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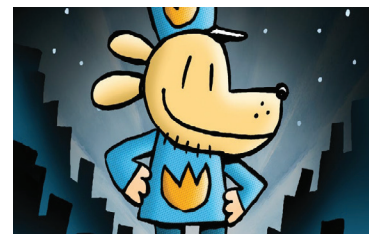
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- Monday January 13 • 6pm
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- Monday February 17 • 6:30pm

Library hours

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

Holiday hours

- **January 1:** CLOSED
New Years' Day holiday
- **January 20:** OPEN MLK Jr. Day
- **February 17:** 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.

All ages

Cards for the Community

Wednesday January 29 • 2pm

It's winter, and we could all use some cheer, even though the holiday season is over. Join our teen volunteers and make cards for community members. We're partnering with local senior living centers to pass around some mid-winter cheer.

A Little Sunday Music: Jackie Wright

Sunday February 2 • 2pm

Flautist Jackie Wright returns to the library for a concert highlighting the beauty and versatility of the instrument. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Valentine's Day Movie: "Corpse Bride"

Friday February 14 • 3:30pm

Join us for a Valentine's Day screening of this 2005 animated tale (PG, 77 min.).

Competitive Puzzling

Sunday February 16 • 2-4pm

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

Adults

Recommended reading

Ready to start the new year with some new reading recommendations? Beginning **January 2**, you can pick up a copy of the first issue of the *Bethlehem Reader* at the Information Desk. Our new reader's advisory publication, written by Bethlehem librarians, just might introduce you to your next favorite thing.

French Conversation Club **S**

Monday January 6 • 3:30pm

Thursday January 23 • 3:30pm

Monday February 3 • 3:30pm

Thursday February 13 • 3:30pm

*Whether French is your first language or you are an enthusiastic beginner, come practice speaking French at the library. **Teens welcome!***

Needle Felting: Owls **S**

Monday January 6 • 6pm

*Stop by the library to try out a new hobby: needle felting. We'll be creating colorful owls to decorate your home. All supplies will be provided. Please be mindful, needle felting involves sharp needles. **Teens 14 and older welcome!***

Air-Dry Clay Workshop **S**

Part 1: Thursday January 9 • 6:30pm

Part 2: Thursday January 16 • 6:30pm

*Join us for a two-part workshop where we create magnets, pins, earrings and more out of air-dry clay. We'll sculpt our projects, then paint them the following week once they're dry. **Teens welcome!***

3D Paper Bag Snowflakes

Friday January 10 • 3pm

*Warm up your winter with a fun library craft. Drop in to make your own (giant!) 3D paper bag snowflake. All supplies will be provided. **Teens welcome!***

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Snowy Frosted Mason Jar Vases

Sunday January 12 • 2pm

Come help us upcycle old jars by turning them into beautiful frosted vases or votives. Supplies and space are limited.

Monday Matinee: "The Odd Couple"

Monday January 13 • 2pm

Join us for a screening of the 1968 comedy classic (G, 105 min.) featuring a fussy Felix (Jack Lemmon), who becomes suicidal over his impending divorce, and his best friend, messy Oscar (Walter Matthau).

Winter Snowflake Embroidery

Friday January 17 • 3pm

Stop by the library for a crafternoon of embroidery. This is a beginner event and all supplies will be provided. **Teens welcome!**

Craft & Color for Adults

Monday January 20 • 11am

Monday February 10 • 11am

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

MLK Day Movie: "Selma"

Monday January 20 • 6:30pm

Join us for a screening of this 2014 film (PG-13, 128 min.) to learn more about the man we honor on this day.

Community Yoga

Wednesday January 22 • 6pm

Wednesday February 26 • 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: Low Sugar Baking

Thursday January 23 • 6:30pm

This month, we'll be sharing our favorite recipes for baking with little to no added sugar.

Inclisible Games

Friday January 24 • 10:30am

Friday February 28 • 10:30am

The library is partnering with Inclisible Games for a game-playing event for adults of all ages and abilities. Come with friends or meet new ones. Beginners are welcome.

Maximize Your Pension

Sunday January 26 • 1pm

Brian Sullivan will discuss six simple strategies to maximize your pension. This presentation is geared to state employees enrolled in NYSLRS but will also be relevant to public school teachers and those in the police and fire plan. There will be a meet and greet at 1pm followed by an hourlong presentation at 2pm.

Monday Night Social Hour

Monday January 27 • 6pm

Monday February 24 • 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.

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3D Paper Bag Snowflakes January 10

Book Discussions

Day Books

Mondays at 1:30pm

January 6

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

February 3

The Measure by Nikki Erlick

Dark Corners Book Group

Wednesdays at 7pm

January 15

Hex by Thomas Ode Heuvelt

February 12

Good Girls Don't Die by Christina Henry

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



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**Spice Sharing:
Star Anise** **S**
February 6

**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 for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

Coming up in January/February:

January 15 • 7pm: TJ Klune, Bestselling, Lambda Literary Award-winning author of "The House in the Cerulean Sea"

January 23 • 2pm: Amanda Montell, Bestselling author of "Cultish" and "The Age of Magical Overthinking"

January 28 • 1pm: Seth Fishman, Literary agent

February 4 • 2pm: Sabrina Sholts, Curator of biological anthropology at the Smithsonian's National Museum of Natural History

February 11 • 7pm: Waubgeshig Rice, Writer and Wasauking First Nation member

February 18 • 2pm: Lee Hawkins, American journalist and musician

Adults *(continued)*

Spice Sharing: Star Anise **S**

Thursday February 6 • 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.

Library Lovers Crafts **S**

Saturday February 8 • 3pm

Celebrate Library Lovers Month by making library-themed crafts at your local library. Join us while we make DIY Scrabble coasters and hollowed book boxes. Teens welcome!

Monday Matinee: "The Searchers"

Monday February 10 • 2pm

Stop by the library to enjoy the 1956 western (PG, 119 min.) in which a man played by John Wayne returns home to Texas after the Civil War and finds that members of his brother's family are killed or abducted by Comanches.

Rising from the Payment Pause:

How to Handle Student Loans Post COVID-19 **S**

Monday February 10 • 6pm

Jordan Daniels, a Student Debt Counselor from Empire Justice Center, will discuss options to manage or eliminate your federal student debt, including choosing the right repayment plan, how to pursue loan forgiveness, how to navigate studentaid.gov. A Q&A session will follow.

Blind Date with a Book **S**

Thursday February 13 • 6:30pm

It's almost Valentine's Day, so why not schedule a date ... with a book! Join us for a round of speed dating with library staff-recommended books. Make a connection? We'll set up a date by placing a hold.

Book Page Wreaths **S**

Saturday February 15 • 2:30pm

Join us as we recycle older and unwanted books into beautiful wreaths. Follow along using a book of your own, or make use of some weeded from our collections.

Poetry Workshop: The Pantoum **S**

Tuesday February 18 • 6:30pm

An old Malay form revived by Victor Hugo, the pantoum is a circular form with a repeating structure where the first line becomes the last line and the third line becomes the fourth line. In this workshop, we'll learn the form and read model pantoums.

Victory Gardens **S**

Wednesday February 19 • 7pm

This session examines the unprecedented contributions made by millions of ordinary Americans who fought WWII literally in their own backyards growing food for themselves, the army, and our allies in small plots known as Victory Gardens. This is part of a series of historical talks presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. All ages welcome!

Tech Tuesday: Library eContent **S V**

Tuesday February 25 • 10am

Did you know you have access to ebooks, audiobooks, digital magazines, music and streaming video all with your library card? Join us over Zoom to learn how to access digital content from your library using Libby, Hoopla, Kanopy and Flipster. There will be time to ask questions.

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English Conversation Club

Tuesday February 25 • 5:30pm

Practice your English language skills through guided discussions, natural conversations and learning games. All levels welcome.

Community Paint Night

Tuesday February 25 • 7pm

Join us for painting at the library. We will have painting supplies, video instructions and beverages. **Teens welcome!**

One-on-one tech help

Having tech trouble with your cell phone, computer or tablet? Are you struggling with Microsoft Word or Google Docs? We can provide one-on-one assistance to help work through your technology challenges. Sign up for one of the following 45-minute sessions using our online calendar, and we'll help you get some answers to your questions.

Thursday January 30 • 5:30pm, 6:30pm OR 7:30pm
Thursday February 27 • 5:30pm, 6:30pm OR 7:30pm

Tweens and teens

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesdays January 7-February 11 • 5:30pm

Enjoy a role-playing adventure in this collaboration between the library and Albany County Parks and Recreation. Please register at albanycounty.recdesk.com or call 518-655-7948 for assistance. **For ages 10-18.**

JackBox Games

Saturday January 11 • 2:30pm

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.**

D.E.A.R. Teens

Wednesday January 22 • 2pm

D.E.A.R. (Drop Everything And Read) is a time for teens to take a break, breathe, and relax during the busy mid-term exam season. We'll have cushions out, some relaxing music, and — most importantly — a relaxing environment for teens to just read.

For ages 12-18.

Origami Contest

Tuesday February 18 • all day


Drop by the Info desk to show off your folding skills for the chance to win an origami-themed prize. Supplies and prizes donated by Tuttle. **Adults welcome!**

Period Party

Thursday February 20 • 6:30pm

Join us for a gender-inclusive and informative celebration of menstruation! Upper Hudson Planned Parenthood will be here to tell you everything you need to know about periods and answer any questions you may have. Registration is required. **For ages 11 and up. Parents are welcome, but not required, to attend.**



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Kids and families

Paws to Read

Monday January 13 • 4-4:45pm

Monday January 27 • 4-4:45pm

Monday February 10 • 4-4:45pm

Monday February 24 • 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

Monday January 13 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday January 27 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday February 10 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday February 24 • 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.***

Dog Man Party

Monday January 20 • 2pm

Participants can enjoy some snacks while they work on a Dog Man-themed craft.

*Then we will test our knowledge during Dog Man trivia. Parents and caregivers are welcome. **For kids and families.***

Lunar New Year Paper Snake Craft

Wednesday January 29 • 10am-8pm

*Drop by the Children's Place and make your own Lunar New Year paper Snake craft. **For kids and families.***

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday February 1 • 11am-4pm

*Celebrate the day with a scavenger hunt around the library. **For kids and families.***

Glow Dance Party

Monday February 17 • 11am

*Come glow with us at this super fun dance party! Make sure to wear neon or white colored clothes and we will have lots of glow sticks for everyone. **For ages 6 and up and families.***

Origami Contest for Kids

Tuesday February 18 • all day

Drop by the Info desk to show off your folding skills for the chance to win an origami-themed prize. Supplies and prizes donated by Tuttle.

Page-to-Screen Book Club: "A Wrinkle in Time"

Wednesday February 19 • 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 9 and up.***

Science Around the House with Steve "The Dirtmeister" Tomecek

Thursday February 20 • 11am

*If cabin fever is starting to set in, then it's a good thing the Dirtmeister will be here with a possible remedy! This show takes a wild and wacky look at some of the science that takes place in and around the home. Using "dirt cheap" materials such as coffee cans, soda bottles, mixing bowls and even a toilet plunger, we will explore the science behind gravity, air pressure and sound. **For ages 6 and up.***

Squishmallow Painting

Friday February 21 • 3pm

*Join us to make an adorable canvas painting of a Squishmallow. You can also bring along your favorite Squishmallow friend for company. **For ages 8-12.***



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Story times and more

Tiny Tots

Tuesdays January 7-February 25 • 10am*

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

*except February 18

Music and Movement

Tuesdays January 7-February 25 • 11am*

Thursdays January 9-February 27 • 10am*

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

February 18 and 20

Family Story Time

Wednesdays January 8-February 26 • 10am*

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** *except January 29 and

February 19

Family Play Time

Wednesdays January 8-February 26 • 10am*

Free play and socialization with a variety of toys.

For ages 0-6 with caregiver. *except January 29 and February 19

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays January 9-February 27 • 11am*

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

with caregiver. *except February 20

Sensory Story Time and Play

Friday January 10 • 10am

Friday February 7 • 10am

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

Saturday Story Time

Saturdays January 11-February 22 • 11am

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

Sensory Play Time

Friday January 17 • 10am

Friday February 14 • 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.**

Winter Paper Crafts

Monday January 27 • 10am

Drop by and make some 3D paper snowmen ornaments or chill out and decorate some paper hats and mittens. **For ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

Let's Get LOUD!

Wednesday February 19 • 10am

Have you ever wanted to make some NOISE at the library? Today, we'll practice being LOUD with all kinds of musical instruments and read some stories about being loud. **For ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

Royal Tea Party

Monday February 24 • 10am

Come dressed as your favorite princess or prince and enjoy iced tea and cookies while listening to some stories and songs. Then make your way to the Children's Place where you can design your own crown. **For ages 0-5 with caregiver.**

Literacy tip

Talking, telling stories, and stretching conversations are ways children learn new information, new vocabulary, and other early literacy skills.

Music and Movement Tuesdays and Thursdays



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.



Royal Tea Party February 24

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Bus trip to Boston with the Friends

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring a trip to Boston on **Saturday April 26.**

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 \$55 for Friends of Bethlehem Public Library members and \$60 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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Friends bus trip to Boston Saturday April 26

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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.**

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