



# The PORTAL

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

**HOW TO SIGN UP** Program registration for district residents for **Adult and Fulcrum Programs begins on Wednesday, February 25 at 9am.** Program registration for district residents for **Teen and Children's Programs begins on Saturday, February 21 at 9am.** For detailed sign-up information, please refer to each department's section inside this newsletter.

## SPRING has Sprung!

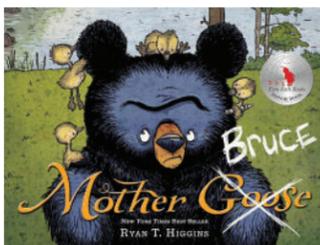
ADULTS

### HARD WORK: MY LIFE AS A CLAMMER ON THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

**THURS | MARCH 19 | 7-8PM**  
Join Steve Kuhn, Sayville resident and author of *Hard Work: My Life as a Clammer on the Great South Bay*, whose career as a bayman has spanned over 55 years. Steve will share personal experiences and interesting stories from decades of working full-time on the water. His accounts pay homage to freedom, solitude, fresh air, competition, being your own boss, and the power of Mother Nature. But above all, they're joyful retellings of the clamming lifestyle and hard work! Steve is also the creator of the Clam Power T-Shirts made famous in the 1970s and later trademarked and reintroduced in the 2000s. **Registration required. Books and Clam Power merch will be available for purchase.**



CHILDREN



**MEET THE PARADE CHARACTER SAT | MARCH 14 | 11AM-1PM**  
Drop by the library to meet our parade character, Bruce! Themed crafts and activities, raffles, and more, will be ongoing in our program room. **Meet & greet and photo ops with the character will take place from 11:30AM-12:30PM.**

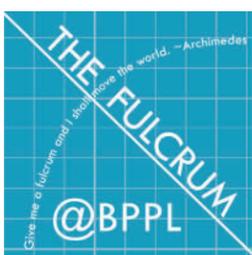
TEENS

### CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

**WED | APRIL 22 | 4PM**  
Earn 1 hour of community service by making butterfly garden seed paper. Take it home and plant with some soil and voila. (1 hour of community service)



FULCRUM



**SUBLIMATED PENDANT WITH RHINESTONES**  
**WED | APRIL 8 | 2PM OR 6:30PM | OR THURS | APRIL 2 OR 9 | 6:30PM**  
Librarian Steve will help you create a design using Canva and then heat it onto small pendant encrusted in rhinestones. **Fee: \$5.**

**FOR LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION, HEAD OVER TO PAGE 7!**

## MUSIC SUNDAYS

Registration required.

### PAUL JOSEPH TRIO

**MARCH 15 | 2-3:30PM**  
"ST. PATRICK'S DAY JAZZ," a special concert by the PAUL JOSEPH TRIO. An enjoyable afternoon of St. Patrick's Day music will be presented by composer/pianist Paul Joseph and his jazz trio. You'll hear inspiring instrumental jazz renditions of Irish favorites such as "Danny Boy," "When Irish Eyes are Smiling," "Red Is the Rose," "The Minstrel Boy" and many others. Paul Joseph has composed works that have received critical acclaim in performances by distinguished orchestras, ballet companies, and choirs. His dynamic rhythm section consists of drummer Danny Borg and bassist Edgar Mills, both seasoned performers. Check them out at [www.pauljoseph.com](http://www.pauljoseph.com).



### BURT BACHARACH BY STEVE LYNCH

**APRIL 19 | 2-3:30PM**  
"CLOSE TO YOU" -- a tribute to legendary composer Burt Bacharach -- Thirty of his hit songs, performed by the Steve Lynch Singers.



**Want to have a fun evening while supporting the BBP Library?**

The Friends of the Library Present:

## COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

**Thursday, March 5 at 8pm**  
*McGuires Comedy Club, Bohemia*

Join the library and your neighbors!  
There will be raffle baskets and lots of laughs!

**\$20 Tickets can be purchased at the Circulation desk or by contacting M. Russo at [bayminsterdogshow@yahoo.com](mailto:bayminsterdogshow@yahoo.com)**

(Note: There is a 2-item minimum for each person attending)



## LIBRARY INFORMATION

**Telephone:** 631-363-6133  
**Email:** [Contactus@bbplibrary.org](mailto:Contactus@bbplibrary.org)  
**Website:** [bayportbluepointlibrary.org](http://bayportbluepointlibrary.org)

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

**Library Closed:**  
**Easter:** Sunday, April 5, 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*  
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Robert Draffin



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

The **GOOD** news: our membership roster is at an all-time high! Thanks to all who have joined or maintained membership. The **FRIENDS** have a **NEW** request: we are asking that members seriously consider volunteering with us! We have five Board members, all volunteers, meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. We are joined by a cast of volunteer members who contribute to our success by helping at FRIENDS functions that support our great library.

**JOIN US AS A VOLUNTEER!** We have all, Board members and volunteers alike, benefited from the satisfaction of working a few hours a month, getting to know the library and its great staff better, and making new friends along the way. **ABSOLUTE TRUTH!**

As Board positions become available due to term limits or personal obligations, we look to volunteers to fill them. Should that not be a volunteer's choice, continuing to help out is also and always welcome.

**WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ON THE FIRST WEDNESDAY OF EACH MONTH IN AN UPSTAIRS CONFERENCE ROOM. MEETINGS START AT 6 PM.**

**NOTE:** Our annual Craft Fair/Dog Parade is newly scheduled for September 2026.

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# ADULT Programs

Program registration for **Adult** and **Fulcrum** programs for **Bayport-Blue Point Library** patrons begins **Wednesday, February 25 at 9am**. **Registration is required for all programs listed unless otherwise noted.** Patrons who register for programs that require fees have one week after signing up to pay, otherwise their spot will be released. Registering online? Click on Events, then Browse and Register. Enter your library card number and password to sign up for each program. Registering by phone? Call us at 631-363-6133 and dial 3 for the Main Desk. You will be routed to the next available staff member. **Program registration for non-residents will begin on Wednesday, March 4 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!**

**Friendly Reminders:**

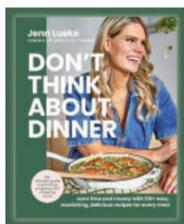
- Program fees are non-refundable. We apologize for any inconvenience.
- Sign-up slips for programs will be available at the Adult Services desk approximately one week prior to program sign-up. Grab a slip, fill it out, and bring it back to us on program sign-up day to speed up the sign-up process.
- Payment for programs is due seven days after the registration date, otherwise your spot will be released.

## ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

**TUES | MAR 3 | AND | APR 7 | 10:30-11:30AM**  
Are you providing care for someone with Alzheimer's Disease or another dementia? You DO NOT have to face the challenges alone. The Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center's support groups are led by trained facilitators, to provide caregivers with the opportunity to discuss the many challenges of caring for a family member or a loved one living with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias, with others who understand. Their goal is to provide a safe setting which promotes mutual support, both practical and emotional, throughout the course of the disease. This monthly group runs the first Tuesday of each month at the specified time. **Registration suggested.**

## HOW TO MAKE HEALTHY LIVING EFFORTLESS AND FUN - IN CONVERSATION WITH JENN LUEKE

**THURS | MAR 5 | 2-3PM**  
Join us as we chat virtually with recipe developer and social media star, Jenn Leuke. In her new cookbook *Don't Think About Dinner*, Leuke offers a framework to save time, money, and energy with strategic meal planning, grocery lists, and kitchen prep. Whether you want to improve your health, cut down food waste (and spending), reduce your mental load, or build new kitchen skills, *Don't Think About Dinner* provides everything you need to confidently approach every meal of the day. **Registration suggested.** *Cosponsored by The Friends of the Bayport-Blue Point Library. Brought to you in partnership with the Library Speakers Consortium.*



## BATS!

**THURS | MAR 5 | 6-7PM**  
Join us for a fascinating evening *all about bats!* Discover the incredible anatomy and physical adaptations that make bats such important animals to our ecosystem. Learn about the diversity of bats from around the globe — including those right here on Long Island. We'll also discuss the challenges bats are currently facing and what you can do to help protect them. **Registration required.**



## OPEN MAH JONGG

**FRI | MAR 6, 13, 20, 27, APR 3, 10, 17, 24 | 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.**

## COOKING WITH JUDY: LACE & ELEPHANT EAR COOKIES

**FRI | MAR 6 | 1-2:30PM**  
Judy is back to share 2 of her favorite cookie recipes, flaky elephant ears and delicate lace cookies. These elegant and tasty treats are a perfect complement to your cookie tray and are super easy to make. Please bring a cookie sheet, cutting board, straight-edged knife, 1 quart or larger container with lid and spatula to the program. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**



## WOODEN HANGING WALL VASE

**MON | MAR 9 | 6-7PM**  
Step into Spring with Vanesa as she helps you decorate a wooden board with unique corner accents and a glass container that is perfect for displaying fresh flowers, plant cuttings, reed diffusers or string mini lights. You will add your own special touches to make it one-of-a-kind! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**



## KNIT NIGHT

**MON | MAR 9 | AND | APR 13 | 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.**

## MEDICARE 101

**TUES | MAR 10 | 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.**

## ASK KARL

**TUES | MAR 10 | 7-8:30PM**  
Prepare your gardening questions and queries because Karl Auwaerter, from Bayport Flower Houses, is back for the evening to answer any of your green thumb needs! **Registration required.**



## LUCK OF THE PIECE: MOSAIC SHAMROCK

**THURS | MAR 12 | 6-8:30PM**  
Come have some creative fun and make a little luck of your own! In this playful, hands-on mosaic class, you'll cut and shape glass tiles, glue them into place, and watch a shamrock come together piece by piece. No experience is needed; bring your curiosity and willingness to try something new. All materials will be provided, and you'll leave with a finished shamrock mosaic and the happy satisfaction of having made something bright, festive, and completely your own. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$16.**



## IRISH GENEALOGY

**MON | MAR 16 | 6:30-8:30PM**  
Join Eileen Swanberg, from *Steps Back in Time*, as she takes you through the ups and down of Irish Genealogy research. Learn about naming patterns, find out why so many older censuses and other records may or may not exist anymore, discover why your Irish Catholic family may be found in the Church of Ireland records instead of the Catholic Church records. Hear about Griffiths Primary Valuation and Tithe Applotment Books. Step "across the pond" to US records to help track down your immigrant Irish family and learn about websites that can assist in your research. Who knows...maybe you will find your pot of gold at the end of the rainbow! **Registration required.**

## PUZZLE EXCHANGE

**TUES | MAR 17 | AND | APR 21 | 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.**

## HARD WORK: MY LIFE AS A CLAMMER ON THE GREAT SOUTH BAY

**THURS | MAR 19 | 7-8PM**  
*See front cover for details.*



## FUN FRIDAY BINGO WITH ANNE AND VAL

**FRI | MAR 20 | 2-3PM**  
Join us for a fun afternoon playing BINGO. We will have exciting prizes and refreshments will be served. **Registration required.**

## BRUSHES & BLISS

**SAT | MAR 21 | 1:30-2:30PM**  
Enjoy an afternoon of painting in a calm, relaxed environment that promotes emotional expression, reduces stress, and enhances mindfulness. Presented by YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support. **Registration required.**



## TEXAS STYLE CHILI WITH CHEF BRIAN

**MON | MAR 23 | 6-7PM**  
The weather might still be chilly outside, but we are definitely enjoying the chili inside! Come on out and experience how to prepare and taste Chef Brian's famous Texas Chili with sweet cornbread. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$7.**

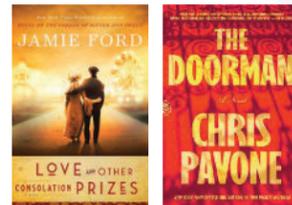


## NYS BOATING SAFETY COURSE

**TUES | WED | AND | THURS | MAR 24, 25, 26 | 6-9PM**  
As of January 2025, all operators of motorboats and personal watercraft must take a NYS Boating Safety course regardless of age. Successful completion of the course will provide boaters with the official certification card required to be carried on them when operating a vessel. Boat operators who have already taken and passed the course do not have to take it again. Operators of canoes, kayaks, and paddle boards are encouraged to take the course to ensure safe and lawful operation, but are not required to by NYS law. Join a duly certified instructor with the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary for this three-day course before the upcoming boating season. **Registration required. Fee for attendees under 21 years of age: \$25. Fee for attendees over 21 years of age: \$35. Payable by cash, Venmo, or Zelle ONLY on the first day of class.**

## LIBRARY BOOK CLUB

**TUES | MAR 24 | AND | APR 28 | 1:30 OR 6:30PM**  
Join us for an informal and lively book discussion during the afternoon or the evening. The selection for *March is Love and Other Consolation Prizes* by Jamie Ford. The selection for April is the Long Island Read's pick *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone. Books will be available at the main desk approximately four weeks before the discussion.



## SPIRIT OF '76 ESSENTIAL OIL ROLLER BOTTLES

**THURS | MAR 26 | 2-3:30PM**  
Learn the basics of essential oils and craft a patriotic roll-on scent inspired by historically used botanicals including lavender, mint and cedarwood. Each participant will leave with a beautifully labeled roller bottle, recipes and the confidence to mix their own blends at home. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

**SAT | MAR 28 | 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.**

## SPRING LOCAL AUTHOR TALKS & FAIR

**SAT | MAR 28 | 10-11AM TALKS | 11AM-1PM FAIR**  
Are you curious to meet local authors or learn about the publishing process? Join us for an inspiring event celebrating the art of writing and the triumphs of publishing. You will have the chance to meet and chat with local authors and learn about their work. Raffles and snacks will be provided, and books will be available for purchase. **Registration suggested.**



## INTRODUCTION TO REIKI HEALING WORKSHOP PART II

**MON | MAR 30 | 7-8:30PM**  
Are you interested in diving deeper into Reiki Energy Healing? In this Part II workshop, we will examine how to connect to universal life force energy, how to self-practice Reiki, the benefits of meditation and breathwork, and what chakra alignment is and what one feels when aligned. **Registration required.**

## RAISING A CONFIDENT AND RESILIENT CHILD

**TUES | MAR 31 | 6:30-7:30PM**  
For parents, grandparents, and caregivers—this is for you! Want to raise a confident, resilient child? Join this workshop to learn practical tools that help kids face life's challenges with courage and emotional strength. Support their growth, build their self-belief, and be their foundation. **Registration required.**

## WATERCOLOR WITH AMY: MATISSE FISHBOWL

**THURS | APR 2 | 6:30-8:30PM**  
In this relaxed and creative class, you will explore watercolor techniques while recreating a vibrant composition inspired by Henri Matisse's iconic goldfish painting. Using a reference, participants will focus on drawing simplified forms and coloring with watercolors. Art teacher Amy will guide students step-by-step. Let's enjoy a fun and relaxing art-history-inspired lesson! **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$10.**

## NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY CLASS

**TUES | APR 7 | 7-8PM**  
This class is designed specifically for beginner and novice photographers who want to sharpen their skills in capturing the beauty of the natural world. Whether you're using a smartphone, a point-and-shoot, or a DSLR camera, the course offers practical tips to help you take better photos. We'll cover fundamental photography concepts like depth of field, the rule of thirds, lighting, and composition—explained in a clear, easy-to-follow way. By the end of the session, participants will walk away with the tools and confidence to start taking more visually compelling photos. **Registration required.**

# ADULT Programs

## CONTINUED

### PAINTED FLOWERPOTS

**THURS | APR 9 | 6:30-8PM**

Forget about those April showers and prepare for May flowers by decorating flowerpots with Allison. All materials, including seeds to grow your first spring plant, will be provided. Simply bring your creativity to this relaxed do-it-yourself class. **Registration required.**



### UNDERSTANDING WHEN DEMENTIA MEETS THE LAW

**MON | APR 13 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Join Uwe Ross, Certified Senior Advisor, for an informative discussion about how dementia changes legal decision-making and early planning steps. We'll cover Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies, and strategies to help avoid costly guardianship in New York. This free community session includes realworld examples, local resources, and time for questions. **Registration required.**

### LIVE WELL AGE WELL

**WED | APR 15 | 2-3PM**

Join us for a wellness presentation designed to help older adults embrace a vibrant, balanced lifestyle through physical activity, good nutrition, mental well-being, and social connection. Learn simple, practical ways to stay active, eat well, manage stress, and maintain independence—empowering you to live your best life at every age. **Registration required.**

### SPRING ENTERTAINING WITH CHEF ROB

**WED | APR 15 | 6:30-7:30PM**

Join Chef Rob for a delicious spring-inspired meal. On the menu are panco parmesan chicken meatballs with parmesan herb sauce, followed by a warm marbled pound cake topped with apricot preserves, mascarpone cheese, and toasted almonds. **Registration required. Fee: \$11.**

### CRAFTING WITH LAURIE

**THURS | APR 16 | 7-8PM**

Create this multi-media wall pocket with Laurie. You will be decoupage, flower arranging, and creating the canvas pocket on the backer board that measures 6x15 inches. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$15.**



### CAN I RECYCLE THIS? - TOWN OF BROOKHAVEN

**MON | APR 20 | 2-3PM**

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



### "NATIONAL" FILM NIGHT WITH J.K. HODGE

**MON | APR 20 | 6-8PM**

As the Bayport-Blue Point Library continues to celebrate our country's 250 years, we will have a special showing of *The Patriot* with J.K. Hodge. *The Patriot* is a 2000 American epic historical war film directed by Roland Emmerich and written by Robert Rodat. **Registration required.**



### DIY RAINSTICK AND SOUND BATH MEDITATION

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

Unwind and reconnect your mind and body by enjoying a calming sound bath, followed by a guided hands-on workshop to create your own rain stick using natural materials with Notes & Nirvana. **Registration required. Space is limited; one registration per cardholder. Non-refundable fee: \$12.**



### GUIDED BIRD WALK AT CONNETQUOT STATE PARK

**SAT | APR 25 | 8:30-11AM**

Come enjoy a light breakfast snack before a guided walk in Connetquot State Park Preserve to see what birds have returned for the spring. Meet at the gift shop at 8:30AM. Please dress for an outdoor walk, rain or shine! **Registration required. Parking Fee will be in effect: \$8 Fee to the park when you arrive or free with use of an Empire Pass!**



## FRIDAY CLASSIC FILMS AT 1 PM

**March 13 ~ THE QUIET MAN (Approved) 2 h 9 min**  
Starring: John Wayne, Maureen O'Hara, Barry Fitzgerald

**April 17 ~ A STREETCAR NAMED DESIRE (Approved) 2 h 2 min**  
Starring: Vivien Leigh, Marlon Brando, Kim Hunter



# FULCRUM Programs

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



**Registration begins, Wednesday, February 25, 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, and 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.*

### PERSONALIZED PINT GLASSES

**THURS | MAR 5 OR 19 | 6:30PM**

Join Librarian Steve to create a design using Canva to be laser engraved onto a pint glass. **Fee: \$3.**



### INTRO TO LIVE-BRARY

**MON | MAR 9 | 3PM**

Learn how to download audio books and e-books to read or listen on your smart devices. Please bring in your own devices, a hands-on class.

### SPRING BUNNY SIGN

**WED | MAR 11 | 2PM OR 6:30PM**

Join Librarian Kelly paint and decorate a circular wooden sign to welcome spring. All supplies included just bring your creativity. **Fee: \$5.**

### SLATE PICTURE

**WED | MAR 25**

**2PM OR 6:30PM**

Sublimate a favorite picture of your choice onto a piece of 5x7inch slate. **Fee: \$5.**



### TINY ART PAINTING

**MON | APR 6 | 3PM**

Join Librarian Jess in making a tiny art painting. She will guide you the whole way through. All supplies included.

### SUBLIMATED PENDANT WITH RHINESTONES

**WED | APR 8 | 2PM OR 6:30PM OR**

**THURS | APR 2 OR 9 | 6:30PM**

Librarian Steve will help you create a design using Canva and then heat it onto small pendant encrusted in rhinestones. **Fee: \$5.**

## EXERCISE CLASSES

### CHAIR YOGA

**MON | MAR 2, 16, 23, 30, APR 6, 13, 20, 27**

**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 March and April.**

### BEGINNING YOGA

**SAT | MAR 21, APR 4, 11, 18, 25 | 10-11AM**

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

### MORNING YOGA LEVELS I & II

**TUES | MAR 3, 24, 31, APR 7, 21, 28 | 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: \$12.**

### YOGA LEVELS I & II

**WED | MAR 25, APR 1, 8, 22, 29 | 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: \$10.**

### TAI CHI

**WED | MAR 4, 11, 25, APR 1, 8, 15, 22 | 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: \$14.**

### SENIOR FLEX

**TUES | MAR 3, 10, 17,**

**24, 31, APR 7, 21, 28**

**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 | MAR 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, APR 7, 21, 28**

**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 | MAR 5, 12, 19, 26, APR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30**

**10:15-11:15AM**

Join Jennifer for a full-body workout. Bring light weights and water to class. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$18.**

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**11:15AM-12:15PM**

Join Jennifer for a full-body workout. Bring light weights and water to class. **Registration required. Non-refundable fee: \$18.**

### STRENGTH TRAINING

**SAT | MAR 14, APR 11, 18, 25 | 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: \$8.**



## MOVIE MONDAYS @ 1PM

**Mar 2 ~ The Last Rodeo (PG) 1 h 56 min**  
Starring: Neal McDonough, Mykelti Williamson, Sarah Jones

**Mar 9 ~ Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG) 2 h 3 min**  
Starring: Marilyn Cutts, Dominic West, Lorna Nickson Brown

**Mar 16 ~ In the Name of the Father (R) 2 h 13 min**  
Starring: Daniel Day-Lewis, Pete Postlethwaite, Anthony Brophy

**Mar 23 ~ Freakier Friday (PG) 1 h 50 min**  
Starring: Jamie Lee Curtis, Lindsay Lohan, Julia Butters

**Mar 30 ~ Small Things Like These (PG-13) 1 h 38 min**  
Starring: Cillian Murphy, Eileen Walsh, Emily Watson

**Apr 6 ~ Steel Magnolias (PG) 1 h 57 min**  
Starring: Shirley MacLaine, Olympia Dukakis, Sally Field

**Apr 13 ~ Eleanor the Great (PG-13) 1 h 38 min**  
Starring: June Squibb, Erin Kellyman, Chiwetel Ejiofor

**Apr 20 ~ Good Fortune (R) 1 h 37 min**  
Starring: Seth Rogen, Aziz Ansari, Keke Palmer

**Apr 27 ~ Soul on Fire (PG) 1 h 57 min**  
Starring: Joel Courtney, John Corbett, William H. Macy





# CHILDREN'S Programs

REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 AT 9AM FOR ALL MARCH PROGRAM SESSIONS.** REGISTRATION FOR CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS BEGINS ON **SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 2026 AT 9AM FOR ALL APRIL 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, March 28, and Saturday, April 4 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.**

**MARCH:** Lucky Rainbow Heart

**APRIL:** Paper Spring Planter

### SCAVENGER HUNTS

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

**No registration required.**

**MARCH:** Find the Rainbows

**APRIL:** Find the Chicks



### 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, MARCH 21:** Build-It Fun

**SATURDAY, APRIL 4:** All About Veggies

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11:** Dot Dot Caterpillars

### FAMILY PUZZLE NIGHT

**TUES | MAR 10 | 6-8PM**

Who can finish a 100-piece puzzle the fastest? Join us for a friendly competition, where families, or groups, will work together to finish a puzzle. Times will be recorded and the group with the fastest score wins! Drop by to compete any time between 6pm and 8pm – you do not need to be present for the entire duration. All ages and abilities welcome.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### OPERATION SAFE CHILD

**FRI | MAR 20 | 3-5PM**

In partnership with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office, Assemblyman Gandolfo, Senator Murray, and Legislator Thorne, the library will host this free public service program focused on child safety. Parents and children may **drop in at any time during the event** to receive important safety information and to create Safe Child ID cards for parents to keep for their records.

### SPRING BREAK MINI-CAMPS

During these extended-length programs, your child will enjoy the library for 2 hours. The programs will include a combination of themed STEM and arts activities and will include a snack and outdoor movement break. Daily themes TBD – please check website for more information. **Space is limited. Registration is required.**

**Session 1: TUES | APR 7 | 9:30-11:30AM**  
**18 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3**

**Session 2: WED | APR 8 | 9:30-11:30AM**  
**18 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3**

**Session 3: THURS | APR 9 | 9:30-11:30AM**  
**18 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3**

**Registration Note: Registration for these sessions will open on Saturday, February 21 at 9am.**

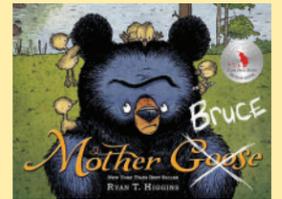
### MEET THE PARADE CHARACTER

**SAT | MAR 14**

**11AM-1PM**

Drop by the library to meet our parade character, Bruce!

Themed crafts and activities, raffles, and more, will be ongoing in our program room. **Meet & greet and photo ops with the character will take place from 11:30am-12:30pm.**



### TINY ART SHOW

**TUES | APR 14 | 6-8PM**

Calling artists of all ages!

Kid artists are invited to submit a tiny masterpiece for display at the library.

Any medium is accepted.

The artist reception will take place on the date and time listed above, where all

submitted artwork will be on display and refreshments will be served. The library will provide the artists with the following materials: 1 mini canvas and 1 mini easel.

**Registration Note: Registration is required. Please pick up materials from the library between Monday, March 9 and Saturday, March 15. This program is intended for children only, ages birth through grade 5.**



## YOUNGER CHILDREN

(Infant, Toddler and Preschool)

Check description for age requirements

### NURSERY RHYME SING ALONG

**TUES | MAR 3 | AND | APR 21 | 11:15AM**

**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 | MAR 6 | AND | APR 24 | 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!

### FREE PLAY

**FRI | MAR 6, 13, 20\*, 27 | AND | APR 3\*, 10\*, 17, 24**

**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 March 20th, April 3rd and 10th, this program will run from 10:00am – 4:00pm with extra activities for school-age kids.

### ALL ABOARD!

**MON | MAR 9 | 10AM**

**18 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.



### OPEN SENSORY PLAY

**THURS | MAR 12 | AND | APR 30 | 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.

### SPROUTS & FRIENDS I

**FRI | MAR 13, 27 | AND | APR 17 | 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 | MAR 13, 27 | AND | APR 17 | 10:30-11:15AM**

**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.**

### BABY START

**TUES | MAR 17 | AND | APR 14 | 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.

### FANTASTIC FROGS STORYTIME

**TUES | MAR 17 | 1:15PM | 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 frogs!



### LITTLE ARTISTS

**WED | MAR 18 | 2PM | 16 CHILDREN**

**AGES 2-5 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.

### CIRCLE TIME SING-ALONG

**THURS | MAR 19 | 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.



### LITTLE SPROUTS BABY MUSIC

**MON | MAR 23 | AND | APR 27 | 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.**

### BEDTIME STORYTIME

**THURS | MAR 26 | AND | APR 16 | 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.

### PURR-FECT STORYTIME

**MON | MAR 30 | 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 favorite pet, cats!



### TODDLER TALES

**WED | APR 1 | 11:15AM | 15 CHILDREN**

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

Grab your little one to read along together with Ms. Julie and engage in other age-appropriate activities. Every child and caregiver will have a copy of the book to follow along.

## YOUNGER CHILDREN CONT.D

### ZUMBINI

**MON | APR 13 | 11AM | 20 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!



### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**THURS | APR 16 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES UPK-2**

Celebrate Earth Day by crafting a recycled newspaper garland to hang in the library, while enjoying a yummy dessert and a read-aloud of *The Lorax*. **Registration Note:** Your child must be attending UPK, or at least 4 years old to participate in this program.



### FABULOUS FLOWERS STORYTIME

**WED | APR 29 | 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 spring flowers!

### SPRING PLAYDOUGH CREATIVE PLAY

**THURS | APR 30 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES UPK-2**

Enjoy rotating through a variety of exciting stations, using playdough in fun ways each time! **Registration Note:** Your child must be attending UPK, or at least 4 years old to participate in this program.



## 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.

### FUTURE ENGINEERS

**WED | MAR 4 | AND | APR 1 | 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.



### RAINBOW MACRAMÉ KEYCHAIN

**WED | MAR 11 | 4:15PM | 12 CHILDREN IN GRADES 1-5**

Craft a simple macramé keychain to attach to your backpack or keys. Kids will use their hand-eye coordination and fine motor skills to precisely wind yarn for this project.

### STEM EXPLORERS

**THURS | MAR 12 | AND | WED | APR 15 | 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.



### TWEENS AFTER HOURS

**FRI | MAR 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 snacks, treats, karaoke, games, crafts and more!

### CHEF CLUB:

**MONSTER COOKIE RAINBOW ENERGY BALLS**

**MON | MAR 16 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5**

Learn about how different types of food give us energy while we work on delicious and colorful energy balls to take home.

### GROWN UP AND ME PAINT NIGHT

**THURS | MAR 19 | 6:30PM**

**15 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5 WITH AN ADULT**

This fun program requires teamwork and cooperation to create an artistic masterpiece!



### STRING ART FOR SPRING

**TUES | MAR 24 | 4:15PM | 20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-3**

Work at your own pace during this relaxing string art program, to create spring-inspired designs.

### POKÉMON BINGO & CARD TRADING

**WED | MAR 25 | 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.



### GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB

**THURS | MAR 26 | 4:15PM**

**15 CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6**

Children will read and discuss a cozy graphic novel, *Lucy in the Sky* by Kiara Brinkman. 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.



### BEDTIME STORYTIME

**THURS | MAR 26 | AND | APR 16 | 6:30PM**

**15 CHILDREN AGES 2-7 YEARS WITH A CAREGIVER**

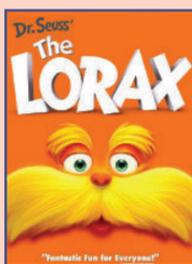
Bedtime storytime is a great time to snuggle up with someone special and wind down after a long day. Blankets, stuffies, and jammies are optional! Siblings welcome.



### KID LIBRARIANS

**TUES | MAR 31 | 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!



### EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

**THURS | APR 16 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES UPK-2**

Celebrate Earth Day by crafting a recycled newspaper garland to hang in the library, while enjoying a yummy dessert and a read-aloud of *The Lorax*. **Registration Note:** Your child must be attending UPK, or at least 4 years old to participate in this program.

### EGG TO CHICK

**MON | APR 20 | 4:15PM**

**25 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-5**

Explore the life cycle of the chicken and learn how the chick embryo develops inside the egg. This engaging session by staff from the Suffolk County Farm, will bring science alive for students and includes interaction with chicks or hens.



### NIBBLES THE BOOK MONSTER

**THURS | APR 23 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2**

Celebrate National Library Week with us by heading to the library for a silly story and a fun craft to go with it!

### BIRD COLLAGE

**TUES | APR 28 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES 2-5**

Join Ms. Julie in creating a paper by numbers collage. We'll cut, tear and glue our way to make a beautiful sparrow.



### WIND DOWN WITH WATERCOLORS

**WED | APR 29 | 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.



### SPRING PLAYDOUGH CREATIVE PLAY

**THURS | APR 30 | 4:15PM**

**20 CHILDREN IN GRADES UPK-2**

Enjoy rotating through a variety of exciting stations, using playdough in fun ways each time! **Registration Note:** Your child must be attending UPK, or at least 4 years old to participate in this program.



## 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.





# JOHN MCNAMARA TEEN CENTER

# Programs

Young Adult registration begins Saturday, February 21, 9am. Programs are for teens in grades 6-12. Please follow each program's instructions, and have Teen's Library Card available. If you have allergies, please be aware that the Library cannot guarantee that the materials/foods are free of ingredients that may affect you. Online registration is available; please check out the Library's webpage: <http://bayportbluepointlibrary.org/> or call or come in to register.

## ART CLUB

**MON | MAR 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 AND APR 6, 13, 20, 27 | 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.

## COZY STICKER SCENES

**WED | MAR 4 | 3:30PM**

Join us for a cozy afternoon of sticking and creativity with fun, aesthetic sticker scene kits.



## GET YOUR GREEN ON

**MON | MAR 9 | 4PM**

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

## KNITTING AND CROCHET CLUB

**WED | MAR 11 AND APR 8 | 4PM**

Join us once a month for a cozy circle of knitting and crochet. All levels are welcome! Ms. Jen will be there to teach you how to start if you've never done it before.



## MY HERO ACADEMIA IN 3D

**MON | MAR 16 | 4PM**

Ms. Jess will help you create 3D paper figures of your favorite My Hero Academia characters.

## ANIME DRAWING CLUB

**WED | MAR 18 AND APR 15, 29 | 4PM**

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

## 3D PRINT CLUB

**THURS | MAR 19 AND APR 9 | 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.

## GAMING FRIDAYS

**FRI | MAR 20 AND APR 17 | 5PM**

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



## DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

**TUES | MAR 24 AND APR 21 | 4PM**

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



## MEXICAN SNACK TASTE TEST

**WED | MAR 25 | 4PM**

Time for another taste test! This month, we will be sampling unique and flavorful treats from Mexico!

## TOTE BAGS

**MON | MAR 30 | 4PM**

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

## PEEP HOUSES

**FRI | APR 3 | 4PM**

Hop into spring with a sweet-all edible treat made with peeps and yumminess.



## WALKING TACOS

**TUES | APR 7 | 2PM**

Make some delicious portable "tacos" in a bag! Use chip bags as the container, and fill with all of your favorite toppings.

## BEADED EARRINGS

**WED | APR 8 | 2PM**

Join Ms. Jess for a fun activity of beaded earrings. She will have all types of beads on hand for you to create the perfect spring statement.

## PAINT BY NUMBER

**FRI | APR 10 | 2PM**

Have fun with Ms. Kelly as we chat and make a work of art worthy of the Louvre. I mean how can it go wrong—they tell you the color and placement of it!!



## EMBROIDERY CRAFTING

**TUES | APR 14 | 4PM**

Learn the basics of hand stitching by working on some cute embroidery kits at the library! All supplies will be provided.



## LAYS TASTE TEST

**MON | APR 20 | 4PM**

For this taste test we're discovering interesting versions of a cult classic- Lays Potato Chips. What will be the worst tasting chip be??

## CELEBRATE EARTH DAY

**WED | APR 22 | 4PM**

Earn 1 hour of community service by making butterfly garden seed paper. Take it home and plant with some soil and voila. (1 hour of community service)



## EXTRA COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY:

### PARADE DAY WALKERS

**SUN | MAR 15 | 10:30AM-12:30PM**

**\*\*We need parade walkers and a costume wearer\*\***

**Earn 2 hours of community service** for walking in the parade with the library or wearing a costume.

Email Ms. Kelly to let her know you are participating. [kelly@bbplibrary.org](mailto:kelly@bbplibrary.org) (Meet at the High school and look for the Live-brary coach bus).



## AUTHORS Unlimited

**ROWANA MILLER**

**DAVE ROMAN**

**KARA THOMAS**

Teens, join us for Authors Unlimited and meet these amazing authors!

**SATURDAY, MAY 2  
9:30AM - 2:30PM**

**ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY  
PATCHOGUE, NY**

Register for this free event at [AU2026.eventbrite.com](http://AU2026.eventbrite.com)

## 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.**

### 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@bbplibrary.org](mailto:kelly@bbplibrary.org) with your name and grade.)

### HERO APPRECIATION LETTERS

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



### KINDNESS ROCKS

(1 hour of community service)  
Society can always use a little bit of kindness in any way. It's easy to spread some 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@bbplibrary.org](mailto:kelly@bbplibrary.org) with your name and grade.)

### BOOKMARKS

(1 hour of community service)  
Pick up a kit from the YA department with 5 bookmarks to make. Design and bring back the finished bookmarks to receive your certificate.



### 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:



### POSTCARDS FROM PAPA: LETTERS, LEGACY, AND THE LAND WE TEND

BRITTANY CUTRONE,  
LAUGHLIN VINEYARD,  
PROPRIETOR

SUN | MARCH 22 | 2-4PM

Join us for a local history event with Brittany Cutrone, proprietor of Laughlin Vineyard and granddaughter of Barney Laughlin. Learn the rich history of her family's vineyard, their long-time connection with the Roosevelt family, and the legacy left by her grandfather through old letters, postcards, and personal memories.



### THE ROOSEVELT GIRLS OF MEADOW CROFT

FRANK GIEBFRIED, BBP HISTORIAN

SUN | APRIL 12 | 2-4PM

In 1891, John Ellis Roosevelt and his wife Nannie moved their family into their summer estate in Sayville. Daughters Pansy and Gladys were ten and two years old, respectively, and baby Jean was born at Meadow Croft that year. These active, intelligent, and creative girls were active in our local community as well as in the upper-class society of NYC. Join local historian Frank Giebfried as we explore the lives of these fascinating Gilded Age women: their marriages, travels, triumphs, and unfortunate tragedies.



## ON EXHIBIT

### March

**Display Case East:** The Long Island Greenbelt Trail Conference is a Not-For-Profit Volunteer Organization. The group has built (& continue to maintain) over 150 miles of hiking trails, with more on the way. The group guides nearly 150 hikes a year, all free for our members & the public. With our hikes, maps, & presentations, we work to educate the public about hiking on LI. The group works to protect Long Island's open spaces.

**Display Case West:** To celebrate St Patrick's Day, the Library will be displaying Irish memorabilia and photos of the Library's marches through the years!

**First Floor Gallery:** Steve Caputo has been making images since he was handed a camera in his teens, a long time ago. Resonance is at the core of his work. He employs his camera to memorialize moments of incredible natural wonder, forging a fleeting glimpse into a fixed gaze, turning the temporal into something tangible. All in the effort to make a connection.

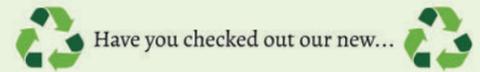
**Second Floor Gallery:** Student artwork from Bayport-Blue Point High School will be on display.

### April

**Display Case East & West:** Bonnie Abbondola is a retired high school art teacher specializing in ceramics and painting. Inspired by her love of art, books, and music, she creates handcrafted garden and stepping stones made from hand-poured concrete and individually hand-painted designs. Bonnie also paints decorative flowerpots to complement each piece. All of her work is designed to withstand the outdoor elements, bringing lasting color and character to any garden.

**First Floor Gallery:** These pictures are inspired by the diverse landscape throughout Long Island. Jonathan Van Brunt had formal training (BFA/Printmaking, MFA/Painting) that gave him the tools to express his interests visually and continues to study and explore the endless possibilities of making art.

**Second Floor Gallery:** Student artwork from Sylvan Avenue Elementary School will be on display.



## Recycling Bins

located in the rear entrance in the Children's Department

For March & April we will be collecting  
**Cables, Crayons, and Cosmetic Containers**

Check out the flyers on  
the bins for additional  
information!



Special thank you to The Boy Scouts of America for building and donating this new addition to our library!

## Can't Come to the Library? WE'LL COME TO YOU!

Are you homebound because of an illness, injury, or disability that prevents you from traveling to our library? We offer **Homebound Services** just for you! If you live within the Bayport-Blue Point Library District, then we can deliver regular or large print books, audiobooks on CD, magazines, DVD's, or CD's of your choosing.

We will bring the library right to your doorstep! To inquire, you can stop by the Adult Reference Desk to pick up a Homebound Service Request Form for yourself or a loved one. You may also email the Adult Reference Desk at [ContactUs@bbplib.org](mailto:ContactUs@bbplib.org), or give us a call at (631) 363-6133 ext. 4.



## SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS: INTRODUCING THE NEW VOTING MACHINES

**When: Tuesday, April 7, 10AM-7PM**

**Where: Bayport-Blue Point Library's Main Lobby**

The Suffolk County Board of Elections will be at the Library to introduce new voting machines that will be used for the first time at the upcoming local primaries in June. Drop in to learn about the machines and test them out to prepare for the upcoming elections. **No registration required.**



## BUDGET INFO:

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

**Trustee Election: July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2031 & April 14, 2026 – June 30, 2028. These positions are currently held by Mary Ellen Adams and Robert Draffin, respectively.**

**Petition forms are due:  
Monday, March 16, 2026 before 5pm.**

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

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

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

# BAYPORT-BLUE POINT PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAM CALENDAR

## MARCH 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>The Last Rodeo</i> 6PM Art Club	3 9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 10:30AM Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group 11:15AM Senior Flex II 11:15AM Nursery Rhyme Sing Along	4 9:30AM Tai Chi 3:30PM Cozy Sticker Scenes 5:30PM Future Engineers	5 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 2PM How to Make Healthy Living Fun 6PM Bats! 6:30PM Personalized Pint Glasses	6 10AM-12PM Free Play 10AM Lil'Tots Sports 10AM Open Mah Jongg 1PM Cooking with Judy	7 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga (Make up Classes) 1PM Open Chess
8	9 10AM All Aboard 1PM Movie: <i>Downtown Abbey</i> 3PM Intro to Live-brary 4PM Get Your Green On 6PM Art Club 6PM Wooden Hanging Wall Vase 6:30PM Knit Night	10 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 2PM Medicare 101 6PM Family Puzzle Night 7PM Ask Karl	11 9:30AM Tai Chi 2PM Spring Bunny Sign 4PM Knitting and Crochet Club 4:15PM Rainbow Macrame Keychain 6:30PM Spring Bunny Sign	12 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 10:30AM Open Sensory Play 11:15 Thursday Senior Flex II 4:15PM STEM Explorers 6PM Luck of the Piece	13 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10AM Free Play 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II 10AM Open Mah Jongg 1PM Classic Film: <i>The Quiet Man</i> 5:15PM Tweens After Hours	14 9AM Strength Training 11AM Meet the Parade Character 1PM Open Chess
15 10:30AM Parade Day Walkers 2PM Paul Joseph Trio	16 9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>In the Name of the Father</i> 4PM My Hero Academia in 3D 4:15PM Chef Club: Monster Cookie Rainbow Energy Balls 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Irish Genealogy	17 St. Patrick's Day 9:30AM Baby Start 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1:15PM Fantastic Frogs Storytime 6PM Puzzle Exchange	18 2PM Little Artists 4PM Anime Drawing Club	19 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11AM Circle Time Sing-Along 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 7PM Hard Work: Clammer on the Great South Bay 5:15PM 3D Print Club 6:30PM Grown Up and Me Paint Night 6:30PM Personalized Pint Glasses	20 10AM Free Play All Day 10AM Open Mah Jongg 2PM Fun Friday Bingo 3PM Operation Safe Child 5PM Gaming Friday	21 10AM Beginning Yoga 11AM-4PM DIY Drop-In: Build-It Fun 1PM Open Chess 1:30PM Brushes and Bliss
22	23 9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Little Sprouts Baby Music 1PM Movie: <i>Freakier Friday</i> 6PM Art Club 6:30PM Texas Style Chili	24 9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 1:30PM Library Book Club 4PM D&D 4:15PM String Art for Spring 6PM NYS Boating Safety Course I 6:30PM Library Book Club	25 9:30AM Tai Chi 2PM Slate Picture 4PM Mexican Snack Taste Test 4:15PM Pokemon BINGO and Card Trading 6PM Yoga Levels I & II 6PM NYS Boating Safety Course II 6:30PM Slate Picture	26 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 2PM Spirit of '76 4:15PM Graphic Novel Club 6PM NYS Boating Safety Course III 6:30PM Bedtime Storytime	27 9:30AM Sprouts & Friends I 10AM Free Play 10AM Open Mah Jongg 10:30AM Sprouts & Friends II	28 9AM Defensive Driving 10-11AM Author Talks 11AM-1PM Author Fair 1PM Open Chess
29	30 9:30AM Chair Yoga 11:15AM Purr-fect Storytime 1PM Movie: <i>Small Things Like These</i> 4PM Tote Bags 7PM Reiki Healing Part II	31 9AM Morning Yoga 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 4:15PM Kid Librarians 6:30PM Raising a Confident and Resilient Child				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #1a3d54; margin-right: 5px;"></span> ADULT</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #4caf50; margin-right: 5px;"></span> CHILDREN</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #2196f3; margin-right: 5px;"></span> TEEN</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #f44336; margin-right: 5px;"></span> FULCRUM</li> <li><span style="display: inline-block; width: 10px; height: 10px; background-color: #ff9800; margin-right: 5px;"></span> CONCERTS</li> </ul>

## APRIL 2026

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19 2PM Burt Bacharach by Stephen Lynch	20 9:30AM Chair Yoga 1PM Movie: <i>Good Fortune</i> 2PM Can I Recycle This? 4PM Lays Taste Test 4:15PM Egg to Chick 6PM National Film Night with J.K. Hodge 6PM Art Club	21 9AM Morning Yoga Levels I & II 10:15AM Senior Flex 11:15AM Senior Flex II 11:15AM Nursery Rhyme Sing Along 4PM D&D 6PM Puzzle Exchange 6:30PM DIY Rainstick and Sound Bath	22 9:30AM Tai Chi 11AM Color Play 4PM Celebrate Earth Day 6PM Yoga Levels I & II	23 10:15AM Thursday Senior Flex 11:15AM Thursday Senior Flex II 4:15PM Nibbles the Book Monster	24 10AM Free Play 10AM Lil'Tots Sports 10AM Open Mah Jongg	25 8:30AM Guided Bird Walk 9AM Strength Training 10AM Beginning Yoga 1PM Open Chess
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