



# 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 Thursday, January 2 at 9am.** Program registration for district residents for **Teen and Children’s Programs begins on Saturday, December 28 at 9am.** For detailed sign-up information, please refer to each department’s section inside this newsletter.

## A NEW YEAR of Learning

ADULTS

### LET’S TALK ABOUT WEATHER

WED | FEB 12 | 7-8:30PM

Join the two dudes from Long Island, Glen and Don, from Islandwide Weather as they discuss the various influences on our current and future weather patterns. What will we expect from 2025? Glen and Don have an extensive knowledge in the field and have been studying meteorology for a combination of over forty years. Their daily routine of posting forecasts when they impact Long Island, has gained them over 73,000 Facebook followers!

Registration required.



CHILDREN

### FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT

TUES | JAN 7 | 5:30-7PM

Stop in to try your hand at 100, 200, and 300-piece puzzles. Looking for a challenge? Set a timer and see how fast your group can complete the puzzle and then add your name to the leaderboard!

Registration required.



TEENS

### COOKIES WITH CHEF ROB

FRI | JAN 24 | 4PM

Chef Rob will be here to show you how to whip up some crushed pretzel chocolate chip cookie batter to take home and bake. Maybe have them with some hot cocoa. Mmmmmmmmm. Registration required.



FULCRUM

### STILL LIFE DRAWING

TUES | JAN 21 | 2PM

Examine commonplace objects through drawing and capture them in exciting compositions in this inspiring all levels drawing class designed to encourage observational skills. Study something natural (food, flowers, rocks, shells, etc.) and/or man-made objects (books, vases, jewelry, coins, figurines, etc.) and interpret it on paper with graphite or oil pastel. Registration required.



## MUSIC SUNDAYS

Registration required.

### THE HITMAN BLUES BAND

JAN 5 | 2-3:30PM

He has New York City in his veins, blues in his heart, and the music of many worlds in his gifted hands. With 50 years of mastery, Russell “Hitman” Alexander in the Hitman Blues Band, plays the blues you have been looking for all your life.



### EASTBOUND FREIGHT

FEB 2 | 2-3:30PM

Eastbound Freight Bluegrass includes five of Long Island’s premier bluegrass musicians: John Brisotti, Dave Thompson, Bruce Barry, Phil Gelfer, and Sam Gelfer. The band has been delighting audiences in the Greater NY Area for over three decades. Their performance will feature instrumental music and vocal selections that highlight the wide range of this uniquely American music genre. This exciting concert will feature fiddle and banjo instrumentals, traditional gospel music, songs from the honky tonk and the coalmine, as well as recent tunes that have been adapted to the bluegrass repertoire.



### A CABARET ABOUT LOVE & EVERYONE’S HOPES!

FEB 9 | 2-3:30PM

Experience an unforgettable afternoon of music and meaning! Singers and musicians from the acclaimed Aesthetic Realism Theatre Company will perform timeless, beloved songs while offering profound insights into how they reflect our lives. Rooted in Eli Siegel’s philosophy of Aesthetic Realism, “All beauty is a making one of opposites, and the making one of opposites is what we are going after in ourselves.”

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## 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: Wednesday, January 1, 2025

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Monday, January 20, 2025

Presidents’ Day: Monday, February 17, 2025

Library Board meetings are held on the second Tuesday 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.

### Library Board of Trustees

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### Library Director

Mike Firestone

## A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

It is our pleasure to have this space to thank you, our members and benefactors of the Friends of the Library.

We especially thank our **new** and **renewing members** who heard our end-of-year call for support. But, it’s never too late to become a Friend of the Library.

As we embark on our 2025 agenda, we want to assure our public that the Friends Board is committed to carefully allocating funds when needed. We are proud of the popular programs, cultural events, summer outdoor music concerts that are supported by the Friends. In addition, we are the sole supporter of the Library of Things. YOU, make things happen at your library, dear Friends!

Thank you, Mike Firestone, for designing and installing a beautiful kiosk for the Friends adjacent to the circulation desk. It is constantly updated with Friends’ notices, membership envelopes and special notices. It’s never too late to become a new member or renew your current membership.

Brick sales for the exterior walkway and the Circle Wall next to the Cafe were brisk last year. There is still additional space for both. These extra dollars add to the Friends continued success.

We even have a separate fund to tune the Baby Grand after every indoor musical concert. Our very special thanks to Anna P. Davis, a long-time patron and Friend of the Library.

In the past year alone, the Friends budget allowed for additional supplies to the Childrens and Teens departments as well as new, cozy furnishings for the tweens in their dedicated space called **The Lounge**.

If you are a member of the Friends of the Library and have not received your 2025 Friends car decal, please leave a note in the “Suggestion Box” at the Friends kiosk. One of the Board members will contact you. If you wish to become a member, envelopes are available at the kiosk, as well.





# ADULT Programs

Program registration for **Adult** and **Fulcrum** programs for **Bayport-Blue Point Library patrons begins Thursday, January 2 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 Thursday, January 9 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, FEB 7, 14, 21, 28 | 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. **No registration necessary.**

## OPEN CHESS

**SAT | JAN 4, 11, 18, 25, FEB 1, 8, 15, 22 | 1-4:30PM**

Come and play chess with friends and neighbors. The library will supply the chess sets, you supply the skills! **Registration suggested.**

## TAI LETTUCE WRAPS WITH CHEF ROB

**TUES | JAN 7 | 1:30-2:30PM**

Enjoy Thai lettuce wraps prepared with ground beef, ginger, carrots, and green onions. The menu also features glazed shrimp drizzled with a Chinese plum sauce. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card ONLY.**

## SEWING WITH LINDA

**TUES | JAN 7 AND 14 | 6-7PM**

Create a multi-pocketed fabric case to help you organize and store your favorite objects. Basic sewing skills required. Pick up a materials list at Adult Services. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

## DISCOVER YOUR WORD FOR 2025

**THURS | JAN 9 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Undergo four exercises to discover ONE word that depicts what matters most to you in the New Year. Having just one word simplifies your life, and instead of making a New Year's resolution (which usually goes by the wayside), set an intention of what you want to experience in 2025. **Registration required.**

## CLASSIC MOVIES WITH JEFF: CASABLANCA

**SAT | JAN 11 | 1-3:30PM**

Calling all classic movie fans! Come spend an afternoon watching and learning about the classic movie *Casablanca*, with Librarian Jeff Walden, who will share some interesting facts and stories about the film and cast with a post-film discussion. **Registration required.**



## NATIONAL HOT TEA DAY

**SUN | JAN 12 | 2-4PM**

Celebrate National Hot Tea Day with us! Drop in anytime from 2:00-4:00 pm with your favorite mug and enjoy a nice warm cup of tea over the fire with friends. Participate in our tea swap by bringing in a bag or box of tea to share with others. Who knows, maybe you will discover a new favorite flavor!

## KNIT NIGHT

**MON | JAN 13 AND FEB 10 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Knitting enthusiast Debbie Schmieder will be here to advise patrons on current and upcoming projects and to provide instruction to beginners. Beginners need to bring worsted weight yarn and a pair of number 7 or 8 needles. **Registration required.**

## DONUTS AND DRAGONS

**TUES | JAN 14 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Join Allison a week before Onyx Storm's release for donuts and discussions about the Fourth Wing series! Make sure you have read both *Fourth Wing* and *Iron Flame* by Rebecca Yarros, as we will be talking about spoilers from each book and taking guesses for the next! **Registration required.**



## ALCOHOL INK: SNOWY LANDSCAPE

**THURS | JAN 16 | 6:30-8PM | OR**

**FRI | JAN 31 | 2- 3:30PM**

Artist Bonnie Schwartz will guide you in making a snowy winter scene on a 6"x6" ceramic tile using richly colored alcohol ink. You will love the dazzling, vibrant effects of this unique painting medium! **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card only.**



## ACRYLIC LANDSCAPE PAINTING

**SAT | JAN 18 | 1-3PM**

Spend your Saturday afternoon with artist Jonathan as he teaches you how to create a scenic landscape painting using acrylic paints. Brush techniques and color mixing will be shown as well as encouraging personal expression. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



## MEDICARE EDUCATIONAL EVENT

**TUES | JAN 21 | 6:30-8PM**

Join John Mandaro who has 20 years of experience in the Medicare Insurance Industry to learn about the fundamentals of Medicare. He will discuss Medicare Parts A, B & D, the difference between Advantage and Supplement Plans, and the new Medicare changes for 2025. He will also go over programs available to Medicare beneficiaries to help reduce Medicare medical expenses, prescription drug costs and more. **Registration required.**

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE CLUB

**TUES | JAN 21 | AND | FEB 18 | 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.**

## COZY BLANKET WORKSHOP

**WED | JAN 22 | 12-1PM | OR | FRI | JAN 24 | 10-11AM**

Brrr it's cold outside! Join us in making your very own fleece blanket adorned with tiny knots all around. Please bring 5 yards of anti-pill fleece fabric: 2 ½ yards of a fun print and 2 ½ yards of a coordinating solid. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder.**

## JEWELRY WORKSHOP: BEADED WIRE PENDANT NECKLACE

**THURS | JAN 23 | 1-3PM**

Join jewelry designer / Instructor Donna Irvine as she teaches you wire wrapping techniques to make a variation of this beaded pendant. You will get to customize your own creation by choosing a wire color bead color. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



## SPOTLIGHT ON LOCAL BUSINESSES:

### BAYPORT FLOWER HOUSES

**THURS | JAN 23 | 6:30-7:30PM**

How did Bayport Flower Houses begin? What was Karl's first day on the job like? What is the most common customer question? The owners of the beloved Bayport Flower Houses, Karl Auwaerter, Christine Saroka and John Auwaerter join us to share an insider look into their well-known local business. This program kicks off the first in our new Spotlight series that celebrates the local businesses that help shape the community's rich landscape. **Registration required.**



## CPR-AED-FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

**SAT | JAN 25**

**10AM-1:45PM (FOR CPR-AED)**

**10AM-3PM (FOR CPR-AED-FIRST AID)**

Join American Red Cross instructor Celia Vollmer for this course that will teach students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies. Successful students will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid valid for two years. **Registration required. Fees: \$70 for CPR & AED certification, or \$85 for all three, payable in cash or money order on the day of class.**



## LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

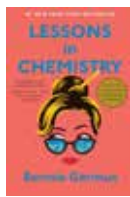
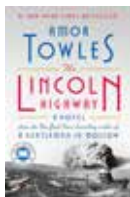
**MON | JAN 27 | AND**

**THURS | FEB 27**

**1:30PM OR 6:30PM**

Join us for an informal and lively book discussion during the afternoon or evening.

The selection for January is *The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles. The selection for February is *Lessons in Chemistry* by Bonnie Garmus. Books will be available at the main desk approximately four weeks before the discussion. **Registration required.**



## Friendly Reminders:

- **Program fees are 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.**

## FINANCIAL LITERACY 101

**TUES | JAN 28 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Learn how to create and monitor a healthy budget while categorizing budgetary needs and wants. This course will also provide different types of saving strategies so that you may start the New Year with positive financial habits. **Registration required.**

## GARDEN THYME

**TUES | JAN 28 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Let's begin planning for the 2025 gardening season! We will discuss the successes and failures of our 2024 garden, explore what changes we can make for the new year, and get our hands back into the soil with some winter seed sowing. **Registration required.**

## ICELAND: LAND OF FIRE AND ICE

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

Ever thought about traveling to Iceland? Join this entertaining and educational program with a traveler to learn all about visiting the Land of Fire and Ice. **Registration required.**



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

**SAT | FEB 1 | 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.**

## SEWING WITH LINDA

**TUES | FEB 4 | 6 PM | OR | WED | FEB 5 | 1 PM**

Create a handy drawstring bag for gifts or travel, using only a fat quarter of fabric. Basic sewing skills required. Pick up a materials list at Adult Services. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

## UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

**TUES | FEB 4 | 2-3PM**

This course covers basic information on the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages, risk factors, research, and FDA-approved treatments. **Registration required.**

## CRAFTING WITH LAURIE

**TUES | FEB 4 | 7-8:30PM**

This month's craft is a Valentine's Day themed shelf sitter. It's a perfect addition to add to your home decor celebrating love! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**



## CELEBRATORY BOOK DISCUSSION: THE WOMEN

**THURS | FEB 6 | 6-7PM**

*The missing. The forgotten. The brave...* On this day last year, Kristin Hannah's bestselling novel, *The Women* was released. Join Allison and Valerie as we celebrate the book's anniversary with an engaging discussion. We encourage that you read the book prior to attending, as we will be talking about spoilers! **Registration required.**



## HEART HEALTH WITH NYU LANGONE

**MON | FEB 10 | 6-7PM**

February is American Heart Month, a month dedicated to raising awareness and providing education that can ultimately save your life. Please join us for an informative discussion on heart health with a NYU Langone Health physician. **Registration required.**

## COOKING WITH JUDY: ITALIAN STYLE BAKERY COOKIES

**TUES | FEB 11 | 6:30-8PM**

Judy is back to teach you the tips and tricks to making bakery-style Italian cookies. Dipped in chocolate, filled with jam...these delights melt in your mouth and are as beautiful as they are scrumptious! Please bring a medium

# ADULT Programs

## CONTINUED

mixing bowl, spatula and 2 cookie sheets with you to the class. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

### LET'S TALK ABOUT WEATHER

WED | FEB 12 | 7-8:30PM

See front cover for details. **Registration required.**

### HEART-THEMED WATERCOLOR QUILT

THURS | FEB 13 | 6:30-7:30 PM

In this mixed media project, you will create a colorful grid by blending watercolors with paper cutouts. Each square will hold a unique design, like a patchwork quilt on paper! No sewing skills required—just bring your creativity! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder.**



### THOSE WISE GUYS OF LI...OWLS!

TUES | FEB 18 | 7-8PM

Fascinating, mysterious, and beautiful! Owls are all of these things, and we see many here on Long Island. Using lots of photos as well as fun and interesting facts, Dianne Taggart, long time LI birder, will tell us all about these magnificent and wonderful birds. **Registration required.**



### DIAMOND ART: SNOWFLAKE BOOKMARKS

WED | FEB 19 | 1-2:30PM OR 6:30-8PM

Experience the calming joy of diamond art with friends. We will make beautiful bookmarks with snowflake designs, by applying tiny resin "diamonds" to leather cornered bookmarks. Please note, this project is ideal for those comfortable working with tiny pieces. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder.**



### INTERNATIONAL FILM NIGHT WITH J.K. HODGE

THURS | FEB 20 | 6:30-8PM

Join J.K. Hodge for a showing of *The Taste of Things* (French). Set in France in 1889, Cook Eugenie and her boss Dodin have grown fond of one another over the past twenty years, and their romance gives rise to dishes that impress the world's most illustrious chefs. When Dodin is faced with Eugenie's reluctance to commit, he begins to cook for her. Join us for this romantic film showing with subtitles. **Registration required.**



### SILENT READING PARTY

FRI | FEB 21 | 6:30-8PM

If your dream is to have the library all to yourself (almost), this night is for you! Bring a good book, grab complimentary treats and beverages from the cafe, and read the night away in our beautiful library after hours. You will have the opportunity to swap book suggestions with others...or not; the choice is yours during this relaxed evening. **Registration required.**



### FUN FRIDAY BINGO WITH ANNE AND VAL

FRI | FEB 28 | 2-3PM

Join us for a fun afternoon playing BINGO. We will have exciting prizes and refreshments will be served. **Registration required.**



## MOVIE MONDAYS @ 1PM

Jan 6 ~ **Twisters** (PG-13) 2 h 2 min

**Starring:** Daisy Edgar-Jones, Glen Powell, Anthony Ramos

Jan 13 ~ **It Ends with Us** (PG-13) 2 h 11 min

**Starring:** Blake Lively, Justin Baldoni, Jenny Slate

Jan 20 ~ **Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Jan 27 ~ **Someone Like You** (PG) 1 h 58 min

**Starring:** Sarah Fisher, Jake Allyn, Lynn Collins

Feb 3 ~ **Red Tails** (PG-13) 2 h 5 min

**Starring:** Cuba Gooding Jr., Gerald McRaney, David Oyelowo

Feb 10 ~ **42** (PG-13) 2 h 8 min

**Starring:** Chadwick Boseman, T.R. Knight, Harrison Ford

Feb 17 ~ **Closed for Presidents' Day**

Feb 24 ~ **Harriet** (PG-13) 2 h 9 min

**Starring:** Cynthia Erivo, Janelle Mon  e, Leslie Odom Jr.



# FULCRUM Programs

**\*\*All of these programs will take place in the Makerspace\*\***



**Registration begins Thursday, January 2, 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/>

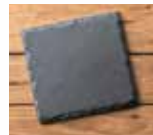
**Email us with any questions: Fulcrumbbp@gmail.com**

*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.*

### LASER ENGRAVED SLATE COASTERS

THURS | JAN 9 OR 23 | 6:30PM

Create a design on Canva with the assistance of Librarian Steve, for a personalized set of slate coasters. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card.



### CUSTOMIZED WIND SPINNERS

WED | JAN 15 OR 29 | 2PM OR 6:30PM

Using a picture of your choice, Librarian Kelly will help you sublimite it onto a wind spinner. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card.



### STILL LIFE DRAWING

TUES | JAN 21 | 2PM

Examine every day commonplace objects through drawing and capture them in exciting compositions in this inspiring all levels drawing class designed to encourage observational skills. Study something natural (food, flowers, rocks, shells, etc.) and/or man-made objects (books, vases, jewelry, coins, figurines, etc.) and interpret it on paper with graphite or oil pastel.

### INTRODUCTION TO GOOGLE

MON | JAN 27 | 3PM

Join Librarian Jerry to explore all things Google. The class will cover setting up an account and exploring the features of Google. Basic computer skills are needed for this hands-on class. All are welcome to bring in their own devices.

### VALENTINE'S DAY MUGS

WED | FEB 5 | 2PM OR 6:30PM

Are you looking for the perfect gift this Valentine's Day? How about a personalized mug! Librarian Kelly will help you take one of your beloved photos and sublimite it onto a mug. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card.



### CUSTOMIZED KEYCHAINS

THURS | FEB 6 OR 13 | 6:30PM

Make a personalized keychain using words and pictures with Librarian Steve. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card.

### CREATIVE LANDSCAPE PAINTING

MON | FEB 10 | 2PM

If you are longing to draw and paint, but do not know where to start, this program will introduce valuable skills. First, we will make a foundation drawing, and then paint a semi-abstract landscape on canvas. We will play with color theory along the way. This style of artwork fits well in any style home from traditional to transitional to modern—decorate your walls with your own work!



### INTRODUCTION TO STREAMING SERVICES

MON | FEB 24 | 3PM

Join Librarian Jerry to explore the libraries website and our streaming services like Kanopy and Hoopla. Bring your library card to class so you can see all we have to offer. Basic computer skills are needed for this hands-on class. All are welcome to bring in their own devices.

### GLASS CUTTING BOARDS

WED | FEB 26

2PM OR 6:30PM

Using a picture of your choice, Librarian Kelly will help you sublimite it onto a glass cutting board. Fee: \$5 payable by check or credit card.



**NEW MACHINE ALERT:** We now have an *Embroidery Machine* in the Makerspace. Come in to check it out. Call or email to make an appointment to use at: 631-363-6133 ext. 220 or fulcrumbbp@gmail.com. Thank you to the **Friends of the Library** for their generosity.



## EXERCISE CLASSES

### CHAIR YOGA

MON | JAN 6, 13, 27, FEB 3, 24 | 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 4, 11, 25, FEB 22 | 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: \$8 payable by check or credit card ONLY.**

### MORNING YOGA

TUES | JAN 7, 14, 28, FEB 4, 25 | 9-10AM

Prior yoga experience is recommended for this Level I & II yoga class that focuses on building strength, balance and flexibility, while incorporating an understanding of how our breath can be used as an important tool to deepen our practice. Please note that this is an intermediate level class and is not recommended for beginners. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card ONLY.**

### VINYASA YOGA

WED | JAN 8, 15, 29, FEB 5, 26 | 6-7PM

Vinyasa yoga will enhance your practice by teaching you how to transition smoothly from one pose to another. The class will involve flowing movements and will explore more challenging poses. Please note that this is an intermediate level class and is not recommended for beginners. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card ONLY.**

### YOGA NIDRA

WED | JAN 15 | 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.**



### ZUMBA

MON | JAN 6, 13, 27, FEB 3, 24 | 6:30-7:30PM

Join Zumba instructor Laura for a fun and energetic cardio workout. All levels welcome. Dance at your own pace! **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$10 check or credit card ONLY.**

### SENIOR FLEX

TUES | JAN 7, 14, 21, 28, FEB 4, 11, 18

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.**



### SENIOR FLEX II

TUES | JAN 7, 14, 21, 28, FEB 4, 11, 18 | 11:15AM-12:15PM

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 9, 16, 23, 30, FEB 6, 13, 20 | 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.**

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### STRENGTH TRAINING

SAT | JAN 4, 11, 18, 25, FEB 22 | 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 | FEB 5 | 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 28, 2024 AT 9AM FOR ALL JANUARY PROGRAM SESSIONS.** REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 AT 9AM FOR ALL FEBRUARY PROGRAM SESSIONS.**

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 4 and Saturday, February 1, at 9am.

### Things to Know About Registering for Programs:

- Information about Children's Department programs is available in our printed newsletter, and online at bayportbluepointlibrary.org. Printed newsletters are available in the library at all times. The last page of the newsletter has monthly calendars which may be useful when registering for program sessions.
- 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.



Programs with this symbol will take place outdoors in our Nature Discovery Center.

## 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 2:** Time Capsule

**JANUARY 15:** Snow Storm Mobile

**FEBRUARY 1:** Button Icicles

**FEBRUARY 15:** Popsicle Snowman

### 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 Winter Weather

**FEBRUARY:** Find the Pizza Slices

### MONTHLY READING CHALLENGE

Each month we will have a simple, seasonally-inspired reading challenge for kids! Stop by the Children's Reference Desk to pick up your challenge sheet and get started discovering new books and fun ways to read!

### TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY RAFFLE

**SAT | FEB 1 | ALL DAY**

Visit the library on Saturday, February 1st and earn a raffle for a fun prize!



### DO IT YOURSELF ACTIVITIES

Drop by the Children's Program Room on any of the following Saturdays between 11:00am and 4:00pm for some fun **DIY** activities!

**No registration required.**

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 11:** Sticker Fun

Drop in and design your own stickers or complete some paint by sticker artwork just in time for National Sticker Day on January 13th.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 18:** Build It Fun

Build with Legos, Magna Tiles, blocks and more!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17:** Circle Art

Drop in to complete some circle art for a fun collaborative art project!

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15:** Build It Fun

Build with Legos, Magna Tiles, blocks and more!

### MID-WINTER RECESS DAILY DROP-INS

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20 | 10AM-6PM**

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. **No registration required.**

### FAMILY WINTER WALK



**SAT | JAN 4 | 11AM**

Bundle up and join us outdoors for a New Year's Walk on the library's walking path. Inspired by the 1000 Hours Outside challenge, and National Play Outside Days, the library will facilitate a group activity that encourages people of all ages to get moving and enjoy the outdoors in all kinds of weather! **All ages welcome! Registration required.**

Please Note the following change in Registration Procedure For January and February Children's Programs:

Please Register for all January Program Sessions on Saturday, December 28, 2024. Please Register for all February Program Sessions on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

### FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT

**TUES | JAN 7 | 5:30-7PM**

Stop in to try your hand at 100, 200, and 300-piece puzzles. Looking for a challenge? Set a timer and see how fast your group can complete the puzzle and then add your name to the leaderboard!

**Registration required.**

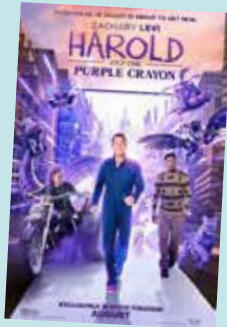
### MOVIE MATINEE

**WED | JAN 29**

**10:30AM**

Join us at the library to watch, *Harold and the Purple Crayon*. (PG, 90 minutes). Snacks will be provided.

**Registration required.**



## YOUNGER CHILDREN

(Infant, Toddler and Preschool)

*Check description for age requirements*

### CURIOUS GEORGE STORYTIME

**MON | JAN 6 | 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 storytime all about our friend, Curious George!

### NURSERY RHYME SING ALONG

**WED | JAN 8 | 11AM**

**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.

### FREE PLAY

**FRI | JAN 10, 17, 24, 31 | AND | FEB 7, 14, 21\* 10AM-12PM**

**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. Registration note:** On Friday, February 21, this program will run from 10am-4pm.

### BABY START

**TUES | JAN 14 | AND | FEB 11 | 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.

### BEDTIME STORYTIME

**TUES | JAN 14 | 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!

### LITTLE BRICK BUILDERS

**THURS | JAN 16 | 11AM**

**15 CHILDREN AGES 2-4 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

Join us for some creative fun with LEGOS! Little ones will work on a prompt and then have time to free build.

### PRE-K BRICK BUILDERS

**FRI | JAN 17 | 3:30PM**

**15 CHILDREN AGES 4-5 YEARS**

Join us for some creative fun with LEGOS! Preschoolers will work on a prompt independently and then have time to free build. **Registration note:** Children will participate in this program without a caregiver.

### OPEN SENSORY PLAY

**TUES | JAN 21 | AND | THURS | FEB 13 | 10:30AM**

**15 CHILDREN BIRTH-3 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

Engage all of the senses through open-ended play and exploration of sensory bins.

### SNOWMAN STORYTIME

**WED | JAN 22 | 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 storytime all about snowmen!

### TOTS NIGHT OUT

**THURS | JAN 23 | AND | TUES | FEB 11 | 6:15PM**

**15 CHILDREN AGES 18 MONTHS-5 YEARS**

**WITH A CAREGIVER**

An evening of family fun at the library! With a focus on group learning and skill building, this fast-paced class provides activities to enhance music and movement, fine and gross motor, and listening skills.

### SPROUTS & FRIENDS I

**FRI | JAN 24, 31 | AND | FEB 7 | 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. **Please register for each session separately.**

### SPROUTS & FRIENDS II

**FRI | JAN 24, 31 | AND | FEB 7 | 10:30-11:15AM**

**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. **Please register for each session separately.**

### LITTLE SPROUTS BABY MUSIC

**MON | JAN 27 | AND | FEB 24 | 1PM**

**15 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-18 MONTHS**

**WITH A CAREGIVER**

Join us for a Sprouts & Friends class just for babies where we focus on your bond with your sprouting little one through developmentally appropriate music and movement activities for our youngest friends. **This program is best suited for non-walkers.**

### COMMUNICATION SIGN LANGUAGE

**THURS | JAN 30 | AND | FEB 27 | 10AM**

**25 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH THROUGH 5 YEARS**

**WITH A CAREGIVER**

Instructor Jessica Berrins will lead children and caregivers through a highly interactive communication centered class, featuring gestures, spoken words, sign language, music and literature.

### SATURDAY NURSERY RHYME SING ALONG

**SAT | FEB 1 | 11AM**

**25 CHILDREN AGES 0-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

Join Meghan VK on Take Your Child to the Library Day, 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.

### LITTLE ARTISTS

**MON | FEB 3 | 2PM**

**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.

YOUNGER CHILDREN CONT.D

ME AND MY BABY

WED | FEB 5 | 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!



SHAPES STORYTIME

THURS | FEB 6 | 6:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS

In this evening storytime, join us for songs and stories all about shapes, and a fun geometric art activity!



HIBERNATION STORYTIME

MON | 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 storytime all about hibernating!

PIZZA STORYTIME

TUES | FEB 25 | 3:15PM5 | 15 CHILDREN AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

In this extra special storytime, join us for songs and stories all about everyone's favorite food...pizza! Finish off the program by making a sweet, pizza treat.

ALL ABOARD!

WED | FEB 26 | 10AM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-4 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.



PRE-K ALL ABOARD!

FRI | FEB 28 | 3:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 4-5 YEARS

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. **Registration note:** Children will participate in this program without a caregiver.

READING CLUBS FOR ALL AGES

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

You're invited to participate in this special program, which encourages you to read 1,000 books with your child before they start kindergarten. 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 concept is simple and the rewards are priceless.



BEGINNING READERS CHALLENGE

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

This special reading challenge is 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!



INDEPENDENT READERS CHALLENGE

FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

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 Independent 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!



SCHOOL AGE (K-6th Grade)

Check description for grade requirements

AFTER-SCHOOL HOMEWORK HOURS

Each day school is in session, the library has reserved our Children's Study Room from 3:30-5pm for children who are looking for a quieter space to complete school work. Check-in at the Children's Reference Desk.

YOGA AND MINDFULNESS

MON | JAN 6, 13, 27 | AND FEB 3, 10 | 5:30PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-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.



CELEBRATE SUCCULENTS

WED | JAN 8 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6

Let's plant some succulents in DIY pots while learning about these cool, drought-resistant plants.

MOON MAGIC

THURS | JAN 9 | 6:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

This fun STEAM program is all about the magic of the moon! Enjoy a story and activities.



MASON JAR LANTERNS

MON | JAN 13 | 6:15PM | 12 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

Visit The Fulcrum and use the Cricut machine to make your own mason jar lantern that will showcase a silhouette of your choosing.

BEDTIME STORYTIME

TUES | JAN 14 | 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!



WIND DOWN WITH WATERCOLORS

WED | JAN 15 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

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



SIGN LANGUAGE FOR KIDS

TUES | JAN 21 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Instructor Jessica Berrins will lead children through a highly interactive communication centered class, featuring gestures, spoken words, sign language, music and literature.



DRAW & THAW

WED | JAN 22 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Beat the cold and come to the library to make northern lights art with oil pastels.

SONGWRITING FOR KIDS

TUES | JAN 28 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6

Have you ever wanted to learn about the songwriting process? Meghan VK will teach kids the different elements that go into a song and kids will have an opportunity to write their own piece!

LOADED HOT CHOCOLATE

THURS | JAN 30 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Hot chocolate lovers will enjoy this tasty program, and a chance to load up their hot chocolate with yummy treats!



VALENTINE'S DAY HEART WALL HANGING

TUES | FEB 4 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-5

Children will enjoy a Valentine's Day story and practice their cutting and gluing skills to make a beautiful Valentine's Day decoration.

HEART COLLAGE ART

WED | FEB 5 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

Children will work on heart-shaped artwork using the simple technique of collage.

SHAPES STORYTIME

THURS | FEB 6 | 6:30PM

15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS

In this evening storytime, join us for songs and stories all about shapes, and a fun geometric art activity!

TWEENS AFTER HOURS: PJ PARTY

FRI | FEB 7 | 5:15-6:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 4-6

Join us for an extra special, after-hours event just for tweens in The Lounge! We'll have pizza and snacks. Feel free to be comfy in PJs!

POKÉMON BINGO & CARD TRADING

WED | FEB 12 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Bring all of your Pokémon knowledge and stats to the library for some BINGO fun! We'll leave some time at the end of the program for trading cards.

BOOKS & BABBLE NOVEL CLUB

THURS | FEB 13 | AND | FEB 27 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6

During this book club, children will read and discuss a middle grade novel: *Not Quite a Ghost* by Anne Ursu. The book will be read in two parts – the first half for the first session and the second half for the second session. Activities and snacks related to the novel will also be provided. Copies of the book will be available to pick-up at the Children's Reference Desk.



HISTORY OF PIZZA

TUES | FEB 25 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2

Learn all about the history of pizza, play some trivia and make your own pizza-inspired treat!



PENGUIN CUPCAKES

WED | FEB 26 | 4:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6

Let's design and decorate a yummy penguin treat!



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.



# JOHN MCNAMARA TEEN CENTER

# Programs

Young Adult registration begins Saturday, December 28, 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.

## BOOKMARK MAKING WITH COCOA

**FRI | JAN 3 | 2PM**

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



## ART CLUB

**MON | JAN 6, 13, 27  
AND | FEB 3, 10, 24  
6PM**

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.



## FLEECE SCARVES

**THURS | JAN 9 | 4PM**

Earn 1 hour of community service by making no-sew fleece scarves to be donated to a shelter in the community. We will provide all the materials. (1 hour of community service)

## SPICY CANDY TASTE TEST

**TUES | JAN 14 | 4PM**

Join Ms. Jen for her classic taste test with a spicy twist. Try the snacks individually and rank them using the tier list method. We will have milk on hand for those who can't handle the heat!!!!

## TAB (TEEN ADVISORY BOARD)

**TUES | JAN 14 | AND | FEB 18 | 7PM**

This group will meet once a month with Ms. Jen to discuss issues related to teen use of the library. You might create a display, run a program, help other teens, all of which you will earn community service hours for. TAB is open to grades 6-12. Teens are expected to be active members of the community, and should attend monthly meetings and other library programs during the year. Want to learn more? Email Ms. Jen: [jitzkin@bbplib.org](mailto:jitzkin@bbplib.org)

## SEWING CLUB

**THURS | JAN 23 | AND  
FEB 13 | 4PM**

Come and join Ms. Kelly in the sewing club and learn the basics of sewing while making a *llama* for January, and for February we will show you how to use patterns.



## 3D PRINT CLUB

**THURS | JAN 23 | AND | FEB 13 | 5:15PM**

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

## COOKIES WITH CHEF ROB

**FRI | JAN 24 | 4PM**

Chef Rob will be here to show you how to whip up some crushed pretzel chocolate chip cookie batter to take home and bake. Maybe have them with some hot cocoa. Mmmmmmmmm.



## GAMING FRIDAYS

**FRI | JAN 24 | AND | FEB 14  
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.



## SHRINKY DINKS

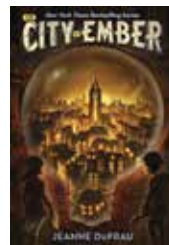
**TUES | JAN 28 | 4PM**

Join Ms. Jen for this classic craft and draw your own creations on special paper that turns into a charm after we bake it. You can make it a keychain, necklace/earrings, or even a magnet.

## BOOK CLUB AND MOVIE

**WED | JAN 29 | 1PM**

Read the book, *City of Ember*, by Jeanne DuPrau (pick up a copy in first week of January) and then come and watch the movie with us. Rated PG.



## HOTTTTT CHOCOLATE

**FRI | JAN 31 | 4PM**

Come and celebrate *National Hot Chocolate Day* with Ms. Kelly and Ms. Jen (and we aren't talking the powdered packet kind). Think the creamiest chocolate you could imagine, with some add-ins of course.



## EDIBLE COOKIE DOUGH

**TUES | FEB 4 | 4PM**

Create edible cookie dough with Ms. Jen, pour-stir-eat, No baking required.

## HEART MASON JARS

**THURS | FEB 6 | 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??

## LIBRARY LOVE BRACELETS

**FRI | FEB 7 | 4PM**

We will be making word/heart bracelets to hand out during **National Library Lover's month**. *Make some for you, Make some for the community.* (1 hour of community service)

## HEART CRICUT MUGS

**MON | FEB 10 | 4PM**

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



## SEED SORTING

**TUES | FEB 18 | 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)



## MAKE YOUR OWN PUZZLE

**WED | FEB 19 | 2PM**

Create a design in Canva to be printed out and ironed onto a blank puzzle, or maybe you have a favorite thing to draw—use that to be ironed on.

## LETTERS TO ELDERS

**WED | FEB 26 | 4PM**

Spread some love and kindness by putting pen to paper and write some letters to people in nursing homes. Join Ms. Kelly on National Letter to an Elder Day, and remember...a simple letter can brighten up anyone's day.



## 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

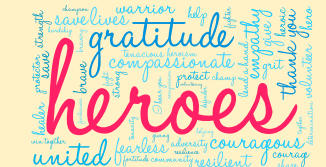
(1 hour of community service)

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](https://supportourtroops.org/images/programs/Instructions_for_cutting_coupons.pdf). (Before mailing take a pic of the completed envelope and email to [kelly@bbplib.org](mailto:kelly@bbplib.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@bbplib.org](mailto:kelly@bbplib.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. 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@bbplib.org](mailto:kelly@bbplib.org) with your name and grade).

### BOOKMARKS

(1 hour of community service)

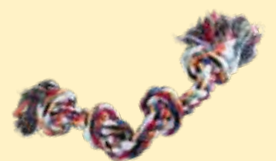
Pick up a kit from the YA department with 5 bookmarks to make. Design and bring back the finished bookmarks to receive your certificate.



### DOG TOY KITS

(1 hour of community service)

Pick up a kit from the YA department with 5 toys to make. Bring back the finished toys to receive your certificate. We will be donating the toys to animal shelters.



### COFFEE SLEEVES

(1 hour of community service)

Pick up a kit from the YA department with 5 coffee sleeves to make. Design and bring back the finished sleeves with some inspirational messages on them to receive your certificate.



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

# LIBRARY News



## BAYPORT-BLUE POINT HERITAGE PRESENTS:



### A GENTLEMAN FROM ABROAD - MAJOR GENERAL DE TROBRIAND GEORGE MUNKENBECK, ISLIP TOWN HISTORIAN

SUN | JAN 19 | 2-4PM

Resting in St. Ann's Churchyard is one man who gave up his title of nobility to serve the country that he loved. A genuine beau vivant of antebellum times this French nobleman became a soldier and among other achievements held the line on the second day of the Battle of Gettysburg. He lived part of the year in New Orleans and the other in his daughter's home in Bayport. Major General de Trobriand made a mark on our nation's history, but few know his story.

**No registration necessary.**

### HISTORY THROUGH GENEALOGY

ROY FEDELEM, PRESIDENT, SAYVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

SUN | FEB 23 | 2-4PM

Roy Fedelem is currently the president of the Sayville Historical Society and was the demographer for the Long Island Regional Planning Board for 31 years. When conducting genealogical research Roy realized a relationship between history and genealogy. His talk will explore people, places and events that may have genealogical connections. Lineage societies you may be eligible to join and genealogical resources will be discussed. You may find you are related to Kings, Queens, Presidents, and maybe even William the Conqueror or Charlemagne or maybe your ancestors in the Crusades. **No registration necessary.**



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## PASSPORT SERVICES

**Are you planning on traveling internationally in the new year? Get your passport first, then book your trip!**



**The Bayport-Blue Point Library is a Passport Acceptance Facility, which means that you can make an appointment to apply for a new passport with one of our trained agents.**

**To book an appointment, call us at 631-363-6133 and dial 4 for Adult Services. Please note, that although we do not process passport renewals, we can review renewal applications and answer questions.**

## ON EXHIBIT

### January 2025

**Display Case East:** Students of the Bayport-Blue Point High School Art Department will be displaying their sculptures and ceramics.

**Display Case West:** Silvan Martin began his art career as a graphic artist after graduating from Farmingdale State College. He also enjoys photography and likes to take pictures of local scenery, flowers, and the Catskill Mountain area.

**First Floor Gallery:** Mary O'Connor is a local artist who finds her inspiration in nature. She paints her interpretation of what she sees into her own impressionist and somewhat abstract style.

**Second Floor Gallery:** Students of the Academy Street Elementary School will be displaying their artwork.

### February 2025

**Display Case East:** In 1964, President Lyndon B. Johnson proclaimed the second month of the year, "American Heart Month," to raise awareness of the prevalence of cardiovascular disease. This year, for American Heart Month, Susan Kubelle will display information about the heart to encourage people to take action in protecting their cardiovascular health.

**Display Case West:** Enjoy a tiny art show created by local community members.

**First Floor Gallery:** Frank Cardino Exhibit - After a fulfilling career as an architect, Frank has returned to his first love: painting with oils. His deep understanding of structure and design now enhances his artistic creations, blending precision with expressive brushstrokes. He is excited to showcase and share his vision and passion using vibrant colors, forms, and textures.

**Second Floor Gallery:** Students of the James Wilson Young Middle School will be displaying their artwork.

### - - Tiny Art Show - -

Share your creativity with the community by designing a tiny work of art on a 4"x 4" canvas. Return your finished masterpiece to the library by Wednesday, January 15, to be included in the exhibit. The tiny art show will be on view in the library display case for the month of February. Open to all ages.

## BUDGET INFO:

**Budget Vote - Tuesday April 8, 9am-8pm.**

Trustee Election: **July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030.**

**This position is currently held by incumbent Ronald F. Devine, Jr. whose term expires on June 30, 2025.**

**Petition forms are due: Monday, March 3, 2025 before 5pm.**

Registration: **9am and 3pm until April 4, 2025.**

Budget Information Meeting and Candidates Night: **Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm**

Absentee Ballots: **The school district clerk must receive absentee ballots no later than 5pm on the day of the vote, April 8.**

BAYPORT-BLUE POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

JANUARY 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div></div> ADULT</div> <div><div></div> CHILDREN</div> <div><div></div> TEEN</div> <div><div></div> TWEEN</div> <div><div></div> CONCERTS</div> <div><div></div> FULCRUM</div>			1 <div>CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY</div>	2 <div>9AM Adult Program Sign-Up Day</div>	3 <div>10AM Open Mah Jongg 2PM Bookmark Making with Cocoa</div>	4 <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM Family Winter Walk 1PM Open Chess</div>
5 <div>2PM The Hitman Blues Band</div>	6 <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 11:15AM Curious George Storytime 1PM Movie: <i>Twisters</i> 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Zumba</div>	7 <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1:30PM Tai Lettuce Wraps with Chef Rob 5:30-7PM Family Puzzle Night 6PM Sewing with Linda</div>	8 <div>11AM Nursery Rhyme Sing Along  4:15PM Celebrate Succulents  6PM Vinyasa Yoga</div>	9 <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4PM Fleece Scarves 6:15PM Moon Magic 6:30PM Discover Your Word for 2025 6:30PM Laser Engraved Slate Coasters</div>	10 <div>10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg</div>	11 <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM-4PM DIY Sticker Fun 1PM Classic Movies with Jeff 1PM Open Chess</div>
12 <div>2PM National Hot Tea Day</div>	13 <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>It Ends With Us</i> 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6:15PM Mason Jar Lanterns 6:30PM Knit Night 6:30PM Zumba</div>	14 <div>9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 4PM Spicy Candy Taste Test 6PM Sewing with Linda 6:30PM Bedtime Storytime 6:30PM Donuts and Dragons 7PM TAB (Teen Advisory Board)</div>	15 <div>2PM Customized Wind Spinners 4:15PM Wind Down With Watercolors 6PM Vinyasa Yoga 6:30PM Customized Wind Spinners 7PM Yoga Nidra</div>	16 <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11AM Little Brick Builders 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 6:30PM Alcohol Ink: Snowy Landscape</div>	17 <div>10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg  3:30PM Pre-K Brick Builders</div>	18 <div>9AM Strength Training 11AM-4PM DIY Build It Fun 1PM Acrylic Landscape Painting 1PM Open Chess</div>
19 <div>2PM Dan Donnelly Concert</div>	20 <div>CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</div>	21 <div>10:15AM Senior Flex 10:30AM Open Sensory Play 11:15AM Senior Flex II 2PM Still Life Drawing 4:15PM Sign Language for Kids 6:30PM Medicare Educational Event 7PM TAB (Teen Advisory Board)</div>	22 <div>11:15AM Snowman Storytime 1PM Cozy Blanket Workshop 1PM Book Club and Movie 4:15PM Draw &amp; Thaw</div>	23 <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 1PM Jewelry Workshop 4PM Sewing Club 5:15PM 3D Print Club 6:15PM Tots Night Out 6:30PM Laser Engraved Slate Coasters 6:30PM Spotlight on Local Businesses</div>	24 <div>9:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends I 10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10AM Cozy Blanket Workshop 10:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends II 4PM Cookies with Chef Rob 5-7PM Gaming Friday</div>	25 <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 10AM CPR-AED- First Aid Training 1PM Open Chess</div>
26	27 <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>Someone Like You</i> 1PM Little Sprouts Baby Music 1:30PM Library Book Club 3PM Introduction to Google 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Library Book Club 6:30PM Zumba</div>	28 <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 4PM Shrinky Dinks 4:15PM Songwriting for Kids 6:30PM Financial Literacy 101</div>	29 <div>10:30AM Movie Matinee 1PM Book Club and Movie 2PM Customized Wind Spinners 6PM Vinyasa Yoga 6:30PM Customized Wind Spinners</div>	30 <div>10AM Communication Sign Language 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4:15PM Loaded Hot Chocolate 6:30PM Iceland: Land of Fire and Ice</div>	31 <div>9:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends I 10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends II 2PM Alcohol Ink: Snowy Landscape 4PM Hot Chocolate</div>	

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2 <div>2PM Eastbound Freight</div>	3 <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>Red Tails</i> 2PM Little Artists 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Zumba</div>	4 <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 2PM Understanding Alzheimer's &amp; Dementia 4PM Edible Cookie Dough 4:15PM Valentine's Day Wall Hanging 6PM Sewing with Linda 7PM Crafting with Laurie</div>	5 <div>9:30AM Me &amp; My Baby 1PM Sewing with Linda 2PM Valentine's Day Mugs 4:15PM Heart Collage Art 6PM Vinyasa Yoga 6:30PM Valentine's Day Mugs 7PM Meditation</div>	6 <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4PM Heart Mason Jars 6PM Celebratory Book Discussion 6:30PM Shapes Storytime 6:30PM Customized Keychains</div>	7 <div>9:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends I 10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends II 2PM Fun Friday BINGO with Anne and Val 4PM Library Love Bracelets 5:15PM Tweens After Hours</div>	8 <div>11AM-4PM DIY Circle Fun 1PM Open Chess</div>
9 <div>2PM A Cabaret About Love &amp; Everyone's Hopes!</div>	10 <div>11:15AM Hibernation Storytime 1PM Movie: <i>42</i> 2PM Creative Landscape Painting 4PM Heart Cricut Mugs 5:30PM Yoga and Mindfulness 6PM Art Club 6PM Heart Health with NYU Langone 6:30PM Knit Night</div>	11 <div>9:30AM Baby Start  6:30PM Cooking with Judy  10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 6:15PM Tots Night Out</div>	12 <div>4:15PM Pokémon BINGO &amp; Card Trading  7PM Let's Talk About Weather</div>	13 <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 10:30AM Open Sensory Play 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4PM Sewing Club 4:15PM Books &amp; Babble Novel Club 5:15PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Heart-Themed Watercolor Quilt 6:30PM Customized Keychains</div>	14 <div>10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg  5-7PM Gaming Friday</div>	15 <div>11AM-4PM DIY Build It Fun  1PM Open Chess</div>
16	17 <div>CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY</div>	18 <div>10AM-6PM Mid-Winter Recess Drop-In 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 2PM Seed Sorting 7PM TAB (Teen Advisory Board) 7PM Those Wise Guys of LI</div>	19 <div>10AM-6PM Mid-Winter Recess Drop-In 1PM Diamond Art: Snowflake Bookmarks 4PM Make Your Own Puzzle 6:30PM Diamond Art: Snowflake Bookmarks</div>	20 <div>10AM-6PM Mid-Winter Recess Drop-In 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 6:30PM International Film Night</div>	21 <div>10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg  6:30PM Silent Reading Party</div>	22 <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga  1PM Open Chess</div>
23	24 <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Little Sprouts Baby Music 1PM Movie: <i>Harriet</i> 3PM Intro to Streaming Services 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Zumba</div>	25 <div>9AM Morning Yoga 3:15PM Pizza Storytime 4:15PM History of Pizza</div>	26 <div>10AM All Aboard! 2PM Glass Cutting Boards 4PM Letters to Elders 4:15PM Penguin Cupcakes 6PM Vinyasa Yoga 6:30PM Glass Cutting Boards</div>	27 <div>10AM Communication Sign Language 1:30PM Library Book Club 4:15PM Books &amp; Babble Novel Club 6:30PM Library Book Club</div>	28 <div>10AM Open Mah Jongg  3:30PM Pre-K All Aboard</div>	