



# BROOKHAVEN FREE LIBRARY

Serving the  
South Country  
Central School District

January-February 2025

## *A Note from the Director*

Dear Community Members:

I want to extend my heartfelt gratitude for the warm and wonderful welcome you have given me as your new Library Director. It is inspiring to see how deeply everyone values the library as a space for learning, connection, and growth. I am excited about the future and look forward to working together to continue making our library a vibrant and inviting space for everyone. Thank you for your support and encouragement—I am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community!



Sincerely,  
*Anthony Zutter*  
Director

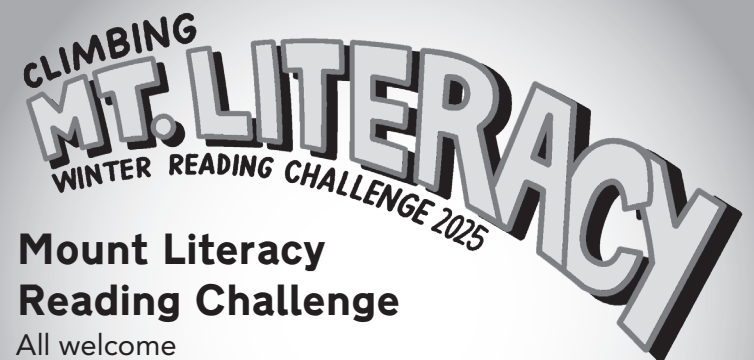
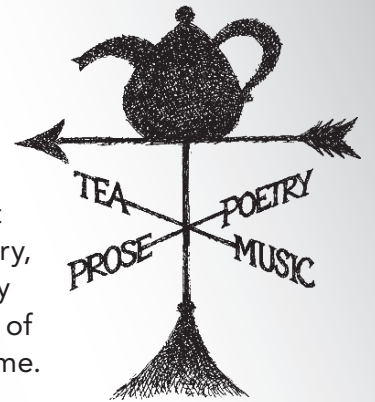
## 26th Annual Winter Tea

Sunday, February 9, 3:00 PM

The glorious return of the Winter Tea is finally here.

Local performers will present a delightful selection of poetry, prose, and music, followed by tea and treats. Contributions of sweets or savories are welcome.

**Please register.**



## Mount Literacy Reading Challenge

All welcome

January 13-February 21

Embark on a journey to the top of the world with us! Challenge yourself to read more, improve your problem-solving skills, and conquer various levels of reading challenges along the way. Please register in person.

## Board of Trustees - Call for Nominations

Residents and registered voters in the South Country Central School District interested in running for the Board of Trustees of the Brookhaven Free Library are invited to submit applications to the Library Director's office no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, February 24, 2025.

Petitions will be available at the Circulation Desk commencing Monday, February 3, 2025; the petitions should be submitted with a minimum of 25 supporting signatures of qualified voters registered in the District, and a brief biographical statement from the nominee.

Trustee elections coincide with the Library budget vote on Tuesday, April 8, 2025. One vacancy on the Board of Trustees will be filled by one candidate receiving the most votes. An Elected trustee will serve a 5-year term commencing with the regular July 2025 meeting date. Absentee Ballot applications will be available at the School District Office.

## Essential Item Collection Drive

3rd Saturday of the Month, 9:00 AM-12:00 PM

St. James Episcopal Church –

260 Beaver Dam Road, Brookhaven

Non-perishable food items, toiletries,

and clothes are collected each

month for our fellow community

members in need. As plans may

occasionally be disrupted by

weather, check our website or

social media for updates.

**No registration required.**



## Tickets & Museum Passes

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

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

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

**Museum Passes** - 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

Long Island Maritime Museum

LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum

Montauk Point Lighthouse Museum – **Print on Demand**

Parrish Art Museum

South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center

Vanderbilt Mansion, Museum and Planetarium



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**REGISTRATION BEGINS SATURDAY, JANUARY 4.** 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

## Live-brary 101

Adults 18 and up  
Mondays, January 6 – February 24, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join us weekly to learn all you can about our free online resources such as Libby, Tumblebooks, World Book Online, Homework Help, Pronunciator, ABC Mouse and a lot more! **Please register.**

## Tuesday Matinee

Adults 18 years and up  
Tuesdays, January – February, 2:00-4:00 PM  
Please note that titles may vary based on availability.

### No registration required.

- 1/7 - *Twisters* (2024)
- 1/14 - *It Ends With Us* (2024)
- 1/21 - *Trap* (2024)
- 1/28 - *Saturday Night* (2024)
- 2/4 - *The Wild Robot* (2024)
- 2/11 - *White Bird* (2024)
- 2/18 - *Average Joe* (2024)
- 2/25 - *The Critic* (2024)



## Bingo

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, January 9 & February 13, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join in on the fun and win prizes! **Please register.**



## Saturday Social

Adults 18 and up  
Saturdays, January 11, February 8, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Join us for a morning social with coffee, muffins, and games.  
**Please register.**

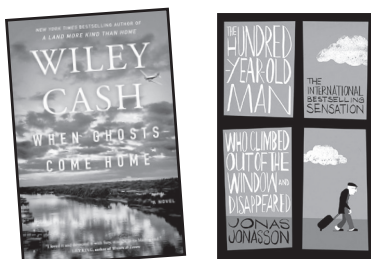
## Sleep Sound, Sound Bath

Adults 18 years and up  
Mondays, January 13, February 10, 8:00-9:00 PM  
Vibrations from quartz and Tibetan singing bowls are said to promote relaxation and offer powerful healing properties. Instructor Christine Santanastaso will begin with a short overview and verbal meditation. **Please register.**



## Book Club

Adults 18 years and up  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Tuesday, January 14 – *When Ghosts Come Home* by Wiley Cash  
Tuesday, February 11 – *The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Jumped Out the Window and Disappeared* by Jonas Jonasson  
Copies of each title will be available at the Circulation Desk.  
**Please register.**



## Clases de ENL ( ¡Nuevo día! )

Adults 18 years and up • Adultos de 18 en Adelante  
Miércoles 15 de enero – 19 de febrero, 6:00-7:00 PM  
Únase con nosotros en semanalmente para una clase de inglés dado por la instructora Marie Knapp. Las clases se centrarán en la práctica de hablar, leer y escribir. Todos los niveles de habilidad son bienvenidos. **Por favor regístrese.**

## Chair Yoga

Adults 18 years and up  
Wednesdays, January 15 – February 5, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Lauren from Salt of the Earth Yoga is back! Practicing yoga with chairs is an amazing way to make yoga more accessible to people of all abilities and levels. **Please register.**

## Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course

Adults 16 years and up  
Saturday, January 25, 9:30 AM-3:30 PM  
Cost: \$35  
Recognized by all NYS insurance companies, this class can help reduce auto collision and liability insurance rates by 10%. If you have incurred violations in the past 18 months prior to completing the course, up to four points will be reduced on your driving record. There is no exam and fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**



Empire Safety Council

## Art with Friends

Adults 18 years and up

### Friday Afternoon Creatives

Fridays, January-February, 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.**

### Classic Illustration

Thursdays, January 9, February 6, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join resident artist Tom and learn how to create a gallery-worthy illustration from concept thumbnails to final piece of artwork. **Please register.**

### Saturdays with Artist Linda-Lee

10:00 AM-12:00 PM  
Saturday, January 11 – Winter Watercolor Scene  
Saturday, February 22 – Early Bloom Watercolors  
Artist, Linda-Lee has the tools and the patience to guide your inner creativity. **Please register.**

### Wooden Snowman

Adults 18 and up  
Thursday, January 16, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Miss Jen has tools to create this adorable wooden snowman.  
**Please register.**



### Mason Jar Candle Holder

Adults 18 and up  
Thursday, February 27, 6:30-7:30 PM  
We will use Mod Podge and Mason jars to create a stunning piece illuminating our home.  
**Please register.**

## Musician Mondays

Adults 18 years and up  
Mondays, January 27, February 24, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Calling all musicians and music lovers. The cold weather is settling in, bring your talents, be it musical or culinary to share and enjoy the evening. Please bring an instrument or a simple pass-around plate to share. **Please register.**

## Guided Meditation

Adults 18 years and up  
Mondays, January 27, February 24, 8:00-9:00 PM  
Join Christine Santanastaso on a transformative guided meditation journey, where she expertly guides you through a series of breathing exercises, empowering mantras, calming mental imagery, and soothing postures to foster relaxation and inner peace.  
**Please register.**

## Liverpool

Adults 18 years and up  
Thursdays, January 30, February 27, 2:00-3:00 PM  
Join us for the card game that is somewhat like "Rummy," but in the company of new friends. **Please register.**



## Escape Room for Adults

Monday, February 3, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Escape the routine of daily life and experience an adventure by solving puzzles and escaping within the allotted time. Why should kids have all the fun? **Please register.**



# Children's Programs

**Registration Begins Saturday, January 4.** All event/ticket fees are collected at the Circulation Desk. There are no refunds. When registering for classes or events, verify that your contact information is up to date. Class size varies by class/event. Patrons who arrive 15-minutes or later may have their space given to another patron if there is a waitlist or may not be allowed to join late. If you cannot attend, please notify us so that someone else can participate.

## Early Education Classes & Events for Birth – Pre-K

### Construction Toddlers

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver  
Mondays,  
January 6 – February 24,  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Miss Michele and her construction team are back to encourage fine and gross motor skills and enhance problem-solving and mathematical skills.  
**Please register.**



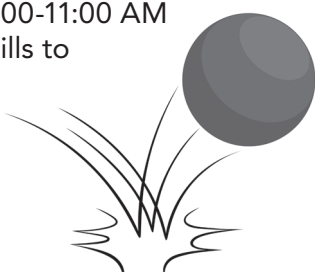
### Together Time Stories, Rhymes & Songs

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver  
Wednesdays, January 8 – February 26,  
10:00-10:30 AM  
Join us to share in special time with your little ones while promoting essential pre-literacy skills. Meghan VK will make special appearances on January 15, and February 12 to treat us to musical fun! **Please register.**



### Bouncing Babies

Birth-Age 3 with a caregiver  
Tuesdays, January 7 – 28, 10:00-11:00 AM  
We will use our fine motor skills to engage in this fun bouncing, rolling, squeezing, throwing, and catching program.  
**Please register.**



### Messy Play Days

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Thursdays, January 9 – February 27,  
10:00-11:00 AM  
Miss Daniela loves to get messy! Allow your children to explore with their senses, developing motor skills, imagination, and creativity. **Please register.**



### Dance with Me

Birth-Pre-K with a caregiver  
Tuesdays, February 4-25, 10:00-11:00 AM  
Miss Kariann is ready to get us moving and grooving to all our favorite children's songs! **Please register.**

## Classes & Events for School Age Children

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JANUARY 4**

### Winter Craft Club

Pre-K-4  
Mondays, 4:30-5:30 PM  
January 6 – Cereal Bird Feeder  
January 13 – Watercolor and Crayon Snowflakes  
January 27 – Puffy Paint Snowman  
February 3 – Arctic Animal Creations  
February 10 – Perler Beads Heart Magnet  
February 24 – Pinecone Snowy Owl  
Tis the season to get your crafting on. Get creative with Miss Jen and friends.  
**Please register.**



### Crochet for Kids

Grades 2-5  
Tuesdays, January 7, February 25,  
6:30-7:30 PM  
Get those cozy PJs on and learn how to crochet with friends.  
**Please register.**



### Mini Canvas Art

Pre-K-Grade 5  
Thursday, January 23,  
12:00-2:00 PM, anytime  
You're off from school today, stop in with a friend to make a mini work of art! **Please register.**

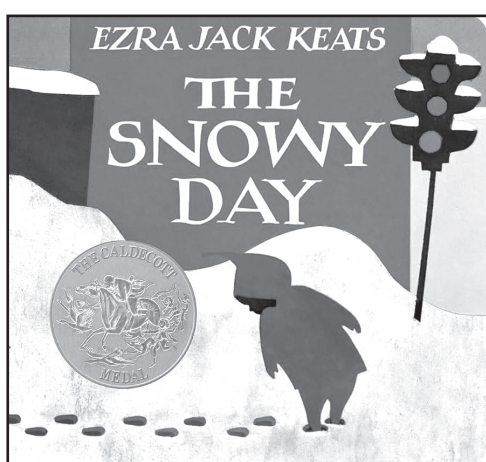


### ABC Fashion Show

Wednesday, January 8, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Pre-K-Grade 1  
The runway is waiting for us to turn paper bags into ABC fashion. We will never forget our letters and sounds, and will be ready for the runway in no time! **Please register.**

### The Snowy Day: Part 1

Pre-K-Grade 3  
Wednesday, January 15,  
4:30-5:30 PM  
The magic and wonder of winter's first snowfall is captured in the beloved story *A Snowy Day*, by Ezra Jack Keats. After listening, we will warm up with snowy activities and create a snow volcano! **Please register.**



### No Sew Heart Pillow

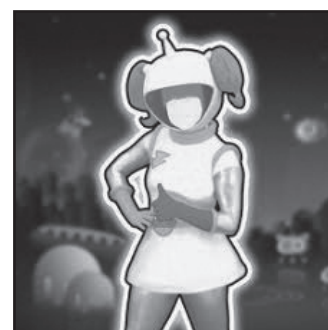
Grades 1-3  
Tuesday, February 11, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Create this soft heart shaped pillow just in time for Valentine's Day.  
**Please register.**

### The Snowy Day: Part 2

Pre-K-Grade 3  
Wednesday, February 12, 4:30-5:30 PM  
Join us for more magic and wonder and everything snow, part 2!  
**Please register.**

### Just Dance Glow Party

Grades 1-5  
Thursday, February 20,  
6:00-7:00 PM  
No school this week! Join us for an epic dance party! **Please register.**

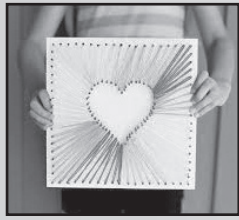




# Classes & Events For TEENS & TWEENS

## Yeti Escape Room

Grades 4 and up  
Tuesday, January 7, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join us on an expedition, and escape with your very lives or you will be forced to come face to face with the mysterious yeti!  
**Please register.**



## String and Nail Art

Grades 4 and up  
Tuesday, January 14, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Hammer a series of nails. Weave various colored threads. Create a beautiful work of art.  
**Please register.**

## Pizza and Painting

Grades 4 and up  
Thursday, January 23, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join us for an evening of watercolor painting, friends, and pizza. **Please register.**



## Candle Making Workshop

Grade 5 and up  
Tuesday, February 4, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Customize your candle with scents of the season. Bring it home or gift it to a loved one. **Please register.**

## Pre-Licensing Class

Age 16 and up • Cost: \$40  
Saturday, February 8, 10:00 AM-3:00 PM  
This course is designed for new drivers ages 16 and up who are applying for their first drivers license in New York. The course allows you to complete your DMV pre-licensing requirement. You must complete this course before you sign up for your road test at the DMV. It is a mandatory course for New York State Permit Holders ages 16 and up. You will not be able to schedule or take your road test if you have not completed the 5-hour pre-licensing course and received an MV-278 completion certificate. There is no formal exam and fee will be collected at the start of class. **Please register.**

## Valentine's Chocolate Pops

Grades 5 and up  
Thursday, February 13, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Make and decorate a chocolate pop for you and your valentine.  
**Please register.**



## GAMERS CORNER

### Super Smash Bros. Casual Battle

Grades 4-12  
Thursday, January 2, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join Mario and all your friends. Let's go! **Please register.**

### Attack of the Squirrels, Virtual Reality

Grades 4-12  
Thursday, January 30, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Using BFL's Oculus virtual reality device, experience this hilarious game through group-based gameplay.  
**Please register.**



## community Service For Teens

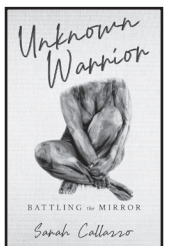
Grades 6 and up.  
Contact us for more information.

### Community Service Saturdays

Grade 6 and up  
Saturdays, January 18, February 15, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM  
Volunteering often helps teens develop valuable life skills, such as teamwork, leadership, communication, problem-solving, and time management. These skills are not only beneficial for personal growth but are also attractive to future employers and colleges. **Please register.**

## Unknown Warrior: Battling the Mirror by Sarah Callazzo - Book Discussion

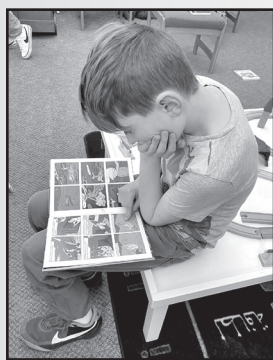
Grades 5 and up with a caregiver  
Wednesday, February 26, 6:30-7:30 PM  
Join us to discuss this very delicate topic about eating disorders. This very open, honest, and easy read will help so many with their battles "unknown" to those around them. Pick up your signed copy today. Meet with us on February 26 for a lively discussion.  
**Please register.**



## For Families:

### Homeschoolers Hangout

School-age children with a caregiver  
Fridays, January 10 – February 28, 10:00-11:30 AM  
Calling all homeschoolers! Explore a different subject every week with fun games, STEM, reading, writing, crafts, and tons of other activities!  
**Please register.**



### Masquerade Masks

Pre-K and up with a caregiver  
Tuesday, January 28, 6:00-7:00 PM  
The Venice Carnival, also known as the Venice Mask Festival, stands as a symbol of mystery, tradition, and grandeur in the heart of Italy. Learn about this annual celebration and adorn a mask with a kaleidoscope of color and extravagance!  
**Please register.**

### Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, anytime  
All welcome  
Today's the day to get yourself a library card and enjoy all that BFL has to offer! Ask about our museum passes, discount ticket programs, craft kits, launch pads, and our 3D printer. The community room will have fun games, sensory play, and goodies to enjoy with friends.  
**Please register.**



### Tea Pot & Tea Party!

Pre-K and up with a caregiver  
Wednesday, February 19, 6:00-7:00 PM  
Bring your fanciest hats and gloves to our Tea Party! We will be designing our decorative teapots with acrylics and afterward enjoy a spot of tea and some goodies. **Please register.**



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### Hours:

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

Curbside pick-up available! Building hours and services may vary. Please call to confirm or visit us online.

**E-mail: [bfl@brookhavenfreelibrary.org](mailto:bfl@brookhavenfreelibrary.org)**  
**Website: [www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org](http://www.brookhavenfreelibrary.org)**

## LIBRARY CLOSINGS

January 1, 20  
February 17



## Board of Trustees

Sonja Anderson, Treasurer  
Kathleen Dallin • Brittany LaValle  
Kristin Kirk-Murphy, Vice President  
Jackie Subhash, Secretary  
Megan Reitzel, President  
Anthony Zutter, Library Director

### Upcoming Board Meetings:

Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 PM  
Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 PM

### 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.