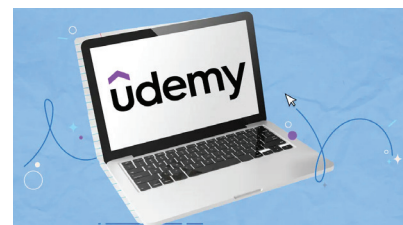


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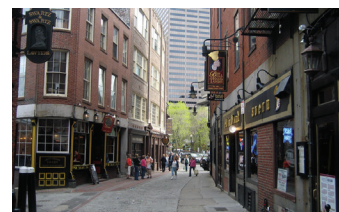
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All ages

Hobby shop at the library S

New year, new you! Some of us may have made our resolutions already, but if you're still looking for one (or an additional one), why not try your hand at a new hobby or two for National Hobby Month?

Swing by the library **Monday January 8 from 6-8:30pm** where we'll have tables set up to explore bullet journaling, hand lettering and calligraphy, puzzling, Origami, coloring, and board games. **Ages 11 and up welcome!**

A Little Sunday Music: Alec Betterley

Sunday February 11 • 2pm

Local pianist/vocalist Alec Betterley has been playing the piano since he was 7 years old and spent many years in New York City honing his craft. He currently works full-time as a music therapist. *Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.*

Competitive Puzzling

Sunday February 18 • 2pm

By popular demand, competitive puzzling is back! Work solo or in a group to see who can solve their puzzle fastest to win a prize.

Adults

Dungeons and Dragons S

Tuesday January 9 • 6pm

Tuesday February 6 • 6pm

All playing materials will be provided, but feel free to bring your own dice or D&D 5th Edition Character Sheet. Beginners welcome.

Book Page Wreaths S

Sunday January 14 • 2pm

Reduce, reuse and recycle by turning older and unwanted books into beautiful wreaths. Use a book of your own or one weeded from our collections.

A Parent's Guide to Digital Content for Kids S V

Monday January 15 • 7pm

A librarian will discuss all of the digital content available for children through Libby, Kanopy, Hoopla and more. This virtual program takes place over Zoom.

It's Your Money, Get it Back S V

Tuesday January 16 • 6:30pm

Learn more about the Office of Unclaimed Funds in this virtual event sponsored by the Upper Hudson Library System and the State of New York.

Trivia Night

Tuesday January 16 • 7pm

Tuesday February 13 • 7pm

Compete individually or in teams for bragging rights in this general trivia event.

Local Author Talk: Trent Romer

Wednesday January 17 • 7pm

Trent Romer is a sustainability expert, author and TEDx speaker who spent 30 years in the plastic bag manufacturing industry before serving as a sustainability operating partner for a private equity firm. His latest book, "This Is Our Home," is written for people who want to move in a more sustainable direction but feel overwhelmed by the challenge.

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Adults *(continued)*

DIY Dried Orange Mobile **S**

Thursday January 18 • 6:30pm

Brighten up a gloomy January with handcrafted citrus decor. **Teens welcome!**

Bethlehem Film Club: 'The Truman Show'

Sunday January 21 • 2pm

Enjoy an old favorite or a movie you have never seen. Connect with others to discern the meaning behind the stories on the silver screen. **Teens welcome!**

Monday Matinee: 'The Apartment'

Monday January 22 • 2pm

Watch Billy Wilder's 1960 classic starring Jack Lemmon, Shirley MacLaine and Fred MacMurray about an office worker who loans his flat to his superiors for their trysts.

Tech Tuesday: Get to Know Udemy **S V**

Tuesday January 23 • 10am

Join us for a virtual session over Zoom to explore Udemy, the library's newest digital resource that offers nearly 20,000 online video courses that will help you hone your skills in the areas of business, tech and personal development.

Spice Sharing: Cardamom **S**

Thursday January 25 • 6:30pm

Prior to the program, sign up to pick up a sample packet of the spice along with a few recipes that feature it. Then meet to discuss your experience and share recipes.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel **S**

Sunday January 28 • 2pm

This hands-on workshop is designed for beginners who are interested in seeing what Excel can do. We will use Excel to create a simple budgeting spreadsheet and line graph. Basic mouse and keyboard skills are needed.

Craft & Color for Adults

Monday January 29 • 11am

Monday February 19 • 11am

Choose between coloring or doing an open-ended craft activity. This program is specifically designed for adults of all abilities.

Community Yoga

Wednesday January 31 • 6pm

Wednesday February 28 • 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.

Book and Chocolate Pairings **S**

Thursday February 1 • 6:30pm

Enjoy a fun and delicious evening of sampling staff-recommended books, and chocolates that match their "vibe."

Write Your Own Sestina **S**

Monday February 5 • 7pm

Created by troubadours in the 12th century, the sestina is a poetic form of patterned repetition. Join Dr. Natalya Sukhonos as she teaches us how to write our very own.

Look to the Skies: History of Eclipses

Wednesday February 7 • 7pm

Throughout history, astronomers and others have predicted lunar and solar eclipses to impress, to scare or to intimidate others. Learn more about the history of eclipses from Dudley Astronomer Dr. Mindy Townsend.

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Book Discussions

Day Books

Mondays at 1:30pm

January 8

Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid

February 5

Raft of Stars by Andrew J. Graff

Dark Corners Book Group **S**

Wednesdays at 6pm

January 10

Bright Young Women by Jessica Knoll

February 14

The Pallbearers Club by Paul Tremblay

Based on the Novel — a book-to-screen discussion **S**

Mondays at 6pm

January 29

The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy
by Douglas Adams

February 26

The Princess Bride by William Goldman

New members welcome. Copies are available at the information desk. Audio, large print and downloadable copies may be available.

LongReads

We'll be holding a general interest meeting **Thursday January 11 at 6:30pm** for LongReads, a new book discussion group that will focus on books over 600 pages. Stop by if you're interested in helping decide how often we meet and what we'll read first.



Book and
Chocolate
Pairings **S**
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History of Diners of New York February 21

Upcoming author talks

Get to know some of your favorite authors and enjoy Q&A opportunities through virtual author talks available exclusively to Bethlehem cardholders. Visit libraryc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

Coming up in January/February:

January 10 • 8pm: Rebecca Serle, author of the bestseller "The Dinner List"

January 23 • 2pm: Rajiv Nagaich, TV host and expert in U.S. elder law

January 30 • 2pm: Robert Lustig, physician and bestselling Author of "Fat Chance"

February 8 • 8pm: Tessa Bailey, bestselling rom-com author

February 20 • 4pm: Jason Mott, bestselling Black writer and National Book Award winner

February 28 • 2pm: Kim Scott, author of workplace bestsellers

Adults *(continued)*

Read to celebrate Black history

Join us in celebrating **Black History Month** with a special reading challenge that celebrates Black voices in America. Stop by the Information Desk to pick up a game card starting **February 1** and complete any five activities by **March 1** to win a prize!



Anti-Valentine's Day Party

Monday February 12 • 6pm

Stop by the library for some camaraderie and explore stations for pin cushions, Anti-Valentine's Day cards, and end-the-conversation paper hearts.

How To: Library eContent

Tuesday February 13 • 6pm

Discover how to get eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, movies, and more through your smart device or home computer.

Recipe Swap: Cold Weather Comfort Food

Thursday February 15 • 6:30pm

Come to this recipe swap prepared to share your coziest winter recipes. Participants are welcome to bring samples of their recipes to share, but it is not required.

History of Diners of New York

Wednesday February 21 • 7pm

Author Mike Engle, a diner historian and local eatery aficionado, will discuss the history of these modest establishments. This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association.

All ages welcome!

Bethlehem Film Club: 'Jaws'

Sunday February 25 • 2pm

*Enjoy an old favorite or a movie you have never seen. Connect with others to discern the meaning behind the stories on the silver screen. **Teens welcome!***

Monday Matinee: '12 Angry Men'

Monday February 26 • 2pm

In Sidney Lumet's 1957 classic, a young man is on trial for his father's murder and 11 of the 12 jurors have voted him guilty. The dissenting voter persuades the others to reconsider.

Community Paint and Sip

Tuesday February 27 • 5pm

*Paint supplies and hot cocoa will be provided for all participants. Led by members of Bethlehem High School's National Art Honor Society. **Teens 13 and older welcome!***

Tweens and teens

Anime Club

Tuesday January 2 • 3pm

Tuesday January 9 • 3pm

Tuesday January 30 • 3pm

Tuesday February 13 • 3pm

Wednesday February 28 • 3pm

Watch anime (and eat snacks) with other teens. Whether you are a savvy otaku or a curious newbie, everyone is welcome. Videos will be rated PG-13 or lower; shows TV-14 or lower.

Winter Scented Candles

Tuesday January 16 • 4pm

*Mid-year tests stressing you out? Stop by the library to take your mind off of studying by making your own winter scented candle. **For grades 6 and up.***

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Tweens and teens *(continued)*

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday January 19 • 3:45pm

Friday February 2 • 3:45pm

Friday February 16 • 3:45pm

Join your friends to play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the Nintendo Switch!

For grades 6 and up.

Dungeons and Dragons

Saturday January 20 • 2:45pm

Wednesday February 7 • 2:45pm

Saturday February 24 • 2:45pm

Whether you're interested in playing a character for the first time or leading a game as the game master, this group is for you. **For grades 6 and up.**

NYS Boater Safety Course

Monday January 22 AND Wednesday January 24 • 5-9pm

To help ensure our waterways remain safe, New York State will require all motorized boaters to take a safe boating course and earn their safe boating certificate by 2025. Students must complete both days in order to earn their certificate. **For ages 10 and up.** (Participants 18 and older must pay \$10 fee.)

Circuit Board Jewelry

Wednesday February 14 • 3:45pm

Take parts from old junk electronics and turn them into one-of-a-kind wearable art. Requires the dexterity to safely use sharp tools and objects. **For grades 6 and up.**

Upcycled Altoids Tins

Thursday February 22 • 3pm

Make your very own upcycled tin like those on TikTok. Supplies provided, but feel free to bring your own tin if you have one. **For grades 6 and up.**



Study hall @ the library January 2024

Group-study space
for Regents exams

Schedule available
in the library and online at
www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org.

Kids and families

Reading Log Bookshelf Collage

Wednesday January 3 • 3:30pm

Create an artistic bookshelf collage to track your reading, or just fill it in with your favorite titles. **For ages 6-11.**

K.I.N.D Club

Saturday February 10 • 3pm

K.I.N.D stands for "Kids Identified (or see themselves) as Neuro Divergent." Kids who fit that description, plus their friends and families, are invited to have fun and make connections at the library. Each month there will be various activities to choose from.

For grade K and up. Tweens and Teens welcome!

Paws to Read

Monday January 15 • 4-5pm

Monday January 29 • 4-5pm

Monday February 12 • 4-5pm

Monday February 26 • 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.**

Fun with Fuse Beads

Monday January 15 • 11am

Make pictures, geometric patterns and almost anything else you can dream up. Designs will be available for you to use or you can make up your own. **For ages 6 and up.**

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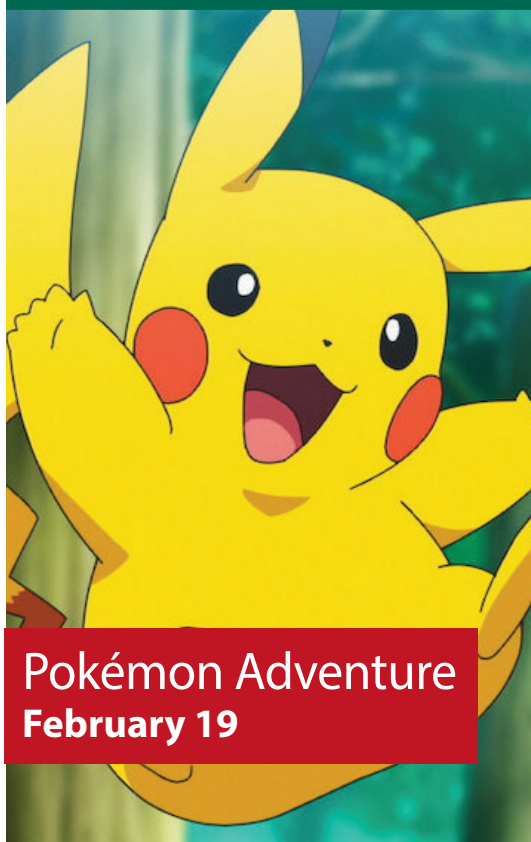
Creation Station

Available in the Children's Place

January 2-7 — **Penguins**

February 5-11 — **Rainbow hearts**

All supplies provided!



Pokémon Adventure February 19

Kids and families *(continued)*

A presidential presentation

On **Thursday February 22 at 11am**, the Park Playhouse Co. will present a special preview of their newest show "Grace for President." Members of the company will read the picture book by Kelly DiPucchio that inspired the play, followed by a few songs from the show. They will conclude with a Q&A where kids can ask the players questions about the production, the process, or anything else. Registration is not required, but space is limited. Doors will open 10-15 minutes prior to the show.

Family STEAM Night: Arctic Science

Wednesday January 24 • 6:30pm

Make beaded snowflakes, learn how animals stay warm with a blubber experiment, and compete in a fun arctic tabletop game. **For ages 5 and up with caregiver.**

Legos at the Library

Thursday January 25 • 3:45pm

Thursday February 29 • 3:45pm

We provide the Legos, you bring the imagination! **For ages 6 and up.**

Look to the Skies: Earth's Closest Neighbor **S**

Saturday January 27 • 10:30am

Join Dudley Observatory astronomer Dr. Mindy Townsend to discover what makes the moon so weird and wonderful. **For ages 6 and up.**

Chess Club **S**

Monday January 29 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday February 5 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday February 12 • 5:30pm OR 6:30pm

Monday February 26 • 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.**

Groundhog Day Puppets

Friday February 2 • 10am

Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow or will he emerge from his home? With your very own groundhog puppet, you can control the outcome. **For ages 0 and up.**

Stuffy Friends Hide and Seek

Monday February 19 • all day

Follow clues to hunt down our stuffy friends and complete a game sheet to earn special stickers. **For ages 6 and up.**

Pokémon Adventure

Monday February 19 • 3pm

Create your very own squishy Poké Balls, find Pokémon hiding across the library and, if you can catch 'em all, you will win a prize! **For ages 5 and up.**

3D Paper Winter Landscapes

Tuesday February 20 • 3pm

Make your own 3D winter landscape out of paper. The coolest part? Cocoa and snacks await you! **For ages 6 and up.**

Silent Wings Birds of Prey

Wednesday February 21 • 11am

The Wildlife Institute of Eastern New York will be here with a few feathered friends to teach us all about these birds. **For ages 5 and up.**

Page-to-Screen Book Club: 'City of Ember'

Wednesday February 21 • 2pm

Read the book (copies at the library), come to the library to watch the movie and then join in the group discussion. **For ages 8 and up.**

Origami Animal Bookmarks **S**

Friday February 23 • 2:30pm

Fold and decorate origami bookmarks modeled after your favorite animals. **For ages 6 and up.**

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Story times and more

Tiny Tots

Tuesdays January 9-February 27 • 10am*

Wednesdays January 10-February 28 • 10am*

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. **For children up to 35 months with caregiver.**

**except February 14, 20 and 21*

Music and Movement

Tuesdays January 9-February 27 • 11am*

Thursdays January 11-February 29 • 10am*

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** **except February 20 and 22*

Family Story Time

Wednesdays January 10-February 28 • 11am*

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** **except February 14 and 21*

Preschool Story Time

Thursdays January 11-February 29 • 11am*

Join us for stories, learning and fun. **For ages 2-6 with caregiver.** **except February 22*

Saturday Story Time

Saturdays January 13-February 17 • 11am*

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** **except January 27*

Saturday Story Time and Snack

Saturday February 24 • 11am

A food themed storytime accompanied by a snack. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

Sensory Story Time

Friday January 12 • 10am AND 11am

Friday February 16 • 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.**

Sensory Playtime

Friday January 26 • 10am

Friday February 23 • 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.**

Stay and Play

Tuesday January 2 • 10am

Enjoy an indoor playtime with an assortment of toys and blocks, as well as coloring and simple craft stations. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

A Snowy Day

Thursday January 4 • 11am

We will read the classic picture book "The Snowy Day" by Ezra Jack Keats followed by snow-themed activities and a simple craft. **Best for children ages 3-5 but younger ones are welcome!**

Marshmallow Snowmen

Friday January 19 • 10am

Using marshmallows, pretzel sticks, and more, build and decorate your own edible snowman. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

Fire-Breathing Dragon Craft

Friday February 9 • 10am

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon with a cardboard tube dragon craft. All abilities welcome. **Best for children ages 3-5 but younger ones are welcome!**

Valentine's Day Story Time

Wednesday February 14 • 11am

Hear some fun Valentine's Day stories and make a Valentine for someone special. **For ages 3-6 with caregiver.**

Literacy tip

Talking, telling stories, and stretching conversations are ways children learn new information, new vocabulary, and other early literacy skills.



Family Story Time
Wednesdays



Marshmallow Snowmen
January 19

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.

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News and notes

Building design reaches next phase

In late fall, architects from Ashley McGraw presented the completed schematic design outlining proposed updates to the library's 50-year-old building. Renderings show a dramatic new exterior that complements the existing architectural details, as well as a vibrant and exciting space for children and teens. The proposal includes expanded meeting and quiet study spaces, as well as ample room for the library's traditional collection. In addition to these improvements, the schematic design also addresses components of the aging building, such as asbestos abatement and the demolition of the mezzanine level.

With the completion of the schematic design phase, the library begins now to look at costs and other logistics to be put in place before the project goes to a public vote. Comments and feedback are always welcome. To learn more about the project and to view design documents, visit bethlehempubliclibrary.org/building-project-updates.



Bus trip to Boston with the Friends

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring a trip to Boston on **Saturday April 20**.

The bus will leave from CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot in Elsmere next to Warbler's Brewery at 7:30am. Boarding will begin at 7am.

The bus will depart Boston promptly at 6pm. The Aquarium on Milk Street is the arrival and departure point in Boston.

Your check is your reservation; there are no refunds unless your seat is sold in advance of the trip.

Cost is \$50 for Friends of Bethlehem Public Library members and \$55 for nonmembers. For more information, cancellations, or to be added to the waitlist, please call (no texts) Patty Caporta at (518) 439-1328.

Make your check out to: Friends of Bethlehem Public Library and send it with the form on this page to:

**Friends trip to Boston
c/o Bethlehem Public Library
451 Delaware Avenue
Delmar NY 12054**

Friends bus trip to Boston Saturday April 20

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address _____

telephone _____

cell _____ Is texting OK? YES ☐ NO ☐

email _____

Friend—\$50 ☐ nonmember—\$55 ☐

Enclosed is my check made out to *Friends of Bethlehem Public Library*.

**I understand that my canceled check is my reservation
and my money will be refunded only if my bus seat can be sold.**

List names of others in your party:

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TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED _____

