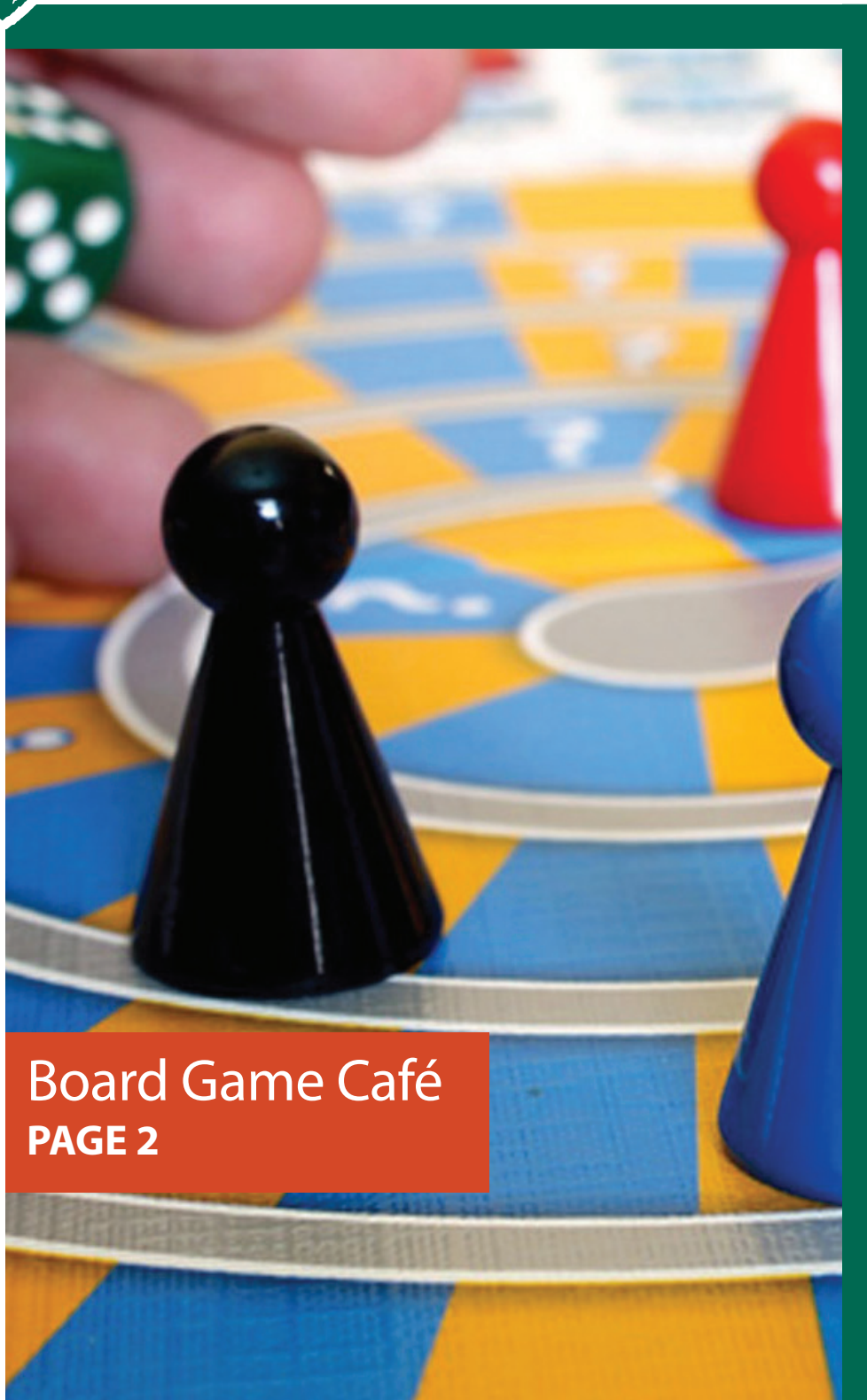


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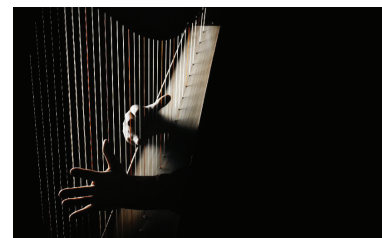


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Library board

- Tuesday November 12 • 6pm
- Monday December 9 • 6pm

Friends board

- Monday December 16 • 6:30pm

Library hours

weekdays 9-9 • Saturdays 10-5

Sundays 12-5

Holiday hours

- **November 11:** OPEN 9-9
- **November 27:** OPEN 9-5
- **November 28:** CLOSED
Thanksgiving Day
- **November 29:** OPEN 9-5
- **December 6:** CLOSED
Staff development day
- **December 24-25:** CLOSED
Christmas holiday
- **December 31:** OPEN 9-3
- **January 1:** CLOSED
New Year's Day

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All ages

Board Game Café

Thursday November 21 • 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! Food and drink will be provided.

Competitive Puzzling

Sunday December 8 • 2-4pm

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

Adults

From First to Last Page

It's November, and for many of us, that means it's time to write! Whether you're working on poems, short stories or a novel, stop by the library. We'll have all the resources you need to get started.

We will be holding three Friday afternoon write-in sessions from **3-4:45 pm on November 1, 8 and 22**. Enjoy a cozy space dedicated to writing and a chance to talk to other writers about the writing process.

On **Saturday November 16**, there will be an information session at **2:30pm** focused on plot structure, character creation and development, and more. You will also learn about online and physical resources that can help improve your writing.

Tweens and teens welcome!



Listen and Learn: "The Neighborhood That Disappeared"

Friday November 1 • 10am

"The Neighborhood That Disappeared" documents the destruction of an entire neighborhood in Albany, when a massive urban renewal project in 1962 displaced 8% of the city's population and closed more than 350 businesses. Watch a screening of the 2014 documentary followed by a Q&A with the film's director, Mary Paley.

Author in Person: Steven Sandler S

Saturday November 2 • 2:30pm

The local and distinguished psychiatrist will discuss his newest work, "The Education of Crazy Jane."

Bethlehem Film Club

Sunday November 3 • 2pm

Sunday December 15 • 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!*

American Red Cross Blood Drive S

Tuesday November 5 • noon-6pm

Call 1-800-RED-CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org for more information and to schedule an appointment. Use Bethlehemlibrary as the sponsor code. Walk-ins welcome.

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Dungeons and Dragons for Adults **S**

Tuesday November 5 • 6pm

Tuesday December 3 • 6pm

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

Trivia Night

Wednesday November 6 • 7pm

Tuesday December 10 • 7pm

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

Community Yoga

Thursday November 7 • 6pm

Wednesday December 4 • 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.

Monday Matinee: "The Manchurian Candidate"

Monday November 11 • 2pm

Stop by the library to enjoy the 1962 classic (PG-13, 126 min.) in which POWs returning from Korea appear to have been brainwashed.

Monday Night Social Hour

Monday November 11 • 6pm

Monday December 30 • 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.

Online Shopping and Retail Consumer Protection **S**

Tuesday November 12 • 5pm

Join the NYS Division of Consumer Protection to learn how to stay safe and avoid scams when shopping for the holidays. After this presentation, you will know your rights as a consumer when purchasing online and in-person. We will also go over safety tips when purchasing items for children.

Midday Tech Help **S**

Wednesday November 13 • noon

Wednesday December 11 • noon

Come ask questions and get assistance with technology. Whether you want to know about a recent trend or need help with your smartphone, feel free to stop in. We are happy to describe, show or guide you through your technical quandaries.

Spice Sharing: Mace **S**

Thursday November 14 • 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.

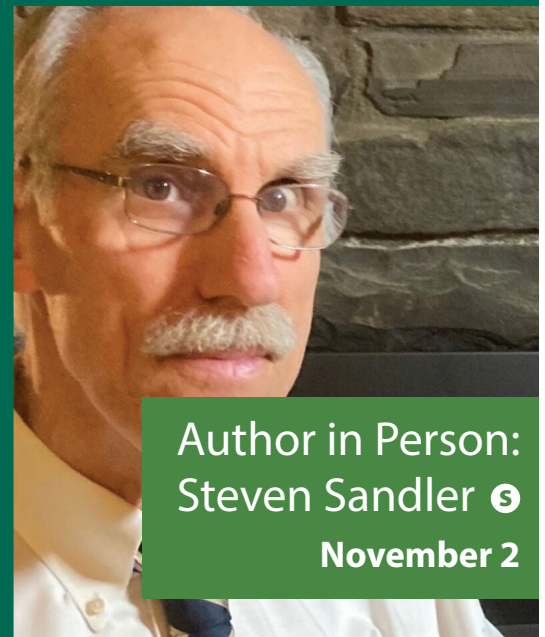
A Little Sunday Music: "A Place for Us" Tribute to Leonard Bernstein

Sunday November 17 • 2pm

Join Rosanne Hargrave, soprano, and Michael Clement on piano for a musical journey exploring the marvelous, passionate and heartfelt music of Leonard Bernstein. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

All ages welcome!

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November 2

Book Discussions

Day Books

Mondays at 1:30pm

November 4

Homecoming by Kate Morton

December 2

Flight by Lynn Steger Strong

Dark Corners Book Group **S**

Wednesdays at 7pm

November 13

Lone Women by Victor LaValle

December 11

Black Sheep by Rachel Harrison

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



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History of the Hay Press November 20

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 libraryc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

Coming up in November/December:

November 7 • 7pm: Stanley Milford, Jr., author of "The Paranormal Ranger"

November 14 • 4pm: Javier Zamora, award-winning memoirist

November 20 • 7pm: Mona Susan Power, Native American author of "A Council of Dolls"

December 4 • 2pm: Jeff Post, curator and research mineralogist at the Smithsonian Institute

December 11 • 2pm: Laura Dave, best-selling novelist

Adults *(continued)*

Craft & Color for Adults

Monday November 18 • 11am

Monday December 16 • 11am

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

History of the Hay Press

Wednesday November 20 • 7pm

Bethlehem farmers grew an enormous quantity of hay that was shipped on the Hudson River to feed the hungry horses of New York City. The hay press, a large mechanical set up that uses pressure to squeeze loose hay into bales, was an important part of the process. Jonathan Palmer, Greene County historian, will discuss the impact of this technology. This is part of a series of historical talks presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. **All ages welcome!**

Tech Help: Setting a Holiday Budget

Friday November 22 • 11am

Do you struggle with setting a budget during the holiday season? Learn some helpful tips and tricks for using technology to set a budget and stick to it.

Book Binding Basics

Monday November 25 • 6pm

Book binding is a relatively easy hobby to break into, and many of the supplies you need are probably already in your home. Stop by the library to learn the basics of book binding, with a tutorial in binding your own (small) book or journal.

Teens welcome!

Alcohol Ink Ornaments

Saturday December 7 • 3pm

By popular demand, we're bringing back alcohol ink art – and this time, we're making decorative baubles that will brighten up any space. Supplies are limited.

Teens welcome!

Downsizing & Organizing

Monday December 9 • 10am

A representative from Organize Senior Moves will present some organizing tips, and be available to talk you through tackling the toughest of projects.

Monday Matinee: "High Noon"

Monday December 9 • 2pm

Stop by the library to enjoy the 1952 western (PG, 85 min.) in which a retiring town marshal is left on his own as he prepares for a high-noon showdown with a gang of vengeful outlaws whose leader he arrested.

Emergency Preparedness Course

Monday December 9 • 5pm

With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. This one-hour course is taught by members of the NY Air and Army National Guard, as part of the Citizen Preparedness Corps program. It includes a certification by the state.

How to Hygge and Survive the Winter

Monday December 16 • 6pm

Whether you're excited for snow days or dreading the cold, short days, stop by the library to learn about Hygge (pronounced "hooga"), a concept from Denmark that embraces unwinding and taking things slow. Dress comfortably and bring a blanket if you'd like.

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Translation as a Technique for Fiction **S**

Tuesday December 17 • 6:30pm

*How can you use translation, whether between two different languages or within one language but with different words, for your own fiction writing? Join us for an interactive workshop with Ian Ross Singleton, the nonfiction editor of *Asymptote* and lecturer in Writing and Critical Inquiry at UAlbany.*

How to Age Safely in Your Home

Friday December 20 • 2pm

Learn about recommendations for decluttering, potential adaptations, and organizing strategies to decrease potential for falls.

A Little Sunday Music: Elizabeth Huntley

Sunday December 22 • 2pm

Elizabeth Huntley is the principal harpist with the Glens Falls Symphony, and has accompanied a wide range of musicians, including Josh Groban, Barry Manilow and Roger Daltrey. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

All ages welcome!

Mindfulness in the Holiday Season **S**

Monday December 23 • 6:30pm

Are the holidays stressing you out? Do you need an hour to breathe and remind yourself what's really important? Take that hour here at the library! We will lead you through some simple mindfulness techniques that you can use to re-center yourself.

Tweens and teens

BLT: Bethlehem Library Teens

Thursday November 14 • 5:45pm

Thursday December 12 • 5:45pm

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

For ages 12-18.

Teen Hangout

Tuesday November 19 • 3:45pm

Tuesday December 17 • 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.***

Kids and families

Paws to Read

Monday November 4 • 4-4:45pm

Monday November 18 • 4-4:45pm

Monday December 2 • 4-4:45pm

Monday December 16 • 4-4:45pm

Monday December 30 • 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.***

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How to Hygge **S** December 16



Paws to Read
November 4 and 18
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Kids and families *(continued)*

Chess Club

November 4 and 18

December 2 and 16



Creation Station

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

November 4-10: Fall mini-wreaths

November 27 • 10am-2pm:
Leafy Triceratops

December 2-8: Smart cookie
All supplies provided!



Make a Marble Maze 
December 26

Chess Club

Monday November 4 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday November 18 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday December 2 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday December 16 • 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.**

Computer Programing for Kids

Saturday November 9 • 2-3pm

Saturday December 14 • 2-3pm

Students from the CS++ Computer Science Club at Bethlehem Central High School will be leading science-related activities focused on inspiring future scientists and promoting inclusivity in STEM. **For ages 6-11**

Pumpkin Pie Craft

Saturday November 30 • 10am-4pm

Stop by the Children's Place and make a yummy looking pumpkin pie magnet craft to take home and hang on the fridge! While supplies last. **For ages 3 and up.**

Page-to-Screen Book Club: "The Guardians of Childhood"

Monday December 23 • 2pm

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

Make a Marble Maze

Thursday December 26 • 10am

Use repurposed materials, a box and your creativity to build a maze for marbles. **For ages 8-14 capable of safely using sharp tools and hot glue guns.**

Clay Snowpeople

Thursday December 26 • 6:30pm

Stop by the library for a cozy evening of making snowmen, snowwomen and snowchildren out of air-dry clay, and sip on some hot cocoa while you work! **For ages 6 and up.**

DIY: Snowman Measuring Stick

Friday December 27 • 10am

How many inches of snow will we get this winter? You can answer that question yourself with your very own snowman measuring stick. Personalize it with a hat, a scarf, or a bow, and while it dries, we'll learn some cool facts about snow and winter weather. **For ages 6 and up.**

Custom Journal Make & Take

Monday December 30 • all day

Come to the Children's Place to pick up a journal, customize it, and take it home with some tips and prompts. Supplies are limited and available on a first-come basis. **For ages 6 and up.**

Story times and more

Ring in the 'noon' year

Kids and their families can welcome the new year with us a few hours early when our New Year's at Noon kicks off **Tuesday December 31 at 11am**. There will be songs and dancing, and of course a countdown (to noon instead of midnight) followed by balloons and bubbles! **For ages 3 and up with caregiver.**

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Story times and more *(continued)*

Family Play Time

Wednesdays November 6-December 18 • 11am*

Free play and socialization with a variety of toys. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

*except November 27

Family Story Time

Wednesdays November 6-December 18 • 10am*

Monday November 25 • 1:30pm

Monday December 9 • 1:30pm

Friday December 27 • 2:30pm

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** *except November 27

Music and Movement

Thursdays November 7-December 19 • 10am*

Tuesdays November 12-December 17 • 11am

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

with caregiver. *except November 28

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays November 7-December 19 • 11am*

Join us for stories, learning and fun. **For ages 2-6**

with caregiver. *except November 28

Saturday Story Time

Saturdays November 9-December 21 • 11am*

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

caregiver. *except December 14

Tiny Tots

Tuesdays November 12-December 17 • 10am

Stories, songs and fingerplays. **For children up to 35 months with caregiver.**

Craft-A-Snack Story Time **S**

Saturday November 2 • 11am

Saturday December 14 • 11am

Listen to a librarian read you a story and then build your own snack. **For ages**

0-5 with caregiver.

Sensory Play Time

Friday November 8 • 10am

Friday December 20 • 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 and Play

Friday November 15 • 10am

Friday December 13 • 10am

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

Autumn Leaves Art

Monday November 25 • 10am

Drop in and make an autumn leaf-themed craft or two. **For ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

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.

Literacy tip

Reading together and talking about what you read increases children's vocabulary and background knowledge.



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December 31



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What's new?



A plan for the future

The library is continuing to prepare a building project to put before a public vote in the coming months. This project will address the outdated and aging infrastructure of the 50-year-old library building, add in-demand space for today's users and collection needs, and enhance accessibility and environmental sustainability.

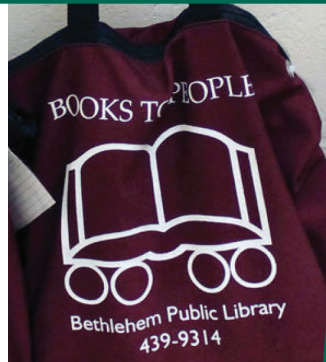
Once the final details are in place, an official public notice will be presented to residents of the Bethlehem Central School District.

Keep track of the latest updates through our webpage dedicated to the project:
bethpl.org/building-project-updates.

Get your books delivered

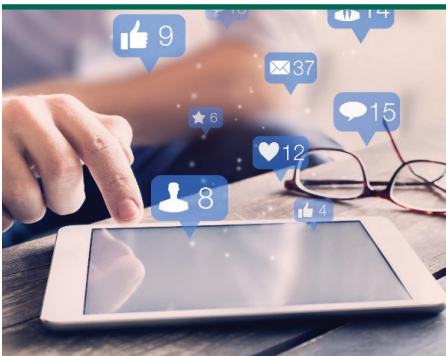
Free delivery service is available for residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who are unable to visit the library because of a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition. The library van will make deliveries to your home every two weeks and pick up returns.

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



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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