

**Programs, events,
and services at
Clark Memorial
Library**

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Open - Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10 – 8 pm; Fri, 2-6 pm; Sat, 10-4 pm. **Closed** - Sun and Mon. Always open online at www.bethanylibrary.org.

Please note that we will be closed between 3:15 – 5:15 on Weds, Sept 11.

What's in your wallet?

September is national library card month. All Bethany residents, regardless of age, may get a library card by completing our Clark Memorial Library Card application, available at the library or online, www.bethanylibrary.org. You will need to download and print the library card application. Bring the completed one into the library to receive your card. Library cards are free and you may use it anywhere in Connecticut!

How a library card changes your life: Saves you money because you can borrow a ton of things for free – books, music, games, movies, jigsaw puzzles; use the library in your pajamas – our digital branch offers a free streaming service of movies, music, television shows, and e-books/audio books, a self-publishing platform, and over 200 magazines you can borrow; get things from other libraries without leaving Bethany – simply place a hold on a desired item through our catalog; further your research – your library card accesses incredible databases of all sorts of information, including genealogy assistance; help us get more funding – library card registrations show funders that our community values having a public library. Finally, it's free. Knowledge, though, is priceless!

Transform books into art!

Learn how to create an art piece out of a book. Over the course of four consecutive Saturdays, people ages 9+ [younger if joined by a caregiver] will discover how to give discarded books a new chapter in life as a work of art. All supplies and instruction are supplied.

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From the Ground Up: Remaking the Children's Room

We need to take care of some physical needs of the room and also begin to make this great space even more welcoming for families to spend time together. Learn more at a task force informational meeting on Weds, Sept 11, 6:30 pm.

Teens remake their space

With the help of Jack Tajamer and Lena MacDonald, students at Amity High School and members of the Bethany Library Association, the teen area has expanded and the décor has been updated.

New programs are coming as well!
Prepping for the SATs or planning college applications? Join us on Thurs, Sept 19 at 6:30 pm for a review of online library resources. One of the best YA novels of the last three years is now a movie, *The Sun Is Also a Star*. Join us for a special viewing on Friday, Sept 27 at 7 pm.

The Historical Society and Clark come together to highlight the 169 Club

Weds, Sept 25 at 6:30 pm, the Bethany Historical Society and the library are sharing resources to bring the mastermind of the 169 Club, Martin

Podskoch, for a book signing of *Connecticut 169 Club: Your Passport and Guide to Exploring CT*. Bethany contributed two authors to the project, Will Brinton and Cathy Weiss.

Friends honor two amazing Bethany residents!

Friends of the Bethany Library are hosting their annual meeting, including election of officers, on Weds, Sept 18 at 7 p.m. The meeting is a chance to honor the dedicated work of two Clark Memorial Library stalwarts: Jean Johnson and Dorothy Esparo. Please come to the meeting to help us recognize these two Bethany dynamos!

The Conversation Continues...

Last year's reading of Jodi Picoult's book *Small Great Things* and the accompanying programming began a conversation about the role race plays in everyday American life. We continue that dialogue with a special screening and director's conversation of the film, *Alice's Ordinary People*. This is a documentary about Alice Tregay, an unsung heroine of the Civil Rights Movement who practiced fearless activism for five decades. Her remarkable story of ordinary people effecting extraordinary change for human rights spans the historic period from the marches of Dr. King to the election of Barack Obama.

The film's creator and founder of Imagine Video Productions, Craig Dudnick will speak about the circumstances in Chicago that drew Alice to the movement and how he came to make the film. Become part of the conversation by joining us on Saturday, Sept 21 at 2 pm.

Young Artists Exhibit!

The Bethany Community School Art Exhibit will highlight a sampling of artworks students created this past school year. The BCS Art Program is aligned with the National Core

Standards of Visual Arts. The students are given assignments with a set of objectives in which they creatively interpret those objectives in their individual artwork. The students have opportunities to experience creating with different media in 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional artworks. Meet the artists and their creative teacher, Kim Keller, at a special Meet the Artists Reception on Tues, Sept 17, 5:30 pm.

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Activities for Kids and Families

Programs are limited to 24 participants. Reserve your spot at 203 393-2103.

- **Transform Books into Art**, Sat, Sept 7, 14, 21, 24
- Every Thurs, 10:30 am, **Ready for Reading Play Group** for babies and kids through 4 years of age. Enjoy a special story time, playing, socializing, songs, and more!

Just for Teens

Programs listed are for teens, 13+.

- **Make Chain Maille!** Every Fri at 4 pm! This is jewelry or armor, you decide!
- **Be College Resourceful:** Learn about all of our online resources to help with college entrance tests and applications, Thurs, Sept 19, 6:30 pm
- **Special Movie Night: *The Sun Is Also a Star***, Fri, Sept 27, 7 pm

NEW!
Check it out!

Ongoing Programs and Activities for Adults and Teens

Every Tues, 6:00 pm, **Nifty Needlers:** Explore your inner fiber artist. Novice knitters can rely on a community effort to learn more about the art form.

Movies: Twice every Thurs, 1 pm & 5:30, **Sept Movies:** **Sept 5, *A Dog's Journey***, PG: A dog finds the meaning of his own existence through the lives of the humans he meets. **Sept 12, *The Hustle***, PG-13: female scam artists, one low rent and the other high class, who team up to take down the men who have wronged them. **Sept 19, *Rocketman***, R: A musical fantasy about rock musician Elton John's breakthrough years. **Sept 26, *Ma***, R: A lonely woman befriends a group of teenagers and decides to let them party at her house. Just when the kids think their luck couldn't get any better, things start happening that make them question the intention of their host.

Tues, Sept 3 & 17, 7 pm, **Bethany Writers** Find that connection between the written word, the story and the writer at our bimonthly meet-up. The group is facilitated by a professional editor and published author.

Sat, 2 pm, **Appy Hour!** Bring in your computer, tablet, smart phone, and technology questions to our Appy Hour tutors.

Tues, Sept 10, 7 pm, **Second Tuesday Book Group:** Teens and adults share the love of a good read! This month's book is the NY Times bestseller *In the Woods* by Tana French. Copies are available at the library.

Tues, Sept 17, 5:30 -7 pm, **Meet the Exhibiting Artists!** Bethany Community School artists share their work.

Weds, Sept 11, 5:30 – 6:30, **State Senator Logan's Night Out!**

Weds, Sept 25, 6 pm, **Release Your Inner Artist,** Bethany artist Liz Scott teaches teens and adults the fundamentals of drawing. Supplies provided.



Don't let technology get you down!
Visit our Appy Hour tech tutors on
Saturdays, 2-4.
Starts Sept 7!

Visit our second branch! It is online!

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Tue, 10-8	Wed, 10-8	Thurs, 10-8	Fri, 2-6	Sat, 10-4
September 2019				
3 Nifty Needlers, 6:30 Writers Group, 7	4 Ask about Hoopla and digital magazines.	5 Ready for Reading Play Group, 10:30 Movie: <i>A Dog's Journey</i>	6 Chain Maille, 4	7 Book Art Workshop! 10:30 Appy Hour 2-4
10 Nifty Needlers, 6:30 2nd Tuesday Book Club, 7	11 From 3-5:15, closed for professional development. Children's Room Re-do Task Force, 6:30 Sen. Logan's Night Out 5:30 – 6:30	12 Ready for Reading Play Group, 10:30 Movie: <i>The Hustle</i>	13 Chain Maille, 4	14 Book Art Workshop! 10:30 Appy Hour 2-4
17 Meet the Artist Reception, 5:30 Nifty Needlers, 6:30 Writers Group, 7	18 Friends of the Bethany Library Annual Meeting, 7 Celebrate Dorothy and Jean!	19 Ready for Reading Play Group, 10:30 SAT Resources for teens Movie: <i>Rocketman</i>	20 Chain Maille, 4	21 Book Art Workshop! 10:30 Appy Hour 2-4 Documentary & Discussion – Alice's People, 2 pm
24 Nifty Needlers, 6:30 BLA Meeting	25 Historical Society presents 169 Club, 6:30 Release Your Inner Artist, 6	26 Ready for Reading Play Group, 10:30 Movie: <i>Ma</i>	27 Chain Maille, 4 <i>Teen Movie Night: Sun is also a Star, 7</i>	28 Book Art Workshop! 10:30 Appy Hour 2-4

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Learn about his latest project, which features the writing of two Bethany residents (Will Brinton and Cathy Weiss):

Connecticut 169 Club

Calling the book the "Adirondack 102 Club," Podskoch included a space for journaling and a place where readers could get it stamped, stickered or signed from a business or location indicating they had been at a particular town. "The whole thing is to make sure people visit and talk to people and not just drive through," he said. The reward for visiting all 102 towns was the "Vagabond" patch.

Weds, Sept 25

6:30

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