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Getting Ready to Celebrate

Hello Laura,

The library wants to help you get ready for the holiday season, and reward our patrons. We have two great programs this month - one for adults and one for children.

For adults, we invite you to Paint Night. Elaine Gabriel of Sol Studios will lead participants in creating a beautiful winter scene (see below) that is perfect for gift giving.

For children, we have a Drop & Shop. You can drop your children at the library while you shop for last minute gifts, do some wrapping, or have lunch with your better half (you're welcome!). The kids will make several gifts so they have something to put under the tree too.

Both of these programs are open to library cardholders exclusively as a thank you for supporting the library, and reservations are required.

We hope that your holiday season is all that you want it to be. Thank you for all the good will toward the library this year, and we look forward to seeing you in 2025!

Happy Holidays,

Laura

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Holiday Closures
Wednesday December 25th
Wednesday January 1st



Important Change for Libby Users

On Monday, December 2nd the library changed over to a new system for patrons logging onto Libby for their eBooks, audiobooks and magazines.

You will no longer use the 4479 prefix before your Bethlehem library card number. You will now be asked to input your library card twice. This is a workaround to keep your access to Libby while we work out some issues. Very soon, the login will be card number and last name as it appears on your library card. We will let you know when this final change occurs.

If you encounter any issues, please call the library.



7th Annual Gingerbread House Contest

Submissions due Friday, December 6th

Prizes:

\$100 gift certificate to Little Village Toy & Books

\$25 gift certificate to Legacy Books

[Click for details](#)

HAPPENING THIS MONTH

For Adults

Paint Night

Wednesday, December 11th 5:30pm

Create a gift for someone special. Elaine Gabriel of Sol Studios will lead the program. Open to cardholders age 16+. Non-alcoholic refreshments will be served.

Reservations required

Call the Library to reserve your spot!



Readers Cafe Book Discussion

Thursday, December 19th Noon and Saturday, December 21st 9am

This month we'll discuss our favorite books of 2024.

Saturday's discussion will end with the movie *The Sun is Also a Star* (PG-13, 1hr 40min)



Let's Talk

Fridays 10:15-11:30am

A weekly topical discussion. Join us for coffee and conversation in a safe and welcoming environment.

12/6 - Re-do: Relive and time in your life

12/13 - Adoption "Gotcha Day"

12/20 - Favorite Christmas Present

12/27 - If you could be a mythical creature, which would you be?



For Kids



Children's Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7th 11am-1pm

Sponsored by Friends of the Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL)

The annual party, featuring stories and songs by Mrs. Claus, crafts, and cookie decorating.

Part of Christmas in Bethlehem

Drop & Shop

Saturday, December 14th 10am-12:30pm

Parents! Need a couple of hours to do last minute shopping or wrapping? Kids will spend time at the library making their own



gifts to give and watching a movie. Snacks included.

For cardholders' kids 8+.

Reservations required

Call the Library to reserve your spot!



Kids Programs Every Week!

Mondays 2:45 Monday Fun-Days (for ages 5-12)

12/2 Sticker Swap

12/9 Knit & Crochet

12/16 Movie Day: The Wild Robot (PG, 1hr 42min)

No program 12/23, 12/30



Tuesdays 11-11:30am Preschool Story Time (for ages 2-5)

12/3 - 100 Mighty Dragons and number play

12/10 - Once Upon a Book and sensory play

12/17 - Holidays stories and craft

No program 12/24, 12/31

****Coming in January****

Virtual Reality After School on Thursdays

Help the Friends Help the Library



1st Annual Christmas Ornament

A Fundraiser by the Friends of Bethlehem Public Library (FOBPL)

They're going fast! Order yours today!

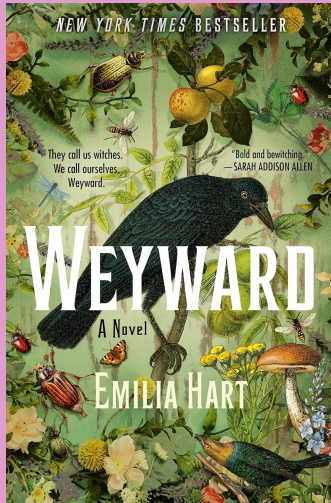
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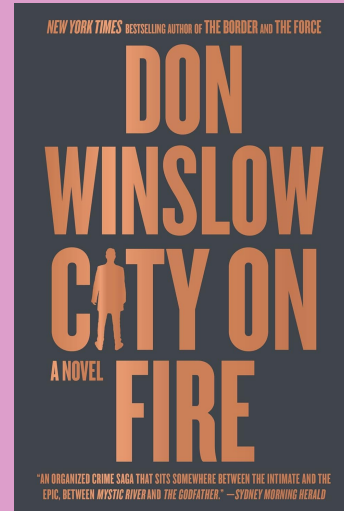
Have you Noticed some Changes?

We have rearranged our adult books. All non-fiction is now on the back wall. This opened up two-sided bookcases to increase fiction and large print. Our large print section is now double in size! We will be filling this up over time, so check back often.

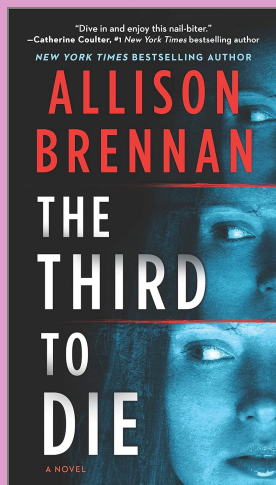
Some new large print we think you'll like!



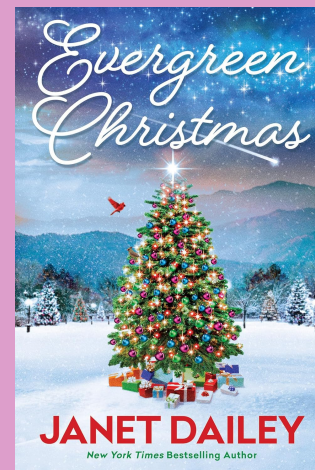
Weaving together the stories of three extraordinary women across five centuries, this is an enthralling novel of female resilience.



Two criminal empires together control all of New England. Until a beautiful woman comes between the Irish and the Italians, launching a war that will see them kill each other, destroy an alliance, and set a city on fire.



An edgy female police detective. An ambitious FBI special agent. Together they are at the heart of the ticking-clock investigation into a psychopathic murderer. The first in the series.



The first in a new cozy Christmas series where the 12 annual Competitions of Christmas in the close-knit town of Noel, North Carolina are underway!

Newsletter Sign Up

Don't miss out! Did someone forward this to you? You can sign up to receive our newsletters: this monthly general newsletter, and/or our new quarterly newsletter with information geared toward ages 2-5.

[Click here to sign up!](#)



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