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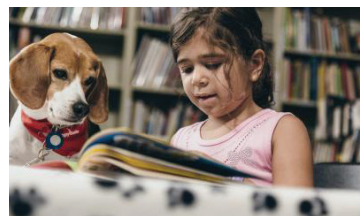
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- Monday January 9 • 6pm
- Monday February 13 • 6pm

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- Monday February 20 • 6:30pm

### Library hours

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

### Holiday hours

- **January 1-2:** CLOSED  
*New Years' Day holiday*
- **January 16:** OPEN *MLK Jr. Day*
- **February 20:** OPEN *Presidents Day*

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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?

### Volunteering at the library

Volunteers are an important part of our library family and have helped with everything from Braille labeling to local history digitization. Our teen volunteers can earn important service credits by helping out during summer programs and other library activities.

Would you like to volunteer at the library? Opportunities are available for adults and teens in grades 6 and up. We strive to match potential volunteers with jobs and projects in line with their abilities and interests. Visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/volunteer-opportunities](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/volunteer-opportunities) to fill out an online volunteer application that will let us know more about the opportunities that interest you.

### New curbside hours

With the shorter days and unpredictable weather, we have made some small changes to our curbside service for staff and patron safety. Curbside pickup is now available Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Saturday-Sunday from 1-4:30 p.m. We've also reduced the number of drive-up spaces as more and more people opt to use our in-person service, and we've moved our walk-up pickup point closer to our garage access to take advantage of the lighting and sheltered space.

Curbside pickup, which was launched in 2020 as a pandemic necessity, has remained popular even as in-person restrictions have eased. We continue to fine-tune this service, but rest assured it remains a core part of what we do.

### Get crafty in the new year

Did your New Year's resolution involve learning a new skill? Creativebug provides thousands of high-quality, on-trend arts and crafts instructional videos. You'll find fun and engaging classes for artists and makers of all skill levels. In addition to instructional videos on drawing, painting, sewing, knitting, crochet, quilting, baking and more – all taught by experts – you'll have access to downloadable patterns and supply lists.

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## All ages

#### Vacation Cinema: 'Selma, Lord, Selma'

Monday January 16 • 2pm

*Join us for a family friendly screening of 1999 film based on true events from the Civil Rights Movement in 1965.*

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## All ages (continued)

### Check out our Library of Things

Our Library of Things makes it easy to explore a new hobby, experience nature, play a game, do-it-yourself, investigate new technology, and so much more.

**DO YOU WANT TO EXPLORE YOUR MUSICAL SIDE?** Brand new to our collection is a group of digital sound mixing tools, including a synthesizer, bass machine, sampler, drum machine and more. We've also got bongos, electronic drum kits, keyboards, ukuleles and xylophones.

**ARE YOU LOOKING TO BE HANDY AROUND THE HOUSE?** Borrow one of our household tools, such as a laser level or home inspection kit. We've even got diagnostic code readers for your car and a Kill A Watt meter that can help you identify ways to reduce your energy bill.

**ARE YOU UP FOR SOME ENTERTAINMENT?** Check out a karaoke machine or a digital projector and Bluetooth speaker and host an evening in with friends. Try out an e-reader. You can also borrow a virtual reality headset or a Nintendo Switch and the games to go with it. We've got lawn games, too, for some outdoor fun when the weather warms.

**DO YOU NEED TO CONNECT TO THE INTERNET?** We can help. We loan Wi-Fi hotspots, Chromebooks and solar chargers.

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO DIGITALLY CAPTURE AND PRESERVE YOUR MEMORIES?** Our Library of Things includes GoPro cameras, digital camcorders, film and slide scanners, as well as analog video and cassette converters.

**HOW ABOUT SOMETHING FOR THE KIDS?** They can borrow everything from Ozobots to American Girl dolls, along with juggling sets, a human anatomy model and bird- or bug-watching kits.

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN EXPLORING THE GREAT OUTDOORS?** We've got a motion-activated trail camera that will capture the hidden lives of the critters in or near your backyard. We also loan out binoculars, telescopes, metal detectors, fishing poles and Empire passes for New York State parks.

Just a reminder: Library of Things items do accrue late fees. Loan times vary by item. The collection is supported by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. To see what's available, visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/library-of-things](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/borrow/library-of-things).



#### Dive Into the Library of Things

Monday February 13 • 11am

Join one of our librarians to learn about the "things" in our collection that are available to borrow with your library card.

## Adults

#### Navigating the Library's Website

Wednesday January 11 • 11am

Attend this class to learn how to access features on the library's Website more effectively. **Teens welcome!**

#### Macrame Candle Jar

Wednesday January 11 • 6:30pm

Create a bohemian candle holder with a few simple macrame knots. No previous macrame experience required. **Teens welcome!**

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### Dive Into the Library of Things February 13



### Listening Parties

Thursdays at 7pm

**January 12**

Kate Bush

Listen to and discuss the song "Running Up That Hill," as well as "The Hounds of Love," the album it is featured on.

**February 16**

Julie London

The self-deprecating singer of "Cry Me A River" was Billboard's Most Popular Female Vocalist for three years running from 1955.

**\*This is a hybrid presentation.**  
You may attend in person or over Zoom.

*Listen to great music, discuss and share your opinions.*

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# Book Discussions

## Day Books Mondays at 1:30pm

January 9  
*Still Life* by Sarah Winman

February 6  
*We Begin at the End* by Chris Whitaker

## Own Voices Book Group Wednesdays at 7pm

January 25  
*Behold the Dreamers*  
by Imbolo Mbue

## Dark Corners Book Group Wednesdays at 7pm

February 22  
*Horrorstor* by Grady Hendrix

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

## Macrame wall hanging February 1



# Adults (continued)

## Author talks all winter

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](http://libraryc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary) for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

### Coming up in January/February:

**January 12 • 2pm:** The Gilded Ones series: Author talk with Namina Forna  
**January 17 • 2pm:** Decluttering with author Dana K. White  
**January 31 • 2pm:** Author talk with Randall Munroe, xkcd Webcomic  
**February 9 • 7pm:** "Back in a Spell": Author talk with Lana Harper  
**February 16 • 1pm:** "Tastes Like War": Author talk with Grace M. Cho  
**February 28 • 8pm:** Cassandra Clare: Author of The Mortal Instruments series

### Get to Know Libby

Friday January 13 • 10am

*If you are struggling with the transition from Overdrive to Libby, or just want to learn a little more about how Libby works, stop by this in-person session with your questions and concerns, and learn about how to navigate the Libby app.*

### Community Yoga

Wednesday January 18 • 6pm

Wednesday February 15 • 6pm

*Enjoy a class designed for yoga practitioners of any skill level. Dan May shares Jai Yoga School's Bhakti yoga practice, which includes song, cultural information and stories.*

### Get to Know Libby

Friday January 20 • 10am

*If you are struggling with the transition from Overdrive to Libby, or just want to learn a little more about how Libby works, bring your questions and concerns to this virtual session, and learn about how to navigate the Libby app.*

### Craft & Color for Adults

Monday January 23 • 11am

Monday February 27 • 11am

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

### Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday January 24 • 6pm

Tuesday February 28 • 6pm

*All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet. Beginners welcome.*

### Lunchtime Documentaries: 'Dark Money'

Friday January 27 • 1pm

*Join us for an afternoon screening of Kimberly Reed's documentary (not rated, 97 min.), which examines the influence of untraceable corporate money on our elections.*

### Monday Matinee: 'Double Indemnity'

Monday January 30 • 2pm

*This classic film (1944, not rated, 108 min.) will be shown with subtitles.*

### Take and Make: Macrame Heart Wall Hanging

Wednesday February 1

*Using two simple macrame knots, create a seasonal wall hanging perfect for February. The kit will include all the necessary materials and instructions. **Teens welcome!***

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### Albany Rural Cemetery

Wednesday February 8 • 7pm

Incorporated April 2, 1841, Albany Rural Cemetery is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and represents one of the earliest and grandest examples of the rural cemetery movement in America. UAlbany Professor Emeritus John S. Pipkin will discuss its cultural and historical importance. **Registration is not required, but is advised due to limited seating.** *This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association.*

### Lunchtime Documentaries: 'Cy Dear'

Thursday February 9 • 1pm

Join us for an afternoon screening of Andrea Bettinetti's documentary (not rated, 92 min.) about painter, illustrator, sculptor and photographer Cy Twombly.

### Intro to Scholarly Research with Gale Academic OneFile

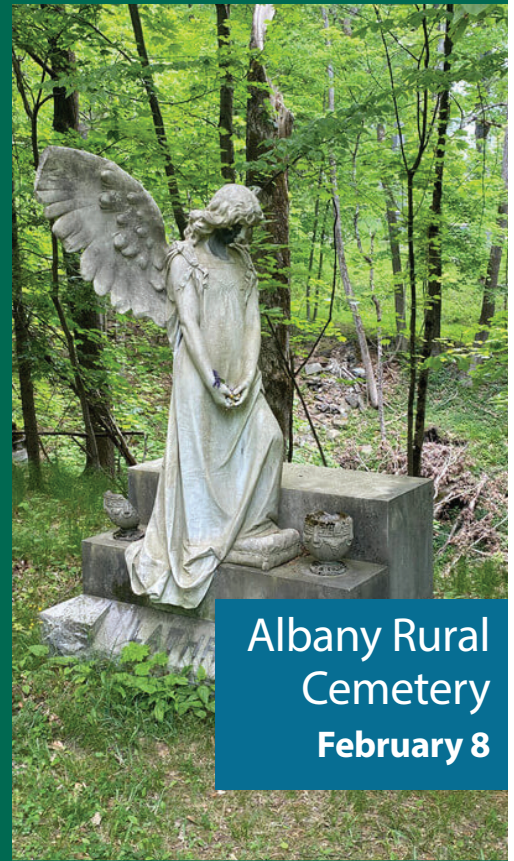
Friday February 10 • 10am

Join us to get a jumpstart on your research and brush up on your searching skills while browsing scholarly sources from Gale Academic OneFile, a database that contains millions of periodical sources on a variety of subject areas. This is a virtual program, and all participants will be emailed a Zoom link prior to the event.

### Monday Matinee: 'It Happened One Night'

Monday February 27 • 2pm

This classic film (1934, not rated, 105 min.) will be shown with subtitles.



Albany Rural Cemetery  
February 8



**Study hall**  
**@ the library**  
**January 2023**

**Group-study space**  
**for Regents exams**

**Schedule available**  
**in the library and online at**  
**[www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org).**

## Tweens and teens

### Dungeons and Dragons

Friday January 6 • 3:45pm

Friday January 20 • 3:45pm

Friday February 3 • 3:45pm

Friday February 17 • 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.**

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday January 13 • 3:45pm

Friday January 27 • 3:45pm

Friday February 10 • 3:45pm

Friday February 24 • 3:45pm

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

**For grades 6 and up.**

### Afternoon Gaming

Wednesday February 1 • 3:45pm

Wednesday February 8 • 3:45pm

Wednesday February 15 • 3:45pm

Wednesday February 22 • 3:45pm

Drop in after school to play single session table top and board games. **For tweens.**

### Take and Make: Valentine's Day Tassel Keychain

Friday February 10

Give yourself a Valentine this year with one of these tasseled keychains that make a great addition to your backpack or key ring! \*Please register each teen individually by February 8. **For grades 9-12.**

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## Kids and families

### An ocean at the library 🐠

Learn about ocean life up close with an educator from Via Aquarium who will be at the library for two special programs on Presidents Day **Monday February 20**. Space is limited; please sign up in advance.

**11am:** Enjoy story time and an ocean animal meet and greet. *For children in grades pre-K-2.*

**1pm:** See and touch live sea creatures while learning about marine invertebrates' ecology, anatomy, adaptations and conservation. *For children in grades 3 and up.*

#### After School Art: Winter Owl Magnets

Wednesday January 4 • 4pm

Join us for some after school fun as we build our own cozy winter owl magnets.

*Children of all ages and ability levels are welcome.*

#### Paws to Read

Monday January 16 • 11am-1pm

Friday February 24 • 11am-1pm

Learning to read, especially out loud, can be scary. Come to the library and practice reading skills with a gentle, furry friend! A registered therapy dog will listen calmly and quietly, creating a safe space for children to practice reading skills without fear or judgment. *For grades K-5.*

#### After School Art: Buddy the Dinosaur

Thursday January 19 • 3:45-4:45pm

Stop by to create and decorate your own cardboard dinosaur buddy. *School-age children of all ages and ability levels are welcome.*

#### Take and Make: Valentine Cookie Magnet 🍪

Friday February 3

While you can't eat these incredible cookie magnets, they will make fun Valentine's Day decorations. \*Please register each child individually by February 1.

*For grades K and younger with caregiver.*

#### Take and Make: Wind-Up Valentine 🎲

Friday February 3

Get creative with a fun dinosaur Valentine that really moves. \*Please register each child individually by February 1. *For grades 1-8.*

#### Make Your Own Buttons

Tuesday February 21 • 2pm

Create your own original art and make a button out of it with the library's button maker. *For children, tweens and teens.*

#### School Break Breakout

Tuesday February 21 • 10am

Follow the clues to unlock the puzzles needed to break-out of a fun scenario. *For ages 8-14.*

#### Vacation Cinema: 'Minions: The Rise of Gru'

Wednesday February 22 • 10am


Join us for a screening of this family favorite (PG, 90 min., Universal Pictures).

Kids can bring pillows and blankets to get comfy on the floor in front of the big screen. *For kids and families.*

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Owl magnets  
January 4



Make your  
own buttons  
February 21

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## Kids and families *(continued)*

### A Story and a Snack

Thursday February 23 • 11am

Saturday February 25 • 11am

Hear some cool stories and enjoy a snack of exotic fruit. **For pre-K and up.**

### Make a Melted Snowman

Thursday February 23 • 2:30pm

Roll up your sleeves and make your very own melted snowman. **Children of all ages and ability levels are welcome.**

### Color Your Own Cactus Squishy

Friday February 24 • 10am

Stop by to color your own cactus squishy. This project uses permanent markers, so please dress appropriately. **For children, tweens.**

## Creation Station

Monday-Friday 9:30am-8:30pm

Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm

Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

January 3-8 — Snowy Village

February 2 — Groundhog Mask

February 6-12 — Valentines

All supplies provided!

## Story times

### Baby Bounce & Books\*

Tuesdays January 10-February 28 • 10am AND 11am

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

\*No Baby Bounce February 21.

### Family Story Time\*

Wednesdays January 11-February 15 • 10am AND 11am

Thursdays January 12-February 16 • 10am AND 11am

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

\*No 11am story time January 11.

### Saturday Story Time\*

Saturdays January 7-February 18 • 11am

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

\*No Saturday Story Time January 14.

### Literacy tip

Playing word games is another way to become word conscious and increase vocabulary. "I Spy" is a favorite.

### Parents, please note:

All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly. There may be a limited capacity for each session. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all storytimes are cancelled.

## Story time kits to keep

The library has a limited number of early literacy kits for families with children up to age 5. These kits include special story time goodies like a book, egg shaker, scarf, bubbles, snack containers and more and are co-sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Enjoy some fun-filled learning time when you pair these kits with our Storytime Online collection here: [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/storytime-online-activities](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/storytime-online-activities).

Story time kits are available to families in the Bethlehem Central School District. One kit per family. Sign up at [bethlehempubliclibrary.org/take-home-activity-kits](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org/take-home-activity-kits).

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## What's new?



### 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](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org/webapps/research.asp).

### Bundle up!

Brrrr! It's cold outside, which makes it a perfect time to hunker down under some blankets and enjoy a good book. Not sure what to read next? Sign up to receive one of our Book Bundles. Share your reading preferences, and a librarian will hand-pick 10 books just for you. Fill out a Book Bundle request form here: [bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-bundle-request](http://bethlehempubliclibrary.org/book-bundle-request).



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### Storm warning!

In the event of inclement weather, the library's telephone system will provide the latest information on a closing or delayed opening. Please call ahead.



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