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### Library board

• Monday March 13 • 6pm

• Monday April 17 • 6pm

### Friends board

• Monday April 17 • 6:30pm

### Library hours

Weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

### Holiday hours

• April 9 CLOSED: *Easter*

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## What's new?

### Get growing with seed library

Our seed library returns this spring with a variety of open-pollinated vegetables, herbs and some flowers. Bethlehem cardholders can choose up to 10 seed packets per household using our online "shopping" portal from **March 13-April 10**, where you'll be able to browse the different categories and learn more about the varieties of seeds available. During this time, walk-in requests cannot be filled. Visit [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) to get started ordering your seeds online. We'll be in touch with you when they are ready to be picked up curbside or at the checkout desk.

Beginning **April 11**, seed packets can be selected in-person at the Information Desk while supplies last.

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

### Trustee candidate info available

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library or digitally by e-mailing [information@bethpl.org](mailto:information@bethpl.org) for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. There are two seats on the 2023 ballot, currently held by incumbents Mark Kissinger and Caroline Brancatella, who are both seeking re-election.

Petitions will need at least 94 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 17**. The election will be held **Tuesday May 16**.

### Be part of the conversation

As part of our long-range goals, library staff and trustees are looking at ways to make our 50-year-old building more responsive to the needs of today's community. Some of the updates we're considering include an entrance more accessible to the parking lot, ample space for public and library programs, and a permanent curbside pick-up and drop-off window – all concepts based on comments we have heard time and again from library users.

The Board of Trustees has contracted with architects at Ashley McGraw to come up with some design solutions to address these and other issues. You can watch their public presentations on our YouTube channel.

Your feedback is crucial as we continue this process, and we invite you to participate by viewing or attending upcoming board meetings or e-mailing Library Director Geoff Kirkpatrick via [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/contact-us/contact-the-director](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/about-us/contact-us/contact-the-director).

Our goal is to be the library this community needs well into the next 50 years, and the most important part of this planning process is you.

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## All ages

### Rescheduled: Tales for young and old

Preeminent storyteller, author and Abenaki elder Joseph Bruchac will be at the library for two storytelling programs **Monday April 10 at 11am and 2pm**. As a professional teller of the traditional tales of the Adirondacks and the Native peoples of the Northeastern woodlands, Joseph 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 programs. These programs will take place on the Green, weather permitting. Seating is available on a first-come basis.

#### Rainbow Flower Pots

Friday April 14 • 10am

*All ages are welcome to stop by the library to decorate a mini flower pot. There will also be potting soil available and a "rainbow" of seeds to choose from.*

#### Family Movie: 'Strange World'

Friday April 14 • 2pm

*A family of explorers have differences that threaten to topple their latest and most crucial mission (2022, PG, 102 min.) in this action-packed adventure from Disney.*

## Adults

### Upcoming author talks

Get to know some of your favorite authors and enjoy Q&A opportunities through virtual author talks available exclusively to Bethlehem cardholders. Visit [librarycal.org/bethlehempubliclibrary](https://librarycal.org/bethlehempubliclibrary) for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

#### Coming up in March/April:

**March 13 • 1pm:** David Epstein, author of "Range" and "The Sports Gene"

**March 21 • 4pm:** Celebrity Chef Jernard A. Wells

**March 28 • 7pm:** Pam Jenoff, author of "The Lost Girls of Paris"

**April 4 • 7pm:** Graphic novelist Kate Beaton

**April 27 • 8pm:** William Kent Krueger, author of "This Tender Land"

#### Lunchtime Documentaries: 'The Mole Agent'

Thursday March 2 • 1pm

*Join us for an afternoon screening of this Oscar-nominated documentary (2020, not rated, 89 min.) about an 83-year-old Chilean man sent as an undercover spy to a retirement home to investigate suspected neglect.*

#### Get More From Google

Friday March 3 • 10am

*Take an in-depth approach to learning the various ways to search on Google, including using the Advanced Search and Image Search functions.*

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### 'Strange World' April 14

### Listening Parties

Thursdays at 7pm

**March 16**

Santana: Part 2

*Hal Miller returns with glimpses into the world of Carlos Santana as a musician and close friend.*

**April 20**

Bobbie Gentry

*"Ode to Billie Joe" beguiled listeners with its unresolved questions, but the real-life mystery remains: what ever happened to Bobbie Gentry?*

**\* 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

March 6  
*The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich

April 3  
*Cloud Cuckoo Land* by Anthony Doerr

### Own Voices Book Group Wednesdays at 7pm

March 22  
*Razorblade Tears*  
by S. A. Crosby

### Dark Corners Book Group Wednesdays at 7pm

April 19  
*Notes on an Execution* by Danya Kukafka

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

## Side Sewn Sketchbook March 15

## Adults (continued)

### The Art of Elizabeth Bishop

Elizabeth Bishop (1911-1979) published fewer than 100 poems during her life. For this relatively modest body of work she was awarded, among other honors, the Pulitzer Prize, the National Book Award, and the Books Abroad/Neustadt International Prize for Literature. At the same time, her work is surprisingly accessible and a delight to read out loud.

Join us for a five-part workshop **Tuesdays April 4-25** and **Wednesday May 3 at 7pm** where we'll consider why this "straight-forward talker" occupies such a preeminent position among American poets. Delmar resident Jeff Cohen, who recently facilitated our Emily Dickinson series, will lead the workshop sessions. Register for the full series by signing up for the first session.

### Oscar Trivia Night

Monday March 6 • 6:30pm

Join us for an exciting Academy Awards themed Trivia Night. Compete for bragging rights as an individual or team in a battle of wits.

### The Irish in Albany

Wednesday March 8 • 7pm

Six of Jack McEneny's great grandparents were born in Ireland and came to the U.S., and two were born in Albany of Irish Immigrants who lived the rest of their lives in Albany. He will discuss the Irish immigrant experience in the area. **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.

### Downsizing and Organizing

Friday March 10 • 10am

Learn some important tips in this program presented by a representative from Organize Senior Moves.

### Dungeons and Dragons

Tuesday March 14 • 6pm

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

### CreativeBug Crafts: Japanese Side Sewn Sketchbook

Wednesday March 15 • 6:30pm

Check out one of the library's many online resources, CreativeBug, and get started on one of the great projects available there. All supplies will be provided.

### Craft & Color for Adults

Monday March 20 • 11am

Monday April 17 • 11am

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

### Upcycled Jewelry: Maker Workshop

Monday March 20 • 6:30pm

Take apart old junk electronics and turn the components into one-of-a-kind wearable art. This program requires the dexterity and discipline to safely use sharp tools and materials. **Teens welcome!**

### Monday Matinee: 'Key Largo'

Monday March 27 • 2pm

This classic film (1948, not rated, 100 min.) will be shown with subtitles.

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### Community Yoga

Wednesday March 29 • 6pm

Wednesday April 26 • 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.

### Lunchtime Documentaries: 'Karen Dalton — In My Own Time'

Thursday April 6 • 1pm

This documentary (2021, not rated, 85 min.) explores the legacy of the late Karen Dalton, the prominent New York-based blues and folk singer who strove to live life and make music on her own terms.

### Steamboat Navigation on the Hudson River

Wednesday April 12 • 7pm

Local Historian Mark Peckham will share information on the fascinating history of the steamboats that traveled up and down the Hudson River, yesteryear's Thruway, during the 19th and mid 20th centuries. **Registration for this program 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.

### The Linda Brown Jazz Project

Saturday April 15 • 2pm

The Linda Brown Jazz Project quintet will present an hour-long concert, celebrating April as Jazz Appreciation month. Arranged by the Albany Musicians' Association, Local 14 and sponsored by the Music Performance Trust Fund.

### Coffee & Conversation: Scam Prevention

Friday April 21 • 1pm

Scams, frauds and hoaxes cost consumers and businesses time and billions of dollars each year. An educator from the New York State Division of Consumer Protection will help you recognize and avoid scams, and provide you with tools and resources to utilize if you fall victim to a scam. Co-sponsored by Bethlehem Senior Projects, Inc.

### Monday Matinee: 'Rebel Without a Cause'

Monday April 24 • 2pm

This classic film (1956, not rated, 111 min.) will be shown with subtitles.

### Coffee & Conversation: Are You Safe From Identity Theft?

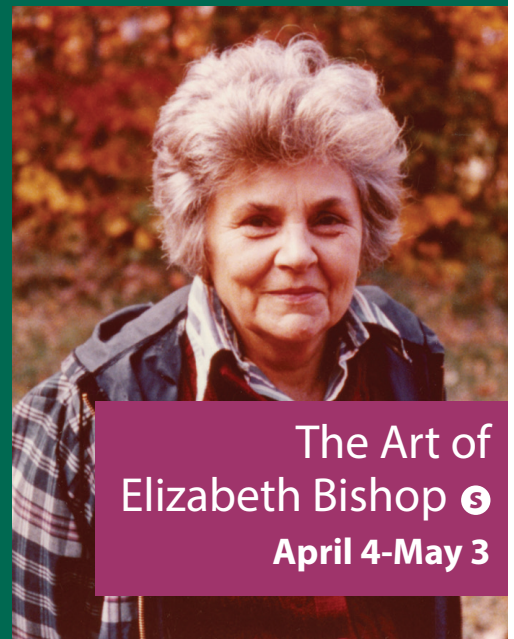
Friday April 28 • 1pm

An educator from the New York State Division of Consumer Protection will discuss strategies to address the harms from identity theft and prevent victimization.

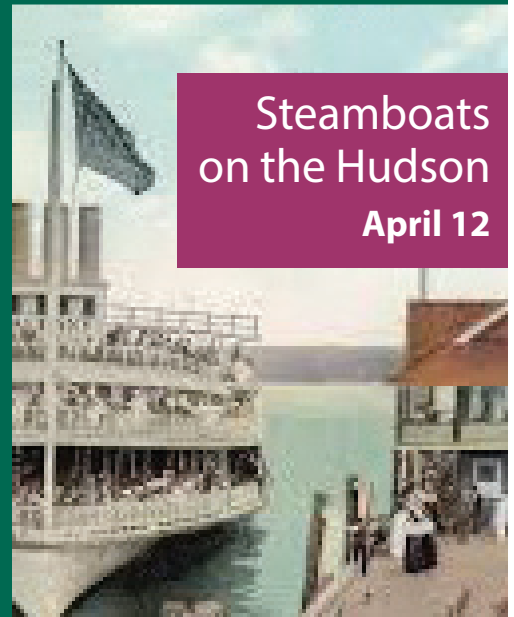
## Make poetry at the library

April is National Poetry Month, a time to celebrate the role poetry plays in all of our lives and appreciate this unique and expressive art form. Drop by a special Creation Station by the Information Desk **April 3-28** and use your own poetic license to create a blackout or found poem.

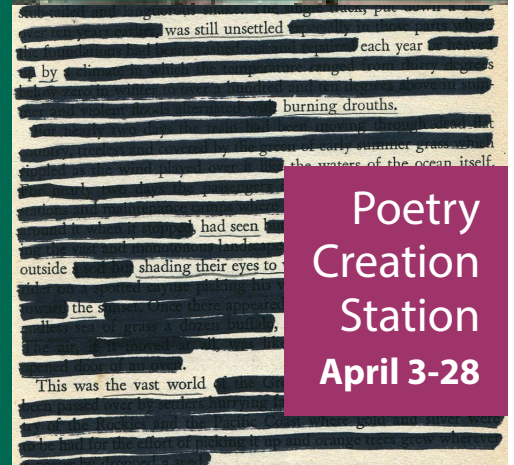
Blackout poetry is a process of narrowing down the words you don't want in a text, then selecting and arranging the words that are left. Found poetry is created by taking words, phrases and sometimes whole passages from other sources and re-framing them. Supplies will be provided; just bring your imagination and love of words. **Teens welcome!**



The Art of  
Elizabeth Bishop 📺  
April 4-May 3



Steamboats  
on the Hudson  
April 12



Poetry  
Creation  
Station  
April 3-28

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## Tweens and teens

### Dungeons and Dragons

Friday March 3 • 3:45pm  
 Friday March 17 • 3:45pm  
 Friday March 31 • 3:45pm  
 Friday April 14 • 3:45pm  
 Friday April 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.***

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday March 10 • 3:45pm  
 Friday March 24 • 3:45pm  
 Friday April 7 • 3:45pm  
 Friday April 21 • 3:45pm

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

**For grades 6 and up.**

### Afternoon Gaming

Wednesdays March 1-April 26 • 3:45pm

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

## Volunteer at the library!

Providing fun and enriching volunteer opportunities for teens is an important part of what we do at the library. Our teen volunteers have helped out during programs for younger kids, Summer Reading and outreach events, and they are instrumental in decorating our annual Memorial Day float. All of these activities help satisfy the Bethlehem School District's community service requirements.

Would you like to volunteer at the library? Opportunities are available for teens in grades 6 and up. 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.

## Kids and families

### Paws to Read

Monday March 6 • 4-5pm  
 Monday March 20 • 4-5pm  
 Monday March 27 • 4-5pm  
 Monday April 3 • 4-5pm  
 Monday April 24 • 4-5pm

*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.***

### Take and Make: Sha-Sha-Shamrock!

Friday March 10

*Decorate for St. Patrick's Day with this fun shamrock craft. \*Please register each child individually by March 8. **For grades K and younger with caregiver.***

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## Kids and families *(continued)*

### Take and Make: Shamrock Truck

Friday March 10

Drive your way into St. Patrick's Day with this shamrock-themed truck craft. \*Please register each child individually by March 8. **For grades 1-5.**

### Craftapalooza!

Friday March 17

Friday April 7

Drop by the Children's Place and get creative with a variety of fun arts and craft projects. **For kids and families.**

### Chain Reaction STEM Lab

Tuesday April 11 • 2:30pm

Work in teams to build a one-of-a-kind Rube Goldberg machine that uses physics to set off an exciting chain reaction. **For ages 6-10.**

### Plant a Rainbow Craft

Thursday April 13 • 2pm

Join us for a drop-in craft and create your own rainbow "garden" to celebrate spring. **For kids and families.**

## Story times

### Baby Bounce & Books\*

Tuesdays March 7-April 25 • 10am AND 11am

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

\*No Baby Bounce April 11.

### Family Story Time\*

Wednesdays March 1-April 26 • 10am AND 11am

Thursdays March 2-30 • 10am AND 11am

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*No story time April 12.

### Music and Movement\*

Thursdays April 6-27 • 10am AND 11am

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. This program will take place outside on the Green, weather-permitting.

**For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*No story time April 13.

### Sensory Story Time

Friday March 24 • 10am AND 11am

Friday March 31 • 10am AND 11am

Friday April 28 • 10am AND 11am

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.**

### Saturday Story Time

Saturdays March 4-April 29 • 11am

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

### Things that Go Story Time and Play

Thursday April 13 • 10am

Enjoy a themed story time then stick around for some free-wheeling play time.

**For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:** All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and story times begin promptly. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all story times are cancelled.

### Literacy tip

Use new words when you talk. Good readers have a large vocabulary. Knowing lots of words helps children better understand what they read.

## Shamrock Truck March 10



## Creation Station

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

Saturday 10:30am-4:30pm

Sunday 12:30-4:30pm

March 6-12 — Shamrock  
Cupcake Liners

April 3-8 — Spring Origami

All supplies provided!

## Things that Go Story Time April 13



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## News and notes

### Fold3 is here

We have added a new genealogical research tool to our digital databases — Fold3.

Fold3 provides access to military records, including the stories, photos and personal documents of the men and women who served and is a great companion to Ancestry.com for those looking to learn more about their family history.

### Friends Spring Book Sale

Save the date for the spring Friends of Bethlehem Public Library Book Sale Fundraiser the **weekend of May 20**. 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. Stay tuned for hours and additional details.

### Follow us on social media

Check us out on Facebook (@bethlehempubliclibrary) for information about upcoming events and program highlights, as well as book recommendations and more. You'll also find us on Twitter (@bethlehemPL) and Instagram (@bethlehempubliclibrary).

## Bus trip to Boston with the Friends

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring a trip to Boston on **Saturday April 22**.

The bus will leave from CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot in Elsmere next to Warbler's Brewery at 7:30am. Boarding will begin at 7am.

The bus will depart Boston promptly at 6pm. The Aquarium on Milk Street is the arrival and departure point in Boston.

Your check is your reservation; there are no refunds unless your seat is sold in advance of the trip.

Cost is \$45 for Friends of Bethlehem Public Library members and \$50 for nonmembers. For more information, cancellations, or to be added to the waitlist, please 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:

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**c/o Bethlehem Public Library**  
**451 Delaware Avenue**  
**Delmar NY 12054**

### Friends bus trip to Boston Saturday April 22

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address \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

cell \_\_\_\_\_ Is texting OK? YES ☐ NO ☐

email \_\_\_\_\_

Friend—\$45 ☐ nonmember—\$50 ☐

Enclosed is my check made out to *Friends of Bethlehem Public Library*.

**I understand that my canceled check is my reservation  
and my money will be refunded only if my bus seat can be sold.**

List names of others in your party:

name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Friend

name \_\_\_\_\_ ☐ Friend

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