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The footnotes newsletter is published six times a year and mailed to all households in the Bethlehem Central School District.

# All ages

# Let's read this summer!

The Summer Reading program at Bethlehem Public Library is not only a fun way to explore new stories through activities and cool rewards, it is also a great way to help you stay on top of the

knowledge picked up during the school year so you can hit the ground running in fall.

The library's 2025 Summer Reading theme, Color Our World, celebrates the many ways that art enriches our lives. When you sign up for the library's Summer Reading Challenge, you will track your progress through challenge cards for a chance to earn prizes. You can also join us for themed programs all summer long. Check out the calendar at bethlehem.librarycalendar.com to see what's coming up!

Registration for Summer Reading begins
June 23 and can be done online at bethplny14.
readsquared.com. The Summer Reading
Challenge can be completed online. Once
you sign up, you can start checking off your
reading milestones right away!

We'll be kicking things off on the Green **Friday June 27** with an **11am** Music and Movement Story Time with songs, dancing,

learning and fun for preschoolers. Later that day, at **2pm**, we are hosting a program for older children featuring **Jackie the Magician**, who will help us gear up for Summer Reading with magic, puppets, juggling and more!



# **Book Bricks**

Thursday July 3 • 2pm

Color your world with a repurposed brick! Paint a brick to look like your favorite book. The bricks in question were once part of the library plaza walkway.

# **Inclusive Gaming**

Monday July 21 • 1pm

Monday August 25 • 10:30am

This is an inclusive space for people, regardless of ability or age, to play games with or nearby others. The most important part of gaming is coming together and having fun.

## Family Films: "Bad Guys" (PG, 100 min.)

Monday July 28 • 6:30pm

Watch where it all began as we await the debut of the sequel in August.

#### Pet Parade

Tuesday August 12 • 6:30pm

Bring your pet for a parade around the Green. There will also be games and a center ring for tricks. Pets must be on a leash or in a carrier and may be walked, carried or in a wagon. You are responsible for cleaning up after your pet.

# Family Films: "Harold and the Purple Crayon" (PG, 90 min.)

Friday August 15 • 2:30pm

Inside of his book, adventurous Harold can make anything come to life simply by drawing it. After he grows up and draws himself off the book's pages and into the physical world, Harold finds he has a lot to learn.

# All ages (continued)

# **Evenings on the Green**

Our Evenings on the Green summer concerts are always free through the generous support of the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. This year, concerts will take place every Tuesday at 7pm from July 8-29. In the event of inclement weather, concerts will take place the following day.

## **July 8: The Rumble Kings**

Traditional rockabilly and surf music from the '50s and '60s.

July 15: British Vinyl

British Invasion classics from the '60s to the early '70s.

**July 22: Lost Radio Rounders** 

Acoustic trio offering family-friendly presentations of historic American music.

**July 29: Marty Wendell** 

Rockabilly hits, roots rock 'n' roll, genuine Americana and original songs.

# **Adults**

# History of the Altamont Fair S



Tuesday July 1 • 7pm

For more than 130 years, the Altamont Fair has been a summertime staple in the Capital Region. Join us as Douglas Cornwell from the Altamont Fair's History Committee shares the storied history of one of our area's most treasured summer traditions and answers any questions you may have.

## Needle Felting: Summer Popsicles S



Wednesday July 2 • 6pm

Join us for a night of felt-tastic fun and beat the summer heat with a fun popsicle craft. Felting is a beginner-friendly craft, but be mindful that needle felting involves sharp needles used to stab wool. Teens 14 and older welcome!

## **Day Books: BYO Book**

Monday July 7 • 1:30pm

Bring your own book to discuss at this special July meeting of Day Books.

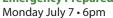
# Beginning Genealogy at the Library S



Monday July 7 • 3:30pm

Come learn how to utilize resources at the library to begin your genealogy journey. A librarian will walk you through our genealogy resources, then you will be able to work together with both the librarian and fellow participants to start searching for your own family history.

# **Emergency Preparedness Course S**



With severe weather events becoming more frequent and more extreme, it is more important than ever that New Yorkers are prepared for disasters. The NY Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to respond to any type of disaster and recover as quickly as possible.

## One-on-One Tech Help (5)



Monday July 7 • 7:30pm

Monday July 14 • 7:30pm

Monday July 21 • 1:30pm, 2:30pm OR 3:30pm

Monday July 28 • 7:30pm

Monday August 4 • 7:30pm

Monday August 18 • 1:30pm, 2:30pm OR 3:30pm

Having tech trouble with your cell phone, computer, or tablet? We can provide one-on-one assistance to help work through your tech challenges.

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# **Upcoming** author talks ov

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 July/August:

July 31 • 2pm: Pria Anand, neurologist and author of "The Mind Electric"

August 5 • 2pm: Jay Falk, evolutionary biologist and behavioral ecologist

August 20 • 7pm: Casey McQuiston, bestselling author of "Red, White and Royal Blue"

August 28 • 2pm: Tasha Eurich, organizational psychologist, researcher and New York Times bestselling author

# Adults (continued)

# Dungeons and Dragons for Adults **S**



Tuesday July 8 • 6pm

Tuesday August 12 • 6pm

Join us for a night of laughs, critical thinking, improvisation and role playing in Dungeons & Dragons 5th Edition.

#### In Stitches

Wednesday July 9 • 6pm

Wednesday August 13 • 6pm

Our fiber arts social hour is back! Knitters, crocheters and fiber artists of all experience levels are welcome. Instruction will not be available but experienced crafters may be able to talk you through the process and recommend resources.

# **Spanish Conversation Club**

Wednesday July 9 • 3:30pm

Wednesday July 23 • 3:30pm

Wednesday August 6 • 3:30pm

Wednesday August 20 • 3:30pm

Join us to practice speaking Spanish. Whether you are just starting out or a fluent speaker, all are welcome.

#### **French Conversation Club**

Thursday July 10 • 3:30pm

Thursday July 24 • 3:30pm

Thursday August 7 • 3:30pm

Thursday August 21 • 3:30pm

Whether French is your first language or you are an enthusiastic beginner, come practice speaking French at the library.

### Leaf Painting with Ruby Silvious (S)



Friday July 18 • 11am

Join local artist Ruby Silvious for a workshop where participants will learn to paint patterns on dried and pressed leaves using acrylic gouache and markers. Supplies are included but students may bring their own dried and pressed leaves. Seats are limited.

## Town Hall Gardens (S) Monday July 21 • 6pm

Join us for a quick trip over to the Beneficial Pollinator Garden at the Bethlehem Town Hall to learn about the plants that comprise the garden, why they are important and how you can incorporate native plants into your garden at home.

#### Day Books: "The Book of Charlie"

Monday August 4 • 1:30pm

"The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man" by David von Drehle will be discussed.

# Albany County Historical Association: Digital Collections and Initiatives (S) Tuesday August 5 • 6pm



The Albany County Historical Association will discuss their community digitization initiatives, present an overview of ACHA's digitized collections, and provide training in reading historic handwriting. They will also share information on their volunteer transcription team, who have transcribed over 2,200 historic documents.

# Painting Birches on Tea Bags with Ruby Silvious (S)



Saturday August 9 • 11am

This tea bag painting class is perfect for beginners. Participants will learn a step-by-step technique to paint birches on used tea bags, using watercolor, gouache and fine-point pens. Art supplies included. Seats are limited.

#### **Collaborative Crossword**

Friday August 15 • 10:30am

Drop in and help us solve the New York Times crossword puzzle. We'll work together on the big screen. It's not cheating, it's teamwork! continued

# Adults (continued)

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Tuesday August 19 • 6pm

Libraries and institutions are working hard to preserve local historical collections by making them available digitally. We will take a look at some of the most interesting and useful collections of digitized newspapers and local history collections that you can access for free online. We'll also discuss how to access several current local newspapers online.

## Community Paint Night S



Tuesday August 26 • 7pm

Join us for painting at the library. We will have painting supplies and video instructions. Please dress accordingly.

## **Community Yoga**

Thursday August 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.

# Tweens and teens

# Mystery Art Series



Tuesdays July 8-August 12 • 2pm

Spin the wheel to decide which art project to tackle. It might be painting with watercolors, building with Wikki Stix, or diamond paintings. For ages 12-18.

### **Summer Igloo**

Wednesday July 9 • 1pm

Come build a colorful summer igloo out of inner tubes. We'll start in the community room and then move outside for construction. Once completed, the igloo will stay on display as long as possible (or until Labor Day, whichever comes first). For ages 12-18.

#### Powder Paint Tag (5)



Friday July 18 • 10am

Have fun playing tag on the Green with powder paint! There will be airborne color. Consider bringing goggles, sunglasses or protective eyewear. For ages 12-18.

# Blacklight Paint Party (5)



Friday July 25 • 6:30pm

Get your glow on! Be sure to wear something that can get messy, because the only lights we'll have are black lights. Snacks will be provided. For ages 12-18.

# DIY Spectroscope S



Friday August 1 • 2pm

Dr. Mindy Townsend from the Dudley Observatory will talk about the light spectrum and how it corresponds to different temperatures and energies, and participants will create their own spectroscope. For ages 12-18.

## **Upcycled Jewelry Making**

Monday August 18 • 7pm

Turn circuit-boards and other electronic components into one of a kind jewelry. This craft utilizes sharp tools and supplies, and is recommended for those who have the dexterity and discipline to use them safely. For ages 12-18.

# DIY Backpack Bling (5)



Monday August 25 • 2pm

Come on in and get your backpack ready for the year with custom golden animal keychains. For tweens and teens. Grades 3 and up welcome!



# **Upcoming** author talks kids, tweens & teens **9 V**

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

July 8 • 2pm (in Spanish) and 4pm\* (in English): Raúl the Third, author and illustrator of "¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!"

July 17 • 4pm: Marie Lu, bestselling author of dystopian "Legend" series

July 23 • 4pm: Rex Ogle, award-winning author of "Free Lunch," which describes his troubles navigating middle school in a wealthy district

\*This program features additional optional activities at the library. See calendar for details.







# Kids and families

# Nebula Spin Art S

Wednesday July 2 • 11am

Nebula are clouds of gas and dust that can either be leftover from a supernova or the birthplace of stars. Learn about them and make your own nebula spin art with Dudley Observatory astronomer and instructor Dr. Mindy Townsend. For grades K-5.

# Author Talk and Draw Along: Raul the Third

Tuesday July 8 • 4pm

Author and illustrator Raúl The Third will join us virtually to discuss his book "¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!" Participants will be encouraged to explore their world through a creative lens with an in-person draw along. For ages 0-5.

# Daniel Tiger Story and Craft **S**

Friday July 11 • 10:30am OR 2pm

Join Barbara Lukas to watch and talk about "Daniel Tiger's Picnic Adventure" and the bugs he meets along the way, followed by two theme-matched crafts. Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. For ages 4-8.

# Sing, Dance and Play with Mr. Erik

Monday July 14 • 10:30am

Enjoy lively songs in English and Spanish, plus shakers, dancing, scarves and puppets that spark joy and early learning. For ages 0-5.

#### **Paws to Read**

Monday July 14 • 4-4:45pm

Monday July 28 • 4-4:45pm

Monday August 11 • 4-4:45pm

Monday August 25 • 4-4:45pm

Come to the library and practice reading skills with a registered therapy dog who will listen calmly and quietly. For grades K-5.

## **Repco Wildlife Encounters**

Wednesday July 16 • 1pm

Join us at the library for reptile fun! Repco Wildlife will bring a variety of reptiles for children and caregivers to interact with and learn about. Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. For kids and families.

# **Color Our World Story with Craft**

RED: Wednesday July 9 • 9:30am

ORANGE: Wednesday July 16 • 9:30am YELLOW: Wednesday July 23 • 9:30am GREEN: Wednesday July 30 • 9:30am BLUE: Wednesday August 6 • 9:30am **PURPLE:** Wednesday August 13 • 9:30am

Enjoy a color themed story accompanied by a craft project. For ages 4-8.

#### Let Your Yoga Dance S

Friday July 25 • 10am

Thursday August 28 • 10am

Join us for a combination of yoga and free style dance led by Ania LaRose. All abilities welcome. Sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library.

For ages 6-11.

## MiSci Museum Presents: Forensic Science S



Monday July 28 • 2pm

Learn about Forensic Science as you conduct a mock investigation while learning about fingerprints, DNA and other clues to solve the "mystery." This workshop is led by an educator from the MiSci Museum of Science.

For ages 6-11.

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# Kids and families (continued)

### **Ninja Turtles**

Wednesday July 30 • 2pm

Cowabunga, dude! Join us for crafts inspired by the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. For

# **Author Visit: Matt McElligott**

Friday August 1 • 10am

Come to a story time with local author Matt McElligott were he will read and discuss the creation of his books. For kids and families.

# Jell-O Slime S

Friday August 8 • 11am

Kids of all ages are invited to make their own batch of Jell-O slime. It looks cool, it feels cool, and it smells good! For ages 6 and up. Tweens and teens welcome!

# Bug Bites S

Wednesday August 13 • 3pm

Come make fun and healthy variations of "Ants on a Log" using fresh fruits, vegetables, and your choice of "spreadable". For ages 6-11.

### **Messy Art**

Thursday August 14 • 3pm

Have you ever painted with a flower or used a vegetable for a "stamp"? Come try some messy, process art. For kids and families.

#### **Little Bird Watchers**

Wednesday August 20 • 11am

BYO binoculars or make your own before seeking out as many "birds" as you can around our plaza and the Green. For ages 2 and up.

## Bouncing and Bending Light with "The Dirtmeister"

Thursday August 21 • 10am

Prepare to be amazed as Steve "The Dirtmeister" Tomecek presents a series of demonstrations on the nature and behavior of light, including where colors come from and how we perceive them with our eyes. For ages 6 and up.

## **Summer Reading Unicorn Celebration**

Friday August 22 • 10am

Come to the library to celebrate the end of Summer Reading and be a unicorn for a day! Make your own unicorn bookmark and headband. For ages 6-11.

## Page-to-Screen Book Club: "Rats of N.I.M.H."

Wednesday August 27 • 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.

# Story times and more

#### **Story Romp**

Thursdays July 10-August 14 • 10:30am

Enjoy a blend of story time, Music and Movement, and play date. A few stories will be followed by interactive songs and concluded with a free play session.

### For ages 0-6 with caregiver.

#### **Bluey Ice Cream Social**

Wednesday August 6 • 11am

Celebrate **BLUE** day at the library! Make your own sundae while supplies last, and chat with friends about your favorite episodes of the show. For ages 0-6 with caregiver.

# **Thursdays** in the Park

The library has once again teamed up with Bethlehem Town Parks and Recreation to offer a family-friendly series of events every Thursday at 6pm through August 14. Most shows will take place at Elm Avenue Park in Bethlehem unless otherwise noted. Visit bethlehem. librarycalendar.com for details about the performers. This series is co-sponsored by Friends of Bethlehem Public Library. All ages welcome!

#### June 26: One Heart Band

Rock and reggae classics by The Beatles, The Grateful Dead, Bob Marley, Eric Clapton and more.

#### July 3: Jester Jim

With a trunk full of props and a looping machine, all will be glued to every sight and sound.

## July 10: Union Depot

Classic rock that will keep you singing and dancing all night.

#### July 17: Andy the Music Man\*

Traditional and original songs that will delight kids through sing-a-longs and dancing. \*at Henry

#### July 24: River of Dreams\*

Timeless tunes from an authentic Billy Joel tribute band. \*at Henry Hudson Park

## July 31: Tame the Rooster

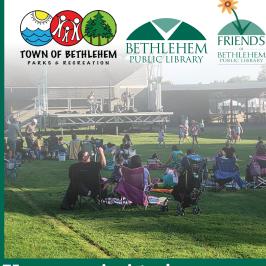
A dynamic and irresistible modern country band.

## **August 7: Character Entertainment**

Princess Tiana, Moana, Ariel, and Elsa will bring your favorite Disney songs to life.

#### **August 14: Nisky Dixie Cats**

A family-friendly band dedicated to playing tuneful, Dixieland-style jazz.



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# News and notes

# Budget passes; trustees elected

The library would like to thank voters for approving the \$4.7 million levy for 2025-26. Your ongoing support will allow the library to continue the highest level of service to our community while investing in the building and resources that allow us to do so.

Voters also elected incumbent Laura DiBetta and Jill Adams to the Board of Trustees. The library's board meetings take place on the second Monday of the month at 6pm and are always open to the public.

# **Books to People**

Did you know the library has a free delivery service 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? There is no age restriction.

The library van will deliver requests every two weeks, and pick up returns. You can request books, circulating magazines, DVDs, music CDs and audiobooks. You can ask for your favorite authors, large print or specific genres, such as mystery, thrillers or romance.

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

# Bus trip to Tanglewood with the Friends

The Friends of Bethlehem Public Library are sponsoring a trip to Tanglewood to see the Boston Symphony Orchestra led by conductor Samy Rachid with Yo-Yo Ma on cello **Sunday August 10.** 

The bus will leave from CDTA's Delaware Avenue park-and-ride lot in Elsmere next to Warbler's Brewery at 10am and return at approximately 6pm.

The cost is \$120 for Friends of Bethlehem Public Library members and \$130 for nonmembers, and includes tickets in the Koussevitsky Music Shed, as well as a \$30 lunch voucher for The Grille on site. For more information, please call (no texts) Patty Caporta at (518) 439-1328.

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

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

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

# Friends bus trip to Tanglewood Sunday August 10

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