



Bedford Free Library Newsletter/ Spring 2017

Spring 2017

The Friends of the Bedford Free Library produced this newsletter

From the Desk of the Director

As we welcome spring to Bedford, please make sure you stop by the Library and check out our new fresh look. This renovation began last spring with the addition of new carpeting in the entire building. Since then, the Children's room, the Juv/YA room and the Biography room have had a mini-redo as well. The Children's room has updated the kiddie seating for storytime and added two comfy red chairs to cozy up and read with your child or just relax. The area by the children's desk has been reworked with collaborative tables, chairs and a work table for computers, complete with a charging station for devices. Upstairs in the Juv/YA and Biography rooms, new smaller tables have been added, making it easier to rearrange for programming. The Juv/YA room also has two fun, bright orange chairs and a chess/checkers table. Patrons love the new comfort of the updated amenities which still maintain the charm of the historic building. This wonderful project was made possible due to a generous donation to the Library.

Wednesdays at the Library are always humming with **Knitwits** every other week, **Crafts with Christa** twice a month and now we have added **Technology help with Wynter Schnell**. Wynter is a junior at Fox Lane High School who decided to share his wonderful expertise in technology with our Library! He is volunteering weekly on **Wednesdays from 3:30-5:30 in the Reading Room**. Bring your device and/or any questions. There is no charge and no registration is required. Wynter will be happy to help you!

Our patrons have been displaying their creativity in two of our most recent programs: **Make a T-shirt Quilt** and **Portraits with Your Digital Camera**. For the past five weeks, the quilters, who first arrived with a bag full of t-shirts, have transformed them into one of a kind handmade quilts. The t-shirts were varied: concert, college, sports and favorite family vacation spots were popular themes for the quilts. We were fortunate to be able to borrow multiple sewing machines from WLS which allowed everyone to work simultaneously. Also, for the second time, Lori Adams has returned to teach our photography class. This class is made possible by a Creative Aging grant from WLS. We invite you to attend the **Photography Show** (details below) later in April to see what our participants have achieved.

In May, we are happy to welcome back for the third time, author Jean Hanff Korelitz. She will be discussing her newest book [The Devil and Webster](#). Look for details of our author talk and our other spring programs inside this newsletter. I wish you a happy and healthy spring.

-Ann Cloonan, Director



"Kirk and Buck"
by Oak Atkinson

Photography Show, Tuesday, April 18th, 1:00pm-3:00pm, in the Reading Room.
Come enjoy the photographs and light refreshments.

Important Dates

April 1st-May 1st-Friends Annual Poetry Contest

April 14th-16th-Closed. Easter.

April 18th - Photography Exhibit, 1:00pm-3:00pm

May 4th & June 1st- Coffee & Book Klatch 11:00am

May 25th-Friends Ice Cream Social, 3:00pm, Bedford Presbyterian Church playground
May 27th-29th-Closed. Memorial Day

June 14th- Children's summer reading kickoff, 7:00pm, Historical Hall

June 17th-Truck Day, 10:00am-1:00pm, Bedford Presbyterian Church parking lot

July 3rd-4th-Closed. July 4th holiday

September 2nd-4th-Closed. Labor Day

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Children's Room

A Place to Say "Yes, You Can!"

Parents, grandparents, and caregivers all know the many places we visit regularly with children where we need to say "no" more than we may want to. Shopping in a toy aisle and in grocery stores are two examples that quickly come to mind. I mention this because our Library is a place where we welcome you to say "yes" to your child. "Yes, you may look at this book!" "Yes, we can sit and read that book together." "Yes, you may take that book home!" "Yes, you may change your mind and take that book instead" and in some cases, "yes, you may take as many books as you'd like or that we can carry!" I will admit that there are times in our Library when we need to say "no"-- no yelling, no running, and no food. But, our hope is that all of you find our Library, and our children's room particularly, a place where you feel very welcomed and able to say, "**Yes, you can!**"

Children's magazines to give away

We keep past issues of children's magazines which we have deleted. We would be so happy to give them away! They may be used for art projects and ideas (Family Fun magazine and others), reading practice and learning (Kids Discover, Sports Illustrated for Kids, and more), and as great inspiration for budding photographers (Click, Young Riders and others). Just ask at the children's desk and we would love to share!

Legos and More

We want to express our gratitude to Miguel Kychenthal and his family for donating a very large supply of Legos to the Library. We continue to have a group of K through grade 4 children who are enjoying having new supplies. The Legos program is usually offered Mondays on a month-to-month basis, so watch for details if you are interested. In April, Legos will be scheduled on Mondays at 3:15.

New Checkers and Chess Table

Look for our **new checkers/chess table** in our Juvenile Fiction/Young Adult Room upstairs. It is one of the new pieces of furniture we have added during the past couple of months! The table can be used in many ways, but a donation of a set of checkers and/or chess pieces might lead to some exciting games. Let us know if you have a set you might want to donate to the Library.

-Shodie Alcorn, Children's Librarian

American Heart Association
Pediatric First Aid/ CPR Class
When: Wednesday, June 28th
10:00-4:00
Ages 11-15



Taught by Stacey Cleveland, this class takes approximately 6 hours and upon successful completion participants will receive a 2-year AHA Certification in First Aid and CPR skills (includes choking intervention). Perfect to put on your babysitting resume! Children should bring a brown bag lunch or money to eat lunch in town.
Space is limited, registration is required.
Registration begins Tuesday, April 18th @ 10:00am.

Summer Baby Bounce and Rhyme & Musical Mother Goose

Baby Bounce and Rhyme

9:30am-10:00am

Ages 4-11 months



Musical Mother Goose

10:15am-11:00am

Ages 12-30 months


Session 1 - July 5, 12, 19

Session 2 - July 26, August 2, 9

Registration starts Thursday, June 1 @ 10:00 am

Adult Desk

Try these fabulous resources from the Westchester Library System*

 **pressreader** **PressReader** – Do you want to read the *New York Post*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Le Monde*, *The Denver Post*, *Newsweek*, *The Daily Telegraph*, *Corriere della Sera*, *India Today*...? No problem! With **PressReader** you can connect your device to over 6000 newspapers and magazines from all over the world. You can filter by country, language, category (i.e. home & garden, news, fashion, business, etc.) and publication type. Warning: give yourself lots of time to browse as the depth of available material is amazing!



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Mango Languages – Choose from 72 languages (yes 72, that's not a typo). Don't be fooled when you sign on – the initial screen shows the top 6, but if you click on "all languages" you'll find everything from Cherokee to Yiddish. One of the great features of Mango is the ability to hear yourself and compare your accent to a native speaker. There is too much to describe here, so please check it out for yourself.

*To access these databases, first go to www.westchesterlibraries.org and then click on the tab "Listen, Read and Learn."

-Janice Robbins, Adult Desk

From the Young Adult Desk

YA Lit Confronting Contemporary Issues

Fiction is often a great way to tackle complex problems. Currently in Young Adult literature there is a growing and welcome trend of novels that sensitively address race and police brutality in America. This cluster of novels approach raw and contentious issues in a nuanced and engaging way, helping readers to understand and discuss that which is difficult to understand and discuss. "This isn't a literary trend. This is an issue of our time," said the novelist Jason Reynolds, co-author with Brendan Kiely of All American Boys.



The following titles are a select few of recent YA books on these topics which I recommend.

The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas- This novel has become an instant commercial and critical success. Starr, the narrator, is a 16-year-old African American girl who moves between two worlds, the poor neighborhood where she lives and the mostly white, affluent school she attends. The uneasy balance between these two worlds is upended when Starr witnesses the police shooting of her unarmed childhood best friend. Of course, these two worlds react very differently to the shooting, and Starr is the only witness. The topical and heartbreaking issue is

made accessible through the author's authentic depiction of a teenage voice familiar to kids of all backgrounds.

All American Boys by Jason Reynolds and Brendan Kiely

Two Young Adult authors teamed up with the express intention of bringing light and balance to a polarizing topic. These authors - one black and one white - together present a story of racial profiling and police brutality. In alternating chapters, Reynolds voices Rashad, the innocent victim of a police beating, and Kiely writes Quinn, a horrified witness. The two boys are classmates, but don't know each other. The plot moves quickly starting with the boys preparing for a party one Friday night, and ending with a social-media-inspired protest march one week later. The book shatters stereotypes and encourages the reader to look at an issue from various perspectives. Both of my boy book groups read and reacted positively and thoughtfully to the story and issues. I am grateful to have a novel that explores this topic in an even and inviting manner!

How it Went Down, by Kekla Magoon

When 16-year-old Tariq, a black teen, is shot and killed by a white man, every witness has a slightly different perception of the chain of events leading up to the murder. Family, friends, gang members, neighbors, and a well-meaning but self-serving minister make up the broad cast of characters. The police bring their own personal biases to their investigation of the case. When all points of view are combined, the story of a young man emerges, and with it, a narrative that we see played out in communities across the country every day.

-Maureen McManus, YA Librarian

Congratulations to our 2017 High School Writing Contest Winners

Winners Fiction

First Place....Grace Greenwald for
"The Woman Who Did Not Know"

Second PlaceMairead Killgallon for
"The Man Who Walked in the Light"

Third Place....Davie Loria for "Unnamed"

Winners Nonfiction

First Place....Lucas Janszky for
"ISIS: the Spawn of War"

Second Place....Abigail Bayuk for "Fading"

Third Place....Gabi Sussman for
"Dear Future Self"

Honorable Mention...Beau Brookman for
"Sushi Scene"



Winners & Judges: Margaret Scott, Abigail Bayuk, Davie Loria, Gabi Sussman, Beau Brookman, Paula Desperito, Maureen McManus.
Missing: Lucas Janszky, Mairead Killgallon, Grace Greenwald

Children and Young Adult Poetry Contest

April is National Poetry Month and it's the eleventh anniversary of our Poetry Contest! Join us in a celebration of poetry with a wonderful opportunity for children and young adults to showcase their unique talents and to have fun with poetry. Poems will be judged in several age divisions.

Celebrate with us at the **Ice Cream Social on Thursday, May 25th at 3pm**. Winners will be announced and prizes awarded in all age divisions at 3:30pm. Winning entries will be published on the Library's website. Grab your pencil, notebook, inspiration and get started today!

Calling Volunteers! This event has grown over the years and we need additional people to help the day of the Ice Cream Social. If you are interested please contact Robyn or Maureen at 234-3570. Duties are very easy and you can still enjoy the event!

Guidelines:

Poets must be between the ages of 6 and 18.

Entries must be submitted with an entry form and a **\$10 per poem** registration fee.

Please make checks payable to **Friends of the Bedford Free Library**.

Additional entry forms are available at the Library, or online at www.bedfordfreelibrary.org.

Please write your poem legibly. **Include your name only on the back of your poem!**

Drop off entries at the Bedford Library in the Poetry Contest box by Monday May 1st at 6pm.

Bedford Free Library, 32 Village Green, Bedford NY 10506 914.234.3570 www.bedfordfreelibrary.org

Entry Form Please Print Clearly

Name: _____

Age: _____ **Phone number:** _____

Parent's email address: _____

Title of poem: _____

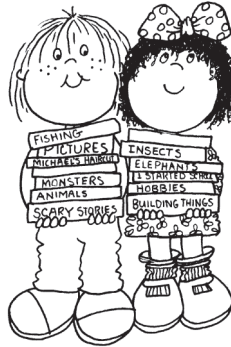
Events in the Children's Room

Stories, Songs & Surprises for Toddlers and Preschoolers

Tuesdays 2:00pm

Thursdays 11:15 am

Child must be accompanied by an adult. Check our website for weekly themes! No registration required.



Monthly Book Groups

Monthly Book Groups are ongoing for the following age groups: fourth grade girls, fifth grade girls, eighth grade boys and "Battle of the Books" grades four through six. *Interested in starting a new book group? Let us know and we will try to make it happen. Check website for details as they may vary.*

BUILD A BETTER WORLD™

**Wednesday, June 14th
7 pm at Historical Hall**

Registration helpful, details to follow

Summer Program Kickoff

Registration will begin that evening for the Library's summer reading game and other Library summer programs.

Lunch Bunch at the Pool~Crafts with Christa~
Summer Reading Game~Live Animal Visits~Book Buddies~
Best in Bedford Dog Show~Chess~Sewing Lessons~
Musical Mother Goose~Baby Bounce and Rhyme~Legos
~and much more!!

Truck Day, Saturday, June 17th, 10:00am-1:00pm

Come be a part of Truck Day 2017, one of the most popular Library programs. Explore a wide variety of large trucks, emergency and more.

It is a great opportunity to climb on vehicles and talk to their operators. This event is held in the parking lot behind the Bedford Presbyterian Church. A great way to kick off Father's Day weekend. All ages welcome!

Free of charge, no registration required. In case of severe weather please check our website www.bedfordfreelibrary.org



Summer Chess Class August 7, 14, 21 4:30-5:30

Ages 7 & up, all levels welcome

Learn how to play chess or brush up on your skills with Chess Instructor John Gallagher. John is an active tournament player and chess instructor who loves to teach.

LUNCH BUNCH

(at the pool)

**Tuesdays,
@ 1:15
July 11, 18, 25
August 1**



Katie Sweeney will be hosting our popular themed storytimes at the pool this summer. Meet at the picnic area at the Bedford Memorial Pool and listen to stories while you enjoy your brown bag lunch or something from the snack bar. A perfect way to start the afternoon at the pool or to refuel after your Little Dolphin lesson!

A Library volunteer will provide the dessert.

A pool pass is required to attend.

Check the Library website for additional events www.bedfordfreelibrary.org, and to sign up for email alerts.

What We're Reading Now. Favorite Staff Picks

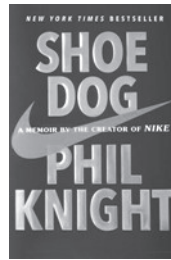


Exit West

By Mohsin Hamid

Short fiction about Nadia and Saeed- two lovers leaving their violent, war torn country as refugees. A dynamic tale of migration combined with a love story. Fabulous writing and a riveting story of our times.

-Janice Robbins

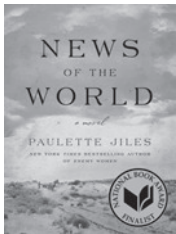


Shoe Dog: A Memoir by the Creator of Nike

By Phil Knight

Who knew that Phil Knight had such a fascinating life? This was an amazing memoir; honest with great lessons and wonderful stories about one our great sports brands. Highly recommend!

-Kelly Crummy

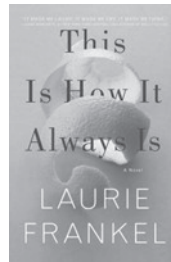


News of the World

By Paulette Jiles

1870's Texas, a country still divided by the Civil War. A dangerous journey with two unforgettable and vivid characters. Endearing, charming and compelling historical fiction. Loved it!

-Silvia Ohler



This Is How It Always Is

By Laurie Frankel

A fascinating, honest and humorous novel about a family with a transgender child growing up with five boys in Wisconsin. Very entertaining and a must read in this time!

-Margaret Scott



Good Night, Mr. Wodehouse

By Faith Sullivan

The lifesaving importance of community, friendship and reading. A young widow with her infant in the 1900's in a small MN town. Nostalgic and heart-warming!

-Joan McDougall

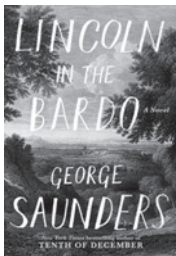


Crooked Kingdom: A Sequel to Six of Crows

By Leigh Bardugo

Fast paced and gritty, full of clever plot twists and romance! Wonderful YA fantasy epic sequel to "Six Crows" (my personal top-ten!)

-Alix Townley

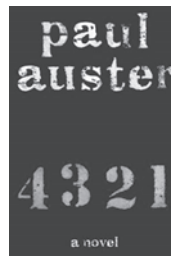


Lincoln in the Bardo

By George Saunders

Such a unique and special novel that interweaves fiction, history, humor and emotions. A real gift from the author to his readers.

-Shodie Alcorn

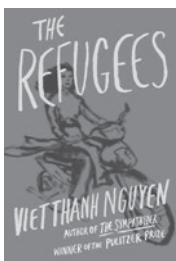


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By Paul Auster

Four different versions of one person's life in a very long, brilliant book! But, it is so engaging, intelligent and readable! It's completely worth it!

-Beth Mancini



The Refugees

By Viet Thanh Nguyen

A short story collection about the Vietnamese immigrant experience in America. Wonderful writing and engrossing storylines mostly about love and family. I could not put it down!

-Linda Krensky

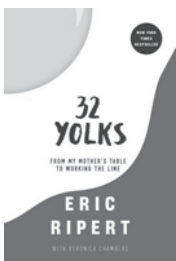


The Nix

By Nathan Hill

One of the best reviewed books of the year, "The Nix" is a satire of politics and media, mixed with family conflicts and relationships. So smart and timely!

-Ann Cloonan

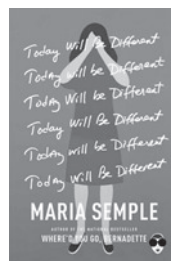


32 Yolks: From My Mother's Table to Working the Line

By Eric Ripert

From chef and owner of Le Bernardin, a passionate memoir of his early years of culinary training in France. Interesting and insightful look into the making of a great chef.

-Robyn McCree



Today Will Be Different

By Maria Semple

Like her first book, Where'd You Go Bernadette, this is one of those rare novels that I try to read slowly so it doesn't end! I'm always so drawn in by the author's clever, quirky, funnybut very human characters.

-Adele Talty

Behind the Desk with Christa Ramage

Interviewed by Robyn McCree



Tuesdays and Wednesdays, on the children's side of the Library, Christa Ramage is the new face smiling behind the desk in the morning and early afternoon. We caught up with her as she was finishing up a St. Patrick's Day craft.

Now I see why they call you "Crafty Christa."

I started volunteering at the library several years ago, planning crafts and activities for elementary school aged children with Shodie Alcorn, the children's librarian. The programs run afterschool, twice a month, and are now known as "Crafts with Christa."

I organize two separate crafts: one for the kindergarteners through second graders and one for the third through fifth graders. In March, the younger group created birdseed bird houses and the older group experimented with marshmallow science! We always have an enthusiastic group and they get to take their creations home.

Where do you get your inspiration for the activities?

I'm not one to sit around and craft at home, yet I enjoy finding educational opportunities for children. I have a teaching credential as well as a master's degree in early childhood development and bilingual education which I put to use teaching second and third grade before my children were born. So, I have lots of ideas and Pinterest helps too!

Any crafting programs for older children?

I am working with Maureen McManus, the Young Adult Librarian on "Crafts with a Cause." We collaborate with local not-for-profit organizations to create something special. A great group of middle school students just finished making lollipop centerpieces for a St. Patrick's Day celebration for the Pound Ridge Seniors' Neighbors to Neighbors program.

That sounds like a wonderful intergenerational effort. What is your favorite age group to work with?

When I was teaching, I really enjoyed the second graders. They are so inquisitive and absorb new information like sponges. There were many "aha moments" when they work through or discover something for the first time. That is one of the great joys of being a teacher. A hands-on experience or experiment is a great way to learn. As my girls have grown up, I continue to share my teaching expertise. I have been a substitute teacher at St. Matthew's pre-school, a Brownie leader and I remain active in volunteer efforts at my children's schools.

Do you ever have time to yourself?

I cherish time with my family especially family game night. I also enjoy most sports. I played soccer in college and I continue to get a kick out of running. I have traveled to San Francisco and D.C. to compete in their half marathon races several times.

I am also a closet kick boxer. I have a home gym set up where I can get a great work out, plus we have two labs that take me for a walk each day. I also enjoy cooking and especially baking. My mother created amazing wedding cakes including elaborately embellished masterpieces. She passed along her talent to me although no one can make a rose as beautifully as she did!

What's on your reading list?

Reading is a great way for me to relax and escape. I enjoy fun, fast moving, plot driven novels. Romantic comedies are perfect for me. I have read all of Emily Griffins novels including Something Borrowed, Heart of the Matter and The One and Only. Growing up, I was fascinated by the Box Car Children series. I couldn't wait to see what the next adventure of children living all by themselves would be. I introduced my two girls to the series as well as the new movie adaptation.

What's your next adventure?

As a family, we love to travel to Maine to spend time with family at the lake and it's where my girls go to camp. We also enjoy traveling to Hawaii or the Caribbean for a true relaxing vacation. One of our frequent trips is back to California to see family and friends. My husband and I grew up and met in California. Both our girls were born there. We moved to Bedford from Southern California eight years ago, and most of our family is still there. We miss them as well as the authentic Mexican food and a good *In-N-Out Burger*, so we travel back frequently. Good food with a side of family is a marvelous vacation!

SUPPORTING THE LIBRARY

ANNUAL APPEAL 2016-2017

Each year in the fall we reach out to the community to support the Library financially through the Annual Appeal. Your contributions are crucial to the success of the Library. If you have given, we thank you, and if you have not, we hope you will join our list of donors.

You can use the form below and mail in your donation, or donate on our website through PayPal at www.bedfordfreelibrary.org. Remember Matching Gifts can increase the value of your gift.

Thank you.

-Jen Kothari, Annual Appeal Manager

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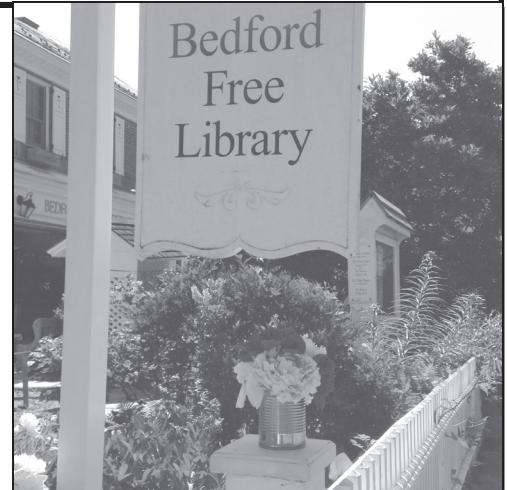
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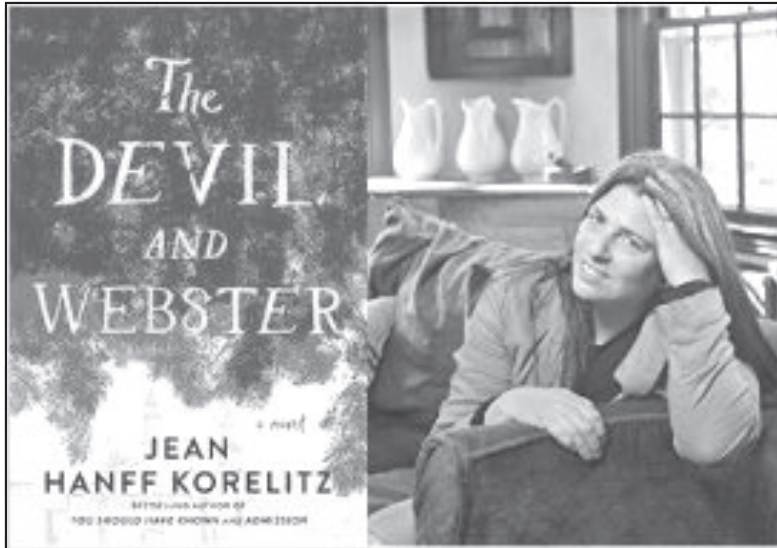
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**The Bedford Free Library Presents
An Evening with Author Jean Hanff Korelitz
Thursday, May 18
7:00 PM**



“Korelitz’s new novel is a smart, semi-satire about the reign of identity politics on college campuses today... The Devil and Webster is wittily on target about, among other things, social class and privilege, silencing and old-school feminist ambivalence about power.”
- Maureen Corrigan, NPR

From the *New York Times* bestselling author of You Should Have Known and Admission, Korelitz will present her twisty new novel about a college president, a baffling student protest, and some of the most hot-button issues of today.

This promises to be a wonderful evening, so call or sign up online at bedfordfreelibrary.org. Free of charge, refreshments will be served. Books available for purchase and signing.

**“Sew Much Fun”
at the Library
Mini Camp with Kate Perri**

August 21-24, 10am-noon
*Participants must commit to all
4 sessions (no exceptions!)*

Back by popular demand, Kate will be teaching sewing lessons at the Library again this summer.

For grades 4 and up. Knowledge of sewing helpful but not required. Participants will learn basic sewing skills and create 3-4 projects.

Registration required. Space is limited.

Registration begins on Tuesday, April 18th @ 10:00am





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