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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH 2024



Celebrate Women's History Month with the Brentwood Public Library! Keep an eye out for the **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** tag scattered throughout our newsletter, guiding you to relevant programs.

ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH 2024



Join in the AAPIHM programs at the Brentwood Public Library! Navigate through the newsletter by spotting the **AAPIHM** tag, leading you to a variety of themed programs.

BUDGET INFORMATION 2024-2025

INFORMACIÓN PRESUPUESTARIA





Budget Presentation Presentación del Presupuesto

Tuesday, March 26, 5:30 pm
 Martes, 26 de marzo, 5:30 pm

Budget & Trustee Vote Votación del Presupuesto y Elección de Fideicomisarios

Tuesday, April 2, 9:00 am-9:00 pm
 Martes, 2 de abril, 9:00 am-9:00 pm

ABSENTEE BALLOTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK AT THE BRENTWOOD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT.
BOLETAS PARA AUSENTES ESTAN DISPONIBLES EN LA OFICINA DEL SECRETARIO DEL DISTRITO ESCOLAR LIBRE DE UNIÓN DE BRENTWOOD.

Category	2023-2024 Approved Budget	2024-2025 Proposed Budget
Expenditures		
Salaries & Wages	\$ 4,575,910	\$4,697,938
Employee Benefits	2,060,050	2,067,919
Professional Fees	175,000	160,000
Library Materials & Programs	500,000	550,000
Library Operations	360,000	475,000
Building Operations	400,000	425,000
Total Operating Expenditure	\$8,070,960	\$8,375,857
Revenue		
Grants & Fundraising	\$ 25,000	\$ 47,250
Federal & State Aid	25,000	38,000
PILOT Town & County	500,000	460,000
Total Revenue	\$550,000	\$545,250
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$7,520,960	\$7,830,607

For absentee ballots, call (631) 434-2327

**The library's annual vote will be held on
 Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 9:00 am to 9:00 pm
 in the library.**

Voting is for two purposes...

1. Approve the library's Annual Operating Budget.
2. Elect one library trustee to serve a five year term commencing July 1, 2024, currently held by William Menendez.

You can vote if...

- You are a citizen of the United States.
- You are at least eighteen years of age.
- You have been a resident of the Brentwood Union Free School District for at least 30 days preceding the vote.
- You are registered to vote (you have voted within the last four years in a general, school or library election.)

Categoría	2023-2024 Presupuesto Aprobado	2024-2025 Presupuesto Propuesto
Gastos		
Salarios y sueldos	\$ 4,575,910	\$4,697,938
Beneficios para empleados	2,060,050	2,067,919
Honorarios profesionales	175,000	160,000
Materiales y programas para usuarios	500,000	550,000
Gastos operacionales	360,000	475,000
Mantenimiento de las instalaciones	400,000	425,000
Gastos Operativos Totales	\$8,070,960	\$8,375,857
Ingresos		
Subvenciones y recaudación de fondos	\$ 25,000	\$ 47,250
Ayuda federal y estatal	25,000	38,000
PILOTO Ciudad y condado	500,000	460,000
Ingresos Totales	\$550,000	\$545,250
Cantidad a Recaudar por Impuestos	\$7,520,960	\$7,830,607

Para votar por correo llame al (631) 434-2327

**La votación anual de la biblioteca se realizará el
 martes 2 de abril, 2024 de 9:00 am a 9:00 pm en
 la biblioteca.**

La votación es para dos propósitos...

1. Aprobar el Presupuesto Operativo Anual para la Biblioteca.
2. Elegir un miembro del consejo de la Biblioteca quien servirá un plazo de cinco años comenzando el 1ro de Julio 2024, actualmente ocupado por William Menendez.

Usted puede votar si...

- Usted es un ciudadano de los Estados Unidos.
- Usted tiene por lo menos dieciocho años de edad.
- Usted ha residido en el Distrito Escolar Libre de Unión de Brentwood por lo menos 30 días antes de la votación.
- Usted está registrado para votar (ha votado en los últimos cuatro años en una elección general, escolar o de la biblioteca.)

Updates



We are preparing for parking lot and outdoor space improvements Spring 2024.

Not all programs and services are featured in the newsletter due to construction on the facility.

For up-to-date information on programs, services and the impact of construction, subscribe to our e-newsletter.





Scan the QR code to subscribe to our e-newsletter!


Free Apps With Your Library Card


Did you know your library card grants access to a treasure trove of free apps? There is something for everyone! Your library card is your ticket to a diverse collection of apps that make learning and entertainment more accessible than ever.


A valid Brentwood Public Library card and an online account are required for access.


Libby  Free ebooks & audiobooks from your local library! Borrow best-sellers and read anytime, anywhere.


Odilo  The Odilo app lets you have easy access to ebooks in Spanish on your phone or tablet.

Rosetta Stone  Rosetta Stone helps you speak confidently. Interactive and contextual lessons blend with Extended Learning features that are available on your mobile device.

Freegal  Freegal Music is a free music service that is provided to you by your participating public library. Browse through our vast collection of over 15+ million songs from over 200+ genres.

Hoopla  Hoopla is a digital library app that offers over 1 million titles, including popular books and movies, as well as more obscure content.

Creativebug  Creativebug provides thousands of video classes taught by top artists, designers, and crafters in various creative fields, such as drawing, painting, sewing, and jewelry making.

Pressreader  PressReader is a digital newsstand with 7000+ popular newspapers and magazines. Read news and articles on your mobile device from various sources worldwide.



Scan the QR code to see all the apps you can access with your library card and links to where you can download them on your mobile device!

brentwoodnylibrary.org/apps



THURSDAY NIGHT PHILOSOPHY CLUB

Thursday, March 7, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
Thursdays, April 4, May 2, 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for discussion of ideas at our Thursday Night Philosophy Club.

Trips

Must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 13.



NATURE WALKS WITH DAVID

Saturday, April 13 & May 18, 2:00-4:00 pm
Offsite + In Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for a walk led by environmental educator David Jakim. Registration is required. Transportation is not provided.

April: Edgewood Preserve
May: Southards Pond



BAYARD CUTTING ARBORETUM TOUR

Friday, April 19, 10:00-11:30 am
Sign-up begins registration day at 10:00am
In-person registration only + Open to Non-Residents starting March 23
\$10 per ticket (non-refundable, credit card payment only)

Join us at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum for a guided tour of the arboretum's beautiful grounds. Transportation is not provided. Meet at the Manor House by 9:45am. Fees are due at the time of registration and are non-refundable.



ON YOUR OWN TRAIN TRIP TO NYC

Saturday, May 11, 9:15 am
Sign-up begins registration day at 10:00am
In-person registration only + Open to Non-Residents
\$10.75 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 \$10.75 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.

Afternoon at the Movies

Must be accompanied by an adult if under the age of 13.



RBG WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Thursday, March 7, 2:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
(PG) 98m, Documentary



RESPECT WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH
Thursday, March 21, 2:30 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
(PG-13) 145m, Drama



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 7-13

Stop by the Children's Department and guess which book is shredded for a chance to win a prize.

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:

March 2

MARY BLAIR'S STICKER CASTLE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

All ages

PAPER SHAMROCK

Ages 7-12

STAR SHAPED DUA CATCHER FOR RAMADAN

Ages 8-12

April 6

MESS-FREE EARTH PAINTING

Ages birth-3 years

EARTH DAY WINDSOCK

Ages 4-7

SPRING SUNGLASSES

Ages 8-12

May 4

POM POM FLOWER MOTHER'S DAY CARD

All ages

BABY YODA TISSUE PAPER CRAFT

Ages 2-6

R2-D2 CRAFT

Ages 7-12

For the Very Young

Must be accompanied by an adult.

SHAMROCK PUPPY CRAFT

Ages 2-5

Saturday, March 2, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Paint a shamrock puppy to celebrate St. Patrick's Day!

BABY & ME

Ages birth-23 months

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

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 10:30-11:30 am

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Share stories, songs and playtime together.

TOTS & TALES

Ages 2-5

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

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 10:30-11:30 am

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

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



MARCH LION

Ages 1-5

Thursday, March 7, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Join A Time for Kids, Inc. in this family fun preschool program! Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, storytelling and a cute lion craft.

PLAYGROUP

Ages 12-35 months

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

Fridays, April 5, 12, 19, 10:30-11:30 am

Fridays, May 10, 17, 24, 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.

SATURPLAY!

Ages 12-35 months

Saturdays, March 16, 30, 10:00-11:00 am

Saturday, April 27, 10:00-11:00 am

Saturdays, May 4, 18, 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!

BILINGUAL STORYTIME

Ages 2-5

Monday, March 25, 10:30-11:15 am

In-Person

Join us for a fun storytime and craft in English and Spanish.

SENSORY STORYTIME

Ages 2-7

Saturday, April 6, 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, April 24, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

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

BLOCK PARTY

Ages 2-5

Wednesday, May 1, 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.

PLAYDOUGH PLAY

Ages 2-5

Wednesday, May 29, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Use your imagination and our tools to create your own playdough masterpiece!

FINGER PAINT FUN

Ages 1-5

Friday, May 31, 10:30-11:15 am

In-Person

Have fun painting with finger paint. Dress for a mess!

For School Age Children

These programs are for children unaccompanied by adult.

LIBRARY BOOK SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Ages 5-12

March: **Women in Science Box** – Pick up starts March 4 and ends March 10 **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH**
 April: **Humor Box** – Pick up starts April 8 and ends April 13
 May: **Self-Care Box** – Pick up starts May 6 and ends May 11

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.



WATERCOLOR PAINT NIGHT

Ages 6-12

Thursday, March 1, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Spend an evening with us creating watercolor masterpieces!

LEARN TO DRAW WITH ART TEACHER AMY

Ages 6-12

Monday, March 4, 5:00-6:00 pm
 – **The Lorax**
 Monday, April 8, 5:00-6:00 pm
 – **Matisse Cat**
In-Person

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

BERTA CÁCERES CRAFT

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Ages 7-12

Friday, March 8, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

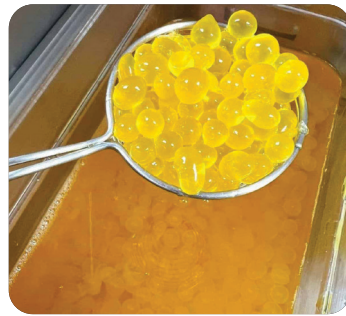
Celebrate Women's History Month with a tissue-paper river craft celebrating the life and legacy of Honduran environmentalist, Berta Cáceres.

LUCKY CHARMS WREATH

Ages 7-12

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making your very own lucky charms wreath.



EDIBLE CHEMISTRY – THE POPPING BOBA

Ages 8-12

Friday, March 22, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Believe it or not, a lot of food and cooking is made possible through the wonders of chemical reactions. Learn how we can use kitchen safe chemicals to alter the texture of foods by making popping bobas.

SPRING PERLER BEADS

Ages 7-12

Friday, March 29, 2:00-3:00 pm
In-Person

Have fun creating mini eggs, bunnies and more out of Perler beads.

TINKER LAB

Ages 5-8

Thursday, April 4, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person

Team up with a teen volunteer and explore different STEAM-based activities together!

SUNCATCHER GEM ART

Ages 6-12

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person

Create a unique, dazzling suncatcher out of colorful gems.

PAPER BUTTERFLY

Ages 7-12

Monday, April 15, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Make a beautiful butterfly out of colorful paper.

JELLY BEAN ENGINEERS

Ages 5-8

Friday, April 19, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person

Put your building skills to the test by creating structures out of jelly beans and toothpicks.

MAKER MONDAY

Ages 5-12

Monday, April 22, 2:00-3:00 pm
No registration required.
In-Person

Join us as we explore different STEAM-based activities!

AFTERNOON GAMING

Ages 5-12

Tuesday, April 23, 2:00-3:00 pm
No registration required.
In-Person

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

ANIMAL FRIEND KEEPSAKE

Ages 7-12

Thursday, April 25, 2:00-3:00 pm
In-Person

Paint and decorate your own plaster animal statue to display at home.

SONIC PERLER BEADS

Ages 7-12

Friday, April 26, 2:00-3:00 pm
In-Person

Have fun creating mini-Sonic characters out of Perler beads.



FLOWER LEI NECKLACES **AAPIHM**

Ages 7-12

Friday, May 3, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Celebrate Asian American-Pacific Islander Month by creating your very own Hawaiian flower lei necklace!

MOTHER'S DAY CHOCOLATE FLOWER CRAFT

Ages 7-12

Monday, May 6, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Make a crepe paper flower filled with a special chocolate center for your loved ones.

3D PAPER CHERRY BLOSSOM TREE **AAPIHM**

Ages 7-12

Thursday, May 9, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Create a beautiful cherry blossom tree using oil pastels and origami paper.

DIY PAINTED BIRDHOUSE

Ages 5-12

Wednesday, May 15, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Assemble and paint your own birdhouse to take home and hang up in your garden.

COMIC STORYBOOK BANNER

Ages 7-12

Monday, May 20, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Create your own storybook banner with your favorite Children's books!



TIKI MASK TOILET PAPER ROLLS **AAPIHM**

Ages 6-12

Thursday, May 23, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

Come make Tiki masks that are made from toilet paper rolls.

LEGO LEAGUE

Ages 6-12

Friday, May 31, 6:30-7:30 pm
No registration is required.
In-Person

Drop in and enjoy building Legos with your friends.

Family Programs

Must include an adult.

HAPPY NUTRITION MONTH! / FELIZ MES DE LA NUTRICIÓN!

Ages 3 & up with adult
Thursday, March 21, 6:00-7:00 pm
In-Person

Join us as we celebrate National Nutrition Month with a healthy version of a quesadilla.

Únase a nosotros para celebrar el mes nacional de la nutrición con una versión saludable de quesadilla.

FAMILY CARNIVAL

All ages with adult
Thursday, March 28, 2:00-3:30 pm
No registration is required.
In-Person

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of carnival-themed games, activities and a special treat.

SPRINGTIME JELLY BEAN SUGAR COOKIES

Ages 3 & up with adult
Saturday, April 13, 2:00-3:00 pm
One registration per family
In-Person

Chef Rob will be back to teach you how to make his spring jelly bean sugar cookies and play fun games together.

FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Ages 5 & up with adult
Thursdays, April 18 & May 30, 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.

CREATION STATIONS

Ages 3 & up with adult
Wednesday, April 24, 2:00-4:00 pm
No registration is required.

Drop by the Children's Department and get crafty! A variety of art projects will be available for you to make together.



SPRING BINGO

Ages 3 & up with adult
Wednesday, May 22, 6:30-7:30 pm
One registration per family
In-Person

Join us for bingo and a chance to win some prizes!

For Tweens

These programs are for children unaccompanied by adult.

PODCAST CLUB

Ages 10-12
Tuesdays, March 5, 19, 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, April 9, 30, 5:00-6:00 pm
Tuesdays, May 14, 28, 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.

SPRING DECORATORS VOLUNTEERS

Ages 10-12
Wednesday, March 6, 6:30-7:30 pm
In-Person
+ Community Service Opportunity

Help us make spring decorations to display in the Children's Department.

TWEEN TOY PARAMEDIC

Ages 10-12
Saturday, March 16, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
Saturday, May 4, 11:30 am-12:30 pm
In-Person
+ Community Service Opportunity

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

TWEEN K-POP CLUB

Ages 9-12
Monday, March 18, 7:00-8:00 pm
Monday, April 29, 7:00-8:00 pm
Monday, May 13, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Ages 10-12
Wednesday, March 27, 12:00-3:00 pm
No registration required.
In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Earn up to 3 hours of community service at this library-wide program! We will have activities available in the Children's Department where you can earn community service.

SAFETY TRIVIA

Ages 10-17
Wednesday, March 27, 12:00-1:00 pm
In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Join our safety connoisseur Celia and have a blast while learning how to stay safe in a fun and exciting showdown, where correct answers can lead to awesome prizes.

PEEPS DIORAMA

Ages 10-12 • Monday, April 1, 2:00-3:00 pm • In-Person

Create a unique home for your Peeps by using colorful marshmallow Peeps and recycled materials.

SPOTLIGHT

BIRTHDAY BAGS

Introducing our brand-new birthday bags! If you're turning 12 or under, you're in for a treat! During the week of your birthday, swing by the Children's Department with your library card and claim your very own birthday bag filled with surprises to make your day extra special.

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.

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!

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 2:00-11:00 pm every day. This great resource includes one-on-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.



March

JUJUTSU KAISEN PRISON REALM BOX

March 4

CROCHET STAR HEADPHONE ACCESSORIES

March 11

BOBA KEYCHAINS

March 18

HELLO KITTY TRAYS

March 25

April

POKE BALL POM-POMS

April 1

BANNED BOOK BRACELETS

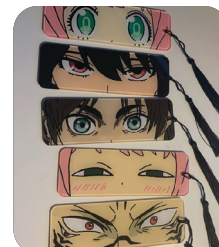
April 8

SEED BOMBS FOR EARTH DAY

April 15

TIN WALLETS

April 29



May

MAY THE 4TH DIAMOND PAINTING

May 6

TREAT YO SELF KIT

May 13

CACTUS POM-POMS

May 20

PAINTED ANIME BOOKMARKS

May 28

SPOTLIGHT



MYSTERY MOVIE & PIZZA

Fridays, March 15, April 19 & May 17, 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.



HABLAR CON AMIGOS

Mondays, March 25, April 15 & May 13, 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

**THE ART OF YAYOI KUSAMA** WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, March 2, 12:00-2:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Yayoi Kusama is a Japanese artist known for her extensive use of polka dots and her Infinity Mirrored Rooms. Her work often reflects her personal experiences and incorporates elements of repetition and obsession. Kusama has been dubbed "the princess of polka dots". Create a piece of art inspired by her artistic style that will be displayed in the Teen Room for Women's History Month.

**ART OF ANDREA BOWERS** WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Wednesday, March 6, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Andrea Bowers is a Los Angeles-based American artist working across various mediums such as video, drawing, and installation. Her artworks have been exhibited globally in museums and galleries, including Germany, Greece, and Tokyo. Help us create an interactive display in the Teen Room for Women's History Month inspired by her prominent works!

TRUE CRIME CLUB

Wednesdays, March 13, April 3 & May 29, 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.

TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE DAY

Wednesday, March 27, 11:00am-4:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Earn up to six hours of community service during our Annual Teen Community Service Day! Various activities and projects will be available for you to accumulate hours. Sign-in begins at 10:30am in the teen room on the day of the event. To ensure a spot, you can also RSVP on our online calendar for specific classes, as space is limited.

NO-SEW BLANKETS FOR SHELTER PETS

Wednesday, March 27, 11:00am-12:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Use fleece to make no-sew blankets for the local animal shelter.

SAFETY TRIVIA

Wednesday, March 27, 12:00-1:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Join our safety connoisseur Celia and have a blast while learning how to stay safe in a fun and exciting showdown, where correct answers can lead to awesome prizes!

**DIAMOND PAINTING BOOKMARKS**

Wednesday, March 27, 1:00-2:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Craft diamond painted bookmarks that will be donated to our patrons.

HANDS ONLY CPR

Wednesday, March 27, 2:30-4:00 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.

BLACKOUT POETRY BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, March 27, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Use old book pages to create poetry bookmarks that will be given out to our patrons for Poetry Month.

TOY PARAMEDIC

Saturdays, March 30, April 27 & May 18, 12:00-1:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

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

STEM BUDDIES

Thursday, April 4, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Help children with a STEM based activity!

**ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER MONTH VOLUNTEERS****AAPIHM**

Monday, April 22, 2:00-5:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

Teens will create decorations inspired by various Asian and Pacific Islander countries/cultures to adorn the Teen Room throughout the month of May.

BOOKMARKS FOR PATRONS

Friday, May 24, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person**+ Community Service Opportunity**

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

Gaming

BETRAYAL AT HILL HOUSE

Friday, March 1, 3:30-5:00 pm

In-Person

Betrayal at House on the Hill is a thrilling tile-based board game where players collaboratively explore and build their own haunted house room by room, but as the game progresses, one player could become a traitor, leading to a suspenseful and unpredictable twist. No experience required!

**GAMING**

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, April 4, 11, 18 & May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 3:00-4:30 pm

No Registration Required.**In-Person**

Play our switch, PS5, board games, ping pong, foosball and more!

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Wednesdays, March 20, April 17, May 15, 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!

SPEEDY BOARD GAME TOURNAMENT

Friday, April 12, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Speed is the name of the game! Play numerous board games, earn points, and defeat your opponents.

ONE, TWO, SWITCH TOURNAMENT

Friday, May 10, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Play the fast paced and fun 1-2-Switch! Can you acquire the most points to emerge as the ultimate winner?

Crafts & Activities



KPOP CLUB

Mondays, March 4, April 8, May 6,
3:30-4:30 pm

In-Person

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

COLOSSAL CANVAS PAINTING

Tuesday, March 5, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Use gigantic canvases and paint to your heart's content.



OREO TASTE TEST

Wednesday, March 6, 3:00-4:00 pm

In-Person

Come taste various flavors of Oreos and vote on your favorites!

IMPROV WITH MR. PO

Friday, March 8, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Let's put your acting skills to the test! Imagine a scenario and execute it with flair. Show us what you've got!



GUITAR PICK JEWELRY

Monday, March 11, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Use guitar picks, paint and necklace lace to make musical jewelry!

PODCAST

Tuesday, March 12, 19, April 9, 30
& May 7, 21, 3:30-4:30 pm

In-Person

Join our Average Brentwood Teens Podcast planning and recording sessions!

MINI-CANVAS & CANDY

Monday, March 18, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Calling all artists! Join us to create your own design on a mini canvas. Spring treats provided!



LEGO CHALLENGE

Friday, March 22, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Engage in the ultimate Lego-building experience, as you tackle various challenges and unleash your imagination.



PERLER BEADING

Mondays, March 25, April 15 & May 13,
3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

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

FIELD DAY

Tuesday, March 26, 3:30-5:00 pm

In-Person

Play Corn-hole, Life-Size Jenga, Gigantic Connect-Four, Badminton, Basketball and more! Weather permitting, this event will be held outside.



NO-SEW POM-POM BUNNIES

Tuesday, April 2, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Use our pom-pom makers and yarn to make super cute bunnies!

OPEN MIC NIGHT

Friday, April 5, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Poetry, rapping, music – the microphone is all yours for whatever pops into your creative mind.



BEADED HAIR CLIPS

Tuesday, April 16, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Use hair clips, beads and string to make a one-of-a-kind hanging hair accessory.

PAINTING WITH BOB ROSS

Monday, April 29, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Learn to paint with Bob Ross while watching one of his tutorials and enjoying some light refreshments!



CHALK PAINT MASON JARS WITH SUCCULENTS!

Wednesday, May 1, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Paint a mason jar with chalk paint and add a cute succulent for spring!

TRIVIA SHOWDOWN

Friday, May 3, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

Gather your friends and prepare to put your brains to the test in an electrifying trivia competition. Show off your diverse knowledge, compete against other trivia enthusiasts, and strive to be crowned the Trivia Showdown Champion.

AFFIRMATION MIRRORS

Wednesday, May 8, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month by making a mirror with an uplifting message.



DIY ANIME PENS

Tuesday, May 14, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Make some personalized pens inspired by your favorite anime characters!

SELF-CARE CANDLES

Monday, May 20, 3:00-5:00 pm

In-Person

Celebrate Mental Health Awareness Month by designing your own inspirational candles!

GOTH PARTY

Wednesday, May 22, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person

♫ All the pain in my heart ♫
 Calling all goths! Join us at the library to celebrate worldwide goth day!

Career & Business

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS: DISCRIMINATION IN THE WORKPLACE

Tuesday, March 5, 6:30-7:30 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

A representative from The Suffolk County Human Rights Commission will discuss employment discrimination and your rights as a job seeker, applicant, or employee. This workshop will look at situations involving disabilities, race, sexual orientation, immigration status, criminal background and more. Join us via Zoom.



CONOZCA SUS DERECHOS: DISCRIMINACIÓN EN EL LUGAR DE TRABAJO

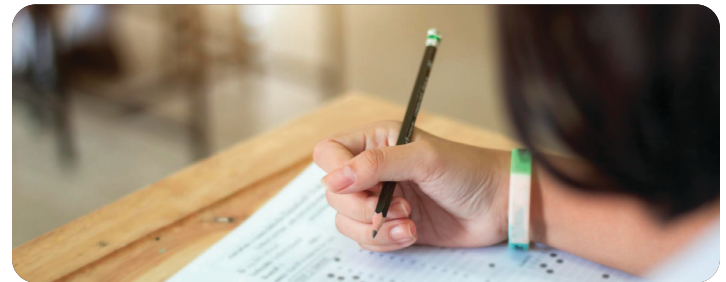
Martes, 26 de marzo, 6:30-7:30 pm
Virtual + Abierta a no residentes

Un representante de la Comisión de Derechos Humanos del Condado de Suffolk estará tratando el tema de la discriminación laboral y sus derechos como solicitante de empleo o empleado. Este taller examinará situaciones que involucran discapacidades, raza, orientación sexual, estado migratorio, antecedentes criminales y más. Join us via Zoom.

CAREER AND EMPLOYMENT COUNSELING

Tuesdays, March 12, April 16 & May 14, 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.



BUSINESS STARTUP: FEASIBILITY AND MARKETING

Tuesday, March 19, 6:30-7:15 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Learn how you can use the A-to-Z database to conduct a feasibility study and create new business opportunities for your cleaning business, including targeted marketing lists. Join us via Zoom.

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.



NOW HIRING: JOB FAIR AND NETWORKING

Friday, March 22, 2:00-4:00 pm
In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Meet with companies looking to hire for full time and part time positions. Flexible schedule and competitive salaries. Teens are welcome. This event is hosted by Literacy Zone in partnership with the Brentwood Public Library.



LA FUERZA CDC: LATINO BUSINESS SUMMIT

Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am-2:00 pm
In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Great opportunity for Latino businesses of all sizes to network and meet with organizations that can help you get started or expand your business. This event is hosted by La Fuerza CDC in partnership with the Brentwood Public Library.

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,
 10:00 am-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 & Personal Development

INTERNET 102: COMUNICACIÓN DIGITAL EN ACCIÓN

Lunes, 4, 11, 18 y 25 de marzo, 6:30-8:30 pm
En persona + Abierta a no residentes

Explore los fundamentos de la comunicación digital. Aprenda habilidades prácticas necesarias para conectarse y comunicarse de manera efectiva en línea. Se tocarán temas de correos electrónicos, redes sociales y aplicaciones de mensajería.



ONLINE LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Saturday, April 27, 10:30-11:15 am
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

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. Join us via Zoom.

BURNOUT PREVENTION AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE

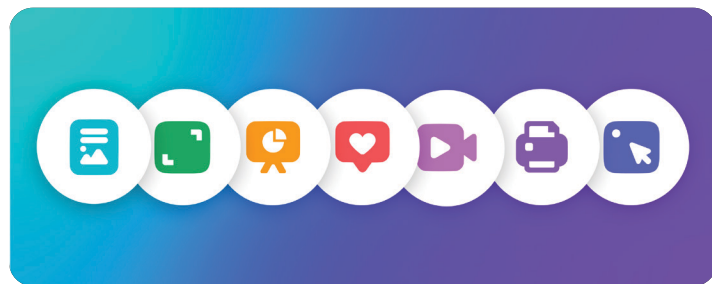
Tuesday, May 7, 7:30-8:15 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Equip your team with tools to enhance resilience and navigate challenges, fostering a culture of well-being and success.

APPS TO LEARN A NEW LANGUAGE

Saturday, May 18, 10:30-11:15 am
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

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. Join us via Zoom.



CANVA 101: ELEVATE YOUR BUSINESS DESIGNS

Thursday, May 16, 7:00-7:45 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

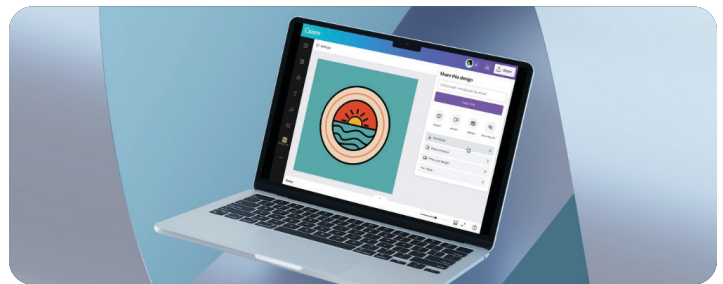
Empower your team to create eye-catching designs to enhance the promotion of your business and leave a lasting digital impact. Join us via Zoom.



MINDFULNESS FOR WORKPLACE STRESS

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30-8:15 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Boost well-being and productivity. Learn effective strategies to navigate stress within the workplace and create a healthier and more balanced work life.



CANVA 102: CRAFTING MEMORABLE LOGOS FOR BUSINESS SUCCESS

Thursday, May 30, 7:00-7:45 pm
Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Elevate your business identity by crafting a distinctive and memorable logo using Canva's powerful design tools. Join us via Zoom.



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.

Learning Center



LEARN ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

In-person

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

En persona

Clases intensivas de ESL impartidas durante un semestre de 13 semanas están 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

En persona

¿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

In-person

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

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, April 6, 13, 20, 27 & May 4, 11, 18, 25, 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.



CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

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. Join us via Zoom.



GRASP (GED) WORKSHOP & ASSESSMENT

Wednesday, April 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.

Book Club/Charla de libros

ALL IN: AN AUTOBIOGRAPHY BY BILLIE JEAN KING

Thursday, March 7, 7:00-8:30 pm

In-person and Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

She is not just a tennis champion, but a hero who continues to fight for equal rights for all.

LA CASA DE LA LAGUNA POR ROSARIO FERRÉ

Sábado, 30 de marzo, 1:30-3:00 pm

En persona

Esta fascinante historia épica multigeneracional cuenta la historia de dos familias y la historia de Puerto Rico a través de los ojos de Isabel Monfort y su marido, Quintín Mendizábal. Isabel intenta inmortalizar en un libro a sus familias ahora unidas y, por extensión, a su tierra natal. La historia que se desarrolla en su escritura tiene capas y capas, explorando la naturaleza del amor, el matrimonio, la familia y el propio Puerto Rico.

BETTER LIVING THROUGH BIRDING: NOTES FROM A BLACK MAN IN THE NATURAL WORLD BY CHRISTIAN COOPER

Thursday, April 4, 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Join us to discuss the Long Island Reads selection.

BEAUTIFUL COUNTRY: A MEMOIR OF AN UNDOCUMENTED CHILDHOOD BY QIAN JULIE WANG

Thursday, May 2, 7:00-8:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

The story of Wang and her parents' struggle as undocumented Chinese immigrants in Brooklyn, NY in the 90's.

EL INQUILINO POR JAVIER CERCAS

Sábado, 25 de mayo, 1:30-3:00 pm

En persona

El mismo día que conoce a Daniel Berkowicz, su nuevo vecino e inesperado compañero de trabajo, Mario Rota se tuerce el tobillo. Estos dos imprevistos simultáneos señalan el principio de la intrusión de la contrariedad y el desconcierto en su monótona vida de profesor de fonología en una universidad del Medio Oeste americano, pero sobre todo desencadenan una pesadilla erizada de amenazas en la que el lector no tiene más remedio que acompañar a Rota hasta el sorprendente final de su peripecia.

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.

NAPOWRIMO WRITING KIT

April 1-30, while supplies last
Take and Make + Registration Required

This kit has everything you need to unleash your inner poet.

CLAY POT PAINTING

April 1-30, while supplies last
Take and Make + Registration Required

Seeds are ready! Decorate a fun pot to hold them.

SPRING MOD PODGE BUTTERFLIES

April 1-30, while supplies last
Take and Make + Registration Required

Create your own spring butterfly using mod podge and paint!

SPRING JEWELRY KIT

May 1-31, while supplies last
Take and Make + Registration Required

Celebrate springtime with this jewelry kit.

RING DISH PAINTING KIT

May 1-31, while supplies last
Take and Make + Registration Required

Paint a small dish to hold your rings and other trinkets.

Driving

Non-district residents may sign up a week after the registration date.
 Residentes fuera del distrito pueden inscribirse una semana después de la fecha de registraci3n.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING [IN-PERSON]

Saturdays, March 2, 16, 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, or two three-hour courses on Tuesday and Thursday. Fee of \$33 in cash, check, or money order payable to the Empire Safety Council is due on the day of class.

MANEJO DEFENSIVO [EN PERSONA]

Los s3bados, 9 de marzo, 9:30 am-3:30 pm *Debe llegar a las 9:15 am
 o martes, 19 de marzo y jueves, 21 de marzo,
 5:45 pm-8:45 pm *Debe llegar a las 5:30 pm
En persona + Abierta a no residentes
(Una semana despu3s de la fecha de registraci3n)

Ahorre el diez por ciento en su seguro de auto por tres a5os y elimine hasta cuatro puntos en su record de conductor tomando este curso de seis horas en S3bados, o dos curso de tres horas en martes y jueves. Paga \$35 en efectivo, cheque, o giro postal al Empire Safety Council el d3a de clase.

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE [IN-PERSON]

Friday, March 22, 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.

CURSO DE PRELICENCIA DE 5 HORAS [EN PERSONA]

Viernes, 8 de marzo, 3:30-8:30 pm *Debe llegar a las 3:15 pm
En persona + Abierta a no residentes

La pre-licencia, tambi3n conocido como "el curso de 5 horas," es un curso presencial dise5ada 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 pr3ctico para obtener su licencia de conducir. Este curso cuesta \$40 y se paga el d3a de clase.

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE [ONLINE]

Fridays, April 26 or May 24, 3:30-8:30 pm *Arrive by 3:15 pm
Virtual + 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 patrons will be contacted by the driver school for payments. **This course is online only and a link will be sent to the e-mail provided at sign-up for this class.**

CURSO DE PRELICENCIA DE 5 HORAS [EN L3NEA]

Viernes, 12 de abril o 10 de mayo, 3:30-8:30 pm *Debe llegar a las 3:15 pm
Virtual + abierto a no-residentes

La prelicencia, tambi3n conocido como "el curso de 5 horas," es un curso presencial dise5ada 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 pr3ctico para obtener su licencia de conducir. Este curso cuesta \$40 y las personas inscritas ser3n contactadas por la escuela de manejo. **Este curso es solo en l3nea, y se enviar3 un enlace a la direcci3n de correo electr3nico proporcionada al momento de inscribirse.**

General Programs

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY TABLING

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Friday, March 8, 1:00-5:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Stop by the atrium to learn about local organizations helping women across Long Island.

LWV: FROM WOMEN'S SUFFRAGE TO EQUAL RIGHTS

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Thursday, March 14, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join the League of Women's Voters for a short history of women's rights, the progress of the Equal Rights Amendment to the US Constitution (which was never approved by the states) and thus the current proposed amendment for equal rights that could be enshrined in the NYS Constitution at the end of 2024.

Computer Tutorials

COMPUTER KINDERGARTEN

Tuesday, March 12, 6:30-8:30 pm (ENGLISH)

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30-8:30 pm (SPANISH)

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

INTRO TO CRICUT'S DESIGN SPACE

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30-8:30 pm

Online + Open to Non-Residents

In this demonstration class, learn how to create amazing and unique designs using the free Design Space program from Cricut. You'll learn how to use all the features to create a unique design or import premade designs from varying formats, as well as what you need to print your final project. No prerequisite.

Cooking

COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: IRISH MOLASSES RAISIN BREAD

Friday, March 8, 1:00-2:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
(one week after registration date)

Enjoy this Irish treat! Patrons will need to bring 9x5 loaf pan, 2 large mixing bowls, a rubber spatula and a whisk.



JUEVES DE FIESTA: POZOLE

Thursday, March 28, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
(one week after registration date)

Hominy made with chicken or pork. Topped with onions, radish and peppers are optional.

JUEVES DE FIESTA: GREEN MEXICAN STYLE SPAGHETTI FROM HOME

Thursday, April 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents
(one week after registration date)

In this cooking demonstration, we will show patrons how to make green creamy poblano sauce. They will take home a goodie bag.

COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: SPRING LEMON COOKIES

Monday, April 1

Take and Make
+ Registration Required
+ Only Open To Brentwood Public Library Cardholders

Create your own light and airy spring lemon cookies!

JUEVES DE FIESTA: TRES LECHES FROM HOME

Thursday, May 30, 6:30-7:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents
(one week after registration date)

Learn how to make a decadent Tres Leche. Supplies will be available for pick-up prior to the program to follow along during the Zoom session.



COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: RASPBERRY SCONES

Wednesday, May 1

Take and Make
+ Registration Required
+ Only Open To Brentwood Public Library Cardholders

Use this take home kit to create your own raspberry scones! The perfect light, sweet spring treat.

CHOCOLICIOUS CHOCOLATIER'S BUBBLE BARK

Wednesday, May 1

Take and Make
+ Registration Required
+ Only Open To Brentwood Public Library Cardholders

All instructions, chocolates, & mix-ins are included to create delicious chocolate bark filled with pretzels, Oreos, grahams, & marshmallows! Comes with DIY packaging.

Crafts

HOOK & NEEDLE: CROCHET BUNNY

Fridays, March 1, 15, & 22, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Crochet your own bunny to prepare for April. You will need a skein of yarn (#4) and a G or H hook needle.



OPEN MAKERSPACE

Wednesday, March 6, 2:00-4:00 pm

Friday, March 29, 6:00-8:00 pm

No Registration is Required
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

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

BOOK NOOK CRAFT

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

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents
(one week after registration date)

Come and build a book nook out of wooden pieces and decorate it to add to your shelf.

Health & Wellness



HANDS-ONLY CPR

Tuesday, March 5, 2:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Hands-only CPR can save a life, using only chest compressions. Come and learn with Celia! You will receive an American Red Cross Hands-Only CPR Certificate.

STONY BROOK MEDICINE'S HEALTHY LIBRARIES

Tuesdays, March 5, 26, 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.

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person and Virtual

+ Open to Non-Residents

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 & May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 2:00-3:00 pm

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, March 11, April 8, & May 6, 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

Thursday, March 14, 1:00-3:00 pm

In-person and Virtual

+ Open to Non-Residents

Thursdays, April 11, May 9, 1:00-3:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

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



ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION: HEALTHY LIVING FOR YOUR BRAIN & BODY

Wednesday, March 20, 1:00-2:30 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Get great tips on how to keep healthy in mind and body as we age.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION: MANAGING MONEY: A CAREGIVER'S GUIDE TO FINANCES (ENGLISH)

Thursday, March 21, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn about important legal and financial issues, how to put plans in place, and how to access resources near you.

ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION: ADMINISTRAR EL DINERO: UNA GUIA FINANCIERA PARA LOS CUIDADORES (ESPAÑOL)

Lunes, marzo 25, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Si usted o alguien que conoce está enfrentando la enfermedad de Alzheimer, la demencia, u otra enfermedad crónica, nunca es demasiado temprano para hacer planes financieros. Acompañenos a aprender consejos para el manejo de las finanzas de otra persona, cómo prepararse para los costos del cuidado futuro, y los beneficios de la planificación temprana.

PREPARE, RESPOND AND RECOVER, RED CROSS TRAINING

Friday, March 22, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Attention, Everyone! Celia will show you what to do should disaster strike!

EARTH MONTH BE RED CROSS READY IN A CHANGING WORLD

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Get a kit. Make a plan. Be informed. Learn from Celia how to do all this!

Community Assistance

VITA TAX ASSISTANCE

Sundays, 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 W2 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.

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.



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

Wednesdays, March 13, April 10, & May 8, 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.

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.

HOUSING HELP INC.: EVITAR LA EJECUCION HIPOTECARIA (EN ESPAÑOL)

Miércoles, 13 de marzo, 6:30-8:30 pm

En persona + Abierta a no residentes

Únase a nosotros para aprender la importancia de mantener pagos constantes para la hipoteca, qué sucede cuando se retrasa con sus pagos hipotecarios, la asistencia gratuita disponible si tiene una situación de impago y mucho más con Housing Help Inc.

HOUSINGHELPINC.: FORECLOSURE PREVENTION

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us to learn of the importance of maintaining consistent mortgage payments, what happens when you fall behind in mortgage payments, free assistance if you are in default on your mortgage and more from HousingHelpInc.



STUDENT DEBT REPAYMENT OPTIONS

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30-8:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Learn about Student Debt Repayment Plans, Forgiveness and Discharges from Nassau Suffolk Law Services.

Local History



ONE-ON-ONE DIGITIZATION ASSISTANCE

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Make an appointment to get assistance digitizing your documents and photos in the Archive Room.

LEGENDARY WOMEN OF LONG ISLAND

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, March 9, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

During the glory days of Long Island's fabled Gold Coast, all of society was ruled by an elite group of glamorous women like, Alva Vanderbilt, Barbara Hutton, and the Countess of Bismarck. Join Monica Randall, historic preservationist, location scout, filmmaker and author who will deliver this entertaining program about these colorful icons of their day.

WOMEN OF THE CIA

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Thursday, March 21, 6:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Pioneering women overcame obstacles to become valued members of the Agency team, paving the way for more equitable treatment of CIA women officers today. Learn about the women of the CIA with professor and author Lester Paldy.

CHINESE RAILROAD WORKERS WHO BUILT THE TRANSCONTINENTAL RAILROAD: NEW FINDINGS FROM STANFORD UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

AAPIHM

Friday, May 17, 1:00-2:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Dr. Roland Hsu, PhD, Stanford University, will present new findings from the multi-year Stanford University Chinese Railroad Workers in North America Research Project.

Join us at Stony Brook's Wang Center to celebrate this year's Asian American and Pacific Islander Month. RSVP at thewangcenter.org

JOHN W. WINKLER: THE CHINATOWN ETCHINGS

AAPIHM

On view from March 1 through May 19; Weekdays, 8:00 am-8:00 pm;

Weekends, 12:00 pm-7:00 pm

Off-site at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University

Transportation will not be provided

Featuring 80 evocative etchings, the exhibition serves as a visual time capsule, capturing the essence of daily life in the heart of San Francisco's Chinatown.

CAPTURING HISTORY: THE STORIES WITHIN JOHN W. WINKLER'S CHINATOWN ETCHINGS BY A. REX RIVOLO

AAPIHM

Wednesday, March 20, 4:00-5:00 pm

Off-site at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University

Transportation will not be provided

In this walk, curator A. Rex Rivolo opens the exhibit with an informative talk about this fascinating collection.

View a variety of other interesting Wang Center events online on our website and at stonybrook.edu/commcms/wang

SAKURA MATSURI:

CHERRY BLOSSOM FESTIVAL

AAPIHM

Sunday, April 21, 12:00 pm (rain or shine)

Off-site at the Charles B. Wang Center at Stony Brook University

Transportation will not be provided

Get tickets at ryushukan.com/cherry-blossom-festival-sakura-matsuri-home or by scanning the QR code. The first 100 people to use promotional code "BPL" will get a 20% discount!

Welcome spring to Long Island with the blooming of cherry blossoms, the sounds of taiko drums, and a wondrous array of Japanese cultural exhibits at the Wang Center!



Nature & Gardening

Seed Week Activities

The Seed Library is back in business! Stop in for the activities below to celebrate:

SEED LIBRARY KICK-OFF

SEED WEEK

Monday, March 4, 2:00-4:00 pm • **In-Person + Open to Non-Residents**

The Seed Library is back! Sam and Rosa will be in the atrium handing out this year's seeds. Stop by the table for seeds and a gardening goodie!

DESIGN YOUR OWN FLORAL BOUQUET

SEED WEEK

Wednesday, March 6, 3:00-4:00 pm • **In-Person + Open to Non-Residents**

Spring has sprung! Join us to design your own spring bouquet to get ready for the warmer weather.

BIRD SEED BAGS

SEED WEEK

Friday, March 8, 2:00-4:00 pm • **In-Person + Open to Non-Residents**

Stop into the atrium again to see Sam and Rosa as they hand out bird seed kits. These kits are first come, first served; no registration is required. Use the kit to create a hanging treat for the birds in your yard.

NATURE READS

*Tuesday, March 12 & May 21,
7:00-8:00 pm*

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Join Librarian Rosa to discuss books related to nature.

March: *The End of Night*
by Paul Bogard, pages 1-158

May: *The End of Night*
by Paul Bogard, pages 158-271

AWAY WE GROW

Tuesday, March 26, 2:30-3:30 pm

In Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join COMPHS to plant some seeds and learn about the health benefits of gardening. Engaging in gardening has been associated with reduced stress, improved mood, and increased overall well-being.

HOW TO LIVE SUSTAINABLY - KEEP ISLIP CLEAN

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30-8:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Wonder how you can help the environment right here in Islip Town? Looking for volunteer opportunities? Madeline Sharrock of Keep Islip Clean will be here to guide you.

NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY WALK

Saturday, May 4, 3:00-4:30 pm

Offsite + Open to Non-Residents

Join professional photographer Sean Raynor as he shows you the best methods for taking photos of nature, using either a personal camera or your phone. Meet at Sunken Meadow State Park Lot 3. Parking is \$8 per car.

Fandoms

Must be 18 or older to attend.



BOARD GAME OPEN PLAY

Saturdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,
 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.

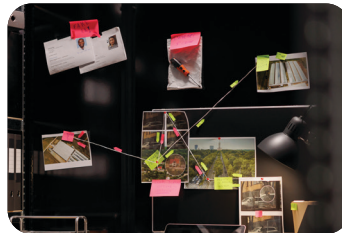


ANIME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25,
 6:00-8:45 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

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Wednesdays, April 3 & May 1, 7:30-8:30 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!

TRUE CRIME CLUB WITH DANIEL SIMONE

Saturday, March 2, 12:00-1:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Daniel Simone author of *The Lufthansa Heist*, *The Charles Manson Project* and other true crime books will speak about his research and writing.

TRUE CRIME CLUB WITH HAROLD SCHECHTER

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00-8:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Harold Schechter author of *Murderabilia* joins us as a special guest host of True Crime Club!

Genealogy

GREAT GRANDMA BARRETT WAS A SHINING WOMAN: NEW YORK CITY RADIUM DIAL PAINTERS & INDUSTRIAL DISEASE

Friday, March 22, 3:00-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Local historian Erin Becker-Boris presents this lecture about radium dial painting on Long Island and in New York City, industrial disease, and this history's connection to her own family history.

GENEALOGY IN GOTHAM

Saturday, April 27, 10:00-11:30 am

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Genealogist Jordan Auslander joins us to present tips on doing research in New York City based on his own unique experiences and research.

HOW INVESTIGATIVE GENETIC GENEALOGY IS REVOLUTIONIZING COLD CASES

Saturday, May 25, 10:00-11:30 am

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Genetic genealogist Tracie Boyle will introduce us to genetic genealogy and its use in cold cases.

Mapping

HOW DID BRENTWOOD STREETS GET THEIR NAMES?

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.

WICKS ROAD

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

Virtual + Open to Non-residents

CODMAN STREET & STUDLEY STREET

Thursday, May 23, 6:30-7:30 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-residents

Gallery & Display

MARCH GALLERY

"The Light of Day" by Steve Caputo unveils a captivating collection of landscapes and florals, heralding the imminent arrival of spring.

APRIL GALLERY

"Moving in Silence" showcases the abstract paintings of Katrina Kuan. Whimsical, airy, and deeply inspired by nature, her artwork serves as a visual expression of the emotions within.

MAY GALLERY

"Charcoal & Pastel Art: A Detailed Perspective by Steve Walker" provides insight into the artistic evolution of this self-taught artist since his recent retirement.

MARCH DISPLAY

Our talented teens' collection of blackout poetry emphasizes the power of language, imagination, and the unique perspectives that flourish within our library community.

APRIL DISPLAY

Pete Fiust has collected both HO & O scale trains, including Looney Tunes trains, for many years. His HO scale cars show the evolution of trains over time.

MAY DISPLAY

Kalpna Mehta presents a collection of traditional Indian handcrafted art and jewelry, showcasing exquisite pieces that embody cultural richness and craftsmanship.



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Monday, May 27
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The library will be closed on Sundays starting in May.

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Visit our website, brentwoodnylibrary.org, and hover over the "Programs & Events" drop-down menu.

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.

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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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