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Back to School, Back to Reading!

Greetings!

September at the library means several things: the return of weekly programs for children, the leaves on our maple out back start turning red, and it is Library Card Sign Up month.

A library card is the best back-to-school item a child can own. Any Bethlehem child over six years old can get a card when they come in with a parent or guardian. If an adult lives, works, or owns property in Bethlehem, they too are eligible. This year, we are in a friendly competition with other libraries to get the most new cardholders. From now until September 30th, if you are a new cardholder, or a patron who updates their expired card, you have a chance to win a sweet prize - maple syrup and Qwerkz fudge! Tell your friends and neighbors they need a library card!

Keep reading and learn about our newest programs. September is a good time for adults to learn something new too. Hope to see you soon!

Have a good day,

Laura

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P.S. The library will be closed Monday, September 1st for Labor Day.

We're Moving!

Not physically, but we have a new online home. The library received a grant from Overwatch Foundation to move our website to a more secure dot gov domain.

You can now visit us at <https://www.bethlehemNHlibrary.gov>!

Our emails also have changed to the new domain.

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Programs at a Glance

(Details below)



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	LIBRARY CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY 1	2	Meeting: Friends of BPL 5:30pm 3	4	Let's Talk 10:15am 5	Not your Grandma's Book Club 11am 6
7	Meeting: Library Trustees 7pm 8	Preschool Story Time 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm 9	10	Arts & Crafts 2:45pm 11	Let's Talk 10:15am Simple Living: Food 11:30am 12	13
14	Lego Club 2:45pm 15	Preschool Story Time 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm 16	Readers Cafe 1:30pm 17	Arts & Crafts 2:45pm 18	Let's Talk 10:15am 19	Readers Cafe 9am 20
21	Lego Club 2:45pm Death Cafe 5:30pm 22	Preschool Story Time 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm 23	Trivia 6pm 24	Arts & Crafts 2:45pm Family Archives 6pm 25	Let's Talk 10:15am 26	Indoor Play Party 11am 27
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Programs for Kids



Every Week!

Mondays 2:45-3:45pm Lego Club (starts 9/15)

Tuesdays 11-11:30am Preschool Story Time (starts 9/9)

- 9/9 Let's Play School
- 9/16 Play-Doh Day
- 9/23 Fall & Apples
- 9/30 Cats

Thursdays 2:45-3:45pm Arts & Crafts Club (starts 9/11)

Indoor Play Party

Saturday, September 27th 11am-12:30pm

Looking for a fun way to connect with other families while your little one learns and plays? Join us for a special indoor playdate designed just for toddlers and preschoolers!



What to expect:

- A variety of age-appropriate toys & hands-on activities that support growth and development
- Lively kids' music to keep the energy joyful
- A chance for little ones to practice early social skills and make new friends
- Meet local parents and build community connections

It's the perfect mix of play, learning, and friendship in a safe and welcoming space.

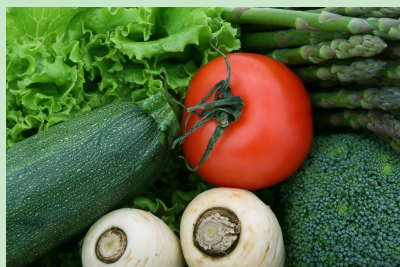
Programs for Adults



Creating a Family Archive

Thursday, September 25th 6pm

Rhonda Chadwick, author and trained archivist, will teach you how to create your own family archive for future generations. Attendees will learn the basics of archival principles, digital preservation, storytelling and how to create a legacy using pictures, documents, and artifacts. This discussion is rooted in the idea that our lives matter and that we are all someone else's ancestor.



What's Cookin'?
Friday, September 12th
11:30am



Death Cafe
Monday, September 22nd
5:30pm



Trivia Night
Wednesday, September 24th
6pm

Harvest season is here! We'll discuss ways to use and preserve the bounty. Bring your ideas to share.

Part of our Simple Living program series.

Gather to eat cake, drink tea, and discuss death. There is no agenda, objective or theme. This is a discussion group rather than a grief support or counseling session.

NEW NIGHT!

Join in the fun of our monthly trivia program. Bring a team or come alone for some friendly competition. All ages welcome!



Every Week!

Tuesdays 12:30-2:30pm Mah Jongg
All skill levels welcome

Fridays 10:15-11:15am Let's Talk
A thoughtful, safe, and open discussion. Coffee included!

- 9/5 Preparedness
- 9/12 Courtesy
- 9/19 Changing History
- 9/26 Books to Movies

Let's Talk About Books!

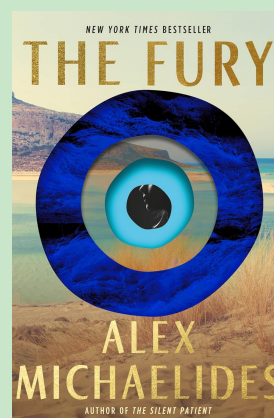


Not your Grandma's Book Club

Saturday, September 6th 11am

NEW PROGRAM

A no stress, no required read book club!
Dying to talk about a book you read?
Tell us about it.
Come away with recommendations for your next favorite book.
Perfect for time-crunched book lovers!



Readers Cafe Book Club

Wednesday, September 17th 1:30pm

AND Saturday, September 19th 9am

Same Book - Two Convenient Times!

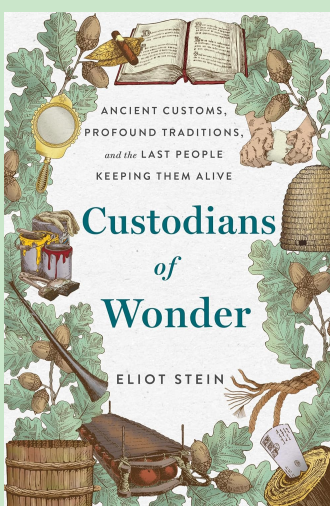
September's book is *The Fury* — a masterfully paced thriller about a reclusive ex-movie star and her famous friends whose spontaneous trip to a private Greek island is upended by a murder — from the #1 New York Times bestselling author of *The Silent Patient*

With every book, you go back to school. You become a student. You become an investigative reporter. You spend a little time learning what it's like to live in someone else's shoes.

John Irving

New Releases!

Click on cover for more information , or to reserve



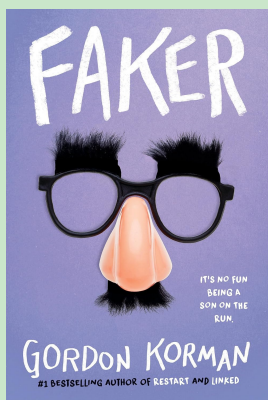
A vivid look at 10 astonishing people who are maintaining some of the world's oldest and rarest cultural traditions.



Is runaway bride Sybil Rain ready to heal from her three past engagements and make room in her heart for a fourth and final chance at love?



An anthology featuring unforgettable, all-new stories set during and after (and some perhaps long after) the events of *The Stand*.



The story of a family of liars... and the son who wants to break the family tradition. But how do you get your family to stop lying when your lives depend on it?



A full-color illustrated story about a lion cub and a girl who must open a portal for the spirits, based on Chinese folklore.



A new graphic novel series about a middle school Dungeons & Dragons club

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