

The Library thanks all essential employees
"You are community heroes"
Hope all is well with you

BAY SHORE-BRIGHTWATERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Dear Bay Shore-Brightwaters Community,

We hope you are well and remain safe and healthy as we all continue to adjust to life with the COVID 19 pandemic. The Library staff and Board of Trustees would like to express their support and sympathy for all community members that have been personally impacted by the pandemic through illness or the loss of a loved one. We would also like to express our gratitude to the residents of Bay Shore and Brightwaters that are essential workers especially doctors, nurses, healthcare workers, teachers, school district staff, firefighters, police officers, EMTs, first responders, clergy, National Guard, grocery store workers and delivery persons.

During the past year the COVID-19 pandemic has presented unprecedented challenges for the Library. The library staff's dedication to providing the community with outstanding service was exemplified by their perseverance and flexibility during this difficult time. While in lockdown the staff actively worked together remotely to ensure that the community was informed of and had access to library services online. Library staff researched, compiled and posted resources provided by various sources to keep you informed, entertained and healthy. The Library staff also provided programs to the community via pre-recorded video and live streamed events through our website and social media. The Library's Maintenance and IT departments monitored the Library building to ensure that it was secure and systems were functioning properly so that the building was ready for you to visit when we were authorized to reopen.

When the building reopened to the public in July we added the option of curbside pickup and modified the building and our policies in accordance with social distancing and health and safety guidelines. The Library continues to explore additional opportunities to address the impact of the pandemic on the community especially in the areas of personal finance, employment, education, mental and physical health.

The Library has also continued to look for cost effective ways to improve the existing facility to make your visits more enjoyable. This past Fall the Library utilized a NYS Library Construction Grant to upgrade our safety and security system. In the coming year the Library plans to repair and resurface the existing parking lot.

The Library is asking that you continue to support our mission to provide you with the excellent library service you expect and deserve. The Library Board and staff have worked together to create a proposed budget that will continue to offer you the highest level of service possible at a reasonable cost. We are pleased to report that the proposed budget increase is well below this year's tax cap and reflects a decrease from last year's budget. Please vote on Tuesday, April 6, from 10:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

If you have any questions about the proposed budget or any other aspect of the Library's operations, please contact the Library Director, Michael Squillante, at (631) 665-4350, or by email at director@bsbwlibrary.org.

Your support is essential and greatly appreciated. Thank you!

VOTER INFORMATION

Who can Vote? Anyone who is:

1. At least 18 years of age.
2. A citizen of the United States.
3. A resident of the Bay Shore Union Free School District for at least 30 Days.
4. Registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections or the Board of Registration of the Bay Shore Union Free School District.

Registration is required if a person has not voted within four years in a general, school or library election. Voting status may be confirmed by calling the District Clerk at 631-968-1117.

PROPOSED BUDGET 2021 - 2022

I. Salaries	1,916,238
II. Books and Allied Materials	254,250
III. Equipment and Supplies	83,000
IV. Fuel and Utilities	120,500
V. Programs and Memberships	172,685
VI. Retirement and Health Insurance	816,692
VII. Accountant and Insurance	76,675
VIII. Service Contracts and Repairs	131,000
IX. Technological Enhancement, Capital Improvement, and Major Repairs <i>(Includes 16th DASNY bond repayment)</i>	736,000
X. Miscellaneous	10,050
Total budget	4,317,090

Deduct Anticipated Income --
 (Fines, fees, interest, gifts, commissions, state aid, grants, bequests, PILOT funds, etc.)
 (544,917)

Amount to be raised by taxation
3,772,173

An election will be held for one seat on the Library Board of Trustees for a term of 5 years for Frances Bell, Incumbent.

IMPORTANT DATES

Registration

Wednesday, March 24

2:00 PM until 8:00 PM

Budget Information Session

Monday, March 29 at 7:30 PM

Vote

Tuesday, April 6th

10:00 AM until 9:00 PM

All held at the Library

One South Country Rd., Brightwaters, NY 11718

UPCOMING ONLINE PROGRAMS

You will need to have an account and a valid email address to sign up for courses. Please call the Reference Desk on how to create an account.

FIRESIDE BOOK DISCUSSION Via ZOOM



The Fireside Book Discussion meets the 2nd Wednesday of every month at 7 PM. The group is currently meeting online via ZOOM. Copies of the books in various formats are available a month before the next meeting at the Circulation Desk. If you are interested in joining the discussion please email us at: staff@bsbwlibrary.org

GENTLE YOGA CLASS WITH LAUREN via ZOOM

Mondays at 7:00 PM

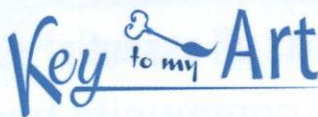
Gentle classes are great for beginners and everyone interested in a slow, peaceful practice. This class includes basic breathing exercises as well as a variety of standing, sitting, and supine postures. It is a great way to recharge and relax while increasing strength and flexibility. All levels welcome. Please have a mat and beach towel and/or throw blanket set up for your class upon entering Zoom. To register: email: rseebald@bsbwlibrary.org You will then be provided with the meeting ID and password to enter into the Zoom Platform.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING CLASSES ONLINE

Defensive driving classes are not currently taking place in person. You can take the classes online at either: <http://www.empiresafetycouncil.com/> <http://www.aarpdriversafety.org>

VIRTUAL PAINT NIGHT



It's paint night with Key to My Art and the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Library! Get out your paints – acrylic is what we'll be working with – any craft, acrylic, even kids paint you have is fine! You'll also need some paint brushes, a cup of water and a rag. You can paint on canvas if you have it or you can paint on cardboard, fabric, or paper! *Please call the Reference Desk for dates and times.*



**Saturdays, April 3 & June 5
10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Bring all of your confidential documents for onsite shredding while you watch via closed circuit video. The shredding truck will be located outside in the Library parking lot. **You must wear a face covering or mask and remain at least 6 feet apart from other patrons and staff.**

MEDICARE MADE EASY via ZOOM

Tuesday, April 20 at 7:00 PM

This seminar, led by Marie Cantone, founder of Medicare Made Easy, is designed to take the "confusion" out of all the options available so you are able to make "RIGHT" choices. We will review the basics of Medicare, supplementary insurance, advantage plans, prescription drug plans, the "donut" hole, eligibility requirements and enrollment windows. To register for this program and receive the ZOOM log-in please email: rseebald@bsbwlibrary.org

TRUE STORY OF THE CULPER SPY RING via ZOOM

Presented by Bill Bleyer

Wednesday, May 5 at 7:00 PM

Join Pulitzer Prize winning journalist as he discusses the true story of the successful Culper Spy Ring that helped to win the Revolutionary War and George Washington's earlier attempts at gathering intelligence as detailed in his newly released book "George Washington's Long Island Spy Ring: A History and Tour Guide." (The History Press, 2021) To register for this virtual program please email: rseebald@bsbwlibrary.org



VIRTUAL CONCERT

Irish entertainer and comedian, Jimmy Walsh, is joined by husband and wife duo, Susan and Gerrard Corbett. Over the course of an hour all three will sing your favorite Irish songs. Jimmy will tell you some great Irish jokes and even do an Irish dance for you. This concert will air on the Library Website: bsbwlibrary.org for the entire month of March.

1920-2019 BAY SHORE HIGH SCHOOL YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE ONLINE



The Library is pleased to offer our digitized collection of Bay Shore High School yearbooks from 1920-2019! Please go to: <http://bsbwlibrary.org/bhs-yearbooks/> to access the files, which are grouped by decade and named by year. The files are in PDF format, so a web browser with built-in PDF support (or the Adobe Acrobat Reader) is required.

Displays and Exhibits

APRIL and MAY

Gallery and Showcases:

Come visit the Library or call us at (631) 665-4350 to see what will be displayed for these months.

JUNE

Inside Showcase:

During the month of June, Richard Kramer will be displaying his abstract art called zen art. Zen is derived from the Buddhist religion meaning peace and tranquility.

While looking at the pictures, people forget about the stresses of life and get into focusing on the pictures themselves.

Outside Showcase:

Linda McAvey is a wife, mother and grandmother to eight amazing and talented grandchildren. After retiring from the IRS she spent her time creating gifts for loved ones. Linda has always had a passion for the beach and seashells. After seeing artwork that was made with resin, she was inspired to create her own beach designs.

Gallery:

Flora Allen is a proud member of many local art clubs. She is known for her excellence in landscape art and her vibrant use of colors.

Do you have an exhibit you would like to share with the community? We would love to hear from you. Please call 631-665-4350 and ask for Margot.

GUIDELINES FOR VISITING THE LIBRARY...



All patrons age 3+ must wear a face cover/mask that covers your **NOSE** and **MOUTH** at all times while inside the Library.

Children 15 and under must be accompanied by an adult. There is a 1 hour time limit on the computers for schoolwork **ONLY** (no gaming)

Computers for adults are available by appointment only and limited to 30 minutes per day.

Study Rooms/Tutor Rooms are not available at this time. Tutoring is not permitted.

Limited Seating is available for 60 minutes per day and **ONLY** one person per table.

Notary Public Services available by appointment only.

ACCESS THE LIBRARY FROM HOME

Visit www.bsbwlibrary.org and click on "Research" then "Digital Resources" for a list of the databases and electronic services that can be accessed from home 24/7. You can download a book, audiobook, movie, magazine, or music. Access a live tutor or submit your resume for proofreading. Read a newspaper article or research your family history. Learn a new language or take an online class and much more.



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OR email us at:

General Information:

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Circulation Department:

circulation@bsbwlibrary.org

Children's Department:

children@bsbwlibrary.org

Reference Department:

reference@bsbwlibrary.org

THE 2021 LONG ISLAND READS PICK IS...



THE VANISHING HALF
BY BRIT BENNETT



Author Brit Bennett will be honored at the 2021 Long Island Reads Selection Award virtual event for her novel *The Vanishing Half* in an online Crowdcast program hosted by Plainview-Old Bethpage Library on Sunday, April 11 at 2 P.M. Free tickets will be available to the public beginning **Monday, March 1, at 9:30 A.M.** through **Eventbrite**. Bennett, who is a National Book Foundation 5 Under 35 honoree, is the author of *The Mothers*, a New York Times bestseller. *The Vanishing Half* is her second novel and was an instant #1 New York Times bestseller.

Long Island Reads is sponsored by the Nassau Library System and Public Libraries of Suffolk County.

The Fireside Book Discussion Group will discuss the L.I. Reads selection on Wednesday, April 14 via Zoom. Send an e-mail to staff@bsbwlibrary.org to request the login information.

ADULT SUMMER READING PROGRAM 2021

Registration begins Monday, June 28th at the Reference Desk.



Join the Adult Reading Club, where each adult-level book you read or listen to gives you an opportunity to win prizes from one of our raffle drawings. Upon sign-up you will receive a gift (while supplies last), raffle tickets, and additional info. Place filled out raffle tickets in the raffle basket of your choice, which will be displayed by the Adult Reference desk throughout the duration of the program. Drawings for each of the raffles will all be held on Monday, August 9 with two winners for each prize.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Unfortunately, we are still in the process of rescheduling last year's, as well as this year's, performances for the Fall of 2021 and the Spring of 2022 due to Covid-19. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation during this challenging time. If you have any questions please call (631) 665-4350 and ask for Laura.



Thank you to all who donated to our **Mitten Tree** this year!

Members of the community generously gave new and handmade mittens, scarves, hats, and bags of other warm clothing items. All items were distributed to local churches.

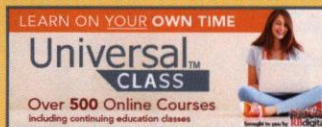
Visit www.bsbwlibrary.org to learn how to access these services.

If you need assistance contact the Reference Desk at (631)665-4350.

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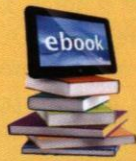
CHECK OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHILDREN'S AND TEEN SERVICES

Spring Curbside Crafts April 12 - June 7



FOR CHILDRENS AND TEENS

Small in-person programming coming soon!



- Homework help
- Online research
- Homeschooling resources
- Ebooks & audio books
- Museum Passes
- Helpful podcasts

Check out our website:



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Do you need
lots of books?

www.bsbwlibrary.org



CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 4 - 10

Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library
Bay Shore Union Free School District
One South Country Road
Brightwaters, NY 11718-1517

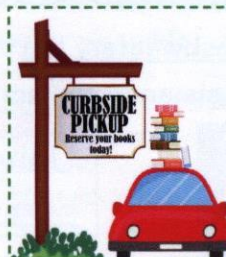
Non-Profit Organization
US Postage PAID
Permit #122
Bay Shore, NY 11706

SPRING 2021

LIBRARY UPDATE

POSTAL CUSTOMER

LOCAL RESIDENT DELIVERY ONLY



Monday-Thursday
11:00 AM - 7:00 PM
Friday and Saturday
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

NO CURBSIDE ON SUNDAYS

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Sunday, April 4

EASTER

Sunday, May 9

MOTHER'S DAY

Sunday & Monday, May 30 & 31

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday-Thursday

9:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Friday and Saturday

9:30 AM - 4:00 PM

SUNDAY HOURS

NOON - 4:00 PM

NO CURBSIDE

PLEASE REMEMBER TO VOTE ON APRIL 6 FOR THE LIBRARY BUDGET.