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Central School District

March-April 2024

BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY, APRIL 2

**Budget Vote and
Trustee Election**
10:00 AM-8:00 PM
Visit our website or stop by
the Library (starting March 1)
for detailed voting information.



ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us to review the year, celebrate employee milestones and honor the recipient of the *9th Annual Community Partner in Literacy Award*. Detailed information will be available on our website starting March 1.

Think Sustainability

Meet the Farmers

All welcome
Thursday, March 28 at 6:30 PM
Join us for an informative meet and greet with our very own local farmers. Learn about farmstands and CSA's (Community Supported Agriculture) in our area, understand the benefits of seasonal eating, and find out about the diversity of food grown right here. **Please register.**

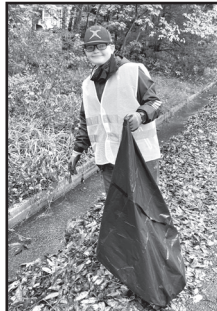
Too Good to Waste: Composting for Everyone

All welcome
Saturday, April 13, 3:00 PM
HOG Farm Farmer, Sean Pilger, will help you learn how to put your food scraps to use while reducing your household waste. Whether you are interested in backyard composting or community drop-off spots, join us to find a solution that will work for you. **Please register.**



Community Clean-up

All welcome
Saturday, April 20, 9:00 AM
Join neighbors throughout the South Country Community for our Annual Cleanup. Meet at BFL and lend your hands to help make a difference. All supplies are provided and participants are invited to meet back at the Library for a thank you brunch at 11:00 AM. **Please register.**



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 – Reopening 4/20
Long Island Children's Museum
LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum – NEW
Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum –
Reopening in early April
Parrish Art Museum
South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center
Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium



PARRISH ART MUSEUM



Community Events:

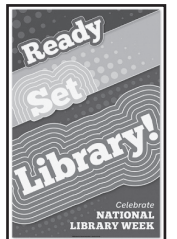
Guitar Lessons for Beginners

Ages 12 and up
Tuesdays, March-April, 4:30-6:30 PM (No class 3/19)
Practice and learn basic guitar skills with Hailey.
Registration is limited to BFL cardholders.
Please register to schedule a thirty-minute lesson.



National Library Week

April 7-13 • All welcome
The American Library Association established National Library Week in 1958 as an annual celebration highlighting the valuable role libraries, librarians, and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening our communities.



This year's theme, "Ready, Set, Library!" promotes the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life's journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—libraries provide an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

Get ready to explore, become inspired, and connect with BFL this National Library Week. **No registration required.**

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party

All welcome
Monday, April 8, 2:30-4:00 PM (weather permitting)
Bellport Village Gazebo – 29 Bellport Lane, Bellport
Meet us at the Village Green's Gazebo to celebrate and view the 2024 total solar eclipse. This fascinating cosmic event happens when the Moon passes between the Sun and Earth, completely blocking the face of the Sun. The sky will darken as if it were dawn or dusk, allowing the beauty of the Sun's corona to shine in the sky. Eclipse glasses will be available to safely view this rare occurrence, plus we're partnering with Brewport to offer a special edition refresher, sure to be out of this world! **No registration required.**



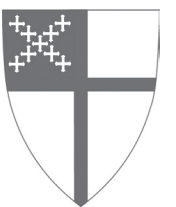
About Boating Safety

Saturday, April 27, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM • Cost: \$50 • Ages 10 and up
Become familiar with boat handling, trailering, navigation rules, common problems, and safe boating practices through US Coast Guard Auxiliary certified instructors. Upon completion and passing an online test, you will receive a Boating Safety Certificate and a laminated, wallet-sized, Boating Safety Card. This course satisfies Federal and NY State Parks and Recreation for Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) and recreational boating. Registration requires a \$50 check payable to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-06 for course fee and study guide. **Please register.**

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.**



FIREPLACE LITERARY CLUB

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

Wednesday, March 13

Guest speaker Daniel Love – You and Your Computer: How Safe are you?

Wednesday, April 10

Guest speaker Vicki Fleming – Things to do at Cornell Cooperative Extension

New members are always welcome. Membership is \$35 a year for single membership and \$55 for double membership. For more information, please call Jane Love at (631) 286-1136.

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REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, MARCH 2. 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

English Language Learning

Adults 18 and up

Mondays, March-April, 6:00-7:00 PM

Would you like to have some support with learning the English Language? Is it difficult to understand the written and spoken English word? Is it frustrating when you have trouble getting your point across or your voice heard? If so, join professional English as a Second Language Instructor Marie Knapp to help you confidently communicate the English Language.

Please register.

Clases de ENL

Adultos de 18 en adelante

Lunes, marzo-abril, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Únase con nosotros en semanalmente para una clase de inglés dado por la instructora Marie Knapp. Las clases se centrarán en la práctica de hablar, leer y escribir. Todos los niveles de habilidad son bienvenidos. **Por favor regístrese.**

Book Club

Adults 18 years and up

10:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday, March 12 –

The Lincoln Highway

by Amor Towles

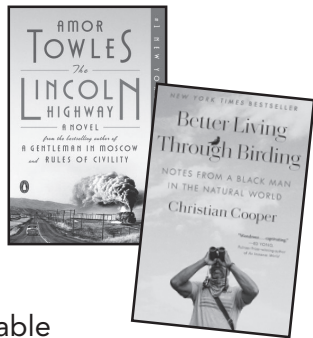
Tuesday, April 9 –

Better Living Through Birding

by Christian Cooper *LI Reads

Copies of each title will be available

at the Circulation Desk. **Please register.**



Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up

Tuesdays, March 5–April 30, 2:00-4:00 PM

Please note, titles may vary based on availability.

No registration required.

3/5 – *The Holdovers* (2023)

3/12 – *Desperately Seeking Susan* (1985)

3/19 – *Priscilla* (2023)

3/26 – *Hypnotic* (2023)

4/2 – NO Movie

4/9 – *Wonka* (2023)

4/16 – *Next Goal Wins* (2023)

4/23 – *Freelance* (2023)

4/30 – *Ferrari* (2023)



Bingo!

Adults 18 and up

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, 2:00-3:00 PM

Join in on the fun and win prizes! **Please register.**

Saturday Social at Brookhouse Pizza and Grill

Adults 18 and up

Saturdays, March 16 & April 13, 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.**

Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 and up

Saturday, March 23, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM

Cost: \$35

This class, recognized by all NY State insurance companies, can help reduce your auto collision and liability insurance rates by 10%. If you have

incurred violations during the 18-month period prior to completing the course, up to four points will automatically be reduced on your driving record.

There is no exam and fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



**Empire
Safety
Council**

Long Island Reads: One Book - One Island

Adults 18 and up

Sunday, April 21, 2:00 PM –

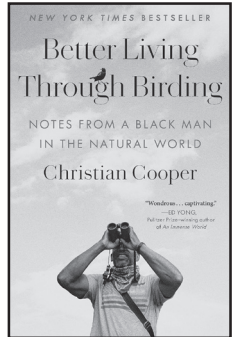
Attend in-person OR watch live stream

Plainview-Old Bethpage Library –

999 Old Country Rd, Plainview

Long Island Reads is an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss one book. Meet the

authors, John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski to discuss, *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper. Visit our event's calendar for more information. **Please register.**



Tuesday, April 9, 10:00-11:00 AM – Join in the discussion! We have complimentary copies of *Better Living Through Birding* for the first 20 patrons to register for our book club meeting. **Please register.**

Art with Friends

Adults 18
and up

Friday Afternoon Creatives

Fridays, March-April, 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 shared.

No registration required.

Knit, Crochet, Give it Away!

Thursdays, March 7-April 25, 12:00-1:00 PM

Bring your hooks and needles and join other talented yarn lovers to knit and/or crochet scarves for those in need. We will deliver them to our local homeless shelters. **Please register.**

Classic Illustration: Project Gallery

Thursdays, March 7, March 21, April 4, April 18, 6:30-7:30 PM

Join resident artist Tom and learn how to create a gallery worthy illustration from concept thumbnails to its final piece. Final projects will be on display at the library. **Please register.**

Cricut Machine Know How

Tuesdays, March 12, April 9, 6:00-7:30 PM

Using our Cricut Explore Air 2, learn how to design and create your own project. **Please register and sign up for a timeslot.**



Saturdays with Artist Linda Lee

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Saturday, March 16 – **Wooden Egg Design**

Saturday, April 13 – **Mixed Media Bookmarks**

Artist Linda Lee is back to help us create various masterpieces using all types of mixed media. **Please register.**

Embroidery Hoop Pocket Wreath

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

Join us as we make a pretty and completely customizable pocket wreath to welcome spring. **Please register.**

Song Birds

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-7:30 PM

Inspired by this year's Long Island Reads section, *Better Living Through Birding* by Christian Cooper, Brittany will guide you through the creation of a musical bird display that captures the natural beauty of songbirds. **Please register.**



Upcycled Book Page Flower

Wednesday, April 17, 6:00-7:30 PM

Fresh flowers are beginning to bloom and so it's time to create one that lasts forever using upcycled book pages. **Please register.**

Jewelry by Design

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-7:30 PM

Design and create a truly one-of-a-kind piece using a variety of beads and cords. **Please register.**

Children's Programs

Registration Begins Saturday, March 2. 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 & Events for Birth-Pre-K

Shake Your Sillies Out!

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, March-April,
10:00-11:00 AM
Music is an important role in a child's development and provides a means of self-expression and an outlet for feelings and emotions. **Please register.**

Community Storytime

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Tuesdays, March-April,
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.**

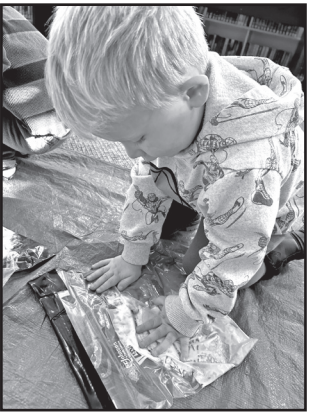
Together Time Stories, Rhymes & Songs

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver
Wednesdays, March-April, 10:00-10:30 AM
Join us to share in special time with your little ones while promoting essential pre-literacy skills. Meghan VK will make special appearances on March 20 and April 17 to treat us to musical fun! **Please register.**



Messy Play Days

Birth-Age 3
with a caregiver
Thursdays,
March-April,
10:00-11:00 AM
Messy play helps your child explore the world. Using their senses, helps to develop motor skills, imagination and creativity. Let's get messy! **Please register.**



Romp & Play

Birth-18 months with a caregiver
Fridays, March 8-April 26, 10:00-11:00 AM
Improve balance, mental health, exercise and socialize. **Please register.**

**REGISTRATION
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MARCH 2**

Classes & Events for Children Grades K-4

Afterschool Cartooning Club

Grades 1-4
Thursdays, March-April,
3:30-4:30 PM, anytime (No class 4/25)
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, offer insight and answer questions. **Please register.**

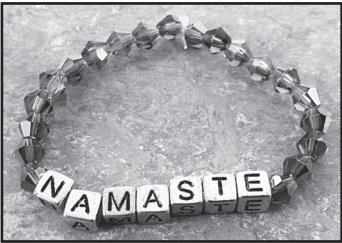


Transform Your Tee

Grades 2-4
Wednesday, March 20, 5:30-6:30 PM
Bring an old T-Shirt to the library and give it new life using fashionable designs, some scissors and your imagination. **Please register.**

Jewelry by Design

Grades 2-4
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30-7:30 PM
Design and create a truly one-of-a-kind piece using a variety of beads and cords. **Please register.**



Spring Inspired Crafting

Grades K-4
Thursday, April 11, 6:00-7:00 PM
Spring has sprung!
We will be designing two pressed flower crafts using mod-podge. **Please register.**



School's Out, Come Play!



Jackbox Party Games

Grades 4 and up
Monday, April 22, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join us as we experience zany and wacky games like Guesspionage, Trivia Murder Party, Quiplash, and T-shirt KO. **Please register.**

Breakfast Battle

Grades 2 and up
Tuesday, April 23,
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Calling all video game warriors! Battle to victory in some of our favorite Nintendo Switch games. Bagels and juice will be on hand so you can fuel up to compete and you'll also have a chance to win a gamer gift card. **Please register.**



Acron: Attack of the Squirrel, Virtual Reality

Grades 4 and up
Wednesday, April 24,
2:00-3:00 PM
Using our META Oculus virtual reality device, experience this hilarious game through group-based gameplay. **Please register.**



Little Gamers: Super Mario Edition

Grades K-3
Thursday, April 25, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join Tom and Anthony as we help introduce some video game favorites to your little gamer. We will play all things Super Mario. **Please register.**



Retro Game Club: HALO Link Battle

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, April 25, 6:30-7:30 PM
Play this original XBOX favorite, HALO: COMBAT EVOLVED. Compete in team-based games such as Capture the Flag, King of the Hill, and Team Deathmatch. **Please register.**



Spring Fling

Friday, April 26,
11:00 AM-12:00 PM
Pre-K-Grade 2
Visit different spring stations to make mud-pie that we can eat, plant flowers to grow at home, learn about the rain cycle and play fun games to get us jumping into this beautiful season. **Please register.**



Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

Middle Schoolers ONLY at Café Castello

Grades 6-8

Mondays, March-April, 2:45-4:00 PM (No class 4/8)

141 South Country Road, Bellport

If you are in Middle School, like to eat good food, play games, listen to good music and have fun with friends, then join us on Mondays at Café Castello! **Please register.**

Afterschool Cartooning Club

Grades 5 and up

Thursdays, March-April, 2:00-3:30 PM, anytime

(No class 4/25)

Calling all High School artists! Stop by after school for this open drawing club. It's the perfect place to practice your skills and be inspired by other artists. Tom will be on hand to lend his guidance, offer insight and answer questions. **Please register.**



Transform Your Tee!

Grades 5 and up

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30-7:30 PM

Bring an old T-Shirt to the library and give it new life using fashionable designs, some scissors and your imagination. **Please register.**

Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM

Cost: \$40

This course is designed for new drivers ages 16 and up who are applying for their first drivers license in New York. The course allows you to complete your DMV pre-licensing requirement. You must complete this course before you sign up for your road test at the DMV. It is a mandatory course for New York State Permit Holders ages 16 and up. You will not be able to schedule or take your road test if you have not completed the 5-hour pre-licensing course and received an MV-278 completion certificate. There is no formal exam and fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



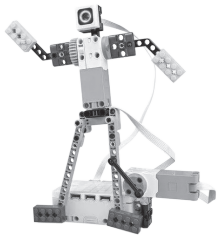
GAMERS CORNER

Grades 4 and up

Robotics

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-7:30 PM and
Saturday, April 13, 12:00-1:00 PM

Get imaginative with our LEGO Spike Prime kits and build a design of your choice. **Please register.**



Minecraft Meetup

Thursday, March 14, 6:30-7:30 PM

Play on the same server with your friends and let's create, build, and design. Feel free to bring your favorite device to play with us. **Please register.**



community Service

For Teens

Grades 6 and up.
Contact us for more information.

Kit Creators

Help us assemble craft kits for all ages. Call or email bfl@brookhavenfreelibrary.org to schedule a time.

Project Bookend

Thursdays in April, 2:00-4:00 PM

Walk, bike or drive on over afterschool to leave your mark on the Library. We are looking for artists to paint our bookends in creative and interesting ways to be admired by patrons for years to come. **No registration required.**

For Families

1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Families with children Birth-Pre-K

Did you know that you are your child's first education provider during their first 5 years of life? Help your little one build a strong foundation in early literacy skills by committing to this fun initiative and pledge to read 1000 books to your child before kindergarten! Come in each time you read 100 books for a special recognition and reward! **Please register.**



Homeschool Co-Op

Homeschool Families with children of all ages

Wednesdays, March 6-April 24, 11:00 AM-1:00 PM

If you homeschool your children, this group is for you!

Take part in unique learning activities and support each other through your schooling journey. **Please register.**

Messy Play on Saturday

Families with children of all ages

Saturday, March 9,

10:00 AM-4:00 PM (anytime)

It's Saturday, leave the mess to us! The community room will be open to play with the water and sand table, paint, playdough, slime and goop to keep those fine motor skills in check and the imagination flowing. **Please register.**



Saint Patrick's Day Gold Hunt

Families with children age 3 to age 5

Saturday, March 16, 2:00-3:00 PM

Help us! The leprechauns left gold outside and together we must find it! Families are welcome to stay after the hunt for some music, dancing and Irish Soda Bread. **Please register.**

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Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

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**REGISTRATION
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Board of Trustees

Sonja Anderson, 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.