BAY SHORE BRIGHTWATERS PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH - APRIL 2026

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2025 Year in Review

- **22,978** Questions Answered
- **84,193** Items Circulated
- **156,489** Physical Library Visits
- **293** Children's Programs
- **157** Teen Programs
- **225** Adult Programs
- **687** Passes Circulated
- **155,564** Computer/LAN Use
- **3,649** Notary Public
- **131,936** E-service Activities
- **3,866** Social Media Followers (Facebook, YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram)

Library Budget Vote

The Library will host its annual budget vote on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026. Detailed budget information will be issued to residents in a separate mailing and will be available on our website prior to the vote.

Seed Library

Use your Library Card to select seeds to grow your own herbs, vegetables, and flowers. Inquire at the Circulation Desk for more information.

March is Women's History Month!

Look for this icon throughout the newsletter for relevant programs.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

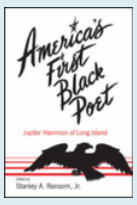
Hometown Histories - BBA337

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.

Long Island Landscapes and the Women Who Designed Them
by Cynthia Zaitzevsky

Thursday, March 5, 6:00 PM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



America's First Negro Poet : The Complete Works of Jupiter Hammon of Long Island

Thursday, April 2, 6:00 PM

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!

The Six Triple Eight (2024) PG-13
Wednesday, March 11
3:00 PM or 6:30 PM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Dead Poets Society (1989) PG
Wednesday, April 15
3:00 PM or 6:30 PM

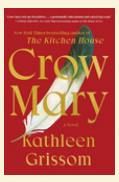
Bring a friend, sit back, and enjoy the magic of movies at the library!

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.

Crow Mary by Kathleen Grissom
Tuesday, March 10
2:00 - 3:30 PM

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH



The Doorman by Chris Pavone*
Tuesday, April 14
2:00 - 3:30 PM

* The Doorman is the 2026 Long Island Reads selection.

Volunteer Fair

Tuesday, April 21, 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Explore ways to give back! Meet representatives from local organizations and learn about volunteer opportunities for all ages.

The Local History Room will be open for visitors on Sunday, March 1 and Sunday, April 12, 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.

Arbor Day is Friday, April 24th!

Celebrate by exploring the Library grounds! Scan the QR code to learn more about the Bay Shore Garden Club and its partnership with the Library and to access the Library Plantings Map and the Educational Planting Guide.

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 March and April adult programming begins Monday, March 2nd at 9:30 AM. Registration for out of district patrons begins Monday, March 16th.

History of the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library - BBA353
Wednesday, March 4, 7:00 PM
Join the Library, in co[illegible]tion with the Brightwaters Hi[illegible]ety, and Local History [illegible] Historian Gabri[illegible] of the Library, from i[illegible]re beginnings to where [illegible] Brightwaters today. Registr[illegible]n requested but not required.

CANCELLED

Armchair Detectives - BBA201
Fridays, March 6 and April 3
3:00 - 4:45 PM
Join us for an interactive murder-mystery case-file game series! Step into the role of a sleuth as you examine clues, interview suspects, and work with fellow detectives to crack each month's case. Refreshments will be provided. Perfect for mystery lovers, puzzle-solvers, and anyone who enjoys a good whodunit. Bring your curiosity—and your best detective skills!

Everyday English for Adults - BBA101
Saturdays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 11, 25
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.

Soul Line Dancing with the Long Island Soul Sliders - BBA420
Saturdays, March 7, 14, 28, April 4, 11, 25
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.

Dublin Duo - BBA310
Sunday, March 8, 1:30 PM
Join us for an enjoyable array of live Irish Folk Music, featuring musicians Stuart Markus and Efrat Shapira.

The Culper Spy Ring: The Lasting Legacy of Long Island's Revolutionary Roots
BBA221
Monday, March 9, 7:00 PM
Through a mix of storytelling, visuals, and primary sources, attendees will uncover how everyday Long Islanders like Abraham Woodhull, Anna Smith Strong, and Robert Townsend used invisible ink, coded messages, and covert operations to gather intelligence under the noses of the British. The lecture also examines the broader context of Revolutionary War battles and the tensions between Loyalists and Patriots that defined the region.

Legendary Women of Long Island
BBA230 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Thursday, March 12, 6:00 PM
During the glory days of Long Island's Gold Coast, society revolved around a select circle of glamorous women—the nation's first true superstars. Their lives, loves, and scandals filled newspapers, while photographers captured them sweeping down grand staircases in jewels, feathers, and lavish gowns. Figures like Ava Vanderbilt, Mrs. Clarence Mackay, Barbara Hutton, and the Countess of Bismarck set the social standard, inspiring widespread admiration and imitation. Others—Zelda Fitzgerald, Winifred Bird, Ann Woodward, and Gertrude Whitney—are remembered for the dramatic stories that followed them. Join us for an engaging evening exploring these vibrant icons of their era.

Yoga with Leanna - BBA419
Mondays, March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27, May 4, 6:00 - 7:15 PM
Fee: $22.50. This class will combine a gentle yet energizing Vinyasa, Yin, and breath work for a well rounded practice. We will move through a smooth flow to awaken the body and build energy without strain, settle into longer Yin holds to release tension and cultivate stillness. We will finish with breath work to restore balance. Please bring your own yoga mat and water.

The Swashbuckling History of Women in Piracy - BBA240 WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Wednesday, March 25, 6:00
In the predominantly male world of seafaring, metaphors about mysterious and destructive femininity have been consistently linked to the sea. Yet flesh and blood women sailed on ships, steered them, commanded them, commandeered them, and sank with them. Spanning the globe and centuries, female pirates have sailed the seas, captivating audiences both in their time and today. Explore the history of these notorious female pirates and decide whether they were rogues, she-devils, or trailblazers.

The Declaration of Independence: Birth of a Nation - BBA250
Monday, March 30, 7:00 PM
Step back to 1776 and explore the bold ideas, powerful words, and daring actions that shaped America's founding. Historian Jim Ward will examine the events leading to the Declaration of Independence, the document's revolutionary principles, and its lasting impact on history.

BYOT: Diamond Art - BBYA110
Tuesday, March 31, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Make your own sparkling diamond art using colorful gemstones. Be sure to register both yourself and your teen to reserve your spots!

Craft and a Movie - BBA352
Friday, April 3, 12:00 - 2:30 PM
Come craft and watch **Twilight** with Librarians Gabrielle and Sam. Bring your own crafting work-in-progress (any medium) or learn with an easy project. Enjoy light refreshments, a movie, and chat with new friends. Registration Requested. Please let us know if you require supplies.

Free Shredding Day at the Library
Saturday, April 4
9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Bring your old confidential documents to the Library parking lot for shredding. Limit: Two bags of paper per vehicle. Only paper is shredded. No CDs, DVDs, X-Rays, plastic or metal.

Diamond Art - BBYA110
Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 - 8:00 PM
Relax and unwind as you create your own sparkling gemstone art with one of our librarians. Materials are small, bring glasses or a magnifier if desired.

Forays in France with Irvina Lew
BBA270
Tuesday, April 14
6:30 - 8:00 PM
Join Local Author Irvina Lew as she discusses her latest work "Forays In France."

Walking Tour of Babylon Village Museums - BBA280
Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
Join us for a walking tour of Babylon Village Museums. Meet in the Babylon Public Library parking lot and we'll walk to The Village Museum, The Old Town Hall and The Conklin House for private tours. That's three buildings on the National Register of Historic Places! Call the Library for further details.

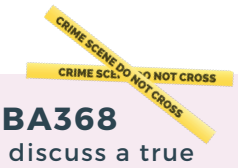
BYOT: Paint Night - BBYA110
Thursday, April 16, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Join us for a Paint Night and follow along with a simple design. Be sure to register both yourself and your teen to reserve your spots!

"The Paumanok Stompers" - BBA290
Sunday, April 19, 1:00 - 2:00 PM
The band will provide a well rounded program of songs from the early jazz era with a focus on the musical culture of New Orleans. Including upbeat tunes, ballads, jazz "marches", and blues. This performance will leave you with a good general idea of the sound of the early jazz era coming out of New Orleans.

Senior Spotlight

Senior Fitness - BBA102
Tuesdays, March 3 - April 28
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.



True Crime Club - BBA368
Join librarian Rhiannon to discuss a true crime case with fellow enthusiasts!

Ed Gein
Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Judith Barsi's Murder
Tuesday, April 28, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

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

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 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. AARP Tax-Aide is administered by the AARP Foundation, in cooperation with the IRS. Free Electronic Filing (E-Filing) is included.

Children's Programs

Important Update: Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 16th at 9:30 AM.

Registration for March programs begins Monday, March 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

Finger Paint Fun - BBJ500
(Ages 2 - 5 years)
Friday, March 6, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Share a story, and then enjoy some freestyle finger painting fun!

Signs & Stories - BBJ100
(Ages Birth - 5 Years)
Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24
Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28
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.

Zumbini - BBJ501
(Birth - 4 Years)
Wednesday, March 11
10:00 - 10:45 AM or 11:00 - 11:45 AM
This program combines music and dance for a morning full of learning fun.

Pajama Storytime - BBJ103
(Ages 3 - 7 Years)
Wednesday, March 11
Wednesday, April 29
6:30 - 7:00 PM
Put on your jammies and join a librarian for a fun and cozy storytime.

A Time for Kids: Shamrock Silliness
BBJ502
(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)
Friday, March 13
10:00 - 10:45 AM or 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Join A Time for Kids for songs, rhymes, and a craft.

Mother Goose Rhyme Time - BBJ107
(Ages Birth - 18 Months)
Tuesdays, March 17 and 24
Tuesdays, April 14 and 21
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 - BBJ503
(Ages Birth - 17 Months)
Wednesday, March 18, 10:00 - 10:30 AM
Enjoy songs and fingerplays with A Time for Kids. Please bring a blanket or towel for your child.

Toddler Stay and Play - BBJ504
(Ages 18 months - 3 years)
Saturday, March 21, 10:00 - 10:45 AM
Join in circle time led by a librarian, followed by free play time with our toy collection.

Tots Night Out - BBJ101
(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)
Thursday, March 26
Monday, April 27
6:30 - 7:15 PM
A Time for Kids leads an interactive and educational family program that includes singing, dancing, stories, and a craft.

Creative Corner: Play Dough - BBJ505
(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Tuesday, March 31, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
This sensory experience encourages children's hand/eye coordination and motor skill development.

Blooming Babies - BBJ506
(Birth - 17 Months)
Wednesday, April 15, 10:00 - 10:30 AM
Enjoy songs and fingerplays with A Time for Kids. Please bring a blanket or towel for your child.

Make Your Own Play Dough: Springtime Fun - BBJ507
(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Thursday, April 16, 10:30 - 11:15 AM
Enjoy storytime, play dough making instruction and sensory play time to create your own play dough masterpiece.

A Time for Kids: Five Little Fishes - BBJ508
(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)
Wednesday, April 22
10:00 - 10:45 AM or 11:00 - 11:45 AM
Join A Time for Kids for songs, rhymes, and a craft.

Arbor Day Delight - BBJ509
(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Friday, April 24, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
Celebrate Arbor Day with stories about trees and a craft.

Creative Corner: Magic Nuudles - BBJ510
(Ages 2 - 5 Years)
Wednesday, April 29, 10:30 - 11:00 AM
This sensory experience encourages children's hand/eye coordination and motor skill development.

School Age

Snowman Storycraft - BBJ511
(Grades K - 2)
Friday, March 6, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Come hear a story about a Snowman and afterwards, make a fun craft.

Storycraft with Miss Margaret - BBJ102
(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)
Monday, March 9
Monday, April 13
4:15 - 4:45 PM
Share a story with Miss Margaret and then make a craft based on the story.

Lego Buddies - BBJ106
(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)
Friday, March 13 and
Friday,April 10
4:00 - 4:45 PM
Make a Lego masterpiece with an older buddy.

Chess Club - BBJ111
(Grades 2 - 5)
Wednesday, March 18
Wednesday, April 15
5:00 - 6:00 PM
Join Librarian Mr. Chris to learn to play chess, or just improve your game.

Garden Flowers Wind Chime - BBJ512
(Grades 3 - 5)
Thursday, March 19, 5:00 - 5:30 PM
Make a sun catcher wind chime that is perfect for Spring.

SEL Storytime - BBJ112
(Grades K - 2)
Friday, March 20, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Join Librarian Ms. Lisa for a SEL read aloud, music, and activity focused on kindness.

Getting Crafty - BBJ105
(Grades 3 - 5)
Mondays, March 23 and April 20
5:00 - 5:45 PM
Use your imagination and the Library's craft supplies to make your own unique artwork.

Ozobots Story Mapping - BBJ513
(Grades 1 - 5)
Tuesday, March 24, 6:00 - 6:50 PM
Learn how to code and guide Ozobots through exciting storytelling adventures.

Cat in the Hat Pencil Cup - BBJ514
(Grades 3 - 5)
Wednesday, March 25, 4:30 - 5:00 PM
Make a pencil cup that's Seusstastical!

DIY Birdfeeder - BBJ515
(Grades K - 2)
Friday, March 27, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Join Librarian Mr. Chris as we make a working birdfeeder out of household materials!

Scavenger Hunt
April 6 - 11
Join in our spring-themed scavenger hunt! Find all of the hidden items to earn a sticker.

Family Bingo - BBJ516
Monday, April 6, 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Have fun playing Bingo with your family.

Springtime Origami - BBJ517
(Grades 3 - 5)
Wednesday, April 8, 3:00 - 3:45 PM
Celebrate Spring by folding paper into butterflies and flowers.

Drop-In Games and Puzzles - BBJ518
(Children with an Adult Caregiver)
Thursday, April 9, 11:00 - 2:00 PM
Stop by to play a game or do a puzzle.

Washcloth Bunny Craft - BBJ519
(Grades 3 - 5)
Thursday, April 9, 5:00 - 5:30 PM
Make a washcloth bunny pet that'll hold your treats or an ice cube to soothe your head.

Checker Buddies - BBJ520
(Grades K - 2)
Friday, April 17, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Play checkers with an older buddy.

April Showers Storycraft - BBJ521
(Grades K - 2)
Wednesday, April 22, 4:00 - 4:30 PM
Share a rainy day story and then make an umbrella craft.

Minecraft: Space Drop - BBJ522
(Grades 1 - 5)
Thursday, April 23, 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Construct an otherworldly creation that stands out in the galaxy.

STEM Storytime - BBJ108
(Grades K - 2)
Friday, April 24, 4:00 - 4:40 PM
Join Librarian Ms. Lisa for a STEM read aloud and activity.

Civics for Kids with Ms. Jacqui - BBJ523
(Grades 1 - 5)
2026 marks the 250th anniversary of the United States of America! Celebrate by learning how our government works, and how you can participate. Come to just one or all of this four-part series where children will explore the basics of our democracy with programmer Ms. Jacqui. Register at the beginning of each month.

Our Community and the Constitution
Thursday, March 12, 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Meet Your Government
Thursday, May 7, 6:00 - 6:45 PM

How Voting Works
Thursday, September 17, 6:00 - 6:45 PM

You Can Make a Difference!
Thursday, November 5, 6:00 - 6:45 PM

Take-Home Kits

Craft Kits
Children up to Grade 3 - BBJ109
Children Grades 4 and up - BBYA109
Reserve a kit for March and April. Limited quantities are available.

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

Reading Challenges

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

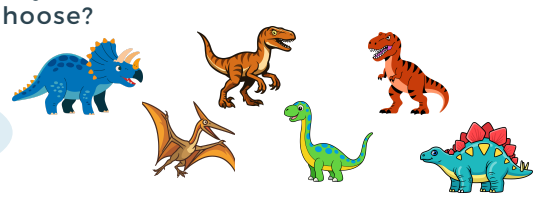
Sail into Kindergarten with 500 Books
Ages Birth - Pre-K

Sensational Siblings
For Independent Readers

500 Books before Middle School
Grades K - 5

Children's Voting Booth

Children are invited to visit our Children's Voting Booth on Tuesday, April 14th to vote for your favorite dinosaur! Which one will you choose?



Teen Programs

Important Update: Registration for April programs begins Monday, March 16th at 9:30 AM.

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

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

Creative Canvas - BBYA500
Thursday, March 5, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Let your imagination lead the way. Spend a laid-back afternoon painting whatever inspires you.

SAT Prep - BBYA112
Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24 & 31
6:30 - 8:30 PM
Fee: $85 (non-refundable and due at registration). This class will take place at WEST ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY. The program is tailored to the new Digital SAT exam. The course will cover Math, English, and the Writing modules focusing on strategies, time management, and specific content. Registration is currently open.

Craft & Chill - BBYA115
Monday, March 16, 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.

Dungeons & Dragons - BBYA501
Wednesday, March 25, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Join Game Master Chris and create your own exciting adventure using only dice and your imagination!

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.

BYOA: Diamond Art - BBYA110
Tuesday, March 31, 6:00 - 7:00 PM
Make your own sparkling diamond art using colorful gemstones. Be sure to register both yourself and your adult to reserve your spots!

Crafting Cinema - BBYA502
Friday, April 3, 12:00 - 2:30 PM
Craft and watch Twilight with Librarians Gabrielle and Sam! Bring your own project or try an easy craft. Enjoy snacks, a movie, and hang out with friends.

Junk Journaling - BBYA503
Tuesday, April 7, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 15, 12:00 - 1:00 PM
Create your own aesthetic junk journal. Hang out, collage, cut, paste, and decorate with magazines, stickers, scrapbook paper, and other fun supplies. Bring any photos you'd like to include!

BYOA: Paint Night
BBYA110
Thursday, April 16
6:00 - 7:00 PM
Join us for a Paint Night and follow along with a simple design. Be sure to register both yourself and your adult to reserve your spots!

Volunteer Fair
Tuesday, April 21, 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Explore ways to give back! Meet representatives from local organizations and learn about volunteer opportunities for all ages. Registration is not required.

Haunted Lanterns - BBYA504
Thursday, April 30, 5:30 - 6:30 PM
Halfway to Halloween! Celebrate by creating your own Haunted Lanterns. Design and decorate eerie lanterns that are perfect for Halloween or for adding a touch of mysterious style to any space.

Community Service

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

Seed Library Helpers - BBYA113
Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17 and 24
5:00 -6:00 PM
Help us get ready for our annual seed library by sorting and packing seeds.

Craft Buddies - BBYA102
Monday, March 9, 4:15 - 5:00 PM
Monday, April 13, 4:15 - 5:00 PM
Help a younger friend make a craft.

Lego Buddies - BBYA103
Friday, March 13, 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Friday, April 10 , 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Create a Lego masterpiece with a younger friend.

Bookmarked with Kindness - BBYA105
Tuesday, April 14, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 - 7:30 PM
Get creative and earn community service hours by designing personalized bookmarks for library patrons.

Checker Buddies - BBYA116
Friday, April 17, 3:45 - 4:45 PM
Help a younger friend learn checkers and enjoy playing fun games together.

STEM Buddies - BBYA117
Friday, April 24, 4:00 - 4:45 PM
Assist a younger buddy in completing a STEM activity.

Project Green Teens
Project Green Teens is a kit available at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library that provides the essential tools needed to safely pick up litter while earning community service credit.

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-

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 Children's 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
- NYS Empire Pass

Scan for Museum Pass information.

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 Notices

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

Photography: 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.

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.

Library by Mail: The Library offers weekly delivery of library materials for patrons who are unable to travel to the library due to health restrictions. Applications are available on our website. Please email wambrozewicz@bsbwlibrary.org for more information.

Mini Food Pantry and Clean Cabinet: If you are interested in contributing to the Library's Mini Food Pantry, please bring in unexpired, nonperishable items to the Circulation Desk. Food, baby items, paper products and travel-sized hygiene items are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

Library Displays

March and April Displays

Lobby and Inside Showcases and Gallery
The Bay Shore Public Schools have been displaying 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!

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Sunday, April 5