



Brentwood Public Library

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Brentwood Public Library is proud to celebrate Black History Month! Look for the  tag throughout the newsletter to find programs and events that honor Black History.

Register for programs online through our website



brentwood.librarycalendar.com



Congratulations Xibe!

Brentwood Public Library's Assistant Director, Xibe Escalante was honored by Suffolk County Legislator Samuel Gonzalez at the 6th Annual Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration for her exceptional leadership and service to the Brentwood community.



Congratulations Ellen!

Ellen Edelstein, the Vice President of the Brentwood Public Library Board of Trustees received the Life Time Achievement Award from the Brentwood Chamber of Commerce for her dutiful service to the chamber of commerce, community volunteerism and her dedication to the education of Brentwood students.

For Everyone

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



ON YOUR OWN TRAIN TRIP TO NYC

Saturday, December 7, 9:15 am

Sign-up begins registration day at 10:00 am

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

\$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 a.m. (by ticket booth) to distribute tickets and board the train as a group. All patrons must be in the first train car. The train leaves Brentwood at 9:43am and you will arrive at Penn Station at 10:54 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.



KWANZAA: AN AFRICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL CELEBRATION

Thursday, December 26, 6:00-7:00 PM

In Person + Open to Non-Residents

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

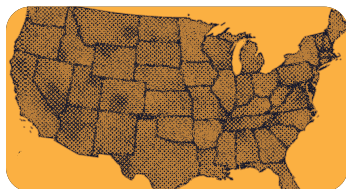


JOSEPH H. RAINEY: "FIRST IN THE HOUSE" BHM

Saturday, February 8, 2:30-3:30 pm

In Person + Open to Non-Residents

Lorna Rainey will present on the extraordinary life of her great-grandfather, Joseph H. Rainey. Congressman Rainey was born a slave in South Carolina on June 20, 1832, yet a short 38 years later, he took his seat in Congress on December 12, 1870 becoming the very first duly-elected Black Congressman.



THE AMERICAN DREAM OR THE AMERICAN NIGHTMARE: AMERICA'S LEGACY OF CONTRADICTIONS BHM

Saturday, February 15, 2:30-3:30 pm

In Person + Open to Non-Residents

Professor Andrew 'Sekou' Jackson will discuss African America's invaluable contributions to the promise of America in spite of...

Afternoon at the Movies

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



THELMA

Thursday, December 12,
2:30 pm

In Person +

Open to Non-Residents

(PG-13) 97m
Action/Comedy



A QUIET PLACE: DAY ONE

Thursday, January 16,
2:30 pm

In Person +

Open to Non-Residents

(PG-13) 99m
Science Fiction/Horror



THE FALL GUY

Thursday, January 30,
2:30 pm

In Person +

Open to Non-Residents

(PG-13) 127m
Action/Comedy



SUMMER OF SOUL

BHM

Thursday, February 13,
2:30 pm

In Person +

Open to Non-Residents

(PG-13) 118m
Documentary



TONI MORRISON: THE PIECES I AM

BHM

Thursday, February 27,
2:30 pm

In Person +

Open to Non-Residents

(PG-13) 120m
Documentary

CHILDREN (UP TO AGE 12)

December program registration begins November 16.
January program registration begins December 21.
February program registration begins January 18.



Winter Reading Challenge 2025

All ages

Saturday, January 11 - Saturday, February 22

Stop by the Children's Department to pick up your Winter Activity Challenge board!

Complete five 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 24.

HOLIDAY SCAVENGER HUNT

December 16-January 6

Complete our scavenger hunt to earn a raffle ticket and a chance to win a prize!

SUPER BOWL SCAVENGER HUNT

January 21-February 10

Complete our scavenger hunt to earn a raffle ticket and a chance to win a prize!

LIBRARY LOVE DISPLAY

February 1-28

What do you love about the library? Fill out a heart to add to our display for the month of February!

KID LIBRARIAN

Introducing our brand-new kid librarian program! Each month, a kid will be chosen to curate a display in the Children's Room featuring their favorite books, artwork, and facts about themselves. Visit the Children's Department for an application!

SPOTLIGHT



RESOURCE SPOTLIGHT: PARENTTV

ParentTV offers thousands of on-demand parenting videos and courses with content designed to support those who care for children, from pregnancy through the teenage years. Search and find videos on general parenting, play, behavior, child development, mental health, sleep, nutrition, technology and more all from experts in the field. Access this resource and more through our website with your library card.

Bright by

Text

BRIGHT BY TEXT

Bright By Text is a texting service that provides free tips, information, and resources to help all parents and caregivers give every child a bright beginning. In addition to receiving expert content from partners like PBS, Vroom, and Sesame Street, you will also receive information about local resources and opportunities based on your zip code. Text FAMILYPLACE to 274448 to sign up.



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-one-one tutoring in English and Spanish, practice tests, and a writing lab. Access Brainfuse through our website.

Family Programs

Must include an adult.



FAMILY MAKER NIGHT

Ages 5 & up with adult

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Join us as we explore different STEAM-based activities.

MEET THE ISLAND WAYFINDER

All ages with adult

Saturday, December 14, 11:00-11:45 am

In-Person

Join the Island Wayfinder for a magical morning filled with stories, sing-along fun, and special photo opportunities!



HOLIDAY CINNAMON SWIRL CHOCOLATE CHIP BREAD

Ages 3 & up with adult

Saturday, December 21, 3:00-4:00 pm

One registration per family.

In-Person

Bake holiday memories with Chef Rob as he teaches you his cinnamon swirl chocolate chip bread ready to take home and bake.



FAMILY AFTERNOON MOVIE

All ages with adult

Friday, December 27, 2:00-4:00 pm

Tuesday, February 18, 2:00-4:00 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

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



NOON YEAR'S EVE PARTY

Ages 3 & up with adult

Tuesday, December 31, 11:30 am-12:30 pm

In-Person

Celebrate Noon Year's Eve at the library! Ring in 2025 with games, crafts, and a special countdown to noon.

WINTER BINGO

Ages 3 & up with adult

Saturday, January 11, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Celebrate the start of our Winter Activity Challenge by joining us for bingo!

WINTERFEST DROP-IN CRAFTS

All ages with adult

Saturday, January 11, 12:00-4:00 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

Drop in the Children's Department between 12:00-4:00 pm to make a variety of wintry crafts, while supplies last. Make sure to sign up for our Winter Activity Challenge!



FAMILY GAME NIGHT

Ages 5 & up with adult

Wednesday, January 15, 6:30-7:30 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

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



BLACK HISTORY MONTH BUTTERFLIES BHM

Ages 5 & up with adult

Thursday, February 20, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

Celebrate Black History Month by making butterflies!

For the Very Young

Must include an adult.



BABY & ME

Ages birth-23 months

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Share stories, songs, and playtime together.

TOTS & TALES

Ages 2-5

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18, 10:30-11:30 am

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

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 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 6, 13, 20, 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

Saturday, December 7, 10:00-11:00 am

Saturdays, January 4, 18, 10:00-11:00 am

Saturdays, February 1, 15, 10:00-11:00 am

No registration required.

In-Person

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

BLOCK PARTY

Ages 2-5

Thursday, December 26, 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.

LITTLE EXPLORERS

Ages 2-5

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

In-Person

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

PARACHUTE PARTY

Ages 19 months-4 years

Friday, January 3, 10:30-11:15 am

In-Person

Enjoy storytime followed by parachute fun!

PLAY AND LEARN WORKSHOP

Ages 12-35 months

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

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 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 while you listen to childcare professionals speak about child raising.

RIBBON SNAKE CRAFT

Ages 2-5

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

In-Person

Celebrate Lunar New Year by making your very own snake craft using ribbons.

BABY PARACHUTE PARTY

Ages 6-18 months

Tuesday, January 28, 10:30-11:30 am

In-Person

Join us for some parachute fun followed by open playtime!

WINTER STORYTIME

Ages 2-5

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

In-Person

Listen to stories, sing songs, and participate in a fun winter activity!

SENSORY PLAYGROUND

Ages 19 months-5 years

Friday, January 31, 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.



VALENTINE'S DAY SURPRISE

Ages 1-5

Tuesday, February 11, 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 Valentine craft.

BABY EXPLORERS

Ages 6-18 months

Tuesday, February 25, 10:30-11:15 am

In-Person

You and your little one will explore different sensory stations that encourage learning and development.

Programs for School Age Children

These programs are for children unaccompanied by an adult.

LIBRARY BOOK SUBSCRIPTION BOX

Ages 5-12

December: *Around the World Box* –
Pick up starts December 9 and ends
December 15

January: *Winter Wonderland Box* –
Pick up starts January 6 and ends
January 12

February: *Black History Month Box* –
Pick up starts February 10 and ends
February 16 **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!

LEARN TO DRAW WITH ART TEACHER AMY

Ages 6-12

Thursday, December 12, 5:00-6:00 pm
– Snowman and deer

Wednesday, January 22, 5:00-6:00 pm
– Red panda

Wednesday, February 12, 5:00-6:00 pm
– Penguins with scarves

In-Person

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



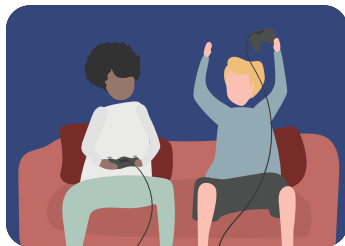
¡PREPÁRATE CON PEDRO!

Edades 5-7

Miércoles, 18 de diciembre,
6:30-7:30 pm

En persona

Una programa educativo de preparación por American Red Cross que enseña a los estudiantes cómo ESTAR PREPARADOS y ACTUAR ante incendios en el hogar o un peligro local. Los estudiantes aprenden habilidades de respuesta y reciben un libro de cuentos para compartir en casa lo que han aprendido.



AFTERNOON GAMING

Ages 5-12

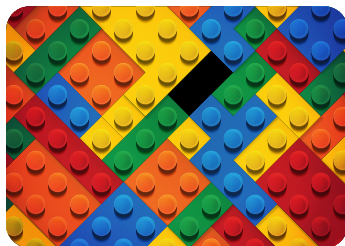
Monday, December 23, 2:00-3:00 pm

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

No registration required.

In-Person

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



LEGO LEAGUE

Ages 5-12

Thursday, January 2, 2:00-3:00 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

Drop in and enjoy building Legos with your friends.



SNOW SLIME

Ages 7-12

Friday, January 3, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

Take a piece of the winter season with you by making some snow slime!

PICASSO CAT

Ages 7-12

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

In-Person

Join Ms. Ximena and learn about Pablo Picasso! We'll paint a cat in his Cubism style.



PREPARE WITH PEDRO

Ages 5-7

Thursday, January 9, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person

An American Red Cross preparedness education program for ages 5-7, that teaches students how to BE PREPARED and TAKE ACTION for either home fires or a local hazard. Students learn coping skills and receive a storybook to share what they have learned at home.

BOOK BUDDIES

Ages 4-9

Saturday, January 11, 2:00-3:00 pm

Saturday, February 8, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

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

STORYCRAFT WITH MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

Ages 6-12

Friday, January 31, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person

Join students from Brentwood's own My Brother's Keeper and listen to Shark Scam, then decorate your own shark piggy bank to take home!



BASQUIAT T-REX **BHM**

Ages 7-12

Wednesday, February 5, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Paint an awesome T-Rex in the Basquiat style and learn about the artist.



CHOCOLATE AND STRAWBERRY SPRINKLE CUPCAKES

Ages 5-12

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

In-Person

Chef Rob will get you ready for Valentine's Day as he teaches you how to decorate chocolate strawberry sprinkle cupcakes and play fun games.



VALENTINE'S DAY FLUFFY SLIME

Ages 7-12

Thursday, February 13, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Make your own Valentine's fluffy slime!

WINTER LEGO CHALLENGE

Ages 6-12

Monday, February 17, 2:00-3:00 pm

In-Person

Put your Lego building skills to the test by completing winter-themed challenges.



PERLER BEAD PALOOZA

Ages 7-12

Wednesday, February 19, 2:00-3:30 pm

No registration required.

In-Person

Create your own pixelated art out of Perler Beads to take home!

Programs for Tweens

These programs are for children unaccompanied by an adult.

Take Home Community Service Kits: Affirmation Wall

Ages 9-12

December 2 - January 31

Take & Make + Community Service Opportunity

Help add to our affirmation wall by writing kind words for our young patrons to take with them! Earn three hours of community service for each returned kit. Kits are available for pick up at the Children's Reference Desk on a first come, first served basis, while supplies last.

Limit: 1 kit per child per month.



PODCAST CLUB

Ages 10-12

Mondays, December 2,
16, 6:00-7:00 pm

Mondays, January 13, 27,
6:00-7:00 pm

Mondays, February 10, 24,
6:00-7:00 pm

In-Person +

Community Service Opportunity

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.



PET FIRST AID

Ages 9-12

Thursday, December 5, 6:30-7:30 pm

In-Person +

Community Service Opportunity

The goal of the Pet First Aid presentations are to teach participants how to be prepared for emergencies that involve a cat or dog. This includes how to protect themselves and the animal from further harm, injury, or suffering during emergencies by teaching prompt, effective first aid actions and care.



NO-SEW POP TART PILLOW

Ages 9-12

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

In-Person

Make a cute Pop Tart pillow.

DIAMOND ART CLUB

Ages 9-12

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

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

In-Person +

Community Service Opportunity

Earn community service or take one diamond art craft home! These crafts will be given out to our patrons during outreach events.



TWEEN K-POP CLUB

Ages 9-12

Friday, December 20, 7:00-8:00 pm

Friday, January 24, 7:00-8:00 pm

Friday, February 28, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

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

ENGRAVED ACRYLIC KEYCHAINS

Ages 9-12

Monday, December 30, 2:00-3:30 pm

In-Person

Join Ms. Jenn and learn how to design your own personalized acrylic keychain using our Cricut.

TWEEN TOY PARAMEDIC

Ages 10-12

Saturday, January 4,

11:30 am-12:30 pm

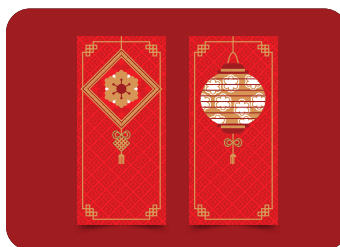
Saturday, February 1,

11:30 am-12:30 pm

In-Person +

Community Service Opportunity

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



CHINESE NEW YEAR BOOKMARKS

Ages 9-12

Friday, January 10, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person +

Community Service Opportunity

Celebrate Chinese New Year by making good luck bookmarks for patrons.



TWEEN PAINT NIGHT

Ages 9-12

Thursday, January 16, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Spend the evening painting on canvas.



HANDS ONLY CPR

Ages 9-12

Thursday, February 6, 6:30-7:30 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 an infant or child who has suffered sudden cardiac arrest.

SAFETY TRIVIA

Ages 9-12

Wednesday, February 26, 6:30-7:30 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.



MILDRED THOMPSON PAINTING **BHM**

Ages 9-12

Thursday, February 27, 7:00-8:00 pm

In-Person

Create a painting inspired by artist Mildred Thompson.

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 a kit. Kits are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

December

MINI AXOLOTL FIGURE KIT
December 2

GINGY SHREK ORNAMENTS
December 9

RECYCLED MANGA JARS
December 16



February

VALENTINE'S DAY LETTER KIT
February 3

SONIC 3D DIORAMA
February 10

MINI MARBLE SNAILS
February 24



January

POWERPUFF GIRLS CROSS-STITCH CHARMS
January 6

MINI VENUS FLY TRAPS
January 13

POLYMER CLAY BALLOON DOGS
January 27



SPOTLIGHT



TEEN GIVING TREE

Monday, December 2-Friday, January 3

This December in the teen room, we will host our First Annual Giving Tree! This special tree will feature a collection of handmade items created by our teens during community service programs, all of which will be donated to families in the Brentwood community.

WINTER COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB

Friday, January 17-Friday, February 21

Join our Winter Community Service Club to earn up to 10 hours of community service and enter a raffle of your choice! Help create mosaic-style murals for a library display by coloring in squares. Each square colored earns you 1 hour of service and an entry into the raffle. Raffle prizes will be showcased in the Teen Room starting January 17!

EMPANADA EXTRAVAGANZA: WINTER COMMUNITY SERVICE CLUB KICKOFF

Friday, January 17, 3:00-4:30 pm

Celebrate the kickoff of our Teen Winter Community Service Club as we sample and rate empanadas from around the globe! Don't miss the chance to indulge in delicious flavors and participate in our exciting raffle for an empanada-themed prize basket.

Community Service

WINTER ORNAMENT HELPERS

Friday, December 6, 3:00-4:30 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Use acrylic paint and vinyl stickers to decorate an ornament for our Giving Tree!

TEEN TALK AND THRIVE CLUB WITH BRIDGES

Tuesdays, December 10, January 14 & February 11, 3:30-4:30 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Learn how to understand and manage your emotions through self-awareness and cultural influences. Explore the power of "I" statements and empower yourself with support and compassion in a fun and engaging environment aimed at personal growth and interpersonal skill development. Snacks will be provided!



TRUE CRIME CLUB & CELIA'S SAFETY CHECK

Wednesdays, December 11,
January 22 & February 26,
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.

CAT TOYS FOR THE ANIMAL SHELTER

Wednesday, December 18, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Help the library make cat toys that will be donated to the Islip Animal Shelter!

WINTER BEADED BOOKMARKS

Saturday, December 28, 12:00-2:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Use wintry beads and elastic string to make bookmarks for our outreach events.

HANDS ONLY CPR

Wednesday, January 8, 3:00-5:00 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.



DIAMOND ART FEATHER BOOKMARKS

Saturday, January 11, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Help us make bookmarks that will be distributed to patrons at our outreach events.



CHINESE NEW YEAR WINDOW CHARMS

Friday, January 17, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Celebrate the Chinese New Year by making window charms to decorate the Teen Room!

BLACK HISTORY MONTH BRACELETS BHM

Thursday, January 23, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Help us make pony bead bracelets for our Black History Month display in the Teen Room.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH MURAL VOLUNTEERS BHM

Wednesday, January 29, 2:00-4:00 pm

**In-Person +
Community Service Opportunity**

Use vinyl records to create a beautiful collaborative mural for the Teen Room!

P.S. I LOVE YOU HELPERS

Monday, February 3, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Paint wooden heart keychains that will be given out for P.S. I Love You Day!

ENGRAVING ACRYLIC BOOKMARKS

Saturday, February 8, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Learn how to create and engrave personalized acrylic bookmarks using the Cricut. These bookmarks will be distributed to our patrons at outreach events.

STOP THE BLEED

Wednesday, February 12, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Uncontrolled bleeding is the number one cause of preventable death from trauma. You can help save a life and increase the chances of surviving an injury by knowing how to stop bleeding if someone, including yourself, is injured. Training certification will be issued.



CROCHETING FOR CATS

Tuesday, February 18, 2:00-5:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Learn how to crochet a simple cat toy that will be donated to the Islip Animal Shelter.



KINDNESS STONES

Thursday, February 20, 2:00-5:00 pm

In-Person + Community Service Opportunity

Use acrylic paint pens to decorate flat stones for our Teen Garden!

Crafts & Activities

COFFEE AND COLORING

Mondays, December 2, January 6 & February 3, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Color, enjoy a refreshing beverage, and relax with friends!

TEEN TUESDAYS

Tuesdays, 3:00-4:30 pm
December 3 & 17
January 7 & 28
February 4 & 25
In-Person

Come chill with your friends, play games, maybe challenge each other to a round of ping pong or foosball, or simply kick back and unwind.



GINGERBREAD HOUSE ORNAMENTS

Wednesday, December 4, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Use paint to turn mini-clay pots into a cute gingerbread house ornament!

PODCAST

Thursdays, 3:30-4:30 pm
December 5 & 12
January 9 & 16
February 6 & 13
In-Person

Join our Average Brentwood Teens Podcast planning and recording sessions!

CHESS CLUB AND COOKIES

Saturdays, December 7, January 18 & February 22, 12:00-2:00 pm
In-Person

Come hang out with us for a weekend of friendly competition and snacks! All experience levels welcome!

SANRIO HOLIDAY STOCKINGS

Monday, December 9, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Celebrate the holiday season by making Sanrio inspired stockings!

HOLIDAY OPEN MIC AND HOT CHOCOLATE

Friday, December 13, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Get ready to spice up your evening with an open mic night featuring the one and only Mr. Po! Whether you've got rap skills, a way with words in poetry, or a knack for delivering side-splitting comedy skits, this is your chance to shine on stage!

KPOP CLUB

Mondays, December 16, January 27 & February 24, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

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



HOLIDAY TREE WAFFLES AND TRIVIA

Wednesday, December 18, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Enjoy some green colored waffles while participating in fun holiday trivia!

3D PRINTED GNOME HEAD

Thursday, December 19, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Paint a 3D printed gnome figure while enjoying some yummy candy canes!

MYSTERY MOVIE & PIZZA

Fridays, 3:00-5:00 pm
December 20, January 31 & February 28
In-Person

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

HOLIDAY BREAK CRAFTING AND TREATS

Mondays, December 23 & December 30, 1:00-8:00pm
Thursdays, December 26 & January 2, 1:00-8:00pm
Fridays, December 27 & January 3, 1:00-8:00pm
In-Person

Stop by the Teen Room during your holiday break and enjoy some light crafting and snacks!

TRADITIONAL DANCING WITH MR. PO

Friday, January 10, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Get ready to groove and bust a move with Mr. Po as he shares the secrets of traditional dances that will elevate your dance game at big events like weddings and birthdays!

WINTER SNOW CANVAS PAINTING

Monday, January 13, 3:00-4:30 pm
In-Person

Spend the afternoon painting a snowy scene on canvas. Snacks included!

UNO TOURNAMENT

Wednesday, January 15, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Come prepared with your best Uno strategies, but watch out for those sneaky Draw 4s - they might just reverse your luck! There will be food, fun, and prizes for the winners!



3D PRINTED HELLO KITTY KEYCHAIN

Thursday, January 30, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Paint your own Hello Kitty keychain made by our 3D printer.

VALENTINE'S DAY DIAMOND PAINT KEYCHAINS

Wednesday, February 5, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Diamond paint a heart-shaped keychain for your special Valentine!



VALENSLIME

Friday, February 7, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Mix up some heart-filled gooey goodness with Valentine's-themed slime to give to your crush!



VIRTUAL PET KEYCHAINS

Monday, February 10, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Decorate a Tamagotchi-inspired keychain that you can attach to your backpack!

POP CULTURE JEOPARDY

Wednesday, February 12, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Test your knowledge of pop culture and compete against your friends. Snacks and prizes will be provided!

VALENTINE'S DAY KARAOKE & CUPCAKES

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

Love and broken heart themed songs only! Join Miss Rhiannon and Mr. Po for some Valentine's Day cupcakes while singing your heart out with your friends!



KAWAII CAKE JEWELRY BOXES

Thursday, February 27, 3:00-5:00 pm
In-Person

Decorate a jewelry box that could be mistaken for a tasty cake!

Career & Business



TEST PROCTORING SERVICES

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

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



HOW TO START A BUSINESS ON A SMALL BUDGET

Tuesday, January 14, 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, Subchapter S, LLC, keeping financial records, insurance, and business plan essentials.



ESSENTIALS OF FUNDING A BUSINESS

Tuesday, January 28, 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.



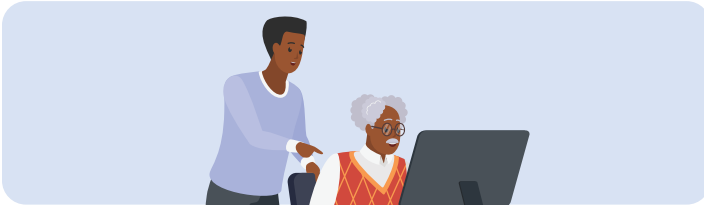
BUILD YOUR BUSINESS WITH SOCIAL MEDIA

Tuesday, February 11, 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 your content is working.

Professional & Personal Development



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.

CAREER AND LEARNING SPARK: MAXIMIZE LIBRARY RESOURCES IN NO TIME

Monday-Friday (Available sessions from 2:00 to 4:00 pm)

Walk-ins / 15-minute sessions

In-Person

Stop by our Career and Learning Center to explore our most popular online resources. One of our bilingual librarians will walk you through each step, from signing up to navigating the resource. Whether learning a new language, meeting with a career or college counselor, taking a vocational course, or preparing for a test, you will find a tool to expand your skills and empower your journey. Must be a Brentwood library cardholder, have a valid email address, and basic computer skills.

IMPULSO PROFESIONAL Y DE APRENDIZAJE: MAXIMIZA LOS RECURSOS DE LA BIBLIOTECA EN POCO TIEMPO

Lunes a viernes (Sesiones disponibles de 2:00 a 4:00 pm)

Atención sin cita previa / Sesiones de 15 minutos

En persona

Visite nuestro Centro de Carrera y Aprendizaje para explorar nuestros recursos en línea más populares. Una de nuestras bibliotecarias bilingües le guiará en cada paso, desde como registrarse hasta navegar el recurso. Ya sea que esté aprendiendo un nuevo idioma, buscando guía de un consejero de carrera o universidad, tomando un curso vocacional o preparándose para un examen, encontrará una herramienta para expandir sus habilidades y potenciar su camino. Debe tener una tarjeta de la biblioteca de Brentwood, tener correo electrónico válido y conocimientos básicos de computación.



INTRODUCCIÓN A MICROSOFT WORD

Lunes, 2, 9, 16 de diciembre, 6:30-8:30 pm

En persona + Abierto a no residentes

¡Únase a nuestra clase básica de Microsoft Word de 3 sesiones! Los estudiantes aprenderán a crear documentos desde cero o usando plantillas. Domine las herramientas esenciales como copiar, cortar, pegar, insertar tablas y fotos, establecer el idioma, compartir y más. ¡Regístrese y mejore sus habilidades en Microsoft Word!



SETTING AND ACHIEVING PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL GOALS

Tuesday, January 7, 7:30-8:15 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Explore methods for setting clear objectives and creating goals that are specific, measurable, achievable, and time-bound. Additionally, examine strategies for aligning personal goals with organizational objectives.

EMBRACING CHANGE AND FOSTERING INNOVATION

Tuesday, February 4, 7:30-8:15 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Understand the importance of embracing change in today's world. Learn tools and techniques to manage change effectively in your daily work. We'll also tackle common challenges and provide tips to help you overcome resistance to change.

DECODING DISC: STRATEGIES FOR BETTER COLLABORATION

Thursday, February 6, 7:00-8:00 pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Discover the power of the DISC assessment in this interactive workshop designed to help you understand your unique communication style and how it influences your interactions with others. Learn to identify your DISC profile and the profiles of those around you, enabling you to adapt your approach for more effective teamwork, leadership, and conflict resolution.



INTRODUCCIÓN A MICROSOFT EXCEL

Lunes, 6, 13, 27 de enero, 6:30-8:30 pm

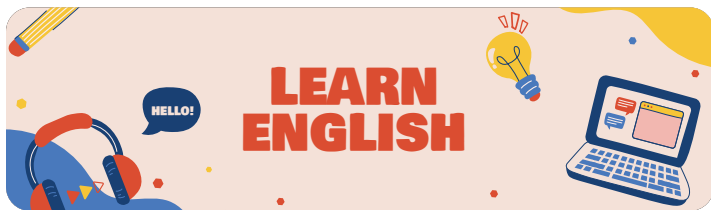
En persona + Abierto a no residentes

¡Únase a nuestra clase básica de Microsoft Excel de 3 sesiones! Los estudiantes aprenderán la interfaz de Excel, crear y editar tablas, aplicar formatos, compartir y más. ¡Inscríbese y empiece a dominar las herramientas esenciales de Excel!

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND UP)

December program registration begins November 16.
January program registration begins December 21.
February program registration begins January 18.

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, extension 133.

APRENDE INGLÉS COMO SEGUNDO IDIOMA

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, extensión. 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

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

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.

IMPROVE YOUR ENGLISH WRITING SKILLS FOR WORK

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 28, 6:00-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

We invite you to join our 3-week workshop designed for non-native English speakers at the intermediate level and higher. We will learn to write business emails and letters, write short essays on different subjects, and write cover letters for job applications. We will do in-class exercises to help you improve your writing skills.

GRASP (GED) WORKSHOP & ASSESSMENT

Thursday, February 27, 5:00-8:45 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

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.



READING CLUB FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS

Saturdays, December 14, January 11 & February 8, 11:00 am-12:30 pm

In-Person + Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

English language learners at the intermediate level and higher are invited to join this group. We will read and discuss contemporary short stories and current articles to help expand your reading comprehension and practice your conversation skills. When registered, you will receive an email with the reading or you can stop in at the Learning Center to pick up your copy.

CITIZENSHIP PREPARATION CLASS

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 & February 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

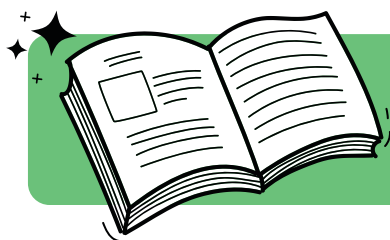
Adults preparing to take the U.S. Citizenship Test are invited to join our weekly classes. This series will focus on the civics questions and the USCIS writing and reading vocabulary. The last session will be a workshop to practice citizenship interview questions based on the N-400 form.

SPANISH FOR BEGINNERS

Thursdays, January 23, 30 & February 6, 13, 20, 27, 5:00-6:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

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



¡Únase a nuestro Club de Lectura en español! Sumérjase en debates interesantes sobre la literatura en español con otros amantes de los libros. Para más detalles, consulte la página 18.

General Programs



ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Monday, December 2, 6:30-7:30 pm
In Person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn about the practice of regularly expressing appreciation for all aspects of life, big and small, as well as strategies that can help you feel happier.



BEGINNERS' GUIDE TO INVESTING

Thursday, January 16, 6:00-7:30 pm
Virtual + Library Cardholders Only

Join us on Zoom to learn how to use the Weiss Financial Ratings website (free with your Brentwood Public Library card) to help you invest wisely.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS

Thursday, January 9, 6:30-7:30 pm
In Person + Open to Non-Residents

January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month. Join Suffolk County Community College to learn how we can help raise awareness within our communities and what we can do to help support survivors.



TAKE BACK THE NIGHT INFORMATION SESSION

Monday, February 10, 6:30-7:30 pm
In Person + Open to Non-Residents

Suffolk County Community College is holding their 7th annual Take Back the Night event on April 10, 2025. Come learn about the origins of this march to end domestic violence.

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

Saturdays, December 7, January 4 & February 1 *Arrive by 9:15 am
In Person + Open to Non-Residents

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. **Fee of \$33 in cash, check, or money order payable to the Empire Safety Council is due on the day of class.**

MANEJO DEFENSIVO

Sábados, 21 de diciembre, 25 de enero, 8 de febrero, 9:30 am-3:30 pm
*Debe llegar a las 9:15 am
En persona + Abierto a no residentes

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. **Paga \$35 en efectivo, cheque, o giro postal al Empire Safety Council el día de clase.**

5 HOUR PRE-LICENSING COURSE

Fridays, December 13, January 3 & February 7, 3:30-8:30 pm *Arrive by 3:15
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

Viernes, 27 de diciembre, 17 de enero, 21 de febrero, 3:30-8:30 pm
*Debe llegar a las 3:15 pm
En persona + Abierto 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.**

Cooking Classes

DECORATE SUGAR COOKIES WITH FANNY CAKES

Tuesday, December 17, 7:00-8:00 pm
In-Person + Open to Non-Residents (one week after registration date)

Create your own sugary creations with this interactive class.

PASTA MAKING: BOWTIES (FARFALLE)

Saturday, January 4, 12:00-2:00 pm
In-person + Open to Non-Residents (one week after registration date)

Learn how to make authentic Italian pasta by hand! **Please bring a large mixing bowl and cutting board to class.**



COOKING WITH CHEF ROB: JAMBALAYA SOUP

Friday, February 28, 1:00-2:30 pm
In-person + Open to Non-Residents (one week after registration date)

Prepared with shrimp, chicken, and andouille sausage with a side of honey buttermilk cornbread. **Please bring a large soup mug to class.**

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND UP)

December program registration begins November 16.
January program registration begins December 21.
February program registration begins January 18.

Crafts

ACRYLIC ORNAMENT PAINTING

Thursday, December 5, 3:00-4:00 pm

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

Show off your painting skills and create beautiful acrylic ornaments.

WINTER DIORAMA ORNAMENTS

Wednesday, December 11, 7:00-8:00 pm

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

Join us for a delightful workshop where we'll transform ordinary ornaments into enchanting winter dioramas.



HOOK & NEEDLE: BEGINNER'S CROCHET

Monday, January 6, 13, 2:00-4:00 pm

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

New to crocheting? Join Joanne to learn the basics! Please bring a skein of yarn and a G or H hook needle.

DECOUPAGE SEASHELL TRINKET TRAYS

Thursday, January 23, 7:00-8:00 pm

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

Join the Whaling Museum & Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor to create seashell trays to store your small items.

BORDANDO CORAZONES EN FIELTRO

Miércoles, 5 de febrero, 6:30-8:30 pm

En persona + abierto a no residentes (una semana después de registración)

Si bien es cierto que todos tenemos uno que otro amigo, existen ocasiones especiales para compartir detalles que nos permiten vivir en armonía con la sociedad y cuan valioso es personalizarlo con sus manos y su creatividad, utilizando material textil exclusivo obtenido de la corteza interior de la planta.

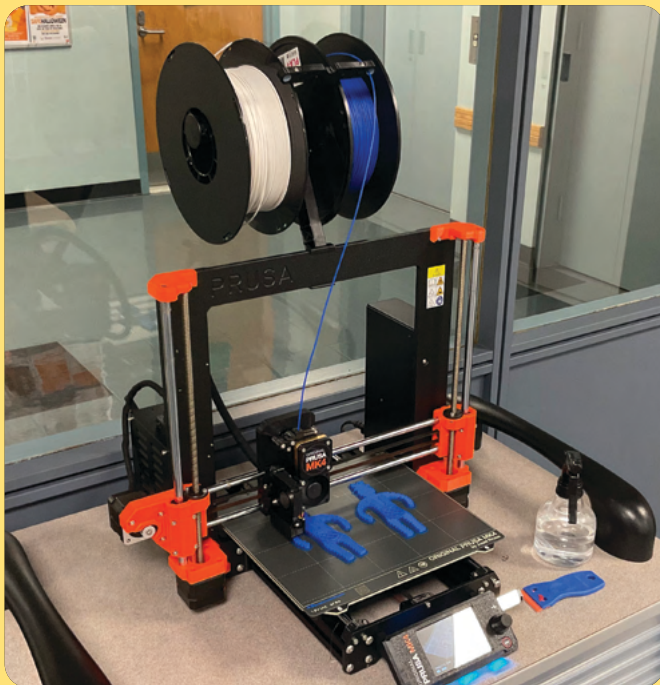


ART IN THE STYLE OF BLACK ARTISTS BHM

Tuesday, February 18, 2:00-3:00 pm

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

Celebrate Black History Month by creating art in the style of famous black artists!

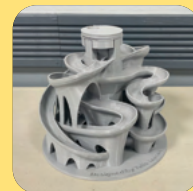


INSIDE THE MAKERSPACE: 3D PRINTING

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



Computer Tutorials

COMPUTER KINDERGARTEN

Thursday, December 12, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

This is a slow-paced, user-friendly class for first-time computer users. Using Windows computers, this unique class 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

COMPUTACIÓN DE KINDERGATEN

Lunes, 16 de diciembre, 6:30-8:30 pm

En persona + Abierto a no residentes

Esta es una clase de ritmo lento y fácil cubre los conceptos básicos de una manera que incluso el usuario más inexperto entenderá. Cubriremos como encender la computadora, usar el escritorio, trabajar con el ratón, abrir y cerrar programas, entender los elementos de Windows, solucionar problemas y como apagar la computadora.

Prerequisites: Ninguno

COMPUTER 1ST GRADE

Tuesday, January 7, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

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

Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten

COMPUTACIÓN DE 1º GRADO

Martes, 14 de enero, 6:30-8:30 pm

En persona + Abierto a no residentes

En esta clase, aprenderá cómo trabajar con el programa procesador de textos MS Word, utilizando habilidades básicas que incluye agregar, mover o borrar texto, cómo guardar un archivo y entender métodos abreviados de teclado de MS Word.

Prerequisites: Computación de Kindergarten

COMPUTER 2ND GRADE

Tuesday February 4, 6:30-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

This hands-on class covers working with graphics in MS Word, using Windows drawing and painting tools, and using copy and cut and paste features.

Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and Computer 1st Grade

COMPUTACIÓN DE 2º GRADO

Martes, 18 de febrero, 6:30-8:30 pm

En persona + Abierto a no residentes

Esta clase práctica abarca las funciones copiar, cortar y pegar, trabajar con gráficos, el uso de herramientas de dibujo y pintura, y mucho más.

Prerequisites: Computación de Kindergarten y Computación de 1º Grado

Health & Wellness

CHAIR YOGA

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18,
January 8, 15, 22, 29
& February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2:00-3:00 pm

**In Person + 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.



COFFEE WITH A LIBRARIAN

Thursdays, December 12, January 9
& February 13, 1:00-3:00 pm

**In-person + Virtual +
Open to Non-Residents**

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

DIAGNOSED WITH DIABETES, NOW WHAT?

Wednesday, December 11,
1:00-2:00 pm

In-person + Open to Non-Residents

This class covers basics that you need to know if you or a loved one are diagnosed with diabetes. Learn self-management skills including meal planning, self-testing blood glucose levels, working with providers, and stress management.



KARATE FOR BEGINNERS

Wednesdays, January 8, 22, 29,
6:30-7:30 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.



HANDS-ONLY CPR

Monday, January 13, 1:00-3:00 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.

CPR-AED-FIRST AID CERTIFICATION

Saturdays, January 18 & February 22

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.**



SELF-MEASURED BLOOD PRESSURE MONITORING (FOR AMERICAN HEART MONTH)

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

In person + Open to Non-Residents

Learn why it's important to know your numbers and measure your blood pressure at home, and how your diet may improve them.

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND UP)

December program registration begins November 16.
January program registration begins December 21.
February program registration begins January 18.

Community Assistance

SNAP ASSISTANCE

Every Tuesday, 10:00am-3:00pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

A bilingual (English-Spanish) representative from Health and Welfare Council of Long Island will help you find out if you qualify for SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) and provide personalized assistance in completing your application.

Un representante bilingüe (inglés-español) del Consejo de Salud y Bienestar de Long Island le ayudará a determinar si califica para SNAP (Programa de Asistencia Nutricional Suplementaria) y le brindará asistencia personalizada para completar su solicitud.

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-4:30 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.

HWCLI MEDICARE AND MEDICAID HELP

Fridays, December 6, 20, January 3, 17 & February 7, 21, 10:00 am-4:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

The Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified Healthcare Facilitated Enrollers can help you apply for Community Medicaid, Medicaid Supplement A application, and Medicare Savings program through Department of Social Services.

SBU MEDICINE'S HEALTHY LIBRARIES

Tuesdays, February 4, 18 & March 4, 25, 2:00-4:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

The Healthy Libraries Program consists of students who are currently training in the fields of social work, public health, library science, and nursing, who are available at the library to provide blood pressure screenings, medication management, answer questions and provide reliable health information on a wide variety of health topics such as heart disease, diabetes etc. Students are also available to direct patrons to community resources, help fill out paperwork for social services, find housing, and assist with finding a healthcare provider and scheduling appointments.

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

Wednesdays, December 11, January 8 & February 12, 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.

FIRST TIME HOME BUYERS

Tuesday, January 28, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Looking to buy your first home? Join us for HousingHelp's presentation that will empower you with the knowledge and tools to make confident decisions.



FAMILY CENTER SERVICES

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

We have partnered with the Family Service League to offer our patrons one-on-one assistance. Our bilingual social workers/case managers are available by appointment to provide short-term counseling, as well as, assist in applying for benefits and provide referrals concerning for: health and social services, utility assistance, housing, care coordination, mental health services, and more. Family Center services are free and confidential. For more information, call 631-273-7883, extension 132.

En colaboración con Family Service League ofrecemos a nuestros clientes asistencia personalizada. Nuestras trabajadoras sociales/administradoras de casos (bilingües) están disponibles con cita previa para brindar asesoramiento a corto plazo, así como para ayudar a solicitar beneficios y brindar referencias relacionadas con: servicios sociales y de salud, asistencia con servicios públicos, vivienda, coordinación de atención, servicios de salud mental y más. Los servicios del Centro Familiar son gratuitos y confidenciales. Para más información llame al 631-273-7883, extensión 132.



VITA TAX ASSISTANCE

Sundays, February 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & April 6, 13, 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. All completed tax forms need to be picked up on or before Sunday, April 27.

AARP TAX ASSISTANCE

Saturdays, February 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & April 5, 12, 10:00 am-1:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-residents, Appointment Only

AARP Foundation Tax-Aide provides tax assistance to anyone, free of charge, with a focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and have low to moderate income. Patrons must sign up for an appointment. 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. Both spouses must be present if filing as "Married, Filing Jointly"

INTRODUCING CDLI (COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT LONG ISLAND)

Thursday, February 20, 6:30-8:00 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Join us for a presentation about CDLI's Financial Fitness, Health & Wealth Program, where you'll learn how this course can help you set and reach long-term financial goals.

Fandoms

Must be 18 or older to attend.

TRUE CRIME CLUB

Wednesday, December 18, January 29 & February 26, 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!

BOARD GAME OPEN PLAY

Saturdays, December 7, 14, 21, 28, January 4, 18, 25 & February 1, 8, 15, 22, 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.



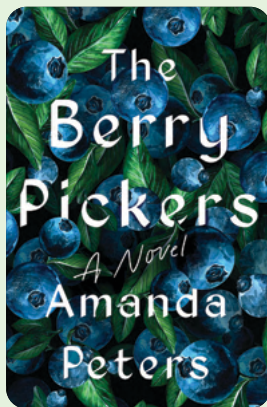
ANIME NIGHT FOR ADULTS

Mondays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24, 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 camaraderie.

Book Clubs



THE BERRY PICKERS, BY AMANDA PETERS

Thursday, December 5, 7:00-8:30 pm

In-Person + Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Explore loss, grief, hope, and family love in the story of this Indigenous Mi'kmaq family whose daughter went missing in 1962.

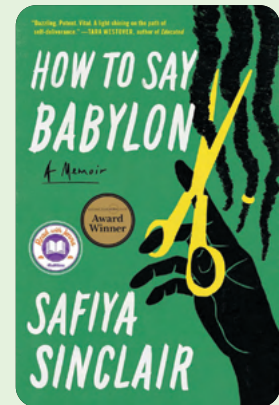


THE HUSBANDS, BY HOLLY GRAMAZIO

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

In-Person + Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

What if you could order a new husband when you no longer wanted the one you have?



HOW TO SAY BABYLON, BY SAFIYA SINCLAIR

Thursday, February 6, 7:00-8:30 pm

In-Person + Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

The poet Safiya Sinclair's harrowing memoir of growing up in Jamaica under strict rules.

Spanish Book Club / Charla de libros



CORAZÓN TAN BLANCO POR JAVIER MARIAS

Sábado, 25 de enero, 1:30-3:00 pm

En persona

Corazón tan blanco es una extraordinaria novela sobre los secretos y las sospechas que, poco a poco, van tiñendo los corazones "blancos" hasta que dejan de serlo. Pocos meses después de su viaje de novios, Juan descubre que Teresa, la primera mujer de su padre, se quitó la vida al regreso de su propia luna de miel. Sólo una persona conoce el porqué y ha guardado durante años ese oscuro secreto. A partir de ese momento, el narrador sentirá un creciente malestar un "presentimiento de desastre" respecto a su recién inaugurado matrimonio e intuirá que la explicación tal vez esté en el pasado y por tanto en su propio origen.

ADULTS (AGES 18 AND UP)

December program registration begins November 16.
January program registration begins December 21.
February program registration begins January 18.

Nature & Gardening



NATURE READS

Tuesday, January 14, 7:00-8:00pm

Virtual + Open to Non-Residents

Join Librarian Rosa to discuss books related to nature.

SEED LIBRARY SOFT LAUNCH

Thursday, February 20, 3:00-4:00pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Get a sneak peek at the seeds in our 2025 seed library, and pre-order your selection before our grand opening in March.

FALCONRY ON LONG ISLAND

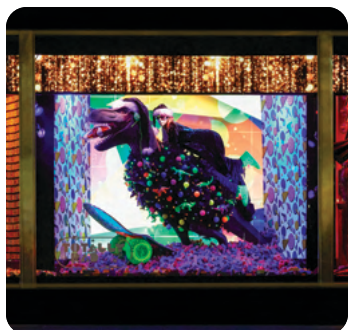
Thursday, February 27, 7:00-8:30 pm

In-Person + Open to Non-Residents

Come meet Chris Paparo and his red-tailed hawk, Emmy, to discuss raptors' instincts, how they are trained, and what it took for him to become a falconer.



Gallery & Display



DECEMBER GALLERY

Alex Romero explores the building blocks of creating a form through the play of shape and color. With a background in window display from Bloomingdale's 59th Street, her sight in space and visuals play an influence on the movement in her work. Honored in 2023 for her T-Rex inspired Christmas tree design concept for the holiday windows she was picked as VMSD (Visual Merchandising and Store Design) Designer Dozen award.

DECEMBER DISPLAY

Rhiannon Fiust has been collecting Nutcrackers for 23 years. She has some traditional and some that are more pop culture based.

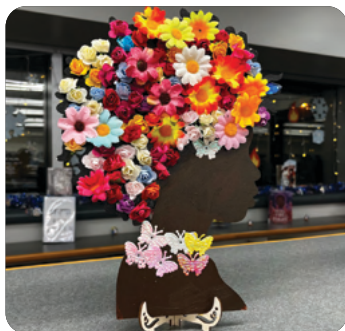


JANUARY GALLERY

Maria Bazilevskaya is an inspiring illustrator entering her third year at the Fashion Institute of Technology. The themes behind her work revolve around her night dreams, Russian-American culture, and her interest in clowns.

JANUARY DISPLAY

Lady Combs will display her unique crochet animals and personalized projects.



FEBRUARY GALLERY

Saulman Addison will display his photographs which incorporate different styles of photography.

FEBRUARY DISPLAY **BHM**

This February, our teen artists will be showcasing their talent and creativity in honor of Black History Month. We will be displaying beautiful flower silhouettes, made in collaboration with our Makerspace Department, neon acrylic artwork inspired by the artist Derrick Adams and watercolor artwork inspired by Lorna Simpson!



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Sunday, Dec 22 Closed	Tuesday, Dec 31 Open 9 am-5 pm	Monday, Feb 17 Open 9 am-5 pm
Tuesday, Dec 24 Closed	Wednesday, Jan 1 Closed	

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

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