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CONGRATULATIONS MARY REID!

Congratulations Mary Reid on being recognized for your commitment to our community at the 68th Founder's Day Celebration of the Suffolk County Section of the National Council of Negro Women.

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FEBRUARY IS BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Celebrate Black History Month with our book recommendations, events, and programs! Look for the  symbol throughout the newsletter.

Giving Tree for Giving Tuesday

For Giving Tuesday, give back to the community. Our Giving Tree will be up on the Lobby until January 31, 2024.



Everyone of All Ages

Must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.

JONES BEACH LIGHTS BUS TRIP

Saturday, December 9, 4:30 pm
Sign-up begins registration day at 10:00 am, Registration is required. In-person registration only + Open to Non-Residents starting November 25 \$38 per ticket (non-refundable, credit card payment only)

Join us for a night to see the lights! Meet at the Brentwood Public Library in the lobby at 4:30 pm. The coach bus will be leaving promptly at 4:45 pm. The ticket price includes round-trip transportation, light show admission, and bus driver gratuity. Fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable.

ON YOUR OWN TRAIN TRIP TO NYC

Saturday, December 16, 9:15 am
Sign-up begins registration day at 10:00 am In-person registration only + Open to Non-Residents \$10.25 per ticket (non-refundable, credit card payment only)

Take a discounted train trip into the city and do as you please once you arrive! Sign up in advance at the library. On the day of the trip, we will meet at the Brentwood Train Station by 9:15 am (by ticket booth) to distribute tickets and board the train as a group. All patrons must be in the first train car. You will arrive at Penn Station at 10:42 am and you can return home on any train prior to midnight.

Roundtrip fare is \$10.25 per person payable by credit card only; fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable. Limit to four (4) tickets max per person.

GHOST HUNTERS: BRENTWOOD EDITION

Friday, February 2, 7:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn about the history of supernatural activity in Brentwood, get a chance to see ghost-hunting equipment, and plan ideas for expeditions! Long Island Paranormal Investigators will join us to lecture on equipment used during paranormal investigations.

Celebrations & Performances

Must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.

KWANZAA: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION BHM

Wednesday, December 27, 6:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

This holiday program presents the history behind the creation of Kwanzaa, with explanations on the elements on a Kwanzaa table and the 7 Principles of Kwanzaa.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH CELEBRATION BHM

Saturday, February 3, 11:00 am-3:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join our celebration featuring cellist Clerida Eltime, voice actor Paul Greene-Dennis, and hip-hop artist DiE\$eL-E.

DENNIS MACKREL BHM

Saturday, February 17, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Famed Jazz drummer Dennis Mackrel and his band join us at the library for an exciting live performance.

Afternoon at the Movies

Must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 18.

December

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE DEAD RECKONING PART 1

Thursday, December 7, 2:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
 (PG-13) 163m, Action

BLUE BEETLE

Thursday, December 21, 2:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
 (PG-13) 127m, Science Fiction

January

PAST LIVES

Thursday, January 4, 2:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
 (PG-13) 105m, Drama/Romance

GRAN TURISMO

Thursday, January 18, 2:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
 (PG-13) 135m, Action/Adventure

February

SWEETWATER BHM

Thursday, February 1, 2:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
 (PG-13) 119m, Sports/Historical

ON THE COME UP BHM

Thursday, February 15, 2:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
 (PG-13) 115m, Drama



WINTERFEST

All ages with adult

Saturday, January 13, 11:00 am-4:00 pm

Celebrate winter by joining us for crafts, special guests and winter fun! Sign up for our WINTERJAM Activity Challenge to keep the fun going at home this season.

Drop in the Children's Department between 12:00-4:00 pm to make a variety of wintry crafts, while supplies last, and receive your WINTERJAM Activity Challenge Board. **No Registration is required.**



MEET THE ICE QUEEN

All ages with adult

11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration is required.

Join the Ice Queen for a morning filled with stories, sing-along fun and special photo opportunities!



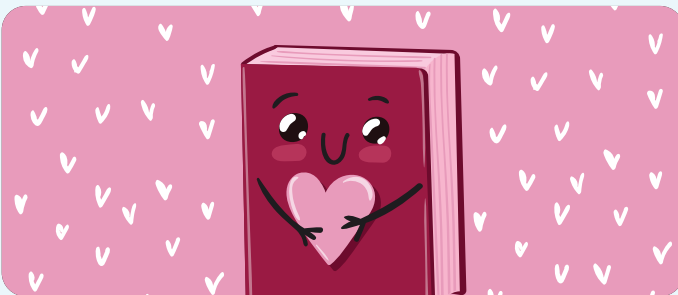
BOOK BUDDIES

Ages 4-9

2:00-3:00 pm

Registration is required.

Each child will be paired with a student from the English Honor Society to practice their reading and enjoy stories together.



LOVE MY LIBRARY

Stop by the Children's Room during the month of February to write why you love your library on a heart that will be part of our display.



WHO AM I? MATCHING GAME BHM

February is Black History Month. Visit the Children's Room in February to play Who am I? Match up heroes to their contribution or accomplishment and receive a prize, while supplies last.

Take & Make Craft Kits

Show your library card at the Children's Reference Desk to receive our monthly take and make kits! Kits are available for pickup on a first come, first served basis while supplies last beginning on the following dates:

December 2

PAPER PLATE KINARA
All ages

NEW YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION
Ages 3-12

January 6

TAPE RESIST SNOWFLAKES
Ages birth-23 months

POLAR BEAR PAINTING
Ages 2-5

CREATE YOUR OWN PLANET
Ages 6-12

February 3

VALENTINE PIZZA CRAFT
Ages birth-4 years

STEM CONVERSATION HEARTS
Ages 5-8

MISTY COPELAND BALLERINA CRAFT 
Ages 9-12

Family Programs

Must include an adult.

WINTERJAM ACTIVITY CHALLENGE 2024

All ages
Saturday, January 13 - Saturday, February 24

Stop by the Children's Department to pick up your WINTERJAM Activity Challenge board! Complete 5 activities in a row, then bring your board to the Children's Reference Desk to be entered into a raffle for a chance to win a family winter prize bundle! Winners will be contacted after February 26.



HOT CHOCOLATE COOKIES

Ages 3 & up with adult
Saturday, December 16, 2:00-3:00 pm
One registration per family.
In-Person

One registration per family. Bake memories with Chef Rob as he shares his secret hot chocolate cookie recipe, ready to take home and bake!

LET'S GET ACTIVE! / ¡VAMOS A ACTIVARNOS!

Ages 3 & up with adult
Wednesday, January 17, 6:00-7:00 pm
In-Person

Join us as we welcome the new year with fun activities to keep our bodies moving, including movements everyone can perform and have fun with.

Únase a nosotros para dar la bienvenida al nuevo año con actividades divertidas para mantener nuestros cuerpos activos, incorporando movimientos que todas las edades pueden realizar.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Ages 5 & up with adult
Thursdays, January 18 & February 8, 6:30-7:30 pm
No registration is required.
In-Person

Enjoy some time with your family playing board games and video games at the library.

GLOW IN THE DARK PARTY

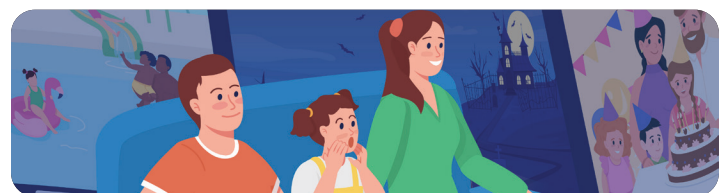
All ages with adult
Friday, January 19, 7:00-8:00 pm
One registration per family.
In-Person

Dress in neon colors and join us for a glow themed party with different activities!

MONEY GAMES NIGHT WITH MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Ages 5 & up with adult
Friday, January 26, 6:00-8:00 pm
One registration per family.
In-Person

Bring the whole family and have fun playing board games such as Monopoly, Exact Change, Life and more with students from Brentwood's own My Brother's Keeper.



FAMILY MOVIE

All ages with adult
Friday, February 23, 2:00-4:00 pm
No registration required.
In-Person

Join us with the whole family to spend an afternoon at the movies!

FRUIT SUSHI FOR VALENTINE'S DAY! / ¡SUSHI DE FRUTAS PARA EL DÍA DE SAN VALENTÍN!

Ages 3 & up with adult
Tuesday, February 6, 6:00-7:00 pm
In-Person

Do you like sushi? Join us as we celebrate Valentine's Day with a little twist on Sushi.

¿Te gusta el sushi? Únase a nosotros para celebrar el Día de San Valentín con un sushi especial.

For the Very Young

SATURPLAY!

Ages 12-35 months

Saturdays, December 2, 30, 10:00-11:00 am

Saturdays, January 6, 20, 10:00-11:00 am

Saturdays, February 3, 24, 10:00-11:00 am

No registration is required.

In-Person

You and your child will enjoy a variety of open-ended play activities that encourage exploration and learning!

BABY & ME

Ages birth-23 months

Tuesdays, December 5, 12, 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 10:30-11:30 am

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Share stories, songs and playtime together.



TOTS & TALES

Ages 2-5

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 10:30-11:30 am

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 10:30-11:30 am

Wednesdays, February 7, 14, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Enjoy stories, songs and a simple art activity with your child.

PLAYGROUP

Ages 12-35 months

Fridays, December 8, 15, 22, 10:30-11:30 am

Fridays, January 12, 19, 26, 10:30-11:30 am

Fridays, February 9, 16, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Your child will enjoy a large variety of toys and play activities designed to help coordination, motor skills, language development and social skills.



SNOWMAN HANDPRINT ORNAMENTS

Ages 4-7

Friday, December 22, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Celebrate the holidays by creating your own handprint ornament!

Must be accompanied by an adult.



BLOCK PARTY

Ages 2-5

Wednesday, December 27, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Join us for some constructive play! This interactive program gives children the opportunity to experience different kinds of blocks and learn new skills.

SENSORY PLAYGROUND

Ages 19 months-5 years

Friday, January 5, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Join us for a morning of sensory-based play! We'll explore different activity stations that will stimulate your senses and encourage learning.



PAJAMA STORYTIME

Ages 3-6

Friday, February 2, 7:00-7:45 pm

In-Person

Children can come dressed in their pajamas, ready to listen to stories, sing songs and dance.

SENSORY STORYTIME

Ages 2-7

Saturday, February 10, 11:00-11:45 am

In-Person

Join us for a fun and interactive storytime with sensory toys and activities. This program is designed for families with children that have adaptive needs but is open for all.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Ages 2-5

Wednesday, February 28, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Explore fun activities with your little one that will stimulate their senses.

Programs for School Age Children



LIBRARY BOOK SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Ages 5-12

December: Golden Ticket Box - Pick up starts December 4 and ends December 10

January: Blizzard Box - Pick up starts January 8 and ends January 13

February: Black History Month Box - Pick up starts February 5 and ends February 11 **BHM**

Looking for something new to read? Do you like free books and snacks? Sign up for our children's subscription box! You will receive a box with a library book selected just for you and a bunch of goodies like stickers, snacks and more. Return the library book by the due date and everything else is yours to keep! Please add your reading level in the Special Notes field when registering.

LEARN TO DRAW WITH ART TEACHER AMY

Ages 6-12

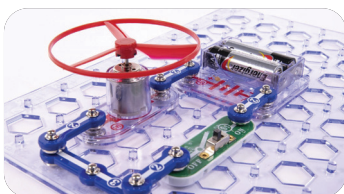
Monday, December 4, 5:00-6:00 pm - Saint Bernards

Monday, January 8, 5:00-6:00 pm - Birds on snowy branches

Monday, February 5, 5:00-6:00 pm - Penguins on sleds

In-Person

Learn how to draw with Art Teacher Amy as she provides step-by-step instruction. No experience necessary!



OH SNAP! WORKING WITH SNAP CIRCUITS

Ages 8-12

Thursday, December 7, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Snap Circuits teach electronics by snapping circuits together. Turn on a light, spin a motor, or choose from hundreds of different projects!



SUPER SMASH BROS. TOURNAMENT

Ages 8-12

Saturday, December 9, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person

Do you think you're the Super Smash Bros. champion? Bring your "A" game and compete in a Super Smash Bros. tournament hosted by The Meta: Gaming and eSports.

MELTED SNOWMAN

Ages 5-8

Thursday, December 14, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Create a melted snowman using watercolors.



MERRY GRINCHMAS CELEBRATION

Ages 5-12

Monday, December 18, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Join us for a Merry Grinchmas celebration including Grinch snacks and activities.

AFTERNOON GAMING

Ages 5-12

Tuesdays, December 26 & February 20, 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

Come have fun playing video games and board games with your friends.

3D QUILLING PAPER SNOWFLAKES

Ages 8-12

Wednesday, December 27, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

Learn how to make a 3D snowflake by using paper quilling tools.

WINTER CANDY STEM CHALLENGE

Ages 5-9

Thursday, December 28, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

Test your STEM skills by building and designing with winter candies.

FLUFFY SLIME

Ages 8-12

Friday, December 29, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

Make your own fluffy slime!

SAND DOLLAR NECKLACE

Ages 7-12

Wednesday, January 3, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Sand dollars hold a certain mystical fascination for many and are the subject of legends. Join us to make your very own sand dollar necklace.



CODING WITH SCRATCHJR

Ages 5-7 with adult

Thursday, January 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Scratch Jr is an educational tool that explores the fundamentals of learning how to program! With your parent/caregiver's help, experiment with various characters, backgrounds, colors and more using this drag and drop style program.

PENGUIN POM POM POPPERS COMPETITION

Ages 8-12

Monday, January 22, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Make your own penguin popper and see who can get the most amount of pom poms in the bin!

WINTER WILDLIFE

Ages 5-12

Thursday, February 1, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Learn all about winter wildlife through games, activities, and some special live animal guests and discover that nature is never asleep for the season!



WINTER WONDERLAND CUPCAKES

Ages 5-12

Friday, February 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Winter is here and so is Chef Rob to teach you how to decorate some festive winter wonderland cupcakes.

OREO LOVEBUGS

Ages 6-12

Monday, February 12, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Spread the love this Valentine's Day by making your own Oreo cookie love bugs!

MAKER MONDAY

Ages 5-12

Monday, February 19, 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

Join us as we explore different STEAM-based activities!

AFRICAN MASKS **BHM**

Ages 8-12

Wednesday, February 21, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

Authentic-looking African masks are reminiscent of the ones used to bring rain or chase away a blue day. Learn how to make your own!

STORYCRAFT WITH MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person

Join students from Brentwood's own My Brother's Keeper and listen to stories all about money, then decorate your own ceramic savings bank to take home!

BOOK BUDDIES

Ages 4-9

Thursday, February 29, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Each child will be paired with a student from the English Honor Society to practice their reading and enjoy stories together.

Programs for Tweens



TWEEN K-POP CLUB

Ages 9-12

Friday, December 1, 7:00-8:00 pm
 Friday, January 12, 7:00-8:00 pm
 Friday, February 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Join us for fun K-pop themed crafts and activities!

PODCAST CLUB

Ages 10-12

Tuesday, December 19, 5:00-6:00 pm
 Tuesdays, January 16, 30, 5:00-6:00 pm
 Tuesdays, February 13, 27, 5:00-6:00 pm

In-Person

Have you ever wanted to make your own podcast? Come share your thoughts and ideas while we learn about audio recording and what it takes to make your own podcast.

WINTER CANDY STEM CHALLENGE BUDDIES

Ages 10-12

Thursday, December 28, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Help younger kids while they complete candy building challenges.

TWEEN TOY PARAMEDIC

Ages 10-12

Saturday, December 30, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
 Saturday, January 6, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
 Saturday, February 24, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Help clean and organize the toys in the Children's Department.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH MURAL HELPERS BHM

Ages 9-12

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30-8:00 pm
 Thursday, January 25, 6:30-8:00 pm

No registration required.

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Help us paint a mural that will hang up in the library in honor of Black History Month.

CHINESE NEW YEAR DRUMS

Ages 9-12

Monday, January 29, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Celebrate Chinese New Year by creating your own New Year drums.

MINUTE TO WIN IT

Ages 9-12

Thursday, February 22, 2:00-3:00 pm

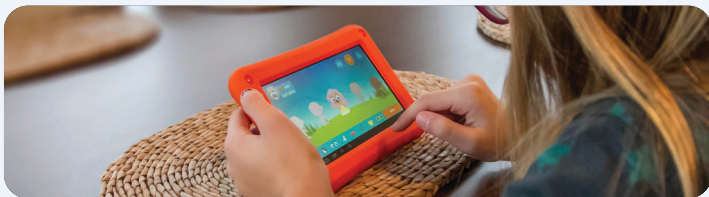
In-Person

Win prizes by completing different minute-long challenges.

SPOTLIGHT

CHILDREN'S DISPLAY CASE

Children are invited to display their personal collections in our Children's Room display case! Have a collection you want to show off to your friends and other library visitors? Stop by the Children's Reference Desk or contact childrens@brentwoodnylibrary.org for more information.



FEATURED CHILDREN'S COLLECTION: LAUNCHPADS

The Children's Department has Launchpads for you to check out! Launchpads are tablets that are pre-loaded with educational apps, videos, learning games and more. Visit our website for more information and to reserve a Launchpad today!

1,000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

The best way to ensure that a child has the skills necessary to learn to read is having someone read aloud to them. For every 100 books read together, your child will earn a book to keep. Register to participate at the Children's Reference Desk. It is never too early to build a love for reading!



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: BRAINFUSE HELP NOW!

All Brentwood library card holders have access to live, one-on-one homework help with Brainfuse! Live tutors are available online from 2:00-11:00pm every day. This great resource includes one-one-one tutoring in English and Spanish, practice tests and a writing lab. Access Brainfuse through our website.

Weekly Craft Kit Drops

Craft kits will be released in the Teen Room starting at 2:00 pm. You must have a teen library card to receive the kit. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.



December

DIY MINI-STUFFED ANIMAL
December 4

RECYCLED MANGA ORNAMENT
December 11

EMBROIDERED GRINCH HEART
December 18

January

WINTER NIGHT LIGHT
January 2

KAWAII HANDWARMER
January 8

WINTER SNOWMAN DIAMOND PAINTING
January 16

3D PRINTED SPIDERMAN FIGURE
January 22

BIRTHSTONE RINGS
January 29



February

VALENTINES MIX TAPES
February 5

HEART NECKLACES
February 12

3D PRINTED SPYX FAMILY DIRECTOR CHIMERA TEDDY
February 26



SPOTLIGHT



TEEN WINTER BOOK CHARACTER CHALLENGE

January 19 - February 23

Stop by the Teen Room and participate in our Winter Book Character Challenge! We will be creating several mosaic-style murals of your favorite book characters. Each mural will be broken up into squares that can be colored in, and each time you color in a square, you will be entered into a raffle of your choice! Raffle prizes will be displayed in the Teen Room starting January 19!



GLOW-IN-THE-DARK PARTY

Friday, January 19, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-person

Come to our glow-in-the-dark neon extravaganza to kick-off our Winter Book Character Challenge! There will be glow-in-the-dark painting, activities, prizes and food!



HABLAR CON AMIGOS

Lunes, 11 de Diciembre & 8 de Enero, 6:00-7:00 pm

Miércoles, 17 de Enero & 28 de Febrero, 6:00-7:00 pm

En persona

Ven a practicar inglés en un ambiente cómodo y de apoyo mientras disfrutas de actividades creativas. Gana confianza, haz nuevos amigos y expresa tu creatividad única en un ambiente relajado y acogedor.

Community Service Programs



TOY PARAMEDIC

Saturdays, December 2, January 20 & February 3, 12:00-1:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Help our Children's Department clean and organize our toy collection.

BOOKMARK DECORATING

Saturday, December 9, 11:00 am-1:00 pm
 Thursday, February 22, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Design and decorate blank bookmarks that will be given out during our outreach events!

TOYS FOR SHELTER CATS

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Make some fun cat toys for the local animal shelter.

TRUE CRIME CLUB

Wednesdays, December 20, January 17 & February 28, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Calling all crime enthusiasts! Dive into thrilling mysteries and explore real-life cases, unravel secrets, discuss captivating stories, and learn valuable safety lessons with our True Crime expert Miss Rhiannon and Safety Connoisseur Celia.

PERLER BEAD SORTING

Thursday, December 28 & February 20, 2:00-5:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Help us sort our Perler Bead collection by color! This is a check-in & check-out style program, you do not need to stay the entire duration of the program.

HANDS ONLY CPR

Saturday, January 6, 1:00-3:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Learn what to do in a medical emergency. Hands-only CPR is a life-saving technique that involves simply using chest compressions on a person who has suffered sudden cardiac arrest. CPR training certification will be issued.

KINDNESS ROCKS

Monday, January 8, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Paint rocks that will be used for our outreach events!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH FLOWER SILHOUETTES

BHM
 Monday, January 22, 5:00-6:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Make a beautiful silhouette that will be hung up in the Teen Room for Black History Month.



THE ART OF DERRICK ADAMS

BHM
 Tuesday, January 30, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Derrick Adams is a multidisciplinary artist known for his critically acclaimed work in painting, collage, sculpture, performance, video, and sound installations, often exploring themes of joy, leisure, and the pursuit of happiness. Create a piece of art inspired by his artistic style that will be displayed in the Teen Room.



THE ART OF GLENN LIGON

BHM
 Wednesday, February 7, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Glenn Ligon is an American conceptual artist known for his exploration of race, language, and identity through various mediums such as painting, sculpture, and printmaking. Create a piece of art inspired by his artistic style that will be displayed in the Teen Room.

STOP THE BLEED

Saturday, February 24, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

In-Person
 + Community Service Opportunity

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. The greater the number of people who know how to control bleeding in an injured patient, the greater the chances of surviving that injury. You can help save a life by knowing how to stop bleeding if someone, including yourself, is injured. Training certification will be issued.

Gaming

GAMING

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, January 4, 11, 18 & February 1, 8, 29, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person
 No registration required.

Play our switch, PS5, board games and more!



DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Wednesdays, December 13 & January 3, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Join fellow adventurers as you create characters, solve puzzles, and battle formidable foes in this immersive tabletop role-playing game experience. All experience levels welcome!

LOCAL SMASH BROS BRACKETS HOSTED BY THE META: ESPORTS AND GAMING

Fridays, December 15 & January 12, 3:00-5:00 pm

Compete in our local Smash Bros. Ultimate bracket run by The Meta! Bracket entry closes at 3:15 pm on the day of the event. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

DIY MARIO KART RACE

Friday, January 5, 3:30-4:30 pm

In-Person

Create your own racing kart out of cardboard and compete against your friends in a real-life Mario Kart race!

MARIO KART 8 TOURNAMENT HOSTED BY THE META: ESPORTS AND GAMING

Friday, February 9, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Compete in our Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament run by The Meta! Bracket entry closes at 3:15 pm on the day of the event. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

Crafts & Activities

SUPER SMASH BROS TUMBLERS

Friday, December 1, 3:30-5:00 pm
In-Person

Decorate a reusable tumbler with Super Smash Bros goodies!

KPOP CLUB

Mondays, December 4, January 22 & February 5, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Hangout with other KPOP-stans and enjoy some Korean snacks, crafting and concert viewings!

PODCAST CLUB

Tuesdays, December 5, 19, January 9, 16 & February 6, 27, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Join our Average Brentwood Teens Podcast planning and recording sessions!



LITE-BRITE EXPERIENCE

Wednesday, December 6, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Step into the world of the illuminated awesomeness of a Lite-Brite! Make glowing designs and attempt difficult challenges.



CANDY CANE MASON JARS

Friday, December 8, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Paint a mason jar to look like a candy cane while enjoying some holiday sweets!

PERLER BEADING

Monday, December 11, 3:00-5:00 pm
Tuesday, January 2, 3:00-5:00 pm
Monday, February 26, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Use our templates or your own imagination to design and fuse together pixelated art!

DIY CRAFT BALL ORNAMENTS

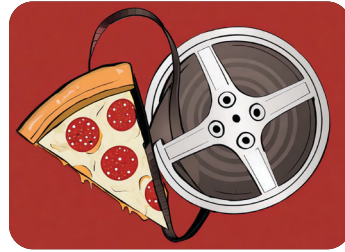
Tuesday, December 12, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Design and decorate various types of ornaments for the holiday season!

ALL HOLIDAYS PARTY

Monday, December 18, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Join us in celebrating the December holidays with pizza, activities & prizes!



MYSTERY MOVIE & PIZZA

Fridays, December 22 & January 26 & February 16, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Vote for the mystery movie you want to watch, with pizza! Voting will open in the Teen Room two weeks prior to the date of the program.



ADAM DRIVER "SOUP" WARS

Wednesday, January 10, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Debate the quality of the new Star Wars movies while making soup out of various types of candy.



DIY ANIME CD COVER

Tuesday, January 23, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Decorate a CD cover using your favorite anime and manga clippings.



LANYARD KEYCHAINS

Wednesday, January 24, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Learn how to use plastic lanyard lace to braid and weave popular patterns.

BEDAZZLED BASH

Thursday, January 25, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Pick out a fun wearable accessory and learn how to use our Bedazzler to add studs and gems to it! You can also bring a piece of clothing from home to Bedazzle.

PEACE SIGN FOAM FINGERS

Monday, January 29, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Design and decorate your own peace sign foam finger!

BULLET JOURNALS

Wednesday, January 31, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Learn how to make your own bullet style journal!



THE ROAST OF MR. PO

Friday, February 2, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Get ready for some Roasted Po. Step up to the mic and get cooking with some good, clean jokes and good clean pizza!

MEDITATION WITH MR. PO

Wednesday, February 7, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Synchronize your mental and spiritual chi with Mr. Po as he teaches you the true form of tranquility.

VALENTINE'S PHOTO STUDIO

Monday, February 12, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Librarians will take polaroid pictures of you and your friends in our Valentine's Day photo backdrop! There will be heart-themed stickers and frames that you can use to decorate your photos.

BROKEN HEARTS BINGO

Tuesday, February 13, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Join us for a fun game of bingo and celebrate Valentine's Day or Anti-valentine's day with your friends! Winners can eat candy Kabobs!

VALENTINE'S DAY KARAOKE & CUPCAKES

Wednesday, February 14, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Love and broken heart themed songs only! Enjoy making Valentine's cupcakes while being entertained by live exquisite singing.

WATERCOLORS AND WAFFLES

Thursday, February 15, 3:30-4:30 pm
In-Person

Make tasty waffles and add some yummy toppings, all while painting with watercolors.

Career & Business

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING

Tuesdays, December 5, January 9 and February 6, 6:00-8:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Our bilingual (English-Spanish) Career and Employment Counselor will be available for 30 minutes ZOOM consultations to assist you with resources, tips and strategies to help you be career ready.



HOW TO START THE COLLEGE PROCESS

Tuesday, January 16, 6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

During this presentation, parents and students will be given helpful tips and resources that will help narrow down the search in deciding which college to apply to and why. Presented by Eastern Suffolk BOCES/Literacy Zone.

RECARGA 2024: TRAZANDO EL RUMBO PARA UN AÑO DE LOGROS EQUILIBRADOS

Sábado, 20 de enero, 11:00am-1:00 pm

En persona + Abierta a no residentes

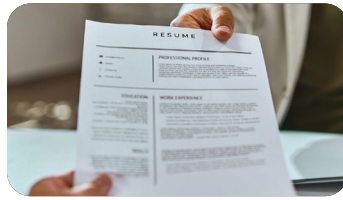
Adquiere las herramientas necesarias que te ayudarán a identificar tus objetivos más importantes para el año y cómo alcanzarlos, todo ello manteniendo la motivación. Aprende a promover hábitos que fomenten la resiliencia, la concentración y el crecimiento tanto en el ámbito personal como profesional.

HOW TO START A BUSINESS ON A SMALL BUDGET

Tuesday, January 23, 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) presenters will guide you through the various steps required to start your own business including Legal entity structures such as Sole proprietor, Partnerships, Sub Chapter S, LLC, keeping financial records, insurance, and business plan essentials.



HOW TO WRITE A COLLEGE RESUME

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Students will learn how to share their personal qualities and experiences using a resume format to grab the attention of college admission advisors. Presented by Eastern Suffolk BOCES/Literacy Zone.



JOB SEARCH STRATEGIES

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30-7:15 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Navigate the online job market like a pro! Explore the art of crafting a standout online profile, leveraging job search websites, and using social media to your advantage. Presented by Long Island Cares.

ESSENTIALS OF FUNDING A BUSINESS

Tuesday, February 8, 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Explore funding options and the challenges of startup financing, all aimed at helping you achieve optimal funding. Join us on the path to profitability and entrepreneurial success. Presented by SCORE.

HOW TO WRITE A COLLEGE ESSAY

Tuesday, February 13, 6:00-7:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Students will be given resources and tips on how to make their college essay stand out. There will also be time for students to ask questions and gain insight on how they can enhance their personal story. Presented by Eastern Suffolk BOCES/Literacy Zone.



BUILD YOUR BUSINESS WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

Tuesday, February 20, 7:00-8:30 pm

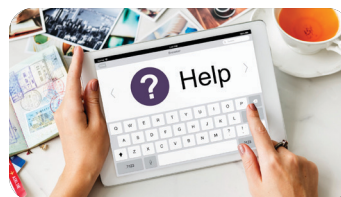
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Still not convinced if social media is right for your business? A representative from SCORE will teach you about the five most popular social media networks, the benefits of using each one, understanding your audience, what kind of content to create and how to tell if content is working.

TEST PROCTORING SERVICES

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

The Career and Learning Center at the Brentwood Public Library provides test-proctoring service to support distance-learning students in our communities. Please email your request to careercenter@brentwoodnylibrary.org. This service is by appointment only.



TECH NAVIGATION ASSISTANCE

In-Person

Do you want to learn how to use your email efficiently, learn how to download mobile apps, and use the Internet all through your cell phone or tablet? Are you a student or a job seeker and want to improve your Google Docs or Microsoft Office skills. Visit the Career and Learning Center or call 631-273-7883, ext. 132 to make a 30-minute appointment customized to your needs. Our bilingual tech navigators (English-Spanish) will assist you.

ASISTENCIA EN TECNOLOGÍA

En persona

¿Desea aprender a usar su correo electrónico eficientemente, aprender a descargar aplicaciones móviles y usar la Internet todo mediante su teléfono celular o tableta? ¿Es estudiante o está en búsqueda de empleo y desea mejorar sus habilidades de Google Docs o Microsoft Office? Acérquese al Departamento de carreras y aprendizaje o llame al 631-273-7883, ext. 132 para hacer una cita personalizada de 30 minutos que satisfaga sus necesidades. Nuestros asistentes de tecnología bilingüe (inglés-español) podrán asistirle.



AMERICA'S
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 Stony Brook University

BUSINESS COUNSELING

Second Monday of the month, 10:00 am-3:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

A Stony Brook SBDC business counselor will provide small business assistance with organizational, financial, marketing, and technical issues as needed. The counselor will be available for a 60-minute consulting appointment.

CONSEJERÍA-ASESORÍA DE NEGOCIOS

Segundo lunes de cada mes, 10:00am-3:00 pm

Virtual + Abierta a no residentes

Una consejera de negocios de Stony Brook SBDC proveerá asistencia a pequeñas empresas para resolver asuntos de orden organizacional, financiero, de mercadeo y técnicos, según la necesidad. La consejera estará disponible para cita de consultoría de 60 minutos.

Professional & Business Development

INTERNET 101: NAVEGANDO EL MUNDO DIGITAL

Los lunes, 4, 11 y 18 de diciembre, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-person

¡Explore el vasto mundo digital con confianza! Aprenderá habilidades fundamentales para navegar de manera segura y eficaz en línea desde el primer día.

ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, December 12, 6:30-7:15 pm

In-person

Gain free and unlimited access to over 500 online courses with your Brentwood Library Card. Enroll and take courses at your own pace, receive feedback from instructors and earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs). Requirement: You need your Brentwood Public Library card and your email.

APPS TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30-7:15 pm

In-person

Discover the applications that the Brentwood Public Library offers to learn other languages for free. During this presentation, we will show you how to create an account and use these tools from your cell phone or computer. Requirement: Must have a Brentwood Public Library card and email address.

goals



HOW TO ESTABLISH YOUR PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GOALS

Tuesday, January 9, 6:30-7:15 pm

In-person

In this workshop you will identify the short and long-term goals that you set for yourself both personally and professionally. We will work to further develop those goals with simple tools and strategies. You will leave with a solid plan of action. Presented by Long Island Cares.

TIME MANAGEMENT

Thursday, January 25, 6:30-7:15 pm

In-person

Are you managing your time effectively to achieve the goals you have set for yourself? In this workshop we will discuss and develop strategies for effective time management, creating structure around your day and avoiding wasted time on both a personal and professional level. Presented by Long Island Cares.

Learning Center



LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Intensive weekly ESL classes will be provided over a 13 week semester. Complete your application to be evaluated and placed. For more information call the Learning Center at 631-273-7883, ext. 133.

APRENDE INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA

Clases intensivas de ESL impartidas durante un semestre de 13 semanas estan disponibles. Complete su solicitud para ser evaluado y colocado a su nivel. Para más información llame al Centro de Aprendizaje al 631-273-7883, ext. 133.

EDUCACIÓN BÁSICA EN ESPAÑOL

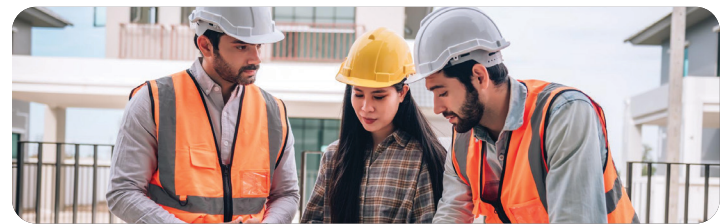
¿Sabía que la Biblioteca Pública de Brentwood ofrece clases de Educación Básica en español para adultos de habla hispana con ganas de aprender a escribir y leer en su propio idioma? El programa incluye escritura, lectura y matemática básica.

Para mayor información llame al 631-273-7883, extensión 132.

BASIC EDUCATION IN SPANISH

Did you know that the Brentwood Public Library offers basic education classes in Spanish for Spanish-speaking adults who want to learn how to write and read in their own language? The program includes writing, reading, and basic math.

For more information, call 631-273-7883, extension 132.



BETTER ENGLISH AT WORK

Thursdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28, January 4, 11, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-person

Improve your English language skills for work. Join this conversation group with a focus on vocabulary and work-related topics to help you achieve your goals. Join us via Zoom.

GRASP (GED) WORKSHOP & ASSESSMENT

Wednesday, January 10, 5:00- 8:45 pm

In-person

A representative from BOCES will explain how this home study program can help you obtain your GED. Must be 21 years old or older to attend.

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 21, 28, 7:00- 8:30 pm

In-person

Adults preparing to take the U.S. Citizenship Test are invited to join our weekly classes. This series will focus on the civics questions and the USCIS writing and reading vocabulary. The last session will be a workshop to practice Citizenship interview questions based on the N-400 form.

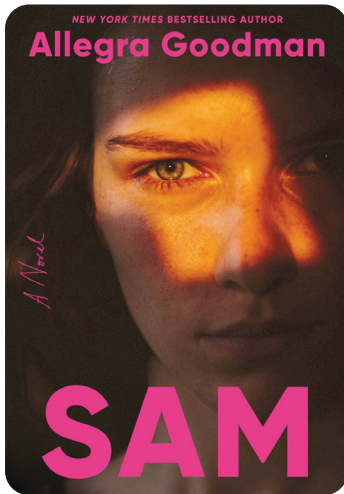
SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS LEVEL 2

Saturdays, January 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

In-person

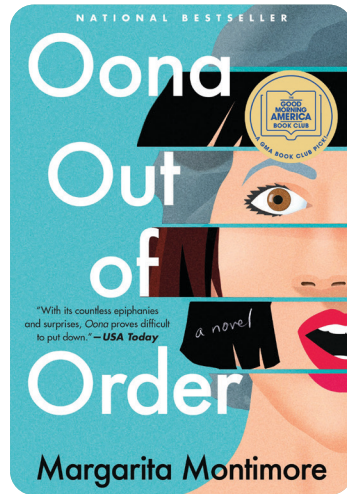
Join this fun class to learn more basic Spanish and increase your knowledge of conversational phrases and vocabulary.

Book Club/Charla de libros



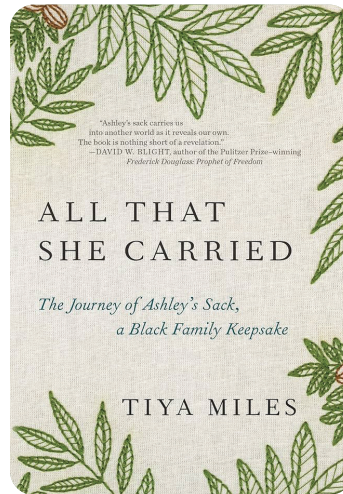
SAM: A NOVEL BY ALLEGRA GOODMAN
Thursday, December 7, 7:00-8:30 pm
In-person and Virtual
+ Open to Non-Residents

In the author's own words, this is "about a young girl's exuberance, wonder, and ambition as she comes of age."



OONA OUT OF ORDER BY MARGARITA MONTIMORE
Thursday, January 4, 7:00-8:30 pm
In-person and Virtual
+ Open to Non-Residents

Join Oona on a fun and poignant journey through her different lives (every New Year's Eve she wakes up to a different version of herself).



ALL THAT SHE CARRIED: THE JOURNEY OF ASHLEY'S SACK, A BLACK FAMILY KEEPSAKE BY TIYA MILES **BHM**
Thursday, February 1, 7:00-8:30 pm
In-person and Virtual
+ Open to Non-Residents

Winner of the National Book Award for Non-Fiction. Starting with Rose, who gave the keepsake sack to her daughter, author Tiya Miles follows the sack through generations of a Black family.



EL SEÑOR PRESIDENTE POR MIGUEL ASTURIAS
Sábado, 27 de enero, 1:30-3:00 pm
En persona

"Mi obra," prometió el escritor guatemalteco Miguel Ángel Asturias cuando aceptó el Premio Nobel de Literatura, "seguirá reflejando la voz del pueblo, recogiendo sus mitos y creencias populares y tratando al mismo tiempo de dar a luz una conciencia universal de los problemas latinoamericanos." Acompáñenos en la lectura de El Señor Presidente, su novela clásica sobre el poder, la libertad, y la identidad cultural.

Driving



DEFENSIVE DRIVING
Saturdays, December 2, 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17,
9:30 am-3:30 pm *Must arrive by 9:15 am
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents (one week after registration date)

Save ten percent on your auto insurance for three years and remove up to four points from your driving record by taking this six-hour course on Saturday. **A fee of \$33 in cash, check, or money order payable to the Empire Safety Council is due on the day of class.**

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE (BILINGUAL)
Fridays, December 15, January 12, or February 9, 3:30-8:30 pm *Arrive by 3:15 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

This DMV-certified course provides new drivers with information and tools to help them become safe drivers. All new drivers must complete this course before they can schedule their road test for their driver license. **The fee for this course is \$40 and is due on the day of class.**

MANEJO DEFENSIVO
Sábados, 9, 30 de diciembre, o 13 de enero, o 10 de febrero,
9:30 am-3:30 pm *Debe llegar a las 9:15 am

Martes, 23 de enero y jueves, 25 de enero,
o martes, 27 de febrero y jueves, 29 de febrero,
5:45 pm-8:45 pm *Debe llegar a las 5:30 pm
En persona + Abierta a no residentes
(Una semana después de la fecha de registraci3n)

Ahorre el diez por ciento en su seguro de auto por tres años y elimine hasta cuatro puntos en su record de conductor tomando este curso de seis horas en Sábados, o dos curso de tres horas en martes y jueves. **Paga \$35 en efectivo, cheque, o giro postal al Empire Safety Council el día de clase.**

CURSO DE PRELICENCIA DE 5 HORAS (BILINGÜE)
Viernes, 22 de diciembre, 26 de enero, o 23 de febrero,
3:30-8:30 pm *Debe llegar a las 3:15 pm
En persona + Abierta a no residentes

La pre-licencia, también conocido como "el curso de 5 horas," es un curso presencial diseñada por el DMV que proporciona nuevos conductores con informaci3n para ayudarles a conducir con seguridad. Los nuevos conductores deben completar este curso antes de que puedan programar su examen práctico para obtener su licencia de conducir. **Este curso cuesta \$40 y se paga el día de clase.**

Adult Takeouts

Must have a valid Adult Brentwood Library card to sign up for kits. Please note: Kits will only be held for pick up until the end of the month.

ADULT COLORING KIT

January 1-31, while supplies last
Registration is required

Sign up for the Adult Coloring Kit! While the air is chilly outside, warm-up and relax by coloring.

WINTER JEWELRY KIT

February 1-29, while supplies last
Registration is required

Make a pair of earrings inspired by the season.



ART IN THE STYLE OF BLACK ARTISTS BHM

February 1-29, while supplies last
Registration is required

Receive art supplies and example pieces to recreate your own art in the style of famous Black artists.

General Programs

ADULT WINTER READING CLUB

Friday, January 19-Friday, February 23

Warm up with a good book! Sign up for our reading club with your Brentwood Library card. Read books and/or listen to audiobooks and log them in for a chance to win a prize! Limited to cardholders 18 or older.

GINGERBREAD HOUSE DECORATING

Monday, December 18, 3:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents starting November 25

Test your decorating skills by decorating your own gingerbread house. Registration is required.

OPEN PUZZLE PLAY

Tuesday, January 9, 1:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Looking for something to do? Share coffee and tea while completing a jigsaw puzzle! Complete it alone or with some friends.

UKULELE FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesday, December 5, 6:00-7:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn fundamentals of music through the ukulele. This class is recommended for students who are just starting out or want to extend past the basics of the ukulele and learn to play some songs.

Computer Tutorials



COMPUTER KINDERGARTEN

Thursday, December 14, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

This is a slow-paced, user-friendly class that covers the basics in a way that even the most inexperienced user will understand. We will cover turning the computer on, the desktop, using the mouse, opening and closing programs, understanding windows elements, getting out of trouble, and turning the computer off. **Prerequisites:** None



COMPUTER 1ST GRADE

Thursday, January 11, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

In this class, you will learn how to work with Microsoft Word, using text including inputting, inserting, moving, and erasing, learn basic word processing skills, how to save a file and understand Microsoft Word commands. **Prerequisites:** Computer Kindergarten.



COMPUTER 2ND GRADE

Thursday, February 15, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

This hands-on class covers working with graphics in Microsoft Word, using Windows drawing and painting tools, and using copy and cut and paste features. **Prerequisites:** Kindergarten and 1st Grade.

Cooking

COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: HOLIDAY DOZEN COCOA OATMEAL COOKIES

Friday, December 15, 1:00-2:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Make over 2 dozen of Chef Robs favorite cookie recipe. These cookies are made with chocolate chips, oats and cocoa. **Please bring 2 Bowls and a Spatula.**

JUEVES DE FIESTA: MAKING TAMALES

Thursday, December 21, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Tamales are a holiday staple in Mexico. Come eat 3 different kinds of this delicious dish.

COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: SWEET POTATO LENTIL SOUP & COCONUT HOT CHOCOLATE

Friday, January 5, 1:00-2:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Chef Rob will warm you up with a sweet and savory menu. Start first with a hearty Moroccan Sweet Potato Lentil Soup made with spices and vegetable broth. Craving something sweet? Chef Rob will also make a Toasted Coconut Hot Chocolate with Almond Whipped Cream. **Please bring two 12-ounce mugs.**

JUEVES DE FIESTA: MEXICAN EMPANADAS AS COMFORT FOOD

Thursday, January 25, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Warm up this winter by learning how to make a staple comfort food- Mexican empanadas!

COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: CHOCOLATE BANANA SNICKERDOODLE BREAD

Friday, February 9, 1:00-2:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Chef Rob brings back his very popular Chocolate Banana Snickerdoodle Bread, for February only! This recipe is perfect for Valentine's Day or anytime of the year. **Please bring a 9x5 Loaf Pan, 2 Large bowls, a rubber spatula and a small bowl.**



JUEVES DE FIESTA: CALDITO DE POLLO

Thursday, February 29, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Come learn how to make caldito de pollo - Mexican chicken soup.

Health & Wellness

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, December 6, 13, 20, 27, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2:00-3:00 pm
In-Person and Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Enjoy the mobility, vitality, and peace of mind that this yoga practice can provide, while feeling fully supported in your chair. Please have light weights, a small ball, and a resistance band for the class.



MINDFUL MONDAYS

Mondays, December 11, January 8, & February 12, 12:00-1:00 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Hildur Palsdottir leads us in meditation using the contemplation of the natural world as a guide to finding peace.



COFFEE WITH A LIBRARIAN

Thursdays, December 14, January 11, & February 8, 1:00-3:00 pm
In-person and Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Join Librarian Julia to discuss current events/concerns and hear interesting speakers.

CPR-AED-FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Saturdays, December 30 & February 10 10:00 am-1:45 pm (for CPR-AED) 10:00 am-3:00 pm (CPR-AED-First Aid)
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

This course teaches students to recognize and care for a variety of first aid emergencies. Successful students will receive a certificate for Adult and Pediatric CPR/AED/First Aid valid for two years. **A fee of \$50.00 if you only want certification for CPR & AED or \$60.00 for all three payable in cash or money order on the day of class.**



UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA

Thursday, January 4, 1:00-2:30 pm
In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for this informative session presented by the Alzheimer's Association.



KARATE FOR BEGINNERS

Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join Sensei Garon for an introduction to Karate in this 3-part class. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing.

STOP THE BLEED

Wednesday, January 31, 3:00-4:30 pm or 6:30-8:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn how to recognize and control life-threatening hemorrhaging.

STONY BROOK MEDICINE'S HEALTHY LIBRARIES

Tuesdays, February 6, 20, 2:00-4:30 pm
In Person + Open to Non-Residents

If you have health questions, are having trouble filling out paperwork or need assistance finding housing, the public health, nursing, social work and library science students from the Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program will be available to help.

DEMENTIA CONVERSATIONS

Tuesday, February 13, 1:00-2:30 pm
In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for another helpful session about difficult conversations to have, presented by the Alzheimer's Association.

Makerspace & Crafts

HOOK & NEEDLE CLUB: KNIT COWL

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15,
2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Follow along with Joanne as she teaches you how to knit a cowl as the cold rolls in! **You will need two skeins of #4 yarn and a size 7 or 8 needle.**

SNOWMAN FELTING WITH DJ

Monday, December 4, 2:30-3:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Create your very own snowman with Librarian DJ.

SEW WHAT?

Mondays, December 11, January 8
& February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Need help with a sewing project? Want to learn how to use your machine? Want some company while you stitch? Bring your own sewing machine and get creative!

ACRYLIC CRICUT ORNAMENTS

Wednesday, December 13,
7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Design and paint your own acrylic ornament.



OPEN MAKERSPACE

Fridays, December 15, January 12,
& February 9, 6:00-8:00 pm

Wednesdays, December 27,
January 24, & February 21,
2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Need help with a special project or need some extra space to work? Stop into the Makerspace!

HOOK & NEEDLE CLUB: CROCHET HEART BAG

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Feel the love as you learn how to crochet your very own heart bag. **You will need two skeins of #4 yarn and a G or H hook.**



VISION BOARDS

Wednesday, January 10, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Start 2024 off by manifesting for the year! Use magazines to create a collage to set your goals for the new year.

JEWELRY MAKING: EARRINGS

Tuesday, January 16, 2:30-3:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join Librarian Rosa to learn some basic jewelry making techniques.

HOOK & NEEDLE CLUB: KNITTED SHAMROCK HAT

Fridays, February 2, 9, 16, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

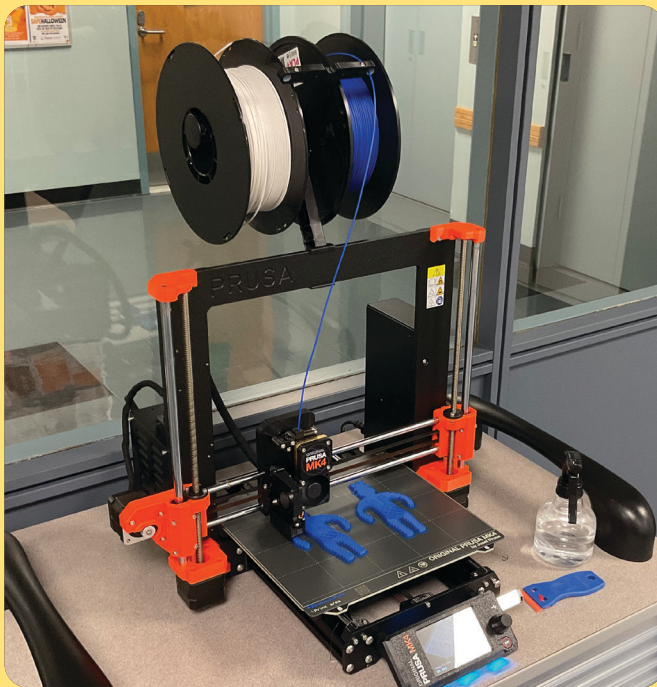
Learn how to knit a shamrock hat to prepare for March. **You will need a skein of #4 yarn and size 5 or 7 knitting needles.**

BLUEPRINT ART

Tuesday, February 6, 2:30-3:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

With this easy historic craft - also known as a sun-print or cyanotype - make a picture or design in the style of a blueprint with Librarian Peter.



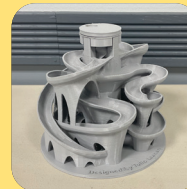
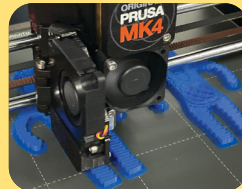
Brentwood Public Library MAKERSPACE

INSIDE THE MAKERSPACE: 3D PRINTING

Bring Your Ideas to Life with 3D Printing! The Brentwood Public Library offers 3D printing services to all library card holders aged 13 and over. 3D printing is a process of creating three-dimensional objects from digital models. It is a versatile technology that can be used to create a wide range of objects, from educational models to prototypes to custom tools and parts.

To learn more about 3D printing, please visit our website!

brentwoodnylibrary.org/3dprinting



Community Assistance



COMMUNITY LEGAL HELP

Tuesdays, from 2:00-5:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Do you need help with a legal problem? Free limited legal advice and assistance is available on various topics.

NY STATE OF HEALTH NAVIGATOR

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
9:00 am-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

A bilingual (English-Spanish) NY State of Health Navigator will be available to assist in enrolling for health insurance through the New York State of Health Marketplace.

CARECEN: NATURALIZATION & FAMILY-BASED PETITIONS (BILINGUAL)

Tuesday, December 5, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn more about the Naturalization Process and Family-Based Petitions. We will discuss what both terms mean, how to be eligible and how to apply.

Acompañanos este 5 de diciembre para una conversación sobre la Naturalización y Peticiones Familiares. Estaremos conversando sobre el significado de cada uno, su proceso, y cómo ser eligible.

1-ON-1 MEDICARE COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE (MUST BE MEDICARE ELIGIBLE)

Wednesdays, December 13, January 10 & February 14, 10:00 am-12:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Register for a 30-minute appointment to meet individually with a HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) counselor to answer questions and provide information specific to your own needs regarding Medicare health insurance and benefits, Medicare Savings Programs, Extra Help for prescription drugs and EPIC.



CARECEN: AN OVERVIEW OF THE COURT PROCESS (BILINGUAL)

Tuesday, December 19, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us in a conversation about the immigration court process. We will discuss important immigration documents, how the court system works, and safe practices on finding legal representation.

Acompañanos este 18 de diciembre para una conversación sobre la corte de inmigración. Estaremos conversando sobre el significado de los documentos legales, el sistema judicial y prácticas seguras para encontrar representación legal.

CARECEN: ASYLUM & SPECIAL IMMIGRANT JUVENILE STATUS (BILINGUAL)

Tuesday, January 2, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us to learn more about Asylum and Special Immigrant Juvenile Status. We will discuss what each type of relief means, its process, and how to be eligible.

Acompañanos este 2 de enero para una conversación sobre el Asilo y El Estatus Especial para Jóvenes Inmigrantes. Estaremos conversando sobre el significado de cada uno, su proceso, y cómo ser eligible.

CARECEN: CLINIC DAY (BILINGUAL)

Tuesday, January 9, 11:00 am-7:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

If you have any specific immigration questions or would like to discuss your situation with an immigration attorney, we will be offering free consultations to get the chance to talk one-on-one with an immigration attorney.

Si usted tiene preguntas legales de inmigración, nosotros estaremos ofreciendo asistencia legal gratuita.



BUYING A HOME FOR THE FIRST TIME?

Wednesday, January 24, 6:30- 8:30 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for this presentation by the LIHP (Long Island Housing Partnership) providing information and tips for first-time homebuyers.



VITA TAX ASSISTANCE

Sundays, February 11, 18, 25,
March 3, 10, 17, 24 & April 7, 14,
12:30-3:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

VITA will be able to provide tax assistance for low income and disabled persons of all ages. Patrons must sign up to drop off their tax documents and a tax preparer will contact them when they are ready. Please note that all drop offs require a 10-minute identity screening. Patrons are required to bring government-issued photo ID, original social security cards for yourself and all your dependents, your W-2 form, the previous year's tax form, and all relevant tax information. Must provide a valid email address and phone number to sign up for this service.

FINANCIAL FITNESS

Wednesday, February 28,
6:30-8:00 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

An informative talk by Community Development Corp. of LI (CDCLI) regarding the importance of managing your \$\$ and credit, establishing savings, and developing a budget. Learn about courses offered by CDCLI.

Fandoms

BOARD GAME OPEN PLAY

Saturdays, December 2, 9, 16, 30,
January 6, 13, 20, 27,
& February 3, 10, 17, 24,
11:00 am-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Bring your board games, MTG Deck, War Gaming Army, chessboard, or even a deck of cards to spend the day playing and relaxing with friends.

VIRTUAL REALITY PARTY GAMES

Wednesday, December 6, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for a fun night of party-style VR gaming. We'll be playing Beat Saber, Takelings, Keep Talking, Nobody Explodes and more!

ANIME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Mondays, December 4, 11, 18,
January 8, 22, 29 & February 5, 12, 26,
6:00-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Watch and discuss your favorite anime, discover new shows, or just come for the comradery.

TRUE CRIME CLUB

Wednesdays, December 6, 20,
January 3, February 7, 7:00-8:00 pm

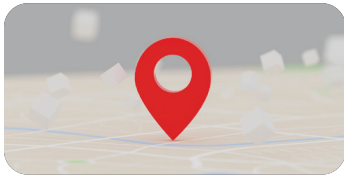
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Wednesdays, January 17, February 21,
7:00-8:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Join horror author Robert Ottone to learn about a brow-raising local case and share your true-crime theories with fellow aficionados!

Local History



A LANDMARK TOUR OF BRENTWOOD HISTORY

Thursday, December 14, 2023
7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn about the history room, see interesting items from the collection, and follow along on a visual tour of Brentwood history through a series of local landmarks! This program is supported by a grant from the GIS Mapping initiative.

HOW DID BRENTWOOD STREETS GET THEIR NAMES?

Thursdays, January 11 & February 15,
6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Follow along with the Brentwood Historical Society's 2024 Calendar. Each month gives the story behind one of our street names and the interesting people they were named after. This program is supported by a grant from the GIS Mapping initiative.

January 11

Warren Street: Brentwood's Time Store & Labor Dollar

February 15

Peck Street: How Long Island Went from Barrens to Barnyards

HISTORIC GAMES: VIKING CHESS

Thursday, January 25, 2:30-3:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn to play Viking Chess, hear about the interesting history of the game, and get a paper board to bring home.

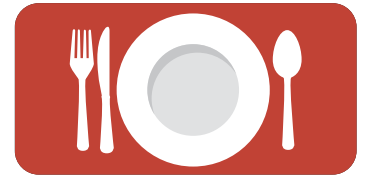
TALKING TO THE BONES: POEMS ABOUT SLAVERY IN NEW YORK CITY AND LONG ISLAND

BHM

Thursday, February 22, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Poet David Mills will read from and speak about his book Boneyarn, the first ever poetry collection exploring slavery in New York City.



INGENUITY AND RESISTANCE: THE HISTORY OF AFRICAN AMERICAN FOODS IN EARLY NEW YORK

Friday, February 23, 6:00-7:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Local historian Melanie Cardone-Leathers will discuss the culinary history of African Americans in the New York area. Learn the stories behind these foods as well as the legacies they left behind.

Nature & Gardening

NATURE READS

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-person and Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Book: *Year of No Garbage* by Eve O. Schaub

GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS IN YOUR OWN BACKYARD

Saturday, January 27, 1:00-2:30 pm

In-person and Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Landscape Ecologist Amanda Furcall will speak about the benefits of native plant gardening.

Genealogy



GENEALOGY 1-ON-1

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Have genealogy questions? Come in, call, or email for an appointment with a librarian!

BRENTWOOD GENEALOGY GROUP

Fridays, 3:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join the group to watch a webinar, use library computers and databases, get help, and share your research.

January 26

Using Family Search

February 23

Using Maps in Your Research

Mapping

MAP MONDAYS

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Thanks to a grant from the GIS Mapping Initiative, Brentwood library is providing access to digital mapping software. Come learn to use the software by attending a hands-on class or come in to use a laptop.

Creating a Story Map

Monday, December 11, 2:00-4:00 pm

Digital Historic Maps

Monday, January 8, 2:00-4:00 pm

Finding and Using Map Data

Monday, February 12, 2:00-4:00 pm

DIABOLICAL OREGON TRAIL

Saturday, December 9, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Devil's pulpit, hell creek, and murderer's gulch are just a few place names found along the famous Oregon trail. In this presentation, map expert Marty Marquis will explain the origins of these dastardly descriptors.

TELLING STORIES WITH MAPS

Saturday, January 13, 2:30-3:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Learn how mapmakers create maps and use them to tell stories - and how you can too, with mapping expert Marty Marquis

Gallery & Display



DECEMBER GALLERY

Lynn Logan Roselli will be displaying winter trees and abstract paintings.



DECEMBER DISPLAY

Letty Sustrin and her late twin sister, Sheila, were introduced to "The World of Shirley Temple" during WWII at the age of four. Their parents bought them a Shirley Temple cut-out doll and the rest was history. Their collection of memorabilia spans 80 years and continues to grow. Their greatest thrill was in 1989 when their idol wrote an autobiography titled, "Child Star." A large luncheon event was held at the Crest Hollow Inn in Woodbury, NY and the twins were fortunate to not only be at a table in front of the podium, but also had the chance to meet her, have their book signed, and she was even gracious enough to pose with them in a photo!



JANUARY GALLERY

"Winter Beauty" presented by Diana Maricela Aguilar

The arrival of winter offers us a wonderful spectacle. It is beautiful to see streets, landscapes, and cities dressed in white. At this time, the days become shorter, the nights longer, and the temperatures drop slightly. The first frosts turn the water landscapes into magical mirrors, the branches of the trees are covered with snowflakes, and their leaves are edged with brilliant frost.



JANUARY DISPLAY

As a child, Cristina Goncalves developed her appreciation of the beauty and uniqueness of the dolls she received as Christmas gifts. Many of her dolls reflect the distinctive dress of her Portuguese background. Her collection is varied with traditional dolls in Portuguese dresses, porcelain dolls and Barbie dolls, many in their original packaging.



FEBRUARY GALLERY & DISPLAY

Emile Arthur-Ricketts is an up and coming photographer from Long Island, NY showcasing his works under the name "Emile's Creations." His range of work focuses on graffiti, agriculture, landscape, water, skylines, and other abstract objects. Currently, Emile uses a Galaxy S9 to capture his photos.



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Sunday, December 24 Closed	Monday, January 15 Closed
Monday, December 25 Closed	Monday, February 19 Open 9 am-5 pm
Sunday, December 31 Closed	

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Select "Programs at the Library" for a complete list of our in-person programs.

Select "Take and Make" for a complete list of our craft and activity kits/boxes.

Select "Virtual Programs" for a complete list of our online virtual programs.

If you need assistance registering, please call the Library or click on the "web chat" link or icon. Unless specifically mentioned, all programs and kits/boxes are free of charge.

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