



# BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

Serving the  
South Country  
Central School District

November-December 2023

## A Note from the Director

Dear Community Members:

We are finally getting close to the start of work on the Library's property. As this newsletter is headed to print, the estimated start date is Monday, October 30. Please bear in mind that this date is subject to change and is also the latest update as of October 18 (when this newsletter was submitted for printing). The project should take approximately three weeks to complete and we aim to keep any disturbances to library services or the neighborhood at a minimum.

The Board and I sincerely thank our neighbors and patrons for their continued patience and understanding. If you have any questions or concerns, about this project or any library matter, I encourage you to reach out to me. I am available by phone, email, or in-person and welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Sincerely,

*Jamie Papandrea*

Director

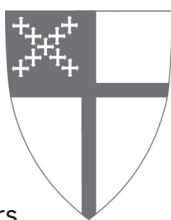
### Essential Item Collection Drive

3rd Saturday of the Month, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

St. James Episcopal Church –

260 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven

Non-perishable food items, toiletries and clothes are collected each month for our fellow community members in need. As plans may occasionally be disrupted by weather, check our website or social media for updates. **No registration required.**



## Tickets & Museum Passes

**Discount Tickets** - On sale now at the Circulation Desk while supplies last. Some restrictions may apply; please inquire for more information.

**Long Island Aquarium** - Tickets do not expire.  
\$27 for Total Experience Ticket  
(a savings of \$18.99/adult ticket, \$4.99/child!)



**Museum Passes** - Call or reserve online. Please call the institution to confirm operating hours and guidelines prior to your visit.

Brooklyn Botanical Garden  
Children's Museum of the East End  
Cradle of Aviation Museum  
Harbes Barnyard Adventure –

Now offered as a print-on-demand pass!

Long Island Children's Museum  
LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum  
Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum  
Parrish Art Museum  
South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center  
Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium



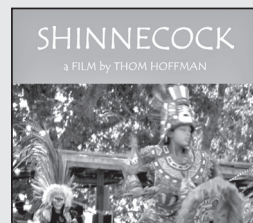
## Featured Happenings:

### Shinnecock: A Documentary Film - Screening & Discussion

Adults 18 and up

Wednesday, November 8, 6:00 PM

See the film, which depicts the history, culture and unique perspective of the Shinnecock people and stay for a lively discussion with co-creator Janine Tinsley-Roe. **Please register.**



### Sustainable Holidays

Adults 18 and up

Thursday, November 9, 6:30 PM

Are you wondering how you can make decisions and create new traditions that celebrate winter holidays while having a smaller impact on our environment and climate? It's possible and Sustainability librarian, Annemarie Gordon, can give you some ideas to get started. **Please register.**



### Wrap on Us!

All welcome

Anytime during the hours listed

Saturdays, December 2, 9, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM

Saturday, December 16, 1:00-4:00 PM

Monday, December 18, 1:00-7:00 PM

Stop by anytime to put the finishing touches on your thoughtful holiday gifts. Wrapping paper, ribbon, gift bags and more – we've got it all!

**No registration required.**

### A Holiday Sampler

Adults 18 and up

Sunday, December 10,  
5:00-6:30 PM

Deborah Mayo and  
Steven McCloskey

present a selection  
of festive readings  
to celebrate, amuse,  
and inspire.

Come welcome in the

season with work from Vladimir Nabokov, Mary Oliver, T.S. Eliot, Dylan Thomas, Maya Angelou, Saki, and many more. Suggested admission of 5 lbs. of non-perishable food items per person to benefit local food banks. **Please register.**



Deborah Mayo



Steven McCloskey

## FIREPLACE LITERARY CLUB

1:30 PM at Post-Morrow Foundation, 16 Bay Road, Brookhaven

**Wednesday, November 8**

The history of East Patchogue by Joe Varsellona.

**Wednesday, December 13**

Holiday Party with performances by the Bellport High School Chorus under the direction of Henry Finnegan and a Recorder performance by ARDENa as well as stories and tasty treats.

Contributions to Hospice are welcome.

**New Members Are Always Welcome**

**Call 631-286-1136 for Information**

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**REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4.** All event/ticket fees are collected at the Circulation Desk. There are no refunds. When registering for classes or events, verify that your contact information is up to date. Class size varies by class/event. Patrons who arrive 15-minutes or later may have their space given to another patron if there is a waitlist or may not be allowed to join late. If you cannot attend, please notify us so that someone else can participate.

# Classes & Events For ADULTS

18 years  
and up

## Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up  
Tuesdays, November-December, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Please note, titles may vary based on availability.

### No registration required.

11/7 – *The Way We Were* (1973)  
11/14 – *Air* (2023)  
11/21 – *Dungeons & Dragons* (2023)  
11/28 – *Past Lives* (2023)  
12/5 – *Barbie* (2023)  
12/12 – *The Miracle Club* (2023)  
12/19 – *The Fugitive* (1993)



## Friday Afternoon Creatives

Adults 18 years and up  
Fridays, November-December, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Bring a creative project to work on in the company of other creative people. No formal instruction is provided, but advice is available. **No registration required.**

## Scents of the Season

Adults 18 and up  
Monday, November 6, 6:00-7:30 PM  
Artist/designer, Laura Barrella has the tools and the scents of autumn to make potpourri and scented fire starters using dried herbs, fruits and flowers. **Please register.**

## Senior Services of North America: Lowering Prescription Drug Costs

Adults 18 and up  
Wednesday, November 8, 12:30-1:30 PM  
Join agents from SSNA monthly for an educational workshop. **Please register.**

## Bingo

Adults 18 and up  
Wednesdays, November 8 & December 13 (Holiday Edition),  
2:00-3:00 PM  
Join in on the fun and win prizes! **Please register.**

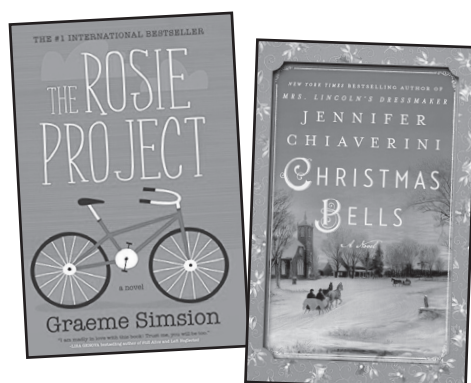
## Art with Friends

Adults 18 and up,  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Monday, November 13 – **Fall Twine Vase**  
Monday, December 11 – **Pinecone Tree Display**  
Create unique art projects with the direction of the talented Miss Brittany. **Please register.**



## Book Club

Adults 18 years and up  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Tuesday, November 14 – *The Rosie Project*  
by Graeme Simsion  
Tuesday, December 12 – *Christmas Bells: A Novel*  
by Jennifer Chiaverini  
Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk. **Please register.**



## DIY Festive Centerpiece Tray with Little Miss Workbench

Adults 18 and up  
Wednesday,  
November 15, 6:30 PM  
Elevate your holiday gatherings with a beautiful handmade centerpiece. Little Miss Workbench will show you how to build your own. **Please register.**



## Saturday Social at Brookhouse Pizza and Grill

Adults 18 and up  
Saturdays, November 18 & December 16, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Brookhouse Pizza and Grill – 2478 Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven  
Join us for a morning social with coffee, muffins and games. **Please register.**

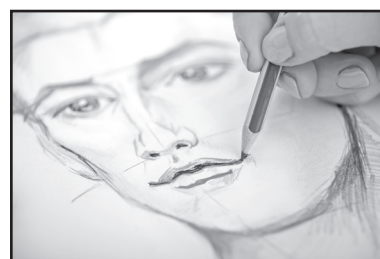


## Winter Watercolor Scene

Adults 18 and up  
Saturday, November 18, 12:30-1:30 PM  
Journey with artist Linda Lee to create a cozy winter scene using various techniques to enhance the feel of winter. **Please register.**

## Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

Adults 18 years and up  
Saturday, November 25,  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM or 1:00-3:00 PM OR  
Monday, November 27,  
10:00 AM-12:00 PM or 1:00-3:00 PM  
Learn the art of handtied wreaths and leave with your very own. Please bring a pair of shears and gloves. Registration for this event is limited to BFL cardholders. **Please register.**



## Classic Figure Drawing

Adults 18 and up  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Thursday, November 16 – **Understanding Proportions**  
Tuesday, December 12 – **Faces and Expressions**  
Join resident artist Tom for an ongoing series of drawing lessons focusing on different parts of capturing the human figure in illustration. Beginners are welcome. **Please register.**

## Upcycled Book Page Christmas Tree

Adults 18 and up  
Monday, December 4,  
6:00-7:30 PM  
Upcycle old books into adorable Christmas trees to decorate your mantle or holiday table with unique and festive cheer. **Please register.**



## DIY Hand Warmers

Adults 18 and up  
Wednesday, December 6,  
6:00-7:30 PM  
Local designer, artist Laura Barrella is back for this beginner sewing project. We will be making two sets of reusable hand warmers. Make a set for yourself and we welcome you to donate a set to our local residents at Bellhaven Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. **Please register.**



## South Bay Art Association Sketch Club

Join the SBAA Sketch Club. Meetings are held at the Library one Tuesday evening and one Saturday each month to work and share art. Please visit [southbayart.org](http://southbayart.org) or email [info@southbayart.org](mailto:info@southbayart.org) for more information and to register.





# Children's Programs

**Registration Begins Saturday, November 4.** All event/ticket fees are collected at the Circulation Desk. There are no refunds. When registering for classes or events, verify that your contact information is up to date. Class size varies by class/event. Patrons who arrive 15-minutes or later may have their space given to another patron if there is a waitlist or may not be allowed to join late. If you cannot attend, please notify us so that someone else can participate.

## Early Education Classes and Events for Birth-Pre-K



### Creative Corner

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Mondays, November-December (No class November 27),  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Art helps young children develop fine motor skills and build creativity. Fine motor skills are essential for school readiness. Join us on Mondays for a different activity. We will take care of the mess! **Please register.**

### Community Storytime

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Tuesdays, November-December, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Let's explore and enjoy our beautiful community together. Meet at various locations to partake in a lively storytime featuring Miss Rita. Locations will be emailed to you within 24 hours of the class. **Please register.**

### Together Time Stories, Rhymes & Songs

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver  
Wednesdays, November-December,  
10:00-10:30 AM  
Join us to share in special time with your little ones while promoting skills essential to pre-literacy skills. Meghan VK will make special appearances on November 15 and December 20 to treat us to musical fun! **Please register.**



### DID YOU KNOW?

You can get free at-home access to **ABC Mouse**, the #1 online learning program for kids ages 2-8+ with your **BFL card!** With more than 10,000+ learning activities and more than 850 lessons, the award-winning ABCmouse.com is the most comprehensive early learning site on earth.



### Lil Tots Sports Club

18 months and up with a caregiver  
Thursdays, November 9, 16, 30 and December 7, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Little Tots Sports Studio is coming to BFL! Instructors will have your little ones playing soccer, basketball, football and hockey in no time! **Please register.**

### Baby Play

Birth-18 months with a caregiver  
Fridays, November-December,  
10:00-11:00 AM, anytime  
Enjoy some free play with baby and meet some new friends. **Please register.**



### On My Own StoryTime

Age 3 and up  
Fridays, November-December,  
12:00-12:30 PM  
Bring lunch or a snack to this lively and fun independent storytime intended to help ease separation anxiety and promote early literacy skills. **Please register.**

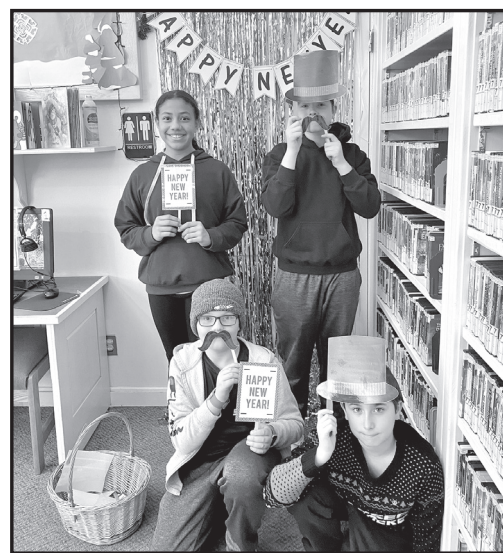
### Holiday Sing Along

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Thursday, December 14,  
10:00-11:00 AM  
(Rain Date - December 21)  
Get ready for a top-notch performance featuring Brookhaven Elementary School Music Teacher, Mr. Charles Koci, along with some of Brookhaven's finest chorus singers. They will surely have you and your children singing and a dancing along to seasonal favorites! **Please register.**



### Noon Year's Eve Party

Families with Children of All Ages Welcome  
Saturday, December 30,  
11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Break out your fancy attire and join us for dancing, games, refreshments and fun to ring in the new year! **Please register.**



## Classes & Events for Children Grades K-4

### Gift in a Jar

Families with Children Grades Pre-K-4  
Tuesday, November 7, 6:00-7:00 PM  
Add a handmade touch to your gift giving this year by decorating a jar and adding a delicious recipe. **Please register.**

### Caramel Apple Decorating

Grades K-4  
Monday, November 20, 6:00-7:00 PM  
It's the perfect time for caramel apples. Come by to make your own, topped with yummy treats. **Please register.**

### Holiday Card Workshop

Grade Pre-K-Grade 4  
Wednesday, November 29,  
4:00-6:00 PM, anytime  
We have all the supplies you need designed to inspire you to make beautiful cards for your friends and family. **Please register.**



### Christmas Holiday Slime

Grades 1-3  
Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-7:00 PM  
We will add a little surprise to this slime! **Please register.**

### Tea Light Ornaments

Grades K-4  
Wednesday, December 20,  
6:00-7:00 PM  
Create these adorable snowman ornaments to light up your Christmas tree this season! **Please register.**



### Sketchbook Studio

Grades K-3  
Wednesday, December 27, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM  
Take advantage of your vacation day and come draw with us! Be inspired by others while gaining insight from our resident artist, Tom. Leave with a really cool drawing you can be proud of! **Please register.**

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# Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

## Caramel Apple Decorations

Grades 5 and up  
Tuesday, November 21,  
4:30-5:30 PM  
Savor the fall season with a delicious recipe for mini caramel apple treats. **Please register.**



## Illustration Alliance

Grades 5 and up  
Thursday,  
November 16,  
4:30-5:30 PM  
This open drawing club is the perfect place to practice your skills and be inspired by other artists. Tom will be on hand to lend his guidance and insight so that you can create something you'll be proud of. **Please register.**



## Ha Ha Holiday Cards

Grades 5 and up  
Wednesday, November 29, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Don't just send a plain old greeting card! Tom will help you add some character, personality and maybe a few good puns so that your near and dear receive a memorable holiday card. **Please register.**

## Ugly Holiday Sweater Party

Grades 5 and up  
Saturday,  
December 23,  
2:00-4:00 PM  
Bring some friends and wear an ugly sweater to BFL for some holiday fun! We will have games, music and snacks! Prizes for the ugliest sweater! **Please register.**



## GAMERS CORNER

### Minecraft Meetup

Grades 4 and up  
Thursday, December 14, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Play on the same server with your friends and let's create, build, and design. **Please register.**



### Robotics

Grades 4 and up  
Tuesdays, November 28 and December 26, 2:30-3:30 PM  
Get imaginative with BFL's LEGO Spike Prime kits and build a design of your choosing! **Please register.**

### Retro Game Club: HALO Link Battle

Grades 4 and up  
Thursdays, November 30 and December 28, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Play this original XBOX favorite, HALO: COMBAT EVOLVE. Compete in team-based games such as Capture the Flag, King of the Hill, and Team Deathmatch. **Please register.**

### Acron: Attack of the Squirrel. Virtual Reality

Grades 4 and up  
Thursday, December 7, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Wednesday, December 27, 2:30-3:30 PM  
Using our META Oculus virtual reality device, experience this hilarious game through group-based gameplay. **Please register.**



### Super Mario Adventures

Grades 2 and up  
Thursday, December 21, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Experience an evening of all things Super Mario. It's a great opportunity for little gamers to experience playing their favorite Mario games alongside fellow big gamers. **Please register.**

### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Grades 4 and up  
Wednesday, November 22, 5:30-7:30 PM  
Friday, December 29, 5:30-7:30 PM  
Calling all Super Smash Bros. warriors! Battle to victory in this epic Nintendo Switch favorite. Pizza provided and a chance to win a gamers gift card. **Please register.**



## community Service For Teens

Grades 6 and up. Contact us for more information.

### Homework Buddies

Grade 8 and up  
Are you a good student who enjoys helping and being around kids? Kids need help with reading and homework and there is no better role model and the big kid! Once we have you registered we will partner you with a youngster to meet hear at the library. **Please register.**



### Thanksgiving Placemat

Grades 6 and up  
Wednesday, November 15, 3:30-5:30 PM  
Calling all Bellport High School Students! Take a walk over to BFL and help us create placemats for our elderly friends at Bellhaven Center for Rehabilitation and Nursing. **Please register.**



### Holiday Cards for Residents of MaryHaven

Grades 6 and up  
Let's enrich the lives of people with special needs living in residential care at Maryhaven. We will be creating holiday cards with compassion, kindness and creativity. **Contact us to set up an appointment.**

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### Hours:

Monday-Thursday: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM  
Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM  
Sunday: Closed

Curbside pick-up available! Building hours and services may vary. Please call to confirm or visit us online.

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**Website: [www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org](http://www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org)**

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**  
**November 11, 23 & 24**  
**December 25 & 26**



## Board of Trustees

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Kathleen Dallin, Brittany LaValle, Kristin Kirk-Murphy,  
Jackie Subhash and Megan Reitzel.

Jamie Papandrea, Library Director

### Upcoming Board Meetings:

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday each month from September to July, at 7:00 PM. All meetings are open to the public. As some changes are unavoidable, please call the Library or check our online calendar to verify dates and times.

### MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

Patrons please note that during Library events and visits, staff may take photographs for Library publicity. Please inform us if you do not want photos taken of you or your child.