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The write stuff

Do you know what NaNoWriMo means? It’s a catchy way of referring to National Novel Writing Month, which just happens to be in November.

The goal of NaNoWriMo is to create the first draft of a novel within the month. The library is here to encourage that creative enterprise by offering working and collaboration space in one of our meeting rooms for anyone taking up the NaNoWriMo challenge. Did you know that “Fangirl” by Rainbow Rowell and “The Night Circus” by Erin Morgenstern are just a couple of the many popular novels that came out of this challenge? Yours could be next!

Join other would-be authors in this exciting literary pursuit from **4-5:30pm Tuesdays in November, beginning the 7th.** Stop by the Board Room for one or more sessions at your convenience; writing instruction is not provided. Visit nanowrimo.org for more details and tips for getting started.

A Little Sunday Music: Abe Ovadia
Sunday November 12 • 2pm
Enjoy an afternoon of world-class music with renowned jazz guitarist Abe Ovadia, who has been praised for his powerfully lyrical playing style. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Board Game Cafe
Thursday November 16 • 6-8pm
Join us for a fun, free night of board games at the library. Come as a group, or come ready to make new friends! Coffee, tea, cocoa and snacks will be served.

Coffee and Tea Art
Tuesday November 28 • 7-8:30pm
Make watercolor art using coffee and tea. Draw creations out of the splatters or experiment with the different hues and shades you can make with this unconventional painting medium.

A Little Sunday Music: Elizabeth Huntley
Sunday December 3 • 2pm
Harpist Elizabeth Huntley returns to the library for another winter-themed concert. She is the principal harpist with the Glens Falls Symphony, and has accompanied a wide range of musicians, including the Irish Tenors, Josh Groban, Barry Manilow and Roger Daltrey. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

Adults

Community Yoga
Wednesday November 1 • 6pm
Wednesday December 6 • 6pm
Enjoy a class designed for all skill levels. Dan May shares Jai Yoga School’s Bhakti yoga practice, which includes song, cultural information and stories.

Recipe Swap: Soup Edition
Thursday November 2 • 6:30pm
Share your favorite soup recipes for a chilly evening, and take home some new recipe inspiration. Participants are welcome to bring samples of their recipes to share, but it is not required.

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Is Robert Frost Hiding Something?

Robert Frost’s enduring appeal rests on the view that his poems are easy to read and understand. His limited range of subjects and geography, use of New England vernacular, dry humor and mastery of his craft all support that view.

Delmar resident Jeff Cohen will lead a series of programs on Tuesdays November 14-December 12 that will examine whether there is more to Frost than meets the eye. Programs in the series begin at 7pm. Those registered for the first session will be signed up for the entire five-week series.
A book group for every interest

New this year to our lineup of Book Discussion Groups is the Based on the Novel group, which will meet every month to watch a book-to-screen adaptation and discuss the differences. On Monday November 27, “In the Time of the Butterflies” will be shown, followed by “The Perks of Being a Wallflower” on Monday December 18. Both programs begin at 6pm.

Our Own Voices group meets every other month and is dedicated to books by diverse authors. It meets Wednesday November 8 at 7pm to discuss “The Firekeeper’s Daughter” by Angeline Boulley.

Alternating every other month with Own Voices, our Dark Corners Book Group for fans of the horror genre will be discussing “The Only Good Indians” by Stephen Graham Jones on Wednesday December 13 at 7pm.

Our monthly Day Books will meet Monday November 6 at 1:30pm to talk about “The Light of Days: The Untold Story of Women Resistance Fighters in Hitler’s Ghettos” by Judy Batalion. On Monday December 4 at 1:30pm the discussion will turn to “West with Giraffes” by Lynda Rutledge.

Discussions are facilitated by Bethlehem librarians, who carefully select books spanning a variety of topics and genres. New members are always welcome, and copies of the books are available at the Information Desk. Large print, audio and downloadable copies may also be available.

Visit the library calendar at bethlehem.librarycalendar.com for more information or to sign up for the Dark Corners or Own Voices talks.

Monday Matinee: ‘Rebecca’
Monday November 20 • 2pm
Watch the 1940s classic featuring the Oscar-winning actress Joan Fontaine in a story of a marriage haunted by the aura of the husband’s dead first wife.

Craft & Color for Adults
Monday November 27 • 11am
Monday December 18 • 11am
Choose between coloring or doing an open-ended craft activity. This program is specifically designed for adults of all abilities.

Embroidered Ornaments
Monday December 4 • 6pm
Local embroiderer Chloe Whittaker will walk you through the steps to make embroidered ornaments — just in time for the holidays. Teens welcome!

Gift Bag Decorating
Thursday December 7 • 6:30pm
Unwrapping gifts is half the fun, so why not have some fun with the wrapping, too? We’ll help you give your gift-wrapping skills a boost. Gift bags and the decorating supplies provided.

Monday Matinee: ‘To Catch a Thief’
Monday December 11 • 2pm
Starring Cary Grant and Grace Kelly, this 1950s classic features the story of a retired jewel thief who will be arrested unless he can trap a copycat burglar who has taken up serial-stealing on the French Riviera.
Recipe Swap 
Thursday December 14 • 6:30pm
Get in to the spirit of the season by sharing your favorite seasonal recipes. You can bring samples of your recipes to share, but it is not required.

Look to the Skies: Introduction to the Moon
Wednesday December 20 • 7pm
The moon has inspired generations of would-be astronauts and is an essential part of our own little corner of the cosmos. What secrets does it hold?

DIY Last-Minute Gifts
Thursday December 21 • 6:30pm
Need some last minute gifts? Skip the shopping rush and come to the library to craft a variety of gifts, including ornaments, bookmarks, decoupage trinkets and more.

Recipe Swap 
December 14

Tweens and teens

Anime Club
Wednesday November 1 • 3pm
Wednesday November 15 • 3pm
Wednesday November 29 • 3pm
Wednesday December 13 • 3pm
Watch anime (and eat snacks) with other teens. Whether you are an anime savvy otaku or a curious newbie, everyone is welcome. Videos shown will be either films rated PG-13 or lower, or shows TV-14 or lower.

Beads & Brownies
Friday November 17 • 3:45pm
Friday December 15 • 3:45pm
Join friends at the end of a long week to relax and make beaded bracelets and necklaces. Refreshments will be served. For grades 6 and up.

Crafternoon: Rainbow Wall Hanging
Friday November 17 • 2pm
Stop by the library to make a pretty rainbow wall hanging decoration. For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon
Friday November 24 • 2:30-4:30pm (Black Friday Edition!)
Friday December 8 • 3:45pm
Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch! For grades 6 and up.

Clothespin Star
Thursday November 30 • 6:30pm
Get ready for winter with this whimsical ornament. For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!

Cinnamon Stick Stars
Saturday December 9 • 2:30pm
These cinnamon stick stars are going to spice up your home for the winter. For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!

Crafternoon: Alcohol Ink Votives
Friday December 15 • 2pm
Join us to use alcohol ink to create a unique and colorful candle holder. For ages 12 and up. Adults welcome!

Polaroid Picture Coasters
Tuesday December 19 • 3:30pm
Make a ceramic tile coaster with a picture that you bring from home, or choose from one of ours. Perfect for personal use or to give as a gift. Supplies limited. For ages 12 and up.
Creation Station
Available in the Children's Place
November 6-12 — Coat of Arms
November 22 — Turkeys
December 4-10 — Paper Plate Pizza
All supplies provided!

Snow globes
December 27

Legos at the library
November 30

Look to the Skies: Sun Activity
Saturday November 4 • 2:30pm
For the third part in our Look to the Skies series, Dr. Mindy Townsend will help kids learn about the properties of the sun through hands-on activities. For grades 4-6.

Paws to Read
Mondays November 6-December 11 • 4-5pm*
Come to the library and practice reading skills with a registered therapy dog who will listen calmly and quietly. For grades K-5. *except November 20

Chess Club
Monday November 6 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm
Monday November 20 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm
Monday December 11 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm
Sign up for one session per night and try your hand at chess with peers or teen volunteers. All experience levels welcome. For grades K-5.

School’s Out Cinema: ‘The Super Mario Bros. Movie’
Friday November 10 • 3pm
See what Mario and Luigi are up to in their 2023 film (rated PG, 92 min.). Shown with subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing. For ages 6 and up.

Pumpkin Pie Craft
Wednesday November 8 • 2:30pm
Customize your very own (foam) pumpkin pie to take home. Suitable for children of all abilities. For ages 3 and up.

Legos at the Library
Thursday November 30 • 3:45pm
We provide the Legos, you bring the imagination! For ages 6 and up.

Winter Birdfeeder Story Time and Craft
Friday December 22 • 10am
Join us for some bird-themed stories, and then make a simple birdfeeder using cardboard rolls, lard, birdseed and string. For ages 6 and up.

Kids Build: Cardboard Fort
Tuesday December 26 • 2pm
We need your help to construct a giant cardboard fort in the library. Bring a leftover box (or three) to be used as building materials. Children under age 9 should be accompanied by an adult at all times. For ages 6 and up.

Make Your Own Snow Globe
Wednesday December 27 • 10am
Create your own snow globe. Supplies provided but are limited. Feel free to bring a small figurine or picture to place inside. For ages 6 and up.

Winter Craft: Mittens
Wednesday December 27 • 2:30pm
Come in from the cold and join us while we make our very own mitten crafts. Suitable for children of all abilities. For ages 6 and up.

Tell Us a Story: Long-Form Story Time
Thursday December 28 • 11am
Join us for a slightly more mature story time where we read a single long-form picture book or short story. For ages 6 and up.

School’s Out Cinema: ‘Elemental’
Thursday December 28 • 2:30pm
Join others to watch the Disney Pixar film (rated PG, 101 min.). Shown with subtitles for the deaf and hard of hearing. For ages 6 and up.

Polar Bear Pop-Up Craft
Friday December 29 • 2pm
We’ll be getting into a wintery mood by making pop-up polar bear dioramas ... and we might be learning some fun polar bear facts, too! For ages 6 and up.

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November/December 2023
Story times and more

Let’s celebrate!

Kids and their families can welcome the new year with us a couple of days early at a family-friendly hour. When our New Year's at Noon kicks off Friday December 29 at 11am, you’d better be ready for some stories, songs and dancing, and of course a countdown (at noon instead of midnight) followed by a balloon drop! For ages 3 and up with caregiver.

Tiny Tots
Tuesdays November 7-December 19 • 10am
BONUS! Tuesday November 14 • 11am
Wednesdays November 1-December 20 • 10am*
Songs, dancing, learning and fun. For children up to 35 months with caregiver.
*except November 22

Family Story Time
Wednesdays November 1-December 20 • 11am*
Stories, songs and more. For ages 0-6 with caregiver. *except November 22

Music and Movement
Tuesdays November 7-December 19 • 11am*
Thursdays November 2-December 21 • 10am*
Songs, dancing, learning and fun. For ages 0-6 with caregiver.
*except November 14 and 23

Preschool Story Time
Thursdays November 2-December 21 • 11am*
Join us for stories, learning and fun. For ages 2-6 with caregiver. *except November 23

Saturday Story Time
Saturdays November 4-December 16 • 11 am
Stories, songs and more. For ages 0-6 with caregiver.

Sensory Playtime
Friday November 3 • 10am
Friday December 15 • 10am
Stop by for open-ended play with our various sensory items including Play-Doh, squishy liquid tiles and more. For ages 2 and up with caregiver.

Sensory Story Time
Friday November 10 • 10am AND 11am
Friday December 8 • 10am AND 11am
Traditional story time components blended with sensory elements for a gentler, more low-key story time. For ages 2 and up with caregiver.

Pajama Story Time
Wednesday November 29 • 7pm
Wednesday December 27 • 7pm
Put on your coziest pajamas, grab your favorite stuffed friend, and bring the whole family to this special evening story time. For children ages 0-6 and their families.

Parents, please note:
All abilities are welcome. No signup is required unless noted, but space is limited and storytimes begin promptly. There may be a limited capacity for each session. When Bethlehem schools are closed or delayed, all storytimes are cancelled.

Literacy tip
Singing slows down language so children can hear different parts of words and notice how they are alike and different.

New Year’s at Noon
December 29

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November/December 2023
What’s new?

Ongoing discussion

The library is looking to undergo a major building project to update its 50-year-old building to address outdated and aging components, add in-demand space for today’s library users and collection needs, and enhance accessibility and environmental sustainability.

Keep track of the discussion, get the latest information and provide feedback through our webpage dedicated to the project: www.bethlehmepubliclibrary.org/building-project-updates.

Get your books delivered

Free delivery service is available for residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who are unable to visit the library because of a permanent or temporary disability or medical condition. The library van will make deliveries to your home every two weeks and pick up returns.

To request delivery service, call the library at (518) 439-9314 or use the online Books to People request form.

Follow us on social media

Check us out on Facebook (@bethlehmepubliclibrary) for information about upcoming events and program highlights, as well as book recommendations and more. You’ll also find us on Instagram (@bethlehmepubliclibrary) and YouTube (@bethlehmepubliclibrary9609).

Storm warning!

In the event of inclement weather, the library’s telephone system will provide the latest information on a closing or delayed opening. Please call ahead.