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- Monday March 11 • 6pm
- Monday April 8 • 6pm

### Friends board

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Sundays 12-5

### Holiday hours

- March 31 CLOSED: *Easter*

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## What's new?

### Put down some roots

Our seed library returns this spring with a variety of open-pollinated vegetables, herbs and some flowers. Seed packets can be selected in-person at the Information Desk while supplies last.

Seed libraries like ours support sustainability and food security by allowing the community free access to the means of growing their own food.

New to gardening? You'll find some items in our Library of Things that will help you cultivate your burgeoning hobby.

Sprout seeds faster and more reliably with a **seedling heat mat and thermostat controller** combo set. Simply place under a planter with seeds ready to grow and watch them germinate quickly and vigorously.

A suitable soil environment is important for healthy plants. We've got **soil testers** that will help you avoid some of the common mistakes made by gardeners, such as over or under watering or planting in an area with insufficient lighting. It will even highlight potential issues with soil that is too alkaline or acidic.

Search our catalog at [www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org](http://www.bethlehempubliclibrary.org) to see what's available.



## All ages

### Paper Plane Palooza!

Saturday March 2 • 2:30pm

*Come to the library to test your paper plane building skills. Try out our suggested builds or make up your own. Whose plane will soar the skies and whose will crash to the ground?*

### Movie Night: 'In Search of Dr. Seuss'

Monday March 4 • 6:30pm

*Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a screening of this 1994 family-friendly romp featuring some of the beloved author's most famous characters.*

### Recipe Swap: Pi Day

Thursday March 14 • 6:30pm

*Join us as we celebrate one of math's most famous and beloved constants. Come prepared to share your favorite pie recipes, and add a few to your own collection.*

### Afternoon Movie: 'Suzume'

Thursday April 4 • 2pm

*This modern action adventure (PG, 120 mins., 2022) features a 17-year-old girl who helps a mysterious young man close doors that are releasing disasters all over in Japan.*

### Board Game Cafe

Thursday April 4 • 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.*

### Wildflower Seed Bombs

Wednesday April 24 • 3pm

*Come to the library to make seed bombs made of wildflower seeds, clay and dirt. Toss these into your garden and see what grows.*

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# Adults

## Tech Tuesday: Get to Know Udemy S V

Tuesday March 5 • 10am

Join us for a virtual session to explore Udemy, a digital resource with nearly 20,000 courses that will help you hone skills in the areas of business, tech and personal development.

## Dungeons and Dragons S

Tuesday March 5 • 6pm

Tuesday April 2 • 6pm

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

## How To: Online Job Search and Applications S

Thursday March 7 • 3pm

Discuss and explore online employment applications.

## Listen and Learn: Mark Twain, in his own Words

Friday March 8 • 10am

Meet Mark Twain as we host a reenactor to talk about the storied American author both in and out of character.

## To Life! Women's Health and Wellness S

Monday March 11 • 6pm

To Life! presenter Tasha Marie will talk about breast health, the signs and symptoms of breast cancer, health insurance, getting support and more.

## Linda Brown Jazz Project in Concert

Saturday March 16 • 2:30pm

Celebrate Women's History Month with this popular jazz quintet. **All ages welcome!**

## Craft & Color for Adults

Monday March 18 • 11am

Monday April 15 • 11am

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

## Transitioning from Slavery to Freedom S

Wednesday March 20 • 7pm

Learn how Black families in the Bethlehem and Albany area transitioned from slavery to freedom following the Abolition of slavery in New York in 1827. This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. **All ages welcome!**

## Climate Resilient Farming S

Thursday March 21 • 6pm

Raymond Luhrman of Fox Creek Farms will share how his farm has overcome climate-related challenges, and discuss how our food systems can survive in a changing climate.

## A Little Sunday Music: Songs of Sisterhood

Sunday March 24 • 2pm

Enjoy music from the 20th century, written by women and performed by an all female sextet led by Diane Geddes. Sponsored by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

## Downsizing & Organizing

Monday March 25 • 10am

A representative from Organize Senior Moves will present some organizing tips, and be available to talk you through tackling the toughest of projects.

## Monday Matinee: 'His Girl Friday'

Monday March 25 • 2pm

Enjoy this 1940 classic where a newspaper editor goes to extraordinary lengths to keep his best reporter (who is also his ex-wife) from remarrying.

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## Wildflower Seed Bombs April 24

# Book Discussions

## Day Books

### Mondays at 1:30pm

March 4

*The Body: A Guide for Occupants*  
by Bill Bryson

April 8

*The Nature of Fragile Things*  
by Susan Meissner

## Dark Corners Book Group S

### Wednesdays at 7pm

March 13

*Just Like Home* by Sarah Gailey

April 10

*Hidden Pictures* by Jason Rekulak

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

### Mondays at 7pm

March 25

*Persepolis* by Marjane Satrapi

April 29

*Just Mercy* by Bryan Stevenson

## LongReads

### Thursdays at 6:30pm

April 25

*The Love Songs of W.E.B. Du Bois*  
by Honorée Fanonne Jeffers

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

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## Spice Sharing: Marjoram 🌿 April 18

## 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](https://libraryc.org/bethlehempubliclibrary) for more information, to register for upcoming talks or to view past discussions.

### Coming up in March/April:

**March 6 • 4pm: Nina Totenberg**, award-winning NPR legal affairs correspondent

**March 14 • 4pm: Christopher Paolini**, master storyteller returns to the world of Eragon

**March 21 • 7pm: Madeline Miller**, bestselling author of "The Song of Achilles" and "Circe"

**April 9 • 2pm: Colum McCann and Diane Foley**, National Book Award winning author share the story of a son's violent death at the hands of ISIS

**April 17 • 8pm: Xochitl Gonzalez**, bestselling American author of "Olga Dies Dreaming"

## Adults (continued)

### Trivia Night

Tuesday March 26 • 7pm

Tuesday April 16 • 7pm

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

### Community Yoga

Wednesday March 27 • 6pm

Wednesday April 24 • 6pm

Enjoy a class designed for all skill levels with Dan May from Jai Yoga School.

### DIY Green Spring Clean 🌿

Thursday March 28 • 6:30pm

This spring, clean green! Join us as we make cleaning products out of inexpensive, eco-friendly materials that are safer for our skin and our homes.

### Camp NaNoWriMo

Tuesdays April 2, 9, 23 and 30 • 5:30-8:30pm

During Camp NaNoWriMo, aspiring authors make their own rules. Write-in sessions will be led by Albany ML Grace. All you need to bring is ideas and a laptop or notebook.

### Adventures with the GoPro Hero12 📷

Sunday April 7 • 2pm

Join us for a hands-on introduction to the new GoPro Hero12, a rugged, waterproof camera that you can take anywhere. You can also borrow them from the library.

### Muriel Rukeyser's Vietnam-Era Poetry and Activism 📖

Monday April 8 • 6pm

SUNY Albany professor Eric Keenaghan will discuss the Jewish poet, activist and feminist, focusing on her Vietnam-era activism and amnesty movements.

### Dungeons & Dragons: A Beginner's Guide to the Game 🎲

Tuesday April 9 • 7pm

Learn the basics, meet fellow players and potentially find a playgroup.

### NYS Boater Safety Course 🚤

Wednesday April 10 AND Thursday April 11 • 4:30-8:30pm

New York State is requiring all motorized boaters to take a safe boating course and earn their safe boating certificate by 2025. Students must complete both days. **Tweens and teens ages 10 and up welcome!** (Participants 18 and older must pay \$10 fee.)

### Listen and Learn: Songs America Voted By

Friday April 12 • 10am

In olden times, song parodies of "Yankee Doodle," "Oh, Susanna" or "Auld Lang Syne" praised their candidates of choice and often tossed mud at the opponent. Hear them performed by the Lost Radio Rounders.

### Bethlehem Film Club: 'Contact' (PG, 150 mins.)

Sunday April 14 • 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!**

### The Revolutionary War Memoir of James Selkirk 📖

Wednesday April 17 • 7pm

Historian Robb Haberman will speak on the experiences of Selkirk before, during, and after the conflict against Britain. This series of historical talks is presented through a partnership with the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association. **All ages welcome!**

### Spice Sharing: Marjoram 🌿

Thursday April 18 • 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.

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### Monday Matinee: 'The Philadelphia Story'

Monday April 22 • 2pm

Cary Grant, Katherine Hepburn and Jimmy Stewart star in this 1940 multiple Academy Award-winning romantic comedy.

### Midday Tech: Intro to Android Devices

Wednesday April 24 • noon

We'll go over the basics of using an Android device, including device buttons, touch screen, wi-fi, internet use and downloading apps.

### Alcohol Ink Coasters

Sunday April 28 • 2pm

Make beautiful, custom coasters with alcohol ink.

## Alcohol Ink Coasters

April 28



## Tweens and teens

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Afternoon

Friday March 1 • 3:45pm

Friday March 15 • 3:45pm

Friday March 29 • 3:45pm

Friday April 12 • 3:45pm

Friday April 26 • 3:45pm

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

**For grades 6 and up.**

### Anime Club

Tuesdays March 5-April 30 • 3:30pm\*

Watch anime (and eat snacks) with other teens. Whether you are an otaku or a curious newbie, everyone is welcome. Videos will be rated PG-13 or lower; shows TV-14 or lower. \*except April 1

### Teen Crafternoon

Wednesday March 6 • 3pm

Wednesday April 3 • 3pm

Come by after school to work on a new craft or bring your current project. Mix up your time between stations for origami, coloring, hand lettering and more. Listen to music and eat some snacks while you work! **For grades 6 and up.**

### Dungeons and Dragons

Wednesday March 13 • 3:15pm

Saturday March 30 • 3:15pm

Wednesday April 17 • 3:15pm

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.**

### Galaxy Jars

Tuesday April 2 • 7pm

Create your own miniature galaxy in a jar using paint, cotton balls and glitter!

**For grades 6 and up.**

### Bethlehem Library Teens (BLT)

Wednesday April 10 • 3:45pm

Welcome to the first meeting of our brand new teen advisory board. This is a time and space for teens to relax together, have a snack and chat about what the library can do for teens in our community. More video games? Bean bags? More teen programming? To stop calling you teens? This is your chance to get involved and tell us what you want! **For grades 6 and up.**

## Galaxy Jars

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## Paws to Read Mondays

## Creation Station

Available in the Children's Place

March 4-10 — Truffula trees

April 1-7 — Flower craft

All supplies provided!



## Elephant & Piggie Day April 5

## Kids and families

### Paws to Read

Monday March 4 • 4-5pm

Monday March 18 • 4-5pm

Monday April 1 • 4-5pm

Monday April 15 • 4-5pm

Monday April 29 • 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.**

### Chess Club

Mondays March 11-April 29 • 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.** \*except April 1

### Kids Build Anything

Friday March 15 • 10am

Drop by for an open play session with multiple stations for building to your heart's content using Snap Circuits, Legos, and more. **For ages 4-11.**

### Galaxy Slime

Tuesday March 19 • 7pm

Learn how to concoct and create your own galaxy slime. **For ages 6-11.**

### Craftapalooza!

Friday March 29 • all day

Drop by the Children's Place for some freestyle arts and crafts. **For ages pre-K and up.**

### Legos at the Library

Thursday April 25 • 3:45pm

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

### Yes, We Can! Story Time

Saturday March 30 • 11am

Join us for inclusive stories about people of varied abilities. **For ages 4 and up with a caregiver.**

### Page-to-Screen Book Club: 'Holes'

Tuesday April 2 • 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.**

### Family STEAM Night: Solar System

Wednesday April 3 • 6:30pm

The solar eclipse is fast approaching! Enjoy stories about our solar system, followed by several STEAM-based activities, including a fizzy paint moon craft and a watercolor galaxy painting. **For ages 5 and up.**

### Music and Movement: Family Edition

Tuesday April 2 • 10am OR 11am

Songs, dancing, learning and fun for the whole family. **For ages 0 and up with caregiver.**

### Crayon Raindrop Suncatcher

Thursday April 4 • 11am

Celebrate spring by making a raindrop suncatcher using crayon shavings and waxed paper. This craft involves pencil sharpeners and use of a hair dryer. Younger attendees may need assistance from a caregiver. **For ages 6-11.**

### Elephant & Piggie Day

Friday April 5 • 11am-5pm

On this special day, we will celebrate best friends Elephant and Piggie from Mo Willems' popular books. We will kick things off with a story time in the Community Room at 11am followed by several fun activities set up in the Children's Place for the remainder of the day. **For grades K-2 and families.**

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## Kids and families *(continued)*

### Look to the Skies: DIY Eclipse Viewer **S**

Saturday April 6 • 2:30pm

Make your own viewer to safely observe the eclipse on April 8. **For ages 6 and up.**

### Baby Birdy Nests

Friday April 19 • 3pm

With warmer weather coming, some birds are starting to build their nests. Join us to make your own paper version. **For ages pre-K and up.**

### Upcycle or Recycle? **S**

Saturday April 20 • 3pm

This fun Earth Day activity will show you how to separate objects on the basis of whether or not they can be recycled. **For ages 6 and up with a caregiver.**

## Story times and more

### Sensory Story Time and Play

Friday March 1 • 10am

Friday April 19 • 10am

Traditional story time components blended with sensory elements for a gentler, more low-key story time. **For ages 2 and up with caregiver.**

### Saturday Story Time

Saturdays March 2-April 27 • 11am\*

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except March 16 and 30

### Music and Movement

Tuesdays March 5-April 30 • 11am\*

Thursdays March 7-April 25 • 10am\*

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except April 2 and 4

### Tiny Tots

Tuesdays March 5-April 30 • 10am\*

Songs, dancing, learning and fun. **For children up to 35 months with caregiver.** \*except April 2

### Family Play Time

Wednesdays March 6-April 24 • 11am\*

Free play and socialization with a variety of toys.

**For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except April 3

### Family Story Time

Wednesdays March 6-April 24 • 10am\*

Stories, songs and more. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.** \*except April 3

### Preschool Story Time

Thursdays March 7-April 25 • 11am\*

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

\*except April 4

### Sensory Play Time

Friday March 22 • 10am

Friday April 26 • 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.**

### Story Time with Shannon the Irish Dancer

Saturday March 16 • 11am

Join us for St. Patrick's Day stories, songs and fun. **For ages 0-6 with caregiver.**

### Literacy tip

One of the first words children write is their name. This usually begins as scribbling. As they improve their motor skills, they begin to form the letters of their names.



### Upcycle or Recycle? **S** April 20



### Music and Movement Tuesdays and Thursdays

### Parents, please note:

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

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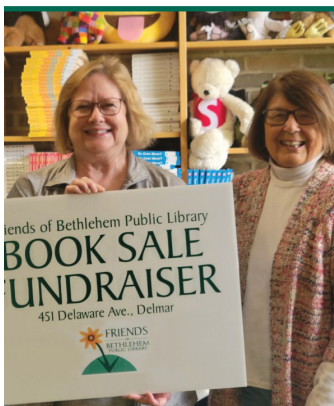
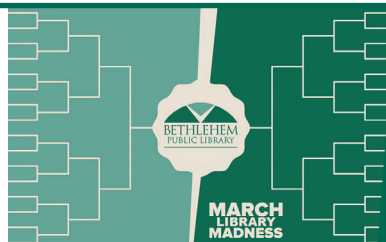
### Trustee candidate info

Nominating petition forms and informational packets are available at the library or digitally by e-mailing [information@bethpl.org](mailto:information@bethpl.org) for candidates interested in serving on the Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees. There are two seats on the 2024 ballot, one five-year seat currently held by incumbent Michelle Walsh, and a two-year seat currently held by Laura DiBetta who was appointed following the mid-term departure of a trustee. Both are seeking to remain on the board.

Petitions will need at least 55 signatures of voters residing in the Bethlehem Central School District. Petitions must be filed with the District Clerk, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar by **5pm on April 22**. The election will be held **Tuesday May 21**.

### March Madness

It's time for March Madness at the library! Look for the bracket in our weekly e-newsletter and vote for your favorites. What will be the ultimate winner? If you can find it at the library you can't go wrong.



### Friends Book Sale

Save the date for the spring Friends of Bethlehem Public Library Book Sale Fundraiser **Saturday May 18**. For sale will be books and other materials that have been removed from the library collection and are in excellent condition. Many are duplicate copies of popular titles, and large print titles will be available.

Pricing is cash-only by suggested donation. Stay tuned for hours and additional details.



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