WINTER NEWSLETTER
December 2023-February 2024

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WHAT A GREAT YEAR!
2023 will surely go down in the books as a year to remember! BML turned 75-years-old and we celebrated with fun activities and giveaways. Our food and craft programs continue to be a hit with the community, as well as our outdoor events including concerts, tie-dye workshops, and most recently, a guided hike around Mill Pond. We appreciate all of the support from the Bellmore community. If you have any feedback you would like to share, please send an email to ask@bellmorelibrary.org. We would like to wish all of our patrons a happy and healthy new year!

DONATION DRIVE
Make a difference this winter by donating essential items for those living unsheltered on Long Island. The library will have a collection box for donations through January 12, 2024. Suggested items include canned goods and other non-perishable foods, warm weather clothes, sleeping bags, backpacks, toiletries and $5 gift cards for food. If you’d prefer to skip the store, you can scan the QR code to purchase items directly from an Amazon wishlist. All purchases will be shipped to the LICH office.
COMMUNITY

BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, February 28, 2:45-7:15pm
Did you know that only 2% of those eligible to donate blood in our community do so? Due to the pandemic, blood banks around the country are experiencing massive shortages. Every 2 seconds someone is in need of blood, and your donation can save up to 3 lives.

COOKING

CANNOLI WORKSHOP
Wednesday, December 27 at 6:30pm
For the first time ever, A Mano Baking Co. is releasing their family's secret cannoli recipe! Together, we will make and take home six cannolis! Attendees will need to bring an electric hand mixer. Registration begins 11/27 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 12/4 for non-residents.

CONCERTS

SHORE ROAD HOLIDAY MUSICIANS
Wednesday, December 20 at 11am
Come join the Shore Road Holiday Musicians as they perform a variety of holiday music from Dreidel to Feliz Navidad! Shore Road School students will showcase their talents with their musical instruments and singing voices. We hope you can join us for this all-ages concert to get into the holiday spirit! Registration is open.

CREPES CLASS
Tuesday, January 9 at 6:30pm
Join the Baking Coach to learn how to make and flip fresh crepes! Crepes can be filled with your choice of chocolate syrup, strawberries, whipped cream, and/or cheddar cheese. Registration begins 12/11 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 12/18 for non-residents.

MEDITERRANEAN COOKING DEMO
Wednesday, February 21 at 6:30pm
Chef Naela will demonstrate how to make Hareesa bulgur chicken soup, spinach pie, and date cookies. Everyone will get a plate to enjoy and recipes to take home. Registration begins 1/22 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 1/29 for non-residents.

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. Her mission for the audience is to revive one's memories of a bygone era and restore faith in the power of music. Her concert is true musical therapy for the soul! Registration begins 1/29 for BML cardholders (+3 guests) and 2/5 for non-residents.

CHEESE & CHARCUTERIE BOARD DEMO
Wednesday, March 20 at 6:30pm
Want to wow your guests with an amazing appetizer? Join us for a delicious evening as Corrina Cafarelli, The Charcuterie Queen demonstrates how to assemble a professional charcuterie board. You will learn how to create your own cheese and charcuterie board from start to finish, and get tips about arranging, styling, and pairing. The first 20 patrons who join us...
CRAFTS

CERAMIC GINGERBREAD-MAN STACK  
Tuesday, December 12 at 6:30pm
Paint a 9-inch tall gingerbread-man stack with acrylics. Please bring a box to carry your project home. 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 11/13 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 11/20 for non-residents.

QUILTED BULB ORNAMENT  
Tuesday, December 19 at 6:30pm
Linsay Gendy will show you how to make an elegant and festive quilted bulb ornament! These ornaments are made from squares of decorative fabric folded and pinned into a styrofoam ball. No quilting experience necessary! 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 11/20 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 11/27 for non-residents.

HEXAGON PINCUSHION WORKSHOPS  
Tuesdays, January 16, 23 at 5pm
Come practice your hand sewing and make a hexagon pincushion! In two sessions you will learn whip stitches and back stitches, and the timeless technique of English paper piecing. All materials will be provided, but please bring a thimble and reading glasses, if needed. 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 12/11 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 12/18 for non-residents.

WINE BOTTLE PAINT NIGHT  
Tuesday, February 13 at 6:30pm
Craft your own Valentine's Day-themed wine bottle light. All materials are included with the class. No experience needed. 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 1/8 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 1/16 for non-residents.

CERAMIC BUNNY PLATE  
Tuesday, March 5 at 6pm
Paint a ceramic blossoming 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 begins 2/5 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 2/12 for non-residents.

SPRING CLEANING CRAFT NIGHT  
Tuesday, March 26 at 6:30pm
The library is doing some spring cleaning and clearing out our craft closet. Enjoy a relaxing evening of painting a craft from past programs such as ceramics, signs, and more. All necessary supplies will be provided. One project per attendee.

Bellmore Memorial Library
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.

COMING SOON: WATERCOLOR MEDITATION WORKSHOP
Tuesday, April 9 at 6:30pm
Immerse yourself in the soothing world of watercolor painting. 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, making this workshop suitable for beginners and experienced artists alike. 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.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

HYBRID DEPARTURES BOOK DISCUSSION
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.

DECEMBER 21: The Bear and the Nightingale by Katherine Arden
You don't have to know and love Russian folklore to appreciate Arden's debut novel, which tells a lush story with the cadence of a fairy tale. Arden weaves an immersive, earthy story of folk magic, faith, and hubris, peopled with vivid, dynamic characters, particularly clever brave Vasya, who outsmarts men and demons alike to save her family, her cold and snowy corner of medieval Russia's wild north, and all humankind. You will be transported to a version of medieval Russia where history and myth coexist. Registration is open.

JANUARY 18: The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb
Violin prodigy Ray McMillian is preparing for the celebrated Tchaikovsky Competition in Moscow when his treasured violin is stolen. The one bright spot in Ray's rough life is his love of playing the violin that once belonged to his great-ancestor, a slave. The instrument turns out to be a Stradivarius, creating all sorts of problems. Who stole it? And who does it really belong to? The author, himself a violinist, does an excellent job explaining the world of classical music and offering a probing look at the experience of being a Black classical musician. Join us, mystery fans, for a gripping novel. Registration begins 12/21.

FEBRUARY 15: Killers of the Flower Moon by David Grann
Greed, depravity, and serial murders in 1920s Oklahoma - a string of unsolved murders rocked the Osage Indian Nation. During that time, enrolled members of the Osage Indian nation were among the wealthiest people in the world—the result of the rich oil fields discovered beneath their reservation. Unscrupulous whites found ways to divert the wealth to themselves. Corrupt and incompetent
law enforcement and judicial systems ensured that the perpetrators were never found or punished. But these murders were so egregious, the newly-formed FBI was brought in to investigate and burnish its reputation. Registration begins 1/18.

NEW BEGINNINGS
Thursdays at 4pm
December 7 | January 4 | February 1
Join Marla Matthews as she presents hopeful and compassionate life solutions. Adults ages 35 and up will socialize, discuss relationships, love, and all topics of the heart. Registration is open.

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.

- DECEMBER 14: Nicky’s Family (2011)
  1pm - Film & discussion
  2:50pm - Discussion only
  The nearly forgotten story of Nicholas Winton, an Englishman who organized the rescue of 669 Czech and Slovak children just before the outbreak of World War II. You won’t want to miss this heart-warming documentary. Not Rated; Running time 102 minutes. Registration is open.

- DECEMBER 28: Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris (2023)
  1pm - Film & discussion
  3:10pm - Discussion only
  Mrs. Harris, an English domestic servant who falls in love with a couture Dior dress, decides she must buy one of her own. After raising the funds to buy the dress, Mrs. Harris sets off on a journey to Paris that will change the course of her life and those she encounters along the way. A delightful romp starring Lesley Manville. Rated PG; Running time 115 minutes. Registration begins 11/30.

- JANUARY 11: I Am Big Bird (2015)
  1pm - Film & discussion
  2:40pm - Discussion only
  An affectionate portrait of Caroll Spinney, the beloved puppeteer responsible for creating worldwide icons out of Sesame Street's Big Bird and Oscar the Grouch since the very first season. Don't miss this gentle documentary that will steal your heart. Not Rated; Running time 86 minutes. Registration begins 12/14.

  1pm - Film & discussion
  3:20pm - Discussion only
  A young woman reflects on her unconventional upbringing at the hands of her artsy, nonconformist parents. Now married to a man who works in finance in New York, she faces criticism
SUNDAY MOVIES
Sundays at 2pm
Come to the library to enjoy a free movie on Sunday afternoons. All movies will have subtitles on. RSVP is encouraged.

- DECEMBER 3: It's a Wonderful Life (1946) An angel is sent from Heaven to help a desperately frustrated businessman by showing him what life would have been like if he had never existed. (IMDb) Rated PG; Running time 130 minutes.

- DECEMBER 17: Miracle on 34th Street (1947) After a divorced New York mother hires a nice old man to play Santa Claus at Macy's, she is startled by his claim to be the genuine article. When his sanity is questioned, a lawyer defends him in court by arguing that he's not mistaken. (IMDb) Not Rated; Running time 96 minutes.

- JANUARY 14: The Creator (2023)
Against the backdrop of a war between humans and robots with artificial intelligence, a former soldier finds the secret weapon, a robot in the form of a young child. (IMDb) Rated PG-13; Running time 133 minutes.

- JANUARY 28: Asteroid City (2023)
Follow a writer on his world-famous fictional play about a grieving father who travels with his tech-obsessed family to small rural Asteroid City to compete in a junior stargazing event, only to have his world view disrupted forever. (IMDb) Rated PG-13; Running time 105 minutes.

- FEBRUARY 11: 80 for Brady (2023)
A group of friends made it their life-long mission to go to the Super Bowl and meet NFL superstar Tom Brady. (IMDb) Rated PG-13; Running time 98 minutes.

- FEBRUARY 25: The Little Mermaid (2023) A young mermaid makes a deal with a sea witch to trade her beautiful voice for human legs so she can discover the world above water and impress a prince. (IMDb) Rated PG; Running time 135 minutes.
FIDNESS & WELLNESS

ZUMBA
Saturdays at 11am
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 (End of Fall session)
January 6, 13, 20, 27 | February 3, 10, 24
Zumba is a Latin and international dance fitness class that will sculpt your body with easy-to-follow dance moves. Basic dance moves from salsa, cumbia, merengue and samba are just a few of the rhythms we use in this fun class. When you register for this program, you are registering for all of the sessions in this series (January-February). Registration is open.

VIRTUAL CHAIR YOGA
Mondays at 12pm
December 4, 11, 18, 22*, 29* | January 8, 12*, 22, 29 | February 5, 12, 16*, 26
*Please note that these dates in the series will meet on a Friday. Join Marianne Bochilo for a relaxing session of online 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 (December-February). The Zoom invitation will be sent out on the day of the class. Registration is open.

POP PILATES FOR ADULTS
Thursdays at 7pm
December 7, 14, 21, 28 | January 4, 11, 18, 25
February 1, 8, 15
In this class we will stretch using traditional and nontraditional Pilates exercises. We will work our core, get a full-body workout with short bursts of cardio, 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 (December-February). Registration is open.

GAMES

CHESS KNIGHT
Mondays at 7pm
December 4, 18 | January 8 | Feb. 5, 12
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 FOR ADULTS
Friday, January 19 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 12/18 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 12/26 for non-residents.

AFTERNOON JEOPARDY-STYLE TRIVIA
Friday, February 9 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 1/8 for BML cardholders (+1 guest) and 1/16 for non-residents.

LECTURES & WORKSHOPS

AARP DRIVER SAFETY CLASS
Fridays from 10am-5pm
December 1 | February 2
The AARP Driver Safety course is for ages 18 and up. You must attend the entire 7-hour day and complete a disclaimer form upon arrival to be awarded a certificate of comp-
with different insight. You'll be better equipped to spot signs and consciously work with them to gain answers or make better decisions. Registration for all begins 12/26.

ENRICHMENT THROUGH THE ARTS: UTILIZING MUSIC & ART TO ENHANCE THE LIVES OF THOSE WITH DEMENTIA
Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30pm
During this presentation we will explore how the creative arts can be a vital and life-giving pathway to joy, expression and peace for a loved one with memory impairment. We will offer some ideas and hands-on experiences to try with your loved ones. This program is for caregivers and families presented by Willing Hearts Helpful Hands (Alzheimer’s Caregiver Initiative). Registration for all begins 12/26.

BETHPAGE VITA: FSA TAX ASSISTANCE
Tuesday, February 27 from 10am-5pm
Tuesday, March 12 from 10am-5pm
Receive tax assistance filing your 2023 tax return for free! 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 begins 1/22 for BML cardholders and 2/5 for non-residents. We are hosting two in-person sessions on 2/27 & 3/12 with 90 minute appointments from 10am-5pm.

MAXIMIZING YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN RETIREMENT
Wednesday, February 28 at 6:30pm
Join financial planner Wes H. Triani for an interactive seminar to find out what the best choices are for deciding when to take Social Security. Spousal and divorce aspects of Social Security will also be discussed. Registration for all begins 1/29.
TEEN

3D PRINTING CLUB
Monday, December 11 at 4pm
Wednesdays, January 17 and Feb. 28 at 4pm
Tinker and create your own 3D design.

WONKA CANDY CHOCOLATE BARKS
Wednesday, December 13 at 4pm
Make your own chocolate barks with Wonka candy.

LIT MOVIE EVENT: WONKA
Monday, December 18 at 4pm
Join us and watch the new Wonka movie!
(Rated PG; Running time 113 min) Popcorn and soda will be provided. Registrants must arrive at the Bellmore Playhouse by 4pm. The movie will begin promptly at 4:30pm, so please arrive on time. This event is a collaboration between the Bellmore Memorial Library, Merrick Library, North Bellmore Public Library, and North Merrick Public Library.

TEEN CHESS CLUB
Wednesday, December 20 at 7pm
Thursday, January 25 at 7pm
Thursday, February 29 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.

WINTER WONDERLAND CAKE DECORATING
Thursday, December 28 at 3pm
Celebrate winter by decorating your own cake with fun candy and toppings.

GOT GAME?
Friday, December 29 at 3pm
Thursday, February 22 at 3pm
Join us for an afternoon of video games, board games, card games, giant games and more!

CHOCOLATE DIPPED OREOS AND PRETZELS
Wednesday, January 10 at 4pm
Join us and decorate oreos and pretzels with chocolate and fun colorful toppings!

AUDIO EDITING
Monday, January 22 at 7pm
Learn the basics of audio editing and how to arrange multiple audio tracks, speed, volume, and sound effects with music.

TEEN CRAFTING HOUR: WINTER SNOW GLOBES
Wednesday, January 24 at 4pm
Let it snow! Join us and create your very own waterless snow globe with trees, snowmen, and sparkling snow!

BLACK LIGHT PAINT PARTY
Wednesday, January 31 at 7pm
Turn out the lights! Create your masterpiece using the glow of black lights that will illuminate fluorescent paint. Young Engineers NY will walk you through a step-by-step painting and teach you about the science behind black lights. For extra glow effect, wear white or neon colors to shine along with your painting.

Teen programs are drop-off events for students in grades 6-12. Registration for December programs begins 12/1 for BML cardholders and 12/5 for non-residents. Registration for January programs begins 1/2 for BML cardholders and 1/5 for non-residents. Registration for February programs begins 2/1 for BML cardholders and 2/5 for non-residents. Register online at www.bellmorelibrary.org. Questions? Call the library at 516-785-2990 x119 or email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org.
ANIME DRAWING
Monday, February 12 at 6:30pm
With this easy step-by-step drawing class you’ll learn how to draw anime characters.

CHOCOLATE BARK DECORATING WORKSHOP
Wednesday, February 14 at 4pm
Prepare and decorate your own chocolate barks with fun holiday colors.

VIRTUAL COLLEGE BOUND WORKSHOP
Navigating College Admission Successfully
Wednesday, January 31 at 7pm
Tuesday, February 13 at 7pm
Wednesday, March 20 at 7pm
This Zoom presentation will help families understand how the lingering effects from the pandemic have changed the college admissions landscape. Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper from Stand Out For College, LLC will examine the holistic admissions review process, what admissions officers consider most important, and how students can increase their chances for admission.

COMMUNITY SERVICE FOR GRADES 7-12

BML CARDHOLDERS: Registration for community service opportunities each month begins December 1, January 2 and February 1. Questions? Send an email to teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org or call the library at 516-785-2990 x119.

TAG (TEEN ADVISORY GROUP)
Teen Advisory Group meets on a monthly basis throughout the school year to help out with library projects and programs. If you are interested or have any questions, please call the library at 516-785-2990 x 119 or email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org. BML cardholders only.

PAINT FOR A PURPOSE
Monday, December 18 at 7pm
Create an awesome and unique work of art that will be donated to a nursing home.

BOOK BUDDIES
Sundays at 2pm
January 21 | February 25
Teens will have the opportunity to read with children ages 4-8 in small
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I'm sending good thoughts your way!
Sending healthy vibes in your direction!
I hope you heal quickly!

groups. Children may read a story of their own, or their "Book Buddy" can read a story to them. Space is limited.

INSPIRATIONAL SCRAPBOOKING
Monday, January 29 at 7pm
Create an inspirational quote scrapbooking page with lots of stickers and papers. Projects will be donated to a nursing home.

DEDECORATE A TREAT JAR FOR CATS & DOGS
Wednesday, February 21 at 4pm
Earn community service credit by decorating a treat jar that will be donated to Last Hope Animal Rescue.

SNOWFLAKES FOR SENIORS PROJECT
Monday, February 26 at 7pm
Join us as Ms. Leslie guides you in painting and decorating two hanging snowflakes. We will use sequins to decorate the wooden snowflakes. Projects will be donated to a nursing home.

ONGOING: CARD MAKING
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, email teenzone@bellmorelibrary.org or call 516-785-2990 x119 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 PROJECTS
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 and 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!
involved! This program includes singing, dancing and PlayHooray activities to aid with early childhood development.

MUSIC & MOVEMENT (SERIES)
Ages 5 years & under
Fridays at 11am
December 8, 15, 22
January 5, 12, 19, 26
February 9, 16, 23
During this interactive program, your child will hear familiar rhymes and songs to get them moving and dancing!

TOY TIME
Ages 5 years & under
Saturdays at 10am
December 9
January 6
February 10
Reinforce counting, reading, and shape-recognition skills with our collection of educational toys.

PLAYHOORAY
Ages 6 months-5 years
Thursdays at 11:30am
December 7 | January 11 | February 8
Join Molly Mouse for a fun-filled music and movement program that will get everyone involved!

A TIME FOR KIDS, INC.
Ages 18 months-5 years
Thursdays at 11am
December 14 | January 18 | February 15
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!

TINY SONGBIRDS
Ages 5 years and under
Thursday, December 21 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.

STORYCRAFT
Ages 3-8 years
Saturdays at 11am
December 23
January 27 | February 24
Join us for seasonal picture books and a craft!

CHARACTER VISIT
Ages 2-8 years
Wednesday, December 27 at 11am
Listen to a story and take pictures with Beauty.

NOON YEAR’S EVE PARTY
Ages 5 years and under
Friday, December 29 at 11:30am
Celebrate the new year as we count down to 2024...by counting down to noon! We will share stories, songs, and a fun craft!

AMAZING ATHLETES
Ages 18 months-3 years
Thursday, January 25 at 11am
Amazing Tots is a guided, discovery-based program helping children engage in structured physical activities tailored specifically to toddlers.

VALENTINE’S DAY PARTY
Ages 5 years and under
Wednesday, February 14 at 11am
Celebrate Valentine’s Day with picture books, flannel stories, action rhymes, songs and a craft.

GIGGLES & GROOVES
Ages 6 months-5 years
Thursday, February 22 at 11am
During this interactive class, your child will explore the benefits of music involvement on gross and fine motor development with Giggles & Grooves!

BABYJAM
Ages 6 months-5 years
Thursday, February 29 at 11am
This class enhances early learning by viewing acoustic guitar sing-alongs, animal alphabet songs, storytime, drum-time and counting with rhythm sticks.

CRAFTERS CLUB (SERIES)
Ages 5-12 years
Tuesdays at 7pm
December 5, 12, 19, 26 | January 9, 16, 23, 30 | February 6, 13, 20, 27
Make seasonal crafts at the library! Each week will feature a different project.

3D PRINTING WORKSHOP
Ages 8-12 years
Wednesdays at 7pm
December 6
January 10 | February 7
Tinker with our children's librarian and create a 3D design.
WINTER BINGO
Ages 5-12 years
Thursday, December 7 at 7pm
Play BINGO with a winter theme!

FAMILY MOVIE
Ages 12 years & under
Sundays at 2pm
December 10: Elemental
January 7: Ruby Gillman, Teenage Kraken
February 11: The Game Plan
Join us for a movie in the Storytime Room.

SWITCH TIME
Ages 7-12 years
Mondays at 7pm
December 18 | January 29 | February 26
Battle against other Smash Bros. participants and see who will emerge victorious!

MINECRAFT CLUB
Ages 5-12 years
Wednesdays at 7pm
December 20 | February 21
Meet other builders while playing Minecraft at the library!

YOGA FOR KIDS
Ages 5-12 years
Thursdays at 7pm
December 21 | January 18 | February 15
Join us for an all-level children's yoga class. We recommend using a yoga mat or a towel during this program.

POKÉMON CLUB
Ages 5-12 years
Wednesdays at 7pm
December 27 | January 31 | February 28
Meet other trainers while playing Pokémon at the library! Bring your Pokémon cards to trade or play.

JUNIOR EXPLORERS: PENGUINS
Ages 5-8 years
Thursday, December 28 at 7pm
Join us for stories, a craft and a game where we discuss facts about Penguins.

READ TO A DOG
Ages 4-12 years
Saturdays at 10am
December 16 | January 20 | February 17
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.
MAD SCIENCE: DRY ICE CAPADES
Ages 5-10 years
Wednesday, January 24 at 6:30pm
Long Island STEAM Group is back! Manipulate matter in all three states, melt metal in boiling water and freeze water with just a breath of dry ice!

STEM CLUB: MAKEY MAKEY
Ages 8-12 years
Thursday, January 25 at 7pm
Join us to participate in a fun science, technology, engineering and math related activity. This month we will be using Makey Makeys.

WINTER PENGUIN STUFFIE
Ages 5-12 years
Monday, February 12 at 7pm
Create your own winter penguin stuffie!

DOG MAN PARTY
Ages 5-12 years
Thursday, February 29 at 7pm
Celebrate the popular book series Dog Man with games, crafts, and giveaways! Participants are encouraged to have knowledge of the Dog Man series.

TWEEN & TEEN
GOT GAME?
Grades 4-12
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Thursday, Feb. 22 at 3pm
Join us for an afternoon of video games, board games, card games, giant games and more!