



BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

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Central School District

May-June 2025

A Note from the Director

Dear Community Members:

At our Annual Meeting on March 18, we proudly presented the 10th Annual Community Partner in Literacy Award to Maria Slavnova for her outstanding work with Friends of Bellport Bay (FoBB). Maria's dedication to environmental stewardship, hands-on learning, and community education beautifully reflects the library's mission to support lifelong learning and foster meaningful connections. Through her leadership with FoBB, Maria helps promote science literacy, sustainability, and civic engagement, reminding us that literacy extends far beyond books—it encompasses understanding the natural world, engaging with science, and building a more informed and empowered community. We invite you to stop by the library to see our new mini Bellport Bay fish tank, a tribute to the inspiring work of FoBB and the vibrant ecosystem they help protect.



Sincerely,

Anthony Zutter

Director

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 & \$39.00 seniors for Total Experience Ticket
(a savings of \$18.99/adult ticket, \$4.99/child)

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.

Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Empire State Pass

Kynytix 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 Center
Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium



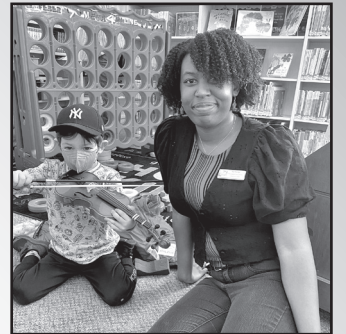
Community Events:

Violin & Viola Lessons

All welcome

Wednesdays, May 7 – June 18, 4:30-5:30 PM

Do you play violin or viola? Do you have an upcoming audition for NYSSMA? Do you want to refine your skills? Practice and rehearse with Kai, who has performed with the Metropolitan Youth Orchestra and at numerous venues, including Carnegie Hall. **Registration is limited to BFL cardholders. Please register to sign up for a thirty-minute lesson.**



Nature Walk Series through Post-Morrow

16 Bay Road, Brookhaven

All welcome

Mondays, May 12-June 30, 2:30-3:30

Stroll through the picturesque grounds of the Post-Morrow Foundation, bring your camera along, and experience the perfect blend of nature, friendship, and exercise. **Please register.**

Cultivation Connections: A Community Circle

All welcome

Monday, May 19, 6:30-7:30 PM

Join Naomi Escobar for a session of Cultivation Connections, 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.**

Engines, Oil, and Roadside Assistance with MVP

Ages 16 and up

Tuesday, May 20, 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Join Dan from MVP Automotive Service Center for a hands-on workshop that covers essential car maintenance skills. **Please register.**



Shred, Shed and Recycle

St. James Episcopal Church – 260 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven

Saturday, June 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

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.**

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.**



Mobile Office Hours with NYS Senator Dean Murray (In Person)

All welcome • Tuesday, June 24, 5:00-7:00 PM

One-on-one mobile office hours with NYS Senator Dean Murray. By appointment only. **Please call his office to schedule: 631-360-3356.**

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REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, MAY 3. 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



Mah-Jongg

Adults 18 years and up
Thursdays, May 1 & June 5, 2:00-3:00 PM
Bring your own mah-jongg set and join in the fun with both new and experienced players!
Please register.

Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up
Tuesdays, May 6 – June 24, 2:00-4:00 PM
Please note that titles may vary based on availability.
No registration required.
5/6 – *Companion* (2025)
5/13 – *Love Hurts* (2025)
5/20 – *Flight Risk* (2025)
5/27 – *Mufasa The Lion King* (2024)
6/3 – *I'm Still Here* (2024)
6/10 – *Civil War* (2024)
6/17 – *Last Breath* (2025)
6/24 – *Paddington in Peru* (2024)



Bingo!

Adults 18 years and up
Thursdays, May 8 & June 12, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join in on the fun and win prizes!
Please register.



Saturday Social

Adults 18 years and up
Saturdays, May 10 & June 14, 10:00-11:00 AM
Join us for a mid-morning social with coffee, muffins, and games. **Please register.**

Mindfulness Mondays

Adults, 18 years and up 8:00-9:00 PM

Guided Meditation

Mondays, May 12 & June 2

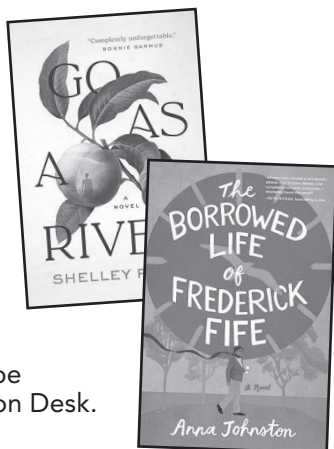
Sleep Sound, Sound Bath

Mondays, May 19 & June 16

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.**

Book Club

Adults 18 years and up
10:00-11:00 AM
Tuesday, May 13
Go as a River
by Shelley Read
Tuesday, June 10
The Borrowed Life of Frederick Fife
by Anna Johnston
Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk.
Please register.



Art with Friends

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.**

Creative Masterpieces with Linda Lee

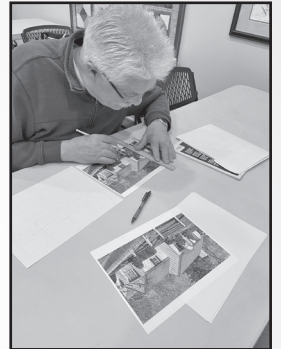
Wednesday, May 7, 1:00-3:00 PM
Clouds
Saturday, May 10, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Neurographic Art
Wednesday, June 18, 1:00-3:00 PM
Sailboats
Join artist Linda Lee as she guides us in creating stunning masterpieces using a variety of mixed media techniques.
Please register.



Adults 18 years and up

Classic Illustration

Thursdays,
May 8 & June 5,
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.**



Air Dry Clay Planter

Tuesday,
May 13,
6:00-7:30 PM
We will sculpt and customize a unique air-dry clay planter designed to complement an air plant. **Please register.**



Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 years and up
Saturday, May 17 & June 14, 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
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Council

Puzzle Bee

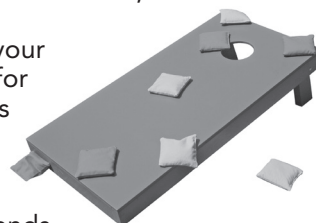
Adults 16 and up
Saturday, May 24, 10:00-11:00 AM
The first team to complete the puzzle wins!
Please register.

Five-Crowns

Adults 18 and up
Thursdays, May 29 & June 26, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join us for a fun, classic rummy-style card game! **Please register.**

Cornhole

Adults 18 and up
Saturdays, May 31 & June 21, 10:00-11:00 AM
Before you start your Saturday, join us for light refreshments and a not-so competitive game of Cornhole with friends.
Please register.



SINGO at Painters

416 South Country Road. Brookhaven
Adults 18 and up
Thursday, June 5, 6:30-7:30 PM
Calling all GenZ/Millennial music lovers to join us at Painters for food, fun, and your chance to test your musical knowledge by playing BINGO with a musical twist! **Please register.**

Netting with FoBB

Mother's Beach – Beach Road, Bellport
Adults 16 and up
Saturday, June 21, 10:00-11:00 AM
Friends of Bellport Bay will guide us through a hands-on experience, teaching us about the organisms that play a vital role in cleaning our bays using netting techniques. **Please register.**



BBQ Summer Sides

Adults 18 and up
Tuesday, June 24, 6:30-7:30 PM
Master three classic, effortless summer side dishes to elevate your BBQ experience!
Please register.

Cheese Please!

Adults 18 and up
Wednesday, June 25, 6:30-7:30 PM
There is an incredible variety of cheeses to explore, and today, we'll be tasting and learning about the artistry behind some of the most delicious! **Please register.**



Think Sustainability

Compost 101

Ages 12 and up
Wednesday, June 4, 6:30 PM
Whether you're a beginner or looking to enhance your composting skills, this program provides practical advice and valuable resources to help you create nutrient-rich compost right at home. Bring your questions, enthusiasm, and a desire to make a positive environmental impact. Let's grow greener together! **Please register.**



Friends of Bellport Bay

All Welcome
Monday, June 9, 6:30-7:30 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.**



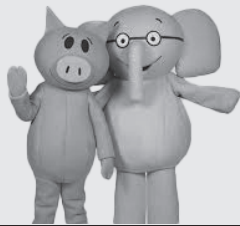
Children's Programs

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Early Education Classes & Events for Birth – Pre-K

Elephant and Piggie Scavenger Hunt!

Find Elephant and Piggie in the Children's Department, tell us where they're hiding, and you'll earn a prize!



Nature Adventurers

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Mondays, May, 10:00-11:00 AM
Explore the natural world while encouraging imagination, creativity, and hands-on learning. **Please register.**

Stories, Crafts, and Play

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Tuesdays, May, 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.**



Together Time Stories, Rhymes & Songs - Spring Edition

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver
Wednesdays, May 7-28, 10:00-10:30 PM
Wednesdays, June 11-25, 4:00-4:30 PM **(Time Change)**
Join us to share in a special time with your little ones while promoting essential pre-literacy skills. Meghan VK will make special appearances on May 21 and June 11 to treat us to musical fun! **Please register.**

Messy Play Days

Age 2-Pre-K 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. Come dressed for mess! **Please register.**

Community Storytime

Birth-Age 4 with a caregiver
10:00-11:00 AM
Fridays, June 6 & June 13 - **Post-Morrow Foundation**
Fridays, June 20 & June 27 - **Early Girl Farm**

Join us for a fun-filled adventure exploring our lovely community! Each week, we'll gather for an engaging storytime, followed by creative and playful activities. **Please register.**



Teddy Bear Clinic

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Tuesday, June 17, 4:00-5:00 PM
Your teddy bears have been hibernating all winter. Bring them to the Library for some pampering and playtime. **Please register.**



Classes & Events for School Age Children

Taste-Bud Challenge

Pre-K-Grade 3
Tuesday, May 6, 4:30-5:30 PM
We dare you to try our blind taste-test! Is it true that many store brands taste just as good as or even better than iconic brands? **Please register.**

Mother's Day Flower Shop

Grades Pre-K-3
Saturday, May 10, 3:00-4:00 PM
Take a stroll through our community room's flower shop, where you'll select from a vibrant array of fresh blooms. Then, create your beautiful bouquet, adding a personal touch with twine, ribbons, a heartfelt card, and plenty of love. **Please register.**



Craft Club - Spring Edition

Pre-K-4 • Mondays, 4:30-5:30 PM
May 5 – Shadow Art
May 12 – Fairy Houses
May 19 – Crafters' Celebration
Miss Jen will inspire your inner artist through stories, activities, and thematic crafts. **Please register.**

iLa hora de cuentos en español! Spanish Storytime

Grades K-4
Thursdays, May 22 & June 12, 4:30-5:30 PM
Celebrate stories, songs, and fun in Spanish with everyone's favorite friend from Brookhaven Elementary School, Ms. Gety! **Please register.**

Elephant and Piggie

Grades Pre-K-3
Tuesdays, May 27 & June 24, 4:30-5:30 PM
Join your friends, along with Elephant and Piggie, as you explore Mo Willems' books and enjoy fun activities that promote language comprehension, expression, friendship, and social-emotional development. **Please register.**



Teddy Bear Clinic

Grades K-Grade 3
Wednesday, May 28, 6:30-7:30 PM
Your teddy bears have been hibernating all winter. Bring them to the Library for some pampering and playtime. **Please register.**

Daddy-O-Saurus Cards

Grades Pre-K-Grade 3
Saturday, June 14, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Tomorrow is Father's Day! Stop by to create a roar and send a message for someone truly dino-riffic. **Please register.**

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 age 5 and up
Fridays in May, 11:00 AM-12:00 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.**

Outside Chalk Party

All welcome
Saturday, June 28, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM
Kick off the summer by making unforgettable memories! Express your creativity with family and friends through vibrant chalk art, and enjoy fun prizes along the way! **Please register.**

Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

Taste-Bud Challenge

Grade 4
Tuesday, May 6,
6:30-7:30 PM
We dare you to try our blind taste-test! Is it true that many store brands taste just as good as or even better than iconic brands? **Please register.**

Express Yourself!

Grades 5 and up
Wednesdays, May 14, June 11 & June 18,
6:30-7:30 PM
Calling all youth artists! Join us to show off your talents with a dance, a song, a poem, an instrument, a monologue - or anything that expresses your artistry. We will provide snacks and drinks, you provide the entertainment!
Please register.

Crochet Club

Grades 5 and up
Tuesday, May 27,
6:30-7:30 PM
Learn how to crochet or finish up what you started! **Please register.**

Graffiti T-Shirt

Grades 5 and up
Thursday, May 29,
6:30-7:30 PM
We have the T's and the spray paint. All we need is YOU!
Please register.

Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up
Saturday, June 7,
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.**

DIY Teen Totes

Grades 4 and up
Tuesday, June 3, 6:30-7:30 PM
Customize a tote bag using recycled scrap fabric. **Please register.**

Resin Pour Art

Grades 5 and up
Tuesday, June 10, 6:30-7:30 PM
Explore the endless possibilities of Resin art to create a beautiful pendant or keychain. **Please register.**

Spring Tic-Tac-Toe Board

Grades 4-up
Thursday, June 12, 6:30-7:30 PM
Create your very own board. **Please register.**

GAMERS CORNER Grades 4 and up.

Mario Kart

Thursday, May 15,
6:30-7:30 PM
Put the pedal to the medal! **Please register.**



Super Smash Bros.

Thursday, June 26, 6:30-7:30 PM
We are calling all Super Smash Bros warriors! Battle to victory in this epic Nintendo Switch favorite. **Please register.**

community Service FOR TEENS

Grades 6 and up. Contact us for more information.

Community TLC

Write letters of love, help our four-legged friends, help create craft kits and more. **Call or email bfevents@brookhavenfreelibrary.org to schedule an appointment.**

Garden Club May-June, TBD

Help our gardens grow! Learn about soil, seeds, and planting by lending your time to establish beds on our property. **Please register.**



Hands-On at Early Girl Farm

279 South Country Road, Brookhaven
Mondays, May 12 & June 9, 2:30-3:30 PM
Patty Gentry, farmer and founder of Early Girl Farm, could use some assistance in planting, weeding, and watering crops. **Please register.**

Coming Soon - Battle of the Books

Grades 6-12
The search is on for our next Battle of the Books team. If you are entering grades 6-9 and love to read and answer trivia, this team is for you! **Call or visit for more information.**



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!



FIREPLACE LITERARY CLUB

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

Wednesday, May 21

Guest Speaker – Susan Daconto
The wonderful season at The Gateway Playhouse

Wednesday, June 18

Guest Speaker – Gerri Abelsan – An insightful discussion on Somatic Experiencing (SE), a powerful therapeutic approach focusing on how the body responds to stress and trauma.

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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Monday-Thursday: 9:30 AM – 8:00 PM
Friday, Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM • Sunday: Closed

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Upcoming Board Meetings:

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday of 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.