



BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

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South Country
Central School District

September-October 2023

A Note from the Director

Dear Community Members:

As you are aware all approvals necessary to start work addressing the property's severe drainage, accessibility and safety issues have been granted by the Town of Brookhaven. We are waiting for materials to be received and a start date to be determined by the general contractor. We are hopeful that this project will be completed before the cold weather sets in but at this time, I do not have any specific information. I assure you that advance notice will be posted online and in the building, as soon as it is possible. Your continued patience and understanding are greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or concerns, about this project or any library matter, I encourage you to reach out to me. I am available by phone, email, or in-person and welcome the opportunity to speak with you.

Sincerely,

Jamie Papandrea

Director

Jack-o-Lantern Blaze – Pumpkin Carving Contest and Fall Celebration

All welcome
Sunday, October 22, 4:00-6:30 PM
Rain or shine
H.O.G. Farm – 319 Beaver Dam Road,
Brookhaven

It's BACK! Set the sky ablaze at our
7th Annual Jack-o-Lantern Carving Contest!

We've lined up live music from the band Nina, Et. Cetera, games, crafts and more! A food truck will also be there, ready to serve up yummy treats for purchase. All carving supplies will be provided; one pumpkin per family. Pumpkins will be lit after sundown so you can vote for your favorite entry. **Registration is required, please be sure to do so.**



BACK TO SCHOOL WITH BFL

Library staff will be at all the Meet the Teacher Nights to give cheer and wish all families a happy and successful school year. Please stop at our table to learn how we are here to support your child's educational and social needs. You will also have a chance to enter our raffle for a basket stuffed with back to school goodies!



Back to School Ice Cream Social

Students of all ages are welcome
Wednesday, September 6, 3:30-6:30 PM, anytime
The first day of school is always exciting but exhausting and hot! Come share your first day stories with us and friends while enjoying a cold treat. **Please register.**



The Great Give Back

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



Donate Items for Those in Need

Donations accepted September 1-October 14, during Library hours
Drop off toiletries (bandages, wet wipes, toothbrushes, toothpaste, etc.), small non-perishable food items, socks, gloves and/or water bottles. Items will be used to make personal care kits for those in need.



Paws of War

Donations accepted September 1-October 7, during Library hours
Paws of War trains and places shelter dogs to serve and provide independence to our U.S. military veterans suffering from the emotional effects of war. Donations of food, leashes, toys, and any supplies for cats or dogs.

Kits for Care

All welcome
Saturday,
October 14,
10:00 AM-4:00 PM
Visit us anytime during the day to help us decorate and assemble toiletry kits that the Suffolk County PD, 5th Precinct COPE unit will distribute to those in need. **Please register.**



Community Clean-up

All welcome • Saturday, October 21 at 9:00 AM
The Brookhaven Village Association and BFL are teaming up to help keep our local streets clean! Meet at the Library; all supplies will be provided and participants will be invited to meet back at the Library for a thank you brunch at 11:00 AM. *This event is also offered as a community service opportunity for teens.* **Please register.**

Drive-Thru Essential Item Collection, Paper Shredding, e-waste recycling & Operation Medicine Cabinet

All welcome • Saturday, October 21, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM
(shredding & e-waste collection will be canceled in the event of rain)
St. James Episcopal Church — 260 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven
Drive-thru to donate items and dispose of unwanted personal documents, unused medicines and e-waste. **Papers MUST be neatly bundled without plastic and easily accessible. No cardboard, rubber bands, paper clips or binder clips. No registration.**



South Bay Art Association Sketch Club

Join the SBAA Sketch Club. Meetings are held at the Library one Tuesday evening and one Saturday each month to work and share art. Please visit southbayart.org or email info@southbayart.org for more information and to register.

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REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2. All event/ticket fees are collected at the Circulation Desk. There are no refunds. When registering for classes or events, verify that your contact information is up to date. Class size varies by class/event. Patrons who arrive 15-minutes or later may have their space given to another patron if there is a waitlist or may not be allowed to join late. If you cannot attend, please notify us so that someone else can participate.

Classes & Events For ADULTS

18 years and up

Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up
Tuesdays, September-October, 2:00-4:00 PM
Please visit our website to view upcoming titles.
No registration required.



Friday Afternoon Creatives

Adults 18 years and up
Fridays, September-October, 2:00-4:00 PM
Bring a creative project to work on in the company of other creative people. No formal instruction is provided, but advice is available.
No registration required.



Saturday Social at Brookhouse Pizza and Grill

Adults 18 and up
Saturdays, September 9 & October 14, 10:00-11:00 AM
Brookhouse Pizza and Grill – 2478 Montauk Hwy, Brookhaven
Join us for a morning social with coffee, muffins and games. **Please register.**

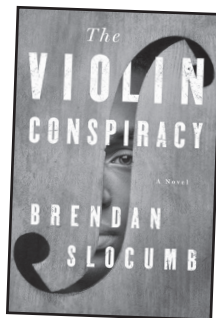
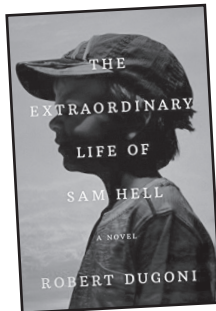
Greet the Day Sound Bath

Adults 18 and up
Tuesday, September 12, 7:30-8:30 AM
Start your morning with Christine Santanastaso as she leads you on a path to relaxation and healing. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat, blanket and/or pillow. Beginners welcome. **Please register.**



Book Club

Adults 18 years and up
10:00-11:00 AM
Tuesday, September 12 – *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell* by Robert Dugoni
Tuesday, October 10 – *The Violin Conspiracy* by Brendan Slocumb
Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk. **Please register.**



Senior Services of North America

Adults 18 and up
Wednesday, September 13, 12:30-1:30 PM – *Fall Prevention*
Wednesday, October 18, 12:30-1:30 PM – *Basics of Medicare*
Join agents from SSNA monthly for an educational workshop.
Please register.



Bingo

Adults 18 and up
Wednesdays, September 13 & October 18, 2:00-3:00 PM
Join in on the fun and win prizes! **Please register.**



Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 years and up
Saturday, September 16, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM
Cost: \$30
This class, recognized by all NY State insurance companies, can help reduce your auto collision and liability insurance rates by 10%. If you have incurred violations during the 18-month period prior to completing the course, up to four points will automatically be reduced on your driving record. There is no exam and fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



Empire Safety Council

Art with Friends

Adults 18 and up
6:30-7:30 PM
Monday, September 18 – *Moroccan Lanterns*
Monday, October 16 – *Autumn Snow Globe*



Moroccan Lanterns



Autumn Snow Globe

Create unique art projects with the direction of the talented Miss Brittany. **Please register.**

Classic Figure Drawing

Adults 18 and up • Thursday, September 21, 6:30-7:30 PM
Join resident artist Tom for a series of illustrations focusing on the figure in various poses. Beginners welcome! **Please register.**

Reclaiming Resiliency:

Tools for Emotional Regulation and Self Care

Adults 18 and up
Saturday, September 30, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM
Are you looking for practical tools to help manage stress and build emotional resilience? This engaging workshop, led by Erena DiGonis, LCSW-R will combine experiential exercises and research-based strategies. Whether you're dealing with stress, anxiety, or other emotional challenges, you will be able to walk away with concrete strategies you can immediately apply to your life. **Please register.**

Autumn Watercolor Greeting Cards

Adults 18 and up
Saturday, October 28, 12:30-1:30 PM
Artist Linda Lee will teach you how to create a beautiful set of greeting cards. **Please register.**

Tickets & Museum Passes

Discount Tickets - On sale now at the Circulation Desk while supplies last. Some restrictions may apply; please inquire for more information.

Long Island Aquarium - Tickets do not expire.
\$27 for Total Experience Ticket
(a savings of \$18.99/adult ticket, \$4.99/child!)



Watch Hill Ferry - Round-trip ticket, valid from May to mid-October
\$16.00 Adults / \$9.00 Child
(a savings of \$4 each, plus free parking at ferry terminal!)



Museum Passes - Call or reserve online. Please call the institution to confirm operating hours and guidelines prior to your visit.

Brooklyn Botanical Garden
Children's Museum of the East End
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Harbes Barnyard Adventure –



Now offered as a print-on-demand pass!
Long Island Children's Museum
LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum



Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum
Parrish Art Museum



South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center
Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium

FIRE PLACE LITERARY CLUB

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

Wednesday, September 20

Local author Frank Cornacchiolo will talk about his book, *A Place Called Brooklyn*.

Wednesday, October 18

Members Meeting – Let's talk about what we've been up to and share our lives.

**NEW MEMBERS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME
CALL 631-286-1136 FOR INFORMATION**

State Senator Dean Murray

Mobile Office Hours • Thursday, September 14, 5:00-7:00 PM

Children's Programs

Registration Begins Saturday, September 2. 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 and Events for Birth-Pre-K

Play-Based Learning

Ages 12-34 months with a caregiver
Mondays, September 11 & 18, 10:00-11:00 AM
Saturdays, September 2 & October 7, 10:00-11:00 AM
Play is the work children do when they are learning to share, take turns, and wait. Allow your children to learn through play while you socialize with other caregivers. **Please register.**

Parent-Child Workshop

Ages 12-34 months with a caregiver
Mondays, September 25, October 2, 16, 23, & 30, 10:00-11:00 AM
Have fun with your toddler playing with toys, creating crafts, exploring art through the senses, and moving and grooving! We will have a community resource professional on hand to answer questions about early literacy, speech and hearing, nutrition and behavior and educational resources. **Please register.**



Community Storytime

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver
Tuesdays, September-October, 10:00-11:00 AM
September, Squassux Landing – 370 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven
October, Carmans River Maritime Center – 22 Newey Lane, Brookhaven
Let's explore and enjoy our beautiful community together. Meet at various locations to partake in a lively storytime featuring Miss Rita. **Please register.**

Together Time Stories, Rhymes & Songs

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver
Wednesdays, September-October, 10:00-10:30 AM
Join us to share in special time with your little ones while promoting skills essential to pre-literacy skills. **Meghan VK will make special appearances on September 20 and October 18 to treat us to musical fun! Please register.**



Creative Corner

Age 2-Pre-K with a caregiver
Thursdays, September-October, 10:00-11:00 AM
Art helps young children develop fine motor skills and build creativity. Fine motor skills are essential for school readiness. Join us on Thursdays for a different activity. We will take care of the mess! **Please register.**



Baby Play

Birth-18 months with a caregiver
Fridays, September-October, 10:00-11:00 AM, anytime
Enjoy some free play with baby and meet some new friends. **Please register.**

On My Own StoryTime

Age 3 and up
Fridays, September-October, 12:00-12:30 PM
This lively and fun independent storytime is intended to help ease separation anxiety, while promoting early literacy skills. **Please register.**

Afternoon Playdate

Ages 12-34 months with a caregiver
Saturdays, September 2 & 23, 1:30-3:30 PM anytime
Enjoy an afternoon of play while meeting other caregivers and socializing in a relaxed environment. **Please register.**



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Classes & Events for Children Grades K-5

Picture It!

Monday, September 11, 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades K-5
Summer's gone but memories last forever! Make a picture frame to commemorate a special memory from this summer. **Please register.**

Happy Birthday Roald Dahl!

Wednesday, September 13, 4:30-5:30 PM
Grades 1-5
Celebrate the splendid works of Roald Dahl with storytelling, poetry and a birthday Snozzumber cake. **Please register.**



Free Drawing Frenzy

Grades K-3
Thursday, September 14, October 19, 4:30-5:30 PM
This open drawing workshop is the perfect place for you to work on the drawings you're most inspired to make! Artistic prompts and professional advice will be available but not required. **Please register.**

Who Let the Dogs Out?

Monday, September 25, 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 1-5
Who, who, who let the dogs out? Practice reading to a very special therapy dog and trainer team, while building reading confidence and fluency. **Please register.**



School Stories & Jammies

Tuesday, September 26, 6:30-7:30 PM
Grades 1-5
Get your pajamas on; bring your favorite stuffed friend for milk and cookies and let's share stories about the first couple of weeks of school. **Please register.**

Autumn Themed Sensory Play

Mondays, October 2-30, 4:30-6:30 PM with a caregiver, anytime
Grades K-5 • Stop in for all things autumn to de-stress, and get in touch with all your senses. **Please register.**

Not So Spooky Stories and Dress Up

Wednesday, October 4, 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades K-3
Come in your favorite costume to hear stories, have some snacks, dance and play games. **Please register.**



Comic Strip Creations

Tuesday, October 10, 6:30-7:30 PM
Grades 3-5
Turn you and your friends into a comic strip with some help and tricks of the trade! **Please register.**

Creepy Slime Workshop

Wednesday, October 11, 6:00-7:00 PM
Grades 3-5
Creepy and gross slimy fun. Let's go! **Please register.**



International Artist Day

Wednesday, October 25, 4:30-7:00 PM, anytime with a caregiver
Grades K-5
Let's show our respect to artists by critiquing, and analyzing different artists from around the world and inspire ourselves to create some beautiful work. **Please register.**

Halloween Gingerbread House Making

Tuesday, October 31, 3:30-7:00 PM
with a caregiver, anytime • Grades K-5
Come in costume to decorate a not so spooky Halloween Gingerbread House to share with your family. **Please register.**



MORE CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS ON BACK COVER

Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

Managing Teen Anxiety

Grades 6 and up
Wednesday, September 13,
6:30-7:30 PM
Facilitated by Maryanne
Dumas, LMHC, this workshop
will help teens understand
what anxiety is, how it affects
us emotionally and physically,
and most importantly, how to
manage it. Practical strategies
for coping with anxiety will be
discussed and practiced in a
judgment free environment.
Please register.

Nail Art

Grades 5 and up
Wednesdays, September 27,
October 18, 6:30-7:30 PM
Learn how to take your nails to
the next level using techniques,
like the ombre method, nail
stickers and stenciling.
Please register.

Duct Tape Crafters

Grades 5 and up
Saturday, September 30,
2:00-4:00 PM, anytime
Bring some friends to the
library to get your hands on
some pretty snazzy duct-
tape and create some cool
supplies for back to school!
Please register.

Illustration Alliance

Grades 5 and up
Thursday, October 12,
4:30-5:30 PM
This open drawing club is the
perfect place for you to work on
the drawings you're most inspired
to make! Artistic prompts and
professional advice will be
available but not required.
Please register.

Gateway's Haunted Playhouse - If You Dare!

Friday, October 13, 7:00 PM
Grades 9-12
Gateway Playhouse-
215 South Country Road, Bellport
Meet us at the Gateway to
experience the spookiest,
scariest, most terrifying
playhouse around! This event is
offered exclusively to Brookhaven
Free Library cardholders.
Please register.

Horrifying Henna

Grades 5 and up
Tuesday, October 24,
5:30-7:30 PM
Celebrate this ancient art form
with friends while watching your
favorite horror flick. The film
will be viewer's choice – stop by
during the month of October to
cast your vote. **Please register.**

GAMERS CORNER

Super Mario Adventures

Grades 2 and up
Thursday, September 7,
6:30-7:30 PM
Experience an evening of all
things Super Mario. It's a great
opportunity for little gamers to
experience playing their favorite
Mario games alongside fellow
big gamers. **Please register.**

Robotics

Grades 4 and up
Saturdays, September 9 &
October 14, 2:30-3:30 PM
Get imaginative with BFL's
LEGO Spike Prime kits and
build a design of your choosing!
Please register.

Nintendo Switch and Wii Sports

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, September 14,
6:30-7:30 PM
Volleyball, tennis, badminton,
sword fighting, oh my! Get ready
to play against your friends in
these highly competitive games.
Please register.

Acron: Attack of the Squirrel, Virtual Reality

Grades 4 and up
Monday, September 25,
2:00-3:00 PM (No School)
Thursday, October 19, 6:30-7:30 PM
Using our META Oculus virtual reality
device, experience this hilarious game
through group-based gameplay.
Please register.



Minecraft Meetup

Grades 4 and up
Thursdays, September 28,
October 12, 6:30-7:30 PM
Play on the same server with your friends
and let's create, build, and design.
Please register.



Super Smash Bros. Free Play

Grades 4 and up
Thursday, October 5, 6:30-7:30 PM
Calling all Super Smash Bros. warriors!
Battle to victory in this epic Nintendo
Switch favorite. **Please register.**

Trivia Murder Party

Grades 5 and up
Thursday, October 26, 6:30-7:30 PM
Get ready for some spooky trivia fun
as we play Trivia Murder Party and
other (non-spooky) digital Jackbox
Games. This game is not for the faint
of heart, so beware! **Please register.**

Community Service

Grades 6 and up. Contact us for more information.

Community Clean-up – see front cover for details.

Kit Creators Grades 6 and up. Help us assemble
craft kits for all ages. Contact us to schedule a date.

Paws of War Blankets and Supply Quest

Grades 6 and up
September 1-October 7

Help us raise awareness of Paws for War
by collecting pet item donations from your classmates, neighbors or community
members. Bring your donations, tell us how you have helped raise awareness and
receive community service hours.

Saturday, October 7, 2:00-3:00 PM

Make a blanket for our little four legged friends to donate to Paws of War.
Please register.



PAWS OF WAR™
★ HELP A VET
★ SAVE A PET

Help for the School Year is Here!

A Library card is needed for most online resources. Can't find yours?
Don't have one? Just email bfl@brookhavenlibrary.org and we can help!

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access to the #1 online
learning program for
children ages 2-8+ with
your BFL card! With
more than 10,000+
learning activities and
more than 850 lessons,
the award-winning
ABCmouse.com is the
most comprehensive
early
learning
site on
earth.



Brainfuse

Students can receive help or practice
skills with a live tutor between the
hours of 2:00-11:00 PM. Count on
Brainfuse for that. They also offer
specialized assistance and resources
for college students, adult learners,
job seekers,
veterans and language learners. See how Brainfuse
can enhance your life by clicking the icon on our
website.



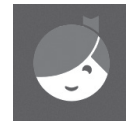
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for educators
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LIBRARY CLOSINGS

September 4 – Labor Day
September 19 & 26 the Library will open
at 4:00 PM to allow for staff training
October 9 – Columbus Day

Board of Trustees

Sonja Anderson, Michele Chiamonte,
Kathleen Dallin, Brittany LaValle, Kristin Kirk-Murphy,
Jackie Subhash and Megan Reitzel.

Jamie Papandrea, Library Director

Upcoming Board Meetings:

The Board meets on the 3rd Tuesday 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.