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2026 Summer Reading Program

This year's Summer Reading theme is "Unearth a Story" and the library is featuring Reading Clubs for patrons of all ages. All Reading Clubs begin on Monday, July 6th.



Children

Children from ages birth through fifth grade are invited to join the Children's Summer Reading Club. Earn prizes for reading or listening to any books you choose! Visit the library to sign up beginning Monday, July 6th.

Teens

Join this year's Teen Summer Reading Club! Log the books you read between July 6th and August 21st. Every book you read earns you one entry into the raffle prize of your choice. Read at least 2 books and you'll also be entered into our Grand Prize raffle featuring gift cards to local businesses around town.

Adults

Log books for a chance to win weekly prizes and be entered into our Grand Prize Raffle at the end of summer! The more you read, the more chances to win!

Family Movie Night: Wicked



~~Monday, July 6 at 7:00 PM~~

New Date: Friday, August 21 at 7:30 PM



Join us in celebrating the beginning of the 2026 Summer Reading Program by watching **Wicked** with your family! Grab your blankets and beach chairs and meet us at the Brightwaters Field on the corner of South Windsor and South Country Road across from the Library. Feel free to sing along as you watch! Popcorn and water will be served.

Join the 2026 Suffolk County Public Libraries Summer Tour!



Pick up your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet at the Circulation Desk, Children's Services Desk, or Adult Reference Desk. Bring your booklet with you when you visit public libraries all around Suffolk County any time from July 1st through August 31st. While you visit, be sure to find their Prehistoric Creature and then receive a stamp at their Stamp Station. At 5, 15, and 25 library visits, you will be entered into the Tour raffle. At your 25th library visit you will earn the official title of Summer Tour Library-saurus and receive a special commemorative patch (while supplies last)!

Blood Drive

New York Blood Center will be hosting a blood drive at the Library on Wednesday, July 1st from 1-7pm. Walk in or make an appointment at nybc.org.

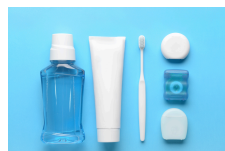


Mini Food Pantry

If you are interested in contributing to the Library's Mini Food Pantry, please bring in unexpired, non-perishable items to the Circulation Desk. Food, baby items, or paper products are appreciated. Thank you for your continued support!

Clean Cabinet

Basic hygiene items are available in the Library's Clean Cabinet. If you would like to donate, please bring travel-sized hygiene products to the Teen or Children's Services Desks.



Game Area

Stop by our tabletop game area on the first floor to enjoy our collection of puzzles and games including chess, checkers and Scrabble.

Register for Library Programs

- Registration using a valid Bay Shore - Brightwaters Library Card is required for all adult, teen, and children's 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 July and August adult programming begins Wednesday, July 1st at 9:30 AM. Registration for out of district patrons begins Wednesday, July 15th.

Long Island's Plants: Native, Non-Native and Invasive

Thursday, July 9
6:00 - 7:30 PM

What plants belong on Long Island? What are we planting instead? Learn about how what you plant makes a big difference for our wildlife. Without native plants, we lose our bees, butterflies, and birds. Learn about how invasive plants are threatening Long Island and what you can do if they are in your yard.

Armchair Detectives

Fridays, July 10 and August 7
3:00 - 4:45 PM

Join us every first Friday of the month for Armchair Detectives, 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!

Empire Safety Defensive Driving Courses

Saturdays, July 11 and August 8
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.

Save the Great South Bay: An Introduction to the Brightwaters Oyster Garden

Monday, July 13, 2026, 6:30- 8:00 PM

An introduction to the Brightwaters Oyster Garden hosted at Walker Beach and run by volunteers. Over 40,000 oysters are grown at this garden which helps restore the Great South Bay. Learn more about this exciting program and the opportunity to volunteer!



Angel's Dominoes Club

(All Ages)

Tuesdays, July 14 & 28
Tuesdays, August 11 & 25
7:00 PM

Neighbors meet to play, learn, connect and celebrate the vibrant Hispanic heritage of dominoes! All are welcome. We provide the dominoes, you bring the stories and spirit! Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Everyday English for Adults

Saturdays, July 18 & 25, August 1, 22 & 29

Beginner (Levels 1 and 2)
10:00 - 11:00 AM

Intermediate (Levels 3 to 5)
11:00 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.

Summer Fabric Flower Sign

Monday, July 20

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join one of our librarians to make a decorative sign to hang on your front door!

VR Gaming

Wednesday, July 22

Wednesday, August 19

5:30 - 7:00 PM

Level Up Your Reality! Ready to step into another world? Join us for an immersive VR gaming session! Whether you want to battle space pirates, explore the ocean floor, or master a high-speed rhythm game, we've got the headset waiting for you. No experience needed—just bring your curiosity and a sense of adventure.

Carolyn Enger, Concert Pianist performing American Ethos

Thursday, July 23

6:00 - 7:30 PM

American Ethos introduces the audience to composers of a variety of backgrounds reminding us of the unique spirit of America and the different cultures that make up our nation. Ms. Enger's program shines a light on diverse voices, who are often overlooked, and American composers of our time.



All About Blue Point Oysters

Wednesday, July 29

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Fee: \$5. Blue Point oysters have been world-famous for years and Keenan Boyle, also known as "Tallmuthashucka," wants you to know all about them. Keenan is an oyster farmer and expert in all things oysters. Come and enjoy his class as he teaches you not only the history of oysters but the importance of harvesting them and keeping our bay clean. Included is an oyster shucking demonstration and tasting!

Karaoke Competition

Thursday, July 30

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Do you have the voice of an angel or the stage presence of a rockstar? Prove it at our Karaoke Competition! Grab the mic, pick your favorite anthem, and compete for prizes. Whether you're a solo superstar or part of a dynamic duo, we want to hear you hit those high notes!

Decoupage Sea Shells 2 Ways

Wednesday, August 5

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join one of our librarians to decoupage sea shells two ways! You'll make a gold rimmed trinket dish as well as a seasonal wall decoration.



Laugh with Patty

Thursday, August 13

6:30 - 7:45 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!

Repair Cafe

Saturday, August 15

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Visit the Library for our Repair Cafe where knowledgeable volunteers will help to repair your broken items and offer advice and inspiration. Just drop in!



Book Clubs and Discussions

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



The Paris Wife
by Paula McLain
Tuesday, July 14
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

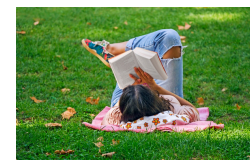


The Frozen River
by Ariel Lawhon
Tuesday, August 11
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM

Silent Book Club

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 - 7:00 PM



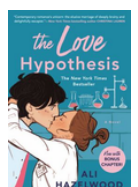
Join us outside on the lawn for a relaxing evening of quiet reading. Bring a book from home, or borrow one from the Library before the program begins. Bring a blanket or chair, enjoy some snacks, and unwind while we read together. Rain Date: August 4th.

The Page Turners Book Club



The Once and Future Witches
by Alix E. Harrow
Tuesday, July 21
6:30 - 7:30 PM

The Love Hypothesis
by Ali Hazelwood
Thursday, August 27
6:30 - 7:30 PM



Adult Programs

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

Spider-Man: No Way Home (2021) PG-13
Wednesday, July 8
3:00 PM or 6:00 PM



Best in Show (2000) PG-13
Wednesday, August 12
3:00 PM or 6:30 PM

True Crime Club

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

Boys on the Tracks
Tuesday, July 21
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Rose Petal Murder
Tuesday, August 18
7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Senior Spotlight

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.

Senior Fitness

July 7, 14, 21, 28 and August 4, 11, 18, 25
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.

Stepping On: A Fall Prevention Class

Thursdays, July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 20, 27 & September 3
1:00 - 3:00 PM

Stepping On gives participants strategies for avoiding falls including balance and strength exercises, home safety modifications, medication review and more. Guest experts including a physical therapist, pharmacist and others visit over the course of seven sessions providing falls prevention information and strategies for avoiding a fall. The workshop is designed specifically for people who are aged 60 or older and have fallen or have a fear of falling. Participants can expect to finish the program with more strength, better balance and a feeling of confidence and independence.

Bring Your Own Teen!

Are you looking for something fun to do with your teenager this summer? Try one of our Bring Your Own Teen programs! Please remember to register yourself and your teen to reserve your spots.

BYOT: Cupcake Wars

Thursday, July 9
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Show off your decorating skills and compete with others to see who can create the most impressive cupcakes! Battle for the title of cupcake champion and a chance to win prizes.



BYOT: Yoga & Gemstone Bracelet

Tuesday, August 18
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.

Nutrition

Meet with a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist

Friday, July 10
Friday, August 14
11:00 - 12:00 PM, 15-minute appointments

Free 15 minute general nutrition education session with a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist (RDN) can include: nutrition label help, help with mindful eating, recipe ideas, brief disease/condition education, diet reviews (low sodium/sugar, high fiber, gluten free, etc.), food group overview. Information can be targeted to any age group. The RDN can not provide medical advice or review lab work/medications. Call Adult Reference to make an appointment.

Nutrition & Hypertension

Tuesday, August 4
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Learn more about hypertension and how to manage your symptoms while still enjoying the foods you like. Whether you have a new diagnosis, have family members with hypertension or have been diagnosed for years, come learn new information and review things you may already know. Learn early signs/symptoms of hypertension, foods and activities you can do to manage it, and how your body can heal over time!



Budget-Friendly Nutrition

Tuesday, July 14
6:00 - 7:00 PM

Eating well doesn't have to be expensive. This program shares practical tips for planning balanced meals on a budget, including smart grocery shopping, meal planning, and reducing food waste. Participants will learn how to stretch their food dollars while still meeting their nutrition needs.

Fitness

Yoga with Kate

Mondays, July 13, 20, 27, August 17, 24, and 31, 6:00 - 7:15 PM

Fee \$22.50. 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.



Soul Line Dancing with the Long Island Soul Sliders

Saturdays July 18 & 25, August 1, 22 & 29
2:00 - 3:30 PM

FEE \$25. 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.

Children's Programs

Registration for July programs begins Wednesday, July 1st at 9:30 AM and registration for August programs begins Monday, August 3rd 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. Please adhere to the age guidelines of the program when registering.

Early Childhood

Babies Boogie

(Ages Birth - 23 months)

Tuesday, July 7

10:00 - 10:40 AM

Join Nicole Sparling for a morning of fun and music with your little one!

Toddlers Tango

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Tuesday, July 7

11:00 - 11:40 AM

Join Nicole Sparling to wiggle, giggle, bounce, and play with your little one!

Beach Blanket Babies

(Ages Birth - 17 Months)

Thursday, July 9

Thursday, August 20

10:00 - 10:30 AM

Enjoy songs and fingerplays with A Time for Kids. Please bring a blanket or towel for your child.

Stars and Stripes Storycraft

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Friday, July 10

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Celebrate America's 250th by sharing a story about fireworks, and then making a patriotic craft.

Tiny Songbirds

Monday, July 13

(Ages Birth - 23 months)

10:00 - 10:45 AM

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Tiny Songbirds will have you and your little one singing, moving, playing instruments, and creating musical moments together. Making music is fun, and it's for everyone!

Mother Goose Rhyme Time

(Ages Birth - 18 Months)

Tuesdays, July 14 and 21

Tuesdays, August 4 and 11

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!

Signs & Stories

(Ages Birth - 5 Years)

Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28

Tuesdays, August 11, 18, 25

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.

Sunshine Storytime

(Family Program)

Wednesdays, July 15, 22, 29

Wednesdays, August 5 and 12

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Join us on the Library lawn for stories, songs, and fun! Please bring a blanket to sit on.

The Ms. Rachel Experience

(Ages 18 Months - 4 Years)

Thursday, July 16

10:00 - 10:45 AM

The Ms. Rachel Experience is a fun, interactive program that includes music, stories, and bubbles for little ones!

Storycraft with Miss Margaret

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)

Friday, July 17

4:00 - 4:30 PM

Thursday, August 20

2:30 - 3:00 PM

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

Book Buddies

(Ages 3 - 7 without Adult Caregiver)

Friday, July 17, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Monday, July 27, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Tuesday, August 4, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Wednesday, August 19, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Share stories with an older buddy!

T-Rex Tea Party

(Ages 3 - 6)

Monday, July 20

10:30 - 11:15 AM

Who said dinos can't be dainty? Bring your finest manners and your fiercest roar and join us for a dinosaur tea party that includes stories, snacks, and a craft. Dinosaur or tea party attire is welcome!

Little Ones Play Group

(Ages 1 - 2 Years)

Thursday, July 23

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Bring your littlest ones to the Library to meet some new friends! Enjoy a story and some songs, followed by free play time with our toy collection.

Tots Night Out

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)

Thursday, July 23

Monday, August 10

6:30 - 7:15 PM

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

Lego Buddies

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)

Friday, July 24

Tuesday, August 11

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Make a Lego masterpiece with an older buddy.

Creative Corner: Play Dough

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Monday, July 27

10:00 - 10:30 AM

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

Giggles and Grooves

(Ages Birth - 4 Years)

Thursday, July 30

9:45 - 10:30 AM

Join in a high energy music and movement class which includes some guitar, different instruments, puppets, scarves, a parachute, and bubbles!

Pajama Storytime

(Ages 3 - 7 Years)

Thursday, July 30

Tuesday, August 18

7:00 - 7:30 PM

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

A Time for Kids: Dinosaur Stomp

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)

Friday, July 31

10:00 - 10:45 AM or

11:00 - 11:45 AM

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

Dance with Me

(Ages 18 - 35 Months)

Thursday, August 6

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Have fun with your little one sharing creative movement dance activities and a story. The use of props, nursery rhymes, and imagination make for a warm, exciting class.

Let's Dance

(Ages 3 - 5 Years)

Thursday, August 6

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Enjoy a fun dance class in which basic movement principles and vocabulary are explored. Colorful props, stories, and creative games foster an exciting, engaging class.

Stuffie Buddies

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)

Wednesday, August 12

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Celebrate 250 years of America! Learn about a very special animal found in America, and then make your own stuffy with an older buddy.

Rock and Read

(Ages 18 Months - 5 Years)

Thursday, August 13

10:00 - 10:45 AM or

11:00 - 11:45 AM

A Time for Kids leads this lively class filled with rhythm, rhymes, repetition, songs, and story boards!

Moana Meetup and Storytime

(Ages 3 - 8 Years)

Friday, August 14

11:00 - 12:00 PM

Join us for an interactive storytime, followed by a meet and greet and photo op with your favorite Wayfinder! Come in costume if you wish!

Creative Corner: Fingerprints

(Ages 2 - 5 Years)

Monday, August 17

10:30 - 11:00 AM

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

Zumbini

(Ages Birth - 4 Years)

Wednesday, August 19

10:00 - 10:45 AM or

11:00 - 11:45 AM

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

Let's Get Ready for School!

(Ages 2.5 - 5 Years)

Thursday, August 27

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Enjoy stories, games, and fun activities designed to help you and your child prepare for school.



Summer Celebration!

(Family Program, recommended for ages 2 - 7. Please register separately for storytime and crafts.

Summer Storytime

Wednesday, July 8, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Celebrate summer by sharing stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun on the Library lawn. Please bring a blanket to sit on.

Summer Crafts

Wednesday, July 8, 11:15 - 12:00 PM

Make some fun summer and patriotic-themed crafts, and get your face painted by a Summer Reading Counselor!



Children's Programs

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School Age

Petra Puppets: Fossil Funhouse!

(Family Program, recommended for ages 4 and up)

Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Why do Pterodactyls love raviolis? What's the number one tune on Prehistoric Clam Radio? How can you stop a Sneezasaurus from sneezing? Kids uncover the answers, with a cast of goofy dinosaurs, funny fossils, and mysterious hidden raviolis at this fun and engaging puppet show! **Please register each family member separately.**

Drop-In Family Game Nights

(Families)

Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Wednesday, August 5, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Stop by the Library to play some board games with your family and neighbors. Registration is not required.

My Grown-Up and Me Cupcakes

(Grades K - 2)

Thursday, July 9, 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Children and their grown-ups gather to decorate delicious summer-themed cupcakes! **Please register all children and adults attending.**



Krafty Hands presents Silly Science!

(Grades K - 3)

Friday, July 10, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Join our friends from Krafty Hands for some silly science experiments, including slime from scratch, artificial snow, and a mini volcano!

Spies of the Revolution: The Secret Missions of the Culper Spy Ring

(Grades 2 - 5)

Monday, July 13, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Step into the world of Revolutionary War spies! Discover the true story of Long Island's Culper Spy Ring and learn how secret agents used invisible ink, codes, and clever tricks to outsmart the British. Participants will create their own spy messages, crack real ciphers, and explore local history through interactive activities designed to spark curiosity and imagination.

Author Visit: Christina Lambert Clarke

(Grades 1 - 3)

Tuesday, July 14, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Author Christina Lambert Clarke shares her book *M.W. and the Monarch!* Learn all about monarch butterflies, and participate in a fun activity. Children will receive a signed copy of Christina's book.

Learn Magic with Ari

(Grades 1 - 5)

Wednesday, July 15, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join Ari and learn beginner magic tricks to perform for your friends and family! After each trick, Ari will reveal the secrets and teach how to perform them.

SEL Storytime

(Grades K - 2)

Thursday, July 16, 2:30 - 3:00 PM

Join Ms. Lisa for a SEL read aloud, music, and activity focused on kindness.

Book Buddies

(Ages 3 - 7 without Adult Caregiver)

Friday, July 17, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Monday, July 27, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Tuesday, August 4, 11:00 - 11:30 AM

Wednesday, August 19, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Share stories with an older buddy!

Storycraft with Miss Margaret

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)

Friday, July 17, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Thursday, August 20, 2:30 - 3:00 PM

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

Pokemon Sculpey

(Grades 2 - 5)

Monday, July 20, 5:00 - 6:15 PM

Which is your favorite Pokemon? Let's create it! We will learn hand-building techniques to create your special character. Then they will be baked, harnessing the full powers of your Pokemon! And it can always be by your side!

Getting Crafty

(Grades 3 - 5)

Tuesday, July 21, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Tuesday, August 18, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Use your imagination and the Library's craft supplies to make your own unique artwork.

The Voyage of Turtle Rex

(Grades K - 2)

Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 - 2:30 PM

Did turtles live during the time of the dinosaurs? Find out in this program, which includes a story and a craft.

Chess Club

(Grades 2 - 5)

Wednesday, July 22, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Wednesday, August 19, 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Join Librarian Mr. Chris to learn how to play chess, or just improve your game.

Bingo Bash

(Family Program, recommended ages 4 and up)

Thursday, July 23, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Play Bingo with your family for a chance to win a prize! Please register all family members attending.

Birds of Prey

(Grades 1 - 5)

Friday, July 24, 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Birds of prey are some of the most magnificent animals in the world. In this program presented by Sweetbriar Nature Center, children will meet a variety of birds and discover what makes them so special. They will share two owls, a falcon, and more. Learn about the adaptations that help these awesome birds survive.

Lego Buddies

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)

Friday, July 24

Tuesday, August 11

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Make a Lego masterpiece with an older buddy.



Friendship Cookies

(Grades 2 - 5)

Tuesday, July 28, 4:30 - 5:00 PM

Decorate cookies with super cute candy bead sprinkles for your BFF or for yourself!

Dungeons & Dragons

(Grades 3 - 5)

Wednesday, July 29, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join Game Master Chris and create your own exciting adventure using only dice and your imagination!

Silly Circuits

(Grades 1 - 5)

Thursday, July 30, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Light up with excitement when you learn how to build silly play dough circuits that actually light up!

Slime Buddies

(Grades K - 2)

Thursday, August 6, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Make slime with an older buddy.

K-Pop for Kids

(Grades 1 - 5)

Thursday, August 6, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Learn the basic techniques of K-Pop dance and choreography in this fun class taught by Great South Bay Dance!

Family Dinosaur Hunt

(Family Program, recommended ages 4 and up)

Friday, August 7, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Families work in teams for a Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt! How many clues will your family uncover? Please register all family members attending.



Star Lab

(Grades K - 3)

Monday, August 10, 11:00 - 11:45 AM

Learn all about stars, planets, and celestial satellites inside an inflatable planetarium.

Dried Flower Tea Lights

(Grades 3 - 5)

Monday, August 10, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Bring the outdoors inside with dried flowers and a tea light jar.

Stuffie Buddies

(Ages 4 - 7 Years without Adult Caregiver)

Wednesday, August 12, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Learn about a mystery animal that lived on the American frontier, and then make your own stuffy with an older buddy.

Minecraft: Unearth the Giants

(Grades 1 - 5)

Thursday, August 13, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Step into the boots of a paleontologist in this hands-on archaeological adventure! Grab your brush and head to the dig site to uncover massive fossils using ancient excavation techniques. Piece together prehistoric giants, bring them to life, and build the ultimate museum!

Moana Meetup and Storytime

(Ages 3 - 8 Years)

Friday, August 14, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for an interactive storytime, followed by a meet and greet and photo op with your favorite Wayfinder! Come in costume if you wish!

STEM Storytime: Digging for Dinosaurs

(Grades K - 2)

Friday, August 14, 3:30 - 4:00 PM

Join Miss Lisa for a dinosaur-related STEM read aloud and activity.

Retro Sand Art Jar

(Grades K - 2)

Monday, August 17, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

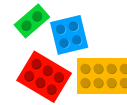
Create a one of a kind masterpiece using colored sand.

Tie-Dye Extravaganza

(All ages. Children grades 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver)

Friday, August 21, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Drop in and celebrate the end of Summer Reading by unleashing your creativity with tie-dye! Design your own vibrant one-of-a-kind creation. Please bring the item you'd like to tie-dye. We'll provide the dye and supplies.



Drop-In Family Legos

(Family Program, recommended for ages 4 and up)

Wednesday, August 26

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Drop by the Children's Room to build a Lego masterpiece with your family. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Children's Programs

Registration for July programs begins Wednesday, July 1st at 9:30 AM and registration for August programs begins Monday, August 3rd at 9:30 AM. All family programs listed below require that an adult caregiver be present in the program.

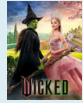
Family Programs

Movie Night: Wicked

(Family Program)

~~Monday, July 6 7:00 - 9:30 PM~~ **New Date: Friday, August 21, 7:30 PM**

Celebrate the beginning of the 2026 Summer Reading Program by watching Wicked with your family! Meet in the Brightwaters Field on the corner of South Windsor and South Country Road across from the Library. Bring a lawn chair or blanket. Popcorn and water will be served.



Drop-In Family Game Nights

(Families)

**Wednesday, July 8
Wednesday, August 5
6:00 - 8:00 PM**

Stop by the Library to play some board games with your family and neighbors. Registration is not required.

Bingo Bash

(Family Program, recommended ages 4 and up)

**Thursday, July 23
3:00 - 3:45 PM**

Play Bingo with your family for a chance to win a prize! Please register all family members attending.

Petra Puppets: Fossil Funhouse!

(Family Program, recommended for ages 4 and up)

**Tuesday, July 7
7:00 - 8:00 PM**

Why do Pterodactyls love raviolis? What's the number one tune on Prehistoric Clam Radio? How can you stop a Sneezeasaurus from sneezing? Kids uncover the answers, with a cast of goofy dinosaurs, funny fossils, and mysterious hidden raviolis at this fun and engaging puppet show! Please register each family member separately.

Silent Book Club

**Tuesday, July 14
6:00 - 7:00 PM**

For independent readers ages 6 and up. Join us outside on the lawn for a relaxing evening of quiet reading. Bring a book of your choice from home, or borrow one from the Library ahead of the program. Bring a blanket or chair, enjoy some snacks, and unwind while we read together. Rain Date: August 4th. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver.

Family Dinosaur Hunt

(Family Program, recommended ages 4 and up)

**Friday, August 7
3:00 - 3:45 PM**

Families work in teams for a Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt! How many clues will your family uncover? Please register all family members attending.



Summer Celebration!

(Family Program, recommended for ages 2 - 7. Please register separately for storytime and crafts.

Summer Storytime

Wednesday, July 8, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Celebrate summer by sharing stories, songs, fingerplays, and fun on the Library lawn. Please bring a blanket to sit on.

Summer Crafts

Wednesday, July 8, 11:15 - 12:00 PM

Make some fun summer-themed crafts, and get your face painted by a Summer Reading Counselor!

Angel's Dominoes Club

(All Ages)

**Tuesdays, July 14 & 28
Tuesdays, August 11 & 25
7:00 PM**

Neighbors meet to play, learn, connect and celebrate the vibrant Hispanic heritage of dominoes! All are welcome. We provide the dominoes; you bring the stories and spirit! Children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Please register all family members attending.



Tie-Dye Extravaganza

(All ages. Children grades 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult caregiver)

**Friday, August 21
2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Drop in and celebrate the end of Summer Reading by unleashing your creativity with tie-dye! Design your own vibrant one-of-a-kind creation. Please bring the item you'd like to tie-dye. We'll provide the dye, while supplies last. Registration is not required.



Drop-In Family Legos

(Family Program, recommended ages 4 and up)

**Wednesday, August 26
11:00 - 2:00 PM**

Drop by the Children's Room to build a Lego masterpiece with your family. All children must be accompanied by an adult caregiver. Registration is not required.

Take Home Kits

Craft Kits

Children up to Grade 3
Children Grades 4 and up

Stop by the Children's room to pick up a craft kit, while supplies last. July kits are available beginning Wednesday, July 1. August kits are available beginning Monday, August 3. Registration is not required.



Garden Club Kits

Use your library card to borrow a kit from the Bay Shore Garden Club! Go on a nature hunt and learn about what is going on outside all around you! Each bag contains a book and an activity. Please inquire at the Children's Desk for availability.

Year-Round Reading Clubs

Sail into Kindergarten

Join our reading club for early learners who have not yet entered kindergarten! This program promotes the importance of reading aloud with children, starting in infancy. Register at the Children's Services Desk. Read 50 books and complete a log sheet. Once you have finished your log sheet, bring it to a children's librarian and collect a prize from our treasure chest. You will receive another log sheet for a chance to win more prizes.



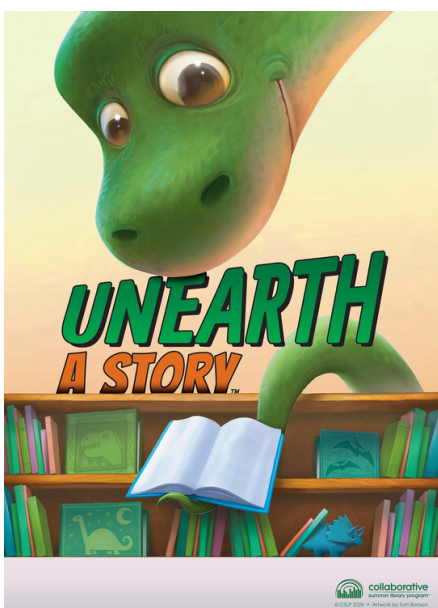
Sensational Siblings

Do you have an older child that loves to read to their younger sibling? Stop in and grab one of our Sensational Sibling Reader charts and start coloring! Every time your child reads to their younger sibling, you can keep track of it on your chart. Once you have completed a chart, bring it in for a certificate and prize.



500 Books Before Middle School

Beginning in September, students in grades kindergarten through fifth grade can join this challenge to read 500 books before entering sixth grade. Track your books, and earn prizes along the way.



Join the Children's 2026 Summer Reading Club!

Ages Birth through Fifth Grade

See the front page for details!

Teen Programs

Teen Programs are for students entering Grades 6 - 12. Registration for July programs begins Wednesday, July 1st at 9:30 AM. Registration for August programs begins Monday, August 3rd at 9:30 AM. A valid Bay Shore - Brightwaters Library card is required.

SAT Prep Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22 & 29 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Fee: \$85 (non-refundable and due at registration) 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 opens July 1st.

Fabric Wooden Trinket Dish Tuesday, July 7 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Design your own stylish trinket dish using wooden bowls and vibrant fabrics.

BYOA: Cupcake Wars Thursday, July 9 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Show off your decorating skills and compete with others to see who can create the most impressive cupcakes! Battle for the title of cupcake champion and a chance to win prizes.

Silent Book Club Tuesday, July 14 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join us outside on the lawn for a relaxing evening of quiet reading. Bring a book from home, or borrow one from the Library before the program begins. Bring a blanket or chair, enjoy some snacks, and unwind while we read together. Rain Date: August 4th.

Take Home Craft Kits

Stop by the Children's Room to pick up a craft kit, while supplies last. July kits are available beginning Wednesday, July 1. August kits are available beginning Monday, August 3. Registration is not required.

Dungeons & Dragons Wednesday, July 15 Wednesday, August 12 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join Game Master Chris and create your own exciting adventure using only dice and your imagination!

Crafting Cinema Friday, July 17 12:00 - 2:30 PM

Craft and watch Twilight: New Moon with Librarians Gabrielle and Sam! Bring your own project or try an easy craft. Enjoy snacks, a movie, and hang out with friends.

Creative Canvas Monday, July 20 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Let your imagination lead the way. Spend a laid-back evening painting whatever inspires you.

Friendship Bracelets Thursday, July 23 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Create friendship bracelets to match your style. Make one for yourself or share with a friend!

Craft & Chill Tuesday, July 28 11:00 AM - 12:00 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.

Air Dry Clay Friday, July 31 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Get hands-on with air-dry clay and create something uniquely yours.

Junk Journal Friday, August 7 11:00 AM - 12:30 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!



Join the 2026 Teen Summer Reading Club!

See the front page for details.

Snack Taste Test Challenge Tuesday, August 11 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Join us at the library to taste and rank a variety of Pop-Tart flavors. Which one will come out on top?

BYOA: Yoga & Gemstone Bracelet Tuesday, August 18 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.



Adopt a Dragon Thursday, August 20 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Unleash your creativity by adopting your very own fidget dragon! Then, customize and paint its egg with bold, vibrant colors.

Tie Dye Extravaganza Friday, August 21 2:00 - 3:30 PM

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Lego Robotics Tuesday, August 25 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Join us for a hands-on robotics adventure as we build and code our very own LEGO Grabber Robot.

Bead & Create: Keychains and Pens Thursday, August 27 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Get creative and design your own beadable keychain or pen. Mix and match beads, colors, and styles to design something uniquely yours.

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.

Community Service

Community service opportunities are for students entering grades 6 - 12. Students must arrive on time in order to receive Community Service credit.

Community Service Squad Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 - 4:00 PM Friday, July 10, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Help us paint and decorate our Little Free Library! Get creative as we add color and personality to this community book-sharing space. Please dress for a mess.

Culper Spy Ring Monday, July 13, 5:00 - 6:00 PM



Explore the real-life Culper Spy Ring and analyze the codes, ciphers, and intelligence strategies that helped shape the outcome of the Revolutionary War. Through hands-on challenges and group problem-solving, participants will connect history to modern concepts like cryptography and communication while uncovering Long Island's critical role in America's fight for independence.

Craft Buddies Friday, July 17, 4:00 - 4:45 PM Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 - 2:45 PM Wednesday, August 12, 4:00 - 4:45 PM Thursday, August 20, 2:30 - 3:15 PM

Help a younger friend create a fun and imaginative craft together.

Book Buddies Friday, July 17, 11:00 - 11:30 AM Monday, July 27, 3:00 - 3:30 PM Tuesday, August 4, 11:00 - 11:30 AM Wednesday, August 19, 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Read to younger kids and earn community service credit.

Lego Buddies Friday, July 24 Tuesday, August 11 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Create a Lego masterpiece with a younger friend.

Bookmarked with Kindness Wednesday, July 29, 3:00 - 4:00 PM Monday, August 10, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Get creative and earn community service hours by designing personalized bookmarks for library patrons.

Community Creations: Decorate Jenga Wednesday, August 5, 3:00 - 4:00 PM Thursday, August 13, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Give back to the library by decorating Jenga pieces for community use! Add your creativity and help build a one-of-a-kind game set while earning community service hours.

Slime Buddies Thursday, August 6, 3:00 - 3:45 PM

Make slime with a younger friend.



STEM Buddies Friday, August 14, 3:30 - 4:15 PM

Assist a younger buddy in completing a STEM activity.

Bead Kind Monday, August 17, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Create friendship bracelets to spread kindness and brighten someone's day.

Drop in Bookmarks Wednesday, August 26, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Stop by the Teen Room to create five bookmarks and earn one hour of community service. No registration required.

Take Home Community Service

Can't make it to the library for community service? Pick up one of our take-home community service kits! Complete the activity at home and return it to earn community service hours.

Hygiene and Food Drives
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-

General Information

Library Bus Trip

9/11 Memorial and Museum, and One World Observatory

Wednesday, September 16, 2026. Bus departs from the Library at 8:00 AM.

Located at the World Trade Center site, the 9/11 Memorial & Museum in NYC honors the nearly 3,000 victims of the 2011 and 1993 attacks. Through moving artifacts, personal stories, and interactive technology, the museum preserves history, offering a poignant, educational and emotional space for reflection and remembrance on the site where the Twin Towers once stood. The trip includes bus transportation and a guided walking tour of the Museum and One World Observatory. There will be plenty of time on your own to self-guide the Museum, visit the Reflecting Pools and have lunch with many available eateries nearby.

The non-refundable payment of \$180 per person is due by July 25th and can be made by cash, check or credit card.

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.

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.

Library Displays

July Displays

Inside and Outside Showcases

View this display about ferries from Bay Shore's past, built by and hand-crafted by Captain Sandy Ott - ZEELINE in service from 1969 - 1989.

Gallery

Edward Morley grew up in NYC and has resided in Brightwaters since 1971. He has been an avid self-study and student of Still and Wild Life painting over the years, and he has participated in various Art Exhibitions and Associations on Long Island.

August Displays

Inside Showcase

Colette Steinhauser is a photographer who has an interest in our local animals. She loves getting out and capturing the beauty of these animals to share with others.

Outside Showcase

The Bay Shore Garden Club display.

Gallery

Eileen Carr will showcase her wonderful paintings on wood pallets.



Coffee Cart

Visit the coffee cart in the Library Gallery to enjoy an afternoon beverage! Visit our website for coffee cart hours.

Museum Passes

Free Print-on-Demand Passes:

- American Airpower Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Cold Spring Harbor Fire House Museum
- 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
- Raynham Hall Museum
- 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:

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

Purchase online:

- The Gateway Performing Arts Center (Contact the Library for discount code information.)
- Horton's Flower Farm
- Splish Splash

Please contact the Library for current pricing and availability for Discounted Tickets, or scan for more information.

Special Event:
Long Island Ducks Game
Saturday, July 18, 2026
6:35 PM
Cost: \$15.00 per ticket.
Purchase tickets at the Library.



Little Free Library

Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library's Little Free Library can be found at the library corner of W. Main Street and S. Windsor Avenue in Brightwaters. LFL is a nonprofit organization based in Minnesota with a mission to be a catalyst for building community, inspiring readers, and expanding book access for all through a global network of volunteer-led Little Free Libraries. Take a book! If you see something you'd like to read, take it. You don't have to add a book at the same time as you take one. After you've read it, share it in any Little Free Library book-sharing box or pass it on to a friend.



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Library Hours

Monday-Thursday: 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
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Sunday: CLOSED

Holiday Closings

Friday, July 3
Saturday, July 4