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Central School District

May-June 2024

A Note from the Director

Dear Community Members:

At our Annual Meeting on March 19, we presented the 9th Annual Community Partner in Literacy Award to Jessica Rhae Weinberg for her work as K-6 Dual Language Coordinator of South Country Central School District.



In her role as K-6 Dual Language Coordinator, she promotes libraries, literature and literacy based activities to advance the mission of the Dual Language Program and foster a deeper understanding and appreciation of cultural diversity within our community. By doing so, she demonstrates to others how crucial the development of literacy skills is to student success; both academically and socially. She is a dedicated, inspiring professional who believes that all human beings deserve to be treated equally and respected for who they are.

We are proud to work with community partners like Jessica and believe that the success of our community hinges on the success of our students.

Sincerely,
Jamie Papandrea
Director

Community Events:

Guitar Lessons for Beginners

Ages 12 and up
Tuesdays, May-June, 4:30-6:00 PM
Practice and learn basic guitar skills with Hailey.
Registration is limited to BFL cardholders. Please register to schedule a thirty-minute lesson.



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.**



Shred, Shed and Recycle

Saturday, June 15, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
St. James Episcopal Church –
260 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven
Shred unwanted personal documents give your unused and expired medicines to the Suffolk County Police Department and recycle unwanted electronic equipment and devices (check our website or call for a list of acceptable devices).
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.

Adventure Land – Tickets valid June 1-September 29
\$27.50 each (a savings of \$19.49/adult ticket (ages 25+), \$22/general ticket)

The Gateway Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County -
Discounted tickets available to BFL adult cardholders only.
Approx. savings of 50%

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

Whale Watching Tours with CRESLI & Viking Fleet of Montauk -
Discounted tickets available to BFL adult cardholders only.
Valid on Monday, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, throughout the months of June-September. \$50 adult & \$25 child (age 5-12) (a savings of \$35/adult ticket, \$30/child)

Watch Hill Ferry - Round-trip ticket, valid from May to mid-October
\$16 adults/\$9 child (a savings of \$4 each, plus free parking at ferry terminal)

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

9/11 Memorial and Museum – **NEW**
Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Empire State Pass – **NEW**
Harbes Barnyard Adventure
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



PARRISH ART MUSEUM

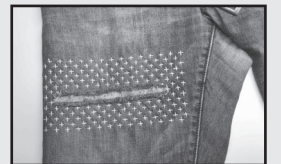


Think Sustainability:

Visible Mending:

The Art of Sashiko Mending

Ages 12 and up • Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 PM
Don't throw away those ripped jeans, mend them! Join us to learn the Japanese art of Sashiko embroidery. This decorative technique not only patches holes and tears, but enhances the garments. Participants are encouraged to bring an item to mend during the program. Materials will be provided. **Please register.**



Carbon CREW

Adults 18 and up • Tuesday, June 4, 6:30 PM
Join us for a book club with a purpose! The 5-week Carbon CREW will read and discuss the book 2040 by Damon Gameau, and use the resources provided to create a personal climate action plan. The small group will share ideas, offer support, and increase accountability while reducing our carbon footprints. **Please register.**

Meet our Friends of Bellport Bay

All Welcome • Saturday, June 8, 2:00-3:00 PM
Meet Maria Slavnova Co-Director of Friends of Bellport Bay along with some creatures that promote the natural filtration system of our beautiful coastal waters. Join us for a brief presentation and hands on experience. **Please register.**



FIREPLACE LITERARY CLUB

Wednesday, May 8, 1:30 PM

Post-Morrow Foundation – 16 Bay Road, Brookhaven
Guest speaker Scot Allan – The Gateway Playhouse

Wednesday, June 12, 1:30 PM

South Country Library – 22 Station Road, Bellport
Guest speaker Victor Principe – Saving Bellport

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, MAY 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

English Language Learning

Adults 18 and up

Mondays, May-June, 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, de mayo a junio, 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.**

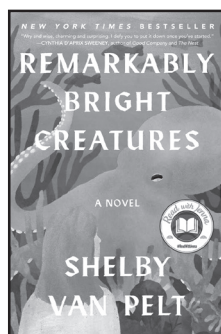
Book Club

Adults 18 years and up
10:00-11:00 AM

Tuesday, May 14 –
*Remarkably Bright
Creatures* by
Shelby Van Pelt

Tuesday, June 11 –
*Lady Tan's Circle
of Women* by Lisa See

Copies of each title
will be available at the
Circulation Desk. **Please register.**



Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up

Tuesdays, May 7–June 25, 2:00-4:00 PM

Please note, titles may vary based on availability.

No registration required.

5/7 – *Spaceballs* (1987)

5/14 – *The Naked Gun* (1988)

5/21 – *Monty Python and the
Holy Grail* (1975)

5/28 – *Airplane* (2011)

6/4 – *Moonstruck* (1987)

6/11 – *Working Girl* (1988)

6/18 – *Sleepless in Seattle* (1993)

6/25 – *Sabrina* (2024)



Bingo

Adults 18 and up

Wednesdays, May 8, June 12, 2:00-3:00 PM

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

Sleep Sound, Sound Bath

Adults 18 years and up

Mondays, May 13 & June 10,
8:00-9:00 PM

Christine Santanastaso is back with a new date and a new time! Vibrations from quartz and Tibetan singing bowls are said to promote relaxation and offer powerful healing properties. Class will begin with a short overview and verbal meditation allowing everyone to get acclimated. Come prepared wearing comfortable clothes and bring a mat, blanket and pillow for you to get cozy while listening to the soothing sounds. **Please register.**



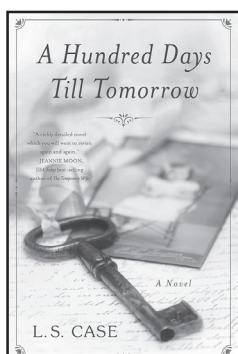
A Hundred Days Till Tomorrow by L.S. Case

Adults 18 years and up

Saturday, May 18, 10:00-11:00 AM

L.S. Case, Indie Book Awards finalist and lifelong resident of Long Island will be here to sign copies and discuss this endearing Hallmark style romance novel. Copies will be available at circulation desk and signed in person at the book discussion.

Please register.



Saturday Social at Brookhouse Pizza and Grill

Adults 18 and up

Saturdays, May 18 & June 15, 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, May 25, 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**

Streaming 101

Adults 18 years and up

Wednesday, June 26, 2:30-3:30 PM

Learn the basics of streaming and explore available options, including devices and subscription services. Bring your questions!

Please register.

Art with Friends

Adults 18
and up

Friday Afternoon Creatives

Fridays, May-June, 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.**

Saturdays with Artist Linda Lee

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Saturday, May 11 – **Watercolors and Flowers**

Saturday, June 13 – **Watercolors and Flip Flops**

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

Cricut Machine Know How

Tuesdays, May 14 **OR** June 11,
6:30-7:30 PM

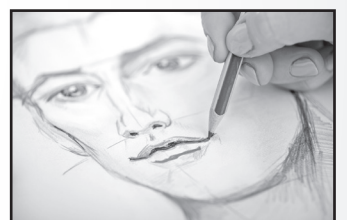
Using our Cricut Explore Air 2, learn how to design and create your very own Koozie just in time for summer. **Please register and sign up for a timeslot.**



Classic Illustration

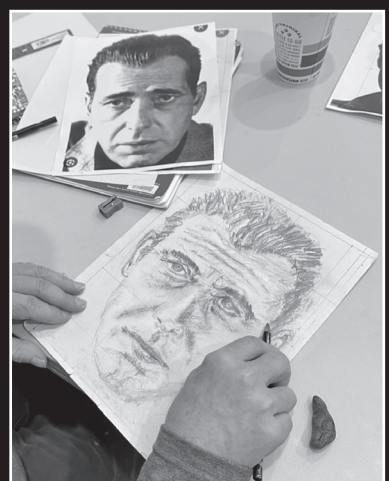
Thursdays, May 23, June 6 & 20,
6:30-7:30 PM

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.**



ILLUSTRATORS GALLERY

Patrons enrolled in our *Classic Illustration* series are ready to debut their work. With the guidance and mentoring of instructor Tom Duffy, the group has produced pieces to be proud of. Available to view and for all to enjoy, during the month of June.



Children's Programs

Registration Begins Saturday, May 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 & Events

Shake Your Sillies Out!

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, May, 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, May-June,
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, May-June, 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 May 15 and June 12 to treat us to musical fun! **Please register.**

Messy Play Days

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver
Thursdays, May, 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.**



Wood Working With Toddlers

Birth-age 3 with a caregiver
Wednesday, May 15, 4:00-5:00 PM **OR**
Wednesday, June 5,
4:00-5:00 PM
These workshops are designed to teach you how to make all natural wooden toys for your toddler while your toddler plays. **Please register.**



Family Yoga

Age 3-Grade K with a caregiver
Saturday, June 22, 10:00-10:45 AM
Did you know that partaking in yoga is good for the brain? It releases neurotransmitters that reduce stress, fear, depression and anxiety. Join Alana Andresen, who has brought mindfulness and yoga to libraries and schools all across Long Island and NYC. This may be a perfect way to spend a Saturday morning with your family! **Please register.**

Classes & Events for School Age Children

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Messy Play Mondays

Age 2- Grade K with a caregiver
Mondays, May, 4:00-5:00 PM
Messy play helps your child explore the world. Using their senses, helps to develop motor skills, imagination and creativity. Let's get messy after school? **Please register.**

Operation Mother's Day

Grades Pre-K-3
Thursday, May 9, 6:00-7:00 PM
Stop in to create a moms "rocking picture frame" after all moms are the rock of the family! While our creations are drying, we will cozy up with a few stories all about moms and all they do for us. **Please register.**

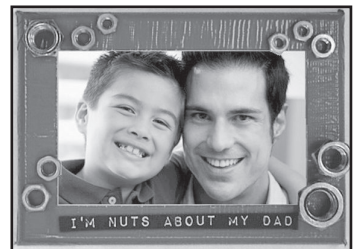


I Spy Jar

Grades 2-4
Monday, June 3, 4:00-5:00 PM
Stop by after school to make your very own I Spy Jars and play some I Spy games. **Please register.**

Operation Father's Day

Grades Pre-K-Grade 3
Thursday, June 13, 6:00-7:00 PM
Mom's may be the "rock" of the family, but dads are the nuts and bolts of the family. Stop in to create this photo frame for dad and hear some stories about how dads are the "nuts and bolts" of the family. **Please register.**



Mother's Day Floral Bouquets

Grades K-4
Saturday, May 11, 1:00-4:00 PM (anytime)
Stroll through our community room flower shop where you will choose from an array of flowers and arrange them into a lovely bouquet. Spruce it up with twine, bows, a heartfelt card and lots of love. **Please register.**

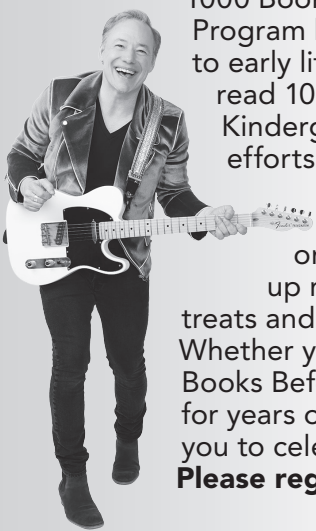
Shake Your Sillies Out Before Dinner

Grades Pre-K-Grade 3
Thursday, June 20, 3:30-4:30 PM
Become exposed to various instruments and sounds from around the world. Who knows, it may spark a musical future or create memories for a lifetime. **Please register.**

For Families

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Celebration

Families with children Birth-Pre-K
Saturday, May 18, 2:00-4:00 PM
Research proves that children who begin their reading journey early on, demonstrate improved language skills and achieve greater academic success. The amazing families enrolled in the 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program have made a commitment to early literacy by pledging to read 1000 books before entering Kindergarten. Let's celebrate their efforts and show our support by throwing an afternoon bash! Get those dancing shoes on because we'll be serving up music, dancing, delicious treats and a whole lot of fun! Whether you have been in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten Program for years or you just started, we invite you to celebrate with us. **Please register.**



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.**

May the 4th Be With You

Families with children of all ages
Thursday, May 4, 9:30 AM-4:00 PM
Board your spaceship and stop by BFL anytime for activities, crafts, recipes and a galaxy of fun! **No registration required.**



Homeschool Co-Op

Homeschool Families with children age 5 and up (siblings welcome)
Wednesdays, May, 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, June 15, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM (anytime)
It's Saturday, leave the mess to us! Play with the water and sand table, paint, playdough, and goop to keep those fine motor skills in check and the imagination flowing. **Please register.**

Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

Middle Schoolers ONLY at Café Castello

Grades 6-8
Mondays, May-June,
2:45-4:00 PM
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.**



Illustration Alliance

Grades 4 and up
Thursdays, May-June, 3:30-4:30 PM
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.**

Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up
Saturday, June 1, 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.**

Coming Soon - Battle of the Books

The search is on for our
next Battle of the Books
team. If you are
entering grades 6-9
this fall, love to read
and answer trivia,
this team is for you!
Call or visit for more information.



GAMERS CORNER

Grades 4 and up

Minecraft Meetup

Thursday, May 16, 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.**



RETRO Game Night: Wii Sports Battle

Thursday, May 30,
6:30-7:30 PM
Play everyone's favorite
sports Nintendo Wii game.
Compete solo or as a team in games such as
tennis, sword fighting, bowling, boxing and
much more. Space is limited. **Please register.**



Super Smash Bros Tournament Battle

Thursday, June 27,
6:00-8:00 PM
We are calling all Super
Smash Bros warriors!
Battle to victory in this
epic Nintendo Switch
favorite. What character
will you choose to win?
Spots are
limited.
**Please
register.**



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.

Garden Club

Wednesdays May 22-June 12, 6:00-7:00 PM
Help our gardens grow! Learn about soil, seeds, plantings and more by
lending your time to establish beds on our property. **Please register.**

Dog Treats in a Jar

Tuesday, May 28, 6:30-7:30 PM
Join us to make a jar of dog treats and decorate the jar.
We will donate one and keep one for our own four
legged friends. **Please register.**



Brookhaven Elementary School Visits!

Many of our friends from Brookhaven Elementary School will join their classmates and teachers on a walking field trip over to the Library during the month of June. During the visit, we'll share in the joy of reading by providing a fun, literature-based experience. Students will also get an **exclusive first-hand peek** of our exciting summer offerings including the ever-popular Summer Reading Challenge! Caregivers are welcome and encouraged to join their child during their visit. Teachers will be sending information home soon. Don't delay, get your library card today so you can take advantage of all we have to offer!

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Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM
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**REGISTRATION
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Board of Trustees

Sonja Anderson, Andrew Budris, 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.