

## A Message from the Director

*Here comes the sun...and I say it's all right.*  
—George Harrison

Dear Baldwin Community:

Happy spring! This is a time of rebirth and renewal; a time of longer days, sunshine, and hope.

This month brings us National Library Week (April 4-10) – a time to celebrate all that libraries offer. The Baldwin Public Library extends far beyond the building's walls. During the pandemic, BPL adapted to a rapidly changing world by expanding resources and continuing to meet community needs. For example, we have:

- Eliminated overdue fines
- Installed smart lockers for contactless and after-hours pickup
- Implemented digital-only cards to enable those who did not have a library card to receive one immediately, even during NY PAUSE
- Greatly increased our collection of eBooks and downloadable audiobooks
- Offered hundreds of free, virtual programs for all ages, from author visits to yoga
- Increased available checkouts on our streaming services (Hoopla and Kanopy) to 20 per cardholder, per month
- Contacted hundreds of community members with friendly check-in phone calls
- Distributed thousands of take and make crafts.

Whether you visit in person or virtually, the Library offers the chance for you to explore new worlds and become your best self, this season and always.

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth Olesh*

Library Director

**NATIONAL  
LIBRARY WEEK**  
APRIL 4-10, 2021



## Let's Yarn Bomb the Baldwin Public Library

Join us to Yarn Bomb the Baldwin Public Library in April! That's right – we are going to cover as many surfaces as



possible outside the Library with colorful pieces created by community members. Completed pieces and any yarn donations should be dropped off in our book

drops by **April 1 at 9:00PM**. Please include a note with your name and contact information if you would like to be acknowledged.

Don't know how to knit or crochet? That's okay – join us on **Saturday, April 10 from 1:00-4:00PM** for Yarn Wrapping. We will wrap yarn around structures (bike rack, hand rails, etc.) outside the Library in a safe, socially-distanced way. All ages are welcome! To register, RSVP to [baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org](mailto:baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org).

*This project is co-sponsored by the Community Coalition of Baldwin.*

## Volunteer Opportunities Board

Want to make a difference in our community?

Visit our NEW online Volunteer Opportunities Board on the BPL website: [www.baldwinpl.org/volunteer/](http://www.baldwinpl.org/volunteer/).

Both in-person and virtual opportunities are included.



The board is maintained by our social work consultant, Molly Miskiewicz.

Looking for volunteers, either for a one-time event or on an ongoing basis? Contact Molly with the details:

[socialwork@baldwinpl.org](mailto:socialwork@baldwinpl.org) / 516-223-6228 ext. 159 or on cell at 516-672-8607.



**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**  
APRIL 4-10, 2021

**National Library Week (April 4-10, 2021)** is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions, and promote library use and support.

During the pandemic, library workers continued to exceed their communities' demands and adapt resources and services to meet their users' needs. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities for education and lifelong learning.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries - school, public, academic, and special - participate.

## Long Island Reads Author Event



Author **Brit Bennett** will be honored as the 2021 Long Island Reads Author for her novel *The Vanishing Half* in an online Crowdcast program hosted by Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library on Sunday, April 11 at 2:00PM. Free tickets are available through Eventbrite. **The webpage is <https://longislandreads.wordpress.com/>**

Bennett, who is a National Book Foundation 5 Under 35 honoree, is the author of *The Mothers*, a New York Times bestseller. *The Vanishing Half* is her second novel and was an instant #1 *New York Times* bestseller. *Long Island Reads* is sponsored by the Nassau Library System and the Public Libraries of Suffolk County.

## Afternoon Book Discussion

To register for this program, RSVP to [bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org](mailto:bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org) for the password.

### *The Vanishing Half* by Brit Bennett - Long Island Reads 2021 Selection

Wednesday, April 7, 2:00-3:30PM

Separated by their embrace of different racial identities, two mixed-race identical twins reevaluate their choices as one raises a Black daughter in their southern hometown while the other passes for White with a husband who is unaware of her heritage. Discussion leader: Assistant Library Director Kaysha Watson-Phillips. This novel is in our OverDrive collection and will be available at the Library one month before the program – request by calling 223-6228, x145.

### LIVE DEMO

#### Cajun Cooking with Chef Rob

Monday, April 5 @ 7:00PM

In the spirit of this year's Long Island Reads title, learn and be inspired by the flavors of New Orleans. Learn how to make Jambalaya Soup and Cajun Meatballs with an apricot barbeque sauce.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

To register for any of these programs, please RSVP to [baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org](mailto:baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org) for the password.

## Health Navigator Events

Central Nassau Guidance and Counseling Services, Inc.

Thursday, April 8 &  
Tuesday, April 20  
@ 2:00PM

Could you be eligible for more affordable health coverage? Meet with a specially trained Health Navigator to find out. These virtual events will help you determine the best plan for your health and financial needs within the NYS Health Marketplace.

## Seeking & Finding the Truth in a Fake News World

Tuesday, April 13 @ 7:00PM

This presentation will explore how to think critically about the media messages to which we are all continuously exposed. We will touch on strategies to help increase proficiency in reading complex informational text, how to identify sources, verify news content, and gain a deeper understanding of how news professionals gather and disseminate credible and actionable information – in print or online. We will discuss frauds and scams that use communication technologies to take advantage of others, especially our senior population.



## The Cemetery Club performed by the Lantern Theatre Group

Saturday, April 24 @ 7:00PM

This play, written by Ivan Menchell, is the story of three lifelong friends, now widows, who visit their husbands' graves together monthly. This sweet and poignant comedy shows what happens when one of the friends starts dating. Many truths about friendship and love are revealed.

## The Tastiest Spring Ever

Saturday, April 10 @ 3:00PM

Chef Rob Scott celebrates spring in this FACEBOOK LIVE program featuring spring fusilli with asparagus and colored tomatoes, orzo chicken salad with fresh vegetables and an Asian sauce, followed by spring blueberry cheesecake galette. Tune into BPL's Facebook page for the event. Email [baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org](mailto:baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org) for recipes.



## Learn How to Play Chess

Tuesday, April 6 @ 7:00PM

Has binge-watching *The Queen's Gambit* piqued your curiosity about the game of chess? Ulysses Tapley of Courtyard Chess will teach you the essentials of how to play. This is the fourth of four sessions and will cover Basic Strategy.



## National Adopt a Shelter Pet Month

During the pandemic many of us have adopted shelter pets. Let's celebrate the joy they have brought into our lives by sharing their pictures on our social media and website during the month of April. Maybe it will inspire others to adopt a pet of their own! Please send your photos to [mdepalma@baldwinpl.org](mailto:mdepalma@baldwinpl.org) (please provide your name, email and permission for us to post), or tag us on Facebook and Instagram: @baldwinlibny.



## The New Mah Jongg Card is Here!

Monday, April 19 @ 7:00PM

Donna Miller Small will share with participants what the new card is and how it can be used to play the game.



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## Baldwin Historical Society *Postcards from Baldwin*

Thursday, April 15 @ 7:00PM

Travel back in time with the Baldwin Historical Society as they share their collection of vintage postcards depicting Baldwin scenes from the past.



## Career Path Center

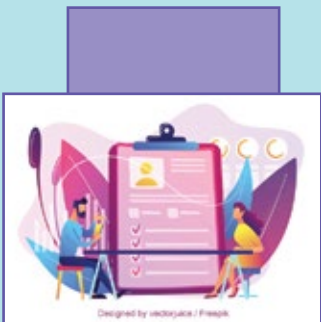
To register for these workshops, RSVP to [baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org](mailto:baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org)

### Interview Preparation

Interviewing is a skill that you can improve. Join us for these one hour sessions to learn how to prepare and bring your best game to the interview.

**Session 1:**  
**Wednesday, April 7, 7:00PM**

**Session 2:**  
**Wednesday, April 28, 7:00PM**



## BPL Tech

### Learn Basic Photoshop

Thursday, April 15 @ 7:00PM  
(RESCHEDULED)

Learn the basics of how to use Photoshop. Be sure to have this program loaded onto your device before the session.

## BPL Music Series

Join us as we highlight local musical talent virtually. Dates and times listed are for the performance on Facebook. Links to the performances will also be featured on our website after each show.

### If the Shoe Fits

Saturday, April 17 @ 7:00PM

This hip-hop group, made up of four performers who hail from Baldwin, is a ton of fun.

### Luke Waldron

Saturday, May 15 @ 7:00PM

Waldron is a jazz saxophonist from Baldwin who will be performing with a small group of other jazz performers.

## TAKE & MAKE

### Crafts for Adults

Don't miss our Take & Make DIY craft this month. Available at our Takeout Desk, while supplies last. One per person, please.

Share a photo of your finished product. Email to [dkelly@baldwinpl.org](mailto:dkelly@baldwinpl.org). Please provide your name, email and permission to post on social media or in the Library.

*To register for these book discussions,  
RSVP to [bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org](mailto:bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org) for the password.*

# *Literary Book Discussions*

These selections are available on OverDrive and at the Circulation Desk one month prior to the program. Place a request by calling 223-6228, ext. 145. Facilitator: Christopher Woods.

## ***The World of Jane Austen***

British author Jane Austen is one of the finest writers in the English language. She presents the age-old problems of class, unrequited love and disappointment, and eventually love fulfilled.

At the center of all her novels is an uncanny understanding of human nature and a brilliantly subtle and wry sense of humor as she cleverly attacks, with tongue in cheek, the British class system that Austen herself suffered from during her too short lifetime.



### ***Sense and Sensibility***

Monday, April 12, 7:00-8:30PM

The Dashwood family, a mother and three young daughters, are displaced by the convoluted British laws of inheritance, suffering a loss of station and social standing and the consequent prejudices this causes.

The two elder daughters fall in love as they come of age, and then are disappointed.

Both young ladies must adhere to a strict social code that eventually finds them matched with suitable husbands.

### ***Persuasion***

Monday, May 17, 7:00-8:30PM

Jane Austen's final novel revolves around Anne Elliot and her family, including her father, Sir Walter, who is a member of the minor aristocracy. Years earlier, Anne, who is dangerously close to being considered an old maid, was persuaded by her overly class-conscious family to reject the proposal of a young naval officer with little prospects. He is now successful Captain Wentworth, who is still bitter towards Anne and her family. When Wentworth and Anne cross paths through shared social circles, Anne realizes she has never stopped loving him.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

To register for these film discussions and programs, RSVP to [bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org](mailto:bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org) for the password.



## Classic Film Discussions

View the films at home; available on Kanopy (free streaming service - information on access is available on the Library's website). DVDs are also available for request by contacting 223-6228, ext. 145. Discussion facilitator: Christopher Woods.

### ***The Death of a Salesman (1985)***

Saturday, April 17, 1:00PM

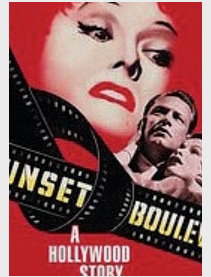
This film adaptation of Arthur Miller's Pulitzer Prize winning play, *Death of a Salesman*, stars Dustin Hoffman and John Malkovich. Aging Willy Loman finds life's disappointments gaining on him, and he can no longer get by on "a smile and a shoeshine." As family conflicts overcome him, Loman becomes a symbol of the precariousness of the American Dream.



### ***Sunset Boulevard (1950)***

Saturday, May 22 @ 1:00PM

One of cinema's greatest director and actor pairings was that of Billy Wilder and William Holden. *Sunset Boulevard* is the quintessential Hollywood film about Hollywood, where the industry of illusion disintegrates into the dark depths of delusion, from satire to tragedy. This is a story of faded glory and self-serving ambition.



## April is Oscar month!

*These programs highlight the spirit of the film industry's past and future.*



### **Diversity in Film**

Tuesday, April 27 @ 7:00PM

Join us as we discuss the important role and influence of diverse filmmakers, storytellers, and performers in film. Learn how they use their unique backgrounds, style, and voice to make groundbreaking contributions to the film industry. We'll also take a look at how they inspire and generate inclusive opportunities for other filmmakers.

### **Black Hollywood: a Lecture with Marilyn Carminion (RESCHEDULED)**

Thursday, April 22 @ 7:00PM

This lecture is a portrait of the Black film community during Hollywood's formative years. It will feature Black film legends and lesser known artists of the period whose talent is an important part of the legacy of Hollywood.



# ADULT PROGRAMS

To register for these programs, RSVP to [bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org](mailto:bplreadersadvisory@baldwinpl.org) for the password. Novels may be available in our OverDrive collection unless otherwise noted and will be available at the Library one month before the program – request by calling 223-6228, x145

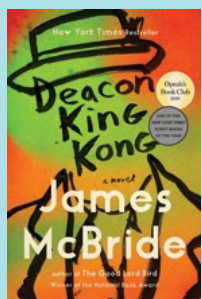
## May 2021 Afternoon and Evening Book Discussions

### Deacon King Kong

by James McBride

Wednesday, May 5

2:00-3:30PM



In the aftermath of a 1969 Brooklyn church deacon's public shooting of a local drug dealer, the community's African-American and Latinx witnesses find

unexpected support from each other when they are targeted by violent mobsters. Discussion leader: Programming Librarian Marialisa Arnold.

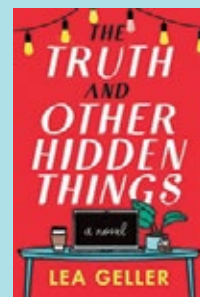
### The Truth and Other Hidden Things

by Lea Geller

Tuesday, May 11, 7:00-8:30PM

Author Lea Geller will join this discussion of her new book.

Bells Walker's husband, Harry, is denied tenure at his Manhattan university, and the family moves to the small town of Pigkill. When the farm-to-table utopia Bells envisioned is anything but, she turns to the blogosphere. Under a pen name, she anonymously dishes about life in Pigkill, detailing the activities of hypercompetitive parents. Suddenly, Bells has a place to say all the things she's been secretly thinking about being a wife and mother. As Bells turns the focus of her blog on her new neighbors, her scandalous posts hit closer to home and put her new life in jeopardy. *(This book is not available on OverDrive.)* Discussion leader: Library Director Elizabeth Olesh.



## Work the *body* and relax the *mind*...

RSVP to [baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org](mailto:baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org) for the password.

### Zoom Zumba - At Night!

Wednesdays, April 14, 22 @ 7:00PM

Instructor Linda Salamone will get participants moving in this evening series.

### Zoom Zumba!

Mondays, April 12, 19, 26 @ 10:00AM

Instructor Linda Salamone will get participants moving in this energizing class.

### Yoga for Beginners

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 9:00AM

Instructor Jean will guide participants in these restorative sessions.

### Chair Yoga / Silver Sneakers Classic

Fridays, April 2, 16, 23, 30 @ 9:00AM

Instructor Augusta Berner will guide this class utilizing a chair to perform yoga poses that are kind to the body. Please have weights and resistance bands (or substitutions) on hand.

### Monday Meditation

Mondays, April 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 6:00PM

David from the Kadampa Meditation Center of Long Island will guide you through meditation practice. Beginners and new participants welcome.



### Thursday Morning Meditation

Thursdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 @ 9:00AM

Holly from the Kadampa Meditation Center of Long Island will lead your morning meditation. Beginners and new participants always welcome.

# TEENS - GRADES 6-12

To register for these programs, unless otherwise noted, send an email to [teens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:teens@baldwinpl.org). Please include your full name, grade, and a telephone number. We will send you all of the information needed to join a day or two before the program.



## Sports Trivia

Monday, April 5, 7:00-8:00PM

Join us to test your knowledge of sports. A prize will be awarded to the champion. Registration required.

## Music Trivia

Monday, April 12, 7:00-8:00PM

We all love music, right? Put your knowledge to the test and see if you really know all about music. A prize will be awarded to the virtuoso. Registration required.

## Random Trivia

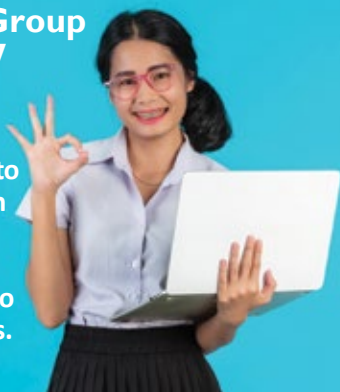
Monday, April 19, 7:00-8:00PM

Test your knowledge with random trivia questions and win a gift card for your brilliance. Registration required.

## Teen Advisory Group

Wednesday, April 7  
7:00-8:00PM

Help with new program ideas. Be in a safe place to talk about whatever is on your mind. Community service credit will be awarded so make sure to keep track of your hours. Registration required.



## Chess Nuts Unite



## Players in Grades 3-12

Saturday, April 3  
2:00-3:00PM

The **Long Island Chess Nuts** will be our host for virtual chess. Registration required.

## Community Service

Receive community service credit and have fun at the same time! Registration is ongoing. We'll make up a kit with everything you'll need.

### Thanking Our Veterans

Design a plaque to thank a veteran for their service to our country.

### Cards for Kids

Create your own special card to cheer up a hospitalized child. The video link will show you the different ways you can decorate your card.

## Get Ready to Apply to College!

### The College Process

Wednesday, April 14  
7:00-8:30PM

Get the latest information to make the process easier. We will examine trends and surprises as well as discuss how to create a list of colleges that are a good fit, testing options, money matters and more.

### The College Essay

Wednesday, April 21  
7:00-8:30PM

We will discuss the essay choices for the Common Application and how to brainstorm topics. We will also review what the essay question is really asking and how teens can show themselves in their best light. The supplemental essays will be explored including the ever popular "Why us?" essay.



## Live Homework Help with Tutor.com

Take advantage of our online tutoring service, [Tutor.com](https://www.baldwinpl.org/tutor/). This is free to all Baldwin Public Library cardholders through our website. To use this service go to: <https://www.baldwinpl.org/tutor/> then click "Access Now."



# CHILDREN'S CORNER

Baldwin School District Residents get priority over out of district residents. Online and phone registration begins when the Library opens on the first day of registration. To register for any of these programs visit [baldwinpl.org/kids](http://baldwinpl.org/kids)

## Chess Nuts Unite - Grades 3 - 12

*Presented by Long Island Chess Nuts*

Saturday, April 3, 2:00-3:00PM

Let's play chess virtually. Send an email to [teens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:teens@baldwinpl.org) to register. Please include your full name, grade, and a telephone number. The Young Adult Department will send you all of the information needed to join the day before the event.



## Monday Story Time

April 5, 12, 19, 26 @ 11:00AM

Ages 2-4

Join Miss Mariel for Story Time on Zoom! You don't need an account to participate. Online and phone registration is ongoing.



## Minecraft Mania – Grades 1-6

Friday, April 16 @ 7:00-8:30PM

Using Minecraft's creative mode you will be challenged to build and decorate an object related to a theme. Using your own account is encouraged. If you do not already have an account, one will be provided. A computer or mobile device is needed in order to participate.

Online and phone registration begins Tuesday, April 6.

## Yarn Wrapping

Saturday, April 10, 1:00-4:00PM

Don't know how to knit or crochet? You can still be part of the BPL Yarn Bombing Experience.

Join us on Saturday, April 10 from 1-4 PM as we wrap parts of the Library's exterior in colorful yarn. Great for little hands, but open to all ages.

Please email [baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org](mailto:baldwinzoom@baldwinpl.org) to register. Volunteer hours will be awarded. ***This project is co-sponsored by the Community Coalition of Baldwin.***

## Little Learners

Ages 18 months – 4 ½ years

*Presented by A Time for Kids*

Wednesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 11:00AM

Four weeks of fun and fast-paced programs for your little one celebrating popular characters.

Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor skills, storytelling, and a craft.



Each registrant will be emailed the Zoom link and password after registration as well as a short list of suggested materials you'll need in order to participate each week. Online and phone registration is ongoing.

## Chocolate Chip Cookie Pizza

*Baldwin School District Residents Only.*

*Limited to 25 Families*

*Grades K - 6 with Parent/Caregiver.*

Pick up a kit of ingredients from the Library and make a huge chocolate chip cookie to be shared with the entire family. In addition to the ingredients you pick up from the Library, you will need 1 ½ sticks of butter, 1 large egg, and 2 teaspoons of vanilla. Participants will have access to a recipe and instructional video from our website to assist them. Phone registration begins Monday, April 5. After registering, kits can be picked up anytime during library hours.



## S.T.E.A.M. Kits-to-Go

*Grades 1 - 3 with the assistance of a parent/caregiver.*



Teach your child the concepts of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math with a hands-on

activity. Starting April 5, pick up a kit at the Library that includes a simple project in a bag.

There will be a new kit every week for 5 weeks. Participants will have access to an instructional video from our website to assist them.

Registration begins April 5. Kits can be picked up anytime during Library hours. Materials available while supplies last.

The Tephlys, Matsons, and Kurzes got together on Zoom to make these delicious Pot of Gold Truffles.

***"We had a great time making these treats. Thank you, Baldwin Public Library."***



## 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

***Newborn to Age 5 (not yet in Kindergarten)***



Work towards a reading goal of 1,000 books and give your child an advantage before they start school. When you register, you will receive a folder and tote bag as well as a prize for your child for every 100 books he/she completes.

Registration is ongoing.

## Free Online Tutoring with Tutor.com

Take advantage of our free online tutoring service, Tutor.com. Free with your Baldwin library card. Find it at [www.baldwinpl.org/subjects/childrens-databases](http://www.baldwinpl.org/subjects/childrens-databases).



## Take & Make Crafts

Starting Thursday, April 1, swing by Library Takeout for a craft that can be completed at home. Materials are available while supplies last.

***Once you've completed one of our crafts, take a picture and send it to us!***

***Tag us on Facebook and Instagram: @baldwinlibny***

***By email, send it to [Childrens@baldwinpl.org](mailto:Childrens@baldwinpl.org)***

***Please provide your name and permission to post.***



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# GRAB AND

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## baldwin public library

Monday - Wednesday:  
9AM - 9PM

Thursday: 11AM - 9PM

Friday & Saturday:  
9AM - 5PM

- Enter the building through the main entrance by the parking lot to browse and select materials.
- Please limit your visit to 1 hour per day. The number of people admitted to the building at any one time will be limited.
- As mandated by the Governor, masks or other secure face coverings will be required for entry. Also, please practice social distancing of at least 6 feet. Markers have been placed throughout the Library for your convenience.
- Library Takeout, a curbside service, will still be available.
- Limited computer access will be available for up to 1 hour per person per day.
- At this time, tables and chairs will not be available other than at public computers.
- All items should be returned to the book and media drops located outside of the Library. Returns will not be accepted at any service desk inside the building. Returned items will be quarantined. Fines will not be charged while items are in quarantine.
- Donated materials will not be accepted until further notice.
- No need to wait on line to check out! Try one of our self-check kiosks located in the Adult Reference and Children's Departments and in our Media Gallery (where our DVDs and CDs are located).

### You've Got to Have Friends



During this difficult period, many programs that ordinarily have fees, such as exercise and cooking classes, have been offered to the public at no cost, thanks to a generous gift from the **Friends of the Library**. To become a member or make a donation, visit [www.baldwinpl.org/friends](http://www.baldwinpl.org/friends).

### Library Board Meeting

The Library Board of Trustees will meet online on Wednesday, April 21 at 7PM. Those who would like to attend should contact [eolesh@baldwinpl.org](mailto:eolesh@baldwinpl.org) by 5PM on April 21.

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**HOURS**  
Monday-Wednesday 9-9  
Thursday 11-9  
Friday & Saturday 9-5

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Sundays

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