

2023 Year in Review



21,815 questions answered



75.148 items circulated



132,381 physical library visits



378 Craft Kits for children and teens



35 curbside pickups



257 children's programs with 4,988 attendees



teen programs

with 388 attendees



194 adult programs

with 2.750 attendees



3.462 social media followers on Facebook, X, YouTube, & TikTok



823 passes circulated

from 13 available museum passes

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112,355 wi-fi sessions

and 20 circulating hot spots available



3.494 notary public



72,533 e-service activities

downloads, streams, logins, & transactions

Library Budget Vote

The Library will host its annual budget vote on Tuesday, April 2nd. Detailed budget information will be issued to residents in a separate mailing and will also be available on our website prior to the vote.



Children are invited to visit our Children's Voting Booth on Tuesday, April 2nd to vote for their favorite mythical creature!

Children's Voting Booth













Friends Performing Arts Series

Evan and James

Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 PM

Evan & James, two young Long Islanders, draw inspiration from the Beatles and other groups of the 50s, 60s, and 70s. They believe many elements of older music has been lost in the modern world, and their goal is to bring back those elements with a modern twist.

Four Ways from Sunday

Sunday, April 7 at 2:00 PM

Enjoy time-tested, classic hits from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Clap, dance, and sing along with Four Ways from Sunday as they recreate memorable tunes. With their diverse program, you're sure to hear some of your favorites!

Performances are curated and sponsored by the Friends of the Library throughout the year. The Performing Arts Series provides free concerts that feature professional musicians and local favorites of the highest caliber. All performances are held in the Bay Shore -Brightwaters Public Library's Owen Johnson Auditorium. You can support the Friends of the Library with items for purchase at the circulation desk or by becoming a member. To find out more information contact the library or go to Friends.bsbwlibrary.org.

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Adult Programs

Registration for March and April adult programming begins Friday, March 1st at 9:30 am. Registration for out of district patrons begins March 15th. All program fees are non-refundable and due at time of registration.

Irish Music Duo - BBA310

Sunday, March 3 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Singer, songwriter and guitarist Stuart Markus and violinist Efrat Shapira, who have been playing music together for six years, bring their Irish and Irish-American music to our Library stage.

Beginner Guitar - BBA311

Monday, March 4 - Thursday, March 7 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$10

Learn the fundamentals of music with the guitar. In this four-class series, students will learn guitar basics, and how to play a full song with melodies and chords. Guitar rentals are available through Reprise Music, 631-871-0592

Introduction to Canva - BBA312

Friday, March 8 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$10

Learn how to create beautiful designs and professional graphics with Canva. Whether it is a photo editor, picture collage, logo, invitation or poster, Canva makes online graphic design easy. Basic computer skills are required.

Fireside Book Discussions

Wonder

by R.J. Palacio

Wednesday, March 13 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Long Island Reads selection:

Better Living Through Birding

by Christian Cooper Wednesday, April 17

7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Join the discussion in person or via Zoom. Copies of the book 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.

<u>Seeing Higher Possibilities</u> - BBA313

Friday, March 15

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

One of the challenges of aging is maintaining our independence while navigating changes in our health status. Carolyn Palermo, (MBA, COTA/L) will share her story of sudden, unexpected vision loss as well as practical resources and tips for adapting to and living with vision impairment.

<u>All About Selling Online</u> - BBA314

Friday, March 22

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$10

Learn how to sell items using online sites such as Facebook Marketplace, Craigslist, and others. Learn how to create accounts, price items, and use safe practices for selling

Yoga with Jodi - BBA315

Mondays: March 25 - May 13

6:00 - 7:15 PM

Fee: \$30

Jodi will lead you through a yoga class focused on connecting breath, mind and body to help you deepen your practice and relax your nervous system. This class is great for all levels, and will incorporate flow and yin yoga. Variations will be given for all poses.

Those Wise Guys of LI ... Owls!! - BBA317

Thursday, March 28

6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Owls are fascinating, mysterious and beautiful! Join Dianne Taggart, a long time Long Island birder, who will share many photos and facts about these magnificent and wonderful birds.

Free Shredding Day at the Library

Saturday, March 30 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Bring your unneeded documents for onsite shredding while you watch via closed circuit video. The shredding truck will be located outside in the library parking lot. There is a limit of two bags of paper per vehicle. Only paper is shredded. CDs, DVDs, X-Rays, plastic, metal, and large metal clips are not accepted.

<u>Defensive Driving</u> - BBA124

Saturday, March 30 Friday, April 26 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Learn to be a better driver and save money on your auto insurance with the Empire Safety School driving course. Please bring your New York State Driver's License to this class. There will be a half hour lunch break allowance.

<u>Bay Shore - Brightwaters Library Writers'</u> Group - BBA281

Fridays: April 5, 12, 19 & May 3

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

No matter where you are in your creative journey, writing is more enjoyable and productive with the support of a writing community. This group is open to all writers of fiction, memoir, poetry, and children's stories. Through instruction, story prompts, and gentle critiques, author and publisher Debby Peoples will help you hone your skills and gain confidence in your writing ability.

<u>Introduction to the iPad and iPhone</u> - BBA318

Friday, April 12

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Fee: \$10

Get a hands-on tutorial of your device. Learn how to get online and understand important device settings. Learn about the latest IOS system, and discover many useful tips and tricks. Bring your iPad or iPhone and your Apple ID, or just come and listen.

Bertha Hope and the Wisdom Quartet **BBA319**

Saturday, April 13

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

Bertha Hope and the Wisdom Quartet preserve the sound of Jazz when it still held MELODY in high esteem. This talented group of women brings their years of collective global Jazz experience to our Library stage with love and passion.

Paint and Listen - BBA307

Tuesday, April 16 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Fee: \$12

Follow along with an instructor to create a painting inspired by the mood and tone of live acoustic guitar music. We'll discuss the ways that music and visual art intersect as you paint a masterpiece step by step!





<u>Sipping Splendor: Unveiling the Essence of</u> North Fork Wines - BBA320

Tuesday, April 23 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Learn about winemaking on the North Fork of Long Island from one of the region's wine pioneers as he talks about his first book, "Sun, Sea, Soil, Wine." Discover the history, geography, and climate that make up the terroir of the East Coast's most exciting wine region. Signed books will be available for sale.

Senior Spotlight

Senior Fitness - BBA102

Tuesdays: March 12- April 30 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Fee: \$24

Our popular "Simply Stronger" senior fitness classes are designed to help you maintain flexibility and strength. This class is suitable for everyone.

Reverse Mortgages: Fact and Fiction **BBA321**

Tuesday, April 9 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM

Seniors and their families will learn about the different types of reverse mortgages and how they can be used for financial planning, paying off existing mortgages or debts, health care, and many other things. The program will be hosted by Paul N. Lovegrove Esq., a local attorney who has been representing seniors and lending institutions for over 30 years.

<u>Senior Assistance</u> - BBA275

Please call the Library for dates and

Get answers to your questions about Medicare entitlement programs and services for seniors, as well as explanations of federal, state and local programs. Get help with IT-214, HEAP and food stamp applications. Mr. John Bruno will assist with any necessary paperwork. Mr. Bruno's services are provided by the Suffolk County Office for the Aging. This service is offered on a first come first served basis.

One on One Medicare Supplement <u>Specialist</u>

Do you understand Parts A, B, C and D of Medicare? Community members can schedule a consultation with a local professional Medicare Assistance Counselor. Whether you are already on Medicare or newly eligible, get help with questions you may have regarding the Medicare process. Email Andrea Rodriguez to schedule a 30minute appointment:

ARodriguezEducate@live.com

Library Happenings

Social Work Intern

Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Thursdays 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

The library now has a social work intern available to meet with you to help with referrals to social services, food and housing assistance, and mental health resources. Call the library for more information and to set up an appointment.

Mini Food Pantry



The library has started a Mini Food Pantry for those in the community that might need some extra help. If you are interested in contributing, please bring in unexpired, nonperishable items to the Circulation Desk. Food, baby items, or paper products are appreciated. Thank you for your support!

Seed Library

The Seed Library will resume in March. Use your Library Card to select seeds to grow your own herbs, vegetables, and flowers. Inquire at the Circulation Desk for more information.

Plant Swap Station

Help yourself to a plant cutting. Bring some cuttings to share.



March and April Displays

The Bay Shore Public Schools have been showcasing student artwork at the Library for over 30 years. Projects of students in grades K-2 will be displayed in March, and projects of students in grades 3-5 will be displayed in April. Come and be amazed!

Children's Programs

Children's Programs are intended for children of the age group listed. Programs for children ages 5 and under require an adult to be present in the program room unless otherwise noted. Programs for children in grades 5 and under require that an adult remain in the library for the duration of the program. Registration for March programming begins Friday, March 1st at 9:30 am and registration for April programming begins Monday, April 1st at 9:30 am. You must have a valid Bay Shore - Brightwaters Library card to register for programs.

For Little Ones

<u>Signs and Stories</u> - BBJ100 (Ages Birth - 5 Years)

Tuesdays: March 5, 12, 19, 26 and April 9, 16, & 30 1:00 PM - 1:30 PM

This interactive program features themed stories, fingerplays, and easy songs using the same signs to assist with caregiver/student retention.



Snow Babies - BBJ500 (Ages Birth - 17 Months)

Wednesday, March 6 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Come to the Library for some songs and fingerplays with A Time for Kids. Please bring a blanket or towel for your child.

Creative Corner: Magic Nuudles
BBJ501

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Friday, March 8

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

This sensory experience encourages children's hand/eye coordination and motor skill development.

A Time for Kids: Shamrock Silliness
BBJ502

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)

Monday, March 11 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM or

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Join A Time for Kids for songs, rhymes, and a craft.

<u>Horsin' Around Storycraft</u> - BBJ503 (Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Wednesday, March 13 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Gallop to the Library for a horse story and

<u>Zumbini</u> - BBJ504 (Ages Birth - 4 Years)

Fridays: March 15 & April 5 10:00 AM - 10:45 AM

This program combines music and dance for a morning full of learning and fun.

<u>Pajama Storytime</u> - BBJ103

(Ages 3 - 7 Years)

Tuesdays: March 19 and April 9

7:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Put on your jammies and join Ms. Rhiannon for a fun and cozy storytime.

<u>Tots Night Out</u> - BBJ101 (Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)

Wednesday, March 20 Tuesday, April 30 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

A Time for Kids leads an interactive and educational family program that includes singing, dancing, stories and a craft.

<u>Creative Corner: Play Dough</u> - BBJ505

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Saturday, March 23 10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Join in a sensory experience that encourages children's hand/eye coordination and motor skill development.

<u>Tiny Tots Workshop</u> - BBJ506 (Ages 12 - 35 Months)

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM
A resource specialist is available to assist families with developmental concerns and questions while children play with our toy collection.

Blooming Babies - BBJ507 (Ages Birth - 17 Months)

Thursday, April 4 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Come to the Library for some songs and fingerplays with A Time for Kids. Please bring a blanket or towel for your child.

A Time for Kids: Dinosaur Stomp - BBJ508

(Ages 18 months - 5 Years)

Monday, April 8

10:00 AM - 10:45 AM or

11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Join A Time for Kids for songs, rhymes, and a craft.

<u>Hoppy Day Storycraft</u> - BBJ509

(Ages 2 - 5 years)

Wednesday, April 10 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Share a rabbit story and make a special bunny painting. Dress for a mess!

<u>Toddler Time Storytime</u> - BBJ526

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Wednesday, April 17 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM

Enjoy stories, fingerplays, and songs with your little one.

<u>Creative Corner: Sponge Painting</u> - BBJ510 (Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Wednesday, April 24

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM

Join in a sensory experience that encourages children's hand/eye coordination and motor skill development.

For Big Kids

<u>Fingerprint Rainbows</u> - BBJ511 (Grades K - 2)

Tuesday, March 5 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Dress for a mess and paint a rainbow to decorate your room this spring!

<u>Homework Buddies</u> - BBJ104 (Grades K - 5)

Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18 6:00 PM - 6:30 PM or 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Do your kids need help with their homework? Our middle school National Junior Honor Society members can help!

<u>Storycraft with Miss Margaret</u> - BBJ102 (Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult)

Mondays: March 11 and April 15 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Share a story with Miss Margaret and then make a craft based on the story.

<u>Minecraft Challenge: Big Bad Wolf</u> - BBJ512 (Grades 1 - 5)

Tuesday, March 12 5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Use straw, hay, wood, and bricks to build a house that the big bad wolf can't knock down.

<u>Lego Buddies</u> - BBJ513

(Ages 4 - 7 Years)

Fridays: March 15 and April 12 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Build a Lego masterpiece together with an older buddy.

<u>Sketch and Stretch All Abilities</u> - BBJ514 (Ages 7 - 10 Years)

Saturday, March 16 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join Adrienne for a fun and relaxing yoga class for children of all abilities. Learn breathing exercises and poses and then afterwards take part in an art activity.



<u>Popsicle Stick Pals</u> - BBJ516 (Grades K - 2)

Monday, March 18 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Use popsicle sticks and cupcake liners to make superheroes, fairies, and more!

<u>Minecraft Challenge: Rumplestiltskin's</u> <u>Hunt for Gold</u> - BBJ515 (Grades 1 - 5)

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Tuesday, March 19 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Bring string to Rumplestiltskin by nightfall, and he will reward you with gold! How much string can you bring?

Bunny Pots - BBJ517 (Grades 3 - 5)

Thursday, March 21 5:00 PM - 5:40 PM

Make this cute bunny pot craft that showcases their curious side.

<u>Mermaid or Dragon Notebooks</u> - BBJ518 (Grades 3 - 5)

Tuesday, March 26 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Decorate a notebook by making your own mermaid or dragon scale pattern!

<u>Marshmallow Slime Buddies</u> - BBJ519 (Grades K - 2)

Wednesday, March 27 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Make marshmallow slime with a big buddy!

Spring Wreath - BBJ520 (Grades 3 - 5)

Monday, April 8 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Say goodbye to winter with this festive Spring Wreath craft!

Code Aerobics - BBJ521

(Grades K - 2)

Thursday, April 11 4:30 PM - 5:20 PM

Join this fun, engaging session where kids get to learn the basics of coding through kinesthetic activities, games and dance. <u>Paper Chain Bracelets</u> - BBJ522 (Grades 3 - 5)

Tuesday, April 16 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM

Make a retro bracelet by folding and linking colorful paper.

Earth Day Cards - BBJ524 (Grades K - 2)

Thursday, April 18

4:00 PM - 4:30 PM Make a cute card to keep or

to give to someone else.

Candy Sushi - BBJ525 (Grades 3 - 5) Tuesday, April 23 4:30 PM - 5:00 PM

It only looks like real sushi! Make these adorable look-alikes using Rice Krispie treats and candy.

<u>Lego Creations</u> - BBJ523 (Ages 5 - 10 Years with Adult)

Thursday, April 25 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM Drop by the Library to make a Lego creation.

Take Home Craft Kits

Register to reserve a kit and make a craft at home. Pick up your March kit by March 31st, and your April kit by April 30th at the Children's Desk. Children up to Grade 3 - BBJ109 Children in Grades 4 - 12 - BBYA109

For Teens

Teen Programs and Teen Community Service are for students in Grades 6 - 12.

Embroidery Hoop Storage Pocket - BBYA500

Wednesday, March 6 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Decorate your room with this one of a kind wall hang with an organization pocket.

<u>Colorful Coasters</u> - BBYA501

Monday, March 18 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM

Make unique coasters using patterned paper and washi tape.

Succulent Wreath - BBYA502

Monday, March 25 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Craft this pretty wreath made with moss and succulents just in time for Spring.

<u>Fairy Terrariums</u> - BBYA503

Tuesday, April 2 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM

Make your own garden terrarium and invite fairies into your home.

SAT Prep Workshop - BBYA102

Tuesdays: April 2, 9, 16, and 30 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Fee: \$85 (non-refundable and due at registration) Prepare for the SAT with this multiple

session workshop. Study materials for the test will be provided. Registration opens on March 1st. This program will be held at the West Islip Public Library.

Key Necklaces - BBYA504

Saturday, April 13 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM

Turn an ordinary key into a necklace.

Fizzy Bath Salts - BBYA505

Monday, April 22 4:00 PM - 4:30 PM

Pamper yourself with these colorful bath salts.

Do you need Community Service Hours?

Bring in four travel-sized hygiene products (for example: toothpaste, shampoo, soap, deodorant, etc.) or four unexpired non-perishable food items to earn one hour of community service. These products will be used in the Library's Clean Cabinet and Mini Food Pantry for our community members in need. Please bring your items to the teen or children's desk. -A maximum of four hours per student will be accepted each month-

Teen Community Service

Teen Advisory Group (TAG) - BBYA106

Monday, March 4 6:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Earn community service while suggesting new ideas you would like to see in the Teen Room.

<u>Craft Buddies</u> - BBYA105

Mondays: March 11 & April 15 4:15 PM - 4:45 PM

Earn community service credit by helping

younger friends make a craft.

Lego Buddies - BBYA103

Fridays: March 15 and April 12 4:00 PM - 4:45 PM

Earn community service credit by helping younger friends build a Lego masterpiece.

Slime Buddies - BBYA104

Wednesday, March 27 5:00 PM - 5:30 PM

Earn Community service credit by making slime with a younger buddy.

Museum Passes

Our Museum Pass Program offers free passes to the following museums:

- American Airpower Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
- Cradle of Aviation Museum
- New York State Empire Pass
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Harbes Barnyard Adventures
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum • Long Island Children's Museum of Garden City
- LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum
- Old Bethpage Village Restoration
- Sagtikos Manor
- Vanderbilt Museum and Mansion

Please see the Library's Museum Pass Program Policy and User Agreement regarding guidelines and reserving passes on our website. Reservations for museum passes can be made in-person, over the phone or online in advance of the date you wish to reserve the pass.

<u>Library Trips</u>

and Leisure bus trips will begin again in 2024. We will be advertising our trips in the Library brochure and on our website, and we will also have information at the Circulation Desk. The trips will be open to Emeritus Members and Bay Shore -Brightwaters Library patrons for the first ten days of the month. On the 11th day of the month, the trips will be open to all. Please check our website at www.bsbwlibrary.org beginning in March to find information for upcoming Library trips.

Eclipse Glasses

There will be a total solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024. Stop by the Library to get a pair of eclipse glasses for safe viewing. Glasses are available for Bay Shore -Brightwaters residents while supplies last. Limit four pairs per family.





Thank You!

Thank you to all of our patrons who generously donated to our food drive, toy drive, and mitten tree during the holiday season. All donations were given to local agencies and distributed to community members in need. Your kindness is much appreciated!

Discounted Tickets

The library offers discounted tickets to the Long Island Aquarium. Tickets can be purchased at the Circulation Desk using cash or card.

<u>Library Director</u>

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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM Friday and Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Holiday Closings

Sunday, March 31