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**JULY/AUGUST
2025**

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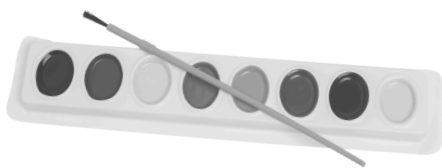
A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Community Members:

Summer is the perfect time to explore, learn, and connect—and we're excited to welcome you to another season of fun and enrichment at Brookhaven Free Library! This year's Summer Reading Challenge, "Color Our World," offers something for everyone, and we invite you to join in the adventure. Don't forget to pick up your Library Passport and take part in the 2025 Summer Library Tour across Suffolk County!

We'll be introducing a new online registration system this summer—please be sure to have your library card and password/PIN handy to sign up for programs. While the system is new, you can count on the same level of excellent service and support you've come to expect.

We remain committed to providing a welcoming, friendly space and programs that empower discovery and learning for all ages. We invite you to take full advantage of the wonderful resources right here in your community—we can't wait to see you this summer!



Warmly,
Anthony Zutter
Director



Monday, July 7–Friday, August 16
A rainbow of fun awaits you in this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Details inside!

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 is required.



Suffolk County Public Libraries Summer Tour 2025

All welcome • July 1-August 31
Get your Suffolk County Public Library Passport and start exploring our amazing libraries! The more you visit, the more stamps you'll collect and the more chances you'll have to win prizes.
Visit to pick up your passport.

Art in the Open Air at The Post-Morrow Foundation

All welcome
July 7-August 31
Stroll through the Ken Budny Memorial Boardwalk at Post-Morrow Foundation to see the captivating artwork by Gregory Manchess, where nature and creativity meet.



Cultivating Connections: A Community Circle

All welcome
Monday, July 21, 6:30-7:30 PM
Join Naomi Escobar for a session of Cultivating Connections. It will be an enriching opportunity to connect with members of our vibrant and diverse community. Through a guided, meaningful conversation, we'll explore ways to foster peace, reinforce positivity, and build lasting connections. **Please register.**



Concert on the Library Lawn

All welcome
Friday, August 1, 5:30 PM
Don't miss Erin Grace Kelly and Michael Marziliano in their debut music and story-filled act! Erin is a NYC-based performer and bandleader who was recently seen in The Office! A Musical Parody. Michael is an award-winning cabaret artist and actor (Les Misérables, Into the Woods). Bring your lawn chairs for a fun night of local stars and great tunes. **Please register.**

TICKETS & LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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

Adventure Land – Tickets valid June 1-October 5 • \$31.50 each

The Gateway Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County – Discounted tickets are available to BFL adult cardholders only (a savings of 50%)

Long Island Aquarium – Tickets do not expire
\$28.00 children & seniors \$39.00 adult for
Total Experience Ticket

(a savings of \$18.99/adult ticket, \$4.99/child)

Long Island Live Steamers – Free tickets while supplies last.

Long Island Science Center – Tickets do not expire
\$10.00 each

Whale Watching Tours with CRESLI & Viking Fleet of Montauk – Discounted tickets are available to BFL adult cardholders only. Boat sails 2:00-7:00 PM on Wednesdays and Sundays (and select Saturdays) and 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM on Monday and Friday, June 29 – September 8. Tickets are \$60 for adults & \$30 for children (ages 5-12)

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 the ferry terminal)

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

9/11 Memorial & Museum
Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Empire State Pass
H.O.G. Farm "Pick-Your-Own" Pass
Horton's Flower Farm
Kynytyx Family Gaming Center
Long Island Children's Museum
Long Island Maritime Museum
LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum – **Print on Demand**
Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum – **Print on Demand**
Parrish Art Museum
South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature
Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum, and Planetarium



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CLASSES & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 28

Tuesday Movie Matinee

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

No registration required.

7/1 – **The Unbreakable Boy** (2025) (PG)

7/8 – **Black Bag** (2025) (R)

7/15 – **Captain America: Brave New World** (2025) (PG-13)

7/22 – **Mickey 17** (2025) (R)

7/29 – **Presence** (2025) (R)

8/5 – **The Day the Earth Blew Up** (2025) (PG)

8/12 – **A Working Man** (2025) (R)

8/19 – **Snow White** (2025) (PG)

8/26 – **The Wedding Banquet** (2025) (R)



Book Club

Adults 18 years and up
10:00 – 11:00 AM
Tuesday, July 8 - *Tell Me Everything* by Elizabeth Strout
Tuesday, August 12 - *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon
Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk.
Please register.

Mindfulness Mondays

Adults 18 years and up • Mondays, 8:00-9:00 PM
Sleep Sound, Sound Bath – July 7, August 11
Guided Meditation - July 21, August 25
Start your week with intention and tranquility. Join Christine Santanastaso for guided sessions designed to help you relax, recharge, and cultivate a harmonious connection between mind, body, and soul. **Please register.**

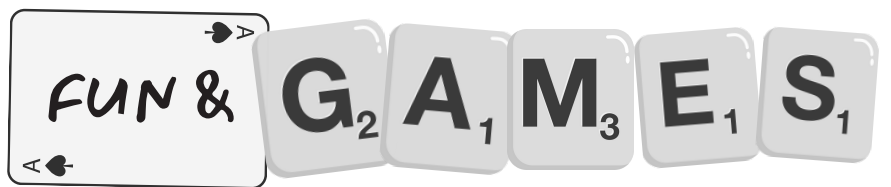
Medicaid & Your Assets: What Families Need to Know

Adults 18 years and up
Saturday, July 12, 10:00-11:00 AM
Join Medicaid Specialist Stephanie Payne to get the answers you need about Medicaid Planning. A light breakfast will be served. **Please register.**



Sunset Paddle with Get Up Stand Up NY

Adults 18 and up
Wednesday, July 16, 6:30–7:30 PM
Post-Morrow Foundation —
16 Bay Road, Brookhaven
Join Meg Shannon for a special paddle boarding session on the beautiful Beaver Dam Creek. All equipment provided.
Registration for this event is limited to BFL cardholders. Please register.



Mah-Jongg

Adults 18 years and up
Thursdays, July 3, August 14,
2:00-3:00 PM
Bring your own mah-jongg set and join in the fun with new and experienced players.
Please register.

Bingo!

Adults 18 years and up
Thursdays, July 17, August 21,
2:00-3:00 PM
Join in on the fun and win prizes! **Please register.**

Saturday Social

Adults 18 years and up
Saturdays, July 12, August 9,
10:00-11:00 AM
Join us for a mid-morning social with coffee, muffins, and games. **Please register.**

Five Crowns

Adults 18 and up
Thursdays, July 24, August 28,
4:00-5:00 PM
Join us for a fun, new twist on a rummy-style card game!
Please register.



**Empire
Safety
Council**

Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 years and up
Saturday, July 26 & August 30,
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 the fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**

Native American Mascots

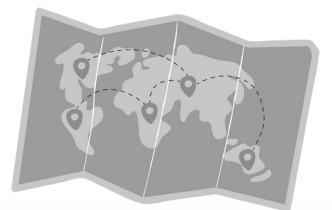
Adults 18 and up
Tuesday, August 5, 6:30-7:30 PM
Join Janine Tinsley-Row for a thoughtful discussion on the impact of Native American mascots in schools and sports. Explore the perspectives and feelings of Native communities regarding these representations.
Please register.

Create More Joy in Your Life: Vision Board Workshop

Adults 18 years and up
Saturday, August 9, 10:00-11:00 AM
Start your day with intention and inspiration! Join Linda Mazza for a Vision Board Workshop designed to spark joy, build confidence, and improve relationships. Enjoy refreshments and connect with others while creating a visual roadmap to the life you want.
Please register.

Travel Tips

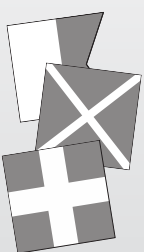
Adults 18 years and up
Tuesday, August 26, 6:30-7:30 PM
Michele will help personalize your itinerary featuring the best lodging, must-see sights, and top-rated restaurants at the most competitive prices. **Please register.**



ART with friends

Friday Afternoon Creatives

Adults 18 years and up
Fridays, July-August, 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.



Nautical Flag Canvas Art

Tuesday, July 8, 6:30-7:30 PM
Boaters all around the world use nautical flags to display messages. Join us to learn these codes and to create a piece of art for your boat or your home.
Please register.

Art on the Beach

Mondays, 6:30-7:30 PM • Mothers Beach –
S. Howells Point Road, Bellport
July 14 – **Decoupage Oyster Shells**
August 18 – **Long Island Wooden Sign**
Create beautiful works of art at Mother's Beach. **Please register.**

Get Creative with Linda Lee

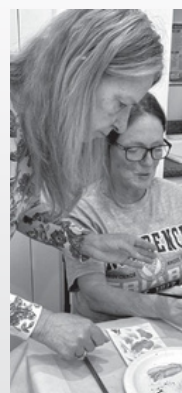
America! - Saturday, July 19,
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Aurora Borealis - Wednesday,
July 23, 6:00 – 7:30 PM
Gladiolus - Saturday, August 16,
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Beach Waterscapes - Wednesday,
August 20, 6:00 -7:30 PM

Bet you didn't realize just what an amazing artist you are! Linda Lee will bring out your talented and creative side. **Please register.**

Dangling Seashell Earrings

Monday, July 28, 6:30-7:30 PM
Adorn your beachy look this summer by creating these unique, light, and beautiful earrings. **Please register.**



Classic Illustration

Adults 18 years and up
Thursdays, July 17, August 7,
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. **Please register.**



Sunflower Wreath

Wednesday, August 27, 6:30-7:30 PM
We will create sunflower wreaths just in time for the transition from summer to fall. **Please register.**



CLASSES & EVENTS FOR KIDS

REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 28

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COLOR OUR WORLD

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2025

Monday, July 7–Friday, August 16

A rainbow of fun awaits you in this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Fill your canvas with a wide variety of events, challenges, and prizes inspired by our colorful, creative community.

Summer Kick-Off Laser Tag Party

Ages Pre-K and up | Friday, July 11, 5:30-8:00 PM

Kynnytyx Family Gaming Center – 990 Station Road, Bellport NY

Kick off our Summer Reading Challenge at Long Island's largest Laser Tag arena, and one and only Virtual Reality Arcade! **An adult must accompany children under the age of 11. Please register.**



CRAYON KIDDIES - EARLY EDUCATION CLASSES FOR BIRTH – PRE-K

Brushstrokes & Beats

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, July 7 - August 25,
10:00-11:00 AM

Let the music flow through your brush! **Please register.**

Once Upon a Color

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Tuesdays, July 8 – August 26,
10:00-11:00 AM

Join us on Tuesdays for storytelling, read-alouds, crafts, and activities that encourage imagination, social interaction, and learning.

Please register.

The Art of Nature

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Wednesdays, July 9, 23, 30, and
August 6-27, 10:00-11:00 PM

Create unique art using leaves, flowers, and more from the outdoors. **Please register.**

Get Up Stand Up at Mother's Beach

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Wednesday, July 16,
10:00-11:00 AM • Mothers Beach

S. Howells Point Road, Bellport
Join Meg Shannon, for a fun storytime in the sun, and a few lessons in paddle boarding.

Please register.

Messy Play Days

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Thursdays, July 17 - July 31,
August 7, 21, 28, 10:00-11:00 AM

Messy play helps your child explore the world. Using their senses helps to develop motor skills, imagination, and creativity. Come dressed for a mess! **Please register.**



Waterplay

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Fridays, July 11-August 29,
10:00-11:00 AM

Splash into hands-on fun while encouraging sensory exploration with friends. Please wear sunscreen and bring a towel. **Please register.**

Let's Sing with Meghan VK

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Thursday, July 10,
10:00-10:30 AM

Saturday, August 23,
10:00-10:30 AM

Join us for a fun family sing-along! **Please register.**



WATERCOLOR WONDERS - CLASSES FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS

The Artist's Palette

Grades Pre-K-4
Mondays, July 7-August 25,
2:00-3:00 PM

Join us on a journey through the world of art, from poetry and drama to the creativity of graphic design, the depth of sculpting, the color of painting, and the energy of the performing arts.

Please register.

The Art of Nature

Grades K-Grade 4
Wednesdays, July 9, 23, 30, and
August 6-27, 2:00-3:00 PM

Create unique art using leaves, flowers, and more from the outdoors. **Please register.**



A Toot of a Story

Pre-K – Grade 2
Wednesday, July 9, 6:30-7:30 PM

Get ready to giggle! Join us for a silly storytime all about toots, poots, and belly laughs. It's the stinkiest fun you'll have!

Please register.

Netting with FoBB

Grades K-Grade 4
Thursday, July 10, 1:00-2:00 PM

Mother's Beach –
Beach Road, Bellport
Using our community as a classroom, Friends of Bellport Bay will teach us about netting, marine organisms and why the quality of Bellport Bay matters.

Please register.



Make a Splash

Grades K- Grade 4
Fridays, July 11-August 29,
11:30 AM -12:30 PM

Outdoor water play and tinkering help kids learn through hands-on fun, boosting creativity and problem-solving skills.

Please register.



Rainbow Recipe

Grades 1 -Grade 4
Tuesday, July 15, 4:30-5:30 PM
Using a variety of fresh fruits and chocolate, we'll create a rainbow you can eat! **Please register.**

ABC Fashion Show

Wednesday, July 16,
6:00-7:00 PM
Grades Pre-K-Grade 1
Celebrate letters and sounds at this A-Z parade of imagination and early literacy! **Please register.**

Make a Mess

Grades K-Grade 4
Thursdays, July 31-August 28,
2:00-3:00 PM

We will experiment with different materials, textures, and techniques that are sure to get messy and spark hands-on creativity. **Please register.**

Pajama Yoga

Grades K-3
Tuesday, August 12, 6:30-7:30 PM

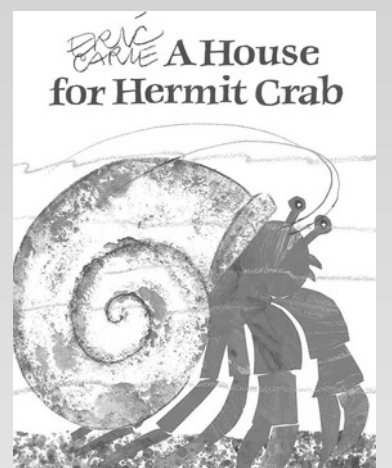
Join Erin, Just Breathe Yoga studio and elementary school teacher for a relaxing session of yoga and mindfulness. Pajamas welcome! **Please register.**

A House for a Hermit Crab by Eric Carle

Grades Pre-K- Grade 3
with a caregiver
Thursday, August 14,
10:00 – 11:30 AM

Join Maria from FoBB for a fun, educational adventure featuring live touch tanks and a special presentation. Then dive into hands-on crabby activities with Miss Jen!

Please register.



Lego Bingo

Grades Pre-K-Grade 2
Tuesday, August 19, 4:30-5:30 PM
Play a creative twist on bingo using LEGO bricks! **Please register.**



Outdoor Movie: A Minecraft Movie

Friday, August 8, 7:30 PM

You have certainly colored the world of BFL by completing all of your Summer Reading Challenges, reading books, and visiting Brookhaven Free Library. Now it's time to sit back, relax with some homemade popcorn and goodies and reap the rewards of your hard work and dedication to literacy.

You will receive an invitation after completion.



Registration Begins Saturday, June 28. 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 TEENS & TWEENS

REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 28



Letters to My Younger Self: Wisdom for the Journey Ahead

July-September TBD

Write heartfelt, age-appropriate letters to middle school students offering advice you wish you had at their age. Share lessons about navigating school, building healthy friendships, managing stress, and staying true to yourself through life's ups and downs. **Please register.**

Grades 6 and up. Contact us for more information.

Artists Garden

July-August TBD

Color our world with flowers, herbs, and vegetables from the Brookhaven Free Library Garden. **Please register.**



CLASSES FOR TIE-DYE TEENS



Monday, July 7–Friday, August 16

A rainbow of fun awaits you in this year's Summer Reading Challenge! Details on the previous page!

Tea & Tales

Grades 5 and up

Monday, July 14, 3:00-4:00 pm

Step into an afternoon of imagination and inspiration! Enjoy tea, tasty treats, and good company as we celebrate storytelling in all its forms. Come dressed in costume if you like, and share your original poems, short stories, or prose in a warm and welcoming setting. Planning to share your work? Let us know when you register. **Please register.**

Sunset Paddle with Get Up Stand Up NY

Grades 5 and up

Wednesday, July 16, 5:30–6:30 PM

Post-Morrow Foundation —

16 Bay Road, Brookhaven

Join Meg Shannon for a special paddle boarding session on the beautiful Beaver Dam Creek. All equipment provided.

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Echoes of the Ancients

Grades 5 and up

Fridays, July 18, August 15,
4:30-5:30 PM

Join Mike Evans, Synchronicity Coaching Inc., to explore the wisdom of the past and express your hopes for the future through hands-on ancestral crafts. **Please register.**

Netting with FoBB

Grades 5 and up

Thursday, July 10, 2:30-3:30 PM

Mothers Beach – S. Howells

Point Road, Bellport

Using our community as a classroom, Friends of Bellport Bay will teach us about netting, marine organisms and why the quality of Bellport Bay matters. **Please register.**

Color Me Calm

Grades 6 and up

Saturday, July 12,

3:00-4:00 PM – **Self Care Jars**

& Journaling

Saturday, August 2,

3:00-4:00 PM – **Brushes & Bliss**

Join an Enrichment Services representative from Community Mental Health Promotion and Support to calm and refresh our minds with some creative crafts. **Please register.**

Teen Scene

Grades 5 and up

Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 PM

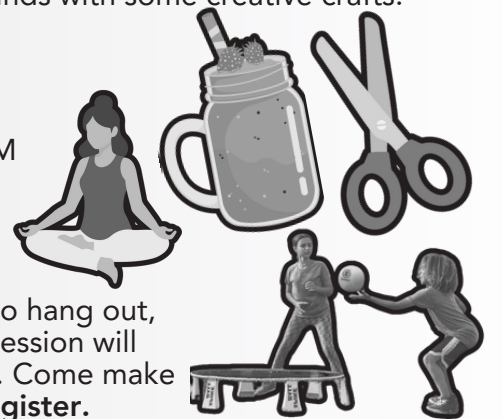
July 10 – Yoga

July 31 – Smoothies

August 21 – Spikeball

August 28 – Creatives

This space is for teens to hang out, create, and chill. Each session will feature something new. Come make it your scene! **Please register.**



GAME ON!



Mario Kart World on Nintendo Switch 2

Grades 4 and up

Thursdays, July 3, July 24 and August 14
6:30pm - 7:30pm

The Nintendo Switch 2 is here! Join us as we test drive the exciting new Mario Kart game on Nintendo's latest console.

Please register.



Gaming Tech Van

All welcome

Monday, July 14,

2:00pm - 4:00pm

Climb aboard the Suffolk Cooperative Library System Tech Van and dive into exciting games like Mario Kart and Smash Bros! **Please register.**

CLASSES & EVENTS FOR FINE ART FAMILIES

Christmas in July

Monday, July 7, 6:30-7:30 PM

Join us for a festive evening of crafts, carols, milk, and cookies, and maybe even a little snow! Please bring a new, unwrapped toy (for ages 6 months to 15 years) to help The Town of Brookhaven's Toy Drive to support kids in need. **Please register.**



Bad Art Night

Wednesday, August 6, 6:30-7:30 PM

We are bringing Bad Art Night back! Dress for mess, and join in on the fun! **Please register.**

Cupcake Art

Wednesday, August 13, 6:30-7:30 PM

Get creative and decorate your own cupcake masterpiece! No baking required, just imagination! **Please register.**

Block Party

Saturday, August 23,

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

Join us for a fun-filled day outside! The lawn will be set up with giant lawn games, toys, and music. Bring a picnic lunch, and enjoy a playful, relaxed time with family and friends. **Please register.**



Call, go online, or visit the library to register for all classes and events.

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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Sunday: Closed

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:
July 4



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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tuesday, July 15, 7:00 PM

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