

SPECIAL EVENTS

- * **Islanders Read the Classics**
Flannery O'Connor
Tu. May 15— 7-8pm
- * **Emily Cavanagh, author of "This Bright Beauty"**
Th. May 17— 6-7pm
- * **Stuffed Animal Sleepover**
Fr. May 18—3-4:30pm arrive
Sa. May 19 10-11 breakfast
- * **All-Island Library Friends**
Sa. May 19—12:30-2pm
- * **Al Woollacott, author of "Believers in the Crucible Nauvoo"**
Sa. May 19 — 2-3pm
- * **Accessibility Workshops**
Tu. May 24—10 am & 6pm
- * **Memorial Day craft**
Sa. May. 26 — 10-11:30am
- * **Chef Deon's Conch Cookbook**
Release party
Th. May 31 — 6-8pm
- * **Summer Music series: Will Stratton**
Sa. Jun 9 — 5-6pm
Elisha Wiesner, Space Invaders & SPOUSE
Sa. Jun 16 — 7-9:30pm
- * **Father's Day Craft**
Sa. June 16 — Time TBA
- * **Summer Reading Kick off**
Fr. June 22 — 12-2pm
- * **Book Drive**
Sa. Jun 23 —12:30-2:30pm
- * **Sail In kids "drive-in" movie & craft**
Sa. June 30 — 10am-12noon
- * **Drum Making craft**
Tu. July 3 — Time TBA
- * **Bubble Afternoon**
Sa. July 14 — 12-2pm
- * **Annual Book Sale**
Th. Jul 19-Fr. July 20 — 10-4
Sa. July 21 — 10-2
- * **Rock Party** crafts, music, food & fun
Sat. Jul 21 — Time TBA
- * **Staying Sane While Applying to College**
Th. July 26 — 6-7pm
- * **Family Dance Party**
Sa. July 28 — 1-4pm
- * **Sing-A-Long Movie**
Tu. July 31 — 1-4pm
- * **Teen Open Mic Night**
Tu. July 31 — 5-8pm
- * **"Paris Noir: African Americans in the City of Light,"**
Film & discussion
Th. Aug 2 — 4-8pm
- * **African American Literature & Culture Festival** -- Aug 3-4 *Stay tuned for details!*
- * **Painting with Sound for kids**
Tu. Aug 7 — Time TBA
- * **After-hours Teen Lock In**
games, activities food & fun!
Fri. Aug 10 — 5-8pm
- * **Andrew Robinson, author The Long Journey Home**
Sa. Aug 11 — 2-3pm
- * **Illumination Craft for Kids**
We. Aug 15—10am-12 noon

More info & updates :
oakbluffslibrary.org/events/

SHOW YOUR LIBRARY LOVE

If the first Oak Bluffs librarian could time travel to the library of 2018, she'd almost certainly be gobsmacked. Back in 1884, the library was a single room over the Arcade building. The wealth of books and periodicals alone would be eye-opening, not to mention the sheer square footage of the building that houses it all.

But paper and ink are paper and ink. The real shock would come in the digital and electronic materials that today's patrons take for granted. And who could have imagined a library that provides fishing rods, beach umbrellas, lawn games, sewing machines, 3-D printers, museum passes, computer classes and Wi-Fi hotspots for users? Even by the 1950s, it would be unusual for libraries to offer cooking demonstrations, dance recitals, yoga sessions (glow or otherwise), plant care programs, variety shows, Lego clubs, game tournaments or the whole host of other activities that draw people to today's library to learn, imagine, make, do, play and be inspired. In short, the 21st century library has extended Andrew Carnegie's vision of a "university for the people" to something more. As author Tanner Colby put it "Libraries are more than just stores of books and knowledge.



They are the cornerstone of neighborhoods and communities. They are the public square, and we need them in this capacity now more than ever."

Providing the kind of materials, services, programs and events that patrons want takes money. For 30 years, the Library Friends of Oak Bluffs has been raising money to help the Oak Bluffs Public Library provide the resources and programming that the community wants, needs and deserves. You can help by giving generously to the Friends. Information about donation options can be found at <http://oakbluffslibrary.org/lfob>

[-donate-volunteer/](#).

You can also support by donating books to our annual book sale. This year's book sale will be held from **10am-4pm Thursday & Friday, July 19-20 and from 10am-2pm on Saturday, July 21**. Donated books must be in good to excellent condition. Scientific, medical and travel books can be no more than three years old. Donated books should be free of underlining and margin notes. A **book drive** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 23 from 12:30-2:30pm**.



"A LIBRARY IN THE MIDDLE OF A COMMUNITY IS A CROSS BETWEEN AN EMERGENCY EXIT, A LIFE RAFT, AND A FESTIVAL. THEY ARE CATHEDRALS OF THE MIND; HOSPITALS OF THE SOUL; THEME PARKS OF THE IMAGINATION."

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SAVE THE DATE!

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Saturday, July 21 from 10am-2pm

REACHING OUT

Lady Bird Johnson said it best: "Perhaps no place in any community is so totally democratic as the town library." The library is for everyone and the only entrance requirement is interest. Oak Bluffs Public Library wants to be sure that everyone knows that and feels welcome and included. Here are some of the ways our library reaches out:

Library at Home Service

If you are ill, have a disability or visual impairment, are recovering from surgery or have recently given birth, getting to the library may not be possible. In that case, the library can come to you. A library staff member or volunteer delivers the library materials to you and can help in selecting materials if needed. The At Home service provides the full spectrum of library materials and services, including



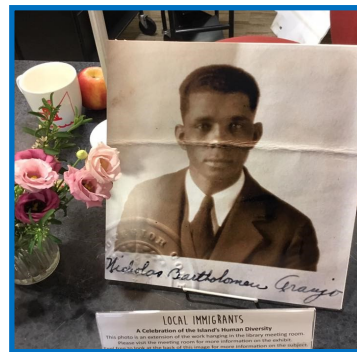
- Large and regular print books,
- Audiobooks,
- DVDs and Blu-ray,
- Music CDs,
- Magazines,
- Internet research materials.

For more information or to sign up, call the outreach coordinator at (508)-693-9433, email oakbluffs_outreach@gmail.com or apply online at oakbluffslibrary.org/athome.

ELL/English Language Learners and Immigrant Services

Did you know that 21% of Oak Bluffs residents speak a language other than English? In addition to beefing up its collection of Portuguese books and materials, the library hosts an informal English conversation group on Tuesday evenings. A translator is available to assist Portuguese-speaking patrons every Saturday from 1-3pm through May and twice monthly in July and August.

Other goals include expanding the foreign film collection with titles in French, Portuguese, Spanish, Russian, Dutch and Danish and starting a bilingual story time. The library also maintains a subscription to Mango, an online language learning program available to patrons at no charge.



WEEKLY PROGRAMS

- * **Game Night @ The Barn**
Mo. — 7:30-9:30pm
- * **Circulo de Conversas em Ingles/ Conversation Circle**
Tu. — 6:30-9:30pm
- * **Free Lunch, thanks to Island Grown Initiative**
We & Th. Jul 9-Aug 17 — 12-1
- * **Coffee Corner** We. — 10-11am
- * **Sensational & Crafty Story Time (3+)**
We. — 10:30-11:30am
- * **OB Writers Group** Th. — 10am-12noon
- * **Book Babies** Th. — 11-11:30am
- * **Teen STEAM activities & challenges**
Th. Jul-Aug — Time TBA
- * **Toddler Time** Fr. — 10:30—11:30am
- * **Tai Chi & Tea** Fr. — 10:30-11:30am
- * **Lego Club (Ages 6+)** Fr. — 3-4:30pm



MONTHLY PROGRAMS

- * **Library Friends**
1st We. — 4-6
- * **Glow Yoga for Kids, ages 4-7**
Pre-register at the library
2nd Th — 6-7pm
- * **Wii U & VR for teens**
Th. July 12 & Aug 23 — time TBA
- * **Friday Night Magic**
Magic: The Gathering card game
1st/3rd Fr. — 6-8pm
- * **Sensory Storytime**
1st Sa. — 10-11
- * **Move & Groove Family Story Time**
1st Sa. — 11am-12 noon
- * **Library Trustees**
2nd Th. — 3-4:30pm
- * **Modern Quilt Guild**
2nd Sa. — 10am-3:30pm
- * **Open Sewing Lab**
2nd & 4th Fr. — 11:30am-2pm
2nd & 4th Sa. — 10-11am

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LIBRARY CLOSED WEDNESDAY, JULY 4