

A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Community Members:

Our Old-Fashioned Wreath Making class has become one of Brookhaven Free Library’s most treasured holiday traditions, and we are so grateful for the enthusiasm it brings each year. Due to overwhelming demand and limited supplies, we will introduce a lottery-based registration system to ensure fairness and equal opportunity.

A **registration window** will be open from **Saturday, November 1**, through **Saturday, November 8**, online, in-person, or by phone. You may register for your preferred date, or both lists if you have no preference. Two lottery lists will be created: one for **Saturday, November 29**, and one for **Monday, December 1**. Participants will be randomly selected and assigned to one of three sessions at **9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, or 3:00 PM**. Those chosen will be notified by phone and email on **Wednesday, November 12**. All others will be placed on a waitlist and contacted if a spot opens. Please feel free to contact the Library if you have any questions.

We truly appreciate your patience and understanding as we make this adjustment. This tradition thrives because of your incredible support, and we hope this new process makes the experience more accessible and welcoming to all. Thank you for helping make our library a place of joy, connection, and community.



Warmly,
Anthony Zutter
Director



Old-Fashioned Wreath Making
Saturday, November 29, and Monday, December 1, 9:00 AM, 12:00 PM, 3:00 PM
NEW Lottery-based registration to ensure fairness and equal opportunity.
Extra-long registration window to sign up in person, online, or by phone, starting Saturday, November 1 to November 8. There will be a lottery list for each day, Saturday, November 29 or Monday, December 1.
Participants will be randomly selected and assigned a session time. All others will be placed on a waitlist. Winners will be contacted by phone and email on Wednesday, November 12.

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.**



**Stony Brook University
Healthy Library Program (HeLP)**
Wednesdays, November 5-December 17, 9:30 AM -2:00 PM
Our social work student intern from Stony Brook University provides patrons with information, referrals, and paperwork for housing, treatment, social services, and more.
No registration required.

Smart Recovery
Run by our social work intern
Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25,
December 2 – 30, 6:00-7:00 PM
A self-empowering, abstinence-based support group for anyone recovering from addiction and addictive behaviors (alcoholism, drug abuse/addiction, gambling addiction, etc). This is not a 12-step program. It is completely anonymous. **No registration required.**



TICKETS & LOCAL ATTRACTIONS

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

Bayway Arts Center – Discounted tickets are \$14.00 each (a savings of \$4.00 per ticket)

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

Long Island Aquarium – Tickets do not expire \$28.00 for children & seniors, and \$39.00 for adults
Total Experience Ticket (a savings of \$18.99/adult ticket, \$4.99/child)

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

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

9/11 Memorial & Museum
Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Children’s Museum of the East End
Empire State Pass
Lil’ Tots Indoor Play Place
Long Island Children’s Museum
Long Island Explorium
Long Island Maritime Museum
Long Island Music & Entertainment Hall of Fame
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



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CLASSES & EVENTS FOR ADULTS

REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1

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Tuesday Movie Matinee

Adults 18 years and up
Tuesdays, November-December, 2:00 PM
Please note that titles may vary based on availability. **No registration required.**
11/4 – **Superman** (2025)
11/18 – **Jurassic World: Rebirth** (2025)
11/25 – **The Life of Chuck** (2025)
12/2 – **F1** (2025)
12/9 – **The Naked Gun** (2025)
12/16 – **The Fantastic Four: First Steps** (2025)
12/23 – **How the Grinch Stole Christmas** (2000)
12/30 – **Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale** (2025)



Book Club

Adults 18 and up 10:00–11:00 AM
Wednesday, November 12 (**Day Change**)
– *The River We Remember* by William Kent Kreger
Tuesday, December 9 – *The Twelve Topsy-Turvy Very Messy Days of Christmas* by James Patterson and Tad Safran. Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk. **Please register.**



SPECIAL HOLIDAY FEATURES

Frosty's Big Day - The Musical

Sunday, December 7 at 11:00 AM
CM Performing Arts Center – 931 Montauk Hwy, Oakdale,
In partnership with The CM Performing Arts Center, we are thrilled to offer our patrons an unforgettable holiday experience! The Library has purchased tickets for this classic Christmas musical and invites you to be our guest! Tickets are free and will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis to Brookhaven Free Library adult cardholders who must be present and have a valid card in good standing. Limited to 4 tickets per household. **Get your tickets beginning Saturday, November 8.**



Fireside Wrapping Station

All welcome
December 8-23, Anytime during library operating hours.
Thank you for spending your time with us and for sharing your families, smiles, and stories. We're so grateful to be part of your community. To help make your holidays a little warmer, we're thrilled to offer our "Wrap on Us" program. Stop by for a stress-free gift-wrapping experience. **No registration required.**



The Jolly Season

Adults 18 and up
Sunday, December 14, 4:00-6:00 PM
Deborah Mayo and Steven McCloskey invite you to ring in the Yuletide season as they present a festive smorgasbord of holiday humor, from the delightfully amusing to the completely absurd, by writers including Mark Twain, E. B. White, David Sedaris, and many more. Because it is the spirit of giving, the suggested admission for this special evening is 5 lbs. of non-perishable food items per person to benefit local food banks. **Please register.**

Jazz, Rock & Christmas with Michael Marziliano

All Welcome
Friday, December 19, 6:30-7:30 PM
Award-winning performer Michael Marziliano returns for his annual holiday show at Brookhaven Free Library! Enjoy Christmas favorites, hits by Ariana Grande, Billy Joel, and more, with Nathan Morrissey on piano and a surprise special guest! **Please register.**



FUN &

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Mah-Jongg 101

Adults 18 and up
Thursdays, November 6,
December 4, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join in the fun with new and experienced players. **Please register.**

Bingo!

Adults 18 and up
Thursdays, November 20,
December 18, 2:00–3:00 PM
Join in on the fun and win prizes! **Please register.**

Dice 5000

Adults, 18 and up
Thursdays, November 13, &
December 11, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join us for this lively, fun dice game! **Please register.**

Saturday Social

Adults 18 years and up
Saturday, December 13,
10:00-11:00 AM
Join us for a mid-morning social with coffee, muffins, and games at BFL! **Please register.**

Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 and up
Saturdays, November 22,
December 13, 9:30 AM–3:30 PM
Cost: \$35

Recognized by all NYS insurance companies, this class can help reduce auto collision and liability insurance rates by 10%. If you have incurred violations in the past 18 months before completing the course, up to four points will be reduced from your driving record. There is no exam, and the fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



Empire Safety Council

Mindfulness Mondays

Adults, 16 and up
Mondays, 8:00-9:00 PM

Guided Meditation – November 17, 24

Sleep Sound, Sound Bath – December 8, 15

Start your week with intent and tranquility. Join Christine Santanastaso for guided sessions designed to help you relax, recharge, and cultivate a harmonious connection between mind, body, and soul. Wear comfy clothing and bring a mat. **Please register.**



ART with friends

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 shared. **No registration required.**

Let's Get Painting with Linda Lee

Using various mixed media to make beautiful paintings. **Please register.**

Northern Lights - Saturday,
November 15,
10:00 AM -12:00 PM

Fall Trees - Wednesday,
November 19, 2:00- 3:30 PM

Holiday Greeting Cards -
Saturday, December 6,
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Seasonal Ornaments –
Wednesday, December 10,
2:00-3:30 PM



Classic Illustration

Adults 18 years and up
Thursdays, November 6,
December 4, 6:30-7:30 PM
Join resident artist Tom for an ongoing series of drawing lessons focusing on the basics of illustration. **Please register.**

Fall Coaster Design

Monday, November 24,
6:00-7:00 PM
Create a set of four festive drink coasters using decoupage or stencils with cozy fall designs. Perfect for your home or as a gift! **Please register.**



Beaded Jewelry with Alexis

Wednesday, December 10, 6:00-7:00 PM
Create one-of-a-kind holiday gifts using a wide variety of beautiful beads. Whether you're crafting for someone special or just for fun, let your creativity shine! **Please register.**

Oyster Shell Ornaments

Monday, December 15,
6:00-7:00 PM
Turn coastal charm into holiday magic. Create beautiful oyster shell ornaments, perfect for gift giving. **Please register.**





CLASSES & EVENTS FOR KIDS

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EARLY EDUCATION CLASSES FOR BIRTH – PRE-K



Let's Sing with Meghan VK

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, November 10, 24, &
December 15, 10:00-10:30 AM
Join Meghan VK for joyful
sessions of singing, guitar
strumming, and playful rhymes!
Through music and movement,
little ones will build early literacy
while having tons of fun.
Please register.



Musical Mondays

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, November 17,
December 8, 22, 29,
10:00-11:00 AM
Explore rhythm, sound, and
movement through play
with a variety of musical
instruments.
Please register.



Merry Makers

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Tuesdays, November 18 -
December 30,
10:00-11:00 AM
Dive into holiday fun with
joyful stories, creative crafts,
and catchy songs, all while
building literacy skills.
Please register.

Together Time Stories, Rhymes, & Songs

Birth – Pre-K with a caregiver
Wednesdays, November 12 – December 17
10:00-10:30 AM
Miss Rita has her cheese grater and her
triangle, and she's ready to share in a lively
Storytime with you and your little ones
Please register.



Messy Play Days

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Thursdays, November 13 –
December 18, 10:00–11:00 PM
Miss Daniela helps children
explore with their senses to
develop motor skills,
imagination, and creativity. Let's
get messy! **Please register.**



Free-Play Fri-YAYs!

Birth – Pre-K with a caregiver
Fridays, November 14 – December
26, 10:00-12:00, Anytime
Join us each week for a relaxed and
social playtime filled with big
movement fun, fine motor activities,
pretend play, and creative art. It's
the perfect way to play, explore,
and connect. **Please register.**

MORE CLASSES FOR KIDS

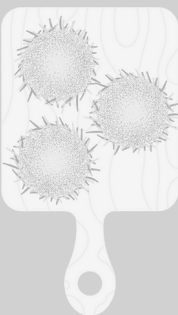
Miss Jen's Craft Club

Pre-K-Grade 4
Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20,
December 4, 11, 18, 4:30-5:30 PM
Miss Jen is stirring up an exciting
array of hands-on, mixed media
projects to spark the artist in you!
Please register.



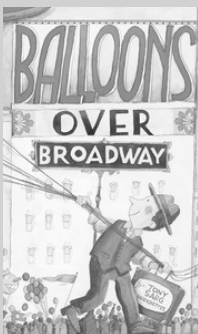
Strega Nonna's Harvest and Soup Making at Café Castello

K-Grade 4
Monday, November 17, 4:30-5:30 PM
Café Castello -
141 South Country Road, Bellport
Join us at Café Castello to learn how to
make soup and hear a tale about
generosity and cooperation.
Please register.



Latkes and Applesauce

Pre-K-Grade 3
Monday, December 8,
6:00 – 7:00 PM
Discover the meaning of
Hanukkah through engaging
stories, traditional foods,
and hands-on learning about
the holiday's customs.
Please register.



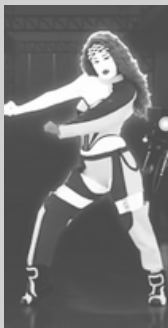
Balloons Over Broadway

Pre-K-Grade 3
Wednesday, November 19,
6:00-7:00 PM
Join us for a delightful journey
through the pages of *Balloons Over
Broadway*. Discover the inspiring
true story of Tony Sarg, the brilliant
puppeteer behind the iconic
balloons of the Macy's
Thanksgiving Day Parade.
Please register.



Jingle Tales and Toasty Toes

Pre-K-Grade 3
Wednesday, December 17,
6:00-7:00 PM
Put on your toastiest pajamas and
join Miss KariAnn Claus by the
fireplace for a cozy night of holiday
stories, songs, cookies, milk, and
lots of Christmas cheer!
Please register.



Just Dance Glow Party

Grade 1 and up
Thursday, December 18,
6:30-7:30
Get your glow on! Grab
some glow sticks and party
gear and join us for an epic
night of dancing, lights, and
fun as we play the hit party
game! **Please register.**

MAKING PIZZA at CAFÉ CASTELLO

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver

Monday, December 22, 12:00-1:00 PM
Café Castello –
141 South Country Road, Bellport
Grab a grown-up and learn how to
make pizza with everyone's favorite,
Nick from Café Castello!
Please register.



Grades K-4

Monday, December 22, 1:30-2:30 PM
Café Castello – 141 South Country
Road, Bellport
Learn how to make pizza with
everyone's favorite, Nick from Café
Castello! **Please register.**

CLASSES FOR FAMILIES

South Country Central School District SEPTA Meeting

All welcome
Monday, November 3,
6:00-7:00 PM
SEPTA (Special Education
PTA) welcomes all families,
caregivers, and educators
who are committed to
supporting every child's
educational journey. Learn
what SEPTA is, discover
ways to get involved, and
connect with others in our
community.
No registration required.



Holiday Family Photo Shoot

All welcome
Saturday, November 8, 1:00-3:30 PM
Get ready to smile! Our talented library
friend, Vivian from Finding Magic in
Chaos Photography, will be capturing
joyful, festive family portraits, perfect for
your holiday cards and keepsakes.
Appointments are necessary.
Please register.



Rhythm and Wellness

All welcome
Wednesday, November 26,
6:00-7:00
The holiday season can be
overwhelming, but you don't have
to face it alone. Refresh your spirit
and energize your body in this
uplifting Latin dance workshop
with Youth Enrichment Services.
Please register.



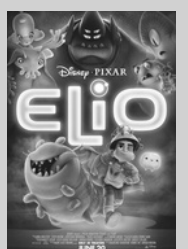
Ready, Set, Frost!

All welcome
Wednesday, December 3,
6:00-7:00 PM
Bring the whole crew to our
Gingerbread House Building
Contest for this festive event filled
with candy, creativity, and cheer.
Let's build some sweet memories.
Please register.



Movie Night: Elio (2025)

All welcome
Monday, December 29, 4:30-6:30 PM
Tired of being stuck at home over the holidays?
Grab your family and friends, we've got the
popcorn! Join us for a fun movie filled with
action and adventure. **Please register.**





CLASSES & EVENTS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

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Grades 6 and up. Call or email bflevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org for more information.

Brownies and Brain Break

Grade 4 and up
Monday, November 10, 4:30-5:30 PM
Grab your friends, snag some brownies, and get lost in a world of doodles. **Please register.**



Pizza and Paint

Grade 4 and up
Tuesday, November 25, 6:30-7:30 PM
Grab a slice, chill with friends, and paint a cozy fall forest scene. **Please register.**



Cozy Pillow Sewing

Grade 4 and up
Tuesday, December 2, 6:00-7:00 PM
Design and sew your own soft, snuggly pillow. No sewing experience needed, just bring your creativity. **Please register.**



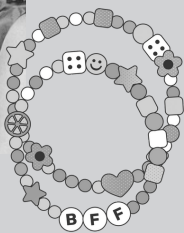
Crochet Club

Grade 4 and up
Monday, December 8, 4:30-5:30 PM, & Tuesday, December 9, 6:00-7:00 PM
Join our Crochet crew and learn to stitch your way through fun and friendship. **Please register.**



Beaded Jewelry with Alexis

Grade 4 and up
Wednesday, December 10, 4:30-5:30 PM
Remember the holiday shop at school? Now you can make the perfect gift instead! Use a variety of beautiful beads to design jewelry for someone you love. **Please register.**



Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up
Saturday, December 20, 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 driver's 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 the fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



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GAME ON!

Mario Kart World

Grades 2 and up
Thursday, November 13, 6:30-7:30 PM
Hop in and race with us as we try out the exciting new Mario Kart on Nintendo's next-gen console, the Switch 2! **Please register.**



Rock Band Arcade

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, November 20, 6:30-7:30 PM
The classic rhythm video game comes to BFL! Grab a guitar or some drums and join our band! **Please register.**



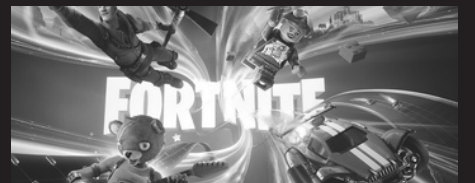
Acron: Attack of the Squirrel, Virtual Reality

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, December 11, 6:30-7:30 PM
Join us in virtual reality with our META Quest 2 and play along on iPad to experience this hilarious game of squirrels vs. trees! **Please register.**



After Hours Fortnite Frenzy

Grades 4 and up
Friday, December 12, 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Drop in, team up, and battle it out in Fortnite. Bring your friends and your appetite, because pizzas are on us! **Please register.**



Fireplace Literary Club

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

Wednesday, November 19, 1:30 PM

Meet Coleen DeLorenzo, a Fitness Specialist and Nutrition Coach, discussing the benefits of exercise and overall health.

Wednesday, December 17, 1:30 PM

Holiday Party

DID YOU KNOW?

If you live in the South Country Central School District, you are eligible for a library card at both Brookhaven Free Library and South Country Library.



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LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

November 11
November 27
November 28

December 24
December 25
December 31



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Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tuesday, November 18, 7:00 PM
Tuesday, December 16, 7:00 PM

MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

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.