



The PORTAL

The Bayport-Blue Point Library is the community's portal to life-long learning and is dedicated to promoting knowledge, fostering creativity and bettering lives.

HOW TO SIGN UP Program registration for district residents for **Adult and Fulcrum Programs begins on Wednesday, January 3 at 9am.** Program registration for district residents for **Teen and Children's Programs begins on Saturday, December 30 at 9am.** For detailed sign-up information, please refer to each department's section inside this newsletter.

A NEW YEAR of Learning

ADULTS

EVERY BITE MATTERS: HOW YOUR FOOD CHOICES CAN HEAL OUR PLANET AND OURSELVES

TUES | JAN 30 | 6:30-8PM

Join Bob DiBenedetto, President of HealthyPlanet and long-time host of The Healthy Planet Radio Show, as he explores the profound impact of our food choices on our planet's health and our own. In this eye-opening presentation, you'll discover how our over-reliance on animal-based foods has strained our planet's resources and how shifting towards a more plant-based diet can create a healthier and more sustainable future for all. **Registration required.**

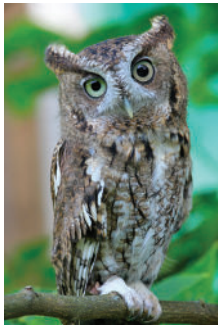


CHILDREN

THE MYSTERIES OF OWLS

THURS | JAN 25 | 4:15PM | 25 CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

Owls have always been fascinating and mysterious to people. This presentation will reveal some of the wondrous adaptations these creatures have for surviving under the cloak of darkness. Meet a Great Horned Owl, a Screech Owl, a Barred Owl, and a daytime bird of prey in this special program presented by the Sweetbriar Nature Center. **Registration required. *Please note the later start time for this program***



TEENS

STUFFED FRENCH TOAST WITH CHEF ROB

FRI | JAN 19 | 4PM

Chef Rob will be here to show you how to whip up some French toast. Oh and did I mention it will be stuffed with strawberry preserves and Italian cream cheese. Delish!! **Registration required.**

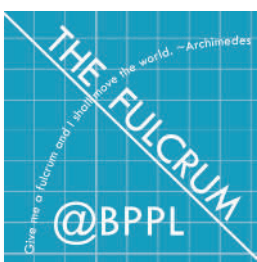


FULCRUM

COASTERS ON THE CRICUT

THURS | FEB 1 OR 8 | 7-8:30PM

Join Librarian Steve to customize a set of coasters using the Cricut. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**



MUSIC SUNDAYS

CITI-LITES CONCERT

JAN 14 | 2-3:30PM

Citi-Lites is a Long Island based high-energy party dance band that will have you on the floor all night long! Made up of a versatile group of seasoned musicians, ready to party with Rock, Blues, Disco, and Oldies! Get ready for great times, big smiles, happy faces, new friends and fun, fun, fun. **Registration required.**



DAN DONNELLY CONCERT

JAN 21 | 2-3:30PM

Dan Donnelly is a guitarist and singer who performs solo acoustic renditions of classic rock and other genres and has been a staple of the Long Island music scene for over 17 years, not to mention a 31-year resident of our community! **Registration required.**



LINDA IPANEMA

FEB 11 | 2-3:30PM

Join us for a rip-roaring Mardi Gras concert featuring Linda Ipanema, also known as the "Queen of Dixieland." Linda is considered one of the foremost singers of Dixieland jazz and has been in show business most of her life. In addition to stage Broadway musicals, she has appeared in leading films, such as, *A Bronx Tale*, *The Pope of Greenwich Village*, *Once Upon a Time in America*, and in hit TV shows such as *Law and Order*. **Registration required.**



RIDE: MARC BERGER

FEB 25 | 2-3:30PM

Marc's life has been about pursuing twin passions: creating and performing his original songs and exploring the American West. He's performed at Austin's SXSW Music Festival and the Kerrville and Falcon Ridge Folk Festivals and has opened for Bob Dylan and other national acts. His antinuclear anthem, *The Last One*, was a staple of Richie Havens' concerts. Marc's critically acclaimed album, *RIDE*, a collection of songs all having to do with the romance of the West, has received national airplay and been licensed by STARBUCKS for worldwide in-store airplay. During this special concert, Marc will perform songs from the album and share some unforgettable stories of his experiences as an easterner in remote parts of the mountain and desert West. **Registration required.**



For Library Budget Vote information and Library Cafe news, head over to page 6!

LIBRARY INFORMATION

Telephone: 631-363-6133 Email: Contactus@bbplib.org
Website: bayportbluepointlibrary.org

Library Hours: Monday - Thursday: 9am - 9pm
Friday & Saturday: 9am - 5pm • Sunday: 1-5pm

Library Closed:

New Year's Day: Monday, January 1, 2024
Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 15, 2024
Presidents' Day: Monday, February 19, 2024

Library Board meetings are held on the second Wednesday of the month at 7pm.

Please notify the Library if you need special accommodations due to a disability. The Raymond Davis Jr. Community Room is equipped with assisted listening devices.

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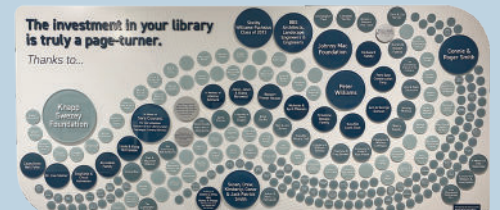
Library Director

Mike Firestone

THE FRIENDS HAVE HAD A BANNER YEAR!

Special thanks to Mike Firestone and his entire staff for their unwavering enthusiasm and assistance to the Friends Board members and volunteers at a moment's notice.

Thanks to the entire Friends Membership! Your contributions enable the Friends to support new and exciting programs for all age groups, toddler to senior and everyone in between. In addition, membership dollars helped to fund the Library of Things, a new Friends venture in 2023.



OUR PATRONS ARE THE BEST!

Every quarter spent on a used books ends up in the Friends account, along with the purchases of Donor Circles, Walkway Bricks, Canvas Bags and Author Book Sales.

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ADULT Programs

Program registration for **Adult** and **Fulcrum** programs for **Bayport-Blue Point Library** patrons begins **Wednesday, January 3 at 9am. Registration is required for all programs listed unless otherwise noted.** Patrons who register for programs that require fees have one week after signing up to pay, otherwise their spot will be released. Registering online? Click on Events, then Browse and Register. Enter your library card number and password to sign up for each program. Registering by phone? Call us at 631-363-6133 and dial 3 for the Main Desk. You will be routed to the next available staff member. **Program registration for non-residents will begin on Wednesday, January 10 at 9 am.**

Did you know that signing up for programs online is the quickest way to secure a seat? Visit a librarian in Adult Services before program sign-up day to learn how easy it is to sign up online!

OPEN MAH JONGG

FRI | JAN 5, 12, 19, 26, FEB 2, 9, 16, 23 | 10AM-12PM

Grab your friends and practice Mah Jongg in the library meeting room. The library has three Mah Jongg sets for use during this program. **Registration required.**

BEGINNER BASIC SEWING WITH LINDA

TUES | JAN 9, 16 AND 23 | 1-2PM

Learn how to use a sewing machine by making two beginner projects. Please bring one yard of cotton fabric, one yard of coordinating fabric, and a matching spool of thread. *Must have previous sewing machine experience* **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

CRAFTING WITH LAURIE

TUES | JAN 9 | 7-8:30PM

Join Laurie as she helps you create this winter-inspired door round. As a bonus, there's an everyday "Welcome to our Home" decal on the back to make this door round more versatile. You will create two different types of bows using beautiful ribbons. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



VEGETARIAN MOROCCAN SWEET POTATO LENTIL SOUP WITH CHEF ROB

WED | JAN 10 | 1-2PM

Chef Rob will warm you up with a sweet and savory menu. We will start with a hearty Moroccan sweet potato lentil soup with spices and a vegetable broth. This will be followed by a toasted coconut hot chocolate with almond whipped cream. Please bring two 12-ounce mugs to class. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



NEW YEAR, NEW SKIN CARE ROUTINE

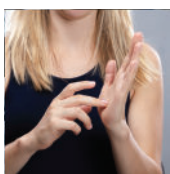
THURS | JAN 11 | 6-7PM

Does your skin feel tight and dry this time of year? Tara from Amadeus Aromatherapy will teach you how to use aromatherapy and essential oils to create a three-step winter skin care routine with natural ingredients to cleanse, moisturize, and hydrate your skin. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

INTRODUCTION TO SIGN LANGUAGE

SAT | JAN 13* | 11:30AM-1PM

Have you always wanted to learn sign language? Instructor Laura Romer will introduce you to the manual alphabet and numbers while teaching you how to express yourself in new ways. **Registration required. *If there is enough interest, this class will continue on January 20, 27, February 3 & 10.**



ADULT COLORING CLUB

TUES | JAN 16 | 2-3PM

Coloring is a healthy way to relieve stress; it calms the brain and helps your body relax. Join us for a soothing hour of coloring and conversations. No skill required! Simply bring your interest and bask in the simple beauty of coloring. **Registration preferred but not required.**



PUZZLE EXCHANGE CLUB

TUES | JAN 16 AND FEB 20 | 7-8PM

Why buy new puzzles when you can trade with others? Rather than throw them away or sell them at a garage sale, trade them with other puzzle enthusiasts. **No registration necessary.**

SEWING WITH MAUREEN

WED | JAN 17, 24 AND 31 | 6-7:30PM

Learn new sewing techniques while creating quilted potholders. Please bring two packages of mini charm packs, two fat quarters, and a matching spool of thread (available at Joann's or Amazon.) *Must have previous sewing machine experience* **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

MAXIMIZING SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN RETIREMENT

THURS | JAN 18 | 6:30-7:30PM

Join Wes Triani, LUTCF FSS, for this interactive seminar and find out what the best choices are for deciding when to take Social Security. **Registration required.**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

SAT | JAN 20 | 9AM-3PM

Complete this one-day course to reduce points and lower insurance rates. **Registration required.** Fee: \$39 CHECK ONLY payable to Joe Ogno due day of class.

IN CONVERSATION WITH MARK CHIUSANO, AUTHOR OF THE FABULIST

TUES | JAN 23 | 6:30-8PM

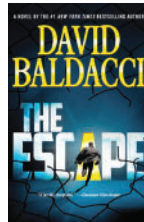
A discussion of Long Island politics and the wild career of the politician who made up almost everything – by former Newsday columnist Mark Chiusano, author of *The Fabulist*, a biography of George Santos, and *Marine Park*, a story collection that was an honorable mention for the 2015 PEN/Hemingway Award. **Registration required.**



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

THURS | JAN 25 AND FEB 22 | 1:30-2:30PM OR 6:30-7:30PM

Join us for an informal and lively book discussion during the afternoon or evening. The selection for January is *What Storm, What Thunder* by Myriam J.A. Chancy. For February's selection, we're revisiting 2014's best-selling thriller *The Escape* by David Baldacci. Books will be available at the main desk approximately four weeks before the discussion. **Registration required.**



FIRESIDE PIANO WITH J.K. HODGE

FRI | JAN 26 & FEB 23 | 1-2PM

Cozy up by the fireplace in the Raymond Davis, Jr. Community Room while enjoying soothing musical melodies performed by J.K. Hodge on the library's grand piano. Bring your lunch, a snack, work on a winter puzzle, or just sit and relax. **No registration necessary.**



KNITTING FOR BEGINNERS

MON | JAN 29 AND FEB 5 | 6-7:30PM

Anne Heavey returns to teach knitting newbies how to knit a scarf or cowl in this two-part program. Please bring 9-inch, size 8 bamboo needles and worsted weight yarn to class. Stop by the Reference desk for a list of suggested materials and where to find them. **Registration required.**

SAND & SEASHELL ART: SNOWFLAKE MANDALA

MON | JAN 29 | 6-8PM

Come experience the joy of sand and seashell art with award-winning mix media artist Anna Chan. Set your intentions for a prosperous and peaceful new year while creating your very own snowflake mandala with seashells. No prior experience necessary. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



EVERY BITE MATTERS: HOW YOUR FOOD CHOICES CAN HEAL OUR PLANET AND OURSELVES

TUES | JAN 30 | 6:30-8PM

See front cover for details.

JUDY'S VAN DOUGH FOCACCIA

THURS | FEB 1 | 6:30-7:30PM OR

THURS | FEB 22 | 2-3PM

In this hands-on cooking class, you will learn how to transform pizza dough and veggies into a stunning Van Gough inspired vegetable focaccia that is almost too pretty to eat.

Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.



CRAFTING WITH LAURIE

MON | FEB 5 | 7-8:30PM

Laurie is back to help you create a home decor piece with a Valentine's Day theme. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

Friendly Reminders:

- Due to rising program costs, program fees are now non-refundable. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- Sign-up slips for programs will be available at the Adult Services desk one week prior to program sign-up on Wednesday, December 27.
- Payment for programs is due seven days after the registration date, otherwise your spot will be released.

ADVANCED BASIC SEWING WITH LINDA

TUES | FEB 6 & 13 | 1-2PM

Learn new sewing skills as you create a reversible apron. Please bring one yard of cotton fabric, one yard of coordinating fabric, and a matching spool of thread. *Must have previous sewing machine experience* **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

CAN'T SLEEP? LET'S TALK!

TUES | FEB 6 | 6:30-8PM

Are you spending too many nights staring at the clock, worrying about your inability to fall asleep? You're not alone. Over 1/3 of Americans are struggling too. Certified Health and Sleep Science Coach Barb Herd will discuss some environmental and external factors that may be affecting your sleep, as well as ways you may be sabotaging yourself – and what to do about it. **Registration required.**



DIABETES PREVENTION

WED | FEB 7 | 1-2PM

Type 2 diabetes is a growing epidemic in the US with 1 out of 10 people diagnosed with the disease. One out of 3 people have prediabetes and 85% of them do not know it. Come learn about this epidemic, the risk factors, health consequences and ways to reduce your risk of developing type 2 diabetes by attending the free, year-long Diabetes Prevention Program. A representative from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services will be here to discuss the eligibility requirements and the benefits of attending this program. **Registration required.**

PAINT NIGHT WITH MELISSA

THURS | FEB 8 | 6:30-8PM

Spruce up your porch this winter! Paint along with Paint Party LI to create a mini welcome porch sign on rustic pallet wood. All supplies included. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

FUN FRIDAY BINGO WITH ANNE AND VALERIE

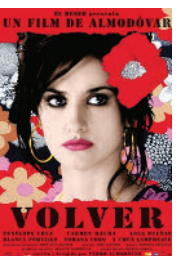
FRI | FEB 9 | 2-3PM

Come play BINGO with us and win some prizes. Refreshments will be served. **Registration required.**

INTERNATIONAL FILM NIGHT WITH J.K. HODGE - VOLVER

MON | FEB 12 | 6:30-8PM

Join J.K. Hodge for a screening of the 2006 film *Volver*, starring Penelope Cruz. Synopsis: After her death, a mother returns to her home town in order to fix the situations she couldn't resolve during her life. Movies are subtitled and begin at 6:30 with popcorn! **Registration required.**



PAPER FLOWER ART: RED, RED ROSES

TUES | FEB 13 | 6:30-8PM

Celebrate Valentine's Day with Casey as we create crepe paper roses. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$7 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



COMMUNICATION TO IMPROVE RELATIONSHIPS

THURS | FEB 15 | 6:30-8PM

Communication is central to all types of relationships, and there is always room for improvement. Frances Wozniak, LCSW, will introduce you to a communication model, which provides a common language people can use to understand themselves and those they interact with—and then use this knowledge to reduce conflict and improve relationships. **Registration required.**



ADULT Programs

CONTINUED

SEED STARTING MADE SIMPLE

TUES | FEB 20 | 6:30-7:30PM

It's seed-sowing time and master gardener Anne will prepare you for a successful gardening season. Learn when and how to start seeds indoors, outdoors and the basics of winter sowing.

Registration required.

CELEBRATING THE TUSKEGEE AIRMEN

THURS | FEB 22 | 6:30-8PM

An in-depth presentation on the history of the legendary Tuskegee Airmen, who fought a battle on two fronts in the air against



the Axis powers in Europe and at home against racism and intolerance. Reynard Burns, a Public Relations Officer for the Claude B. Govan Tri-State Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen Inc., will discuss the origins, challenges, and significance of the first Black pilots in the US military. **Registration required.**

SOUND MEDITATION WITH GUIDED IMAGERY

MON | FEB 26 | 7-8PM

Enjoy the sonic sound waves of Quartz crystal bowls, Tibetan bowls, frame drum, rattles, and other meditative sounds. The meditative sounds create a restorative and relaxing experience while reducing stress hormones. **Registration required.**

FROZEN FEATHERS: WINTER BIRDS OF LONG ISLAND

THURS | FEB 29 | 6:30-7:30PM

Did you know that Long Island has almost as many birds in winter as we do in summer? Using photos and fun facts, Dianne Taggart (long-time LI birder) will tell us all about the LI birds of winter. **Registration required.**



INTRODUCTION TO CHESS

SAT | MAR 2, 9, 16 & 23 | 1-3PM

Do you want to learn how to play chess, or brush up on your skills? Former teacher and chess enthusiast Jim Myer is here to show all levels how to play this classic game. You are welcome to bring a chessboard if you have one! **Registration required.**



MOVIE MONDAYS @ 1PM

Jan 1 ~ Closed for New Year's Day

Jan 8 ~ **Dreamin' Wild**

(PG) 1 h 51 min

Starring: Walton Goggins, Zoey Deschanel, Chris Messina



Jan 15 ~ Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Jan 22 ~ **Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny**

(PG-13) 2 h 34 min

Starring: Harrison Ford, Phoebe Waller-Bridge, Antonio Banderas



Jan 29 ~ **Past Lives**

(PG-13) 1 h 45 min

Starring: Greta Lee, Teo Yoo, John Magaro



Feb 5 ~ **Jules**

(PG-13) 1 h 27 min

Starring: Ben Kingsley, Harriet Sansom Harris, Jane Curtin



Feb 12 ~ **The Miracle Club**

(PG-13) 1 h 30 min

Starring: Maggie Smith, Laura Linney, Kathy Bates



Feb 19 ~ Closed for Presidents' Day

Feb 26 ~ **Oppenheimer**

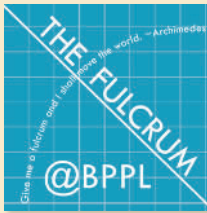
(R) 3 h

Starring: Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon



FULCRUM Programs

All of these programs will take place in The Fulcrum



Registration begins on Wednesday, January 3 at 9am for all Fulcrum Programs. The Fulcrum is your dedicated space to learn, dream, and create with technology. Equipped with 3D printers, a laser cutter, sewing machines, a Cricut, a poster printer, and more, we offer a full range of classes plus one-on-one sessions. For one-on-one sessions, call us or email your request. Check out the Fulcrum website: <https://www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org/the-fulcrum/>

Email us with any questions: Fulcrumbbp@gmail.com

***All program fees are non-refundable.**

CRICUT WINE BAGS

THURS | JAN 11 OR 25 | 7PM

Make your next gift stand out with a personal touch. Create a design to be put on a wine bag with Librarian Steve. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**

WOODEN BOOKMARK

WED | JAN 17 OR 31 | 6:30PM

Join Kelly and design a bookmark to be cut on the laser engraver using wood. Fee: \$3 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**

MICROSOFT PUBLISHER

MON | JAN 22 | 3PM

This class provides a basic introduction to Microsoft Publisher. Publisher is a desktop publishing app where the emphasis is placed on page layout and graphic design. **Registration required.**

IPAD & TABLETS

FOR ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS

TUES | JAN 23 | 6:30PM

Got a new tablet and don't know how to use it? Join us for a simple, step-by-step guided tour of how to get the most from your tablet. Don't forget to bring yours! **Registration required.**

COASTERS ON THE CRICUT

THURS | FEB 1 OR 8 | 7-8:30PM

Join Librarian Steve to customize a set of coasters using the Cricut. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**

VALENTINE'S DAY MUGS

TUES, FEB 6 | OR | WED, FEB 7 | 6:30PM

Are you looking for the perfect gift this Valentine's Day? How about a personalized mug?! Librarian Alex will show you the skills needed to create your own design using the Cricut. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**

MICROSOFT EXCEL

MON | FEB 12 | 3PM

This class provides a basic introduction to Microsoft Excel. Excel is a spreadsheet editor and features calculation and computation capabilities, graphing tools, and pivot tables. **Registration required.**



PIKACHU TOTES

TUES | FEB 27 | 6:30PM

In celebration of *National Pokémon Day*, we'll be making some cute Pikachu tote bags! Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**



Please note, projects may not be finished to take home on the day of program. Attendees will be notified when project is ready for pick-up.

EXERCISE CLASSES

CHAIR YOGA

MON | JAN 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 26 | 9:30-10:30AM

Join instructor Joy for light and slow chair-assisted yoga exercises. Regardless of age, activity or mobility levels, this class will improve your overall health and well-being. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card ONLY.**

BEGINNING YOGA

SAT | JAN 6, 27, FEB 10, 17, 24 | 10-11AM

Learn the proper alignment for basic poses in this slower-paced class designed specifically for beginners. Bring a yoga mat and wear comfortable clothing. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

MORNING YOGA

WED | JAN 10, 17, 31, FEB 7, 21, 28 | 9-10AM

All yoga levels are welcome to attend this class that focuses on building strength, focusing on breath and intentional movement through a series of poses. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$12 check or credit card ONLY.**

YOGA LEVELS I & II

WED | JAN 10, 17, 31, FEB 7, 21, 28 | 6-7PM

All yoga levels are welcome to attend this class that focuses on building strength, focusing on breath and intentional movement through a series of poses. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$12 check or credit card ONLY.**



YOGA NIDRA

WED | FEB 21 | 7-8PM

Yoga Nidra is a deep state of relaxation. One remains fully conscious while becoming aware of withdrawing into the inner world. Students will be guided by instruction; there is no need to be familiar with yoga or meditation to attend. Please bring a yoga mat, a blanket and a small pillow. **Registration required.**

NEW! TAI CHI

MON | JAN 8, 22, 29, FEB 5, 26 | 11AM-12PM

Welcome to the world of Tai Chi. Linda Bohman is here to introduce you to the evidence-based Tai Chi program designed by Dr. Paul Lam. This program uses the principles and movements of Tai Chi to help adults reduce joint pain and improve balance. **Registration required.**

SENIOR FLEX

TUES | JAN 9, 16, 23, 30, FEB 6, 13, 20, 27

10:15-11:15AM

Join Jennifer for a full-body workout. Bring light weights and water to class. **Registration required.**

Non-refundable fee: \$14 check or credit card ONLY.

THURSDAY

SENIOR FLEX

THURS

JAN 11, 18, 25,

FEB 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

10:15-11:15 AM

Join Jennifer for a full-body workout. Bring light weights and water to class. **Registration required.**

Non-refundable fee: \$14 check or credit card ONLY.



NEW! PILATES

MON | JAN 8, 29, FEB 5, 12, 26 | 6-7PM

Join Jennifer for Pilates, a full-body workout that improves muscle tone, flexibility and strength. Mat required, must be able to go to floor. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card ONLY.**

STRENGTH TRAINING

SAT | JAN 6, 27, FEB 10, 17, 24 | 9-10AM

Join training coach Jessica as she teaches a full-body strength, stability, and conditioning class. Learn key components to get stronger through body weight each week. Be sure to bring a mat. It is optional to bring your own weights. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

MEDITATION

WED | JAN 31 | 7-8PM

Join Diane for a relaxing meditation session. Be sure to bring a meditation cushion, yoga blanket or bolster to sit comfortably. Chairs can be used if you have difficulty coming to the floor. **Registration required.**





CHILDREN'S Programs

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30, 2023 AT 9:00AM.

There are several registration options: Online, walk in, and call in. Children should be registered for programs with their own library cards. Registration is required for all programs unless stated otherwise. Program registration for non-residents will begin on Saturday, January 6 at 9:00am.

TO HELP US BETTER SERVE YOU, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND ALL PROGRAMS YOUR CHILD IS REGISTERED FOR. CALL IN ADVANCE IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE LATE OR IS NOT ABLE TO JOIN US.

A variety of foods and materials are used in our programs. If your child has allergies, please be aware that the library cannot guarantee that these materials are free of ingredients that may affect your child.

Photos may be taken at our Library programs for publicity purposes. Please let us know if you do not want photos taken of your child.

FAMILY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES

GRAB & GO CRAFTS

Stop by the library to pick up a Grab & Go craft to do at home. Supplies are limited and crafts will be given out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

No registration required. Check out our themes:

JANUARY: Sew-A-Snowflake

FEBRUARY: Flapping Bird



SCAVENGER HUNTS

Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to pick up your scavenger hunt and find the hidden items throughout the Children's Department.

No registration required.

JANUARY: Find the Snowflakes

FEBRUARY: Find the Backyard Birds



COZY BLANKET RAFFLE

January is chilly! It's the best time of year to curl up with a good book and a blanket. Every time you visit the library in January, fill out a raffle for a chance to win a cozy fleece blanket.

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY RAFFLE

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3, ALL DAY

Visit the library on Saturday, February 3rd and earn a raffle for a fun prize!



Do It YOURSELF ACTIVITIES

Drop by the Children's Program Room on any of the following days between 11am and 4pm for some fun **DIY** activities! **No registration required.**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13: National Sticker Day

Drop in to make your own sticker and receive a special collectible library sticker.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3: Winter Bird Feeders

Get ready for the Great Backyard Bird Count from Feb 16-19 by making your own bird feeders.

More information about how to participate in the Great Backyard Bird Count will be available at the library.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17: Build It Fun. Build with Legos, Magna Tiles, blocks and more!



MID-WINTER RECESS DAILY DROP-INS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22 | 10AM-5PM

Drop by the Children's Program Room any day during Winter Recess for some fun **DIY** activities! Check online, or at the Children's Reference Desk for a full schedule of events.

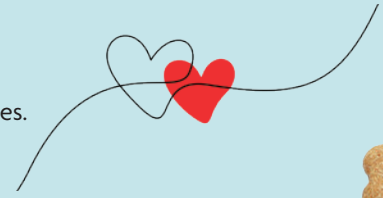
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DIY VALENTINE'S DAY CARDS

MON | FEB 12 | 3-5PM

Drop by to work on cards for your loved ones.

No registration required.



DOG TREATS

FRI | FEB 23 | 11AM OR 1PM | 5 FAMILIES PER SESSION

On National Dog Biscuit Day, learn how to make dog biscuits to take home, as well as donate to a local dog shelter. Please bring a large mixing bowl, heavy-duty mixing spoon, and a rolling pin to the program. Please Note: the recipe includes peanut butter.



YOUNGER CHILDREN

(Infant, Toddler and Preschool)

Check description for age requirements

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

We would like to invite you to participate in this free program, which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before he, or she starts kindergarten. Simply read a book to your newborn, infant, and/or toddler and then record it. If you read just one book a night, you will have read about 365 books in a year. At that rate, you can read over 1,000 books in just three years! The key is perseverance! The concept is simple and the rewards are priceless. **Sign up at the Children's Reference Desk.**



FIZZY SNOWFLAKE STORYTIME

FRI | JAN 5 | 2PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

In this extra special storytime, join us for songs and stories all about snowflakes, and try an exciting fizzy snowflake STEM activity.



ALL ABOARD!

MON | JAN 8 | 10AM

15 CHILDREN AGES

2-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Calling all train engineers! Join us for a free play with trains and tracks where you will build, use your imagination, practice your fine motor and social skills all while having fun at the library.

ME AND MY BABY

WED | JAN 10 AND FEB 7 | 9:30AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-17 MONTHS WITH A CAREGIVER

Join Ms. Kathy for socialization and play. The first portion of the class will be reserved for caregivers to converse and ask questions in a supportive environment. The second portion will include fun for the little ones, including songs, finger plays, bubbles, activities and more!

BEDTIME STORYTIME

WED | JAN 10 | 6:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS

Bedtime storytime is a great time to snuggle up with someone special and wind down after a long day. Blankets, stuffies, and jammies are optional!



FREE PLAY

FRI | JAN 12, 19, 26, AND FEB 2, 9, 16 | 9:30-11:30AM

CHILDREN 12 MONTHS-4 YEARS

WITH A CAREGIVER

Children and their caregivers will have fun making new friends and sharing in imaginative free play with the many toys provided by the library. **No registration required.**

BABY START

TUES | JAN 16 AND FEB 13 | 9:30AM

15 CHILDREN BIRTH-17 MONTHS

WITH A CAREGIVER

Focusing on early literacy, early language development and socialization, this program will introduce our littlest learners to library circle time.

LITTLE WINTER ARTISTS

THURS | JAN 18 | 1:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES

2-5 YEARS WITH

A CAREGIVER

Join us for a fabulous time creating with your little artist. Projects will be collaborative, a little messy and a lot of fun! Please wear clothes that can get messy, or bring an apron/smock to cover clothes.



SPROUTS & FRIENDS I

FRI | JAN 19, 26, AND FEB 9, 16 | 9:30-10:15AM

20 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS

WITH A CAREGIVER

Sprouts & Friends is a music and movement program for families with children birth through 5 years of age. Our mission is to create joy while we play, learn and grow together. Come ready to move and sing with your child. **Series. Registration Note: Register for only one - S&F I OR S&F II.**

SPROUTS & FRIENDS II

FRI | JAN 19, 26, AND FEB 9, 16 | 10:30-11:15AM

20 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS

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SATURDAY STORYTIME

SAT | JAN 20 AND FEB 10 | 11:15AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Drop by to enjoy some stories, finger plays, songs, and other age appropriate activities during this *weekend* storytime. Siblings welcome.

NURSERY RHYME SING ALONG

MON | JAN 22 AND FEB 26 | 10:30AM

25 CHILDREN AGES 0-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Join Meghan VK as she plays your favorite nursery rhymes and children's songs. Have some fun with your little one while encouraging word and sound development and communication skills.

PENGUIN STORYTIME

TUES | JAN 23 | 2PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Join us at the library to enjoy some stories, flannel boards, songs, a little dancing and other age appropriate activities during this storytime all about penguins!



MUSIC MAKERS I: BABY TIME

WED | JAN 31 AND FEB 28 | 9:30AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 0-12 MONTHS WITH A CAREGIVER

This program is for our youngest library music-makers! Babies will be introduced to instruments, songs, fingerplays, dances, musical activities, and more!

MUSIC MAKERS II: TODDLER TIME

WED | JAN 31 AND FEB 28 | 10:30AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 13-35 MONTHS WITH A CAREGIVER

This program is for our youngest library music-makers and a step up from Music Makers II! Toddlers will be introduced to instruments, songs, fingerplays, dances, musical activities, and more!

HIBERNATION STORYTIME

FRI | FEB 2 | 2PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Join us for some stories, finger plays, songs, and other age appropriate activities during this fun storytime, where we will learn how to survive the winter from bears!

SATURDAY SPROUTS & FRIENDS

SAT | FEB 3 | 9:30-10:15AM

20 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

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YOUNGER CHILDREN CONT.D (Infant, Toddler and Preschool)



PINK STORYTIME

TUES | FEB 6 | 2PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Join us for some stories, finger plays, songs, and other age appropriate activities during this fun, pink storytime!

LEGO CODING

THURS | FEB 7 | 3PM | 6 CHILDREN AGES 4-5 YEARS

This introductory coding program builds on children's natural curiosity and desire to create, explore, and investigate the world of STEAM through creative play using LEGO® DUPLO® bricks. **This program session is for children not yet in Kindergarten.**

HEART BEAN ART

WED | FEB 14 | 11AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-5 WITH A CAREGIVER

BEan my Valentine! Join us for some valentine's day fun and make a special one-of-a-kind keepsake.

SHAKE, SHIMMY AND DANCE STORYTIME

THURS | FEB 15 | 2PM | 15 CHILDREN

AGES 3-5 WITH A CAREGIVER

Drop by to enjoy some stories, songs and activities during this fun music and movement themed storytime! Be ready to dance, sing, and move!

STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

TUES | FEB 27 | 4PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES PRE-K-2 (AGES 4-7)

Drop off your stuffed animal for a sleepover at the library! Bring any stuffed friend to hear a story, and tuck them in for the night. Pick up will be the following day, along with a keepsake from their overnight adventures.

LEAP DAY PARTY

THURS | FEB 29 | 11AM | 15 CHILDREN AGES 2-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Let's celebrate a day that only comes around once every four years with some fun frog-themed stories, activities and snacks. **This program session is for children not yet in Kindergarten.**



SCHOOL AGE (K-6th Grade)

Check description for grade requirements

BEGINNING READERS CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2ND

We have a special set of reading challenges for kids in grades K-2. We want to find out how many books you read together with an adult, and how many books you can read on your own! The more you read the more chances you have to earn raffles and prizes! Complete the challenge by reading a total of 1000 books! Once you have completed this program, ask about our Independent Readers Challenge.



INDEPENDENT READERS CHALLENGE FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 3RD-5TH

Are you a fantasy fan? Do you love to read mysteries? Or do you like to read all different kinds of books? Kids in grades 3-5 are invited to take on our Reading Challenge. Read books of all different genres for a chance to earn raffles and prizes! Read 8 books in each of the 16 genres to complete the challenge!



YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

MON | JAN 22 AND FEB 5 | 4:30PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

Stop in for this playful class, led by Miss Jen, to learn yoga together through literacy, music and movement. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

MON | JAN 22 AND FEB 5 | 5:30PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

Stop in for this playful class, led by Miss Jen, to learn yoga together through literacy, music and movement. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.



BEGINNER CROCHET

TUES | JAN 9, 16, 30, AND FEB 6 | 6PM

8 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

In this introductory series, children will learn how to prepare the yarn, make a slip knot, chain, and how to make the foundational crochet stitch, the single crochet. Children are encouraged to practice at home. **Attendance at all four sessions is required. Series.**

BEDTIME STORYTIME

WED | JAN 10 | 6:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS

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SNOW SLIME

THURS | JAN 11 | 4PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow... slime! Come make wintery, glittery, snow-themed slime from scratch to bring home and play with all season.

PENGUIN TREATS AND TRIVIA

WED | JAN 17 | 4:15PM | 20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Make a simple, no-bake, penguin treat to snack on while playing trivia! ***Please note the later start time for this program***

HANDS-ONLY CPR FOR KIDS

THURS | JAN 18 | 6:30PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6

Join Ms. Debbie, one of our Children's Librarians who is also a Lieutenant at Community Ambulance Company, and an American Heart Association Instructor, for this Hands-Only CPR class. This training will prepare you to be ready to Save A Life! Training will include AED usage.

HOT COCOA TASTE TEST

WED | JAN 24 | 4PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3

Is it Hazelnut? Vanilla? Mint or Original? Try to guess the mystery hot cocoa flavors and vote on your favorite!

THE MYSTERIES OF OWLS

THURS | JAN 25 | 4:15PM

25 CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-6

Owls have always been fascinating and mysterious to people. This presentation will reveal some of the wondrous adaptations these creatures have for surviving under the cloak of darkness. Meet a Great Horned Owl, a Screech Owl, a Barred Owl, and a daytime bird of prey in this special program presented by the Sweetbriar Nature Center. ***Please note the later start time for this program***



SOCK SNOWMAN

MON | JAN 29 | 4PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Create an adorable wintery decoration using a sock!

MINECRAFT: THE SEVEN LUCKY CHARMS

WED | JAN 31 | 6:30PM

10 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Players dive into a winter wonderland in search of seven winter-themed charms, equipped with a book and clues for their mystery exploration.



JR. GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

THURS | FEB 1 | 4PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

This class is for the beginning reader who is interested in graphic novels! Join us for a discussion and special project relating to the graphic novel *Shelby & Watts: Tide Pool Troubles* by Ashlyn Anstee. Pick up your copy of the book at the Children's Reference desk after you register. You may attend even if you have already read the book!



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CREATIVE WRITING: WORDLESS PICTURE BOOKS

THURS | FEB 8 AND FEB 15 | 4PM

12 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

Writing is a super fun way to exercise your imagination! In this mini-workshop you'll use the help of some wonderful illustrations to see what kinds of stories you can create. **Attendance at both sessions is required. Series.**

SIMPLE SCIENCE: GRAVITY

TUES | FEB 13 | 4PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Let's learn about gravity! Using simple materials we'll perform different types of experiments that put the force of gravity to the test!

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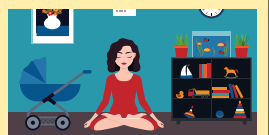
STROLLER MOVES

WED | JAN 10, 17, 24, 31

AND FEB 7, 14

10AM | 20 ADULTS

Join *Motherhood Moves*, for this full-body workout that combines power moves, full-body movements and stations using stroller and resistance tubes. **Fee: \$20. Registration for non-residents will begin on Saturday, January 6 at 9:00am.**



Miss Humblebee's Academy

is a comprehensive, standards-based learning curriculum that prepares children ages 3 to 6 for kindergarten proficiency. Lessons target specific learning objectives and progress in order of difficulty, so the child's foundation of knowledge grows as they advance through the curriculum. Offline lessons and activities are included. Now available on the library's website.



ABCmouse stimulates a child's enthusiasm for learning through over 10,000 interactive learning activities—including more than 2,000 STEM and over 1,200 Spanish-language learning activities—comprised of books, educational games, puzzles, art activities, songs, music videos, and more—that are highly engaging and extremely educational.

ABCMouse.com offers the most comprehensive online curriculum for children ages 2-8+, including reading and language arts, math, beginning science, social studies, art and music. Now available on the library's website.

HOMework HELP

Are you feeling overwhelmed with your homework? Use your library card to connect with a FREE online tutor. Tutors are now available from 10am-11pm every day of the week. Online-certified tutors are available to help you with your homework. Homework Help also offers skills-building, writing assistance, flash cards, test preparation and more. Homework Help is available on our web page, just scroll down to "Research and Learning Tools for Children" then click on Homework Help. Ask a librarian if you need assistance.



TWEEN Programs

TWEEN PROGRAMS ARE FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 4 THROUGH 6 ONLY.

DISNEY TRIVIA

THURS | JAN 4 | 4 PM

12 CHILDREN

In honor of National Trivia Day, we will test your knowledge of all things Disney. The winner will take home a prize!



SNOWMAN CUPCAKES

TUES | JAN 23 | 4 PM

12 CHILDREN

We will decorate cupcakes to look like snowmen and then have a "friendly" snowball fight!

MINUTE TO WIN IT GAMES

TUES | FEB 6 | 4 PM

12 CHILDREN

Teams will have sixty seconds to complete fun challenges. This program is guaranteed to provide lots of fun and laughs.

STUFFED ANIMAL WORKSHOP

WED | FEB 28

4 PM | 10 CHILDREN

Come to the library to stuff an adorable sloth to take home.





JOHN MCNAMARA TEEN CENTER

Programs

Young Adult registration begins, Saturday, December 30, 9am. Programs are for teens in grades 6-12. Please follow each program's instructions, and have Teen's Library Card available. If you have allergies, please be aware that the Library cannot guarantee that the materials/foods are free of ingredients that may affect you. Online registration is available; please check out the Library's webpage: <http://bayportbluepointlibrary.org/> or call or come in to register.

ART CLUB

**MON | JAN 8, 22, 29 AND
FEB 5, 12, 26 | 6-7PM**

Draw something new or work on something old in the young adult department. Use our art supplies and chat with your friends. Librarian Tom, our resident artist, will be there to help.



JOURNALING

TUES | JAN 9 | 4PM

Join Ms. Jen and decorate a journal in your own personal style, then Ms. Jen will help you plan out things to write in it and why it's fun to have one to kickstart your new year.



BIRD FEEDERS

THURS | JAN 11 | 4PM

Feed the birds...Join Ms. Kelly in making bird feeders for our outside winter friends. (1 hour of community service)

MUG CAKES

TUES | JAN 16 | 4PM

Join Ms. Jen and create a concoction that will go in the microwave to cook and Poof--come out as a cake.



SEWING CLUB

THURS

JAN 18 AND FEB 15 | 4PM

Come and join Ms. Kelly in the sewing club and learn the basics of sewing while making a lip balm cozy for

January, and a heart pillow for February.

3D PRINT CLUB

THURS | JAN 18 AND FEB 22 | 4PM

Come in and join Librarian Steve as he teaches you to create your own 3D designs and have them printed on our printers.

STUFFED FRENCH TOAST WITH CHEF ROB

FRI | JAN 19 | 4PM

Chef Rob will be here to show you how to whip up some French toast. Oh and did I mention it will be stuffed with strawberry preserves and Italian cream cheese. Delish!!

BUTTON ART

WED | JAN 24 | 4PM

Ms. Kelly will create a nice cozy environment for you while you make a design on canvas with buttons.



GAMING FRIDAYS

FRI | JAN 26 AND FEB 23 | 5-7PM

After hours at the library join us for board games, card games, Nintendo Switch, PS5, Virtual Reality...Try something new, play an old classic; whatever you feel like come on in and have some fun and maybe even challenge the librarians. Pizza will be served.

GETTING READY TO BABYSIT

SAT | JAN 27 | 11AM-2PM

This course is designed to help teens develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter—child safety, developmental stages of children and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. There will be hands-on activities and a course certification from Cornell Cooperative.



BOOKMARK MAKING

TUES | JAN 30 | 4PM

Earn 1 hour of community service by making bookmarks to hand out to our patrons. We will provide all the materials. (1 hour of community service)



PRESSED FLOWER FRAMES

MON | FEB 5 | 4PM

Bring the sunshine indoors by joining Ms. Jen to make a pressed flower frame with real flowers.



CRICUT MUGS

TUES | FEB 6 | 4PM

Join Ms. Kelly and design a mug for someone you love... We will include a little candy treat to go with it too.

SWIFTIE WORD BRACELETS

WED | FEB 7 | 4:30PM

You know those bracelets, I am sure you know those bracelets—come in and personalize a bracelet. What will yours say?!?!?



POM-POM HEARTS

THURS | FEB 8 | 4PM

Put your heart into that gift for someone special by decorating a heart with pom-poms. Ms. Allyson will have all the pom-poms your little heart desires...

HEART MASON JARS

TUES | FEB 13 | 4PM

Come in and be creative with Ms. Kelly and decorate a heart mason jar that we will fill with candy. Who will you be giving it to??

PIZZA PARTY AND A MOVIE

WED | FEB 21 | 2PM

Create your own pizza with Ms. Jen. We will supply the ingredients, the sauce, cheese, and various toppings. We will watch *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children*. From director Tim Burton, comes a wildly imaginative fantasy-adventure.



When Jake unravels a mystery that spans alternate realities and times, he discovers a secret world for children with unusual powers, including levitating Emma, pyrokinetic Olive, and invisible Millard. But, danger soon arises and the children must band together to protect a world as extraordinary as they are. Rated PG-13

SEED SORTING

THURS | FEB 22

2PM

Now that the warm weather is here we have to sort seeds into packets for the upcoming season of the Seed Library. (1 hour of community service)



YA ART CLUB ART SHOW

MON | FEB 26 | 7PM

Community YA artists will be displaying their work at this reception. It is either work they have done here in YA Art Club or on their own. All are invited. Refreshments will be served.

WANDS

WED | FEB 28 | 4PM

We'll be making our own wands! You can try to recreate one from your favorite film or make your own, unique wand that reflects your personality.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Community Service is open to resident teens in the 6th through 12th grade. Please, remember that Teen Volunteering or Teen Community Service is the teen's responsibility. Thank you.

COMMUNITY SERVICE TEEN BOOK REVIEW

Resident teens can now earn three community service hours per month by reviewing teen books from our Young Adult Fiction collection. Go to <http://www.bayportbluepointlibrary.org/> under news and blogs: click on the link for Teen Book Review for all instructions.



TROOPONS® - COUPONS FOR TROOPS

(1 hour of community service)

The Support our troops® Troopons® program enhances the well-being of overseas and domestic military families by sending them manufacturer coupons to make their hard-earned dollars go farther. Helping from home is easy. Collect all the coupons that arrive each week and prepare them by using this link with instructions: https://supportourtroops.org/images/programs/Instructions_for_cutting_coupons.pdf. (Before mailing take a pic of the completed envelope and email to kelly@bbplibary.org with your name and grade.)

HERO APPRECIATION LETTERS

(1 hour of community service)

Operation Gratitude needs your letters to send to the heroes of our country. Every package that gets sent out has a letter on a postcard inside. Go to <https://www.veteransunited.com/operation-gratitude/> and fill out the required information. (Make sure to take a screenshot and email it to kelly@bbplibary.org to get community service credit, include name and grade.)

KINDNESS ROCKS (1 hour of community service)

Society can always use a little bit of kindness in any way. It's easy to spread some to your neighbors by painting or writing designs and hopeful, inspirational words onto ordinary rocks. Then place the rocks where people might see them, such as around neighborhoods or on nature trails. The idea is to put beauty and good thoughts out into the world for others to see. (When your rocks are finished, take a pic and email to kelly@bbplibary.org with your name and grade, *minimum 3 rocks*).

BOOKMARKS (1 hour of community service)

Pick-up a kit from the YA department with 5 bookmarks to make. Design and bring back the finished bookmarks to receive your certificate.

Please note all items submitted may be shared on our social media pages

Live FAFSA Application Assistance



All you need is an internet connection, computer or mobile device, and your library card.



LIBRARY News



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT HERITAGE PRESENTS:

THE WALLS STILL TALK: A PHOTOGRAPHIC JOURNEY THROUGH KINGS PARK PSYCHIATRIC CENTER SUN | FEB 18 | 2PM

Award-winning photographer and author John Lazzaro will present a slideshow on the history of Kings Park Psychiatric Center. Combining rare, archival images as well as his own photography, Lazzaro will discuss his work and the approach to his creative process behind his 2019 book, *The Walls Still Talk: A Photographic Journey Through Kings Park Psychiatric Center*. The author made dozens of trips to Nissequogue River State Park to photograph the remaining buildings of the Kings Park Psychiatric Center which has been sitting idle and abandoned since 1996. Vast, melancholy, and aesthetically overwhelming, Kings Park Psychiatric Center was once the pride of the local community of Kings Park, NY and treated 10,000 patients at its peak operation in the 1950s. This project stemmed from the author's interest in and emotional obligation to document this historical relic of Long Island. In turn, these images show the result of decades of neglect and decay after deinstitutionalization. **No registration necessary.**



ON EXHIBIT

January 2024

Display Case East: Diamond paint artwork by Elizabeth Rinaldi

Display Case West: Melike Bayram creates mixed media illustrations using watercolors, colored pencils, and gouache paint.

First Floor Gallery: Paintings by Linda Hynes

Second Floor Gallery: Student artwork from Academy Street Elementary School

February 2024

Display Case East: Pat Cudak displays her vintage Barbie collection

Display Case West: Reynard Burns creates a tribute to the Tuskegee Airmen featuring photos, small model planes and print outs of noteworthy events in their history.

First Floor Gallery: Paintings by Linda Lee and Jacqueline Hensley

Second Floor Gallery: Student artwork from James Wilson Young Middle School

BUDGET INFO:

Budget Vote - Wednesday April 3, 9am-8pm.

Trustee Election: **July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029.**

This position is currently held by incumbent Susan Kennedy-Smith whose term expires on June 30, 2024.

Petition forms are due: Monday, March 4, 2024 before 5pm.

Registration: **9am and 3pm until March 27, 2024**

Budget Information Meeting and Candidates Night:
Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm

Absentee Ballots: **The school district clerk must receive absentee ballots no later than 5pm on the day of the vote, April 3.**

A Big Welcome to Island Dreams Coffee Roasters!

Island Dreams Coffee Roasters is excited to be part of the Bayport Blue Point Library. We aim to produce quality and character by being meticulous and passionate when crafting our food and drinks. Although we always strive to create something delicious we also believe that coffee is about community. That community is built on our end with a focus on hospitality and heart. You can get coffee and a pastry at a gas station, we hope when people come to us they get a unique experience. We want them to take a moment for a moment worth taking.



We are a family run business that focuses on bringing fresh, high quality coffee to the community. We source specialty coffee from around the world and roast it at our shop in Bohemia. Specialty coffee is carefully chosen with a high degree of intent from the farmers producing it, and the green buyers tasting and grading it. All of the information from the farms that we buy from can be found on our website.



With our background in teaching we also believe in giving back to education by contributing 10% of our retail bag profits to STEAM programs and initiatives taught at the library.

Most of all we want to create an atmosphere built on kindness and inclusion that we hope will become just one more reason to bring people into this beautiful community center that has been built at the Bayport-Blue Point Library.



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

JANUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADULT CHILDREN TEEN TWEEN CONCERTS FULCRUM 	1 CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY	2	3 9AM Adult Program Sign-Up Day	4 4PM Disney Trivia	5 10AM Open Mah Jongg 2PM Fizzy Snowflake Storytime	6 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga
7	8 10AM All Aboard! 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Dreamin' Wild (Movie) 4:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6PM Pilates	9 10:15AM Senior Flex 1PM Beginner Basic Sewing with Linda 4PM Journaling 6PM Beginner Crochet 7PM Crafting with Laurie	10 9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Me and My Baby 10AM Stroller Moves 1PM Vegetarian Moroccan Soup with Chef Rob 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6:30PM Bedtime Storytime	11 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 4PM Bird Feeders 4PM Snow Slime 6PM New Year, New Skin Care Routine 7PM Cricut Wine Bags	12 9:30AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg	13 11AM-4PM DIY: National Sticker Day 11:30AM Intro to Sign Language
14 2PM Citi-Lites Concert	15 CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY	16 10:15AM Senior Flex 9:30AM Baby Start 1PM Beginner Basic Sewing with Linda 2PM Adult Coloring Club 4PM Mug Cakes 6PM Beginner Crochet 7PM Puzzle Exchange	17 9AM Morning Yoga 10AM Stroller Moves 4:15PM Penguin Treats and Trivia 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6PM Sewing with Maureen 6:30PM Wooden Bookmark	18 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 1:30PM Little Winter Artists 4PM Sewing Club 6:30PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Maximizing Social Security Benefits 6:30PM Hands-Only CPR for Kids	19 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 4PM Stuffed French Toast with Chef Rob	20 9AM Defensive Driving 11:15AM Saturday Storytime
21 2PM Dan Donnelly Concert	22 9:30AM Chair Yoga 10:30AM Nursery Rhyme Sing Along 11AM Tai Chi 1PM <i>Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny</i> (Movie) 3PM Microsoft Publisher 4:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club	23 10:15AM Senior Flex 1PM Beginner Basic Sewing with Linda 2PM Penguin Storytime 4PM Snowman Cupcakes 6:30PM In Conversation with Mark Chiusano 6:30PM iPad & Tablets for Absolute Beginners	24 10AM Stroller Moves 4PM Button Art 4PM Hot Cocoa Taste Test 6PM Sewing with Maureen	25 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 1:30PM Library Book Club 4:15PM The Mysteries of Owls 6:30PM Library Book Club 7PM Cricut Wine Bags	26 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 1PM Fireside Piano with J.K. Hodge 5PM Gaming Fridays	27 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM Getting Ready to Babysit
28	29 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM <i>Past Lives</i> (Movie) 4PM Sock Snowman 6PM Sand & Seashell Art: Snowflake Mandala 6PM Art Club 6PM Pilates 6PM Knitting for Beginners	30 10:15AM Senior Flex 4PM Bookmark Making 6PM Beginner Crochet 6:30PM Every Bite Matters	31 9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Music Makers I 10AM Stroller Moves 10:30AM Music Makers II 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6PM Sewing with Maureen 6:30PM Minecraft: The Seven Lucky Charms 6:30PM Wooden Bookmark 7PM Meditation			

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADULT CHILDREN TEEN TWEEN CONCERTS FULCRUM 				1 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 4PM Jr. Graphic Novel Club 6:30PM Judy's Van Dough Focaccia 7PM Coasters on the Cricut	2 9:30AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 2PM Hibernation Storytime	3 9:30AM Saturday Sprouts & Friends 11AM-4PM DIY: Winter Bird Feeders
4	5 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM <i>Jules</i> (Movie) 4PM Pressed Flower Frames 4PM Yoga and Mindfulness 5PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6PM Pilates 6PM Knitting for Beginners 7PM Crafting with Laurie	6 10:15AM Senior Flex 1PM Advanced Basic Sewing 2PM Pink Storytime 4PM Cricut Mugs 4PM Minute to Win It Games 6PM Beginner Crochet 6:30PM Valentine's Day Mugs 6:30PM Can't Sleep? Let's Talk!	7 9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Me and My Baby 10AM Stroller Moves 1PM Diabetes Prevention 3PM LEGO Coding 4PM LEGO Coding 4:30PM Swiftie Word Bracelets 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6:30PM Valentine's Day Mugs	8 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 4PM Pom Pom Hearts 4PM Creative Writing 6:30PM Paint Night with Melissa 7PM Coasters on the Cricut	9 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 2PM Fun Friday BINGO	10 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11:15AM Saturday Storytime
11 2PM Linda Ipanema	12 9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM <i>The Miracle Club</i> (Movie) 3PM Microsoft Excel 3PM-5PM DIY: Valentine's Day Cards 6PM Art Club 6PM Pilates 6:30PM International Film Night	13 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 1PM Advanced Basic Sewing 4PM Heart Mason Jars 4PM Simple Science Gravity 6:30PM Paper Flower Art: Red, Red Roses	14 10AM Stroller Moves 11AM Heart Bean Art	15 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 2PM Shake, Shimmy & Dance Storytime 4PM Sewing Club 4PM Creative Writing 6:30PM Communication to Improve Relationships	16 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II	17 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM-4PM DIY: Build It Fun
18	19 CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY	20 10:15AM Senior Flex 10AM-5PM Daily Drop In 6:30PM Seed Starting Made Simple 7PM Puzzle Exchange Club	21 9AM Morning Yoga 10AM-5PM Daily Drop In 2PM Pizza Party and a Movie 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 7PM Yoga Nidra	22 10AM-5PM Daily Drop In 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 1:30PM Library Book Club 2PM Seed Sorting 2PM Judy's Van Dough Focaccia 6:30PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Library Book Club 6:30PM Celebrating the Tuskegee Airmen	23 10AM Open Mah Jongg 11AM Dog Treats 1PM Dog Treats 1PM Fireside Piano with J.K. Hodge 5PM Gaming Fridays	24 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga
25 2PM RIDE: Marc Berger	26 9:30AM Chair Yoga 10:30AM Nursery Rhyme Sing Along 11AM Tai Chi 1PM <i>Oppenheimer</i> (Movie) 6PM Art Club 6PM Pilates 7PM YA Art Club Art Show 7PM Sound Meditation	27 10:15AM Senior Flex 4PM Stuffed Animal Sleepover 6:30PM Pikachu Totes	28 9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Music Makers I 10:30AM Music Makers II 4PM Wands 4PM Stuffed Animal Workshop 6PM Yoga Levels I & II	29 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11AM Leap Day Party 4PM Leap Day Party 6:30PM Frozen Feathers		