



# BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

Serving the  
South Country  
Central School District

March-April 2025

## ANNUAL MEETING

Tuesday, March 18, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Join us to review the year, celebrate employee milestones, and honor the recipient of the 10th Annual Community Partner in Literacy Award.



## BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION

Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM

Visit our webpage or stop by the Library for budget information.

## Community Events:

### National Library Week

April 6-12 • All welcome

National Library Week, established by the American Library Association in 1958, celebrates the vital role libraries and their staff play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. This year's theme, "Drawn to the Library!" highlights how libraries serve everyone, from young families to seniors, offering resources like Storytime, creative projects, tech help, and more. Explore the library, join a book club, or attend a library program. Whatever draws you in, there's something for everyone. **No registration is required.**



### The Nature of Reality

Sunday, April 6, 3:00-5:00 PM

Adults 18 and up

To celebrate National Library Week, Deborah Mayo and Steven McCloskey present three short stories exploring the nature of reality. "Nabo: The Black Man Who Made the Angels Wait," by Nobel Prize-winning Colombian writer Gabriel García Márquez, presents a tale of colonialism told from multiple possible perspectives. "A Very Old Man with Enormous Wings," also by Márquez, relates the effects of a fantastical occurrence in a small seaside village. And "Pre-Simulation Consultation XF007867," by Kim Fu, a young Chinese-Canadian writer, poses bureaucratic and ethical questions surrounding an advanced virtual reality simulation. Suggested admission is 5 lbs. of non-perishable food items to benefit our local food banks. **Please register.**



### About Boating Safety

Saturday, April 12, 9:30 AM-4:30 PM

Ages 10 and up • Cost: \$50

Become familiar with boat handling, trailering, navigation rules, common problems, and safe boating practices through U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary certified instructors. Upon completion and passing an online test, you will receive a Boating Safety Certificate and a laminated, wallet-sized, Boating Safety Card. This course satisfies Federal and NY State Parks and Recreation for Personal Watercraft (Jet Ski) and recreational boating. Registration requires a \$50 check payable to U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-06 for course fee and study guide. **Please register.**



### Community Clean-up

All welcome

Saturday, April 19, 9:00 AM

Join the Brookhaven Village Association and your neighbors from the South Country Community for our Annual Clean-Up Day! Meet at the Brookhaven Free Library to lend a hand and help make a positive impact. All supplies are provided. Afterward, participants are invited to a thank you brunch at the library at 11:00 AM. **Please register.**

### 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.**



## Tickets & Museum Passes

**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** - BFL cardholders only; savings of approximately 50%

**Long Island Aquarium** - Tickets do not expire \$28.00 child/senior, \$39.00 adult (20% discount)

**Museum Passes** - Passes are available for checkout in person. Print on Demand passes will be sent digitally via email. Before your visit, please call the institution directly to confirm their operating hours and any visitor guidelines.

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

Long Island Children's 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



## Town Clerk Mobile Office Hours • Tuesday, April 8, 11:00 AM - 4:00 PM • All welcome

Meet Brookhaven Town Clerk Kevin J. Lavallo. Learn about the services available at the Town Clerk's office including disabled parking passes, marriage licenses and officiants, birth certificates, death certificates, dog licenses, special event permits, and more. Please note, due to privacy laws, passes and certificates will not be issued at this event, however they will assist you in getting the process started. For more information, call the Town Clerk's office at 631-451-9101. **No registration is required.**

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# Classes & Events For ADULTS

18 years and up

## Informational Technology

Adults 18 years and up  
Monday, March 3-31, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Need help choosing the right tech tools or navigating online services, your phone, or spreadsheets? Bring your questions to Michele!  
**Please register.**

## Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up  
Tuesdays, March 4–April 29, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Please note that titles may vary based on availability.  
**No registration required.**

- 3/4 – *The Outrun* (2024)
- 3/11 – *Conclave* (2024)
- 3/18 – *Juror #2* (2024)
- 3/25 – *Wicked* (2024)
- 4/1 – *Top Secret* (1984)
- 4/8 – *No Movie (Budget Vote)*
- 4/15 – *The Great Gatsby* (2013)
- 4/22 – *WALL-E* (2008)
- 4/29 – *Gladiator II* (2024)



## Guided Meditation

Adults 18 years and up  
Mondays, March 10, April 21, 8:00-9:00 PM  
Join Christine Santanastaso on a transformative guided meditation journey, where she expertly guides you through a series of breathing exercises, empowering mantras, calming mental imagery, and soothing postures to foster relaxation and inner peace.  
**Please register.**

## Mah-Jongg

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, March 6, April 3, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Bring your own Mah-Jongg set and join in the fun with both new and experienced players!  
**Please register.**

## Saturday Social

Adults 18 years and up  
Saturdays, March 8 & April 12, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Join us for a mid-morning social with coffee, breakfast treats, and games. Space is limited.  
**Please register.**

## Book Club

Adults 18 years and up  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Tuesday, March 11 – *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt  
Tuesday, April 8 – *On Fire Island* by Jane L. Rosen  
\*LI Reads  
Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk. **Please register.**



## Diabetes Prevention Program:

**Informational Session**  
Adults 18 years and up  
Wednesday, March 12, 12:00-1:00 PM  
Type 2 diabetes is becoming a widespread health concern in the U.S., affecting 1 in 10 people. Additionally, 1 in 3 adults have prediabetes, and 85% of them are unaware. Join us for an informative session where we'll explore this growing epidemic, discuss risk factors and potential health consequences, and provide insights into prediabetes. You'll also learn practical steps you can take to reduce your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes through the Diabetes Prevention Program.  
**Please register.**

## Bingo!

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, March 13, April 10, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join in on the fun and win prizes!  
**Please register.**



## Art with Friends

Adults 18 years and up

### Friday Afternoon Creatives

Fridays, March-April, 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

Thursdays, March 6, April 10, 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.**



### Linda-Lee - Artist Corner

Wednesday, March 19, 1:00-3:00 PM  
**Potted Shamrocks with Watercolors**  
Wednesday, April 16, 1:00-3:00 PM  
**Painted Wooden Eggs**  
Saturday, March 22, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
**Mountain Landscapes**  
Monday, April 7, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
**Birdhouses and Flowers**  
Learn to paint using different types of mixed media with the talented Linda-Lee.  
**Please register.**

### Little Miss Workbench

**Blanket Ladder**  
Monday, March 24, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Little Miss Workbench will have you hammering, sanding, and creating a decorative wood ladder to show off your favorite throws! **Please register.**

### Spring Bunny Wreath

Thursday, April 3, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Hop into Spring with an adorable bunny-shaped wreath!  
**Please register.**



### Recycled Books Turn Roses

Thursday, April 24, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Using recycled pages from old books to make forever roses!  
**Please register.**



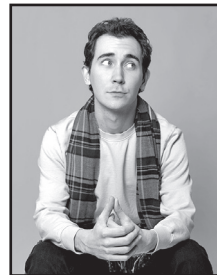
## Cricut Machine Know-How

Are you interested in learning how to use the Cricut Explore Air 2 or want to explore its features? Join us for a hands-on session! To reserve your spot, email Daniela at [dferrigno@brookhavenfreelibrary.org](mailto:dferrigno@brookhavenfreelibrary.org) or call the library to schedule an appointment.



## Michael Marziliano: A Cabaret

Adults 18 years and up  
Friday, March 14, 7:30-8:30 PM  
Michael Marziliano is an award-winning Shakespearean actor and vocal powerhouse. Having appeared in productions at Gateway, NYC, LIU, and South Shore Theater, he will treat us to an uplifting performance of popular Broadway show tunes, and songs by Frank Sinatra, The Beatles, Louis Armstrong, Tom Jones, and more! **Please register.**



## Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 years and up  
Saturdays, March 15, April 5, 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 on your driving record. There is no exam and fee will be collected at the start of class.  
**Please register.**



Empire Safety Council

## Inner Strength Coaching

Age 16 years and up • 2:00-3:00 PM  
Thursday, March 20 –

## The Confidence Code: Unlock Your Inner Power

Thursday, April 17 –  
**Create More Joy in Your Life: Vision Board Workshop**  
Linda Mazza, an Inner Strength Coach with over 25 years of experience will help us find confidence, and joy and help us to improve our relationships. **Please register.**

## Sleep Sound, Sound Bath

Adults 18 years and up  
Mondays, March 24, April 21, 8:00-9:00 PM  
Vibrations from quartz and Tibetan singing bowls are said to promote relaxation and offer powerful healing properties. Instructor Christine Santanastaso will begin with a short overview and verbal meditation. **Please register.**



## Long Island Reads:

**One Book - One Island**  
Adults 18 years and up  
Sunday, April 6, 2:00 PM –  
Attend in-person OR watch live stream Bay Shore Brightwaters Public Library – 1 South Country Road, Brightwaters  
Long Island Reads is an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss one book. Meet the author, Jane L. Rosen to discuss, *On Fire Island*. **Please register.**  
Tuesday, April 8, 10:00-11:00 AM – Join in the discussion! We have complimentary copies of *On Fire Island* for the first 20 patrons to register for our book club meeting.  
**Please register.**



## Don't Get Scammed!

Adults 18 years and up  
Monday, April 7, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join Officer Vincent from the SCPD's Cope 5 Unit to learn about the latest scams and how to spot, avoid, and report them.  
**Please register.**

## Travel Tips

Adults 18 years and up  
Monday, April 28, 6:30-7:30 PM  
We will show you ways to craft a personalized itinerary featuring the best lodging, must-see sights, and top-rated restaurants at the most competitive prices. **Please register.**



# Children's Programs

**Registration Begins Saturday, March 1.** 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 for Birth – Pre-K

### Construction Zone

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Mondays, March-April, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Join Miss Michele at her construction site where gross motor and problem-solving skills are encouraged. **Please register.**

### Baby Play with Miss Kariann

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Tuesdays, March-April (No class on April 1 and April 8)  
10:00-11:00 AM  
A fun-filled session designed for infants and toddlers, featuring interactive toys, sensory exploration, and movement to encourage development through play. **Please register.**

### Together Time Stories, Rhymes & Songs

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver  
Wednesdays, March-April, 10:00-10:30 AM  
Join us for a special time with your little ones while promoting essential pre-literacy skills. **Meghan VK** will make special appearances on March 19 and April 23 to treat us to musical fun! **Please register.**

### Join the Scavenger Hunt!

Each month, a new character will be hiding somewhere in the Children's Department. Find them, tell us where they're hiding, and you'll earn a fun prize!

### Messy Play Days

Birth-age 3 with a caregiver  
Thursdays, March-April, 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.**

### Saint Patrick Day Gold Hunt

Age 2 to Pre-K with a caregiver  
Saturday, March 8, 11:00 AM-12:00 PM  
The leprechaun has spilled his pot of gold all over the library lawn. Be here at 11:00 AM to find your share. Join us afterward for a spot of tea, Irish Soda Bread, and fun! **Please register.**



## Classes & Events for School Age Children

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### Craft Club

Pre-K-4 • Mondays, 4:30-5:30 PM

Miss Jen will inspire your inner artist through stories, activities, and thematic crafts. **Please register.**



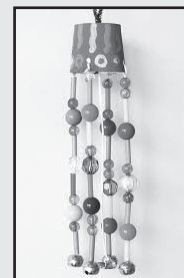
March 3 – Windy Art



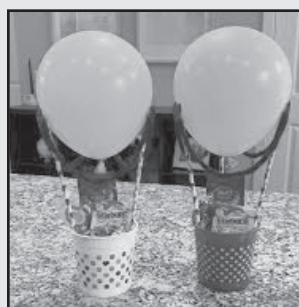
March 10 – Paper Plate  
Wind Twirler



March 17 – Rainbow Art



March 24 – Wind Chime



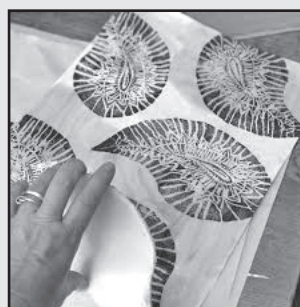
March 31 – Mini Hot  
Air Balloons



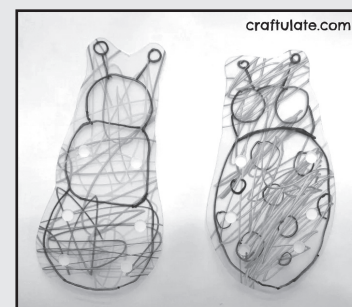
April 7 – Recycled  
Flower Art



April 14 –  
Kaleidoscope



April 21 – Styrofoam  
Print Art



April 28 – Shrinky Dinks

### Crochet for Kids

Grades 1 and up  
Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 25, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Once you get the hang of crocheting, the cozy items you can create are endless! **Please register.**



### Let's Celebrate with Dr. Seuss

Grades Pre-K-3 • 4:30-5:30 PM  
Wednesday, March 5 – Session 1  
Wednesday, March 19 – Session 2  
"It's fun to have fun, but you have to know how!"  
Get ready for two sessions of books, activities, recipes, and laughs with Dr. Seuss! **Please register.**



### Homeschool Hangout

Homeschool Families with children of all ages  
Fridays, March 7-April 25, 10:00 AM-11:30 AM  
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.**

### iLa hora de cuentos en español! Spanish Storytime

Grades K-4  
Wednesdays, March 12, April 16, 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.**

### Divine Dolphins

Grade K-5  
Wednesday, April 2, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Let's honor these beautiful creatures with an informational discussion and a scientific experiment with slime. **Please register.**



### A Police Officer's Storytime

Grades K-5  
Wednesday, April 9, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Meet our community police officers and listen to stories. **Please register.**

# Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

## Clay Jewelry Holder

Grades 4 and up  
Thursdays, March 13, March 20, 6:30-7:30  
This two-part class involves creating and sculpting a jewelry holder and returning to paint and glaze the final piece.  
**Please register.**

## String and Nail Art

Grades 4 and up  
Tuesday, April 1, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Learn to craft with nails and thread. **Please register.**



## Authors Unlimited

Grades 7-12  
Saturday, April 5, 9:00 AM-3:00 PM  
This wonderful event, taking place at St. Joseph's College in Patchogue, celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Teens in grades 7-12 have the opportunity to apply to become Authors Unlimited volunteers. As a volunteer, you will work with our team of librarians and authors by directing participants, meeting with the authors, assisting with book signings, and helping with setup and breakdown of the event. **Please visit our website or stop by the library for more details and to fill out an application.**



## Magazine Bowls

Grade 4 and up  
Tuesday, April 22, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Trash to treasure! We will use old magazines to link together to make little trinket bowls. **Please register.**

## Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up • Cost: \$40  
Saturday, April 26, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
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.**

## GAMERS CORNER Grades 4 and up.

### Board Game Nights

Mondays, March 10, April 14, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Enjoy some of your favorite board games with your friends! **Please register.**

### Super Smash Bros.

Thursday, March 27, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Calling all Super Smash Bros warriors! Battle to victory in this epic Nintendo Switch favorite. **Please register.**

### Mario Kart After Hours

Friday, March 21, 5:00-7:00 PM  
Put the pedal to the metal in this Mario Kart gaming event! **Please register.**



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

Thursday, April 17, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Let's get those golden acorns! **Please register.**

## community Service For Teens

Grades 6 and up.  
Contact us for more information.

### Nailing Down Community Service

Wednesdays, March 26-April 30, 2:30 - 3:30 PM  
Join us weekly to create a wooden garden bed or a bench for an agency in need. **Please register.**

### DIY Dog Toys

Tuesday, April 29, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Upcycle those old t-shirts for our local animal shelters. **Please register.**

## The Great Gatsby Parent and Teen Book Discussion

Grade 7 and up  
Wednesday, April 30, 6:30-7:30 PM  
We invite you to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald. Teens and parents unite to share and explore perspectives. **Copies will be available at the circulation desk. Please register.**

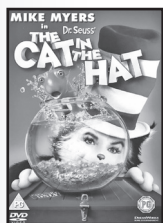
## For Families:

### 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.**

### The Cat in the Hat Movie (2003)

Families with children of all ages  
Saturday, March 29, 2:00-4:00 PM  
The day is here, it's time to cheer! Grab your hat and bring your cat! In honor of Dr. Seuss, join us for popcorn and a movie. **Please register.**



### Bad Art Night

Families with children of all ages  
Wednesday, April 23, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join us this evening for a night full of laughter, creativity, and zero pressure! You'll have access to a variety of art supplies and a set time to unleash your imagination. At the end, we'll vote for the most spectacularly bad art! Let's see what masterpieces you can create! **Please register.**

## FIREPLACE LITERARY CLUB

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

### Wednesday, March 19

Show and Tell - Share with Us

### Wednesday, April 16

Richard Weissmann, author of *Bonac: A Novel*, will delve into his gripping story about Cal, a Navy veteran who returns to his Long Island hometown for his father's funeral. Upon his return, Cal uncovers a troubling truth: the land and waters of his childhood are under threat from powerful developers.

**New members are always welcome. Membership is \$35 a year for single membership and \$55 for double membership. For more information, call (631) 286-1136.**

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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.