



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, February 28 at 9am.** Program registration for district residents for **Teen and Children's Programs begins on Saturday, February 24 at 9am.** For detailed sign-up information, please refer to each department's section inside this newsletter.

SPRING has Sprung!

ADULTS

LONG ISLAND'S BEST FISHING: INSHORE FORECAST MON | MAR 18 | 6:30-8PM

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CHILDREN

MEET THE PARADE CHARACTER SAT | MAR 9 | 11AM-1PM

Drop by the library to meet our parade character, Pete the Cat! Themed crafts and activities will be ongoing in our program room. **Meet & greet and photo ops with the character will take place from 11:30am-12:30am. Registration is suggested.**



TEENS

TACO CUPCAKES?? WITH CHEF ROB FRI | MAR 22 | 4PM

Hmmmmm, will it be crunchy, sweet, spicy?? Will it have corn?? Chef Rob will reveal all when he is here to help you make this delicious treat. **Registration required.**



EVERYONE

SOLAR ECLIPSE 2024 GLASSES REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Solar Eclipse glasses will be available for patrons to pick up starting on Monday, April 1st...no joke! Enjoy the eclipse on April 8th between 2:00pm and 4:00pm through the lenses of special eclipse glasses that protect your eyes from the sun. **For Bayport-Blue Point Library Cardholders only. Please view online for more complete registration information and limits. Sponsored by the Johnny Mac Foundation.**



The Bayport-Blue Point Public Library expresses heartfelt gratitude to Susan Kennedy-Smith for her dedicated service spanning nearly a decade. Serving as a vital board member since 2014, Ms. Kennedy-Smith has played instrumental roles, including the esteemed position of Library Board President.

As Susan embarks on a well-deserved retirement, we extend our deepest thanks for her tireless efforts, visionary leadership, and invaluable contributions. Her legacy will continue to inspire us, ensuring a lasting impact on the future of our library.

FOR BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION, SEE P. 6

MUSIC SUNDAYS

FIDDLER'S GREEN

MARCH 17 | 2-3:30PM

Fiddler's Green has been a favorite in Long Island venues for many years. Their Irish show features charming songs and tunes, from lively to poignant, and features: Larry Moser (hammered dulcimer, concertina, cittern), Patrick O'Rourke (guitar) Mary Nagin (fiddle), Max Rowland (banjo, concertina), and Maria Fairchild (guitar, banjo). Many of the songs have great choruses that the audience can join in singing. Patrick has a classic Irish tenor voice, and will sing some songs that were sung by the great John McCormack. **Registration required.**



AMERICAN ETHOS CONCERT

APRIL 7 | 2-3:30PM

Critically acclaimed pianist Carolyn Enger will introduce the audience to composers of a variety of backgrounds reminding us of the unique spirit of America and the different cultures that make up our nation. Ms. Enger's program shines a light on diverse voices, who are often overlooked, and are American composers of our time. Selections from artists such as Aaron Copland, Ned Rorem, Leonard Bernstein, Caroline Shaw, Philip Glass, Marcos Balter, Nico Muhly, Missy Mazzoli, Meredith Monk, JJ Hollingsworth and Brent Michael Davids celebrating Native American roots. **Registration required.**



JEFF AND GRANT ALLEGUE

APRIL 21 | 2-3:30PM

Multi-gold and platinum-award-winning artist Jeff Allegue performs with his son Grant in an eclectic overview of guitar and vocal melodies spanning his long and varied career in the music business. Jeff was a Grammy nominated artist as Taylor Dayne's longtime bassist and is a founding member of the hugely successful Trans-Siberian Orchestra. He also performs with singer Jennifer Cella in an acoustic duo and in a touring group celebrating the music of Adele. As a 50-year resident of Bayport, he couldn't be happier playing here with his extremely talented son. **Registration required.**



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:
Easter Sunday: March 30, 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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APRIL FAMILY FUN FUNDRAISER

Friends of the Bayport-Blue Point Library announces its first annual

BAYMINSTER DOG PARADE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 • 1-4PM
(RAINDATE: SUNDAY, MAY 5)

All dogs invited to this Meet 'n Greet

Join your canine friends and neighbors for a Springtime stroll through the Library garden paths

Registration Deadline, Monday, April 1
Pre-registration: \$20.00 • Register at Door: \$25.00

This is a fundraising event of the Friends of the Library.

FLYER AT FRONT DESK

See LIBRARY NEWS section in this issue for registration information and other details.



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ADULT Programs

Program registration for **Adult** and **Fulcrum** programs for **Bayport-Blue Point Library patrons** begins **Wednesday, February 28 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, March 6 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!

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!

Sign-up is ongoing; sign up today!

KNIT NIGHT

MON | MAR 4 | 6-7:30PM

Knitting expert Anne Heavey will be here to assist and advise patrons on current and contemplated projects, as well as provide instruction to beginners. Beginners need to come with worsted weight yarn and a pair of number 7 or 8 needles. **Registration required.**

SEWING WITH LINDA I

TUES | MAR 5 | 6:30-8PM | OR

WED | MAR 6 | 1-2:30PM

Learn basic sewing techniques while creating a fun fabric basket. Please bring 2 - 10" x 10" pieces of fabric for the exterior, 2 - 10" x 10" pieces of fabric for the interior, 2 - 10" x 10" pieces of fusible fleece, and thread to match. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

MEDITERRANEAN COOKING WITH NAELA

THURS | MAR 7 | 6:30-8PM

Chef Naela Zeidan is back for a tasty cooking demonstration! Naela will demonstrate how to make her beef and okra dish with a middle eastern salad, followed by Baklava in filo dough with walnuts. Recipes provided. Come hungry! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

SOUND MEDITATION WITH GUIDED IMAGERY

MON | MAR 11 | 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.**

ASK KARL

TUES | MAR 12 | 6:30-8PM

Prepare your gardening questions and queries because Karl Auwaerter, from Bayport Flower Houses, is back for the evening! **Registration required.**

MAXIMIZING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY INCOME

TUES | MAR 12 | 6:30-8PM

Join Tim Honce from Strategic Planning Associates as he discusses strategies for maximizing your Social Security income. Get informed about how to make the best selection for you and your family. **Registration required.**

KISS ME I'M IRISH GENEALOGY

WED | MAR 13 | 7-8:30PM

Learn how to trace the paths of your Irish immigrant ancestors with Genealogist Sarah Gutmann. Discover how to gather information about them through U.S records and then where and how to look for them in Irish records. **Registration required.**



COFFEE ART

THURS | MAR 14 | 6:30-8PM

Artist Bonnie Schwartz will show you how to use coffee as a beautiful and rich monochromatic painting medium, to paint a tonal watercolor scene on 9"x2" watercolor paper. No prior painting skill is needed! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



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THE HISTORY OF BLUE POINT OYSTERS

TUES | MAR 19 | 7-8:30PM

Blue Point oysters have been world famous for years and Keenan Boyle wants you to know all about them. Keenan is an oyster farmer and an expert in all things oysters. Come and enjoy his class as he teaches you not only the history of oysters but the importance of harvesting them and keeping our bay clean. Included is an oyster shucking demonstration and tasting! **Registration required.**



PUZZLE EXCHANGE CLUB

TUES | MAR 19 AND APR 16 | 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.**

WATERCOLOR PAINTING WITH MARY: MAGNOLIAS

THURS | MAR 21 | 6:30-8PM

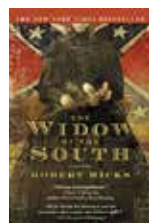
You will learn watercolor painting techniques while creating a seasonal scene step-by-step. Each participant will receive paints, a watercolor paint brush, Arches or Kilimanjaro watercolor paper, a palette, and an acid-free mat/backboard with an acetate envelope. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

THURS | MAR 28 AND APRIL 25 | 1:30PM OR 6:30PM

Join us for an informal and lively book discussion during the afternoon or evening. The selection for March is *The Widow of the South* by Robert Hicks. For April's selection, we're reading the Long Island Reads pick, *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper. Books will be available at the main desk approximately four weeks before the discussion. **Registration required.**



THINKING OF SELLING YOUR HOME?

TUES | APR 2 | 6:30-7:30PM

Join local realtors Thais Berlingieri and Lenore Berlingieri from Exp Realty and learn how to best prepare to sell your house for the upcoming season. Bring your real estate questions and queries! **Registration required.**

ELECTRIC VEHICLES 101

THURS | APR 4 | 6:30-8PM

Thinking of buying or leasing an electric vehicle? Join Drive Electric LI to learn the basics about electric vehicles, with the opportunity to ask current EV owners why they chose to go electric and what it's really like to drive an EV. Owners will have their electric vehicles on site for you to see. **Registration required.**

FUN FRIDAY BINGO WITH ANNE AND VALERIE

FRI | APR 5 | 2-3PM

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

CLASSIC MOVIE FUN: SABRINA (1954)

SAT | APR 6 | 1PM

Calling all classic movie fans! Come spend an afternoon learning about and watching a classic film from the golden age of Hollywood with Librarian Jeff Walden. Jeff will share some interesting facts and stories about the film and cast and lead a post-film discussion. **Registration required.**



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 approximately one week prior to program sign-up. Grab a slip, fill it out, and bring it back to us on program sign-up day to speed up the sign-up process.
- Payment for programs is due seven days after the registration date, otherwise your spot will be released.

INTERNATIONAL FILM NIGHT WITH J.K. HODGE

MON | APR 8 | 6:30-8PM

Join J.K. Hodge for a showing of the French murder mystery *Les Diaboliques*. The wife and mistress of a loathed school principal plan to murder him with what they believe is the perfect alibi. Movies are subtitled and begin at 6:30PM with popcorn! **Registration required.**



SEWING WITH LINDA II

TUES | APR 9 | 6:30-8PM | OR

WED | APR 10 | 1-2:30PM

Learn basic sewing techniques and create a magic pillowcase with french seams. Please bring thread to match. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

CUTTING THE CORD ON CABLE

WED | APR 10 | 7-8:30PM

Are you looking for alternatives to cable TV? Discover free and subscription-based streaming options and explore the possibilities offered by various streaming devices such as Apple TV, Fire Stick, and Roku with librarian Dave Jones. It's time to cut the cord and unlock a new era of entertainment possibilities! **Registration required.**



EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

THURS | APR 11 | 7-8:30PM

This class will help to enhance an individual's ability to understand and manage emotions effectively. Join Frances Wozniak, LCSW, as she covers self-awareness, self-regulation, empathy, social skills, and relationship management. **Registration required.**

CRAFTING WITH LAURIE

THURS | APR 11 | 7-8:30PM

Laurie will help you create this spring-themed wooden shelf sitter. This home decor piece is 11 1/2 inches long and 7 inches tall and is a cheerful way to celebrate the spring season. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



STONY BROOK MOBILE MAMMOGRAPHY VAN

FRI | APR 12 | 9AM-4PM

Screenings are performed by NYS-registered radiologic technologists with advanced training in mammography. The van has a comfortable waiting area, private dressing room and a complete exam room. **To schedule an appointment, call 631-638-4135.**



CHINESE BRUSHWORK PAINTING

TUES | APR 16 | 2-4PM

Join artist Kathleen Deyo as she guides you in making marks with Chinese brushes and ink. Katherine will briefly explain the history of Chinese Brushwork Painting and how it evolved into Sumi-e painting in Japan. Important artists are highlighted with examples of their work. The demonstration covers bamboo, flowers, birds and fish. The second hour is devoted to creating a piece of Chinese brushwork painting to bring home. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$7 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**





FULCRUM Programs

****All of these programs will take place in The Fulcrum****

ADULT Programs CONTINUED

WATERCOLOR PAINTING WITH MARY: FREE TO FLY

THURS | APR 18 | 6:30-8PM

Learn watercolor painting techniques while creating a seasonal scene step-by-step. Each participant will receive paints, a watercolor paint brush, Arches or Kilimanjaro watercolor paper, a palette, and an acid-free mat/backboard with an acetate envelope. **Registration required.**



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

CAN I RECYCLE THIS?

MON | APR 22 | 1-2PM

Have you ever wondered which items are *really* recyclable? Where do our recyclables go, and how are they sorted? Join us for a lecture from the Town of Brookhaven's Recycling Educator Zach Sicardi where you will learn how to recycle right, where your recyclables go, and about upcoming Town programs. **Registration required.**



MASTERS OF THE RENAISSANCE: THE ARCHITECTURE OF MICHELANGELO & CHRISTOPHER WREN

MON | APR 22 | 7-8:30PM

What makes for the soaring beauty of Renaissance architecture? And what does that architecture, in its majesty and delicacy, have to do with what we hope for in our lives? Be delighted and edified, as esteemed architects Anthony Romeo and Dale Laurin give richly illustrated talks on great works by Michelangelo & Christopher Wren, based on this groundbreaking principle of Aesthetic Realism stated by its founder, poet and scholar Eli Siegel: "All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves." You'll never see architecture and what it can mean for your own life in the same way! **Registration required.**



HELLO SPRING: MAKE A 3D MOSAIC SUNFLOWER

TUES | APR 23 | 6-8:30PM

Long Island Mosaic Artist Gabriella Grama is back to get us into the spring spirit. Join us for a workshop inspired by the beauty of sunflowers. This 3D 9" round mosaic panel combines materials such as mosaic tile, glass, paints, grout, and beads. You will paint the background on the mosaic in the colors of your choice and then grout the material at home. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$15 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



ITALIAN SPAGHETTI MUFFINS WITH CHEF ROB

TUES | APR 30 | 1-2PM

Chef Rob is here to help you prepare dinner tonight! Using spaghetti, ricotta cheese, San Marzano tomatoes, fresh herbs and mozzarella cheese, you will create a unique and delicious meal. Please bring a 6-count muffin pan and large bowl to class. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



ITALIAN FOR TRAVELERS

WED | MAY 1, 8 & 15 | 7-8:30PM

In this three-part series, instructor Patricia Summers will teach you key phrases to put you at ease during your trip. Cultural differences will be discussed, and travel tips will be shared so you can plan an authentic experience. No previous knowledge of Italian is necessary for this unique and interactive class. **Registration required.**



Registration begins on Wednesday, February 28, 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.**

SAINT PATRICK'S DAY MUGS

THURS | MAR 7 OR 14 | 7PM

Join Librarian Steve to create a customized, Saint Patrick's Day mug. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**

SPRING SIGN

WED | MAR 13 OR 20 | 7PM

Join Librarian Kelly to paint and decorate a circular wooden sign to welcome spring. All supplies included, just bring your creativity. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card. **Registration required.**

MICROSOFT WORD

MON | MAR 25 | 3PM

This class introduces Microsoft Word. Patrons will learn to create, save, and edit documents. Patrons will also learn how to cut and paste, copy and paste, create columns, add graphics, and work with word art. **Registration required.**



WOOD SLICE STEPPING STONE

WED | MAR 27 OR APR 10 | 6:30PM

Decorate a wood slice and seal it with modge-podge for outdoor use. We will design a stencil to print out on the Cricut for you to use on the wood slice. **Registration required.**

CRICUT DISH TOWELS

THURS | APR 4 OR 18 | 6PM

Create a design to be infused onto a dish towel using Cricut Design Space. Bring your creativity and have some fun. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card.



CRICUT 101

WED | APR 17 | 7PM

Join other curious Cricut crafters in this absolute beginner's introduction class to the amazing world of vinyl, paper, wood, and fabric cutting. We can't wait to show you what this cutting machine can do and how to use the Cricut Design Space platform.

POWER POINT

MON | APR 22 | 3PM

This class introduces Microsoft Power Point. Patrons will learn to create a slide show with words and pictures. **Registration required.**



LEARN CANVA

WED | APR 24 | 7PM

Join Librarian Kelly and learn to use the simple design program *Canva*. You can create images/posters/visual content with this program. Everyone will get to print a custom designed poster. **Registration required.**

EXERCISE CLASSES

CHAIR YOGA

MON | MAR 4, 11, 18, APR 1, 8, 15, 29 | 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: \$12 check or credit card ONLY.**

BEGINNING YOGA

SAT | MAR 2, 9, APR 13, 20, 27 | 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 | MAR 6, 20, APR 10, 17, 24 | 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: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

YOGA LEVELS I & II

WED | MAR 6, 20, APR 10, 17, 24 | 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: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

YOGA NIDRA

WED | MAR 6 | 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 | MAR 4, 11, 18, APR 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 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 | MAR 5, 12, 19, APR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | 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 | MAR 7, 14, 21, APR 4, 11, 18, 25 | 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.**

STRENGTH TRAINING

SAT | MAR 2, 9, APR 20, 27 | 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 | APR 17 | 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.**



MOVIE MONDAYS @ 1PM

March 4 ~ A Haunting in Venice (PG-13) 1 h 43 min

Starring: Kenneth Branagh, Michelle Yeoh, Jamie Dornan

March 11 ~ What Happens Later (R) 1 h 43 min

Starring: Meg Ryan, David Duchovny, Hal Liggett

March 18 ~ P.S. I Love You (PG-13) 2 h 6 min

Starring: Hilary Swank, Gerard Butler, Harry Connick Jr.

March 25 ~ No Movie

April 1 ~ The April Fools (PG-13) 1 h 35 min

Starring: Jack Lemmon, Catherine Deneuve, Peter Lawford

April 8 ~ My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 (PG-13) 1 h 32 min

Starring: Nia Vardalos, John Corbett, Louis Mandylor

April 15 ~ It's Complicated (R) 2 h

Starring: Meryl Streep, Steve Martin, Alec Baldwin

April 22 ~ No Movie

April 29 ~ Elvis (PG-13)

2 h 39 min

Starring: Tom Hanks, Austin Butler, Olivia DeJonge





CHILDREN'S Programs

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024 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, March 2 at 9:00am.

Things to Know About Registering for Programs:

- Unless a program is marked **SERIES**, all program sessions must be registered for individually. For programs marked as a series, you will be registered for all sessions at once.
- Please check all age designations carefully. If your child is registered for a program that they are ineligible for, they will automatically be canceled from the program.
- 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 more than 5 minutes 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:

MARCH: STEM Weather

APRIL: Unicorn Wand

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.

MARCH: What's the Weather?

APRIL: Find the Unicorns

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FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT

TUES | MAR 19 | 5:30PM-7:30PM

Who can finish a 100-piece puzzle the fastest? Join us for a friendly competition, where families, or groups, will work together to finish a puzzle. Times will be recorded and the group with the fastest score wins! Drop by to compete any time between 5:30pm and 7:30pm – you do not need to be present for the entire duration. All ages and abilities welcome. **Registration is suggested.**



SENSORY-FRIENDLY MOVIE SCREENING

WED | APR 17 | 6:15PM

We invite children of all abilities, and their families, to join us for a sensory-friendly movie screening at the library! During the movie, adjustments to the lights and volume will be made for everyone's comfort, and children will be free to move about the room as they need. Snacks will be available. **Registration is suggested.**

Movie: Lilo & Stitch (PG, 85 minutes)



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, MARCH 30: Build It Fun **SATURDAY, APRIL 20:** Flower Fun

EARTH DAY DROP-IN

MON | APR 22 | 12PM-6PM

Drop by to work on some Earth Day crafts and activities. **No registration required.**

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.**



ME AND MY BABY

WED | MAR 6 AND APR 3 | 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!

FUN WITH SHAPES STORYTIME

THURS | MAR 7 | 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 share stories all about shapes!

FREE PLAY

FRI | MAR 8, 15, 22, AND APR 5, 12, 19 | 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.**

ALL ABOARD!

MON | MAR 11 | 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.



BABY START

TUES | MAR 12 AND APR 9 | 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 ARTISTS

THURS | MAR 14 AND APR 11 | 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 | MAR 15, 22, AND APR 5, 19

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 | MAR 15, 22, AND APR 5, 19

10:30-11:15AM

20 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

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CONGRATULATIONS!

Sophia and James completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.



SATURDAY STORYTIME

SAT | MAR 16 AND APR 13 | 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.

GUINEA PIG STORYTIME

MON | MAR 18 | 3:15PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Meet and interact with real live guinea pigs, Buttercup, Beverly, Abby, Jenny, Pippi, Penny and Jasmine, as they perform a live action version of a classic story. Children will have an opportunity to pet and take pictures with these adorable actors!



ROCK AND READ

WED | MAR 20 AND APR 17 | 11AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 12 MONTHS-4 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Join us for an interactive story time where the kids tap along, clap or dance to different books to engage even the most reluctant reader/listener/sitter. The use of rhythm, rhyme and repetition help develop early literacy skills.

APRIL FOOLS STORYTIME

FRI | MAR 22 | 2PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Get ready one of the silliest holidays around with side-splitting stories and a prank-tastic craft!

FROG STORYTIME

MON | MAR 25 | 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, all about frogs!

MUSIC MAKERS

WED | MAR 27 | 9:30AM OR 10:30AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 6-35 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!



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

BEDTIME STORYTIME: ALIENS!

TUES | APR 2 | 6:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS

Let's go intergalactic and wind down with out-of-this-world stories! Blankets, stuffies, and jammies are optional.

LEGO CODING

WED | APR 3 | 3:15PM

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.

DUCK STORYTIME

FRI | APR 5 | 2PM | 15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Come on down for a quacking good time! Listen to mallard stories, songs, and make your own special ducky.



SATURDAY SPROUTS & FRIENDS

SAT | APR 6 | 9:30-10:15AM

20 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

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FINGER KNITTING WORKSHOP

TUES | APR 9 | 3:15PM

12 CHILDREN AGES 4-5 YEARS OLD

Finger knitting is great for encouraging hand eye coordination, building fine motor skills, and for right-left brain development. Whether you are knitting a bracelet, necklace, or even a jump rope it is a lot of fun! This program session is for children not yet in Kindergarten.

LITTLE SPROUTS GARDENING CLUB

MON | APR 15 | 10:30AM

10 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 WITH A CAREGIVER

Join our gardening club for little kids and learn all about how seeds grow! Get ready to dig in the dirt, plant seeds, and watch our garden grow.



SHAKE, SHIMMY AND DANCE STORYTIME

TUES | APR 16 | 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!

EARTH DAY STORYTIME

MON | APR 22 | 11AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 WITH A CAREGIVER

Drop by for an extra special storytime on Earth Day, and enjoy some stories, finger plays, songs, and other age appropriate activities all about our beautiful home planet.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SPRING BREAK MORNING MINI-CAMPS

During these extended-length programs, your child will enjoy the library for 2 hours. An energetic movement activity will start the morning, followed by a snack and craft. **Space is limited. Registration is required.**

TUES | APR 23: YOGA

9:30AM-11:30AM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

WED | APR 24: 60 SECOND CHALLENGE WITH JUMPBUNCH

9:30AM-11:30AM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5

THURS | APR 25: YOGA

9:30AM-11:30AM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

MEET THE PARADE CHARACTER

SAT | MAR 9 | 11AM-1PM

Drop by the library to meet our parade character, Pete the Cat! Themed crafts and activities will be ongoing in our program room. **Meet & greet and photo ops with the character will take place from 11:30am-12:30am. Registration is suggested.**



KID LIBRARIANS

WED | MAR 20 | 4:15PM

CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Does your child love reading and the library? We're looking for kids to help us curate some very special book displays of their favorite library materials. Join us for a meeting to get started!



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!



SCULPEY LUCKY CHARMS

TUES | MAR 12 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3

Need a little luck? Learn about lucky charms from around the world and then craft your own using modeling clay.

SIMPLE SCIENCE: TASTE BUDS

THURS | MAR 14 | 4PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Do you want to learn all about how your taste buds work? We'll do simple experiments to learn what makes you taste bitter, sweet, sour and savory flavors, and how your saliva and your nose play a part in what you taste! Note: Food is a necessary part of some of the experiments. Please notify us of any food allergies your child has.

GUINEA PIG STORYTIME

MON | MAR 18 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3

Meet and interact with real live guinea pigs, Buttercup, Beverly, Abby, Jenny, Pippi, Penny and Jasmine, as they perform a live action version of a classic story. Children will have an opportunity to pet and take pictures with these adorable actors!



LEARN TO IRISH DANCE

THURS | MAR 21 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Have you ever heard of Riverdance or seen those dancers with super curly hair, fast feet & arms that stay glued to their sides? Those are Irish dancers, and after this program you can be one too! We'll watch some dancing, learn a couple of interesting facts about the sport's history & learn a dance ourselves.

BOOK CLUB

TUES | MAR 26 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6

Celebrate Women's History Month with a discussion of *Anna Strong and the Revolutionary War Culper Spy Ring* by Enigma Alberti and Laura Terry. Anna Strong was as real life spy communicating top-secret messages from her home on Long Island during the Revolutionary War! Pick up the book at the Children's Reference desk after you register. You may attend if you have already read the book.



MINECRAFT: JACK AND THE BEANSTALK

WED | MAR 27 | 6:30PM | 10 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Play Minecraft with us! Jump, climb, and soar your way to the top of a skyscraping beanstalk in hopes of overcoming the giant that lurks above! Work together to stand the best chance at defeating obstacles and securing treasure.

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RAINBOW COOKIES

THURS | APR 4 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Create a simple, no-bake rainbow treat while learning some facts about rainbows.



FINGER KNITTING WORKSHOP

TUES | APR 9 | 4:15PM | 12 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

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WIND DOWN WITH WATERCOLORS

WED | APR 10

4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Take an opportunity to wind down and relax after school while working with watercolors to create a simple, but beautiful piece of art.



GARDENING CLUB

MON | APR 15 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

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SPRING WEATHER STEM

THURS | APR 18 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

April showers bring May flowers; but they also bring rainbows! Come perform a couple of science experiments to learn more about elements of springtime weather such as rain clouds and rainbows.

PARENTS

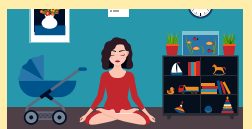
STROLLER MOVES

WED | MAR 13, 20, 27

AND APR 3, 10, 17

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. This program may take place outside, weather-permitting. **Fee: \$20. Registration for non-residents will begin on Saturday, March 2 at 9:00am.**



TWEEN Programs

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

ST. PATRICK'S DAY ART

WED | MAR 13 | 4:15PM

12 CHILDREN

Make a work of art in the shape of a shamrock just in time for St. Patrick's Day.



LUNCH & A MOVIE

THURS | MAR 28 | 1PM

12 CHILDREN

Come to the library on your day off from school to watch the movie "Wonder" (PG, 110 minutes). The library will supply pizza and drinks.



BOHEMIAN WALL ART

MON | APR 8 | 4:15PM

8 CHILDREN

Use a twig, ribbons, yarn and other materials to create wall art.

EARTH DAY JEOPARDY

TUES | APR 23 | 4:15PM

12 CHILDREN

Test your knowledge of everything "Earth Day" and have an Earth Day themed snack.





JOHN MCNAMARA TEEN CENTER

Programs

Young Adult registration begins, Saturday, February 24, 9am. Programs are for teens in grades 6-12. Patrons who register for programs that require fees have one week to come in and pay for the program before their spot is released. 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 | MAR 4, 11, 18, 25 AND
APR 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 | 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.



**GET YOUR GREEN ON
THURS | MAR 7 | 4PM**

Don't have that lucky item to wear for Paddy's Day yet or for Parade Day? Come and make some Luck O' the Irish items with Ms. Kelly in the Makerspace.

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY S-L-I-M-E
TUES | MAR 12 | 4PM**

Make your slime "lucky" by using all things green and gold. Join Ms. Jen in making this ever-popular messy craft.



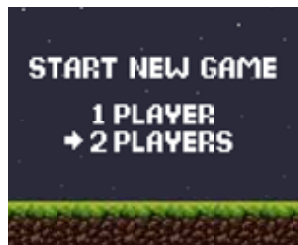
**SPRING WIRE ART
WED | MAR 13 | 4PM**

Make your very own, personally designed, frameless wire picture holder. Using wire and a variety of art supplies, create a new accessory for your room. We will even print out some of your own pics for you to add to it.

GAMING FRIDAYS

FRI | MAR 15 AND APR 19 | 5-7PM

Virtual Reality, Board games, card games, Nintendo Switch, PS5... Try something new, play an old classic; whatever you feel like come on in and have some fun and maybe even challenge the librarian. Pizza will be served.



**KOOL-AID LIP GLOSS
TUES | MAR 19 | 4PM**

Ms. Jen will show you how to make your own lip gloss using Kool-Aid?!?!? Choose whatever flavor and color you'd like.

SEWING CLUB

THURS | MAR 21 AND APR 18 | 4PM

Come in and join Ms. Kelly in the sewing club and learn the basics of sewing while making an Egg pillow for March, and a travel pillow for April.



**TACO CUPCAKES?? WITH CHEF ROB
FRI | MAR 22 | 4PM**

Hmmmm, will it be crunchy, sweet, spicy?? Will it have corn?? Chef Rob will reveal all when he is here to help you make this delicious treat.



GARDEN CLEAN-UP

THURS | MAR 28 | 2PM

Spring is arriving and that means it is time to get outside and garden! Come in and earn an hour of community service by weeding, planting and getting dirty while we get the Library's gardens in order. Please dress appropriately. (1 hour of community service)

3D PRINT CLUB

THURS | MAR 28 AND APR 25 | 6:30PM

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



**APRIL FOOL'S DAY
"DINNER"**

MON | APR 1 | 4PM

Come in and celebrate April Fool's Day by pranking; I mean making mini pot pie "dinners." Shhhhhh--it's really a dessert...

TOTE BAG

WED | APR 3 | 4PM

Decorate tote bags for the library to give out during National Library Week. (1 hour of community service)

DIY SUGAR SCRUB

WED | APR 10 | 1PM

Ms. Jen will help you in making an easy sugar scrub recipe that will leave your skin feeling soft and moisturized.



PAPER FLOWERS

THURS | APR 11 | 4PM

Embrace that Spring feeling by making paper flowers that will last forever with Ms. Allyson. You can "buy" yourself flowers...no \$\$ needed.

CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

MON | APR 22 | 2PM

Earn 1 hour of community service by making mini terrariums to celebrate earth day. A terrarium is a mini living garden (ecosystem) in a glass globe. Take it home, nurture it, and watch it grow. (1 hour of community service)



POTATO CHIP TASTING

TUES | APR 23 | 2PM

Join Ms. Kelly and taste potato chips/crisps/ from around the world. What will your favorite be??



**MOVIE TIME: HUNGER GAMES —
THE BALLAD OF SONGBIRDS AND SNAKES**

WED | APR 24 | 2PM

It's vacation time. Come and watch with Ms. Kelly the prequel to all the other *Hunger Games*: *The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes*. Years before he becomes the tyrannical President of Panem, 18-years-old Coriolanus Snow is the last hope for his fading lineage. With the 10th annual Hunger Games fast approaching, young Snow is alarmed when he is assigned to mentor Lucy Gray Baird, the girls tribute from impoverished District 12. Uniting their instincts for showmanship and newfound political savvy, they race against time to ultimately reveal who is a songbird, and who is a snake. Rated PG-13. Snacks will be served.



HERB GARDEN AND MARKERS

TUES | APR 30 | 4PM

Mother's Day is coming up. We will start an herb garden that you will take home to water and nurture so you can surprise Mom with a heartfelt gift.

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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@bbplibrary.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@bbplibrary.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 of kindness 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. During times like this, we can use all the kindness we can get! (When your rocks are finished, take a pic and email to kelly@bbplibrary.org with your name and grade.)

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.



EXTRA COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

PARADE DAY WALKERS

SUN | MAR 10 | 10:30AM-1:30PM

****We need parade walkers and costume wearers** Earn 3 hours of community service** for walking in the parade with the library or wearing one of two costumes. Email Ms. Kelly to let her know, kelly@bbplibrary.org (Meet at the High school and look for the Live-brary Van)

DOG PARADE VOLUNTEERS

SUN | APR 28 | 1-4PM

The Friends of the Library are holding a Dog Parade and they need volunteers to assist. (Rain date is May 5)



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

LIBRARY News



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT HERITAGE PRESENTS:

GRAVEYARDS AND CEMETERIES OF LONG ISLAND SUN | MAR 24 | 2PM

Historian Robert von Bernewitz will give a talk about the various historic cemeteries, types of burial sites, and noteworthy people who are buried on Long Island. Come find out where Mae West, Jackie Robinson, Jackson Pollock, William Sydney Mount and Teddy Roosevelt are laid to rest. You will learn that the oldest burial ground in New York State is on Long Island. It has the largest Cemetery in the country as well. There may even be a joke or two. You will learn a lot of interesting facts about Long Island during this presentation.
No registration necessary.



THE SINKING OF THE STEAMBOAT LEXINGTON SUN | APR 14 | 2PM

On a frigid night in January 1840, the luxury steamboat Lexington burned and sank in the middle of the Long Island Sound with over 140 people on board. It was followed by harrowing tales of survival, tragic deaths, and a media sensation that dominated the headlines for months. Historian and journalist Bill Bleyer will tell details from his book *The Sinking of the Steamboat Lexington on Long Island Sound*. He will reveal the history of the ship from its creation by Cornelius Vanderbilt to its glory days on the Sound, to the various attempts through the years at raising it from the deep. It is an epic story of technological progress, maritime dangers, and Long Island's transportation history.
No registration necessary.



ISLAND BREWS CAFE
Now Open!

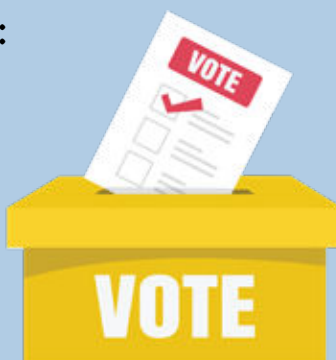
Cafe Hours:
Monday - Thursday 9 - 7
Friday & Saturday 9 - 4
Sunday 1 - 4

Our new cafe aims to deliver high quality specialty coffee, drinks, baked goods, and food to the Bayport-Blue Point community. We are looking forward to settling into our new space and are excited to have everyone come by and enjoy something delicious!

Bayport-Blue Point Library is an Early Voting Site

Presidential Primary Election Early Voting:

Date		Polling hours
Saturday	March 23, 2024	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Sunday	March 24, 2024	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Monday	March 25, 2024	9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Tuesday	March 26, 2024	7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday	March 27, 2024	7:00 am to 4:00 pm
Thursday	March 28, 2024	11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Friday	March 29, 2024	11:00 am to 8:00 pm
Saturday	March 30, 2024	9:00 am to 6:00 pm



For more information, visit the Suffolk County Board of Elections website:
<https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/BOE>

Mobile Mammography Van for Breast Cancer Screenings
Is Coming Your Way

Friday, April 12, 9am-4pm

The custom-designed 40-foot van offers state-of-the-art 3D digital mammograms.

ON EXHIBIT

March 2024

Display Case East: Sandra Iden displays her pre and post mid-century stoneware made in the Suffolk, Kent and Rye area of UK. David Townsend was the master potter of this stoneware.

Display Case West: Since 2011, Kimberly Marino has been taking classes and firing her pottery in the noborigama-style, wood-fired kiln at the Chester Springs Studio located in Historic Yellow Springs, Pennsylvania. Each firing provides a unique environment for salt, soda, wood ash and fire to work their magic.

First Floor Gallery: Photography by the Suffolk County Camera Club.

Second Floor Gallery:

The Blue Point Elementary will display student's artwork.

April 2024

Display Case East: Paintings by Jim Dugate

Display Case West: Wood artist Jamie Routh will show his works of art

First Floor Gallery: Paintings by Doug Broadhurst

Second Floor Gallery: The Bayport-Blue Point High School will display student's artwork.

SAVE THE DATE

Friends of the Bayport-Blue Point Library announces its first annual
BAYMINSTER DOG PARADE

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 • 1-4PM
(RAINDATE: SUNDAY, MAY 5)

Registration Deadline, Monday, April 1
Pre-registration: \$20.00
Register at Door: \$25.00

ALL DOGS (and their owners) INVITED TO PARTICIPATE
Two categories: Puppies up to 2 years – Dogs 2 years up

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Vendors Welcome \$40 per space (up to 8' table - not supplied)
Refreshments Available

COME ONE ... COME ALL
Support your canine neighbors!

A family fun fundraising event of the Friends of the Bayport-Blue Point Library.

BUDGET INFO:

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

Trustee Election:
July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2029.
This position is currently held by incumbent Jason Borowski 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.**

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

MARCH 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADULT CHILDREN TEEN TWEEN CONCERTS FULCRUM 					1	2 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 1PM Introduction to Chess
3	4 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>A Haunting in Venice</i> 6PM Art Club 6PM Knit Night	5 10:15AM Senior Flex 6:30PM Sewing with Linda	6 9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Me and My Baby 1PM Sewing with Linda II 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 7PM Yoga Nidra	7 2PM Fun With Shapes Storytime 4PM Get Your Green On 6:30PM Mediterranean Cooking 7PM St. Patrick's Day Mugs	8 9:30AM Free Play	9 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM-1PM Meet the Parade Character 1PM Introduction to Chess
10 10:30AM-1:30PM Parade Day Walkers Community Service	11 9:30AM Chair Yoga 10AM All Aboard! 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>What Happens Later</i> 6PM Art Club 7PM Sound Meditation with Guided Imagery	12 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 4PM St. Patrick's Day S-L-I-M-E 4:15PM Sculpey Lucky Charms 6:30PM Ask Karl 6:30PM Maximizing Your Social Security Income	13 10AM Stroller Moves 4PM St. Patrick's Day Art 4PM Spring Wire Art 7PM Kiss Me I'm Irish Genealogy Workshop 7PM Spring Sign	14 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 1:30PM Little Artists 4PM Simple Science: Taste Buds 6:30PM Coffee Art 7PM 3D Printed St Patrick's Day Mugs	15 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 5PM Gaming Fridays	16 11:15AM Saturday Storytime 1PM Introduction to Chess
17 2PM Fiddler's Green Concert	18 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>P.S. I Love You</i> 3:15PM Guinea Pig Storytime 4:15PM Guinea Pig Storytime 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Long Island's Best Fishing: Inshore Forecast	19 10:15AM Senior Flex 4PM Kool-Aid Lip Gloss 5:30-7:30PM Family Puzzle Night 7PM Puzzle Exchange Club 7PM History of Blue Point Oysters	20 9AM Morning Yoga 10AM Stroller Moves 11AM Rock and Read 4:15PM Kid Librarians Meeting 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 7PM Spring Sign	21 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 4PM Sewing Club 4:15PM Learn to Irish Dance 6:30PM Watercolor with Mary	22 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 2PM April Fools Storytime 4PM Taco Cupcakes with Chef Rob	23 1PM Introduction to Chess
24 2PM Graveyards and Cemeteries of LI	25 2PM Frog Storytime 3PM Microsoft Word 6PM Art Club	26 4:15PM Book Club	27 9:30AM Music Makers 10AM Stroller Moves 10:30AM Music Makers 6:30PM Wood Slice Stepping Stone 6:30PM Minecraft: Jack and the Beanstalk	28 1PM Lunch and a Movie 1:30PM Library Book Club 2PM Garden Clean-Up 6:30PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Library Book Club	29	30 11AM-4PM DIY: Build It Fun
31 CLOSED FOR EASTER						

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ADULT CHILDREN TEEN TWEEN CONCERTS FULCRUM 	1 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>The April Fools</i> 4PM April Fool's Day "Dinner" 6PM Art Club	2 10:15AM Senior Flex 6:30PM Bedtime Storytime: Aliens! 6:30PM Thinking of Selling Your Home?	3 9:30AM Me and My Baby 10AM Stroller Moves 3:15PM LEGO Coding 4:15PM LEGO Coding 4PM Tote Bag	4 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 4:15PM Rainbow Cookies 6:30PM Electric Vehicles 101 6PM Cricut Dish Towels	5 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 2PM Duck Storytime 2PM Fun Friday BINGO	6 9:30AM Saturday Sprouts & Friends 1PM Classic Movie Fun: <i>Sabrina</i>
7 2PM American Ethos Concert	8 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3</i> 4:15PM Bohemian Wall Art 6PM Art Club 6:30PM International Film Night	9 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 3:15PM Finger Knitting Workshop 4:15PM Finger Knitting Workshop 6:30PM Sewing with Linda II	10 9AM Morning Yoga 10AM Stroller Moves 1PM Sewing with Linda II 1PM DIY Sugar Scrub 4:15PM Wind Down With Watercolors 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6:30PM Wood Slice Stepping Stone 7PM Cutting the Cord on Cable	11 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 1:30PM Little Artists 4PM Paper Flowers 7PM Emotional Intelligence 7PM Crafting with Laurie	12 9AM Stony Brook Mobile Mammography Van 9:30AM Free Play	13 10AM Beginning Yoga 11:15AM Saturday Storytime
14 2PM The Sinking of the Steamboat Lexington	15 9:30AM Chair Yoga 10:30AM Little Sprouts Gardening Club 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>It's Complicated</i> 4:15PM Gardening Club 6PM Art Club	16 10:15AM Senior Flex 2PM Chinese Brushwork Painting 2PM Shake, Shimmy, and Dance Storytime 4:15PM Finger Knitting Workshop 7PM Puzzle Exchange Club	17 9AM Morning Yoga 10AM Stroller Moves 11AM Rock and Read 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6:15PM Sensory-Friendly Movie Screening 7PM Meditation 7PM Cricut 101	18 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 4PM Sewing Club 4:15PM Spring Weather STEM 6:30PM Watercolor with Mary 6PM Cricut Dish Towels	19 9:30AM Free Play 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 5PM Gaming Fridays	20 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM-4PM DIY: Flower Fun
21 2PM Jeff and Grant Allegue Concert	22 11AM Tai Chi 11AM Earth Day Storytime 12PM-6PM Earth Day Drop-In 1PM Can I Recycle This? 2PM Celebrate Earth Day 3PM Power Point 6PM Art Club 7PM Masters of the Renaissance	23 9:30AM Spring Break Morning Mini-Camp 10:15AM Senior Flex 2PM Potato Chip Tasting 4:15PM Earth Day Jeopardy 6PM 3D Mosaic Sunflower	24 9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Spring Break Morning Mini-Camp 2PM Movie Time: <i>Hunger Games—The Ballad of Songbirds and Snakes</i> 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 7PM Learn Canva	25 9:30AM Spring Break Morning Mini-Camp 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 1:30PM Library Book Club 6:30PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Library Book Club	26	27 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga
28 1-4 PM Bayminster Dog Parade 	29 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM Tai Chi 1PM Movie: <i>Elvis</i> 6PM Art Club	30 10:15AM Senior Flex 1PM Spaghetti Muffins with Chef Rob 4PM Herb Garden and Markers				