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• Monday November 13 • 6pm

• Monday December 11 • 6pm

### Friends board

• Monday December 18 • 6:30pm

### Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

### Holiday hours

• November 11: OPEN 10-5

• November 22: OPEN 9-5

• November 23: CLOSED

*Thanksgiving Day*

• November 24: OPEN 9-5

• December 1: CLOSED

*Staff development day*

• December 24-25 CLOSED

*Christmas holiday*

• December 31: CLOSED

• January 1: CLOSED

*New Year's 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.

## All ages

### The write stuff

Do you know what NaNoWriMo means? It's a catchy way of referring to National Novel Writing Month, which just happens to be in November.

The goal of NaNoWriMo is to create the first draft of a novel within the month. The library is here to encourage that creative enterprise by offering working and collaboration space in one of our meeting rooms for anyone taking up the NaNoWriMo challenge. Did you know that "Fangirl" by Rainbow Rowell and "The Night Circus" by Erin Morgenstern are just a couple of the many popular novels that came out of this challenge? Yours could be next!

Join other would-be authors in this exciting literary pursuit from **4-5:30pm Tuesdays in November, beginning the 7th**. Stop by the Board Room for one or more sessions at your convenience; writing instruction is not provided. Visit [nanowrimo.org](http://nanowrimo.org) for more details and tips for getting started.

#### A Little Sunday Music: Abe Ovadia

Sunday November 12 • 2pm

Enjoy an afternoon of world-class music with renowned jazz guitarist Abe Ovadia, who has been praised for his powerfully lyrical playing style. *Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

#### Board Game Cafe

Thursday November 16 • 6-8pm

Join us for a fun, free night of board games at the library. Come as a group, or come ready to make new friends! Coffee, tea, cocoa and snacks will be served.

#### Coffee and Tea Art

Tuesday November 28 • 7-8:30pm

Make watercolor art using coffee and tea. Draw creations out of the splatters or experiment with the different hues and shades you can make with this unconventional painting medium.

#### A Little Sunday Music: Elizabeth Huntley

Sunday December 3 • 2pm

Harpist Elizabeth Huntley returns to the library for another winter-themed concert. She is the principal harpist with the Glens Falls Symphony, and has accompanied a wide range of musicians, including the Irish Tenors, Josh Groban, Barry Manilow and Roger Daltrey. *Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

## Adults

#### Community Yoga

Wednesday November 1 • 6pm

Wednesday December 6 • 6pm

Enjoy a class designed for all skill levels. Dan May shares Jai Yoga School's Bhakti yoga practice, which includes song, cultural information and stories.

#### Recipe Swap: Soup Edition

Thursday November 2 • 6:30pm

Share your favorite soup recipes for a chilly evening, and take home some new recipe inspiration. Participants are welcome to bring samples of their recipes to share, but it is not required.

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## Adults *(continued)*

### Dungeons and Dragons **S**

Friday November 3 • 6pm

Tuesday November 14 • 6pm

Tuesday December 19 • 6pm

*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.*

### Speed-Friending (ages 18-45) **S**

Monday November 6 • 6pm

*In this low-key social event, pairs will get a few minutes to talk (ice breakers are provided) before moving on to the next person. At the end, make a friendship bracelet for someone you vibed with and connect more with the people you enjoyed talking to.*

### Trivia Night

Tuesday November 7 • 7pm

Tuesday December 26 • 7pm

*Compete individually or in teams for bragging rights in this general trivia event.*

### Spice Sharing: Allspice **S**

Thursday November 9 • 6:30pm

*Prior to the program, sign up to pick up a sample packet of the spice, along with a few recipes that feature it. Then meet to discuss your experience and share recipes.*

### Speed-Friending (ages 45+) **S**

Monday November 13 • 6pm

*In this low-key social event, pairs will get a few minutes to talk (ice breakers are provided) before moving on to the next person. At the end, make a friendship bracelet for someone you vibed with and connect more with the people you enjoyed talking to.*

### American Red Cross Blood Drive **S**

Tuesday November 14 • noon-6pm

*Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) for more information and to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.*

### Land Between Waterfalls: Documenting Five Centuries of Indigenous Land Use in Bethlehem **S**

Wednesday November 15 • 7pm

*Native place names reveal that the Town of Bethlehem lay in a contested region in the 17th Century. Historic documentation is scarce, but careful analysis of what is available can tell us much about a nearly vanished world. Join us for a glimpse of the Bethlehem area in the era before Euro-American settlement. This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. **All ages welcome!***

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## Is Robert Frost Hiding Something? **S**

Robert Frost's enduring appeal rests on the view that his poems are easy to read and understand. His limited range of subjects and geography, use of New England vernacular, dry humor and mastery of his craft all support that view.

Delmar resident Jeff Cohen will lead a series of programs on **Tuesdays November 14-December 12** that will examine whether there is more to Frost than meets the eye. Programs in the series begin at **7pm**. Those registered for the first session will be signed up for the entire five-week series.

## Upcoming author talks **S V**

Get to know some of your favorite authors and enjoy Q&A opportunities 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 November/December:

**November 1 • 8pm: John Stamos**, Emmy-nominated actor

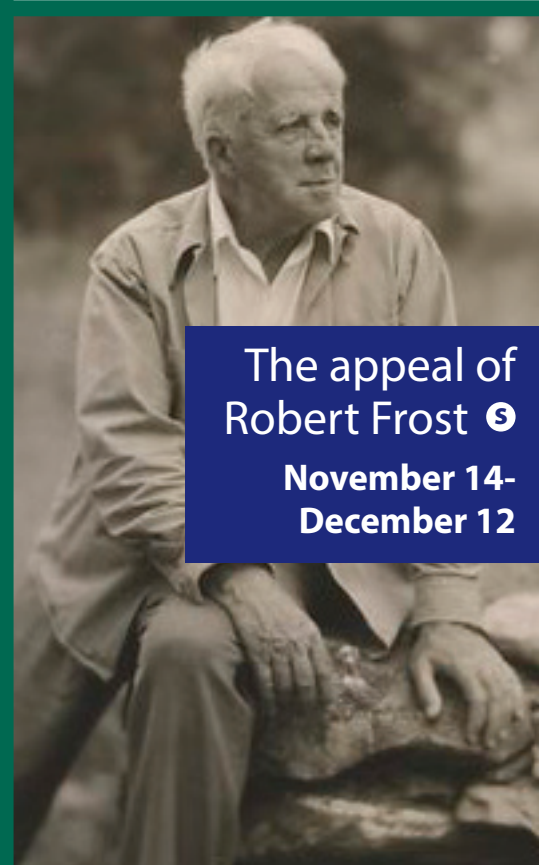
**November 9 • 2pm: Tiffany "The Budgetnista" Aliche**, award-winning podcaster

**November 16 • 4pm: Joy Harjo**, performer, writer and poet of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation

**November 30 • 3pm: Naomi Alderman**, bestselling science fiction writer

**December 5 • 6pm: Victoria Aveyard**, author of the bestselling series "Red Queen"

**December 12 • 1pm: Stephanie Land**, author of the gripping memoir "Maid"



The appeal of  
Robert Frost **S**

**November 14-  
December 12**

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## Book discussion groups for everyone November-December



## Gift bag decorating December 7

## Adults *(continued)*

### A book group for every interest

New this year to our lineup of Book Discussion Groups is the **Based on the Novel** group, which will meet every month to watch a book-to-screen adaptation and discuss the differences. On **Monday November 27**, "In the Time of the Butterflies" will be shown, followed by "The Perks of Being a Wallflower" on **Monday December 18**. Both programs begin at **6pm**. **S**

Our **Own Voices** group meets every other month and is dedicated to books by diverse authors. It meets **Wednesday November 8 at 7pm** to discuss "The Firekeeper's Daughter" by Angeline Boulley.

Alternating every other month with Own Voices, our **Dark Corners Book Group** for fans of the horror genre will be discussing "The Only Good Indians" by Stephen Graham Jones on **Wednesday December 13 at 7pm**. **S**

Our monthly **Day Books** will meet **Monday November 6 at 1:30pm** to talk about "The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler's Ghettos" by Judy Batalion. On **Monday December 4 at 1:30pm** the discussion will turn to "West with Giraffes" by Lynda Rutledge.

Discussions are facilitated by Bethlehem librarians, who carefully select books spanning a variety of topics and genres. New members are always welcome, and copies of the books are available at the Information Desk. Large print, audio and downloadable copies may also be available.

Visit the library calendar at [bethlehem.librarycalendar.com](http://bethlehem.librarycalendar.com) for more information or to sign up for the **Dark Corners** or **Own Voices** talks.

#### Monday Matinee: 'Rebecca'

Monday November 20 • 2pm

Watch the 1940s classic featuring the Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine in a story of a marriage haunted by the aura of the husband's dead first wife.

#### Craft & Color for Adults

Monday November 27 • 11am

Monday December 18 • 11am

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

#### Embroidered Ornaments **S**

Monday December 4 • 6pm

Local embroiderer Chloe Whittaker will walk you through the steps to make embroidered ornaments — just in time for the holidays. **Teens welcome!**

#### Gift Bag Decorating **S**

Thursday December 7 • 6:30pm

Unwrapping gifts is half the fun, so why not have some fun with the wrapping, too? We'll help you give your gift-wrapping skills a boost. Gift bags and the decorating supplies provided.

#### Monday Matinee: 'To Catch a Thief'

Monday December 11 • 2pm

Starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, this 1950s classic features the story of a retired jewel thief who will be arrested unless he can trap a copycat burglar who has taken up serial-stealing on the French Riviera.

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### Recipe Swap **S**

Thursday December 14 • 6:30pm

*Get in to the spirit of the season by sharing your favorite seasonal recipes. You can bring samples of your recipes to share, but it is not required.*

### Look to the Skies: Introduction to the Moon **S**

Wednesday December 20 • 7pm

*The moon has inspired generations of would-be astronauts and is an essential part of our own little corner of the cosmos. What secrets does it hold?*

### DIY Last-Minute Gifts

Thursday December 21 • 6:30pm

*Need some last minute gifts? Skip the shopping rush and come to the library to craft a variety of gifts, including ornaments, bookmarks, decoupage trinkets and more.*

## Tweens and teens

### Anime Club

Wednesday November 1 • 3pm

Wednesday November 15 • 3pm

Wednesday November 29 • 3pm

Wednesday December 13 • 3pm

*Watch anime (and eat snacks) with other teens. Whether you are an anime savvy otaku or a curious newbie, everyone is welcome. Videos shown will be either films rated PG-13 or lower, or shows TV-14 or lower.*

### Beads & Brownies

Friday November 17 • 3:45pm

Friday December 15 • 3:45pm

*Join friends at the end of a long week to relax and make beaded bracelets and necklaces. Refreshments will be served. **For grades 6 and up.***

### Crafternoon: Rainbow Wall Hanging

Friday November 17 • 2pm

*Stop by the library to make a pretty rainbow wall hanging decoration. **For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!***

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday November 24 • 2:30-4:30pm (Black Friday Edition!)

Friday December 8 • 3:45pm

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

**For grades 6 and up.**

### Clothespin Star **S**

Thursday November 30 • 6:30pm

*Get ready for winter with this whimsical ornament. **For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!***

### Cinnamon Stick Stars **S**

Saturday December 9 • 2:30pm

*These cinnamon stick stars are going to spice up your home for the winter. **For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!***

### Crafternoon: Alcohol Ink Votives

Friday December 15 • 2pm

*Join us to use alcohol ink to create a unique and colorful candle holder. **For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!***

### Polaroid Picture Coasters

Tuesday December 19 • 3:30pm

*Make a ceramic tile coaster with a picture that you bring from home, or choose from one of ours. Perfect for personal use or to give as a gift. Supplies limited. **For ages 12 and up.***

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## Legos at the library November 30



## Creation Station

Available in the Children's Place

**November 6-12 — Coat of Arms**

**November 22 — Turkeys**

**December 4-10 — Paper Plate Pizza**

All supplies provided!

## Snow globes December 27



## Kids and families

### Look to the Skies: Sun Activity **S**

Saturday November 4 • 2:30pm

For the third part in our Look to the Skies series, Dr. Mindy Townsend will help kids learn about the properties of the sun through hands-on activities. **For grades 4-6.**

### Paws to Read

Mondays November 6-December 11 • 4-5pm\*

Come to the library and practice reading skills with a registered therapy dog who will listen calmly and quietly. **For grades K-5. \*except November 20**

### Chess Club **S**

Monday November 6 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday November 20 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday December 11 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Sign up for one session per night and try your hand at chess with peers or teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome. **For grades K-5.**

### School's Out Cinema: 'The Super Mario Bros. Movie'

Friday November 10 • 3pm

See what Mario and Luigi are up to in their 2023 film (rated PG, 92 min.). Shown with subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing. **For ages 6 and up.**

### Pumpkin Pie Craft

Wednesday November 8 • 2:30pm

Customize your very own (foam) pumpkin pie to take home. Suitable for children of all abilities. **For ages 3 and up.**

### Legos at the Library

Thursday November 30 • 3:45pm

We provide the Legos, you bring the imagination! **For ages 6 and up.**

### Winter Birdfeeder Story Time and Craft **S**

Friday December 22 • 10am

Join us for some bird-themed stories, and then make a simple birdfeeder using cardboard rolls, lard, birdseed and string. **For ages 6 and up.**

### Kids Build: Cardboard Fort

Tuesday December 26 • 2pm

We need your help to construct a giant cardboard fort in the library. Bring a leftover box (or three) to be used as building materials. Children under age 9 should be accompanied by an adult at all times. **For ages 5 and up.**

### Make Your Own Snow Globe

Wednesday December 27 • 10am

Create your own snow globe. Supplies provided but are limited. Feel free to bring a small figurine or picture to place inside. **For ages 6 and up.**

### Winter Craft: Mittens **S**

Wednesday December 27 • 2:30pm

Come in from the cold and join us while we make our very own mitten crafts. Suitable for children of all abilities. **For ages 3 and up.**

### Tell Us a Story: Long-Form Story Time

Thursday December 28 • 11am

Join us for a slightly more mature story time where we read a single long-form picture book or short story. **For ages 6 and up.**

### School's Out Cinema: 'Elemental'

Thursday December 28 • 2:30pm

Join others to watch the Disney Pixar film (rated PG, 101 min.). Shown with subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing. **For ages 6 and up.**

### Polar Bear Pop-Up Craft **S**

Friday December 29 • 2pm

We'll be getting into a wintery mood by making pop-up polar bear dioramas ... and we might be learning some fun polar bear facts, too! **For ages 6 and up.**

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# Story times and more

## Let's celebrate!

Kids and their families can welcome the new year with us a couple of days early at a family-friendly hour. When our New Year's at Noon kicks off **Friday December 29 at 11am**, you'd better be ready for some stories, songs and dancing, and of course a countdown (at noon instead of midnight) followed by a balloon drop! **For ages 3 and up with caregiver.**

### Tiny Tots

Tuesdays November 7-December 19 • 10am

**BONUS!** Tuesday November 14 • 11am

Wednesdays November 1-December 20 • 10am\*

*Songs, dancing, learning and fun. For children up to 35 months with caregiver.*

*\*except November 22*

### Family Story Time

Wednesdays November 1-December 20 • 11am\*

*Stories, songs and more. For ages 0-6 with caregiver. \*except November 22*

### Music and Movement

Tuesdays November 7-December 19 • 11am\*

Thursdays November 2-December 21 • 10am\*

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

*\*except November 14 and 23*

### Preschool Story Time

Thursdays November 2-December 21 • 11am\*

*Join us for stories, learning and fun. For ages 2-6 with caregiver. \*except November 23*

### Saturday Story Time

Saturdays November 4-December 16 • 11am

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

### Sensory Playtime

Friday November 3 • 10am

Friday December 15 • 10am

*Stop by for open-ended play with our various sensory items including Play-Doh, squishy liquid tiles and more. For ages 2 and up with caregiver.*

### Sensory Story Time

Friday November 10 • 10am AND 11am

Friday December 8 • 10am AND 11am

*Traditional story time components blended with sensory elements for a gentler, more low-key story time. For ages 2 and up with caregiver.*

### Pajama Story Time

Wednesday November 29 • 7pm

Wednesday December 27 • 7pm

*Put on your comfiest pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed friend, and bring the whole family to this special evening story time. For children ages 0-6 and their families.*

## 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.

## Literacy tip

Singing slows down language so children can hear different parts of words and notice how they are alike and different.



New Year's at Noon  
December 29



Tiny Tots  
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## What's new?



### Ongoing discussion

The library is looking to undergo a major building project to update its 50-year-old building to address outdated and aging components, add in-demand space for today's library users and collection needs, and enhance accessibility and environmental sustainability.

Keep track of the discussion, get the latest information and provide feedback through our webpage dedicated to the project:

[www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/building-project-updates](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org/building-project-updates).

### Get your books delivered

Free delivery service is available for residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who are unable to visit the library because of a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition. The library van will make deliveries to your home every two weeks and pick up returns.

To request delivery service, call the library at (518) 439-9314 or use the online Books to People request form.



### 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 Instagram (@bethlehempubliclibrary) and YouTube (@bethlehempubliclibrary9609).



### 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.