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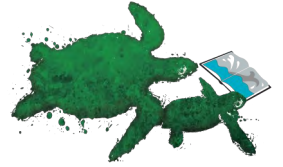
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Summer Reading Challenge

This year's theme is Tails & Tales!

Check our website or call us for open hours & holiday closures.

Virtual library open 24/7/365.



This year's summer reading challenge starts on June 28th and ends on August 13th. In order to make it easier to participate from home, we are excited to bring back *Beanstack*, an online program that allows participants of all ages to track their reading and complete challenges to earn prizes!

readers today! Be on the lookout for storytimes, scavenger hunts, crafts, and other exciting events for kids and teens throughout the summer. And keep your eyes out for a brand new Storywalk outside the library!

For Adults: The *Beanstack* app can be used to read, complete challenges, and earn prizes too! Our slate of programs, activities and reading recommendations will keep you busy all summer long. Adults will have the choice to participate online or using a paper game card. We look forward to bringing you music, movies and virtual game nights. There will be something to do whether you are participating from home or at the library according to current social distancing practices.

For Kids & Teens: To help prevent the dreaded "summer slide" in literacy skills, we are encouraging kids to keep reading and learning during the summer. For this year's challenge, kids and teens will read and complete other fun activities to receive tickets for our end-of-summer raffles. **Registering is easy!** Just visit eastgreenbushlibrary.beanstack.org and sign up your

Community blanket comes together

Patrons sew quilt squares that Project Linus uses to create a new handmade blanket for children in need.

Project Linus is a non-profit organization that provides new handmade blankets to children in need. On February 9th, Jody Squadere, Adult Services Librarian, and Syma Lapides, Project Linus liaison and patron, launched the project to support this great cause. Registrants were provided a Rail Fence pattern and materials to sew their pieces.

The response from our community was overwhelming. Many people provided 4-20 squares each! Some enthusiasts even dipped into their private craft stash to make more. Quilters were so appreciative to have this opportunity to contribute to the community. We hope that these quilts will bring warmth, comfort and maybe even delight to the children who receive

"Thank you for the opportunity to help. It was a great teaching tool to teach my 3 grandchildren (ages 13, 9 and 3) about community service, math, and empathy."

them. Our intention is for each quilt, created by many hands, to be a loving community embrace. Check our website or subscribe to e-news for future project announcements. To learn more about Project Linus visit their website at <https://projectlinus.org>.



Sneak peek at 1 of 8 blankets to be sewn by the Project Linus liaison.

Local writers pen their pandemic stories

Short story contest draws over 40 local writers to submit their original Pen to Pandemic stories.

Over 40 local writers submitted their original stories for the library's Pen to Pandemic short story contest. Stories were judged by language and style, originality of ideas and how the story captured a snapshot of time. On May 1st, one winner from each age group (18+ to 49 and 50+) was selected by a panel of distinguished judges – Bobbie Reno, Town of East

Greenbush Historian; Kathy T. Sheehan, County and City Historian at the Hart Cluett Museum; and Frankie Y. Bailey, professor at the School of Criminal Justice at the University of Albany (SUNY) and published author. The winners' stories will be celebrated with a public reading followed by a light reception hosted by the library (visit our website for details).



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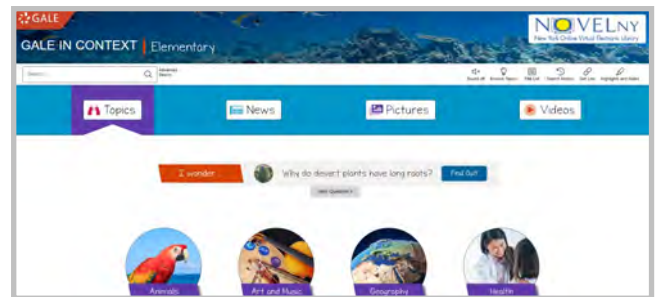
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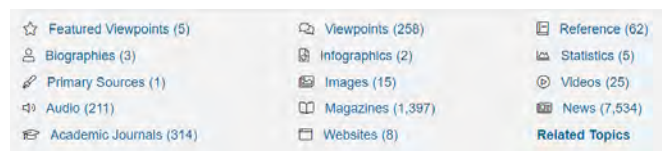
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Gale In Context is a subject-specific resource designed for students and teachers. The library provides access to both the elementary and middle school databases. This media-rich tool offers engaging content that supports visual and auditory learning in addition to national and state curriculum standards. Its user-friendly interface and responsive design comes with the standard collaborative tools (G Suite and Office 365) and assistive technologies with the addition of curriculum-aligned content and instructional materials to support educators.

High school students who participate in academic clubs, such as Model Congress and Mock Trial Team, can benefit from *Gale In Context Opposing Viewpoints*. This database covers over 400 current issues, each supported with a topic overview and supplemental materials organized for ease of use and impact.



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Farmers' Market begins 7th season

Stop by and welcome our new vendors alongside your market favorites!



The Farmers' Market was an initiative started in 2014 by JoAnn Jakiela, former public relations manager for the library, in collaboration with the Greenbush YMCA. True to her nature, JoAnn's bright spirit and "can do" attitude enabled her to develop a tight knit, steadfast community of vendors who are committed to bringing locally sourced goods to our community. Since then, the market has grown to include crafters, live music, and family-friendly experiences and programs provided by the library, the YMCA and community partners.

Grab farm-fresh goods, gourmet items, dinner & more

At the market you will find a variety of vendors offering farm-fresh produce, meats, baked goods, to-go meals plus gourmet specialties such as jams and jellies, honey, maple products, popcorn, artisan cheeses, crafts and more. Visit us Wednesdays, rain or shine, from 4-7 pm June through August and 4-6:30 pm in September. Stay tuned to our social media channels and websites for market news and severe weather-related cancellations. COVID safety measures are in place and some activities may be limited or unavailable.




Wednesdays (Rain or Shine)
June 9th through September 29th
4-7 pm (summer); 4-6:30 pm (September)

Location: 10-20 Community Way in East Greenbush
(parking lot between the library and YMCA)

Get vendor applications and market information:

<https://eglibrary.org/newsletter/farmers-market/>

<https://cdymca.org/farmers-market/>

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Become a vendor!

Vendor applications, rules and regulations are available at the library, Greenbush YMCA and online. Send applications to sromanowski@cdymca.org or drop off at the Greenbush YMCA. Vendors who confirm by May 5th have guaranteed placement on our promotional materials. Payment deadline is May 31st.



Meet Trustee
Camie Engel

Welcome Camie!

Library Trustee appointed to the Services Committee.

In January newly elected Trustee, Camie Engel, was appointed to the Library Board of Trustees Services Committee. As a member of this committee, she will work collaboratively alongside fellow Trustees, Shay Harrison and Mari Harris, to support the library through public relations and advocacy initiatives, as a Friends Liaison, refining library policies, evaluating services to ensure they meet community needs, and developing the long-range plan of service.

With faith, community, and leadership serving as the cornerstones of her life, Camie says, *"being on this committee perfectly aligns with my values, both personally and professionally. I am looking forward to engaging with the community to find ways to best serve their needs."* One of her initial goals is to create partnerships with town organizations to

bring library services and, most importantly, books to those who need them most. Some ideas that she hopes to develop are similar in vein to neighborhood initiatives such as the "little free library exchange" and the "free food fridge."

In addition to being approachable and rooted in our community, Camie offers the essential knowledge and skills to support this role. She recently received a master's degree in Human Services with a concentration in grief counseling and infertility from Regent University of Virginia Beach, VA. Currently, she employs her counseling experience at the support group that she leads for women struggling with infertility.

To learn more about the Library Board of Trustees and upcoming initiatives, visit <https://eglibrary.org/about/board> or attend a board meeting which are typically held the third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 pm.

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We will have many exciting Adult and Kids programs to offer in the upcoming months! To learn more about these programs—call, visit us or check our calendar at

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Farmers' Market Opens



See details inside

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Summer Reading



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2 Holds Pickup Locations



We now have two pickup locations! If you had our library set as your default pickup location, your new default location is the drive thru. Contact the library to change your default location. As always, you can change the pickup location each time you request an item.

Note: Holds placed prior to 4/12 that have not yet been put in transit will be marked for pickup at the checkout desk, but this can be changed in your online account (edit hold) or by a staff member.



The Friends will hold a virtual June meeting on June 15th at 6:30 pm. Dial-in information can be requested by emailing foegcl@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for email communications about upcoming Friends events including **grab-and-go sales, raffle baskets, and book donation drop-offs.**