



# 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 **Monday, December 29 at 9am**. Program registration for district residents for **Teen and Children's Programs** begins on **Saturday, December 27 at 9am**. For detailed sign-up information, please refer to each department's section inside this newsletter.

## A NEW YEAR of Learning

### ADULTS

#### TRAVEL TIPS: WASHINGTON D.C.

WED | JAN 14 | 7-8:30PM

This year is our nation's 250th Anniversary of Independence! Are you interested in visiting our nation's capital to learn more? Join us for a trip through the best museums and monuments and the historic places that call D.C. home. Jim Ward will also go over any special events or ways in which the capital is celebrating! **Registration required.**



### CHILDREN



#### THE MS. RACHEL EXPERIENCE

WED | FEB 18 | 10AM OR 11AM

25 CHILDREN AGES 1-7 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Ms. Rachel returns for library circle time! There will be music, singing, playing, dancing, bubbles and more! Have your cameras ready for a photo op at the end.

### TEENS



#### ANIME DRAWING CLUB

WED | JAN 7, 28 | AND

FEB 4 | 4PM

Join Ms. Jess as she teaches you to how to draw anime characters. All levels welcome.

### FULCRUM

#### SUBLIMATION BOOKMARKS

WED | JAN 7 | 2PM OR 6:30PM

OR | THURS | JAN 8 OR 22 | 6:30PM

Using a picture of your choice, Librarian Kelly or Steve will help you sublimation it onto a metal bookmark for your own personalization. Fee: \$3 payable by check or credit card.



## MUSIC SUNDAYS

Registration required.

#### DYLAN EBRAHIMIAN

JAN 11 | 2-3:30PM

Dylan Ebrahimian (b. 1991) is a violinist and composer from New York. He will be performing classic and contemporary works for violin solo, and violin with electronics. Dylan Ebrahimian, as a violinist, has travelled around the world with his art. He played violin for New York rock band, Taking Back Sunday, from 2011-2013. He lived in Beijing and Shanghai from 2015-2022, during which time he composed music for film, including 2018's "Hidden Man", China's submission to Best Foreign Film category at the Academy Awards that year, commercial works (Prada, Cosmo, etc.), and installations with contemporary artists (Cao Fei, James Turrell, TeamLab). During this program, he will perform works by Bach, Daria Semegen (a pioneer of electronic music), and himself.

#### THE HAMBONES

JAN 25 | 2-3:30PM

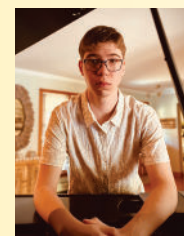
The Hambones return with their merry mix of Country, Rock 'n' Roll and Soul by artists such as Bob Dylan, Johnny Cash, The Grateful Dead and Glen Campbell.



#### ALEX VALDER

FEB 1 | 2-3:30PM

Alexander Valder is a local high school senior who plans to go to college for piano performance. He has been playing the piano for 7 years, and has gone to many pre-college music festivals. He is a solo performer, but has also been parts of chamber orchestras. This program is made up of pieces that he has been preparing for the last year for his upcoming college auditions. Since he has spent so much time living with this music, he wanted to share it with his community before he took it on the road. Putting it all together is by far the biggest project he has ever taken on in his life, and he is very grateful for everyone's support. We hope you enjoy the performance, come support a local artist!



#### 4 WAYS FROM SUNDAY BAND

FEB 22 | 2-3:30PM

4 WAYS FROM SUNDAY is a group of four musicians who present a lively program of time-tested, classic hits from the 50s through the 80s. They invite you to join them and clap, dance, and sing along as they recreate many memorable tunes. With their diverse program, you're sure to hear some of your favorites!



For Library Budget Vote information, head over to page 7!

## LIBRARY INFORMATION

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

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

#### Library Closed:

**New Year's Day:** Thursday, January 1, 2026

**Martin Luther King Jr. Day:** Monday, January 19, 2026

**Presidents' Day:** Monday, February 16, 2026

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

**Library Director** Mike Firestone

#### Library Board of Trustees

Ronald F. Devine, Jr., *President*

Mary Ellen Adams | Kim McAward | Jason Borowski  
Robert Draffin



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

The Friends Board wish to thank all who joined our organization during October Membership Week. We welcome all our new members and salute those who renewed their memberships. We met many library users who appreciated our explanation of our role in the raising money to help the library meet needs and requests not covered in the annual budget. If you haven't joined or renewed and still wish to, please pick up and return a membership envelope you can find in the Friends' "nook" opposite the circulation desk. Your membership dollars keep us going.

We are a totally voluntary group who welcome others who share our enthusiasm for our library. We hold our meetings on the first Wednesday of every month at 6 PM; stop by and join in: New voices, new faces, and new ideas are most welcome.

These are the months we settle in after the hustle and bustle of the holidays.

We will be taking a look at what we have accomplished this past year and reassessing our goals for 2026, as most people do. We have our celebrated Dog Parade in April and our annual Summer Concert Series in the warmer months. Who knows what else?

*Wishing all the very best for 2026!*





# ADULT Programs

Program registration for **Adult** and **Fulcrum** programs for **Bayport-Blue Point Library patrons begins Monday, December 29 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 Monday, January 5 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 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, FEB 6, 13, 20, 27 | 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 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, FEB 7, 14, 21, 28 | 1-4:30PM**

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

## STARS AND SCENTS MIST SPRAYS

**FRI | JAN 9 | 2-3:30PM**

Celebrate the USA's 250th birthday with fragrance and fun! In this hands-on class, you'll discover the basics of essential oils—what they are, how they're sourced, and simple ways to use them at home. Then, you'll blend your own red-white-and-blue-inspired room or body spray, choosing from uplifting citrus, calming lavender, refreshing peppermint, and more. You will leave with a decorated spray bottle of an amazing smelling essential oil mist and the know-how to keep creating your own aromatic blends long after the fireworks fade. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**

## KNIT NIGHT

**MON | JAN 5 AND FEB 9 | 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.**

## BUILDING FINANCIAL CONFIDENCE

**MON | JAN 12 | 6:30-8PM**

Join Tim Honce from Strategic Planning Associates to learn how to build your financial confidence in the New Year, setting you up to make beneficial decisions to protect your assets and loved ones, grow your wealth, and fund your legacy. **Registration required.**

## TRAVEL TIPS: WASHINGTON D.C.

**WED | JAN 14 | 7-8:30PM**

See front cover for details.

## STARRY NIGHT CANDLE HOLDER

**THURS | JAN 15 | 6-8PM**

Create a beautiful glass candleholder painted in the style of Van Gogh's, Starry Night. Artist Donna will give a brief lesson on Vincent Van Gogh before helping you create your own work of art on a glass vase, adorned with twinkling lights. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**



## NATIONAL HOT TEA MONTH

**FRI | JAN 16 | 2-4PM**

Celebrate National Hot Tea Month 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!



## ACRYLIC LANDSCAPE PAINTING

**SAT | JAN 17 | 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.**



## MEDICARE 101

**TUES | JAN 20 | 2-3:30PM**

Learn the A, B, C & Ds of Medicare with Joe Capo. Bring your questions and get ready to finally grasp the fundamentals of Medicare. **Registration required.**

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**TUES | JAN 20 AND FEB 17 | 6-7PM**

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.**

## AI FOR EVERYDAY: (SUPER)POWER YOUR ROUTINE

**TUES | JAN 20 | 6:30-8PM**

Explore how everyday AI tools like ChatGPT can support your personal growth. This interactive workshop introduces practical, beginner-friendly ways to boost productivity, enhance daily activities and stay organized. **Registration required.**

## TECHNOLOGY Q&A CAFE

**WED | JAN 21 | 2-4PM**

Did you receive a new technological device over the holiday season leaving you with many questions? We are here to help! Drop by our cafe with your device for complimentary coffee and technology help! Jerry, Allison, and Valerie will be available to answer any of your questions, and we can set up one-on-one appointments for anyone who might need more support. Please have your device charged up and ready to go. **Registration required.**



## GENEALOGY 101

**THURS | JAN 22 | 6:30-8:30PM**

An introduction to genealogical research. This class is great for beginners who are looking for the starting steps of researching your family tree! **Registration required.**



## FUN FRIDAY BINGO WITH ANNE AND VAL

**FRI | JAN 23 | 2-3PM**

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

## COIN AND STAMP APPRAISAL

**SAT | JAN 24 | 1-4PM**

Do you think you might have some rare or valuable stamps or coins in your collection? Come find out with expert Frank McAlonan. You can bring in as many items as you wish, consistent with a 10-minute time slot. **Registration required.**



## PATHWAYS THROUGH SENIOR CARE

**MON | JAN 26 | 2-3PM**

A case-study-based seminar featuring insights from a Medicare specialist, elder law attorney, and a senior care advisor. Topics include care options, insurance, legal documents, and fall prevention. **Registration required.**

## LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

**TUES | JAN 27 AND FEB 24**

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

Join us for an informal and lively book discussion during the afternoon or the evening. The selection for January is *The Last House on the Street* by Diane Chamberlain. The selection for February is *Normal People* by Sally Rooney. Books will be available at the main desk approximately four weeks before the discussion.



## UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

**THURS | JAN 29 | 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.**

## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

**SAT | JAN 31 | 9AM-3PM**

Complete this one-day course to reduce points and lower insurance rates. **Registration required. Fee: \$41 Cash or check payable to Joe Ogno on the day of class.**

## CPR/AED CERTIFICATION TRAINING

**SAT | JAN 31 | 9:30AM-12PM**

Join CPR instructor, Deirdre Pettit RN, to learn the essential skills to save someone's life. Participants will receive an American Heart Association Certification, which is valid for two years. CPR/AED training will be for adults, children, and infants, and attendees will learn what to do in an emergency for choking, including how to use a LifeVac Device. This class is perfect for new parents, grandparents, caregivers, medical professionals, and more! **Registration required. Fees: \$35 without certification card, or \$70 for an AHA Certification Card, payable in cash, credit card, Venmo, or Zelle on the day of class.**



## 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.**

## MOVE, MEDITATE, CREATE

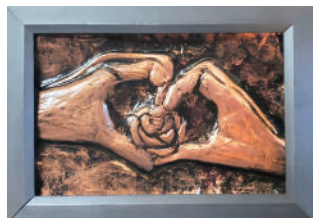
**SAT | JAN 31 | 1-2:30PM**

See Exercise section on next page for full details.

## VALENTINE'S DAY METAL EMBOSSED

**TUES | FEB 3 | 6-8PM**

Repoussé (ruh-POO-sey) is a method of creating a relief or raised design in copper sheet using scribing tools. During this workshop, create a 4" x 6" copper relief Valentines Day design using the provided pattern. All materials are included. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$15.**



## VALENTINE CHOCOLATE CHIP MINI SCONES

**WITH CHEF ROB**

**WED | FEB 4 | 1:30-2:30PM**

Celebrate Valentine's season with a delicious treat! Chef Rob is here to show us how to prepare 16 chocolate chip mini scones, complete with a sweet vanilla drizzle. Please bring a large bowl, cookie tray, box grater, rubber spatula, and a small container with a lid (for the drizzle). **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$11.**

## PABLO RECORDS:

**AN APPRECIATION AND INTRODUCTION**

**THURS | FEB 5 | 7-8PM**

Pablo Records was a jazz label founded in 1973 by Norman Granz. Artists, including Ella Fitzgerald, Duke Ellington, Milt Jackson and Joe Pass all had releases on Pablo in its fourteen-year history. Join Matt Bollerman, music fan and collector of Pablo Records, for an appreciation into this special label and be introduced to some of the excellent music it made available. **Registration required.**

## ESTATE PLANNING AND INHERITANCE MANAGEMENT

**MON | FEB 9 | 6:30-8PM**

Join Tim Honce CFP® from Strategic Planning Associates as he discusses how to ease the burden on loved ones who may have to make decisions about your health or finances and protect your beneficiaries. Learn about the components and importance of estate planning, and the steps to take to protect your assets. **Registration required.**



## INTERNATIONAL FILM NIGHT

**WITH J.K. HODGE**

**TUES | FEB 10 | 6:30-8:30PM**

Join J.K. Hodge for a showing of T-34 (Russian). Produced in 2019, this recent film takes us back to 1944, where a courageous group of Russian soldiers manages to escape from German captivity in a half-destroyed legendary T-34 tank. Those were the times of unforgettable bravery, fierce fighting, unbreakable love, and legendary miracles. Spend an evening watching this award-winning film with subtitles. **Registration required.**



## SAND & SEASHELL ART: BE MY VALENTINE

**THURS | FEB 12 | 6:30-8PM**

This Valentine's Day, put your heart into crafting the most unique seashell art with award winning mix media artist Anna Chan. Unleash your creativity with this one-of-a-kind workshop and bring home the perfect Valentine's Day gift for yourself or your loved one. No prior experience necessary. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**





## ADULT Programs CONTINUED

### FORGED IN ARMOR, FREED BY LOVE: GEOFFREY COSTA

TUES | FEB 17 | 7-8PM

What happens when we have it all - in Geoff's case, military honors, corporate success, a family—realizes we are struggling or completely lost inside? *Forged in Armor, Freed by Love* is the raw, unfiltered journey of a West Point graduate and Army combat veteran who hit rock bottom and made the radical decision to rebuild his life from the inside out.



From childhood trauma and battlefield scars to silent suffering beneath the mask of success, Geoffrey Costa peels back the layers of pain, ego, and external validation in pursuit of something deeper: peace, purpose, and presence. This book is not just a memoir. It's a mirror. A lifeline for anyone silently struggling, questioning their worth, or yearning to feel whole again. If you've ever felt broken, lost, or burned out, this story will remind you that your second life begins the moment you choose to come home to yourself. Registration required. Books will be available for purchase through cash or Venmo.

### BINGO AFTER DARK WITH ANNE AND VAL

WED | FEB 18 | 6:30-7:30PM

Join us for our first ever BINGO in the evening! We will have exciting prizes and refreshments will be served. **Registration required.**

### NUTRITION LECTURE: EATING FOR WELLNESS

THURS | FEB 19 | 7-8PM

In this session, nutritionist Amal will cover essential topics like balanced meals, essential nutrients, and understanding food labels. In this presentation, he will provide practical, actionable advice, and healthy, pre-packaged snacks are also provided for sampling, allowing participants to experience firsthand how to incorporate healthy eating into their daily routines. **Registration required.**



### MARIA'S MEXICAN COOKING: EMPANADAS

FRI | FEB 20 | 1-2:15PM

Join the ladies of Maria's Mexican Cooking for another fun and flavorful demo! In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to make empanadas using corn masa filled with shredded chicken sautéed with onions and tomatoes. Once fried to golden perfection, your empanadas will be topped with shredded iceberg lettuce, Mexican sour cream, and cheese. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**



### MOTH NIGHT STORYSLAM

MON | FEB 23 | 6:30-8PM

Are you a fan of NPR's The Moth? Storytelling inspires confidence, self-reflection, and deepens connections within and between communities. Share your own story at our LIVE StorySLAM, an open-mic storytelling event. Participants must be prepared to tell a true, 5-minute long, personal story without notes, that relates to the night's theme: GUTS. This may include moments of courage, boldness, trying new things, admitting mistakes, etc. **Registration required. Please register as a storyteller or audience member.**

### WINTER SEED SOWING WORKSHOP

TUES | FEB 24 | 6-7PM

Join us for a hands-on Winter Seed-Sowing Workshop and learn a simple, low-cost way to start seeds outdoors—no grow lights, heat mats, or trays needed. Just bring one or more clean plastic containers (such as milk jugs or large water bottles), and we'll supply the seeds and soil. **Registration required.**

### BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH THE HEALING POWER OF MEDITATION

THURS | FEB 26 | 6:30-8PM

As we enter the New Year, we have an opportunity to look back at the things we want to continue to experience and those that we don't. Meditation is an effective technique that helps to create more balance in our lives. Join John Bednarik for this powerful program and learn a simple meditation technique to reclaim your peace and incorporate more positivity and relaxation into your daily routine. This technique will be explained and practiced during the session, and you will be better prepared to start the New Year with renewal. **Registration required.**

### THE LIBRARY MATCHMAKER: A VALENTINES BOOK MATCH

MONDAY, JANUARY 12 – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Treat yourself to a little literary love this February! Starting Monday, January 12 through Friday, February 6, stop by the **Adult Services Desk** to pick up your *Reader Profile*. Answer a few quick questions about your reading tastes and return the form to us. Once you do, our Library Matchmakers will get to work—hand-selecting two books, we think will be a perfect literary match for you. Your **special book goodie bag** will be ready for pickup during the week of Valentine's Day! We'll give you a call when it's ready so you can stop by and collect your bag, filled with your two surprise books and a few extra treats.



## FULCRUM Programs

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



**Registration begins, Monday, December 29, 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.*



### SUBLIMATION BOOKMARKS

WED | JAN 7 | 2PM OR 6:30PM | OR | THURS | JAN 8 OR 22 | 6:30PM

Using a picture of your choice, Librarian Kelly or Steve will help you sublimate it onto a metal bookmark for your own personalization. Fee: \$3 payable by check or credit card.

### LASER ENGRAVED SLATE HEART COASTERS

WED | FEB 11 | 2PM OR 6:30PM | OR | THURS | FEB 12 OR 19 | 6:30PM

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



### GLASS CUTTING BOARDS

WED | FEB 25 | 2PM OR 6:30PM

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

## EXERCISE CLASSES

### CHAIR YOGA

MON | JAN 5, 12, 26, FEB 2, 9, 23 | 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. Fee: \$2 per class.**

**\*Pay per class for September and October.**

### BEGINNING YOGA

SAT | JAN 3, 10, 17, 24, FEB 21, 28 | 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: \$12.**

### MORNING YOGA LEVELS I & II

TUES | JAN 6, 13, 20, 27, FEB 3, 17, 24 | 9-10AM

All yoga levels are welcome to attend this class, which focuses on building strength, breath awareness, and intentional movement through a series of poses. **Registration required.**

**Non-refundable fee: \$14.**

### YOGA LEVELS I & II

WED | JAN 7, 14, 21, FEB 4, 11, 25 | 6-7PM

All yoga levels are welcome to attend this class, which focuses on building strength, breath awareness, and intentional movement through a series of poses. **Registration required.**

**Non-refundable fee: \$12.**

### TAI CHI

WED | JAN 7, 14, 21, 28, FEB 4, 11, 18, 25 | 9:30-10:30AM

Explore the many benefits of Tai Chi! Studies have shown that Tai Chi can help reduce pain and inflammation in arthritic joints. The slow, gentle movements are safe for most people, and attention is given to how weight is transferred, which helps reduce the risk of falling. **Registration required.**

**Non-refundable fee: \$16.**

### SENIOR FLEX

TUES | JAN 6, 13, 20, 27, FEB 3, 10, 17, 24 | 10:15-11:15AM

Join Jennifer for a full-body workout. Bring light weights and water to class. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$16.**

### SENIOR FLEX II

TUES | JAN 6, 13, 20, 27, FEB 3, 10, 17, 24 | 11:15AM-12:15PM

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

**Non-refundable fee: \$16.**

### THURSDAY SENIOR FLEX

THURS | JAN 8, 15, 22, 29, FEB 5, 12, 19, 26 | 10:15-11:15AM

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**Non-refundable fee: \$16.**

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**Non-refundable fee: \$16.**

### STRENGTH TRAINING

SAT | JAN 3, 17, 24, FEB 14, 21 | 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.**

### MOVE, MEDITATE, AND CREATE

SAT | JAN 31 | 1-2:30PM

Join us for a workshop integrating yoga, meditation and creativity. After the yoga practice, you'll be guided in creating your own personalized gemstone filled essential oil roller blend to take home. You will learn about the healing properties of essential oils, gemstones, and yoga in this workshop as well! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10.**



## FRIDAY CLASSIC FILMS AT 1 PM

January 16 ~ **SOME LIKE IT HOT (NR)** 1 h 56 min

This hysterical comedy from director Billy Wilder finds Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon masquerading as women in order to elude irate Chicago mobsters while befriending a beautiful singer (Marilyn Monroe).

**Starring:** Tony Curtis, Jack Lemmon and Marilyn Monroe

February 20 ~ **REBEL WITHOUT A CAUSE (G)** 1 h 46 min

Volatile teens with feckless parents witness tragedy.

**Starring:** James Dean, Natalie Wood, Sal Mineo



## MOVIE MONDAYS @ 1PM

Jan 5 ~ **The Life of Chuck (R)** 1 h 51 min

**Starring:** Tom Hiddleston, Jacob Tremblay, Benjamin Pajak



Jan 12 ~ **FI: The Movie (PG-13)** 2 h 35 min

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

Jan 19 ~ **Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

Jan 26 ~ **Selma (PG-13)** 2 h 18 min

**Starring:** David Oyelowo, Carmen Ejogo, Jim France

Feb 2 ~ **If Beale Street Could Talk (R)** 1 h 59 min

**Starring:** KiKi Layne, Stephan James, Regina King

Feb 9 ~ **Glory (R)** 2 h 2 min

**Starring:** Matthew Broderick, Denzel Washington, Cary Elwes



Feb 16 ~ **Closed for Presidents' Day**

Feb 23 ~ **Race (PG-13)** 2 h 14 min

**Starring:** Stephan James, Jason Sudeikis, Eli Goree





# CHILDREN'S Programs

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON **SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2025 AT 9AM FOR ALL JANUARY PROGRAM SESSIONS.** REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON **SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 2026 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 3 and Saturday, January 31, 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.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### THE MS. RACHEL EXPERIENCE WED | FEB 18 | 10AM OR 11AM 25 CHILDREN AGES 1-7 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Ms. Rachel returns for library circle time! There will be music, singing, playing, dancing, bubbles and more! Have your cameras ready for a photo op at the end.

#### Registration Notes:

- The Ms. Rachel Experience utilizes a character impersonator for the event.
- Registration for this event opens on Saturday, January 24th at 9:00am for in-district residents.
- Register for **one session only**.
- Only one caregiver per child will be permitted to attend.



## 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.**

**JANUARY:** Rocking Penguin

**FEBRUARY:** Heart Tassel Necklace

### 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 Penguins

**FEBRUARY:** Find the Hearts

### TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY RAFFLE

**SAT | FEB 7 | ALL DAY**

Visit the library, complete our "Secret Library Trivia Quiz" 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 10:** GIANT Games

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 17:** Construction Zone

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7:** Library Fun

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14:** Valentine's Day

### MID-WINTER RECESS **DIY** DROP-INS

Drop by the Children's Program Room on the following days of Winter Recess between 10:00am and 6:00pm for some fun **DIY** activities! **No registration required.**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17:** Arts and Crafts

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19:** Build-It Fun

### FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

**TUES | JAN 13 | 6PM | 12 FAMILIES**

Sign up to play kid-friendly BINGO and earn some prizes! Play as a group, or individually.



The Library extends its heartfelt thanks to the Johnny Mac Foundation and to all members of our community who generously donated gloves, mittens, hats, and scarves for our Mitten Tree. Your kindness has helped share the gift of warmth with so many this winter season. Thank you for your support.



## YOUNGER CHILDREN (Infant, Toddler and Preschool)

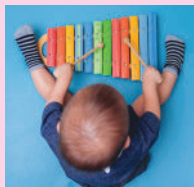
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### BABY START

**TUES | JAN 16 | AND | FEB 3 | 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.



### ZUMBINI

**WED | JAN 7 | AND | MON | FEB 9 | 11AM**

**18 CHILDREN AGES 18 MONTHS-3 YEARS  
WITH A CAREGIVER**

Zumbini uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine and gross motor skills, and emotional development for children. Enjoy 45 minutes of can't-stop, won't-stop bonding and fun! Get ready to dance, laugh, and play with Miss Lauren!

### PENGUIN STORYTIME

**THURS | JAN 8 | 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 penguins!



### FREE PLAY

**FRI | JAN 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | AND | FEB 6, 13, 20\*,  
27 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 20, this program will run from 10:00am – 4:00pm with extra activities for school-age kids.

### SPROUTS & FRIENDS I

**FRI | JAN 9, 23 | AND | FEB 13 | 9:30-10:15AM**

**15 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 9, 23 | AND | FEB 13 | 10:30-11:15AM**

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### SOUP STORYTIME

**TUES | JAN 13 | 1PM | 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 making yummy soup!

### TODDLER TALES

**WED | JAN 14 | 11:15AM | 15 CHILDREN**

**AGES 18 MONTHS-2 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

Grab your little one and read *Mouse Paint* by Ellen Stoll Walsh along with Ms. Julie and engage in other age-appropriate activities. Every child and caregiver will have a copy of the book to follow along.

### NURSERY RHYME SING ALONG

**THURS | JAN 15 | 2PM | 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.



### LIL' TOTS SPORTS

**FRI | JAN 16 | AND | FEB 6 | 10AM | 20 CHILDREN**

**AGES 18 MONTHS-3 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

Lil' Tots Sports Studio will introduce your little athletes to the world of sports through play, sensory crafts and activities, all while ensuring they have a blast!

### OPEN SENSORY PLAY

**WED | JAN 21 | AND | FEB 11 | 10:30AM**

**20 CHILDREN AGES BIRTH-3 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

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

### BEDTIME STORYTIME

**THURS | JAN 22 | AND | FEB 26 | 6:30PM**

**15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS**

**WITH A CAREGIVER**

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! Siblings welcome.



### LITTLE SPROUTS BABY MUSIC

**MON | JAN 26 | AND | FEB 23 | 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.**

### ANIMAL ACTIONS

**TUES | JAN 27 | 11:15AM | 20 CHILDREN**

**AGES 18 MONTHS – 2 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

During this learn and play program we will have fun focusing on the sounds and movements of animals!

### SNOW-DOUGH

**TUES | JAN 27 | 4PM | 20 CHILDREN**

**AGES 3-5 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

Let's bring winter indoors with this fun STEM program. Children will make snow-dough to bring home while developing fine motor skills, spatial awareness and hand-eye coordination.



YOUNGER CHILDREN CONT.D

ALL ABOARD!

MON | FEB 2 | 11AM

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.

A PERFECTLY PRICKLY STORYTIME

WED | FEB 4 | 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 hedgehogs and porcupines!

MO WILLEMS BIRTHDAY PARTY

MON | FEB 9 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES UPK-3

Let's have a party! Celebrate with readings of Mo Willem's books, including, It's My Bird-Day, crafts, and pigeon party hats! **Registration Note: Your child must be attending UPK, or at least 4 years old to participate in this program.**



VALENTINE'S DAY STORYTIME

TUES | FEB 10 | 1PM

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 Valentine's Day!



CIRCLE TIME SING-ALONG

TUES | FEB 24 | 11AM | 20 CHILDREN

AGES 18 MONTHS-2 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER

Stop in for some fun during this music and movement themed program for little ones.

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.

DIY NOTEBOOKS

TUES | JAN 6 | 4:15PM | 20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5  
Learn a few different methods for how to make DIY notebooks with simple materials you can find at home.

FUTURE ENGINEERS

WED | JAN 7 AND FEB 11 | 5:30PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Kids will participate in fun team-building challenges as well as multiple STEAM-based activities such as coding and working with Legos! This will give them an introduction to what the FIRST program is about and help them develop Engineering skills. This is an exciting opportunity to meet and work with the Robotics team, the Robophantoms.

CHEF CLUB: EDIBLE SNOWFLAKES

MON | JAN 12 | 4:15PM | 20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5  
Learn some snowflake facts, and play some trivia, while we work on a delicious snowflake treat to take home.

STEM EXPLORERS

THURS | JAN 15 | AND | FEB 26 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Join us for some STEM fun with Magna Tiles, Legos and more! Explore different stations with different building activities and prompts.

TIN CAN SNOWMAN

TUES | JAN 20 | 4:15PM | 15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6  
Upcycle some tin cans and give them new life as adorable snowman pencil holders.

POKÉMON BINGO & CARD TRADING

WED | JAN 21 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

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



BEDTIME STORYTIME

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COZY GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

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

In the spirit of the season, children will read and discuss a cozy graphic novel, *Treasure in the Lake* by Jason Pamment. Hot cocoa, snacks, and activities related to the novel will also be provided. Copies of the book will be available to pick-up at the Children's Reference Desk.

KID LIBRARIANS

THURS | JAN 29 | 4:15PM | 20 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!

HEART MAGNETS

TUES | FEB 3 | 4:15PM | 20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

We'll read a book together about love and then work on colorful hearts to turn into magnets for those we love best!

AXOLOTL 3D VALENTINES

THURS | FEB 5 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5

Make an adorable 3D valentine in the shape of an axolotl to gift to someone this Valentine's Day.



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20 CHILDREN IN GRADES UPK-3

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FEED THE BIRDS

TUES | FEB 10 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5

Work together to make a garland by stringing together cheerios, fruits and other bird-friendly snacks to make some natural bird feeders. We'll hang them together in the Nature Discovery Garden, so bring a jacket!



MINECRAFT PERLER BEADS

THURS | FEB 12 | 4:15PM

10 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5

Join us in the Makerspace to make Minecraft-inspired art using perlerbeads and the Cricut Flat iron.



TWEENS AFTER HOURS

FRI | FEB 13 | 5:15PM

15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 4-6

Join us for an extra special, after-hours event just for tweens in The Lounge! We'll have hot chocolate, popcorn, karaoke, games, crafts and more! **Registration Note: Registration for this event will open on Saturday, December 27.**

WIND DOWN WITH WATERCOLORS

WED | FEB 25 | 4:15PM

20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3

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

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.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Carina, Henri, and Shaye completed the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU ~ BELLA'S BUCKET



The Children's Department wants to give a big thank you to Isabella K. for her generosity and thoughtfulness. Over the summer, she made and sold bracelets, then chose to donate the money she earned to the Children's Department. The Friends of the Library matched her gift, and we were able to put together a bucket of arts and crafts materials, and special projects, just for kids to enjoy after school. Find Bella's Bucket, now located in *The Lounge*.







# JOHN MCNAMARA TEEN CENTER

# Programs

Young Adult registration begins Saturday, December 27, 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.

## MOVIE TIME WITH ICE CREAM SUNDAES

**FRI | JAN 2 | 2PM**

Join us for a cozy movie day in the Teen Room as we watch *Ice Princess* (2005). Casey Carlyle (Michelle Trachtenberg) dreams of becoming a figure skater, but her mom wants her on a path to a top university. When Casey decides to follow her heart, she discovers a talent- and confidence- she never expected.

## ART CLUB

**MON | JAN 5, 12, 26  
AND FEB 2, 9, 23 | 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.



## CRUNCHY SNOW SLIME

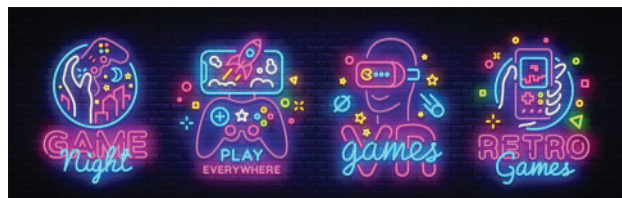
**TUES | JAN 6 | 4PM**

Mix up some winter magic with everyone's favorite DIY fidget toy. We'll be making some sparkly, crunchy, snow inspired slime. All supplies provided.

## ANIME DRAWING CLUB

**WED | JAN 7, 28 AND FEB 4 | 4PM**

Join Ms. Jess as she teaches you to how to draw anime characters. All levels welcome.



## GAMING FRIDAYS

**FRI | JAN 9 AND FEB 20 | 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.

## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**TUES | JAN 13  
AND FEB 10 | 4PM**

Join us for our brand new D&D program. Each campaign will be unique and run for 90 minutes. No experience necessary-just bring your imagination.



## LIBRARY LOVE BRACELETS

**WED | JAN 14 | 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)



## SEWING CLUB

**THURS | JAN 15  
AND FEB 12 | 4PM**

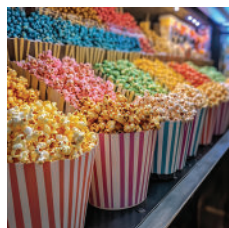
Come and join Ms. Kelly in the sewing club and learn the basics of sewing while making mittens for January, and heart garland for February where we will show you how to use patterns.



## POPCORN TASTE TEST

**WED | JAN 21 | 4PM**

Join Ms. Jen for her classic taste test, which will feature all different flavors of popcorn to celebrate National Popcorn Day! Which will be your favorite?



## COMMUNITY SERVICE DROP-IN

**WED | JAN 21, 28 AND FEB 4, 11 | 6-8PM**

Join Ms. Allyson in the YA room to do some community service. Each week she will have a project for you to do that will earn you 1 hour of community.

## 3D PRINT CLUB

**THURS | JAN 22 AND FEB 19 | 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.

## MEXICAN HOT CHOCOLATE

**TUES | JAN 27 | 4PM**

Enjoy a cozy winter treat as we make traditional Mexican hot chocolate and learn what gives it its signature flavor. All supplies provided.



## SHRINKY DINKS

**THURS | FEB 5 | 3:30PM**

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.

## HEART CRICUT MUGS

**MON | FEB 9 | 4PM**

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

## SUBLIMATION VALENTINE'S DAY KEYCHAINS

**WED | FEB 11 | 3:30PM**

Design your own custom Valentine's keychain using our sublimation printer in the Makerspace. Cute, chaotic, or totally anti-Valentine... your choice.

## CHOCOLATE MINT TASTE TEST

**TUES | FEB 17 | 1PM**

We're cooling things down for this month's taste test with Ms. Jen- all different chocolate mint flavored goodies!

## SEED SORTING

**WED | 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)



## EDIBLE COOKIE DOUGH

**THURS | FEB 19 | 1PM**

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



## MOVIE TIME

**THURS | FEB 19 | 2PM**

We're throwing it back Y2K style with *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* (2004). When dramatic teen Lola moves from the center of NYC to suburban New Jersey, she thinks her life is over- until she decides nothing will stop her from becoming a star.



## BLIND TASTE TEST

**WED | FEB 25 | 4PM**

Join Ms. Jess and taste different soda brands to find your favorite and to figure out what each one is.



## 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



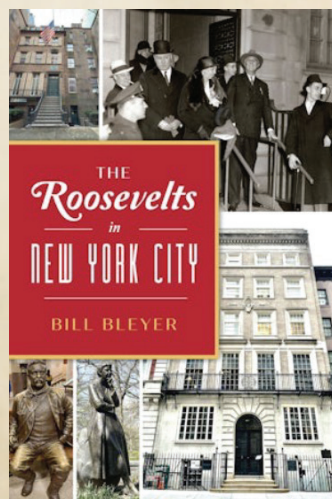
## BAYPORT-BLUE POINT HERITAGE PRESENTS:



### WHAT IS THE HOT IN HOT CHOCOLATE? BEAN TO CUP DIANE SCHWINDT, HISTORIC COOK KETCHAM INN

SUN | JAN 18 | 2-4PM

Join us for an engaging afternoon as we explore the fascinating history behind hot chocolate, tracing its journey from the cocoa bean to the comforting beverage enjoyed for centuries. Discover the secrets of traditional recipes and taste the richness of authentic hot chocolate. Demonstration and tastings will be led by Diane Schwindt, the historic cook at the Ketcham Inn, located in Center Moriches. She will use authentic 18th century tools, methods, and techniques.



### THE ROOSEVELTS IN NEW YORK CITY BILL BLEYER, AUTHOR, HISTORIAN

SUN | FEB 15 | 2-4PM

Historian and author Bill Bleyer, a former Newsday staff writer, will present insights from his latest book, *The Roosevelts in New York City*. During this presentation, Bleyer will explore the unique locations in New York City where members of the Roosevelt family lived and worked revealing the private stories and interactions that shaped this iconic American family. The presentation will highlight the Roosevelts' enduring legacy in Manhattan, including Theodore Roosevelt's formative years in a brownstone on East 20th Street and the influence of his uncle, Robert Barnwell Roosevelt, (former summer resident of Bayport) who lived next door in a twin brownstone and fostered Theodore's interest in conservation. The talk will provide an in-depth look at these notable family residences and the personal stories behind the Roosevelts' prominence in New York City. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

## ON EXHIBIT

### January

**Display Case East:** Students of the Bayport Blue Point High School Art department enrolled in Ceramics, Advanced Ceramics and Sculpture classes will have work on display.

**Display Case West:** Leonardo's creative life has ricocheted from photography and filmmaking to painting, pointillism, acting, and lasers—because one lane was never going to be enough. Today he's known for laser-etched, hand-painted sculptures, murals, signage, and commissioned pointillism pieces. His work has landed everywhere from Parade Magazine to the NBA Hall of Fame, Bergdorf Goodman, the Coltrane Home, the Long Island Music Hall of Fame, Herb Alpert, President Bill Clinton, Jimmy Fallon, and a Beatle named Ringo.

**First Floor Gallery:** JoAnn Zambito is a Long Island local artist. She primarily focuses on recreating various land and seascapes and the nature that lives within. JoAnn is mostly a Plein Aire artist using water, acrylics, pastels... to create her visions. I hope you will enjoy!

**Second Floor Gallery:** The students of the Bayport-Blue Point Middle School Art Department will be displaying their art projects.

### February

**Display Case East:** In honor of Valentine's Day, BBP Library's own Wendy invites you to explore Buttons: A Love Story — a heartfelt exhibit celebrating the romance, artistry, and history of antique and vintage buttons. This charming collection spans nearly two centuries, from the early 1800s to the 1980s, and features exquisite examples in glass, metal, and Bakelite.

**Display Case West:** Norman Granz founded Pablo Records in 1973. He was an early supporter of jazz musicians and helped get this music heard. Ted Hershorn subtitled his biography of Granz "The Man Who Used Jazz for Justice." Granz advocated for musicians to be paid the same, in addition to being treated equally at a time when there was segregation in many parts of America. Pablo's roster included many artists who were still making great music, but the record industry did not see a place for them or enough profit to be made. Older artists, who were playing a less popular form of jazz, found a place to record and be seen on stage. Granz ran Pablo records until 1987 when he sold it to Fantasy Records. The album covers have a distinct style. The sleeves are typically printed in black and white with a large portrait of the artist. The Pablo catalog included studio sessions, live recordings, and many archival releases from Granz's own stock and leased recordings from other countries and labels. There were over 430 vinyl releases on Pablo. CDs of the records followed along with CD only releases. Many of the releases are available to hear on streaming services, including, over 70 on Hoopla, a free service provided by the Bayport Blue Point Public Library.

**First Floor Gallery:** "Trees of Color". Trees symbolize periods of life; their bodies of various boldness as well as fragile shapes define various human emotions enhanced by colors. The exhibition will display various disabled artists depicting "Trees" in colors that express one's own experiences fine artists without walls.

**Second Floor Gallery:** The students of the Blue Point Elementary School Art Department will be displaying their art projects.

## LOCAL EAGLE SCOUTS LEAD THE WAY TO SUSTAINABILITY!



Thank you to Reilly Collins and Troops 130 and 329 for building the new recycling unit now located in our Children's Vestibule. This project, led by Reilly, reflects his commitment to community service and supports the library's ongoing sustainability efforts.

Stay tuned for our first round of recycling categories!

**From the Troops:** Join Scouting America and become part of a powerful new legacy! Troops 130 and 329 have proudly merged to form a single, dynamic unit serving the Bayport-Blue Point communities. We are creating a premier program focused on adventure, leadership, and personal growth. Your child will gain essential life skills, forge lasting friendships, and explore the outdoors through camping, hiking, and meaningful service projects. Give your child the advantage of character development and fun—discover the excitement of Scouting today! For more information, please email Troop130BBP@gmail.com

## BUDGET INFO:

**Budget Vote - Tuesday, April 14, 9am-8pm.**

Trustee Election: **July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031.**

**This position is currently held by incumbent Mary Ellen Adams whose term expires on June 30, 2026.**

**July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2028. This position is currently held by incumbent Robert Draffin, who was appointed to fill Stephanie Heineman's seat upon retirement.**

**Petition forms are due: Monday, March 13, 2026 before 5pm.**

Registration: **9am and 3pm until April 1, 2026.**

Budget Information Meeting and Candidates Night:  
**Tuesday, March 31 at 7pm**

Absentee / Early Vote Ballots: **The school district clerk must receive absentee / early vote ballots no later than 5pm on the day of the vote, April 14.**



BAYPORT-BLUE POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

JANUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div><div>ADULT</div><div>CHILDREN</div><div>TEEN</div><div>FULCRUM</div><div>CONCERTS</div></div> <div>4</div> <div>2PM Dylan Ebrahimian Concert</div>	<div>5</div> <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga  1PM Movie: <i>The Life of Chuck</i>  6PM Art Club 6:30PM Knit Night</div>	<div>6</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 4PM Crunchy Snow Slime 4:15PM DIY Notebooks</div>	<div>7</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 11AM Zumbini 2PM Sublimation Bookmarks 4PM Anime Drawing Club 5:30PM Future Engineers 6PM Yoga Levels I &amp; II 6:30PM Sublimation Bookmarks</div>	<div>1</div> <div>CLOSED FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY</div>	<div>2</div> <div>10AM-12PM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 2PM MovieTime with Ice Cream Sundaes</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 1PM Open Chess</div>
<div>11</div> <div>2PM Dylan Ebrahimian Concert</div>	<div>12</div> <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>F7</i> 4:15PM Chef Club: Edible Snowflakes 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Building Financial Confidence</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1PM Soup Storytime 4-6PM Dungeons and Dragons 6PM Family BINGO Night</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 11:15AM Toddler Tales 4PM Library Love Bracelets 6PM Yoga Levels I &amp; II 7PM Travel Tips: Washington D.C.</div>	<div>8</div> <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Penguin Storytime 11:15 Thursday Senior Flex II 6:30PM Sublimation Bookmarks</div>	<div>9</div> <div>9:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends I 10AM-12PM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends II 2PM Stars and Scents 5-7PM Gaming Friday</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM-4PM DIY Drop-In: GIANT Games 1PM Open Chess</div>
<div>18</div>	<div>19</div> <div>CLOSED FOR MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY</div>	<div>20</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 2PM Medicare 101 4:15PM Tin Can Snowman 6PM Puzzle Exchange 6:30PM AI for Everyday</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 10:30AM Open Sensory Play 2PM Technology Q&amp;A Cafe 4PM Popcorn Taste Test 4:15PM Pokémon BINGO &amp; Card Trading 6-8PM Comm. Serv. Drop-in 6PM Yoga Levels I &amp; II</div>	<div>22</div> <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15 Thursday Senior Flex II 5:15PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Genealogy 101 6:30PM Bedtime Storytime 6:30PM Sublimation Bookmarks</div>	<div>23</div> <div>9:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends I 10AM-12PM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends II 2PM Fun Friday BINGO</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 1PM Open Chess 1PM Coin and Stamp Appraisal</div>
<div>25</div> <div>2PM The Hambones Concert</div>	<div>26</div> <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>Selma</i> 1PM Little Sprouts Baby Music 2PM Pathways Through Senior Care 6PM Art Club</div>	<div>27</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 11:15AM Animal Actions 1:30PM Library Book Club 4PM Mexican Hot Chocolate 4:15PM Snow-Dough 6:30PM Library Book Club</div>	<div>28</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 4PM Anime Drawing Club 4:15PM Cozy Graphic Novel Club 6-8PM Comm. Serv. Drop-in</div>	<div>29</div> <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 2PM Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia 4:15PM Kid Librarians</div>	<div>30</div> <div>10AM-12PM Free Play  10AM Open Mah Jongg</div>	<div>31</div> <div>9AM Defensive Driving 9:30AM CPR/AED Certification Training 1PM Open Chess 1PM Move, Meditate, Create</div>

FEBRUARY 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<div>1</div> <div>2PM Alex Valder Concert</div>	<div>2</div> <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 11AM All Aboard! 1PM Movie: <i>If Beale Street Could Talk</i> 6PM Art Club</div>	<div>3</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 4:15PM Heart Magnets 6PM Valentine's Day Metal Embossing</div>	<div>4</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 11:15AM A Perfectly Prickly Storytime 1:30PM Chef Rob 4PM Anime Drawing Club 6-8PM Comm. Serv. Drop-in 6PM Yoga Levels I &amp; II</div>	<div>5</div> <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 3:30PM Shrinky Dinks 4:15PM Axolotl 3D Valentines 7PM Pablo Records</div>	<div>6</div> <div>10AM-12PM Free Play 10AM Lil'Tots Sports 10AM Open Mah Jongg</div>	<div>7</div> <div>11AM-4PM DIY Drop-In: Library Fun  1PM Open Chess</div>
<div>8</div>	<div>9</div> <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 10AM Zumbini 1PM Movie: <i>Glory</i> 4PM Heart Cricut Mugs 4:15PM Mo Willems Birthday Party 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Estate Planning &amp; Inheritance Mgmt. 6:30PM Knit Night</div>	<div>10</div> <div>10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1PM Valentine's Day Storytime 4-6PM Dungeons and Dragons 4:15PM Feed the Birds 6:30PM International Film Night with J.K. Hodge</div>	<div>11</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 10:30AM Open Sensory Play 2PM Laser Engraved Slate Heart Coasters 3:30PM Sublimation Valentine's Day Keychains 5:30PM Future Engineers 6-8PM Comm. Serv. Drop-in 6PM Yoga Levels I &amp; II 6:30PM Laser Engraved Slate Heart Coasters</div>	<div>12</div> <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4PM Sewing Club 4:15PM Minecraft Perler Beads 6:30PM Laser Engraved Slate Heart Coasters 6:30PM Sand and Seashell Art</div>	<div>13</div> <div>9:30AM Sprouts &amp; Friends I 10AM-12PM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Spouts &amp; Friends II 5:15PM Tween After Hours</div>	<div>14</div> <div>9AM Strength Training 11AM-4PM DIY Drop-In: Valentine's Day 1PM Open Chess</div>
<div>15</div>	<div>16</div> <div>CLOSED FOR PRESIDENTS' DAY</div>	<div>17</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10AM-6PM Mid-Winter Recess DIY Drop-In: Arts &amp; Crafts 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1PM Chocolate Mint Taste Test 6PM Puzzle Exchange 7PM Forged in Armor, Freed by Love</div>	<div>18</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 10AM The Ms. Rachel Experience 11AM The Ms. Rachel Experience 2PM Seed Sorting 6:30PM BINGO After Dark</div>	<div>19</div> <div>10AM-6PM Mid-Winter Recess DIY Drop-In: Build It Fun 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 1PM Edible Cookie Dough 2PM MovieTime 5:15PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Laser Engraved Slate Heart Coasters 7PM Nutrition Lecture: Eating for Wellness</div>	<div>20</div> <div>10AM-4PM Free Play All Day 10AM Open Mah Jongg 1PM Classic Film Friday: <i>Rebel Without a Cause</i> 1PM Maria's Mexican Cooking 5-7PM Gaming Friday</div>	<div>21</div> <div>9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 1PM Open Chess</div>
<div>22</div> <div>2PM 4 Ways from Sunday Concert</div>	<div>23</div> <div>9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Little Sprouts Baby Music 1PM Movie: <i>Race</i> 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Moth Night StorySLAM</div>	<div>24</div> <div>9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11AM CircleTime Sing-Along 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1:30PM Library Book Club 6PM Winter Seed Sowing Workshop 6:30PM Library Book Club</div>	<div>25</div> <div>9:30AM Tai Chi 2PM Glass Cutting Board 4PM Blind Taste Test 4PM Anime Drawing Club 4:15PM Wind Down With Watercolors 6PM Yoga Levels I &amp; II 6:30PM Glass Cutting Board</div>	<div>26</div> <div>10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4:15PM STEM Explorers 6:30PM Begin the New Year with Meditation</div>	<div>27</div> <div>10AM-12PM Free Play  10AM Open Mah Jongg</div>	<div>28</div> <div>10AM Beginning Yoga 1PM Open Chess</div>
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