a more low-key story time. **For ages 2 and up with a caregiver.**

Family Story Time on the Green

Saturdays September 10-October 29* • 11am

Wednesdays September 14-October 26 • 10am AND 11am

Stories, songs and more. This program will take place outside. Bring a picnic blanket to spread out on. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** *No story time September 17 and October 1.

Baby Bounce & Books on the Green

Tuesdays September 13-October 25 • 10am AND 11am

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

Library Trick or Treat

Stop by the Children's Place any time from **10am-noon on Monday October 31** and trick or treat in a safe, dry place. Costumes are optional, but fun is not! Treat bags will be provided. **For ages 0-6 and families.**



Shaving Cream
Marbling
October 18



Library Trick or Treat
October 31

A note about outdoor story times:

In the event of inclement weather, outdoor story times may move inside to the Community Room with a very limited capacity (caregivers plus children).

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Fine free at the library

The library no longer charges fines for overdue books and other media. Replacement fees and charges for lost or damaged items still apply, and fines of \$1 per day for Library of Things items and ILL, as well as \$5 per day for museum passes and Wi-Fi hotspots, will remain.

As always, e-content never accrues any fines and will automatically be returned at the end of the lending period.

Bus trip to NYC with the Friends

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are once again sponsoring a trip to New York City on **Saturday December 3**.

The bus will leave CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot in Elsmere next to The Warbler Brewery at 7:30am. The bus will depart New York City promptly at 6pm. Bryant Park is the arrival and departure point in New York.

If you are ordering matinee theater tickets, be sure to ask the time the performance ends so that you will be on time to depart.

The cost is \$45 for members and \$50 for nonmembers. For more information, call (no texts) Patty Caporta at (518) 439-1328.

Make your check out to **Friends of Bethlehem Public Library** and send it with the form on this page to:

**Friends trip to New York City
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Friends bus trip to New York City Saturday December 3

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address _____

telephone _____

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Enclosed is my check made out to *Friends of Bethlehem Public Library*.
I understand that my cancelled check is my reservation
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List names of others in your party:

name _____ ☐ Friend

name _____ ☐ Friend

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