



# BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER  
2025

REGISTRATION BEGINS  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6  
9:30 AM  
CALL - VISIT - GO ONLINE

Serving the South Country Central School District

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

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## The Great Give Back

The Great Give Back is a community service initiative intended to provide opportunities for the patrons of the Public Libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences. All activities are eligible for community service credit.

### Donate Items to Those in Need

Donations accepted September 2 – October 11, during Library hours  
Drop off toiletries (bandages, wet wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), small non-perishable food items, socks, gloves and/or water bottles. Items will be used to make personal care kits for those in need.

### Paws of War

Donations accepted September 2 -October 11, during Library hours.  
Paws of War trains and places shelter dogs to serve and provide independence to our U.S. military veterans suffering from the emotional effects of war. Donations of food, leashes, toys, and any supplies for cats or dogs.

### Kits for Care

All welcome | Saturday, October 18, 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Help decorate and assemble toiletry kits that the Suffolk County PD, 5<sup>th</sup> Precinct COPE unit will distribute to those in need. **Please register.**

### Community Clean-Up

All welcome | Saturday, October 18 at 9:00 AM  
The Brookhaven Village Association and BFL are teaming up to help keep our local streets clean! Meet at the Library; all supplies will be provided, and participants will be invited to return to the Library for a thank-you brunch at 11:00 AM. **Please register.**

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## 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.**



## Stony Brook University Healthy Libraries Program

Wednesdays, September 3-October 29,  
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 is required.**

## Mobile Office Hours with NYS Senator Dean Murray at BFL

All welcome  
Thursday, September 4, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Please call Senator Dean Murray to schedule your appointment at (631)360-3356.  
**Appointments only.**



## Art in the Open Air at The Post-Morrow Foundation

All welcome  
September-October  
Post Morrow Foundation - 16 Bay Road,  
Brookhaven  
Stroll through the Ken Budny Memorial Boardwalk at Post-Morrow Foundation to see the captivating artwork by Gregory Manchess, where nature and creativity meet.

**9th Annual  
Jack-O-Lantern Blaze  
Pumpkin Carving Contest  
& Fall Celebration**

All welcome  
Sunday, October 26,  
4:00-6:30 PM Rain or shine  
H.O.G. Farm – 319 Beaver  
Dam Road, Brookhaven

It's BACK! Set the sky ablaze at our 9th Annual Jack-o-Lantern Carving Contest! We've lined up live music from the band Nina, Et. Cetera, games, crafts and more! A food truck will also be there, ready to serve up yummy treats for purchase. All carving supplies will be provided; one pumpkin per family. Pumpkins will be lit after sundown and studied by a panel of special guest judges! **Registration is required, please be sure to do so.**

## 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.

**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 Children (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, SEPTEMBER 6

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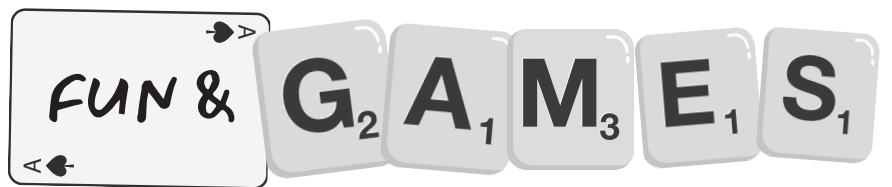
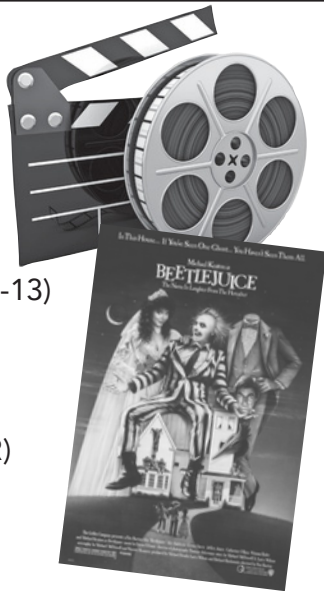
### Tuesday Movie Matinee

Adults 18 years and up  
Tuesdays, September-October, 2:00 PM  
Please note that titles may vary based on availability. **No registration required.**

9/2 – *The Friend* (2025) (R)  
9/9 – *Thunderbolts* (2025) (PG-13)  
9/16 – *The Phoenician Scheme* (2025) (PG-13)  
9/23 – *The Big Heat* (1953)  
9/30 – *Flow* (2025)

#### October Spooky Season Picks:

10/7 – *The Addams Family* (1991) (PG-13)  
10/14 – *The Witches of Eastwick* (1987) (R)  
10/21 – *Casper* (1995) (PG)  
10/28 – *Beetlejuice* (1988) (PG)



### Mah-Jongg

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, September 11,  
October 16, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Bring your own mah-jongg set  
and join in the fun with new  
and experienced players.  
**Please register.**

### Dice 5000

Adults 18 and up  
Thursdays, September 18,  
October 9, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join us for a fun, new twist on  
a rummy-style card game!  
**Please register.**

### Bingo!

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, September 25,  
October 23, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join in on the fun and win  
prizes! **Please register.**

### Saturday Social

Adults 18 years and up  
Saturdays, September 27,  
October 11, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Join us for a mid-morning  
social with coffee, muffins, and  
games. **Please register.**



### Book Club

Adults 18 years and up  
10:00 – 11:00 AM  
Tuesday, September 9 - *The Engineer's Wife* by Tracy Emerson Wood  
Tuesday, October 14 - *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore  
Copies of each title will be available at  
the Circulation Desk.  
**Please register.**

### Sunset Paddle with Get Up Stand Up NY

Adults 18 and up  
Wednesday, September 10,  
6:00–7:00 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.**



### Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 years and up  
Saturdays, September 13 &  
October 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 the fee will be collected  
at the start of class. **Please register.**



## Empire Safety Council



### Conversations in English

Fridays, September 19, 26, &  
October 3, 10, & 17,  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Join experienced ELL teacher Marie  
Knapp for support and resources to  
help non-native speakers improve  
their English skills. **Please register.**



### Mindfulness Mondays

Adults 18 years and up • Mondays, 8:00-9:00 PM  
**Sleep Sound, Sound Bath** – September 15, October 6  
**Guided Meditation** - September 29, October 27  
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.**

### Fall Aromatherapy Blends

Wednesday, October 29,  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Cozy up to autumn with the scents of the season!  
Join us to blend warm, spicy, and woody essential  
oils into comforting creations that bring the cozy  
feeling of fall right to your senses. All supplies  
provided—just bring your love of autumn!  
**Please register.**

## ART with friends

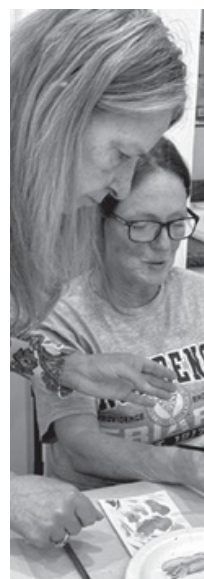
### Friday Afternoon Creatives

Adults 18 years and up  
Fridays, September-October,  
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.**



### Classic Illustration

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, September 18,  
October 16, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join resident artist Tom  
for an ongoing series of  
drawing lessons focusing  
on the basics of  
illustration.  
**Please register.**



### Get Creative with Linda Lee

**Fall Wreath** -  
Wednesday, September  
10, 2:00 - 3:30 PM  
**Apples in Watercolor** -  
Saturday, September 20,  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Syracuse, Sicily** -  
Saturday, October 11,  
10:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
**Fall Foliage Painting** -  
Wednesday, October 22,  
2:00 - 3:30 PM  
Linda Lee will bring out  
the artist in all of us!  
**Please register.**



### Recycled Book Vase

Monday, September 22,  
6:00 - 7:00 PM  
For all of you book lovers, we  
will make a vase out of recycled  
books. **Please register.**

### Wooden Pumpkin

Monday, October 20,  
6:00-7:00 PM  
We will be gluing  
wooden pieces  
together to make  
them look like a  
pumpkin!  
**Please register.**



## FIREPLACE LITERARY CLUB

**Wednesday, September 17,  
1:30 PM**

CEED - 287 South Country Road,  
Brookhaven

Please wear comfortable shoes to explore  
CEED and get an overview of its history and  
its upcoming programs.

**Wednesday, October 15, 1:30 PM**  
Avery Homestead - 29 South Country Road,  
East Patchogue

Grab those comfortable shoes to do more  
exploring!

New members are always welcome -  
call 631-286-1136 for information





# CLASSES & EVENTS FOR KIDS

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## EARLY EDUCATION CLASSES FOR BIRTH – PRE-K

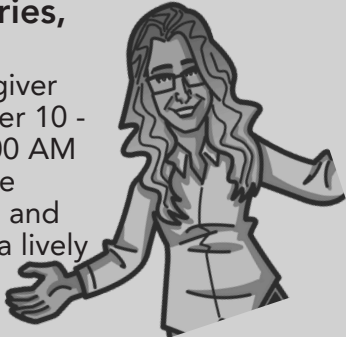


### Musical Mondays

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Mondays, September 8, 15,  
& October 27  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Explore rhythm, sound, and  
movement through play with  
a variety of musical  
instruments. **Please register.**

### Together Time Stories, Rhymes, & Songs

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Wednesdays, September 10 -  
October 29, 10:00-11:00 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, September 11 -  
October 30, 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.**



### Crafty Critters & Kooky Stories

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Tuesdays, September 16 – October 28,  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Let's go on a kooky adventure with Miss  
Kariann! We'll enjoy fun stories, sing lively  
songs, and dive into themed activities and crafts  
that spark creativity and support early learning.  
**Please register.**



### Let's Sing with Meghan VK

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Mondays, September 22, 29, &  
October 6, 20, 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.**

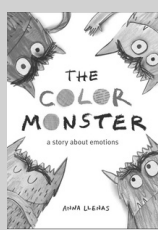


## CLASSES FOR SCHOOL-AGE KIDS



### Back to School Ice Cream Social

Monday, September 8, 4:30- 5:30 PM  
Grades Pre-K–3  
Monday, September 8, 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
Grades 4 and up  
You did it! You made it through the  
first week of school. Get your pajamas  
on and join your friends to socialize  
and make your own ice cream sundaes.  
**Please register.**



### Color Monsters

Pre-K-Grade 3  
Wednesday, September 10,  
4:30-5:30 PM  
As the school year begins,  
join us to explore emotions,  
talk about feelings, and  
enjoy hands-on activities  
inspired by *The Color  
Monster* by Anna Llenas.  
**Please register.**



### Sunset Paddle with Get Up Stand Up NY

Grades 1-4  
Wednesday, September 10,  
5:00–6:00 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.**



### Reading to Nikki

Pre-K – Grade 4  
Mondays, September 15, 22  
& 29, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Nikki is an English Springer  
Spaniel who just loves to  
listen to a good story.  
Practice your reading with  
this sweet, loving dog.  
**Please register.**

### Craft Club - Fall Edition (New Day!)

Pre-K-Grade 4  
Thursdays, September 18, 25, &  
October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
4:30-5:30 PM  
Join your friends for a cozy, creative time  
full of mixed crafts and media! From  
painting to paper art and everything in  
between, Miss Jen is stirring up an exciting  
array of hands-on projects to spark the  
artist in you. **Please register.**



### ScribeCraft

Grades 3 and up  
Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Join Mike from Forgotten Skills  
to explore the ancient craft of  
bookmaking. This hands-on  
series reveals how books were  
made before modern  
technology, one step at a time.  
**Please register.**  
**Ink Explorers** - September 24  
**Paper Makers** - October 1  
**Scrolls & Seals** - October 8  
**Stitched Book Making** -  
October 15



### Candy Sushi

Grades K-3  
Wednesday, September 17  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Make some unique and  
tasty treats with Miss Alexa!  
**Please register.**

## CLASSES FOR FAMILIES



### "Bored" Games

Grades K-3  
Thursday, September 11, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Take a break from boredom and join  
some friends for an afternoon of cards,  
dice, fun and games! **Please register.**



### Cultivating Connections: A Community Circle

All welcome  
Tuesday, September 30, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join Naomi Escobar, SCCSD, Restorative Practices Coordinator,  
for a session of connections. Through a guided, meaningful  
conversation, we'll explore ways to foster peace, reinforce  
positivity, and build lasting connections for you, your family and  
our community. **Please register.**



### SINGO at Anthony's

All welcome  
Tuesday, September 30,  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Anthony's - 2478 Montauk  
Hwy, Brookhaven  
Bring the family to  
Anthony's for delicious  
food and a chance to test  
your musical knowledge,  
playing BINGO with a  
twist! **Please register.**



### Haunted House Decorating Contest

All welcome  
Wednesday, October 1,  
6:00-7:00 PM  
Each family will race  
against the clock to  
make the scariest, most  
original, and most  
delicious Haunted  
House. **Please register.**



### It's Halloween!

Families with Children  
of all ages  
Friday, October 31,  
10:00-7:30 PM  
We want to see you in  
your costumes.  
We will have crafts and  
treats galore!  
**Please register.**





# CLASSES & EVENTS FOR TEENS & TWEENS

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## community Service

Grades 6 and up. Call or email [bflevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org](mailto:bflevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org) for more information.



### Teen Chess Players Wanted!

Grades 6 and up  
Need community service and know how to play chess? We're looking for experienced teen chess players to guide younger kids in a new Chess Club! Call or email the library if you're interested.

### Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up  
Saturday, October 4, 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 fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



### Teen Scene

Grades 4 and up  
Tuesdays, 6:00-7:00 PM  
**Locker Magnets** - September 23  
**Crochet 101** - October 7  
**Light Up Ghosts** - October 14  
**Glow in the Dark Halloween Sign** - October 28  
Miss Jen and Miss Daniela are stirring up an exciting array of hands-on projects to spark the artist in you. **Please register.**



### Silhouette Art

Grades 4 and up  
Wednesday, October 15, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join us as we learn how to make cool and original art using various silhouettes. **Please register.**



### Poltergeist

Grades 5 and up  
Wednesday, October 22, 5:30-7:30 PM  
We've got the snacks, you grab your friends! Join us to watch this classic 1982 horror movie. **Please register.**



## GAME ON!

### Minecraft Meetup

Grades 4 and up  
Thursday, September 25, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Minecraft Meetup is back! Get crafting in the incredible world of Minecraft as we play this iconic game on iPad. **Please register.**



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

Grades 4 and up  
Thursday, October 2, 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.**



### Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament of Chaos

Grades 3 and up  
Thursday, October 23, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Calling all champions! Join us for a fast-paced, break-neck tournament of mayhem as you battle through the ranks for supremacy. Prizes will be awarded to the ultimate victors! **Please register.**



### Brookhaven Town Library Expo

Saturday, September 13th, 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM  
Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill, Farmingville, NY

Explore and play at Brookhaven Town Hall with a gathering of staff from 13 Public Libraries across Brookhaven Town, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) focused not-for-profit organizations and businesses.

Educators will bring hands-on activities and displays to spark your curiosity. **All ages are welcome.**  
Discover what the libraries in Brookhaven have to offer.



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(631) 286-0120 (fax)

### 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.**

**E-mail:** [bflevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org](mailto:bflevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org)  
**Website:** [www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org](http://www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org)

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

**September 1** - Labor Day  
**September 2** - Library will open at 1:30 PM  
**October 13** - Columbus Day



### Board of Trustees

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### Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tuesday, September 16, 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, October 21, 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