



**Book Study
Room Sessions
Online!**

**Color Coded
Program
Organization**

**Program
Registration
Tracking**

Our calendar is getting an upgrade just in time for registration for May and June programs! Beginning April 1, we will be displaying a brand-new calendar on our website. The new calendar will feature programs color-coded by age group, as well as additional new filters to narrow down programs of interest, such as crafts, movies, lectures, exercise, shows, and more. Our new calendar will also allow you to keep track of programs you have registered for by using your library card barcode number upon registration.

Also on April 1, we will be rolling out another brand-new feature on our website, allowing you to book study rooms and community rooms online! This new system will make it easier for students and other small groups to book our study rooms, while streamlining the process for community groups to book our larger spaces. We will be holding a special in-person TechTime program at 2 PM on April 1 to go over all of these new features - please attend if you'd like more information! These are just two of the many upgrades we have planned for our online presence in 2024 - look to future newsletters for updates as we roll out a new website, an increased social media presence, and even a brand-new library app!

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FROM THE REFERENCE DESK

Registration is required for virtual and paid programs.

Spring Culinary Delights

Have you ever thought of taking up cooking as a hobby? Are you feeling adventurous to try new foods? If so then check out some of our fun and flavorful cookbooks spanning different cultures. Perhaps you will find an exciting new recipe to impress your friends and family at a Memorial Day barbecue or graduation party.

- **Maman and Me: Recipes from our Iranian American Family** by Roya Shariat
- **I Could Nosh: Classic Jewish Recipes Revamped for Everyday** by Jake Cohen
- **Maydan: Recipes from Lebanon and Beyond** by Rose Previte
- **The Food of Sicily: Recipes from a Sun-Drenched Culinary Crossroads** by Fabrizia Lanza
- **Tasting History: Explore the Past Through 4,000 Years of Recipes** by Max Miller



Travel the Globe

Have you daydreamed about any fun new places to check off on your bucket list? Are you thinking of taking an adventure this summer with family or friends? If so, then check out the newest editions of some of our travel books. We have everything from magical places in Europe to trip ideas that are closer to home.

- **Fodor's Essential Italy**
- **Fodor's New York City**
- **Lonely Planet Belize**
- **Fodor's Essential France**
- **Birnbaum's Walt Disney World: The Official Vacation Guide**

Dancing with Genealogy

If you are on a quest to discover where your ancestors came from, or just on a mission to research your family history, then check out the library's Genealogical databases **Ancestry** and **Heritage Quest**. You can access billions of records from both the United States and around the world, including but not limited to census, revolutionary war pensions, immigration records and even records of family members in published books on local histories of different areas around the country. You can access **Heritage Quest** and **Ancestry** by visiting the library's database page at: bethpagelibrary.info/research. Explore **Heritage Quest** from the comfort of your home by simply typing your library card number in, whereas **Ancestry** is in-library use only.

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Art Workshop Reception

Art Facilitator Lorraine Yopp and her talented students

Tuesday, June 4
from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM
In-person

The students from the weekly art workshop will showcase their artwork created throughout the year. The exhibit will begin on Friday, May 31 and will extend through Friday, June 28. The reception will take place in the gallery. We invite family, friends, and community members to come out and see what our local artists have created!



May & June Exhibits

May Display Case:
Antique Radios and Other Electronics
by Michael Katz

The items showcased this month will include antique radios, an apothecary balance scale from 1897, a typewriter from 1897, early models of adding machines, and more.

May Lobby Display:
Oil Paintings
by Bob Evans

Robert Evans is a local, self taught oil painter from Seaford, Long Island. He draws inspiration from all art styles, especially impressionism.

June Display Case:
Bethpage Public Library Knitting Circle
by Knitting Class

Enjoy these handcrafted creations by patrons of the Bethpage Public Library's Knitting Class!

June Lobby Display:
Bethpage Public Library Art Workshop Class

Paintings produced by the students of Lorraine Yopp, and were created using a range of mediums including oils, acrylics, and watercolors.

**FREE
COMIC
BOOK
- DAY -**

**1st SATURDAY
IN MAY!**

May 4, 2024

Stop by the library during the first weekend of May to celebrate Free Comic Book Day and take home a free comic book! Every patron that checks out at least one graphic novel or manga this weekend with their Bethpage Public Library card will go home with a free comic, while supplies last.

EXERCISE PROGRAMS

Adult Programs

Payment is required for all exercise programs. Payments accepted in-person for all programs, or via check by mail for virtual exercise ONLY. Payment is non-refundable and non-transferable. Please call the Reference Desk for more details.

VIRTUAL EXERCISE

Simply Stronger

**Mondays, May 13, 20;
June 3, 10 at 10:30 AM**

Cost: \$20 payable at registration

This class utilizes hand-held weights, a band, and a ball to enhance strength, flexibility and coordination. These exercises can be performed standing or sitting. Equipment is optional.

Simply Active

**Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29;
June 5, 12, 19**

Cost: \$35 payable at registration

This class incorporates low impact movements to increase cardiovascular fitness, improve core strength, posture, and promote proper body alignment. These exercises can be performed standing or sitting.



General Level Yoga

Our virtual yoga class, led by instructor Marie, is perfect for people of all levels, including beginners! Participants should have a yoga sticky mat, a blanket, a yoga belt, and two yoga blocks.

Session I

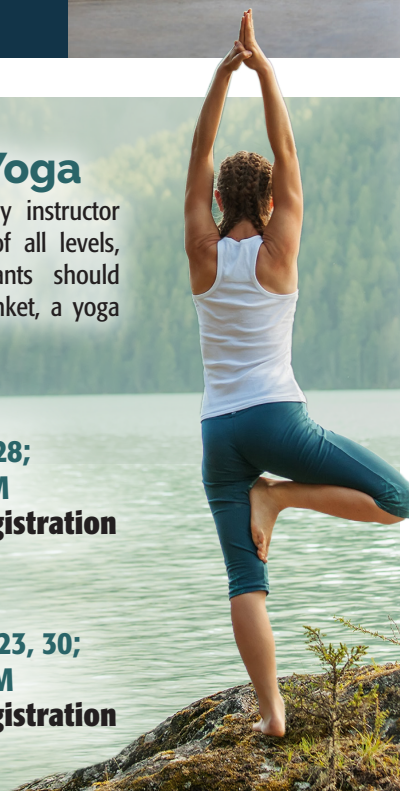
**Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28;
June 4, 11, 18 at 11:00 AM**

Cost: \$35 payable at registration

Session II

**Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30;
June 6, 13, 20 at 11:00 AM**

Cost: \$40 payable at registration



IN-PERSON EXERCISE

Chair Yoga

Mondays, May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10, 17 at 9:10 AM

Cost: \$30 payable at registration

Chair yoga is a gentle practice, performed while seated and with the aid of a chair. Chair yoga is for everyone, and those who have difficulty with getting on and off the floor or find traditional yoga a bit too challenging will especially appreciate chair yoga.

Strength & Stretch

Tuesdays, May 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18 at 9:30 AM

Cost: \$30 payable at registration

It's the same class you love with Mindy, now in person!

This class is designed to strengthen and stretch all muscle groups. These exercises can be performed on the floor and modifications are provided utilizing a chair. Stretching is incorporated into the class using a band or towel (optional). A mat, water, light weights, and proper footwear are recommended.

Yoga with Friends

Enjoy our in-person yoga classes with instructor Jolie. This class is geared toward patrons familiar with traditional yoga stretches and poses and who are comfortable with floor work. Please bring a yoga mat and water. Yoga blocks, straps, and weights are optional.

Morning Yoga

**Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29;
June 5, 12, 19 at 9:30 AM**

Cost: \$40 payable at registration

Evening Yoga

**Mondays, May 6, 13, 20;
June 3, 10, 17 at 7:00 PM**

Cost: \$30 payable at registration



Zumba Saturdays

Saturdays, May 4, 18;

June 8, 15, 22 at 9:30 AM

Cost: \$25 payable at registration

Get ready to get your heart rate up and dance! Enjoy a fun and active aerobics class with instructor Andrea, in-person at the library. Bring water and a towel.



RECURRING PROGRAMS

Registration is required for virtual and paid programs.

Art Workshop

Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29
from 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM

Cost: \$25 payable at registration

In-person

If you are an aspiring artist and have always wanted to pursue your talent, grab your brushes and paints! Lorraine will coordinate this workshop and stand by to offer advice and encouragement. Participants must provide their own art supplies and will work at their own pace.

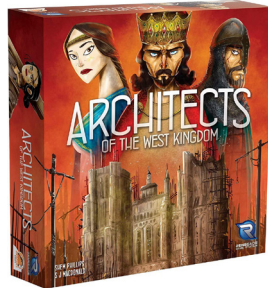


Board Game Night with Game Master Games

Fridays, May 3 & June 7 at 6:30 PM

In-person

Join us to play board games at the library every month! Game masters Dave and Ginger from Game Master Games will be on hand to teach you. In May we will play **King of Tokyo** and in June we have a two player game special, featuring **Architects of the West Kingdom**.



Learn to Play Dungeons & Dragons with Game Master Games

Mondays, May 6 and
June 3 at 7:00 PM

In-person

Dungeons & Dragons adventures await! The monthly adventures are loosely connected to an ongoing story, but each session is a stand-alone game. Come once or come often! No experience necessary. Dave and Ginger from Game Master Games will be on hand to be your Dungeon Masters.



Book Club

Join librarian Deb Honen to discuss each month's book and find new titles to enjoy!

In-person

The Nest

by Cynthia D'Aprix Sweeney

Tuesday, May 14 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM

Murder on Trinity Place

by Victoria Thompson

Tuesday, June 11 at 1:00 PM

Wednesday June 12 at 7:00 PM



Intermediate/Advanced ENL Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Virtual

Are you looking to advance your knowledge of English? The library offers an Intermediate/Advanced ENL class, facilitated by an instructor. Classes will mix conversation as well as grammar lessons.

English Conversation Class

Wednesdays from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM

In-person

Join this class at the library to practice your English conversation skills, facilitated by an instructor. All are welcome! Registration is required.

Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program

Monday, May 20 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

Monday, June 24 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM

In-person

Do you have questions relating to Medicare, or would you like to apply for one of its programs? Trained and certified volunteers from HIICAP can help you. Appointments are necessary, and each person will have a half-hour appointment.

Driver Safety Course

This is your opportunity to save on insurance costs, deduct violation points, and learn safe driving techniques. The fee includes all course materials and certification. Open to all ages. Bring a pen and your driver's license.

AARP Class

Monday, May 20 and

Tuesday, May 21

5:30 PM to 8:45 PM

\$25 for AARP members, \$30 for non AARP Members.
One check per student made out to AARP. Must attend both sessions.



National Safety Council Class

Saturday, June 29 from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM

\$35 payable by check or money order to Marty Hirschfield. One check per student.

Sign Up for Emails from BPL!

Sign up to receive updates, including upcoming programming, newly acquired materials, and more!



ADULT CULTURAL PROGRAMS

Adult Programs

Registration is required for virtual and paid programs.

Art in the Afternoon: The Whitney Biennial 2024

Professor Thomas Germano

Tuesday, May 7 at 2:00 PM

In-person

The Whitney Biennial, a showcase of what's new in American art, returned to the Whitney for its 81st installment in March 2024. Professor Thomas Germano will present a visual lecture of the exhibition to prepare you for an in-person visit to the museum.

Portraits: Renee Fleming: The Beautiful Voice

Presented by Marc Courtade

Monday, May 20 at 2:00 PM

In-person

Dubbed "The People's Diva," Renee Fleming is one of the best known classical singers. She sings a wide variety of music, from opera to contemporary works. This lecture will celebrate her voice and career using audio and video clips to showcase her talents.



Current Events: Juneteenth

Presented by Martin Levinson

Thursday, June 20 at 2:00 PM

Virtual

Juneteenth, occurring on June 19th, is a recently designated federal holiday in the United States, which commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Dr. Levinson will discuss this important celebration, which has been called America's second Independence Day.

Conversations with Music: Tanisha Mitchell

Presented by Tanisha Mitchell

Tuesday, June 25 at 2:00 PM

In-person

Once a controversial opera, Carmen is now the most popular opera performed internationally. It is a tireless representation of love, lust, and seduction gone wrong. Learn all about its creation and history from Tanisha Mitchell. As a bonus, Tanisha will sing an aria from the opera.

CLASSES AT THE LIBRARY



Knitting at the Library

Presented by Joan

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28; June 4, 11, 18 at 7:00 PM

\$35 payable at the time of registration; nonrefundable

Knit, purl, and chat! Join the knitting circle and finish up some of those projects. Bring your own supplies. Crocheters are welcome. We will also be making some quick gifts.

Create Your Own Melt & Pour Soap

Presented by Angela from Alegna Soap

Thursday May 9 at 2:00 PM

\$5 payable at the time of registration; nonrefundable

Design your own bar of soap, with selected scents, colors, and molds. These are not just decorative soaps, enjoy using them!

Craft Corner at the Library!

Presented by Our Crafty Librarians

Mondays, May 13 and

June 10 at 2:00 PM

Join us at the library and make a surprise craft with one of our librarians! Each month we will create a different craft, and supplies will be provided. Registration is required.



Basic Chocolate Dipping Class

Presented by Melinda with Them's the Breaks

Thursday, June 20 at 7:00 PM

\$5 payable at the time of registration; nonrefundable

Participants will learn the proper technique to create chocolate covered treats. They will be given a variety of items to dip, such as strawberries, oreos, pretzels, and more, and learn to decorate these items. Each participant will go home with a bag of goodies.



ENTERTAINMENT & EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS

Registration is required for virtual and paid programs.

Artificial Intelligence

Presented by Saul Silas Fathi

Thursday, May 2 at 7:00 PM

In-person

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is the intelligence exhibited by machines or software, and the branch of computer science which develops the machines and software. Join Saul Fathi as he explores the fascinating developments in this area, and the ways in which AI is changing our world.



Meet with a Veteran Outreach Program Specialist

Presented by U.S Department of Veterans Affairs Nassau Vet Center Branch

Wednesday, June 12 at 2:00 PM

In-person

Many military veterans, retirees, and active duty service members are not aware that they are entitled to a number of benefits at no cost. Sharran M. Chambers-Murphy, an Army Veteran and Veteran Outreach Program Specialist, is joining us at the library to educate military veterans and their family members about services that are out in the community and VA to help them with transition, healthcare, homelessness, financial issues and much more.

Summer Reading on Your Devices!

With Shazia Naderi

Wednesday, June 5 at 2:00 PM or

Thursday, June 6 at 7:00 PM

In-person

Did you know you can check out books, magazines, and so much more without even needing to step inside the library? All you need is your library card and a digital device - this includes your phone, tablet, Kindle, and more! Attend one of these sessions to learn about our online services that provide digital reading materials: Nassau Digital Doorway (also known as the Libby app), and Hoopla. We'll be going over these services, what they offer, and how to use them!



Old Glory, New Glory: The History of the American Flag

Presented by JoAnn Tufo

Thursday, June 13 at 2:00 PM

Virtual

This program explores the history of the flag from the American Revolution to the present. You will hear the Betsy Ross story and learn of Mary Pickersgill's role in the creation of the "Star Spangled Banner." Celebrate Flag Day on June 14 by learning more about the flag's impact on our culture through the centuries.



Memorial Day Tea

Presented by Barbara Sheridan

Thursday, May 30

2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

\$5 payable at the time of registration; nonrefundable

In-person

This Red White and Blue Tea in honor of our veterans will include tea sandwiches, sweet treats, scones, and a variety of tasty teas. Bring your favorite tea cup, sample the foods, and enjoy your tea with your neighbors.



Barbie: An American Icon

Presented by Rick Feingold

Thursday, June 6 at 2:00 PM

In-person

In the 1950s children could only play with baby dolls. Then Ruth Handler decided to create a doll with adult features named Barbie, "a teenage fashion model." Learn how the world's most loved doll came to be and inspired the recent popular movie.



Film Club

With Amanda Tucci

Saturday, June 22 at 2:00 PM

In-person

Join us for The Invisible Man, a 1933 horror movie starring Claude Rains and Gloria Stuart, based on H.G. Wells's 1897 novel of the same name. The movie is rated R and is 1 hour and 11 minutes long. After the film viewing, stay for a discussion with our facilitator Amanda.

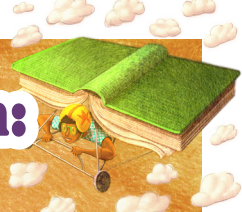


Scan the code to access our event calendar!





Adult Summer Reading Program:



ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* LIBRARY™

Monday June 3 through Friday August 9

Reading takes us to other places, other time periods, or other worlds. Enjoy this year's Summer Reading program: Adventure Begins at Your Library and see where you can go! Register for Summer Reading beginning Monday, June 3 in person at the Reference desk or online using Beanstack, our reading app.

Reviews can be submitted until August 9, 2024. Registration is required to participate in our Summer Reading program. Submit at least two reviews and receive an invitation to our Author Talk Event and raffle in August!



Shredding Event!

Presented by A Shred Away Inc.

Saturday, May 18

9:00 AM to 12:00 PM

In-person

A Shred Away Inc. truck will be in our staff parking lot to safely shred your documents. They accept all paper and CDs (staples and paper clips do not need to be removed). There will be a limit of 3 bags or boxes per person.

Please note: plastic, cardboard, carbon paper, books, newspapers, magazines, batteries, and old cell phones will not be accepted.



Bus Trip and Cruise to the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island



Tuesday, July 23, 2024

8:00 AM Departure

\$135 per person; non-refundable

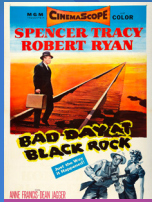
This trip includes deluxe motorcoach transportation to and from Battery Park, where we will board a cruise ship for Liberty Island and tour the Statue of Liberty Museum. Then we will cruise to Ellis Island and tour the Ellis Island Immigration Museum. A lunch voucher for the Ellis Cafe is included. Please arrive at the library by 7:45 AM.

We will depart Battery Park to return to Bethpage at 4:00 PM.

WEDNESDAY MOVIES

All Showings are at 2:00 PM

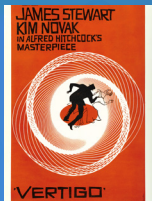
May: Thrillers



Bad Day at Black Rock (1955)

Rated TV-PG
1 hour and 21 minutes
Starring: Spencer Tracy and Robert Ryan
 A one-armed stranger comes to a tiny town possessing a terrible past they want to keep secret, by violent means if necessary.

May 1



Vertigo (1958)

Rated PG
2 hours and 8 minutes
Starring: James Stewart and Kim Novak
 A former San Francisco police detective juggles wrestling with his personal demons and becoming obsessed with the hauntingly beautiful woman he has been hired to trail, who may be deeply disturbed.

May 8



The Day of the Jackal (1973)

Rated PG
2 hours and 23 minutes
Starring: Edward Fox and Terence Alexander
 In the aftermath of France allowing Algeria's independence, a group of resentful military veterans hire a professional assassin codenamed "Jackal" to kill President Charles de Gaulle.

May 15



Memento (2000)

Rated R (for violence, language and some drug content)
1 hour and 53 minutes
Starring: Guy Pearce and Carrie-Ann Moss
 Leonard is tracking down the man who raped and murdered his wife, but the difficulty is compounded by the fact that he suffers from a rare, untreatable form of memory loss.

May 22



Rated R (for language and some violent images);
2 hours

Starring: Ben Affleck and Bryan Cranston
 Acting under the cover of a Hollywood producer scouting a location for a science fiction film, a CIA agent launches a dangerous operation to rescue six Americans in Tehran during the U.S. hostage crisis in Iran in 1979.

May 29

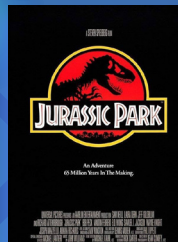
June: The Movies of Steven Spielberg



The Sugarland Express (1974)

Rated PG
1 hour and 50 minutes
Starring: Goldie Hawn and Ben Johnson
 A woman attempts to reunite her family by helping her husband escape prison and kidnapping their son, but things don't go as planned when they are forced to take a police hostage on the road.

June 5



Jurassic Park (1993)

Rated PG-13
2 hours and 7 minutes
Starring: Sam Neill and Laura Dern
 Paleontologists are chosen to tour an island theme park populated by dinosaurs created from prehistoric DNA. While the park's mastermind, assures everyone that the facility is safe, they find out otherwise when various ferocious predators break free and go on the hunt.

June 12



Saving Private Ryan

Rated R (for graphic sequences of war violence, and for language);
2 hours and 49 minutes
Starring: Tom Hanks and Matt Damon
 Following the Normandy Landings, a group of U.S. soldiers go behind enemy lines to retrieve a paratrooper whose brothers have been killed in action.

June 19



The Fabelmans (2022)

Rated PG-13
2 hours and 31 minutes
Starring: Gabriel LaBelle and Michelle Williams
 Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth.

June 26

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FRIDAY MOVIES

All Showings are at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM

May

June



Oppenheimer
Rated R (for some sexuality, nudity, and violence); 3 hours; Genre: Drama
Starring: Cillian Murphy and Robert Downey Jr.
 During World War II, Lt. Gen. Leslie Groves Jr. appoints physicist J. Robert Oppenheimer to work on the top-secret Manhattan Project. Oppenheimer and a team of scientists spend years developing and designing the atomic bomb.



What's Love Got to Do With It
Rated PG-13; 1 hour and 48 minutes
Genre: Rom-Com
Starring: Lily James and Mim Shaikh
 In London, an award-winning film-maker documents her best friend's journey into an assisted marriage in line with his family's Pakistani heritage. In the process, she challenges her own attitude towards relationships.



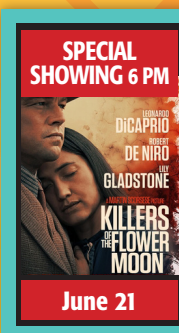
All Dirt Roads Taste of Salt
Rated PG; 1 hour and 32 minutes; Genre: Drama
Starring: Kaylee Nicole Johnson and Chris Chalk
 A decades-spanning exploration of a woman's life in Mississippi and an ode to the generations of people, places, and ineffable moments that shape us.



Anatomy of a Fall
Rated R (for some language, sexual references and violent images)
2 hours and 31 minutes; Genre: Crime
Starring: Sandra Hüller and Swann Arlaud
 A woman is suspected of murder after her husband's death, and their partially sighted son faces a moral dilemma as the main witness. **This film is in English and French with English subtitles.**



Next Goal Wins
Rated PG-13; 1 hour and 44 minutes; Genre: Comedy
Starring: Michael Fassbender and Oscar Kightley
 With the World Cup Qualifiers approaching, the team hires down-on-his-luck, maverick coach Thomas Rongen hoping he will turn the world's worst soccer team around in this heartfelt underdog film.



Killers of the Flower Moon
Rated R (for violence, some grisly images, and language)
3 hours and 26 minutes; Genre: Drama
Starring: Leonardo DiCaprio and Robert De Niro
 When oil is discovered in 1920s Oklahoma under Osage Nation land, the Osage people are murdered one by one - until the FBI steps in to unravel the mystery.



The Iron Claw
Rated R (for language, suicide, some sexuality and drug use); 2 hours and 12 minutes; Genre: Sports
Starring: Zac Efron and Jeremy Allen White
 Through tragedy and triumph, under the shadow of their domineering father and coach, the Von Erich brothers seek larger-than-life immortality on the biggest stage in sports.



The Boys in the Boat
Rated PG-13; 2 hours and 4 minutes; Genre: Sports
Starring: Callum Turner and Joel Edgerton
 This inspirational true story follows a group of underdogs, the 1936 University of Washington rowing team, at the height of the Great Depression as they are thrust into the spotlight and take on elite rivals from around the world in the Summer Olympics.



American Fiction
Rated R (for language throughout, some drug use, sexual references and brief violence); 1 hour and 57 minutes; Genre: Comedy
Starring: Jeffrey Wright and Tracee Ellis Ross
 A novelist who's fed up with the establishment profiting from Black entertainment uses a pen name to write a book that propels him into the heart of the hypocrisy and madness he claims to disdain.

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YOU MUST register online with YOUR CHILD'S Bethpage Public Library card.

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS

Rock and Read
with A Time for Kids
Fridays, May 3, 10, 17; June 7, 14
Session 1: 12 - 23 months with adult at 11:00 AM
Session 2: 24 - 48 months with adult at 11:45 AM
Meet some friends and hear stories come to life with rhythm, movement, and music.



Saturday Storycraft
with the Children's Librarian
Saturday, May 18 at 11:00 AM
Saturday, June 15 at 11:00 AM
4 - 7 years
Hear a great story and make an adorable craft to go with it. **Register for each class separately.**




Baby Smart
with A Time for Kids
Mondays, May 6, 13, 20;
June 3, 10 at 10:30 AM
Birth - 17 months with adult
Introduce your baby to the world of reading, music, and friendship.

Super Sports Saturday
with Lil Athletes
Saturdays, May 18 & June 1 at 2:00 PM
Ages 3 - 5 years with adult
Participants will get basic instruction in soccer, baseball and basketball. Children will have the opportunity to play with others, while making friendships along the way!



FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Open to in and out-of-district residents

Li'l STEAM Team
with A Time for Kids
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21;
June 4, 11 at 11:00 AM
2 - 4 years with adult
Spark your little one's imagination and stimulate curiosity! Participating in STEAM activities can improve literacy, communication, and social skills.



Sensory Friendly Movie Matinees
Saturdays at 2:00 PM
Ages 4 and up with adult | All abilities
FAMILY FYI: The sound will be turned down and the lights will be up in order to make this a sensory-comfortable experience. Feel free to bring in quiet sensory aids - earplugs or noise-canceling headphones, dark or tinted glasses, fidgets or comfort items, blankets - to help the person you are with feel safe and comfortable. We do ask that electronic devices be turned off during the movie. Food and drink cannot be consumed in the theater, however you can move to the lobby where food and drink are permitted.

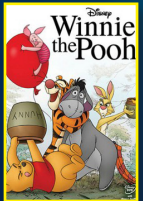
Giggles and Grins:
An Evening Storytime
with Miss Heidi, Children's Librarian
Thursdays, May 16, 23 at 6:30 PM
3 - 6 years
Enjoy an evening out featuring stories, songs and crafts.



Toy Story that Time Forgot: May 11
(Rated G; 22 minutes)
Disney-Pixar presents a hilarious, animated short Toy Story adventure. During one of Bonnie's post-Christmas playdates, the Toy Story crew find themselves in uncharted territory when the coolest set of action figures ever turn out to be dangerously delusional.



Disney's Winnie the Pooh: June 8
(Rated G; 63 minutes)
Pooh and his friends help Eeyore get a new tail and save Christopher Robin from the mysterious "baksun."



Marvelous May

Quail Hatching in the Children's Room

Come see tiny quail eggs in our special incubator. Don't miss these adorable babies when they hatch in mid-May. You will be able to see our feathered friends for a week after they hatch.



Children's Book Week: No Rules! Just Read. May 6 - 12

Help us acknowledge this annual initiative celebrating children's literature and reading. Come in and check-out some of the classics, then come back at the end of the month to watch the book-to-movie version on our big screen the auditorium. See Family Movie Week below for dates and times.



21C Sugar Scrub and Lotion Making Class

with Angela of Alegna Soap

Friday, May 10 at 6:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Come make a luxurious sugar scrub and lotion set with Angela. Enjoy them yourself or give them as the perfect gift for that special someone.



21C Create the Taj Mahal with Art Teacher Amy!

Monday, May 13 at 6:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5 with adult

Virtual and interactive

With step-by-step instruction, learn to create this magnificent architectural masterpiece!



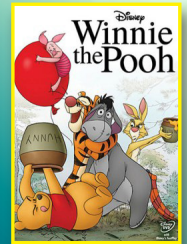
Family Movie Week

Winnie The Pooh Movie

(Rated G; 63 minutes)

Tuesday, May 28 at 7:00 PM

Up to Grade 5 and family with adult
Pooh and his friends help Eeyore get a new tail and save Christopher Robin from the mysterious "baksun."



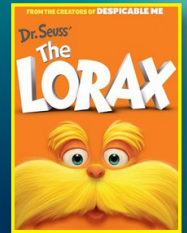
Dr. Seuss' The Lorax

(Rated PG; 1 hour 26 minutes)

Wednesday, May 29 at 7:00 PM

Grades K - 5 and family with adult

An adaptation of the classic tale of a forest creature who shares the enduring power of hope.



Paddington

(Rated PG ; 1 hour 35 minutes)

Thursday, May 30 at 7:00 PM

Grades K - 5 and family with adult

A young Peruvian bear travels to London in search of a home. Finding himself lost and alone at Paddington Station, he meets the kindly Brown family, who offer him a temporary haven.



21C LEGO Free Play

Wednesdays, May 15, 22 at 4:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Get creative with our bricks, and meet with other Lego fans.



21C Quail Q & A with Miss Heidi, Children's Librarian

Friday, May 17 at 6:00 PM

Grades K - 5

The Children's Room is excited to be fostering quail eggs and watching them hatch. Children will get up close and learn about these adorable Bobwhite quail and their impact on the environment.



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Joyful June

21 C Learn to use Beanstack with Shazia Naderi

Monday, June 3 at 7:00 PM

Grades K - 5 with adult

Children and adults will be introduced to a new and fun web and mobile app. Using Beanstack, children will be motivated to read in a fun and interactive way. Tracking independent reading inspires children to read more! The library will be utilizing Beanstack for all Reading Clubs, and 1000 Books before Kindergarten. **Anyone in attendance will automatically be entered into a LI Ducks Ticket Raffle to Win 4 Free Tickets!**



21 C LEGO Free Play

Thursdays, June 13, 20 at 6:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Get creative with our bricks, and meet with other Lego fans.



21 C 3D Printing Club with Shazia Naderi

Tuesdays, June 4, 11, 18 at 5:30 PM

Grades 4 and 5

Learn the basics of designing 3D objects using Tinkercad, a 3D design web app, and our 3D printer. All students will go home with a completed project by the end of the series.

Please bring your Chromebook. Attendance is required at all three sessions.



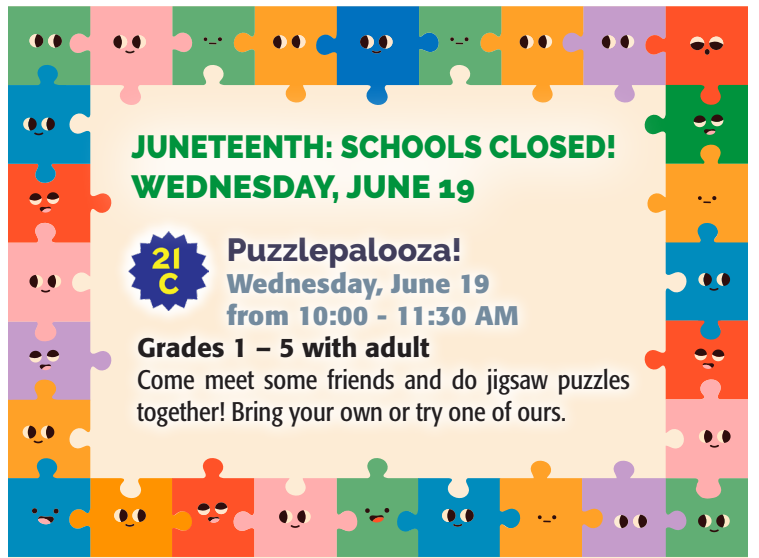
JUNETEENTH: SCHOOLS CLOSED! WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

21 C Puzzlepalooza!

Wednesday, June 19 from 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Grades 1 - 5 with adult

Come meet some friends and do jigsaw puzzles together! Bring your own or try one of ours.



21 C Wild Things with Art Teacher Amy!

Thursday, June 6 at 6:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5 with adult

Virtual and interactive

With step-by-step instruction, learn to create a character from Where the Wild Things Are, as we celebrate Maurice Sendak's birthday.



Live Show! The Caterpillar Hunter with Traveling Lantern

Thursday, June 27 at 7:00 PM

Up to Grade 5 and their families with adult

This is the Summer Reading Club Kick-off live Show. Any child in the Bethpage School District can attend this exciting event. Those in attendance will automatically be registered in the Summer Reading Club and entered in the **LI Ducks Ticket Raffle to Win 4 Free Tickets!**

Crikey! Join the Caterpillar Hunter on an exciting adventure as he travels around the world to rescue a rare endangered parrot known as the Kakapo, from New Zealand.

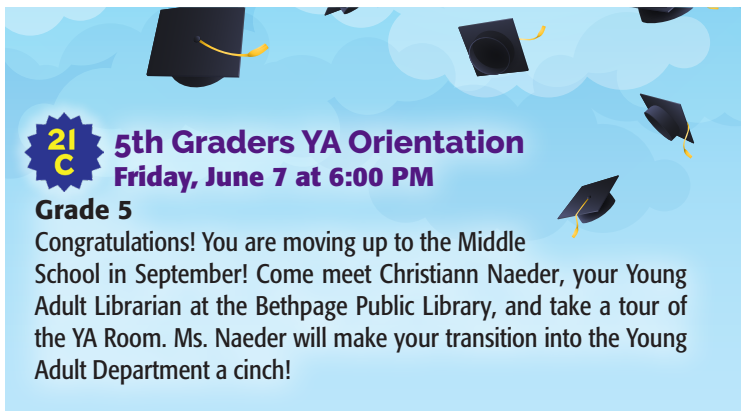


21 C 5th Graders YA Orientation

Friday, June 7 at 6:00 PM

Grade 5

Congratulations! You are moving up to the Middle School in September! Come meet Christiann Naeder, your Young Adult Librarian at the Bethpage Public Library, and take a tour of the YA Room. Ms. Naeder will make your transition into the Young Adult Department a cinch!



ADVENTURE *BEGINS AT YOUR* LIBRARY™

Summer Reading / Activity Club 2024

For children of all abilities

Come explore new books, learn new skills and nurture your love of independent reading. Learn how you can be the next Reader of the Week. All participants must complete the challenge on Beanstack by Friday, August 9. Register beginning Monday, June 3 by visiting our website at: <https://bethpagelibrary.info/childrensroom>. Click on the SRC icon to register and receive more information, a gift, and an invitation to the Live Concert Celebration on Thursday, August 15 at 7:00 PM.

Birth – Pre K: Read at least 10 library books to your little ones.



Gr. K – 5: Read at least 2 library books.

The first families to submit completed lists will be entered into a Long Island Ducks ticket raffle!



REGISTER AND LOG YOUR READING



21C Bomb Pop Key Holder

with Lisa Colon
Friday, June 28 at 5:30 PM
Grades 1 – 5

With a simple sewing lesson, create a key case for the season that's "the bomb".



Please Note our Registration/Attendance Policy:

- ◆ Children must have their own library card to register for a program. You can apply for a library card in-person or online at <https://bethpagelibrary.info/librarycard.html>
- ◆ Reminder: Please let us know as soon as possible if you are unable to make a program.
- ◆ Repeated absences without notification will cause registration for subsequent programs in the following newsletter to be added to the waitlist rather than the main list.
- ◆ Waitlist does not guarantee admittance.
- ◆ Patrons on a waitlist will be notified as cancellations are made in advance of the program.
- ◆ Wait list on day of program: Priority, based on arrival time will be given to online wait listed patrons. Walk-ins will be added to the existing wait list based on a first-come-first-basis.
- ◆ Latecomers: Reservations will be held for 5 minutes after start time unless you have called in advance.

Get the free Beanstack App!

- Keep track of all of your reading.
- Join a reading challenge to win badges and prizes.
- Add friends to talk about books!

See page 12 for more information.



Download the Beanstack app!



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Registration required for all Young Adult programs.

All programs for students entering Grades 6-12 unless otherwise noted.

21 C **Improv**
With 3 Stage Studios

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:00 PM

Has the end of the school year got you stressed? Join acting teacher Laurie Ann Davis from 3 Stage Studios and learn acting and improv techniques as tools to help relieve your stress with fun and laughter.



Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 4, while supplies last

Stop in the Library, check out a graphic novel or manga and receive a free comic book, in celebration of "Free Comic Book Day." Supplies are limited, so make sure to come in early!



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

21 C **Dungeons & Dragons Club**
Mondays, May 6, 13 at 6:00 PM
Mondays, June 3, 10 at 6:00 PM

In-person & Virtual

Enjoy playing Dungeons & Dragons? Come join our D&D Club! Each month a different player can get a chance to act as Dungeon Master for that session. New and experienced players are welcome!

21 C **Teen Game Night: Dungeons & Dragons**

Tuesday, May 21
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

In-person

This Game Night we will be playing Dungeons & Dragons. Grab your friends, form a party, and embark on an adventure that is perfect for new and experienced players alike. Space is limited, so sign up now!



21 C **DIY Body Lotion and Scrub**

With Angela from Alegna Soap

Thursday, May 9 at 4:00 PM

Design and make your own body lotion and scrub. Angela will provide a variety of scents and colors, as well as instructions on how to create products that are great to give as a gift, or to keep for yourself!



21 C **Spy Under a Full Moon**

Thursday, May 23 at 6:00 PM

Do you think you can make and break spy codes? Join us to create your own individual cipher, and see if anyone else can break your code!



21 C **Kick Off Summer Reading**

with New Kicks!

Wednesday, June 5 from 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM

Kick off our summer reading challenge with some new kicks! Bring in your new or gently used canvas sneakers and decorate them for your summer adventures!



21 C A 21st Century Scholar school credit offering for grades 6 - 12 in SD #21. You must register with the Bethpage Public Library and on the Bethpage 21C school website.

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Young Adult Summer Reading Program



Join us for our annual Summer Reading challenge!

Sign up beginning June 3 and receive your welcome package. Students who read at least two books over the summer will be eligible for 21st Century Credit, earn rewards for every book read, receive an invite to our wrap-up party, and be entered into our Grand Prize Raffle!



21C Teen Game Night: Clue

Tuesday, June 11 from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

In-Person

Join us for this classic whodunit game to solve who the murderer is, where it was committed, and how!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Visit our website at BethpageLibrary.info/Teen to find out how you can get community service credit!

CS Submit a Review

Have you read a book, saw a movie, or played a game that you just can't stop thinking about? Write a review and you can receive one hour of community service!



CS Bookmark Decorating

Drop in to the YA room to pick up a packet of bookmarks to decorate, which will be given to our patrons. Every five pages completed will earn one hour of community service.

Looking for more volunteer opportunities?

Stop by the Young Adult desk to learn about additional events you can assist with to earn community service hours.

CS Programs with this symbol are eligible for community service hours.

21C YA Art Project: 4th of July Fireworks

with Lisa Colon

Thursday, June 27 at 6:00 PM

Paint a stunning 4th of July fireworks scene set over the New York City skyline.



21C Drop in Summer Decorating

Friday, June 28 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

In-Person

Drop in and help make the YA Room ready for summer by decorating the room. For every hour you help decorate, an hour of community service will be awarded.

HARBES FAMILY FARM

If you are looking for fun fall activities for the whole family, look no further than Harbes Family Farm Barnyard Adventure! Reserve your pass for free admission at the library – library passes provide access to Barnyard Adventure even during festival weekends, with the exception of Columbus Day weekend. The pass is available for the season through October.



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Meet with Senator Steve Rhoads

Senator Steve Rhoads wants to hear what local and state issues are most important to YOU – the people he represents in the New York State Senate. Please join Senator Rhoads on Thursday, May 9, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM for a one-on-one meeting to discuss a variety of topics and get to know your local Senator. Please call Senator Rhoads' District Office at 516-882-0630 to make an appointment. Appointments are required, but walk-ins are welcome if time permits.



Repair Event Volunteers Needed!

Do you have a skill that you'd be willing to contribute to help your fellow community members? Maybe you are a jeweler who can fix broken necklaces, or a seamstress who can mend ripped clothing. Perhaps you like tinkering with old appliances or are your family's resident computer expert. Regardless of skillset, if you are interested in volunteering your time, we will have opportunities in the near future to help others in the community via community repair events. Not only is this a great way to give back, it is also good for the planet as we move away from a culture of waste to one of conservation. If you are interested in participating in future programs, please visit www.bethpagelibrary.info/repairvolunteers for more information.



Notary Public Service Available

**Monday – Friday,
9:30 AM – 12:00 PM &
2:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Please call before arrival. Do NOT sign anything to be notarized until you are in front of the notary. You must supply your own witnesses. No wills or power of attorney.



Board Meetings

The Bethpage Public Library Board of Trustees generally meets on the second Monday of the month at 5:00 PM. Please visit the Events Calendar page on our website to confirm upcoming dates.

Holiday Hours

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 12
Library Closed

Father's Day
Sunday, June 16
Library Closed

Memorial Day
Monday, May 27
Library Closed

Juneteenth
Wednesday, June 19
Library Open 9 AM – 5 PM

Get Your Game On!

National Yard Games Day is June 21, 2024, but you don't have to wait for the summer solstice to check out our yard game collection! We have a wide variety of yard games to bring to your next party or bar-b-que, including ring toss, cornhole, giant tumbling timbers, and more! Available only to Bethpage Public Library cardholders.



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