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Board Meetings
Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm
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Monday 9:30am - 9:00pm
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Holiday Closings
March 24, 2024 Palm Sunday
March 29, 2024 Good Friday
March 31, 2024 Easter
May 12, 2024 Mother’s Day
May 26, 2024 Memorial Day Obs.
May 27, 2024 Memorial Day
COMMUNITY

ST. FRANCIS OUTREACH BUS
Thursday, March 14 from 10am-2pm
The St. Francis Hospital Community Outreach Bus will be in our parking lot to provide free health screenings. Screenings include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure, and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes for adults 18+. Patient education and referrals will also be available. The last screening will be at 1:45pm. Appointments are not required.

TOWN OF HEMPSTEAD DEPARTMENT OF SENIOR ENRICHMENT ART RECEPTION
Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Join Joan Lazarus and her art students from the TOH Department of Senior Enrichment for a reception of their paintings that will be on display through April. Enjoy the opportunity to meet the artists, view the exhibit, and learn about art classes offered at the Bellmore Senior Center. Light refreshments will be served. Registration for all begins 3/11.

ON-SITE SHREDDING
Sunday, April 28 from 1pm-4pm
Protect yourself and keep your information private via this free on-site outdoor shredding event with A Shred Away Inc. No plastic or wet paper allowed. X-rays are shredded separately. CDs and credit cards are permitted. 5 boxes maximum. Immediate destruction of your documents will be visible to you. Line up in your car at the library parking lot entrance on Royle Street coming from Washington Avenue. Please do not line up before 1pm.

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS WITH LEGISLATOR MICHAEL J. GIANGREGORIO
Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30pm-8:30pm
Join Nassau County Legislator Michael J. Giangregorio for community office hours and let your voice be heard! Please contact Legislator Giangregorio's office to make an appointment by email at mgiangregorio@nassaucountyny.gov or call 516-571-6212. Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome if time permits. Date and times are subject to change without notice. Please call the District Office to verify.

CONCERTS & COMEDY

PURE JOY: LET’S HEAR IT FOR THE GIRLS
Sunday, March 3 at 2pm
We’re proud to welcome Pure Joy, with Huntington Arts Council Grant Recipient Paige Patterson. Let’s Hear It For The Girls is dedicated to Women’s History Month as Ms. Patterson takes her audience on a musical odyssey that pays homage to the female artists who paved the American musical landscape such as Ella Fitzgerald, Nancy Wilson, Tina Turner, Carol King, Linda Ronstadt and Alicia Keys. Registration is open.

AN AFTERNOON OF COMEDY WITH GARY SMITH'S NY ENTERTAINMENT CLUB
Saturday, April 13 at 2:30pm
Gary Smith's NY Entertainment Club presents a hilarious afternoon of comedy with three national touring comedians! Chris Monty, a national comedy headliner as seen in Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2, Kevin Can Wait, and Orange is the New Black. Ellen Karis, “The Greek Goddess of Comedy” as seen in The Marvelous Mrs. Maisel as well as appearances in Sopranos and The Punisher. Les Degen, a Long Island favorite for comedy, music, and entertainment. Lineup is subject to change. Registration begins 3/4 for BML cardholders (+3 guests) and 3/11 for non-residents.

SIX SONGS: THE 1970s CONCERT LECTURE
Sunday, May 19 at 2:30pm
The 1970s redefined our understanding of popular music and continues to inspire us over half of a century later. In this concert lecture program, James Coll and his band will take a deep dive into songs from the era by giving the audience the stories behind the music and the artists who created them. Registration begins 4/8 for BML cardholders (+3 guests) and 4/15 for non-residents. Seating is first come, first served.
COOKING

CHEESE & CHARCUTERIE BOARD DEMO
Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm
Corrina Cafarelli, “The Charcuterie Queen,” will demonstrate how to assemble a professional charcuterie board from start to finish and give tips about arranging, styling, and pairing. The first 20 patrons who join us will receive a free charcuterie cup and all attendees will be entered into a raffle to take home the charcuterie board made during the class. Registration is open.

SENSATIONAL SESAME MANGO
CHICKEN TACOS
Monday, April 29 at 6:30pm
Chef Robert Dell'Amore will show you how to cook incredible tacos! Toasted sesame seeds, fresh ginger and a delectable dressing will make it the best taco you’ve ever had! All attendees will receive a recipe and samples of the dish. Registration begins 3/25 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 4/1 for non-residents.

TIRAMISU WORKSHOP
Tuesday, May 14 at 6:30pm
Join Julie with Chefs of d’ Future to make a terrific tiramisu! Attendees will go home with a dessert they made themselves and a recipe to make it at home. Registration begins 4/8 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 4/15 for non-residents.

CRAFTS

CERAMIC BUNNY PLATE
Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm
Paint a ceramic bunny plate for the spring season. This 9-inch project will be painted using glazes and fired after the class to make it suitable for serving food. All materials needed to paint the project will be included. Completed projects will be picked up at the library on a later date. Fee: $10 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration is open.

TIE-DYE LUCKY SOCKS
Tuesday, March 12 at 6:30pm
Come to the library to tie-dye 2 pairs of socks. We will provide all of the materials including socks. Please wear clothing that you don’t mind getting messy. All socks are regular-sized women’s socks. Fee: $5 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration is open.

SPRING CLEANING CRAFT NIGHT
Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm
We are clearing out the craft closet! Paint a craft from past programs such as ceramics, signs, and more. All necessary supplies will be provided. One project per attendee. Fee: $5 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration begins 2/26 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 3/4 for non-residents.

WATERCOLOR MEDITATION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm
In this workshop, you’ll learn to create a beautiful spring wreath using watercolors while practicing mindfulness meditation techniques. No prior painting experience is needed. Fee: $10 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration begins 3/4 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 3/11 for non-residents.
PAINT IN THE AFTERNOON: SPRING BIRD
Friday, April 19 at 1:30pm
Come flex your creative muscles at the library! Follow along as instructor Eva guides you step-by-step in painting a spring bird. No painting experience required. All materials and supplies are provided. Please wear clothing that you don’t mind getting messy. Fee: $5 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration begins 3/18 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 3/25 for non-residents.

CERAMIC GARDEN GATE
Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30pm
Paint a beautiful 7.25-inch ceramic garden gate with Rosemarie Attard. All necessary materials are included. Fee: $10 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration begins 4/8 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 4/15 for non-residents.

PRESSED FLOWER GIRAFFES
Tuesday, June 11 at 6:30pm
Pressed flower art is the latest craze in the craft world! Come make a beautiful pair of giraffes using watercolor paints, a simple collage method and pressed flowers. Pre-made templates will be supplied, or use your creativity to make your own design. Have some fun and go home with beautiful artwork to frame! Fee: $5 check made payable to Bellmore Memorial Library. Cash will not be accepted. Checks will be collected at the time of the program. Registration begins 5/6 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 5/13 for non-residents.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

NEW BEGINNINGS
Thursdays at 4pm
March 21 | April 11
Join Marla Matthews as she presents hopeful

and compassionate life solutions. Adults ages 35+ will socialize, discuss relationships, love, and all topics of the heart. Registration is open.

SENIOR SMALL TALK WITH BOBBY RIEDEL
Wednesdays from 7pm-8:30pm
May 15 | June 26
If you are 55+ or retired, this brand new class is just for you! Exchange ideas, opinions, and information with others. Feel free to listen or take part in a lively discussion on topics like movies, books, policies, family, Social Security, healthcare, taxes, and more! Bring a friend or make one here. Moderated by Bobby Riedel. Registration begins 4/15.

DEPARTURES BOOK DISCUSSION (HYBRID)
Thursdays at 12:30pm
Please join us in person or via Zoom for a lively discussion about each month’s selection. Hard copies and audiobooks will be available at the Circulation Desk. Digital titles may be available via Libby or Hoopla.

⚽ March 14: Killers of a Certain Age by Deanna Raybourn
VIRTUAL ONLY
Four female assassins about to retire are brought back into the game by a surprising assassination attempt—on them. Since they were recruited in their 20s, Billie, Mary Alice, Helen, and Natalie have been working as secret assassins for a clandestine international organization originally created to hunt Nazis, then dictators, arms dealers, drug smugglers, and sex traffickers. On a cruise together, they discover the plot and jump to solving why they are being targeted. As the women race around the world trying to stay alive, Raybourn vividly evokes a number of far-flung locations while keeping readers on their toes trying to figure out what’s going to happen next—a unique examination of womanhood as well as a compelling, complex mystery. (Kirkus) Registration is open.
April 11: Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World by Christian Cooper

The true story of a man on a pilgrimage to communities and regions sacred to him. Christian Cooper migrates through life between racism, homophobia, and the beauty he sees through his binoculars. Set in New York City and around the world, this story reminds everyone about self-acceptance and to be proud of who you are. Registration for the book discussion begins 3/14.

LONG ISLAND READS will honor Christian Cooper at a CEREMONY at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library on Sunday, April 21 at 2pm. Tickets will be available beginning 4/1. For more details, go to longislandreads.wordpress.com.

There will also be a VIEWING PARTY of this author event at the Bellmore Memorial Library on Sunday, April 21 at 2pm. Registration for the viewing party at BML begins 4/1 at www.bellmorelibrary.org.

May 9: North Woods by Daniel Mason

Mason follows the inhabitants of a secluded western Massachusetts home and their tragedies across centuries in this spectacular ghost story - the story of the United States from precolonial times through the present day and beyond, from the perspective of a single house. We meet the humans who inhabit it, the ghosts who haunt it, and the New England forest encompassing them. As the often-tragic tales of its various residents are recounted, Mason spends varying amounts of time with each set of characters, all of their stories depicted with sympathy, sensitivity, and affectionate humor. Registration begins 4/11.

FILMS

REEL CHAT FILM DISCUSSION

Thursdays at 1pm

Attend in person to watch a variety of thought-provoking films OR watch the movie on your own and join the discussion via Zoom. Indicate whether you’ll be screening the film with us in person at 1pm or joining us via Zoom for the discussion when you register. Please arrive a few minutes before 1pm as the screening will start on time. If you’d rather watch the movie on your own and join us for just the discussion in person, please arrive by the time stated in the movie’s description. Reel Chat is not a high-brow film critique, rather a relaxed and informal conversation about the movie shown and an opportunity to have fun with other movie lovers.

March 7: Double Indemnity (1944)

1pm - Film & Discussion | 3pm - Discussion Only. A Los Angeles insurance representative lets an alluring housewife seduce him into a scheme of insurance fraud and murder that arouses the suspicion of his colleague, an insurance investigator. Starring Barbara Stanwyck, Fred MacMurray and Edward G. Robinson. Rated PG; Running time 1h 47m. Registration is open.

In this meeting of Reel Chat, we will be joined by guest speaker Baron Misuraca of CINEMA CLASSIC, a highly unique film screening and discussion program featuring an entertaining film history presentation and a very lively audience conversation.


1pm - Film & Discussion | 2:40pm - Discussion Only. When his only friend dies, an antisocial man born with dwarfism moves to rural New Jersey to live a life of solitude, only to meet a chatty hot dog vendor and a woman dealing with her own
personal loss. A funny and touching character study starring Peter Dinklage, Michelle Williams, Patricia Clarkson, and Bobby Cannavale. Rated R; Running time 1h 29m. Registration begins 3/1.

April 4: Coda (2019)
1pm - Film & Discussion | 2:50pm - Discussion Only. A famous pianist struggling with stage fright late in his career finds inspiration with a free-spirited music critic. Starring Patrick Stewart, Katie Holmes, and Giancarlo Esposito. Rated TV-14; Running time 1h 37m. Registration begins 3/15.

1pm - Film & Discussion | 2:45pm - Discussion Only. Two mates from a tiny Irish village conspire to collect the winnings from a multimillion-dollar lottery ticket that belonged to their late friend, Ned Devine. First up, finding someone to pass for Ned when the Dublin lottery man comes to town. Rated PG; Running time 1h 32m. Registration begins 4/1.

May 16: Blind Ambition (2021)
1pm - Film & Discussion | 2:50pm - Discussion Only. An unlikely team of Zimbabwean refugees turned sommeliers shake up the international wine establishment when they compete in the World Wine Tasting Championships. This documentary is an inspiring underdog story for the ages. Not Rated; Running time 1h 36m. Registration begins 4/15.

1pm - Film & Discussion | 3pm - Discussion Only. Sheltered boarding-school student Kathy and her fellow unsuspecting friends make a Horrifying discovery about themselves following a daring escape from the academy where they’ve all grown up together. Now, in addition to confronting their own mortality, all three must come to terms with a lifetime of unfulfilled longings while pondering their true purpose for being.

Based on the novel by Kazuo Ishiguro and starring Keira Knightley, Carey Mulligan and Andrew Garfield. Rated R; Running time 1h 43m. Registration begins 5/1.

1pm - Film & Discussion | 3pm - Discussion Only. A meek young woman emigrates from Ireland to New York City in the 1950s, and finds her heart torn between a magnetic Italian suitor and a charming lad back home. Starring Saoirse Ronan and Domhnall Gleeson. Rated PG-13; Running time 1h 45m. Registration begins 5/15.

SUNDAY MOVIES
Sundays at 2pm, unless otherwise noted
Come to the library to enjoy a free movie on Sunday afternoons. All movies will have subtitles on. RSVP is encouraged.

March 10: Barbie (2023)
Barbie suffers a crisis that leads her to question her world and her existence. (IMDb) Rated PG-13; Running time 1h 54m.

April 14: Oppenheimer (2023)
Please note, this movie will begin at 1:30pm. The story of American scientist J. Robert Oppenheimer and his role in the development of the atomic bomb. (IMDb) Rated R; Running time 3h.

April 28: No Hard Feelings (2023)
On the brink of losing her home, Maddie finds an intriguing job listing: helicopter parents looking for someone to bring their introverted 19-year-old son out of his shell before college. (IMDb) Rated R; Running time 1h 43m.

May 5: Blue Beetle (2023)
An alien scarab chooses Jaime Reyes to be its symbiotic host, bestowing the recent college graduate with a suit of armor that’s capable of extraordinary powers, forever changing his destiny as he becomes the superhero known as Blue Beetle. (IMDb) Rated PG-13; Running time 2h 7m.
FITNESS & WELLNESS

VIRTUAL CHAIR YOGA
Mondays at 12pm
March 1*, 11, 18, 25 | April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 |
May 6, 13, 20, 31* | June 3, 10, 17, 24
*The starred classes will meet on a Friday at 12pm. Join Marianne Bochilo for chair yoga from the comfort of your home. Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that works your muscles and joints to increase flexibility, mobility, circulation, strength and balance. When you register for this program, you are registering for all of the sessions in this series (March-June). Registration is open.

ZUMBA
Saturdays at 11am
March 2, 9, 16, 30 | April 13, 20, 28* |
May 5*, 18 | June 2*, 8, 15, 29
*The starred class will meet on a Sunday at 1:30pm. Zumba is a Latin and international dance fitness class that uses basic dance moves from salsa, cumbia, merengue and samba. When you register for this program, you are registering for all of the sessions in this series (March-June). Registration is open.

POP PILATES FOR ADULTS
Thursdays at 7pm
March 7, 14, 21 | April 4, 18 |
May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 | June 6, 13
In this class we will stretch using traditional and nontraditional Pilates exercises. We will work our core, get a full-body workout and wind down with meditation. Modification offered for all levels. Weights encouraged but not required. Please bring a mat. When you register for this program, you are registering for all of the sessions in this series (March-June). Registration is open.

GAMES

CHESS NIGHT
Mondays at 7pm
March 4, 18 | April 1, 22 | May 6, 20
Join us in our Meeting Room to play chess against other local players. All skill levels are welcome. The library will provide a limited amount of chess boards to use. Seating is first come, first served. Registration is open.

GAME AFTERNOON
Wednesdays and Fridays from 12pm-3pm
Bring your own games and fellow players to the library! The Meeting Room is open for adults and seniors to play games like mahjong, bridge, canasta, chess and more. Card tables will be set up. Space is limited. Game Afternoons are subject to cancellation or change.

AFTERNOON BINGO
Thursday, April 18 at 2pm
Join us for an afternoon of bingo at the library! Compete with other adults for gift cards and other fabulous prizes. Registration begins 3/18 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 3/25 for non-residents.

AFTERNOON JEOPARDY-STYLE TRIVIA
Friday, May 3 at 2pm
Compete in an afternoon of general trivia in the style of the game show! The winner will receive a gift card. Registration begins 4/1 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 4/8 for non-residents.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

LONG ISLAND WRITERS’ GUILD
Tuesdays from 10:30am-12:30pm
March 5, 19 | April 2, 16 | May 7, 21
Facilitated by members of the LI Writers’ Guild, each session will include a writing exercise, volunteered presentations of individual work, and personalized college-level critiques of presented works. Writers of all levels and genres are welcome. Registration is not required.

WOMEN’S RETIREMENT ROADMAP: INCOME PLANNING, TAXES, HEALTH CARE & MORE
Thursday, March 7 at 6:30pm
Did you know there are at least 6 retirement challenges unique to women that are rarely addressed? Please join us as we discuss these issues in detail and learn how they might
influence your lifetime retirement income and financial well-being. Registration is open. This program is subject to cancellation if the class minimum of 10 is not met.

**BETHPAGE VITA: FSA TAX ASSISTANCE**  
**Tuesday, March 12 from 10am-5pm**  
Representatives from Bethpage Federal Credit Union, and the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance will help you prepare and e-file your income tax return at no cost to you. Registration is open for 90-minute time slots.

**AARP SMART DRIVERTEK WORKSHOP**  
**Monday, March 18 at 1:30pm**  
Join us for an entertaining, interactive and informative program about the numerous high-tech safety features that are in our vehicles. Learn how safety technologies work, how to use them, how they can make driving safer and how they compensate for our limitations as we age. This workshop will cover smart headlights, blind spot warnings, lane departure warnings, automatic braking, self-driving vehicles and more. Registration is open.

**ECLIPSES: THE DANCE BETWEEN EARTH, MOON AND SUN**  
**Saturday, March 23 at 11am**  
Join us as we delve into the fascinating phenomenon of solar eclipses. Whether you’re a seasoned astronomy enthusiast or a curious beginner, this lecture promises to leave you with a newfound appreciation for the wonders of our solar system. This program is for all ages but recommended for ages 8 years and up. Attendees will receive solar eclipse glasses. Registration begins 3/1 for BML cardholders (+3 guests) and 3/11 for non-residents.

**LEGACY AND ESTATE PLANNING**  
**Thursday, April 4 at 6:30pm**  
Christian LaPeter will explore the concept of legacy and its significance in our lives. Whether you’re curious about leaving a lasting impact or simply want to gain a deeper understanding of your own purpose, this event is for you.

Registration for all begins 3/4. This program is subject to cancellation if the class minimum of 5 is not met.

**AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS**  
**Fridays from 10am-5pm**  
**April 12 | June 14**  
This course is for ages 18+. You must attend the entire 7-hour day and complete a disclaimer form upon arrival to be awarded a certificate of completion. Please bring a black pen, your driver’s license, and AARP membership card number if applicable. There will be a 30-minute lunch break. Fee: $25 for AARP members or $30 for non-members. Checks will be collected at the time of the class. Please make your check payable to AARP. Cash will not be accepted. One check per participant.

**EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT SELLING YOUR HOME**  
**Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30pm**  
Thinking of selling your house? A panel of experts will provide you with the knowledge you need to make your home inviting and appealing. You will gain valuable insight on the current housing market, the legal process, and more. Q&A will follow. Please join us for refreshments, free raffle prizes, and valuable information. Registration for all begins 3/11.

**GROWING A VEGETABLE GARDEN**  
**Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30pm**  
With the proper care and nutrients, growing your own vegetables can be easy and rewarding! You’ll learn about proper plant foods, amount of light and water techniques to get your veggies growing. Attendees will receive a vegetable plant seedling. Registration begins 3/18 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 3/25 for non-residents.

**ALLEVIATING CREDIT CARD DEBT**  
**Thursday, May 2 at 6:30pm**  
Join Megan Gallagher, Esq. for an overview of the laws and services available for those with credit card debt. Registration for all begins 4/1.
TEEN

Classes & Events

Teen programs are drop-off events for students in grades 6-12. Registration for March programs begins 3/1 for BML cardholders and 3/5 for non-residents. Registration for April programs begins 4/1 for BML cardholders and 4/5 for non-residents. Registration for May programs begins 5/1 for BML cardholders and 5/6 for non-residents. Register online at www.bellmorelibrary.org. Questions? Call the library at 516-785-2990 x119 or email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org.

PAINT PARTY
Tuesday, March 19 at 7pm
Join artist Alyssa as she guides you in painting your own colorful canvas.

TEEN CHESS CLUB
Thursday, March 21 at 7pm
Saturday, April 13 at 3pm
Thursday, May 30 at 7pm
Don’t miss out on learning and improving your chess skills. Chess instructor Michael will present a chess lesson followed by coached playing time. Active participation is encouraged.

TEEN COOKING: FLUTTER-NON-NUTTER QUESADILLAS
Monday, March 25 at 7pm
Join Chefs of d’ Future and prepare your own sweet tasting quesadilla.

3D PRINTING CLUB
Wednesday, March 27 at 4pm
Monday, April 29 at 3pm
Wednesday, May 22 at 4pm
Tinker and create your own 3D design.

TEEN COOKING: MAC AND GRILLED CHEESE
Monday, April 15 at 7pm
Celebrate Grilled Cheese Day with Chefs of d’ Future and prepare your own fun cheesy dishes.

GOT GAME?
Thursday, April 25 at 3pm
Join us for an afternoon of video games, board games, card games, giant games and more!

NEEDLEPOINT WORKSHOP SERIES
Tuesdays at 7pm
May 14, 21 and June 4
Join Ms. Ellen to learn how to create a beautiful needlepoint creation.

CPR TRAINING
Monday, May 20 from 6-8pm
This course will teach lifesaving skills using the AHA’s research-proven practice. This course is for those that want to learn how to save a life and does not offer an AHA course completion card. You will receive a participation card and manual.
TEEN COOKING: CHOCOLATE CHIP COOKIE DOUGH DIP AND GRAHAM CRACKERS
Tuesday, May 28 at 7pm
Join Chefs of d’ Future and prepare your own chocolate chip cookie dough dip to enjoy with graham crackers.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS FOR BEGINNERS
Wednesday, May 29 from 6-8pm
Join Long Island Tabletop Gaming to have a great time learning new skills for playing Dungeons and Dragons.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR GRADERS 7-12

VIRTUAL COLLEGE BOUND WORKSHOPS
with Stand Out For College, LLC

NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSION SUCCESSFULLY
Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm
This Zoom presentation will help families understand how the lingering effects from the pandemic have changed college admissions. Topics include: admissions review process, what admissions officers consider important, and how students can increase their chances for admission. Registration is open.

CREATE A COMPELLING COLLEGE APPLICATION
Tuesday, May 21 at 7pm
This Zoom presentation will help high school juniors and their parents understand how to use the summer productively to create a compelling college application. Registration is open.

BML CARDHOLDERS:
Registration for community service opportunities begins on the 1st of each month. Questions? Email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org or call the library at 516-785-2990 x 119.

LITTLE ANGEL FUND WELCOME KITS
Monday, March 11 at 7pm
A volunteer from The Little Angel Fund will help us to assemble welcome kits that will be distributed to families of premature and ill infants in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit. Cards will also be designed for the families. Optional items to donate: mini notepads, tissues, hand sanitizer, hand lotion, chapstick, baby socks, or baby burp cloths. Community service will be awarded.

BOOK BUDDIES
Sundays, March 17 and May 19 at 2pm
Teens will have the opportunity to read with children ages 4-8 in small groups. Children may read a story of their own, or their "Book Buddy" can read a story to them. Space is limited.
TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE (GRADES 7-12)

HOSPITAL CHEER PROJECT
Monday, March 18 at 7pm
Students will create fun ornaments using perler beads to help cheer up children’s hospital rooms.

PUZZLE DECORATING
Wednesday, March 20 at 4pm
Decorate puzzles and create kits to donate to the Long Island Alzheimer’s and Dementia Center.

TAKE AND MAKE PROJECT:
DECORATE A CANVAS
Decorate a canvas using markers, colored pencils or paint. You can be as creative as you want. The canvas will be donated to a rehabilitation center. Further information will be provided through email after you register. Kits available while supplies last. Registration begins 4/1 for BML cardholders and 4/5 for non-residents.

ONGOING: CARD MAKING FOR HOSPITALIZED CHILDREN
Use any craft materials you have at home to make get well cards for hospitalized children. All cards will be given to non-profit organization, The Little St. Nick Foundation. Your card will be included in a special bag the foundation delivers to children in hospitals. 10 cards = 1 hour of community service. When your cards are done, call 516-785-2990 x 119 or email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org to schedule a drop-off day and time. Suggestions for messages to write inside of cards: I hope you feel better soon! You are awesome and brave! I’m sending good thoughts your way! Sending healthy vibes in your direction! I hope you heal quickly!

ONGOING: VIDEO PROGRAMS
Email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org to receive a video link and quiz. Provide your name, phone number, grade you are currently in, and which video links you are interested in receiving. After you watch the video and answer the questions on the quiz, email your answers back and you’ll receive an hour of community service for each quiz you complete. Students may choose from the following videos:

1) ADULTING 101: Learn important life skills and gain knowledge needed to navigate adulthood in this fun and informative program.

2) BULLY PREVENTION: Many topics will be covered in this information program such as types of bullying, how to spot a bully, and simple self-defense techniques.

3) INTRO TO CHILD CARE: Do you want to become a babysitter? Learn the skills & responsibilities needed for child care.

4) PET SITTING 101: Do you love animals and want to become a pet sitter? Learn the skills and responsibilities needed to watch an array of different animals. Fish, reptiles, cats and dogs, you will learn to take care of them all!
CHILDREN

- Please register for ALL programs in advance at www.bellmorelibrary.org.
- Registration for BML patrons begins on the 1st of the month, unless otherwise noted.
- Registration for non-residents opens the day before a program begins if there is space available. In the case of weekly programs, registration will open the day before the first class in the series.
- If a class is full, you may call the day of the program to be placed on a waitlist.
- Children must meet the age requirements of the program in order to attend. We may ask for proof of age if necessary.
- All children’s programs have a minimum and maximum enrollment.
- Email childrens@bellmorelibrary.org or call 516-785-2990 x 4 for assistance.
- Please note that there are specific questions on the registration forms that you must fill out in order for your child to participate in library programs, therefore library staff is not able to register your child by email.
- Register using your child’s first and last name. If you are registering siblings, please sign them up separately.
- Programs may be cancelled due to insufficient registration or inclement weather.

INFANT, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

TINY SONGBIRDS
Ages 5 years and under
Thursday, March 7 at 11am
Join Tiny Songbirds for a cooperative early-childhood music class that will have you and your little one singing, moving, playing instruments and creating musical moments together.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT
Ages 5 years and under
Fridays at 11am
March 8, 22 | April 5, 12, 19, 26 | May 17, 24, 31
During this program, your child will listen to familiar rhymes and songs to get them moving and dancing!

TOY TIME
Ages 5 years and under
Saturdays at 10am
March 9 | April 13
Reinforce counting, reading, and shape-recognition skills with our collection of educational toys. Space is limited.

FAMILY STORYTIME
Ages 5 years and under
Tuesdays at 11am
March 12, 19, 26 | April 9, 16, 23 | May 14, 21, 28
Join us for picture books, flannel stories, action rhymes and songs.

BABY STORYTIME
Ages 18 months and under
Wednesdays at 11am
March 13, 20, 27 | April 10, 17, 24 | May 15, 22, 29
Join us for a hands-on storytime where babies and their caregivers will listen to picture books read aloud, flannel stories, action rhymes and songs. Meet other families with babies and share tips!

LITTLE KIDS YOGA
Ages 20 months-5 years
Thursday, March 14 at 11am
Join us for this interactive yoga and movement class which introduces basic yoga postures, breath exercises, movement and meditation that can strengthen bodies, calm minds, increase focus, improve social skills, and build confidence. Toddlers learn from observation, repetition, play and interaction. Caregivers are encouraged to participate throughout the class and have fun with their little ones. Please bring a yoga mat to this class.
ST. PATRICK’S DAY PARTY
Ages 5 years and under
Friday, March 15 at 11am
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with picture books, flannel stories, action rhymes, songs and a craft.

PLAYHOORAY
Ages 6 months-5 years
Thursdays at 11:30am
March 21 | April 4
Join Molly Mouse for a fun-filled music and movement program that will get everyone involved! This program includes singing, dancing and PlayHooray activities to aid with early-childhood development.

A TIME FOR KIDS, INC.
Ages 18 months-5 years
Thursdays at 11am
March 28 | April 18
Come join A Time for Kids, Inc. in this family-fun preschool program! Activities include music, movement, fine and gross-motor development, storytelling and a craft!

TUNE BUGS
Ages 6 months-4 years
Thursday, April 11 at 11am
Get ready to move in this fun-filled music and movement class with Miss Lisa! We'll sing and dance while having fun with shakers, scarves, animal puppets, and bubbles!

STORYCRAFT
Ages 2-5 years
Thursday, April 25 at 11am
Join us for seasonal picture books and a craft!

CHARACTER VISIT
Ages 5 years and under
Tuesday, April 30 at 11am
Sing, dance, and take pictures with Winnie the Pooh!

BML BABY BOOGIE
Ages 4 years and under
Thur., May 16, 23, 30 at 11am
Join librarians Ms. Pam and Ms. Emily in a 30-minute class with music, movement and activities.

SCHOOL AGE

DR. SEUSS STORYCRAFT
Ages 3-8 years
Saturday, March 2 at 11am
Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with stories and a craft.

CRAFTERS CLUB
Ages 5-12 years
Tuesdays at 7pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26 | April 9, 16, 23, 30 | May 7, 14, 21, 28
Stop by the library to make seasonal crafts! Each week will feature a different project.

3D PRINTING WORKSHOP
Ages 8-12 years
Wednesdays at 7pm
March 6 | April 17 | May 8
Tinker with our children’s librarian and create a 3D design.

INTRO TO ORIGAMI
Ages 7-12 years
Thursday, March 7 at 7pm
Learn different origami folds with Ms. Gabby!

FAMILY MOVIE
Ages 12 years and under
Sundays at 2pm
March 10: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem
April 14: Trolls Band Together
May 5: Star Wars: Clone Wars
Join us for a family movie in the Storytime Room.

VIDEO GAME TRIVIA
Ages 5-12 years
Monday, March 11 at 7pm
Put your video game knowledge to the test as we play trivia with Kahoot! A device is required to play.

DRAWING CLASS
Ages 5-12 years
Wednesdays at 7pm
March 13: Panda
April 10: Tweety Bird
May 15: Pokémon character
Learn how to draw with artist and teacher Brian Carroll.

CHESS FOR KIDS
Ages 6-12 years
Thursdays at 7pm
March 14 | April 11
Learn how to play chess at the library! Beginner and advanced chess players are welcome.
CHILDREN

READ TO A DOG
Ages 4-12 years
Saturdays from 10am-11am
March 16 | April 20 | May 18
Practice reading skills with a special listener! Share an age-appropriate book of your choice with a friendly trained therapy dog and adult volunteer from Therapy Dogs of Long Island. Space is limited.

POKÉMON CLUB
Ages 5-12 years
Wednesdays at 7pm
March 20 | April 24 | May 29
Meet other trainers while playing Pokémon at the library! Bring your Pokémon cards to trade or play.

SPRING BINGO
Ages 5-12 years
Thursday, March 21 at 7pm
Play bingo at the library with a spring theme!

SOLAR ECLIPSE PROGRAM
All Ages (Recommended for ages 8 years & up)
Saturday, March 23 at 11am
Join us as we delve into the fascinating phenomenon of solar eclipses. Attendees will receive solar eclipse glasses. Registration begins 3/1 for BML cardholders (+3 guests) and 3/11 for non-residents.

KIDS SPRING CLEANING CRAFT DAY
Ages 5-12 years
Saturday, March 30 at 11am
We are spring cleaning! Stop by the library to make a leftover craft from a previous season.

MODEL MAGIC FLOWERS
Ages 5-12 years
Thursday, April 4 at 7pm
Create different flower shapes using model magic molding clay with Ms. Gabby!

AUTHOR VISIT AND CRAFT
Ages 3-8 years
Saturday, April 6 at 11am
Join us for this special storytime and craft with local author Melissa Marshall! Ms. Marshall will be reading her book, It All Started With A Box of Crayons. Copies of this book will be available for purchase during the program.

LEGO CLUB
Ages 5-12 years
Monday, March 18 at 7pm
Monday, April 22 at 7pm
Wednesday, May 22 at 7pm
Use the library’s LEGOs! Each month will feature a different LEGO building challenge. Please note that the library does not have LEGO kits.

SWITCH TIME
Ages 7-12 years
Mondays at 7pm
March 25 | April 15 | May 13
Play Super Smash Bros. at the library! Battle against other participants and see who will emerge victorious!

RAINFOREST BUTTERFLY PRESENTATION
Ages 6-12 years
Monday, April 8 at 7pm
View spectacular butterfly and moth displays from the world’s tropical rainforests. Learn about and discuss science concepts including camouflage, mimicry, insect anatomy, metamorphosis, and tropical climate. Presenter

KIDS PAINT PARTY
Ages 5-12 years
Wednesday, March 27 at 7pm
Create a spring-themed painting with artist and educator, Ms. Alyssa!
CHIILDREN

Steve Fratello has explored the world's tropical rainforests for approximately 1,000 days and led a half-dozen major scientific expeditions for the Smithsonian and Field Museums.

PASSPORT CLUB: JAPAN
Ages 5-12 years
Thursday, April 18 at 7pm
Learn about different countries and cultures through stories, crafts and activities. Each month will feature a different country.

GOT GAME?
Grades 4-12
Thu., April 25 from 3pm-4pm
Join us for an afternoon of video games, board games, card games, giant games and more!

YOGA FOR KIDS
Ages 5-12 years
Thursdays at 7pm
April 25 | May 23
Join us for an all-levels yoga class. We recommend using a yoga mat or a towel during this program.

LIFE SIZE PAC-MAN
Ages 5-12 years
Sat., April 27 from 10am-4pm
Compete with your friends and family while playing Life Size Pac-Man at the library! Instructions to play on your own will be provided by library staff. Register for a 30-minute time slot.

TEDDY BEAR SLEEPOVER
Ages 4-9 years
Monday, April 29 at 7pm
Your teddy bear is going to have a sleepover at the library! During this program, participants will enjoy stories, a craft and activities. The next day, your teddy bear can be picked up along with a photo album of all the fun that their teddy bear had overnight! Pajamas are encouraged.

MOTHER’S DAY STORYCRAFT
Ages 3-8 years
Saturday, May 11 at 10:30am
Celebrate Mother’s Day with picture books and a craft!

MOVIE MUSIC CONCERT
Ages 12 years and under
Saturday, May 11 from 11:30am-12:30pm
Come join the JFK High School Chamber Orchestra as they perform popular songs from children’s movies! Students will showcase their musical talents with a variety of string instruments. Registration begins 5/1 for BML cardholders and 5/8 for non-residents.

JUNIOR EXPLORERS: BUTTERFLIES
Ages 5-8 years
Thursday, May 16 at 7pm
Join us for stories, a craft and a game where we discuss facts about butterflies. Space is limited.

STEM CLUB
Ages 5-12 years
Monday, May 20 at 7pm
Join us to participate in a fun science, technology, engineering and math-related activity. Each class will feature a different project.

DONUT CATERPILLARS
Ages 5-12 years
Monday, May 6 at 7pm
Create an edible caterpillar using donut holes and candy. Please note that this program may contain food allergens and may not be suitable for children with food allergies.

PERLER BEAD ART
Ages 6-12 years
Thursday, May 30 at 7pm
Create different designs using perler beads with Ms. Gabby!