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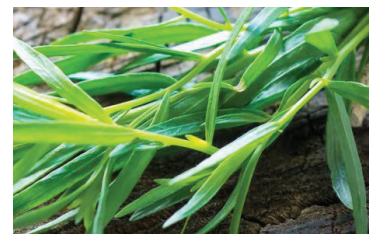
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### Library board

- Monday September 9 • 6pm
- Tuesday October 15 • 6pm

### Friends board

- Monday October 21 • 6:30pm

### Library hours

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

### Holiday hours

- August 31-September 2 CLOSED  
Labor Day weekend
- Monday October 14 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.

## All ages

### 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 21, from 10am-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. Enjoy music while you shop with **Project H at 1pm.**

The Friends will be accepting donations for the sale **Thursday September 19 from 12:30-4:30 pm** and **Friday September 20 from 10:30am-2:30pm.**

Pricing will be cash-only by suggested donation; the Friends will not be able to make change. Money from the sale helps the Friends support the library with special projects and purchases not covered by traditional funding.

#### Grassroot Givers Book Donation Event

Saturday September 28 • 10am-1pm

*Accepted donations include adult fiction and nonfiction and children's board books, picture books and chapter books — none older than 10 years.*

#### Competitive Puzzling

Saturday September 28 • 2:30-4:30pm

*Work solo or in a group to see who can solve their puzzle fastest to become the reigning library puzzle champion.*

#### A Little Sunday Music: Songs of Sisterhood

Sunday September 29 • 2pm

*The all-female Diane Geddes sextet features Geddes on keyboard, vocalists Cathy Olsen and Terri Roben, Karen Kraker on drums, and Kristina Johnson on saxophone. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

#### A Little Sunday Music: Caroline Doctorow

Sunday October 13 • 2pm

*A renowned folk singer and songwriter, Doctorow's songs and voice have been heard on soundtracks on the large and small screen. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library*

## Out and About

#### Pop-Up Library at the Farmers Market

Saturday September 7 • 9am-1pm

*Find us at the Delmar Farmers Market where you can check out some new titles and learn more about the library.*

#### Five Rivers Fall Festival

Saturday September 14 • 10am-4pm

*Look for us at the Fall Festival! We'll have goodies and giveaways and can answer all your library questions.*

#### Halloween Hay Day

Sunday October 20 • 1-3pm

*Stop by the library's booth at the Town's Halloween Hay Day event at Elm Avenue Park. Chat with the librarian, do a craft and get treats.*

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# Adults

## Ready for an AI Challenge?

Imagining the impact of Artificial Intelligence's limitless potential on our society is a daunting task. Throughout history, there have been technological advancements that we struggled to fully understand or have instilled fear. Learning more can help alleviate these concerns.

From **Tuesday September 3 through Monday September 30**, you're invited to pick up an AI Challenge card at the library and join us as we explore the possibilities of generative AI. Try out different AI tools at your own pace during the month. Finish all of the challenges and you'll get a special completion prize. *The AI Challenge is adapted from the "Adventures in AI" program developed by the Capital District Library Council.*

### Language Exchange **S**

Tuesday September 3 • 5:30pm

Tuesday October 8 • 5:30pm

*Would you like to practice speaking in another language? Do you need practice with English conversation? Do you want to learn to understand Japanese? Have you always wanted to speak French? Whatever your language interests, we want to hear from you. Bring your personal abilities and chat with others interested in exploring the wide world of languages in a safe, casual setting.*

### Dungeons and Dragons for Adults **S**

Tuesday September 3 • 6pm

Tuesday October 8 • 6pm

*Join us for a night of laughs, critical thinking, improvisation and roleplaying in Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition.*

### Friday Matinee: "Dead Poets Society"

Friday September 6 • 2pm

*Head back to school this fall with the 1989 coming-of-age drama (PG, 128 min.) about a well-respected prep school that is enlivened by a newly-arrived, charismatic English teacher, who inspires his students with unconventional methods and philosophies.*

### Fall Scented Sugar Scrubs **S**

Monday September 9 • 6pm

*Who says you have to wait for the Fall solstice to enjoy pumpkin spice everything? Come to the library and make sugar scrubs with your favorite fall scents. **Teens ages 13 and older welcome!***

### Trivia Night

Tuesday September 10 • 7pm

Tuesday October 8 • 7pm

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

### Listen and Learn: Exploring American Folk Songs

Friday September 13 • 10am

*Performer Deb Cavanaugh will sing and play traditional American folk songs. She will also demonstrate the limberjack, mountain dulcimer, and crankie, explaining their significance in the genre. Sing along and ask questions about the music. You will also have a chance to try playing the limberjack.*

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**AI Challenge**  
**September 3-30**

## Book Discussions

### Day Books

#### Mondays at 1:30pm

September 9

*Remarkably Bright Creature*  
by Shelby Van Pelt

October 7

*The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel

### Dark Corners Book Group **S**

#### Wednesdays at 7pm

September 18

*You Know Her* by Meagan Jennett

October 16

*Heart-Shaped Box* by Joe Hill

### LongReads

#### Thursdays at 6:30pm

October 17

*G-Man: J. Edgar Hoover and the Making of the American Century*  
by Beverly Gage

### Book Talk **S**

Tuesday October 22 • 6:30pm

*The Picture of Dorian Gray*  
by Oscar Wilde

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

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## Scary movie showdown October



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

### Coming up in September/October:

**September 10 • 2pm: Garrett Graff**, bestselling author, Pulitzer Prize finalist

**September 18 • 2pm: Nate Klemp**, mindfulness entrepreneur and author

**September 21 • 7pm: Liane Moriarty**, author of "Big Little Lies"

**October 2 • 2pm: Rachel Page**, Smithsonian scientist and bat expert

**October 9 • 7pm: Silvia Moreno-Garcia**, bestselling author of "Mexican Gothic"

**October 22 • 2pm: Lori Gottlieb**, therapist, bestselling author and journalist

## Adults *(continued)*

### Time for monster madness!

We're bringing back the bracket for a showdown of frightening flicks. Vote each week for your favorite scary movie, online or in-person, and we'll tally the results as we narrow down the field. You do not have to have seen all the movies to vote. At the end of the contest, we'll be holding a screening of the scary movie showdown winner on **Wednesday October 30 at 6pm**.

#### Monday Night Social Hour

Monday September 16 • 6pm

Monday October 14 • 6pm

*Join us for a new low-key social event for adults with board games, refreshments, and ice breakers to help make it easier for folks who are a little out of practice when it comes to socializing. Adults of all abilities, including those who are learning English, are welcome.*

#### Creating Photobooks

Tuesday September 17 • 7pm

*Learn how to turn your vacation pictures or any other digital photo collection into a photobook using Shutterfly. Come to watch and listen or bring your laptop to work on your own book.*

#### Craft & Color for Adults

Monday September 23 • 11am

Monday October 14 • 11am

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

#### Tech Tuesday: Consumer Reports

Tuesday September 24 • 10am

*Join us over Zoom for an introduction to our popular Consumer Reports database, and learn how to access unbiased reviews for all types of products. All Bethlehem cardholders can access this database from the comfort of their own home, so with a few tips and tricks you'll be ready to research your next purchase.*

#### The Hudson Valley: The First 250 Million Years

Tuesday September 24 • 7pm

*Author David Levine will discuss his book that explores the deep history of the area, from the dinosaurs and the glaciers to the first native peoples and the first European settlers, from the slave society to the Civil War, from the robber barons and bootleggers to the war heroes and the happy rise of craft beer pubs. This is part of a series of historical talks presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. **All ages welcome!***

#### Midday Tech: Chromebook

Wednesday September 25 • noon

*Bring your devices. We will discuss the basics of using a Chromebook and answer your technology questions.*

#### Community Yoga

Wednesday September 25 • 6pm

Wednesday October 23 • 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.*

#### Spice Sharing: Tarragon

Thursday September 26 • 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.*

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### Book Page Pumpkins **S**

Thursday October 3 • 6:30pm

Join us as we turn old book pages into cute pumpkins to get into the fall spirit. Spots are limited, so please sign up in advance. **Teens welcome!**

### Bethlehem Film Club

Sunday October 6 • 2pm

Enjoy an old favorite or a movie you have never seen. Connect with others to discern the meaning behind the stories on the silver screen. **Teens welcome!**

### Recipe Swap: Gluten-Free Baking

Thursday October 10 • 6:30pm

This month, we're sharing our favorite recipes that are suitable for gluten-free diets.

### Listen and Learn: An Adventurous Life in Diplomacy

Friday October 11 • 10am

Robert Gosende served as a diplomat in the US Foreign Service from the early 1960s to the end of the 1990s. His career intersected with some of the most important places, people and events of the time. To mark the 100th anniversary of the Foreign Service, Ambassador Gosende will discuss his career in diplomacy.

### The Hudson Valley: The Albany Susquehanna Railroad **S**

Wednesday October 16 • 7pm

Jill Knapp, author of the book "The Time For Redemption," will discuss the Albany Susquehanna Railroad. This is part of a series of historical talks presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. **All ages welcome!**

### Author In Person: Catherine Bruns **S**

Saturday October 19 • 2pm

Local author Catherine Bruns will talk about the ins and outs of the writing process and character development. If time allows, she will also read from her upcoming cozy mystery, "In the Blink of a Pie."

### Risk of Falls

Monday October 21 • 10am

Hear from a physical therapist from Sunnyview Delmar to learn about the risk of falls, how physical therapists screen for it, and how to decrease your risk.

### Monday Matinee: "The Bride of Frankenstein"

Monday October 21 • 2pm

Celebrate spooky season at the library with this 1935 monster-movie classic (PG, 75 min.) in which a mad scientist is persuaded by a creepy doctor to create a mate for his creature to help fabricate a new race.

### Ghostly Wreaths **S**

Monday October 21 • 6pm

Make a spooky ghost wreath at the library. This is a beginner level craft and all supplies will be provided. **Teens welcome!**

### Author in Person: Dorian Sinnott

Monday October 28 • 7pm

Join local horror author Dorian Sinnott for a haunting reading, Q&A session, followed by a meet-and-greet style signing.

### Selected Poems of William Butler Yeats (Part 1 of 5) **S**

Tuesday October 29 • 7pm

William Butler Yeats (1865-1939) is a fascinating, and justly renowned, poet. Among his gifts, he was able to convert personal struggles – to find meaning, love, satisfaction – into language and imagery of universal, lasting appeal. Our five-part workshop will consider selected poems from throughout his extensive body of work.

### Book Trick-or-Treating **S**

Thursday October 31 • 6:30pm

Not stepping out to pick up candy tonight? Why not pop in to the library for some trick-or-treating ... with books!



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## Jackbox Game Night October 11



## Creation Station

Available 9:30am-8:30pm  
in the Children's Place

September 9-15— **Big Pencil**  
October 7-13 — **Monster Mash  
Masks**

All supplies provided!



## Trunk or Treat October 23

## Tweens and teens

### Creation Station: Make Your Own Stickers

Tuesday and Wednesday September 3-4 • all day

Drop into the teen space creation station to make your own custom stickers. **For 10-18.**

### Teen Hangout

Tuesday September 17 • 3:45pm

Tuesday October 22 • 3:45pm

Come to the library after school for board games, crafts, homework help and good vibes. Listen to music, watch a cozy TV show and eat some snacks while you hang out with friends. **For ages 12-18.**

### BLT: Bethlehem Library Teens

Wednesday September 18 • 2:15pm

Wednesday October 16 • 2:15pm

Come help your library! Plan events, give advice, prep crafts, enjoy snacks and more.

Will meet at the BCHS library. **For ages 12-18.**

### Jackbox Game Night

Friday October 11 • 7pm

Join us for a fun, chill, evening of Jackbox games. If you have a smartphone, bring it.

If not, we've got you covered with library iPads. **For grades 6-12.**

## Kids and families

### Paws to Read

Monday September 9 • 4-4:45pm

Monday September 23 • 4-4:45pm

Monday October 7 • 4-4:45pm

Monday October 21 • 4-4:45pm

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

### Chess Club

Mondays September 9-October 21 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm\*

Attend one session per night and try your hand at chess with peers or teen

volunteers. All experience levels welcome. **For grades K-5. \*except September 30 and October 14**

### Hot-Air Balloon Craftapalooza

Monday September 16 • 10am

Create a hot-air balloon inspired art in celebration of the Adirondack Balloon Festival. **For ages 2 and up with caregiver.**

### Kids Build

Thursday October 3 • 10-11:30am

Friday October 11 • 2:30-4pm

Kids build in a free play session with Lego, Duplo, snap circuits, puzzles and more. **For ages 4-11.**

### Page-to-Screen Book Club: "The Halloween Tree"

Monday October 14 • 2pm

Read the book (copies at the library), come to the library to watch the movie and then join in the group discussion. **For ages 8 and up.**

### Trunk or Treat at Elm Avenue Park

Wednesday October 23 • 4pm

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! The event will feature dozens of creative trick-or-treating stations hosted by local community groups.

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# Story times and more

## Music and Movement

Tuesdays September 10-October 29 • 11am\*

Thursdays September 5-October 24 • 10am\*

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except September 19, October 1 and 3

## Preschool Story Time

Thursdays September 5-October 24 • 11am\*

Join us for stories, learning and fun. **For ages 2-6 with caregiver.** \*except September 19 and October 3

## Tiny Tots

Tuesdays September 10-October 29 • 10am\*

Stories, songs and fingerplays. **For children up to 35 months with caregiver.** \*except October 1

## Family Story Time

Wednesdays September 11-October 30 • 10am\*

Monday September 16 • 1:30pm

Monday October 28 • 1:30pm

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except September 18 and October 2

## Family Play Time

Wednesdays September 11-October 30 • 11am\*

Free play and socialization with a variety of toys. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except September 18 and October 2

## Saturday Story Time

Saturdays September 28-October 26 • 11am\*

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except October 5

## Sensory Story Time and Play

Friday September 27 • 10am

Friday October 25 • 10am

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

## Sensory Play Time

Friday October 4 • 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.**

## Craft-A-Snack

Friday September 6 • 10am

Saturday October 5 • 10am

Listen to a librarian read you a story and then build your own snack. **For children ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

## Monarch Monday: Pine Hollow Arboretum

Monday September 9 • 2pm

Join us at the arboretum for an afternoon of tagging, releasing and discovering monarchs and other types of pollinators. **For children ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

## Big Play Day

Thursday September 19 • 10:30am

This is an opportunity for young children to play and socialize. We'll provide toys, games and activities. **For children ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

## Royal Tea Party

Monday October 14 • 10am

Come dressed as your favorite princess or prince and enjoy iced tea and cookies while listening to some stories and songs. **For children ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

## Library Trick or Treat

Thursday October 31 • 10-11am

Stop by the Children's Place and trick or treat in a safe, dry place. Costumes are optional, but fun is not! **For ages 0-6 and families.**



## Monarch Monday September 9



## Library Trick or Treat October 31

### Parents, please note:

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

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## News and notes

### Building bond vote in the works

The library is looking to have a bond proposal go to a vote in early fall so the public can have a chance to weigh in on upgrades and accessibility improvements to our 50-year-old building. The project is also intended to address outdated and aging components, add in-demand space for today's library users and collection needs, and enhance environmental sustainability.

Design details, costs and the date of the vote are still being finalized, but you can keep up to date with the latest developments by visiting [bethpl.org/building-project-updates](http://bethpl.org/building-project-updates).

### 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, we're helping out by collecting new, unopened household cleaning and hygiene supplies for the Bethlehem Food Pantry from **October 7-18**.

The food pantry is particularly looking for supplies such as Windex, bleach, Comet and scrub pads, as well as toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, toilet paper and tissues.

A donation receptacle will be set up in the lobby.

## 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 7**.

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) the library at (518) 439-9314, ext. 3049.

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  
c/o Bethlehem Public Library  
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### Friends bus trip to New York City Saturday December 7

name \_\_\_\_\_

address \_\_\_\_\_

telephone \_\_\_\_\_

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

email \_\_\_\_\_

Friend—\$50

nonmember—\$55

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

**I understand that my cancelled 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

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED \_\_\_\_\_

