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Celebrate Black History Month

Hometown Histories - BBA337

Join one of our Librarians on the first Thursday of every month at 6:00 PM for Hometown Histories: A Local History Book Club. We will read and discuss fiction and non-fiction books written by local authors, as well as books about our local areas. Reading materials will be available a month before the meeting at the Circulation Desk. **Please note that there will be no Hometown Histories in January.**

Espionage and Enslavement in the Revolution or Remember Liss: The Remarkable True Story of One Woman's Enslavement and Freedom in New York by Claire Bellerjeau and Tiffany Yecke Brooks.

Thursday, February 5, 6:00 PM

Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau as she discusses the discovery of a new founding figure named Elizabeth, or Liss. Liss was enslaved by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay, New York, whose son was Robert Townsend aka "Culper, Jr.", George Washington's lead spy in Manhattan during the Revolutionary War. Liss's escape with the British, re-enslavement in Manhattan and later Charleston, and her complex struggle for freedom gives new insight into the country's founding era, through the eyes of an enslaved Black woman seeking liberty in a country fighting for its own. Open to all.



Fireside Book Discussion

Copies of the book in various formats are available a month before the meeting at the Circulation Desk.

The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Murray Tuesday, February 10, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

A novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist and daughter of formerly enslaved parents Mary McLeod Bethune--an unlikely friendship that changed the world.

See page 2 for January's Fireside Book Discussion selection.



February Displays

Gallery

Frenal Mezilas teaches painting and drawing, and he loves working with his students. His work, whether realistic, surreal, abstract, or cubist, represents Haitian culture and history.

Inside and Lobby Displays

In honor of Black History Month, the Library showcases will feature books, photos and artwork from Bay Shore resident and Library Board Trustee Elder Frances Bell.

Exploring African-American Ancestry - BBA406 Thursday, February 5, 6:30 PM

Whether you are just getting started in your genealogy research or have already begun, come join our guest speaker, April Earle, for a glimpse into the nuances of African-American genealogy research. She will share important genealogical records and discuss the impact slavery had on the creation of historical records.

Cato in the Revolution: Spies, Slavery, Church, and Chocolate - BBA425

Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau as she shares her exciting new discoveries about Cato, an enslaved Black man who aided the Patriot spy and tailor Hercules Mulligan during the Revolutionary War. Cato's story, once mere legend, comes to life with details of an assassination plot against Washington, enslavement in the powerful Schuyler family, Cato's religious life at St. Paul's Chapel, and the intersection of colonial chocolate making and slavery. Showing great bravery, agency, skill, and faith, Cato speaks for other unknown and often "invisible" people of color who helped shape the course of the Revolution—and the history of the United States.



Monthly Movie

Settle in for a great film and a cozy community experience — right here at your library! There are two showtimes to fit your schedule. February's selection:

Loving (2016), rated PG-13
Wednesday, February 11 at 3:00 PM or 6:30 PM

Enjoy complimentary popcorn and water while you watch! Please see page 2 for January's selection.

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide is a free tax counseling and preparation service, helping low and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. The tax appointments will be on Thursdays beginning February 5 through April 9 between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM.



Call the circulation desk or stop in to make an appointment. You must come in to the library prior to your appointment to obtain an intake packet. The packet must be completed and submitted to your tax preparer at your scheduled appointment. Intake packets can also be downloaded via the Library's website. In addition to the packet, please bring your current tax records and copies of last year's federal and state tax returns. If filing jointly, both people must be present and present a photo ID and a Social Security Card. AARP Tax-Aide volunteers cannot prepare returns that include rental property, military income, alternative minimum tax, or sale of Crypto Currency. Please note that some tax information, especially from brokerage firms, may not be sent to you until the end of February. AARP Tax-Aide is administered by the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. Free Electronic Filing (E-Filing) is included.

Thank You

Thank you for your generous donations of food, hygiene products, toys, mittens, and other warm clothing during this past holiday season. All items were donated to local community members in need. Your kindness is much appreciated!

The Library continues to collect non-perishable food, baby items, and hygiene products for our Mini Food Pantry and Clean Cabinet throughout the year.

Register for Library Programs

- Registration using a valid Bay Shore - Brightwaters Library Card is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.
- Program fees are non-refundable and due at the time of registration.
- Please adhere to the age guidelines of the program when registering.
- Please notify staff members of food allergies.
- Scan the QR Code to access the program calendar.



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Adult Programs

Registration for January and February adult programming begins Monday, January 5th at 9:30 AM. Registration for out of district patrons begins Tuesday, January 20th.

Soul Line Dancing with the Long Island Soul Sliders - BBA420
Saturdays, January 3, 10, 24, 31, February 21, 28, 1:00 - 2:30
Fee: \$20. Promote heart health and mental wellness through dance! Join instructor Sardia Lewis, of the Long Island Soul Sliders, as she guides you through various styles of dance as a form of exercise to achieve your fitness goals and have fun! Please bring water and a towel.
Registration is underway.



ISO Chamber Players: Connecting Generations Concert - BBA402
Sunday, January 11, 1:30-3:00
Featuring members of the ISO and past laureates of the Young Performers Competition.

Yoga with Kate - BBA393
Mondays, January 12, & 26, February 2, 9,& 23, March 2, 9 & 16, 6:00 - 7:15 PM
Fee: \$30. Join Kate for a yoga practice designed for all ages and bodies. Gentle Yoga is a slower form of Yoga that is a combination of seated, kneeling, and standing postures, focus on the breath, and short periods of meditation. No prior yoga experience is necessary, please bring a mat, a towel, and two blocks if you have them.

Silent Book Club - BBA412
Thursday, January 15, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Chill, read, snack. Bring your own book or pick one here. We'll have cozy vibes, comfy seats, and snacks while we all read in quiet together.

Empire Safety Defensive Driving Courses BBA124
Saturday, January 17 or Saturday, February 14 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Fee: \$30. Learn to be a better driver and save money on your auto insurance. Please bring your New York State Driver's License to this class. There will be a half hour lunch break allowance.



Brushes and Bliss - BBA438
Wednesday, January 21, 7:00 PM
Paint away stress with the YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support Organization.

BYOT: Bingo - BBYA110
Thursday, January 22 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Bring your teen for a Fun Night of Bingo with chances to win fantastic prizes. Be sure to register both yourself and your teen to reserve your spots!

Everyday English for Adults - BBA101
Saturdays, January 24 & 31, February 7, 21 & 28, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Everyday English for Adults helps learners build confidence using English in real-life situations. Through interactive lessons and practical conversations, students improve speaking, listening, reading, and writing skills for daily life, work, and community.

Vision Boarding - BBA375
Thursday, January 29, 6:00 - 8:00 PM
Visualize your resolutions and set your intentions for the New Year! The vision board is a perfect tool for defining one's goals, manifesting dreams and desires, and providing inspiration and motivation. Collage your way to happiness!

Sign Language for Beginners - BBA338
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 6:30-7:30 PM
Fee: \$5. Join us for this beginner American Sign Language class. In these sessions you will be introduced to Deaf Culture, fingerspelling, basic vocabulary and common phrases. All levels are welcomed, but this series is designed for those with little or no experience.

Avoiding Probate for the Future - BBA405
Wednesday, February 4, 6:00 PM
Join Attorney Kathleen M. Rose for tips on avoiding probate in the future and going over trust planning and protecting assets. All questions welcome.

BYOT: Yoga & Chakra Bracelets - BBYA110
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Calm your body and mind with gentle movement, then get creative by designing your own gemstone bracelet in our hands-on lesson. Be sure to register both yourself and your teen to reserve your spots!

Learn Marketing Strategies that Lead to Greater Sales (virtual) - BBA201
Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 PM
Suggested attendees: People who already have a business and others who are starting a new business.

Chunky Embroidery - BBA423
Friday, February 13, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Fee: \$10. Learn the chunky embroidery trend with retired Home Economics teacher Janice Imbrogno. All materials are included. Learn and practice on the supplied sweater, or bring your own sweater from home.

Quintessence - BBA403
Sunday, February 15, 1:00 PM
Enjoy a performance by Quintessence, a chamber music group with strings and piano presenting music by Mozart, Dvorak, Saint-Saens, Schubert and Gershwin.

Laugh with Patty - BBA429
Tuesday, February 24, 6:30 PM
Join Certified Laughter Yoga Leader Patty, for this unique experience - no yoga experience necessary! Laughter is joyfully simulated through full-body laughter exercises and playfulness. Before you know it, the 'simulated' laughter turns real and contagious, lifting your spirits and carrying over into daily life. This is a simple and effective way to boost heart health, energy levels and mood!

Paint It Foward Self-Care Jar - BBA410
Wednesday, February 25, 7:00 PM
Sponsored by the YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support Organization, this program explores practical tools for building healthy habits.

Senior Spotlight

Senior Fitness - BBA102
Tuesdays, January 6 - February 24 10:00 - 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.

Senior Assistance
Call the Library for dates and times.
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 of the Aging. This service is offered on a first-come, first-served basis.

Monthly Movies at the Library

Settle in for a great film and a cozy community experience – right here at your library! Each month, we'll feature a new movie with two showtimes to fit your schedule: Join us for a daytime screening or an evening showing. Enjoy complimentary popcorn and water while you watch!
Upcoming Screenings:
• **January 14 at 3:00 or 6:30 PM - Jules (2023), rated PG-13**
• **February 11 at 3:00 or 6:30 PM - Loving (2016), rated PG-13**
Bring a friend, sit back, and enjoy the magic of movies at the library!

Fireside Book Discussion

The Fireside Book Discussion meets on the second Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM in the Local History Room on the 2nd floor unless otherwise noted. Copies of the book in various formats are available a month before the next meeting at the Circulation Desk.

All the Beauty in the World
by Patrick Bringley
Tuesday, January 13 2:00 - 3:30 PM



See page 1 for February's selection.

True Crime Club - BBA368

Join librarian Rhiannon to discuss a true crime case with fellow enthusiasts!

Yuba County 5
Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Leopold and Loeb Case
Tuesday, February 17, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

****Trigger warning: Content and material may be upsetting for patrons. This program is for adults only.**

Visit the Local History Room

The Local History Room will be open for visitors on Sunday, January 11 and Sunday, February 1, 2026 from 12-4pm. Feel free to drop in to view collections or get assistance with research or scanning! You can also make an appointment by emailing: BSBWPLlocalhistory@gmail.com.

Library Notices



Notary Public Notice

Patrons are now required to make a notary appointment with our online system. Walk-ins are still available on Fridays between the hours of 9:30 – 11:00 am, but subject to notary availability and cannot be guaranteed. Please see our website for our updated notary policy.



Photography Notice

The Library may utilize photos and videos from public programs and events on its website, on social media, and in Library publications. If you do not wish for you or your child to be photographed, please alert library staff prior to the program or event.

New Year-Round Shredding Bins

Place your documents into the secure containers located in the Lobby area. Shred-It will pick up the containers on a regular basis and bring it to their secure facility to shred.



Social Work Intern

The Library has a social work intern available to help with referrals to social services, food and housing assistance, and mental health resources. Please call the Library for more information.



Children’s Programs

Registration for January programs begins Friday, January 2nd at 9:30 AM and registration for February programs begins Monday, February 2nd at 9:30 AM. 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.

Early Childhood

Mother Goose Rhyme Time - BBJ107

(Ages Birth - 18 Months)
Tuesdays, January 6 and 13
Tuesdays, February 3 and 10
10:00 - 10:25 AM

Are you ready to rhyme? Join Ms. Lisa to share nursery rhymes, fingerplays, and action songs with your little one!

Snow Babies - BBJ400

(Ages Birth - 17 Months)
Thursday, January 8, 10:00 - 10:30 AM
Wednesday, February 25, 10:00 - 10:30 AM
Enjoy songs and fingerplays with A Time for Kids. Please bring a blanket or towel for your child.

Creative Corner: Magic Nuudles - BBJ401
(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Saturday, January 10, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
This sensory experience encourages children’s hand/eye coordination and motor skill development.

Signs & Stories - BBJ100

(Ages Birth - 5 Years)
Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 24
1:00 - 1:30 PM

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

Tots Night Out - BBJ101

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)
Wednesday, January 14
Thursday, February 26
6:30 - 7:15 PM
A Time for Kids leads an interactive and educational family program that includes singing, dancing, stories, and a craft.

A Time for Kids: Five Little Snowmen BBJ402

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)
Thursday, January 15
10:00 - 10:45 AM or 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Join A Time for Kids for songs, rhymes, and a craft.



Waddle Fun Storytime - BBJ403

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Thursday, January 22, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Waddle over to the Library to share penguin stories and make a craft.

Pajama Storytime - BBJ103

(Ages 3 - 7 Years)
Wednesday, January 28
Wednesday, February 25
6:30 - 7:00 PM
Put on your jammies and join a librarian for a fun and cozy storytime.

Tiny Tots Workshop - BBJ404

(Ages 12 - 35 months)
Wednesday, January 28, 10:00 - 10:45 AM
A resource specialist is available to assist families with developmental questions while children play with our toy collection.

Babies Boogie - BBJ405

(Ages Birth - 23 Months)
Thursday, February 5, 10:00 - 10:40 AM
Join Nicole Sparling for a morning of fun and music with your little one!

Toddlers Tango - BBJ406

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Thursday, February 5, 11:00 - 11:40 AM
Join Nicole Sparling to wiggle, giggle, bounce and play with your little one!

Lovely Day Storycraft - BBJ407

(Ages 2 - 5 years)
Wednesday, February 11, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Share stories about love and make a craft.



A Time for Kids: Valentine Love - BBJ408

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)
Thursday, February 12
10:00 - 10:45 AM or 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Join A Time for Kids for songs, rhymes, and a craft.

Drama with Your Mama! - BBJ409

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Thursday, February 26, 10:00 - 10:45 AM
Enjoy live music, storytelling, and interactive imaginative play led by a theater professional.

School Age

Chess Club - BBJ410

(Grades 2 - 5)
Wednesday, January 7
Wednesday, February 4
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Join librarian Mr. Chris to learn to play chess, or just improve your game.



Storycraft with Miss Margaret - BBJ102

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)
Monday, January 12
Monday, February 23
4:15 - 4:45 PM
Share a story with Miss Margaret and then make a craft based on the story.

Minecraft: Snow Globes - BBJ411

(Grades 1 - 5)
Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Tackle three thrilling snow globe-themed challenges in your own Minecraft world!

Silent Book Club: Kids’ Edition! - BBJ412

(For Independent Readers in grades 1 - 5)
Thursday, January 15, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Silently read a book of your choice. Bring a book from home, or choose one from the Library before the program begins. Then, make a bookmark, and enjoy some snacks.

SEL Storytime - BBJ413

(Grades K - 2)
Friday, January 16, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Join Ms. Lisa for a SEL read aloud, music, and activity focused on kindness.

Paint It Forward - BBJ414

(Grades K - 5)
Saturday, January 17, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
Create pieces of art that will be “paid forward” as small acts of kindness.

Winter Mittens - BBJ415

(Grades K - 2)
Wednesday, January 21, 4:15 - 4:45 PM
Read some winter stories, then make a cozy mittens craft to take home.

Puzzle Piece Frame - BBJ416

(Grades 3 - 5)
Thursday, January 22, 5:00 - 5:30 PM
Make a frame to hold all your puzzling or precious photos.

Lego Buddies - BBJ106

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)
Friday, January 23 and
Friday, February 13
4:00 - 4:45 PM
Make a Lego masterpiece with an older buddy.

Getting Crafty - BBJ105

(Grades 3 - 5)
Monday, January 26, 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Thursday, February 19, 2:00 - 2:45 PM
Use your imagination and the Library’s craft supplies to make your own unique artwork.

Groundhog Storycraft - BBJ417

(Grades K - 2)
Thursday, January 29, 4:15 - 4:45 PM
Come hear a story about Groundhog's Day and afterwards, make a fun craft.



Scavenger Hunt
February 17 - 21

Join in our winter-themed scavenger hunt! Find all of the hidden items to earn a sticker.



Heart Wreath - BBJ418

(Grades K - 2)
Friday, February 6, 4:15 - 4:45 PM
Show everyone you're ready for Valentine's Day with this fun wreath craft.

Gnome Valentine Ornament - BBJ419

(Grades 3 - 5)
Monday, February 9, 5:30 - 6:00 PM
Make a gnome valentine ornament for that special someone or keep it for yourself!

Hanging Hearts - BBJ420

(Grades 3 - 5)
Wednesday, February 11, 4:30 - 5:00 PM
Decorate for Valentine's Day with a heart-themed wall hanging craft.

STEM Storytime - BBJ108

(Grades K-2)
Friday, February 27, 4:00 - 4:40 PM
Join Miss Lisa for a STEM read aloud and activity.

Take-Home Kits

Craft Kits

Children up to Grade 3 - BBJ109
Children Grades 4 and up - BBYA109
Reserve a kit for January and February. Limited quantities are available.

Garden Club Kits

Each bag contains a seasonal nature-related book and activity.

Drop-In Family Programs

No registration required. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Crafts Potpourri - BBJ422

Friday, January 2, 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Make a craft, while supplies last.

Game and Puzzle Get-Together - BBJ423

Friday, February 20, 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Play a game or do a puzzle with your family.

Lego Family Fun - BBJ424

Wednesday, February 18
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Build a Lego masterpiece with your family.

Winter Reading Club

Get YETI to READ!

January 5 - February 7
Join the **Winter Reading Club** for children! Visit the Children’s Department beginning January 5th for details.



Inquire at the Children’s Desk about our other ongoing Reading Challenges:

Sail into Kindergarten with 500 Books
Ages Birth - Pre-K

Sensational Siblings
For Independent Readers

500 Books before Middle School
Grades K - 5

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 7
It’s the perfect day to get a library card, browse the stacks, borrow some books, and attend a program!

Tots and Tales Storytime - BBJ425
(Family Program)

10:00 - 10:30 AM
Bring your little one for a circle time with stories, rhymes, and fun!

Learn Double Dutch - BBJ426

(Grades 1 - 5)
11:00 - 11:45 AM
Learn the basics of Double Dutch and jump rope while playing fun games with two-time American Double Dutch League World Champion, Erica Dantzler. Wear sneakers and bring water.

Drop-In Craft: Crazy Collage - BBJ427
(Ages 3 - Grade 5 with adult caregiver)
1:00 - 3:00 PM
Stop by and make your own unique multi-media collage, while supplies last. Registration is not required.

Teen Programs

Teen Programs are for students in Grades 6 - 12. Registration for January programs begins Friday, January 2nd at 9:30 AM. Registration for February programs begins Monday, February 2nd at 9:30 AM.

Take Home Craft Kits - BBYA109
Reserve a kit and make a craft at home. Kits are available for January and February. Pick up your kit at the Children's Services Desk. Limited quantities are available.

Snack Taste Test Challenge - BBYA400
Thursday, January 8, 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Join us at the library to taste and rank a variety of Pop-Tart flavors. Which one will come out on top?



Silent Book Club - BBYA401
Thursday, January 15, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Chill, read, snack. Bring your own book or pick one here. We'll have cozy vibes, comfy seats, and snacks while we all read in quiet together.

Bling a Book - BBYA402
Tuesday, January 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Tuesday, January 27, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Give your favorite book a glow-up! Join us to decorate book covers with sparkly gems. Please bring your own book.

BYOA: Bingo - BBYA110
Thursday, January 22, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Bring Your Favorite Adult for a Fun Night of Bingo! Join us for an exciting evening filled with great fun and chances to win fantastic prizes. Be sure to register both yourself and your adult to reserve your spots!

Charming Slime - BBYA403
Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 - 6:45 PM
Choose from a variety of fun charms to create your very own one-of-a-kind slime.

BYOA: Yoga & Gemstone Bracelet BBYA110
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Calm your body and mind with gentle movement, then get creative by designing your own gemstone bracelet in our hands-on lesson. Be sure to register both yourself and your adult to reserve your spots!



Adopt a Dragon - BBYA404
Thursday, February 19, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Unleash your creativity by adopting your very own fidget dragon! Then, customize and paint its egg with bold, vibrant colors.

Craft & Chill - BBYA405
Monday, February 23, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Join us for a surprise craft where the project remains a mystery until you walk in! Come ready to get creative, hang out with friends, and make something totally unexpected and fun.

Lego Robotics - BBYA406
Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Join us for a hands-on robotics adventure as we build and code our very own LEGO Grabber Robot.



100 Books Before Graduation
Read 100 books before graduating high school and earn prizes along the way! Register through the library website and track your books online. All participants must have a valid Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library Card and be entering grades 6-12 in the fall.

Get YETI to Read!
January 5 - February 7
Join the Winter Reading Club for Teens!
Visit the Teen Department beginning January 5th for details.

Hygiene and Food Drives
Bring in four travel-sized hygiene products 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-

Community Service

Students must arrive on time in order to receive Community Service credit.

Bookmarked with Kindness - BBYA105
Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 -7:30 PM
Get creative and earn community service hours by designing personalized bookmarks for library patrons.

Craft Buddies - BBYA102
Monday, January 12, 4:15 - 5:00 PM
Monday, February 23 4:15 - 5:00 PM
Help a younger friend make a craft.

Self-Care Journaling - BBYA408
Saturday, January 17, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Learn how journaling can help you build daily habits one step at a time. Discover methods to release or organize your thoughts in a thoughtful way that cultivates moments of tranquility and self-reflection.

Lego Buddies - BBYA103
Friday, January 23, 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Friday, February 13, 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Create a Lego masterpiece with a younger friend.

Service Through Stories - BBYA114
Thursday, February 5, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Earn community service hours while learning something new! Join us where you'll listen to an historical lecture and reflect on the stories that shaped our world. See this month's Hometown Histories selection on page one for details about February's lecture.

Bead Kind - BBYA407
Thursday, February 12, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Create friendship bracelets to spread kindness and brighten someone's day.



Library Displays

January

Lobby and Inside Showcases
Bay Shore - Brightwaters patrons display their creations in the Tiny Art Show.

Gallery
Long-time Bay Shore resident Michael Warner began his foray into the world of photography in the 70s with a 35mm camera, but now he works exclusively with digital devices. The images that will be on display in the gallery represent a variety of approaches to artistic expression through photography.

February

See page 1 for information about the February displays.

Congratulations to our 2025 Bookmark Contest winners!



Callie Posillico
Kindergarten



Emma Cox
Second Grade



Azaria Wakefield
Third Grade



Andrew McCarthy
Fourth Grade



Calista Costello
Fifth Grade

Discounted Tickets

Purchase at the Library:

- American Museum of Natural History
- Bronx Zoo
- Long Island Aquarium
- Long Island Science Center

Purchase online:
(Contact the Library for discount code information.)

- The Gateway Performing Arts Center
- Manes Studio Theatre

Please contact the Library for current pricing and availability. Scan for more information.



Library Trip

Wind Creek Casino Bethlehem, PA
Saturday, April 11
Please call the Library for more information, including availability and pricing.



Museum Passes

Free Print-on-Demand Passes:

- American Airpower Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
- Cradle of Aviation Museum
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- Long Island Maritime Museum
- Montauk Point Lighthouse and Museum
- Old Westbury Gardens
- Sagtikos Manor Historical Society
- Vanderbilt Museum and Mansion

Pickup/Return Passes:

- 9/11 Memorial and Museum
- Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum
- Long Island Children's Museum
- NYS Empire Pass



LT MICHAEL P. MURPHY
NAVY SEAL MUSEUM

9/11
MEMORIAL & MUSEUM



Scan for Museum Pass information.



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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
Thursday, January 1
Monday, January 19
Monday, February 16