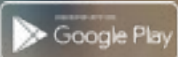
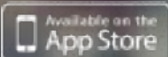




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NEWS

3D PRINTERS BRING DYNAMIC CURRICULUM TO CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

By using our 3D printers, our Learning Commons librarians are teaching students about prosthetics and about life! Our teens got “hands on” in assembling 3D-printed prosthetic hands for community service. The completed hands will be donated to e-NABLE, a global nonprofit network of volunteers who will then match these prosthetics with recipients in need around the world. We want to thank everyone who participated in this innovative and exciting initiative!



CLASSES & EVENTS

ADULTS

AGES 18 & OVER · CONDUCTED BY THE **ADULT SERVICES & LEARNING COMMONS** DEPARTMENTS

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Thursday, December 8, unless otherwise noted. If your class requires a fee, you must pay by credit card when registering online or by phone, or you can register in person and make your payment by cash, check, or credit card at the Circulation Desk. All fees are non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel your registration if you are more than 10 minutes late.

ARTS & CRAFTS

Art Club For Adults: Winter Watercolor

Monday, December 12, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn the basics of watercolor painting and create a beautiful winter landscape. Limit of 16.

Paint Poinsettia Flowers

Monday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join artist Laura Goetz to paint white and coral colored poinsettia flowers. You will use water-based paints and add some holiday glitter! Limit of 18.

Color Your Cares Away

Thursdays, December 15, January 5, & February 2, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Relax and de-stress by dropping in and coloring a page or two. Coloring pages, pencils, and gel pens will be provided, but you are welcome to bring your own supplies. *No registration required.*

Glass Mosaic Winter Star

Thursday, December 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Mosaic artist Gabriella Grama leads this class, where you will make a fun and festive winter star decoration. You will use paints in winter colors and safety/crash glass. Limit of 14.

Origami Wreath

Friday, December 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Saturday, December 17, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Brighten your winter décor with this easy-to-assemble, saucer-sized wreath made with eight interlocking pieces of paper. Limit of 16.

Paper Flowers: Mistletoe

Friday, December 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Casey from Art and Flowers Custom Design as we create paper mistletoe. Revered from the time of the Norse Gods as a symbol of love, mistletoe inspires wishes and kisses upon those who stand beneath it during the holidays! Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Styrofoam Printmaking: Wrapping Paper

Saturday, December 17, 9:30 - 10:30 am or 10:45 - 11:45 am

Create your own unique wrapping paper for the holiday season during this fun and easy printmaking lesson. Limit of 8.

Flower Arranging: Holiday Swag

Monday, December 19, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Design a holiday-themed flower arrangement with floral designer Irene Morgan. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Personalized Holiday Gift Bags

Tuesday, December 20, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Decorate gift bags to add a personal touch to your holiday gifts. All materials will be provided. Limit of 16.

In Praise of Evergreens Rock Craft

Thursday, December 22, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Express your reverence for the quiet beauty of evergreen trees in a winter landscape by painting an evergreen sprig on a white painted rock. You will use simple tools and a dot technique to create this tribute to the stately trees. Limit of 12.

Craft Buffet

Tuesday, December 27, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Come get creative with a buffet of our leftover craft supplies! We will have an array of items to choose from to make whatever you would like. Some stations will be project-specific, and some tables will be set up as grab-and-create. Limit of 24.

New Year's Eve Glitter Jars

Friday, December 30, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm or 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Ring in the New Year with luminary jars that we will decorate with glue, glitter, ribbon, and fairy lights. Limit of 16.

Flower Arranging: Snowy January

Monday, January 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Design a flower arrangement with floral designer Irene Morgan. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Art Club for Adults: Van Gogh Flowers

Monday, January 9, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to use oil pastels as we examine Van Gogh and his oil paintings of flowers. Limit of 12.

Paper Flowers: Hellebore

Saturday, January 14, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Join Casey from Art and Flowers Custom Design as we create hellebore, also known as the Lenten rose. This beautiful flower represents peace, serenity, and tranquility. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Heart Dot Mandala Rock

Thursday, January 19, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Paint a heart mandala on a rock for someone you love. All materials will be supplied. Limit of 12.

Winter-Themed Painting

Friday, January 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Paint along step-by-step with Melissa of Paint Party LI to create a beautiful acrylic-on-glass painting of birch trees and a cardinal. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Sew-Your-Own Makeup Bag

Saturday, January 21, 10:00 - 11:45 am

Who doesn't need another bag to carry your makeup, pens and markers, small craft projects, etc.? Learn the basics of the sewing machine as you make one using our fabric. Feel free to bring in your own sewing machine if you have one. Limit of 4.

Painting with Joe: Winter Scene

Monday, January 23, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Artist Joe Socci leads this class, where you will paint a winter scene with elements of both expressionism and impressionism. Limit of 12.

Seashell Mosaic

Monday, January 23, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Try your hand at creating a miniature Sailor's Valentine, a mariner's historic souvenir created from small colorful shells to give to a loved one. Limit of 25.

Let's Sew Llamas: A Felt-Stuffed Animal Program

Monday, January 23, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Using hand sewing techniques, we will make these adorable embroidered llama stuffed animals while learning some easy and unique stitches. Limit of 16.

Crochet Star Blanket

Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, & 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Practice your increases and decreases while making a beautiful crochet blanket, perfect for chilly winter nights. Aimee Saccio will show you how. Please bring size H, I, and J crochet hooks, as well as 2,000 yards of a self-stripping yarn such as LionBrand Mandala or Caron Cakes. Must know basic crochet stitches. *No registration required.*

Valentine Cupcake Liner Wreath

Wednesday, January 25, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Make a fun wreath using cupcake liners, straight pins, and ribbon. Hang on your door as a Valentine's—or any time—decoration! Limit of 16.

Woven Paper Hearts

Friday, January 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or Saturday, January 28, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Using thin strips of cardstock, we will create a series of three-dimensional paper hearts that can be strung on a ribbon as a wall decoration or hung as an ornament. Limit of 16.

Inspirational Keychain

Friday, January 27, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Create an inspirational keychain using polymer clay, paint, and stamps. Limit of 20.

The Kiss

Monday, January 30, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join artist Laura Goetz for a painting inspired by Gustav Klimt's *The Kiss*. We will create a portrait of two lovers kissing. Limit of 18.

Diamond Painting: Coasters

Friday, February 3, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Using tiny diamond-like facets, decorate a set of coasters. Limit of 24.

Stained Glass: Cardinal

Saturday, February 4, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm or 1:30 - 4:00 pm

Learn how to foil and solder your own stained glass cardinal. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$20.00**

Flower Arranging: Full of Love

Monday, February 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Design a Valentine's Day-themed flower arrangement with floral designer Irene Morgan. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Valentine's Day Coiled Heart Wreath

Monday, February 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Artist Bonnie Schwartz will show you how to make a beautiful coiled heart for Valentine's Day using curled paper and a glue gun. Limit of 20.

Tribute Box

Thursday, February 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Create a portable tribute to a trip, a person, or a pastime in a metal 4 x 2-inch (Altoids size) hinged box. The library will supply paint, washi tape, edging, 3D foam tape, glue guns, and some backdrops. You supply the embellishments to continue your theme, such as bits of jewelry, tiny feathers, dried flowers, small statuettes, dollhouse-sized accessories, mini shells, and other personal items. Limit of 12.

Paint-by-Numbers for Adults

Friday, February 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Create a work of art using a Paint-by-Numbers kit. Limit of 16.

Card Making

Saturday, February 11, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn basic card making techniques using Stampin' Up! products, papers, ink, and stamp sets. You will return home with two handmade cards to share with family and friends. Limit of 24.

Art Club for Adults: Jim Dine Hearts

Monday, February 13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn about the Pop artist Jim Dine and make your own Pop art painting to celebrate Valentine's Day. Limit of 16.

Cathedral Window Paper Art

Friday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Saturday, February 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Recreate the "cathedral window" quilt pattern using colorful circles of scrapbook paper and design small, unusual works of wall art. Limit of 12.

Knit or Crochet Yip Yip Hanging Bag

Fridays, February 24, March 3, & 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Revisit your childhood while making this fun *Sesame Street* character, perfect for storing odds and ends, or even a plant. Aimee Saccio will teach you how to knit or crochet your very own. For the Yip Yip, please bring 1 ball of Bernat Blanket yarn in the color of your choice and either a size L crochet hook or 24-inch size 10.5 circular needles. Eyes will be provided. Basic knowledge of knitting or crochet required. Limit of 20.

Holi Stencil and Paint Celebration

Wednesday, March 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Thursday, March 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Holi, also known as the Festival of Colors, is a vibrant holiday celebrated in India and other South Asian countries. It involves dancing, singing, and the playful throwing of colored powders on fellow revelers. In this class, using markers, we will stencil and decorate an image of an elephant, and then add the finishing touch of spritzing it with colorful paint in the festive spirit of Holi. Limit of 15.

Lucky Stars Washi Tape Wall Décor

Saturday, March 4, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or Monday, March 6, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

You will create a framed work of art using washi tape, a Japanese decorative tape, by placing strips of washi on a piece of paper. Then, you will place a Cricut-made cut-out, which will be supplied, over your washi. Both pieces will be added to a frame that you can hang on a wall or sit on a tabletop. Limit of 16.

Art Club for Adults: Stipple Shading

Monday, March 6, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Come and join us in our Art Club for Adults to learn the fun drawing technique of stippling to create textured shading in our drawings. Limit of 16.

Quill a St. Patrick's Day Shamrock

Monday, March 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn the art of quilling (rolling paper into designs) as you make a beautiful shamrock for St. Patrick's Day. Artist Bonnie Schwartz will show you how. Limit of 20.

COMMUNITY

Veteran Community Resource Table

Mondays, December 12, January 9, & February 13, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

A monthly resource table where you can learn about programs and services available in Suffolk County for veterans and their families. Hosted by Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project. *No registration required.*

Long Island Cares Mobile Outreach Resource Enterprise

Tuesday, December 20 and Thursdays, January 12, February 9, & March 9, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Long Island Cares will have a van on site for a three-day supply of food. No identification required. While supplies last. *No library registration required.*

Suffolk County Senior Advocate

Thursdays, January 5 & March 2, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

A Suffolk County Senior Advocate will meet with persons 60 and over and their caregivers to provide information, counseling, and assistance in applying for benefits they may be eligible for. Emphasis is on programs that foster economic independence, such as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare Savings Program, and HEAP. First-come, first-served. *No registration required.*

CONCERTS · Register to guarantee admission. Limit of 4 seats per member.

History of Rock 'n Roll Holiday Show

Sunday, December 11, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The History of Rock 'n Roll show will present classic rock 'n roll through the decades and will also feature lots of popular holiday songs.

Walking the Line: A Johnny Cash Tribute

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tom Cavanagh looks, sounds, and moves like the Man in Black. He and his band perform an authentic tribute featuring the most loved hits and rare gems from every decade.

Fabulous Clusters All-Star Review

Sunday, January 8, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Welcome back the "new" Clusters, a supergroup with singers from the Platters, Shirelles, Chalets, Valentinos, Del Larks, and Randy & the Rainbows. Paulie Gee (lead), Cassie Hawkins (lead), Joe Gugliotta (Original 1958 Bass), Jerry Pilgrim (first tenor lead), Carlo Rampollo (second tenor lead), and Joe Miranda (baritone lead) perform the hits of the '50s to the '80s.

Happy New Year with Rockin' Robin

Sunday, January 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Celebrate 2023 in style! Rockin' Robin (featuring Denise Marie and Rocco "G") performs all the great songs from the '40s to the '70s, including danceable hits, romantic ballads, and pop favorites. There will be light refreshments and room to dance.

The Band Easy Street

Sunday, January 22, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Playing an eclectic mix of popular music, including many dance favorites and classic oldies from the Beatles to Billy Joel, Jimmy Buffet to Linda Ronstadt, and Johnny Cash to Elvis, there will be a little something for everyone.

Marty G and the G-Men

Sunday, January 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Marty G and the G-Men will entertain you with an afternoon of oldies. Come listen to a wide assortment of tunes from the '50s, '60s, and '70s, including songs by Jay Black, the Four Seasons, the Five Satins, and many more.

Showstopping Hits with Mary Sollitto and Jim Kanellos

Sunday, February 5, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Mary Sollitto, singer and pianist, and Jim Kanellos, saxophone, will entertain you with showstopping songs you know and love.

The Acchords

Sunday, February 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This doo-wop group will cover hits from the golden age of rock and roll by musical legends like the Coasters, the Drifters, the Platters, Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and the Temptations.

The Brooklyn Bards

Sunday, February 19, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The Brooklyn Bards are an acoustic traditional Irish folk band, performing across the tri-state area for over nine years. The band appears regularly at many Irish pubs, restaurants, weddings, and festivals. They play everything from the old Carolan tunes up to recent traditional repertoire, including reels, jigs, ballads, airs, drinking songs, marches, and rebel songs. The history of Ireland and its people is told in the deep lyrics, telling the true stories of patriots, struggles to survive, romance, and revelry set to unique melodies and rhythms.

Tommy Lynn in Concert

Sunday, February 26, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tommy Lynn, who has performed with a Neil Diamond tribute band, will sing for you a mix of popular songs by various musicians from the 1940s to 1970s.

The Red Hot Mamas

Sunday, March 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

The Red Hot Mamas, aged 55 to 85, have been kicking up their heels with Rockette-style tap dancing in the NY area for the past twenty years. The company's repertoire includes selections from Broadway shows, old-time favorites, and current popular tunes. Recent performances include Paula Abdul's *Live To Dance*, The Chapin Stage at Heckscher Park, and LI Dance Consortium's Celebration of Dance.

COOKING

Cooking with Rob Scott

Thursday, January 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Rob Scott will demonstrate and you will taste Pan Seared Chicken with Two Different Sauces, Creamy Cacciatore and Sundried Tomato Sauce. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

Chinese New Year Dumplings

Monday, January 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Chef and cookbook author Penn Hongthong will demonstrate how to make simple, healthy, and tasty Chinese dumplings for Chinese New Year. You will first sample some dumplings and then make your own vegetable and ground turkey variety to take home. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$3.00**

Local Eats: Potatoes | Virtual

Thursday, January 19, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Join us as we discuss the endless ways to prepare potatoes. You will learn how easy it is to grow your own potatoes, along with important tips on storing/freezing them.

Mediterranean Cooking with Naela

Thursday, January 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Naela Zeidan will demonstrate and you will taste Spinach Pie, Hummus, and Savoury Za'atar Cookies with thyme and olive oil. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

Local Eats: Beets | Virtual

Thursday, February 16, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Originally from the Middle East, beets come in many different colors and flavors. Learn how to grow, purchase, and cook beets to add more nutrients to your daily meals.

Authentic Irish Brown Bread

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Brown Bread is served all day in Ireland. Toasted for breakfast, with a bowl of soup for lunch, and in the dinner bread basket. This recipe, from Marie of Tipperary who makes it weekly, uses oats, flour, and buttermilk, and is simplified from the more traditional, labor-intensive way, for the modern Irish household. You will need to bring a loaf pan, a mixing spoon, a medium mixing bowl, and an apron. You will leave with a loaf to bake. Limit of 20.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Widowhood: Who Am I?

Thursdays, December 15, January 19, & February 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The death of a partner brings significant emotional challenges and changes in daily life. Join this conversation group to share experiences on your journey to healing and growth. Brenda Ferrante facilitates. Limit of 25.

Hot Topics

Mondays, January 9, February 6, & March 6, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Join in a discussion of major topics in today's news and current events. *No registration required.*

Book Discussion: A Selection of Short Stories and Poems by Edgar Allan Poe | Pick Up Book Beginning December 8 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us as we discuss a selection of short stories by the preeminent Gothic writer on his birthday. How did tragedy influence Poe's works? Why were his stories so twisted? What made them so memorable all these years after his mysterious death? Read on and find out. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: The Authenticity Project by Claire Pooley | Pick Up Book Beginning December 8 at the Circulation Desk

Friday, January 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, January 21, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Julian Jessop believes that most people aren't really honest with each other. But what if they were? And so he writes the truth about his own life and leaves his journal in a local cafe. Before long, others find the green notebook and add their own truths—and soon find each other in real life at the cafe. Limit of 15.

Play Discussion: Brighton Beach Memoirs by Neil Simon | Pick Up Book Beginning December 8 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The first play in Neil Simon's *Eugene Trilogy*. It is 1937 in Brooklyn during the heart of the Depression. Fifteen-year-old Eugene Jerome lives in Brighton Beach with his family. He is witty, perceptive, and obsessed with sex. As our guide through his "memoirs," Eugene takes us through a series of trenchant observations and insights that show his family meeting life's challenges with pride, spirit, and a marvelous sense of humor. But as World War II looms ever closer, Eugene sees his own innocence slipping away as the first important era of his life ends—and a new one begins. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: Beautiful World, Where Are You by Sally Rooney | Pick Up Book Beginning January 20 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, February 23, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, February 25, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Alice, a novelist, meets Felix, who works in a warehouse and asks him if he'd like to travel to Rome with her. In Dublin, her best friend, Eileen, is getting over a breakup, and slips back into flirting with Simon, a man she has known since childhood. As they worry about their lives and their futures, will these four characters find a way to believe in a beautiful world? Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers by J.R.R. Tolkien | Pick Up Book Beginning January 20 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, March 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Part 2 of the *Lord of the Rings* trilogy. The Fellowship is scattered. Only Frodo and Sam are left to take the One Ring to be destroyed in Mordor while Aragorn leads the rest of the company into Rohan—the land of the horse lords—where the clouds of war gather. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: The Music of Bees by Eileen Garvin | Pick Up Book Beginning February 23 at the Circulation Desk

Friday, March 17, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, March 18, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Three lonely strangers in a rural Oregon town are brought together by happenstance on a local honeybee farm where they find friendship, healing, and maybe even a second chance. Limit of 15.

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

Through the Golden Door: Immigration After the Civil War | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

America's doors were open to all before the Civil War, with few restrictions. Afterwards, the laws began tightening, with exclusions, quotas, even required visas. How did the immigration laws affect your ancestors who immigrated after the Civil War? What hoops did they have to jump through to enter America's "golden door"—and what records might we find as a result? Judy G. Russell, a genealogist and lawyer, will be the presenter. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 20. Virtual: Limit of 50.

Boat Building and Boat Yards of Long Island: A Tribute to Tradition

Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Author, folklorist, and Long Island Traditions' executive director Nancy Solomon will discuss her book on the boat builders and boat yards of the North Shore, South Shore, East End, and other communities on Long Island. She will share the stories she collected from traditional boat builders and boat yard managers in the region during the late 1990s to the present day. *No registration required.*

Demystifying Eastern European Research | In-person & Virtual

Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Anyone who has attempted to trace their ancestors back to Eastern Europe understands the special challenges and frustrations involved. Border changes, language differences, political considerations, and exotic-sounding surnames often complicate the research process. This session covers the most common myths/misconceptions and how to work around them. With speaker Lisa Alzo. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 20. Virtual: Limit of 50.

Robert Moses: New York's Hero or Villain? | In-Person & Virtual

Monday, February 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Robert Moses was once a very powerful man in New York State second only to the Governor himself. He was the man responsible for building New York's tunnels, bridges, parks, parkways and even World's Fairs. Some people called him a genius and others called him a tyrant. Which one was he? This lecture might help you decide. St. John's University professors Howard Ehrlich and Harvey Sackowitz are the presenters. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 50. Virtual: Limit of 50.

FITNESS

Senior Fitness

Mondays, December 12, 19, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, & March 6, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Work out with Joy Walker at this basic weight-training and body toning class. Chairs are used for upper and lower body work. Limit of 55.

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, December 13, 20, January 3, 10, 24, February 7, 14, 28, & March 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am

You will learn Tai Chi based on a simplified method. Elements of Qigong and a traditional short Tai Chi form will be shown at these sessions taught by Jim Cummings. Limit of 55.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, December 14, 21, January 4, 11, 25, February 1, 8, 15, & March 8, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Enjoy the full yoga experience without getting down on the floor. The instructor is Kim Battaglia. Limit of 55.

Senior Stretch and Flex

Fridays, December 16, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, 24, & March 10, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

This class is designed to help improve fitness. Limit of 55.

Yin Yang Yoga

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, & February 1, 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

The class will be divided into two parts: first, Yang, which is movement and flow for strength and flexibility. The second, Yin, will be longer held, gentle postures to ground and calm. This is a perfect lunchtime combination. Limit of 14.

Country Line Dancing for Beginners

Fridays, January 20, 27, February 3, 17, & 24, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Line dance instructor Bill Iozzino will be here to teach you basic steps and beginner dances. Yee-haw! Limit of 75.

GAMES & TRIVIA

Chess Club

Every Tuesday, December 13 - March 7, 5:00 - 7:30 pm

Members of the Oakdale Chess Club will be on hand to provide beginner instruction or more advanced play. Boards will be provided. All ages welcome. *No registration required.*

Dungeons & Dragons for Adults

Saturdays, December 31, January 28, & February 25, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Bring your character sheet and dice to join us for our exciting and engaging campaign of Dungeons & Dragons with our adventuring guild. New and beginner players are welcome. Limit of 8.

Trivia Night

Wednesday, January 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us for trivia. Be part of your own team (a total of five people), play alone, or let us assign you to a team. Members of the winning team will receive a prize. *No registration required.*

Left, Center, Right Dice Game

Friday, January 13, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

No skill or knowledge of the game required. Roll the three LCR dice, and what happens next is determined by what the dice reveal! Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 24.

Musical Bingo

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This is a game that combines *Name That Tune* with Bingo. Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 28.

Love Is In the Air Trivia

Thursday, February 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

“Love is in the air, everywhere I look around...” Test your knowledge of all things love-related, from movies to music to books! Be part of your own team (a total of five people), or let us assign you to a team. Members of the winning team will receive a prize! *No registration required.*

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health Insurance Information and Counseling Assistance Program (HIICAP)

Wednesdays, December 28, January 25, & February 22, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

A HIICAP volunteer will answer your questions about Medicare, Medicaid, and EPIC. They will also help you find ways to pay for your medications or medical equipment, understand Medicare Part D, choose between Medicare Advantage plans, explore long-term care services, and understand low-income subsidy programs. Appointments are one half-hour. Limit of 6.

Breathe Together | Virtual

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Sit still and practice the kind of deep breathing that fosters calm, well-being, and can improve our health and our outlook. Limit of 30.

New Year, New You | Virtual

Tuesday, January 10, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn the best healthy practices to help you start the year off right. General nutrition and hydration tips, as well as ways to increase physical activity will be discussed. Presented by South Shore University Hospital.

Keys to Holistic Health and Wellness

Wednesday, January 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Chronic diseases, including cardiovascular disease, diabetes, Alzheimer’s and dementia, autoimmune diseases, and cancers are on the rise. Many diet and lifestyle practices are promoted as being healthy and reducing the risks of chronic disease, but some of this information is confusing and contradictory. Join us to cut through the confusion, learn some easy holistic practices and strategies, and take charge of your health and wellness. Please note that this lecture is for educational purposes only and is not intended to replace medical care. Specific medical diagnoses or health issues cannot be discussed. Certified personal holistic health and wellness coach Kristine Henderson is the speaker. Limit of 50.

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body | Virtual

Monday, January 30, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Get information on diet, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement for healthy aging. Presented by the Long Island Chapter of Alzheimer’s Association.

Thyroid Information Session | Virtual

Tuesday, January 31, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

A doctor and a registered dietician from South Shore University Hospital will be discussing screening for and treating thyroid cancer, as well as how to use the Mediterranean Diet as a preventive therapy during cancer treatment.

Eat Smart for a Healthy Heart | Virtual

Tuesday, February 14, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

February is Go Red Month, which focuses on the importance of heart health. This session will review the Mediterranean Diet and the best physical activity for a healthy heart. We will also discuss some heart healthy cooking tips and recipes, as well as appropriate ways to manage stress.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Introduction to American Sign Language

Tuesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us for this beginner course where you will learn the ASL alphabet, numbers, basic vocabulary, phrases, grammar, and an introduction to Deaf Culture. This class is designed for those with little or no ASL experience. Limit of 25.

Beginner Italian

Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 18, February 8, 15, & 22, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Retired Connetquot teacher Joann Poserina leads this series of classes in basic Italian, where you will have simple conversations, ask questions, and study important vocabulary while learning about Italy and its unique regions. Beginners welcome! Limit of 12.

ASL Stories & Conversation

Wednesdays, February 15, 22, & March 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Come practice your American Sign Language skills in this casual setting where we will read and sign stories and converse in ASL, learning new vocabulary as we go. This class is open to all levels of ASL knowledge, though it is not intended for those just starting. Prerequisite: Knowledge of ASL alphabet and basic vocabulary. Limit of 25.

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Defensive Driving

Tuesday & Wednesday, December 13 & 14, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Thursday & Friday, December 15 & 16, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; Tuesday & Wednesday, February 21 & 22, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; or Tuesday & Wednesday, February 21 & 22, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

These classes have been approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles for a 10% discount on liability, collision, and no-fault insurance; and a 4-point reduction for motor vehicle points for a period of three years. There is a six-hour classroom requirement. Bring your driver’s license and a pen to class, and please be prompt. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$15.00**

Ancient Wisdom

Tuesdays, December 27, January 31, & February 28, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Lelonni Campbell draws on ancient philosophies and interprets them for our modern world. Learn how you can use them to deepen insights into how universal principles affect everyday life. *No registration required.*

Unsung Heroes: Jewish Women

Wednesday, December 28, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Jewish women have paved the way in many fields. Explore the accomplishments of several who have never made it into the history books, such as Rose Schneiderman, labor leader, and Lillian Wald, public health pioneer, among others. *No registration required.*

Vinyl Listening Club

Saturday, December 31, 2:30 - 3:30 pm & Thursday, February 16, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Drop in to hear an eclectic mix of records ranging from jazz, blues, country, classical, and everything in between. Attend as a listener or bring a record of your own to share with other vinyl enthusiasts. A turntable will be provided. All ages are welcome. *No registration required.*

Connetquot Community Writers’ Group

Tuesdays, January 3, 17, 31, February 14, 28, & March 14, 6:30 - 8:45 pm

Calling all writers! Join in this community-based, peer-led writing group where you will discuss various writing topics, practice your writing skills, and share your ideas, suggestions, critiques, and samples with other writers in the community. As a group, you will create writing prompts and assignments, read your work aloud in class, and give tips and suggestions to others in a safe, relaxed environment. *No registration required.*

Voices From Gilgo | Virtual

Wednesday, January 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Local author and host of the *Voices From Gilgo* podcast Robert P. Ottone will discuss the mystery of the Long Island Serial Killer. Limit of 60.

2023 Movie Preview | Virtual

Friday, January 6, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Love movies? Join us for a sneak preview of the new movies coming out in 2023. Get fun behind-the-scenes movie facts about your favorite stars, filmmakers, and upcoming movie releases.

Exploring the World of Whiskey with Bob Lipinski

Thursday, January 12, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Bob will discuss the 10 major types of whiskey, including history, ingredients, distillation, aging, label terminology, and trivia. Mr. Lipinski is the author of 10 books on alcoholic beverages and food, including *101: Everything You Need To Know About Whiskey*. He taught the executive staff at The White House “How-To Pair Wine with Food,” “Proper Wine Service,” and “Sensory Evaluation Skills.” *No registration required.*

Prohibition & Speakeasies | In-person & Virtual

Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join us on the anniversary of Prohibition when art historian Sylvia Laudien-Meo will discuss the dynamics that led to this most unusual law and the ways in which people worked around it, the crime scene that unfolded, and the many speakeasies that blossomed. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 30.

Invisible Labor: Women’s Work in Whaling Communities | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, January 18, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Long Island was at the heart of commercial whaling, the U.S.A.’s fifth most profitable industry in the 19th century. Long Island Native women ensured industry success by their labor and the mechanisms of survival they built while men were absent, at sea. In this talk, local historian Erin Becker discusses the role of Long Island Native women in this industry. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 40.

Sound Healing

Thursday, January 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Relax your body and receive the soothing sounds of crystals, gongs, and other sacred instruments. Sound healing is an ancient technique that uses tonal frequencies to bring the body into a state of vibrational harmony and balance. Limit of 100.

Older Wiser Driver | Virtual

Tuesday, January 24, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn safe driving strategies to compensate for vision, cognitive, and physical changes that come with aging. This class will be presented by a representative from AAA Northeast.

Memoir Writing

Thursdays, January 26, February 2, 9, 16, & 23, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Jill Evans is the instructor at this class for memoir writers of all levels. Limit of 12.

Fabric Art: A History | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, February 2, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

During this Zoom talk hosted by art historian Sylvia Laudien-Meo, we will explore modern art works made from threads or fabric. Join us to learn about the leading artists working in this exciting medium and explore their innovative use of materials. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 25.

NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps: Emergency and Disaster Preparedness

Thursday, February 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The Citizen Preparedness Corps is an emergency preparedness program initiated in 2014 to provide residents with the knowledge and tools to prepare for emergencies and disasters, respond accordingly, and recover as quickly as possible. New York National Guard Service members, working with experts from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services (DHSES) and local Emergency Management personnel, are holding classes across the state. The program was designed by DHSES and covers a broad range of emergency preparedness topics like developing a family emergency plan, what to do in the case of an active shooter situation, stocking up on emergency supplies, and registering for NY-Alert, the free statewide emergency alert system. The program takes approximately one hour, which will include time for the participants to ask questions of both the instructor and the larger group. *No registration required.*

Hiking Long Island

Thursday, February 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Naturalist, photographer, and author of *Hiking the Catskills* and *Hiking Long Island* (out in its fourth edition), Lee McAllister will present the many hiking opportunities available here. He’ll include the geology, history (natural and human), flora, fauna, and topographical features that make Long Island such an interesting place to hike in any season. Lee was active in scouting, blazing, and maintaining the 115-mile-long Paumanok Point that runs from Rocky Point to Montauk. *No registration required.*

The Pain of Risk vs. The Pain of Regret

Wednesday, February 22, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

To risk or to regret? It’s not easy to decide. There are times when it’s better to think before you take a leap of faith to engage in a little risk-taking. However, there are times when taking healthy risks can benefit you. This lecture will discuss why healthy risk-taking can benefit you and how to make a rational decision to act or not. Jim Cummings is the speaker. Limit of 40.

Gene Kelly: Singing and Dancing in the Rain | In-person & Virtual

Thursday, February 23, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Gene Kelly was one of the most engaging and influential dancers to ever set foot in Hollywood, transforming male movement and film directing to help make dance come alive on the big screen. Fordham University professor emeritus Brian Rose leads us through this survey of Kelly’s extraordinary career. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 30.

Waking Up the Garden

Thursday, March 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This slide show and Q & A will cover all the things you can do this late winter and early spring to help you prepare your garden for the seasons to come. The speaker is Judith Ogden. *No registration required.*

Ireland Adventure: The Wild Atlantic Way

Thursday, March 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The west coast of Ireland is known for its dramatic windswept scenery, charming seaside towns, friendly people, and tiny, twisting narrow roads that barely accommodate one car, which should be driven on the left side of the road. Two of our librarians, enthusiastic walkers, traveled there last fall with no fixed itinerary other than to see a bit of the areas of their ancestral roots, counties Kerry and Donegal. The only plan was to eat well. And to survive the driving part. They’d love to share some of their experiences with you. Limit of 80.

MOVIES

Afternoon Movies

Thursdays, December 22 & January 26, Friday, February 10, & Thursday, March 9, 2:00 - 4:15 pm

Titles to be announced. Check our website or Facebook page to see what movie we will show. *No registration required.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Career Counseling

Mondays, December 19 or January 9, 3:00 - 7:00 pm

A Long Island Cares Career Development Program representative will be on-site to assist you with your resume, give you direction on a new career path, and help you navigate the ever-changing world of job searching. Appointments are 45 minutes. Limit of 4.

Social Media Marketing for Small Business | Virtual

Thursday, February 9, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Learn the basics for developing a social media and website presence, as well as creating a local community profile.

TECHNOLOGY

Apple iOS Q & A

Mondays, December 5, January 9, & February 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Get information, tips, and tricks on all things Apple iOS for your iPhone and iPad, including the latest software information. Share your favorite apps and shortcuts with other group members. Bring your questions and we will answer them. *No registration required.*

Cricut: 3D Gingerbread House

Monday, December 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Make a 3D gingerbread house out of cardstock using our Cricut Maker 3. We will supply everything you need! Limit of 6.

Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Monday, December 12, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Saturday, January 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am

New to Cricut? Learn all about Cricut Design Space and how to use its many features to create your own unique designs and projects. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 6.

One-on-One Tech Help Appointments

December 13 - March 9: Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; & Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Book your 30-minute session and receive one-on-one technology assistance from a librarian. We offer basic computer, tablet, or mobile phone help and guidance, but no repairs. Have questions about our Cricut Maker, 3D printer, or laser engraver? We can assist with that too. Come with your device and your questions! Limit of 3.

Create Holiday Cards with Canva

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this class, we'll teach you how to use the amazingly simple graphic design software Canva to create electronic holiday greeting cards. Design your own greeting card from scratch or choose one of Canva's 50,000 easy-to-use templates. Canva is free and fun; just come prepared with a valid email address to create your Canva.com account. Limit of 8.

Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences | For All Ages; Under 13 Accompanied by an Adult

December 14 - March 11: Wednesdays, 5:15 - 8:45 pm & Saturdays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm

Book an appointment and enjoy a 30-minute virtual reality session using our HTC Vive Pro system. All VR equipment will be sanitized in between sessions. Limit of 5.

Building a Successful YouTube Channel

Monday, December 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this course, you will learn the many aspects of building and branding a YouTube channel. From simple video editing practices, to creating effective thumbnails to get more clicks, to writing effective titles and descriptions for your videos. You will also learn how to create playlists, live streams, and more. Limit of 16.

Laser-Engraved Slate Coasters

Tuesday, December 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Design and engrave a set of two slate coasters made with our laser engraver. Limit of 8.

Laser-Engraved Happy Moment Jars

Wednesday, January 4, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Happy Moment Jars are meant to collect all of the happy moments that happen during the year, to be read the following New Year's. We will create a design using Canva to be laser-engraved on the outside of your Happy Jar. Your jars will be available for pick-up at a later date. Limit of 8.

Introduction to Canva

Thursdays, January 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am or February 23, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Learn the basics of Canva, a free graphic design website that you can use to create logos, posters, social media posts, invitations, and more. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 6.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Monday, January 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this hands-on class taught by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc., you will learn the basics of the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing, and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 12.

All About Apple Apps

Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Bring your iPad and learn how to evaluate, install, and manage apps. Limit of 12.

Meet Windows 11: Microsoft's Newest Operating System

Tuesday, January 17, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This hands-on class will provide an understanding of the brand-new operating system, Windows 11 from Microsoft. You will learn about new features, how to use the newly redesigned desktop, and the new applications available, as well as how to download the free upgrade to your Windows computer and much more. Prerequisite: Comfort with your Windows computer. Limit of 12.

Laser-Engraved Wood Bookmarks

Thursday, January 19, 2:30 - 4:00 pm or Friday, January 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Create a beautiful wooden bookmark using Canva and our laser engraver. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 6.

Cricut: Color-Changing Vinyl Mugs

Monday, January 23, 3:00 - 4:00 pm or Friday, February 10, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Learn how to cut out a color-changing vinyl decal using our Cricut Maker 3. Then, use the vinyl to decorate a ceramic mug. Watch the magic happen when you fill your mug with hot coffee, tea, or water, as the vinyl reacts to the heat to change color. Limit of 8.

Intermediate Cricut: Fabric Hand Warmers

Mondays, January 23, 30, February 27, or March 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, February 11, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Take your Cricut skills to the next level with instructor Amy Simonson and create cute and cozy hand warmers! Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 6.

Expand Your Network with LinkedIn

Tuesday, January 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to create a LinkedIn profile and utilize this tool to expand your professional network. Limit of 12.

Smart Devices Beginners' Guide

Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Did you get a new iOS or Android device over the holidays? Learn how to set it up and get started with your new smart device. Limit of 12.

3D-Printed Valentine's Day Keychain

Wednesday, February 1, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Design a keychain for Valentine's Day using our 3D modeling software Tinkercad. Your keychains will be ready for pick-up before Valentine's Day. Limit of 8.

Introduction to Coding

Thursdays, February 2 & 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Session one is a hands-on class focusing on showing students how coding languages are structured to perform tasks to meet specifications. Students will learn the fundamentals of a basic language using Hypertext Markup Language (HTML), the standard markup language, to create basic web pages and web applications. Session two will build on the skills learned in session one, learning and developing a more advanced project using Cascading-Style Sheet (CSS), including visual layouts. Students will work both individually and in groups. Prerequisites: Strong computer and typing skills. Limit of 12.

Laser-Engraved Valentine's Day Signs

Friday, February 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Wednesday, February 8, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Create a Valentine's-themed acrylic sign using Canva and our laser engraver. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 6.

Take Your Best Shot: Photo Editing

Mondays, February 6 & 13, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Using your iPhone or Android smartphone, learn all about taking photos with instructor Arooj Chaudhry, including techniques on how to take photos and how to edit them with native and third-party apps. Limit of 15.

Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable

Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Tired of paying so much for cable TV? Join us for a lecture about cheaper alternatives, such as Sling TV, Hulu + Live TV, Netflix, Disney+, as well as Amazon Fire Stick, Google Chromecast, and the Roku streaming stick. See what suits you best! Limit of 12.

Top Travel Apps

Tuesday, February 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to book hotels and restaurants and find local events, transportation methods, weather, and more with free apps. We'll go over popular travel site apps, such as TripAdvisor, OpenTable, Expedia, Uber, as well as others. Bring your device or just follow along. Limit of 12.

Manage Personal Finances with Excel

Tuesday, February 21, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Use your computer to help manage your personal finances. Learn how to create and format a check register for bank reconciliation, keep track of investments and expenses, and create a simple database. Basic knowledge of Excel required. Limit of 12.

Internet Security for Beginners

Tuesday, February 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to protect your personal information on the web with the use of VPNs, safe browsing, and other tips. Limit of 16.

Laser-Engraved St. Patrick's Day Drinking Glass

Wednesday, March 1, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Laser engrave a drinking glass with a St. Patrick's Day saying. We provide the glasses, which will be available for pick-up before St. Patrick's Day. Limit of 8.

Introduction to QuickBooks

Tuesday, March 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this lecture and demonstration class, you will learn the basics of QuickBooks, including setting up and customizing QB for your business, creating and editing the Chart of Accounts, working with Centers, understanding Items, creating Estimates and Invoices, and more. Prerequisites: Intermediate computer knowledge. Limit of 12.

Cricut: Buttons

Friday, March 10, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

We will use Cricut Design Space to create a design, which will then be drawn on our Cricut Maker 3. These designs will be colored and stamped into a button using our button maker. Limit of 8.

TEENS

GRADES 6 - 12 · CONDUCTED BY THE LEARNING COMMONS DEPARTMENT

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, December 9, unless otherwise noted. If your class requires a fee, you must pay by credit card when registering online or by phone, or you can register in person and make your payment by cash, check, or credit card at the Circulation Desk. All fees are non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel your registration if you are more than 10 minutes late.

Teen Styrofoam Printmaking: Wrapping Paper | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Create your own unique wrapping paper for the holiday season during this fun and easy printmaking lesson! Limit of 12.

3D-Printed Ornaments | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, December 16, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Design your very own ornament using the 3D design software, Tinkercad. Your ornament will be available for pick-up the following week. Limit of 8.

Holiday Trivia and Book Exchange | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, December 17, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

Test your knowledge of holiday movies and traditions with trivia through Kahoot, followed by a book exchange game. Please bring a new or gently used book wrapped in holiday paper, as well as a personal device to play trivia with. The trivia winner will receive a gift card. Limit of 24.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesdays, December 21, January 25, & February 15, 5:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturdays, January 7, February 4, & March 4, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Join Justin M. Gaffney of the Quest Master's Guild for three hours of Dungeons and Dragons. Limit of 8.

Parmesan Slider Rolls | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, December 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Rob Scott will take you through the steps on how to make nine Parmesan Crusted Slider Rolls that will go great with soups, salads, and sandwiches. Limit of 24.

Cricut: Color-Changing Vinyl Mugs for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Thursday, December 29, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Design a decal using the Cricut Design Space software that will be cut out on color-changing vinyl. The vinyl will then go on a ceramic mug. Afterwards, watch the magic happen as the vinyl reacts to the heat when you fill your mug with hot coffee, tea, or water. Limit of 8.

Teen Writers Circle | Grades 6 - 12**Fridays, December 30, January 27, & February 24, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

All writers, come join us for the Teen Writers Circle, where you will share your work, complete writing exercises, and gain confidence in your writing. Limit of 10.

New Year's Eve Bingo | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, December 31, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Celebrate New Year's Eve with a few fun games of Bingo. Winners will receive a gift card. Limit of 20.

Winter Skin Care | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, January 4, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Sarah Maass will show you how to take care of your skin during the cold winter months. You'll also receive a goody bag to take home. Limit of 15.

Laser-Engraved Happy Moment Jars for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, January 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Happy Moment Jars are meant to collect all of the happy moments that happen during the year, to be read the following New Year's. We will create a design using Canva to be laser-engraved on the outside of your Happy Moment Jar. Your jars will be available for pick-up at a later date. Limit of 8.

Cricut: Glow-In-the-Dark Wall Decal | Grades 6 - 12**Tuesday, January 10, 3:30 - 5:00 pm**

Using the Cricut Design Space software, create a design that will be cut out on special glow-in-the-dark vinyl. You can then transfer the vinyl design to your wall at home to enjoy. Limit of 8.

Winter Door Sign | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Lisa Colon will take you step-by-step in painting a winter design on a round wood sign that you can hang on any door at home. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin | Grades 6 - 8 | Pick Up Book Beginning December 9 at the Learning Commons Desk**Friday, January 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**Eleven-year-old Celeste's life is turned upside down when warships appear in the harbor of her city. A dictator has taken over Chile and made it unsafe for Celeste and her family to live there. Celeste is sent to live in Maine with her aunt, all the while her heart remains on Butterfly Hill. *I Lived on Butterfly Hill* by Marjorie Agosin is a heartfelt historical fiction novel about a young girl's love for her home and family. Limit of 10.**Sew-Your-Own Pencil Case | Grades 6 - 12****Saturday, January 14, 9:30 - 11:30 am**

Want to learn how to use the sewing machine? In this easy class, you will make your own pencil case using our fun fabrics. Feel free to bring in your own sewing machine if you have one. Limit of 6.

Learn to Code with Python | Grades 8 - 12**Wednesday, January 18 & Thursdays, January 19 & 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

In this three-session class, Sharper Training Solutions, Inc. will teach you how to code using Python, a high-level, general-purpose language. Limit of 12.

Magic the Gathering: Commander Night | Grades 6 - 12**Fridays, January 20, February 10, & March 10, 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join Chris Carlisle for Commander, a popular format of Magic: The Gathering trading card game. Commander decks will be provided to those who do not already have one. Limit of 12.

Cricut: Buttons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, January 21, 3:00 - 4:30 pm or Thursday, February 23, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Use Cricut Design Space to create a design, which will be drawn on our Cricut Maker 3. These designs will then be colored and stamped into a button using our button maker. Limit of 8.

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course | Ages 16 & Up**Saturday, January 28, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm**Take this five-hour course required by the Department of Motor Vehicles about driving techniques and highway safety, and you will receive a pre-licensing course certificate. You must bring your learner's permit to class. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$30.00****Plushie Dog and Cat Keychains | Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, February 1, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Learn some hand sewing as you make these adorable plushie keychains to decorate your backpack or bag. Limit of 8.

Valentine Heart Tray | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Samantha Liufang He will teach you how to make a heart-shaped tray from clay for Valentine's Day. Limit of 15.

Pokémon Day Take-and-Make | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, February 18, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm**

Grab your own Pokémon figurine to paint as we prepare to celebrate Pokémon Day! You will get one figure and a set of paints to bring home to decorate any way you'd like. We will share the final pieces on our social media. Limit of 24.

Laser-Engraved Faux-Enamel Pins | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, February 18, 9:30 - 11:30 am**

Learn how you can use our laser engraver to make custom pins out of wood. Limit of 6.

Book Discussion: *I Must Betray You* by Ruta Sepetys | Grades 9 - 12 | Pick Up Book Beginning January 13 at the Learning Commons Desk**Wednesday, February 22, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

In 1989, after being found holding American money, 17-year-old Christian is blackmailed by the Secret Police to become an informant for the Romanian government. Now, Christian has been faced with a choice: betray the people he loves or play a dangerous game going against the oppressive and brutal Communist Regime controlling the government. Limit of 10.

Chicken Corn Chowder | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, February 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Chef Rob will teach you how to make a homemade chicken corn chowder soup to enjoy during the cold winter months. Limit of 24.

Stranger Things Escape Room | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, February 24, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Have fun taking part in this *Stranger Things* Escape Room! Bryan Maritato will split everyone into teams. Then, each team will explore the Upside Down deciphering clues and solving puzzles to try and escape within one hour. Those who escape will get a certificate. Limit of 20.

Pokémon Day | Grades 6 - 12

Monday, February 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Are you and your family obsessed with Pokémon—the cards, games, or Pokémon Go? Come watch some classic anime as we trade cards, share our figures, do some Pokémon crafts, and play the games on Nintendo Switch. Your Nintendo Switch and a copy of a Pokémon video game are needed to play the game with others. *No registration required.*

Smash Bros. Tournament | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, March 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

If you think you've got what it takes to win, join your fellow gamers in a Smash Bros. tournament. You can bring your own controller or Nintendo Switch (optional). Limit of 16.

Mini Leprechaun | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Kristen Duer will take you through the steps to make a cute mini leprechaun from clay. Limit of 20.

St. Patrick's Day Sprinkle Cookies | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, March 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Rob Scott to learn how to make cookies with green sprinkles in the batter as well as on top. A yummy treat for St. Patrick's Day! Limit of 24.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Give Back Tuesday: Holiday Cards | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, December 13, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Make holiday cards using scrapbook paper, buttons, gems, and other objects that will be donated to a nursing home. Limit of 20.

Pom-Pom Toys for Shelter Cats | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, December 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Make cute toys using pom-poms, craft tubes, feathers, and ribbons that will be donated to shelter cats. Limit of 20.

Winter Mini Canvas Decorating | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, December 30, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Draw and color winter-themed pictures on 4 x 4 mini canvases that will be used to decorate the Teen section of the Learning Commons. Limit of 20.

Give Back Monday: Makeup Bags | Grades 6 - 12

Monday, January 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Using markers and stencils, decorate canvas makeup bags that will be donated to a women's shelter. Limit of 20.

Valentine Pocket Pals | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, February 4, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Lisa Colon will teach you how to make a cute Valentine-themed pocket pal with glue and a simple sewing stitch. They will then be donated to a nursing home for Valentine's Day. Limit of 15.

Give Back Tuesday: Adopt Me Portraits | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 - 2:30 pm or 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Theresa Maritato will teach you how to paint portraits of shelter animals that will promote their adoption. Limit of 12.

Give Back Monday: Placemats for Assisted Living Residents | Grades 6 - 12

Monday, March 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Theresa Maritato will show you how to create placemats for adults at assisted living homes using special paper, vintage books, and more. The placemats will then be laminated for a long-lasting effect. Limit of 24.

CLASSES & EVENTS

CHILDREN

BIRTH - GRADE 5 · CONDUCTED BY THE CHILDREN & FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, December 9, unless otherwise noted. If your class requires a fee, you must pay by credit card when registering online or by phone, or you can register in person and make your payment by cash, check, or credit card at the Circulation Desk. All fees are non-refundable. We reserve the right to cancel your registration if you are more than 5 minutes late.

EARLY CHILDHOOD · One (1) Parent/Caregiver is required to attend. Younger siblings in strollers are permitted unless otherwise noted.

Snow-Magical Story Craft | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, December 12, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

Winter is right around the corner, and you know what that means—SNOW! Join us for a storytime and a fun craft welcoming the “snow”-magical season! Limit of 15.

Learn to Sketch a Gingerbread House with Art Teacher Amy | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Babysitting for Siblings in Grades K - 5 is available

Tuesday, December 13, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Learn to draw and paint a gingerbread house in watercolors. Limit of 15.

STREAM: Mini Pom-Pom Blaster | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, December 14, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Celebrate the upcoming holidays with a pom-pom blaster made from everyday objects while hearing stories and learning about energy. Limit of 20.

The Snowy Day | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, December 15, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

We will read the wonderful story, *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats, and make a craft celebrating 60 years of this classic award-winning book. Limit of 20.

Baby Start | Ages birth - 18 months

Friday, December 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join A Time for Kids for activities that focus on early literacy, language development, and socialization for our littlest learners. Limit of 15.

Holiday Crafts | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, December 17, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for a variety of holiday-themed crafts. Limit of 20.

Make a Holiday Card | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, December 19, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

Celebrate the holidays by making some cute cards for Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanza! Limit of 15.

Welcome Winter | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 20, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Let's read, sing, and dance our way into the winter season! Limit of 12.

Let's Learn About Deer | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, December 23, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Deer are beautiful animals. Let's learn about these creatures and make a craft. Limit of 20.

A “Purr”fect Pet | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 27, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

If you love cats and kittens, join us for some feline-themed stories and a craft. Limit of 12.

Grown-Up & Me Paint Night | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, December 29, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Have some artistic fun as you and your grown-up each create half of a painting. Limit of 20.

New Year's Fun | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, December 31, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

Let's get ready for the New Year with music and movement activities, as well as a fun craft. Limit of 20.

PlayHooray with Molly Mouse | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, January 4, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

PlayHooray provides an engaging opportunity for you and your little one to sing and play together. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

STREAM: Snowstorm In a Jar | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, January 4, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Let it snow.... in a jar! Using a simple chemistry experiment, create a snowstorm in a jar and enjoy some snowy tales. Limit of 20.

Stroller Strides | Ages birth - 4 years

Thursdays, January 5 & 12, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Stroller Strides is a fitness program for parents and their children. This hour-long workout combines intervals of cardio with resistance training using resistance bands. We weave songs and activities into the workout to keep the children in the strollers entertained. Parents please wear sneakers and bring water, a yoga mat or towel, and your child in a stroller. No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

Amazing Moose | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, January 7, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Learn some facts about the amazing moose through stories and a craft. Limit of 20.

Circle of Fun | Ages 14 - 20 months

Mondays, January 9, 23, 30, February 6, & 13, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Join us for a fun time of songs, movement activities, and a simple craft. Limit of 15.

Toddler Circle | Ages 21 - 29 months

Mondays, January 9, 23, 30, February 6, & 13, 11:15 - 11:45 am

Join us for songs, a story, sensory and learning activities, and a simple craft. Limit of 15.

Experience Pre-K at the Library | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

September - May, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:45 - 11:45 am

We offer Pre-K at the library for potty-trained 4-year-olds who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2023. Your child will attend without parents, learn literacy skills, experience centers, and enjoy various activities. Parents may leave the building during these classes. You will receive a class calendar with the specific meeting dates on the first day of class. Registered child only. Limit of 16.

“Snow” Much Fun! | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 10, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn about the changes that winter brings and even get a chance to play with some instant indoor snow! Limit of 20.

Basketball Time | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 10, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for some basketball stories, songs, and a craft. Limit of 12.

Baby Time | Ages 3 - 13 months

Wednesdays, January 11, 18, 25, February 1, & 8, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Join us for early literacy activities that will enhance your baby's development while building language skills. Listen to songs and fingerplays to inspire your baby's mind. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 15.

Mini Mathematicians | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, January 12, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Let's have some fun as we practice our numbers! We'll be singing songs, reading stories, and using numbers to make art. Limit of 12.

Terrific Toddlers | Ages 30 - 35 months

Fridays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, & 10, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Your toddler will explore music, movement, and stories as we combine early literacy development and fun! Limit of 20.

Let's Get Ready for Chinese New Year | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 17, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

We will prepare for Chinese New Year with stories, songs, and a fun craft. Limit of 12.

STREAM: Play-Doh Color Mixing | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, January 18, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

How many new colors can you create from red, yellow, and blue? Let's find out using Play-Doh and stories! Limit of 20.

Toddler Music | Ages 12 - 29 months

Thursday, January 19, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 10:45 - 11:15 am

Join Happy Feet Suffolk for a high-energy combination of movement, dancing, and musical instruments. Limit of 12.

Sensory Friends | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 24, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join us in a fun, relaxed environment where we will enjoy stories, music, and movement. This interactive program may be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for those with sensory integration challenges. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 15.

Polar Explorers | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, January 26, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Join us for a “trip” to the icy Antarctic, where we'll learn about the features of this habitat and the animals who call it home. We will also be practicing some valuable preschool skills along the way. Limit of 12.

The Mitten | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, January 27, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Warm up at the library as we read *The Mitten* by Jan Brett, do fingerplays, and enjoy craft time. Limit of 20.**Babies Boogie | Ages birth - 23 months | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available**

Saturday, January 28, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Boogie with your baby and explore music, movement, and rhythm with developmentally appropriate songs, dances, and fingerplays from around the world. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Toddlers Tango | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, January 28, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Tango with your toddler during this terrific high-energy music and movement program with global songs and rhythms. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Getting Ready for Groundhog Day | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 31, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

Will spring come early this year, or will we get six more weeks of winter? We will learn about the legend of the groundhog and his shadow and make a themed craft. Limit of 20.

What's Your Favorite Color? | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 31, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

We will explore all of the beautiful colors of the rainbow with stories and fun activities. Limit of 12.

STREAM: Count with Me | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, February 1, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Tools can make learning easy and fun! We will enjoy some number stories, and then craft a tool to make counting as easy as 1, 2, 3! Limit of 20.

Sensational Playtime | Ages 18 - 35 months

Thursdays, February 2, 9, & 16, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Led by two pediatric occupational therapists, this three-part series focuses on promoting developmental fine and gross motor skills through play, structured movement, and an interactive storytime. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Celebrate the Library

Ages 18 - 35 months: Saturday, February 4, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Saturday, February 4, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Join A Time for Kids as we celebrate the library on Take Your Child to the Library Day. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

Playtime Pals & Parents | Ages birth - 3 years

Tuesday, February 7, 2:00 - 2:45 pm & Friday, March 3, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us for a parenting group in a relaxed, informal environment with your children, where they will enjoy social time playing together. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 10.

A Hundred Acres of Fun | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, February 9, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Winnie the Pooh's creator was born in the winter. Let's throw him a fun party in the Hundred Acre Wood. You are welcome to bring any stuffed friend you'd like. Limit of 12.

My Favorite Valentine | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, February 14, 2:00 - 2:30 pm or 3:15 - 3:45 pm

Let's celebrate Valentine's Day with stories, activities, and a special craft for someone you love. Limit of 20.

Let's Dance | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, February 15, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Great South Bay Dance will be here to teach you and your child some simple and fun creative dance moves. No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

STREAM: Sun, Earth & Moon | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, February 15, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Learn about how the earth and moon move in the solar system and create a model to take home. Limit of 20.

Kind Kids | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, February 16, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Celebrate Random Acts of Kindness Day with stories, songs, and activities all centered around compassion. Limit of 12.

Crafty Kids | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, February 17, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us to make some fun and creative crafts! Limit of 15.

Snowman Puppets | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, February 18, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Winter is here! Let's make some colorful and fun snowman puppets. Limit of 20.

Earth Yoga

Ages 18 - 35 months: Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Learn how to be kind to our earth while bringing stories to life through yoga poses and breathing exercises. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Preschool Zumba | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, February 25, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Let's move and dance to the music! Join LI Fit Moms & Kids for dancing and fitness fun. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

A Clue From Blue | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, February 27, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Let's practice various preschool skills as we solve a mystery *Blue's Clues*-style. Limit of 20.

Polar Bear Cupcakes | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Tuesday, February 28, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:15 - 8:00 pm

Decorate three cupcakes using fondant icing to create these adorable little bears and paw prints! No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

Colors & Shapes Bingo | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, March 1, 10:30 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Have fun playing Bingo while reinforcing the concepts of colors and shapes. Limit of 15.

STREAM: Let's Weigh Toys! | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, March 1, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Let's learn about measuring weight! Compare toys to find out which is heavier. Limit of 20.

Fine Motor Fun | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, March 2, 1:30 - 2:15 pm or 2:30 - 3:15 pm

Join occupational therapist Lisa Curley for activities with your preschooler to promote and enhance fine motor development. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

You're Beary Special | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, March 4, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

We will listen to some bear stories and make a craft that is beary special, just like you. Limit of 20.

Science Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, March 6, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

We will read the book *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom* by Bill Martin and enjoy a fun STEAM challenge, making our own alphabet tree. Limit of 15.

PlayHooray Evening Fun | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join Molly Mouse for an evening of PlayHooray fun! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

PARENTING

Parent Circle | 18 & Over

Tuesday, January 3, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Do you have a baby or toddler? Come meet other parents in your community who have children from ages birth to three years. Chat with one another while your children play together. Siblings are welcome. Limit of 10.

Homeschooling Connections | 18 & Over

Fridays, January 6, February 17, & March 3, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us to meet with other homeschooling families to learn about the library's resources. We will discuss new and relevant topics. Children are welcome to attend. Limit of 15 families, 5 members per family.

Parenting Class: Using Screens Smartly | 18 & Over | Virtual

Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Screens are everywhere and we are using them more than ever. This program will address the impact screens have on children's development and human health. Recommendations of the American Academy of Pediatrics will be reviewed and suggestions for using screens smartly will be offered in order to create a healthy balance. For parents/caregivers of children up to age 12. Limit of 25.



PRESCHOOL

FAIR • SATURDAY, JANUARY 21, 10:00-11:30

Do you have a young child who will be attending preschool soon? Come and learn about preschools in the area. Representatives will be available to answer questions and share information about their philosophies and curriculum. Limit of 160. No registration required.

SCHOOL AGE

Parent/Caregiver is required to remain in the building. Only the registered child may attend.

Young Adventurers | Grades 4 - 5

Mondays, December 12, January 30, & February 27, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Young Adventurers needed! Fight monsters and collect treasure in a fun fantasy world filled with danger and magic. Kids will be introduced to the basics of D&D using the book *Dungeons & Dragons*, 5th Edition. Some remedial math and reading skills highly recommended. Limit of 8.

Snowflake Symmetry | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, December 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:15 - 8:00 pm

Learn about the science of snowflakes and create a symmetrical snowflake out of Q-tips. Limit of 20.

STEAM Studio: Flipbook | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, December 19, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Discover the science behind cartoons and what makes them move by creating your own flipbook of moving images. Limit of 30.

Ugly Sweater Party | Grades K - 5

Monday, December 19, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Do you have the ugliest sweater? Let's find out. Come dressed in your ugly sweater, hear a holiday sweater story, and make a fun ugly sweater craft. Limit of 20.

DIY Paper Bag Stars | Grades 3 - 5

Wednesday, December 21, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

The holidays are here. What better way to decorate than with a DIY craft? Join us for a hands-on afternoon craft that will teach you how to create your own 3-dimensional star using paper bags, scissors, patience, and glue. Limit of 20.

Movie & Snacks: The Polar Express | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, December 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Come in your pjs and join us to watch a seasonal favorite, *The Polar Express*. We will have cookies and chocolate milk! Limit of 30.

Paint Explorations: New Year's Eve Fireworks | Grades K - 5**Thursday, December 22, 5:30 - 6:15 pm or 6:30 - 7:15 pm**

Get ready for the new year by making some celebratory art! Step-by-step guidance will be provided, so no art experience is necessary! Limit of 20.

Maker Zone: Thaumatrope | Grades K - 2**Friday, December 23, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Learn about this neat optical illusion that brings our favorite cartoons to life. Amaze your friends and family with your own thaumatrope. Limit of 30.

Cat Heroes | Grades 3 - 5**Tuesday, December 27, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

We've all heard of famous dogs who have been brave and saved lives, but how about our cat friends? Yes, they too can be brave! Join us to learn about some of these heroic felines and make a craft to take home. Limit of 20.

Maker Kids: Laser-Engraved Snow Gauges | Grades 3 - 5**Tuesday, December 27, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Join us in the Learning Commons, where we will design snow gauges to measure the snowfall. We will learn how to use Canva to create our designs. The snow sticks will be engraved after the class and will be available for pick-up at a later date. Limit of 6.

Winter Scene Craft | Grades 3 - 5**Wednesday, December 28, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

It's the winter season, and along with the holidays comes snow! Join us to make a beautiful winter scene out of tissue paper. Limit of 24.

Winter Donuts | Grades K - 5**Wednesday, December 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Come decorate three donuts in a winter theme with the Baking Coach. Limit of 20.

Stuff-Your-Own: Snow Monster | Grades K - 5**Thursday, December 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Stuff your own Snow Monster... who is more cuddly than scary! Limit of 20.

Happy "Noon" Year's Eve! | Grades K - 5**Friday, December 30, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Let's get together to ring in the new year! Happy 2023! Limit of 30.

LEGO Creations | Grades K - 5**Wednesdays, January 4, 11, & 18, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Do you love LEGOs? Use your imagination and make an endless world with LEGOs in this after-school series. Limit of 25.

Winter Wonderland Terrarium | Grades K - 5**Thursday, January 5, 5:30 - 6:15 pm or 6:30 - 7:15 pm**

Create your very own mini winter scene complete with a live, easy-to-care-for plant! Limit of 20.

Unmeltable Snowman | Grades K - 5**Saturday, January 7, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:30 am - 12:15 pm**

Craft a styrofoam snowman, who is sure to never melt away. Limit of 30.

STEAM Studio: Train Wheels | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, January 9, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

How does a train stay on the tracks? Do this simple experiment with shapes to find out. Limit of 30.

Edible Snowflakes | Grades K - 5**Monday, January 9, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Every snowflake is different. Get ready to make a snowflake so good you'll want to eat it! Limit of 20.

Painted Snowman Sled | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, January 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Teresa from the Silhouette Spot is here to guide you as you paint a snowman onto a 14-inch sled. Limit of 20.

Scandinavian Paper Stars | Grades 2 - 5**Saturday, January 14, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

This winter, add stylish and understated charm to your home by hanging a Scandinavian paper star. The three-dimensional form has a sculptural quality that is simple, yet very chic. Lisa Colon will show you how! Limit of 20.

Puzzle Play | Grades K - 3**Thursday, January 19, 5:30 - 6:15 pm or 6:30 - 7:15 pm**

National Puzzle Day is coming soon! Let's celebrate by enjoying jigsaws and brain teasers that we will tackle as a team. We will also be making individual custom puzzles. Limit of 20.

Maker Zone: Abacus | Grades K - 2**Friday, January 20, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Tools can help make things easier. Craft your own abacus and simple math will be as easy as 1, 2, 3! Limit of 30.

Grown-Up & Me Paint Party | Grades K - 5**Saturday, January 21, 2:00 - 2:45 pm or 3:15 - 4:00 pm**

Have some artistic fun as you and your grown-up each create half of a painting. Limit of 20.

Do You Want To Build a Snowman? | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, January 23, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Do you want to build a snowman? Join us as we read a snowman story and get some inspiration to build an edible snowman that will leave your taste buds wanting to build more. Limit of 20.

No-Sew Snowflake Pillow | Grades 1 - 5**Wednesday, January 25, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

'Tis the season to be cozy! Come and make your very own comfy pillow using only two items and your imagination! Limit of 25.

Celebrate Lunar New Year | Grades K - 2**Wednesday, January 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Celebrate the year of the Water Rabbit with The Whaling Museum. As we recognize Chinese inventions that influenced the history of maritime travel, find out about the beautiful traditions and good luck symbols of the Lunar New Year. Design a paper lantern and dragon to use in your celebrations. Limit of 20.

STEAM Studio: Love Potion | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, January 30, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Make a Valentine's Day potion with some bubbling chemistry. Limit of 30.

Afternoon Games | Grades 1 - 5**Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, & 22, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Join us for an afternoon filled with an array of eventful games. Limit of 25.

Maker Zone: Candy Heart Chemistry | Grades K - 2**Friday, February 3, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Let's mix Valentine's Day with some chemistry! See how different liquids do different things to candy hearts. Limit of 30.

Cricut Kids: Buttons | Grades 3 - 5**Friday, February 3, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Join us in the Learning Commons where we will use Cricut Design Space to create a design, which will be drawn on our Cricut Maker 3. These designs will then be colored and stamped into a button using our button maker. Limit of 8.

Hot Cocoa Goop | Grades K - 5**Monday, February 6, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Baby, it's cold outside. Join us as we make slime that smells just like hot cocoa and will leave you feeling warm and cozy. Limit of 20.

Wooden Pallet Heart | Grades K - 5**Wednesday, February 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Decoupage a wooden pallet heart that you will want to show off for years to come! Limit of 16.

DIY Valentine's Gumball Machine | Grades 1 - 5**Friday, February 10, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:15 - 8:00 pm**

Gumballs galore! Join us at the library and create your own gumball machine! Choose to fill it with Valentine's candy hearts or red and pink gumballs! It's sure to be a sweet treat. Limit of 20.

Love Is in the Air | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, February 13, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Ketchup and fries, PB&J, shoes and socks. Can you name these famous pairs? We will play a trivia game and make a fun craft. Limit of 20.

Create-Your-Own Mini Tapestry | Grades 3 - 5**Tuesday, February 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Yarn art is very trendy! Make your own mini wall hanging as you learn how to use a hand loom with step-by-step guidance. Limit of 25.

Snowman Canvas Tote Bag | Grades K - 2**Wednesday, February 22, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Come and make your own snowman tote bag, where you can store your winter gloves, scarves, or anything else you would like. Limit of 24.

No-Sew Sock Caterpillars | Grades K - 5**Wednesday, February 22, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Without a needle and thread, create two no-sew sock caterpillars. Limit of 20.

March Madness Cookies | Grades K - 5**Thursday, February 23, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Chef Rob will be back and he will get you all ready for March Madness. Decorate cookies to look like basketballs. Limit of 20.

Podcast Adventures: Inky, the Amazing Escaping Octopus | Grades 3 - 5**Friday, February 24, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or 3:45 - 4:45 pm**

Join us as we tune into a podcast to learn just how incredible octopuses can be, and hear the story of a captive octopus who released himself back into the wild! We will also be making a themed art project. Limit of 20.

STEAM Studio: Fun with Fingerprinting | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, February 27, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Test your forensic skills! Learn how and why fingerprinting is used as a way to identify people. Limit of 30.

Maker Zone: Moving Colors | Grades K - 2**Friday, March 3, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Explore the properties of milk using dish soap and colors. Learn how magnetism exists even at the microscopic level. Limit of 30.

Mosaic Pot of Gold | Grades K - 5**Saturday, March 4, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:30 am - 12:15 pm**

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with mosaic art. Bring it to life with some "gold coins." Limit of 30.

Scribblebots | Grades 4 - 5**Monday, March 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Who doesn't like a robot? Make a robot that is wiggly, jiggly, and loves to draw. Limit of 20.

How To Catch a Leprechaun Science | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, March 8, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

St. Patrick's Day is almost here! That means sneaky leprechauns are on the prowl for gold and treasure. Join us for a fun, interactive class that puts your trap-building abilities to the test. Work in teams and see if you have what it takes to trap a leprechaun! Limit of 20.

Washi Tape Shamrock | Grades K - 5**Wednesday, March 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Using themed washi tape, decorate a wooden shamrock you will be proud to display. Limit of 20.

Podcast Adventures: Fact or Fiction? | Grades 3 - 5**Thursday, March 9, 5:30 - 6:30 pm or 6:45 - 7:45 pm**

We'll tune into a podcast where two adults share what they know about working with cacti. The catch? One of them is lying. We will work together to see if we can figure out who is telling the truth. Then we'll have some themed artistic fun together. Limit of 20.

FAMILY

Drop-In Playdate | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Wednesday, December 21, 10:00 - 10:45 am**We invite you to drop in for an informal playdate. Recommended for children from birth to six years of age with their parents/caregivers; however, all family members are welcome to attend. *No registration required.***I Spy in the Library: Winter Edition | Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Tuesday, December 27 - Tuesday, February 28, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm**Visit the Children & Family Services Department for the I Spy in the Library: Winter Edition. Find all 25 winter-related pictures for your chance at one of five Squishmallows: Eeyore, Elsa, Olaf, Dumbo, or Mike Wazowski! *No registration required.***Brainfuse Training for Families | Grades K - 5****Wednesday, January 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Do you sometimes struggle with helping your child with their homework? Come learn about Brainfuse with your child and how it can help you when you don't have all the answers. Limit of one child with their parent/caregiver. Limit of 15.

Family Yoga | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Fridays, January 6 & 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Miss Liz will teach this easy-to-navigate family yoga class. Please bring a yoga mat, towel, and drink. Limit of 20 families.

Winter Green Screen | Ages 10 & up**Friday, January 13, 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a fun wintry background using our green screen. You will receive a digital file by email that you can upload to any photo/card printing service. Limit of 8 families.

Makerspace Wednesdays | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Wednesdays, January 18, February 1, 15, & March 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**Explore some of our Makerspace activities such as OSMO, 3D Pens, and more! *No registration required.***Family Book Cookies & Cupcakes | Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Saturday, February 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:30 am - 12:30 pm**

Celebrate National Take Your Child to the Library Day by creating original, one-of-a-kind book cookies and cupcakes together with the Baking Coach! Limit of 12 families.

Family Bingo | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Tuesday, February 7, 7:00 - 7:45 pm**

Enjoy playing three games of Bingo with your family. Winners will receive a gift card. Limit of 20 families (up to 5 people each).

Valentine's Day Green Screen | Ages 10 & up**Friday, February 10, 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

Love is in the air! Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a Valentine's Day-themed background using our green screen. You will receive a digital file by email that you can upload to any photo/card printing service. Limit of 8 families.

Winter Tales | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Saturday, February 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**Join Storycrafters for this classic 45- to 60-minute family performance, *Winter Tales*. Stories and songs can include "Baking Cookies" (a retelling of "The Gingerbread Man" in our own kitchen), "The Golden Key" (Grimms), "The Cooking Pot" (England, similar to "The Mitten"), and more. Limit of 5 seats per member.**No Luggage Required: Italy | Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Saturday, February 18, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Bring the family on a "trip" to Italy, no fees or luggage required! We'll have popular snacks to sample, a Murano "glass" craft, a leaning tower challenge, a gondola sink-or-float station, and more! We will also raffle off some fun prizes! Appointments are one half-hour. Limit of 15 families (up to 5 people each) per time slot.

In Case You Missed It! | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Thursday, February 23, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm**

Get a second chance to see what you missed at some of our classes this year. There will be a sampling of some of them with our leftover crafts, while supplies last. Limit of 20 families.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Friday, February 24, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Have you ever wondered what happens when the library is closed? It is time for your stuffed animal friends to find out at our first Stuffed Animal Sleepover. Drop off your stuffed animal on Friday, February 24 at 6:00 pm, with a name tag attached. Check out our social media to see what adventures they are having! Return on Saturday, February 25 at 10:00 am to pick up your stuffed animal. Limit of 10.

Family Movie Night: Frozen | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Friday, March 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**Get cozy and join us at the library for a family movie night showing of *Frozen*! It's the perfect way to bundle up and enjoy a movie; besides, the cold never bothered us anyway! Snacks and refreshments will be provided. Limit of 85.**Paint a Mini Figure for The Adventurers Guild | Grades 1 - 5****Saturday, March 11, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Come in with a parent and together paint Dungeons and Dragons mini figures of your favorite monsters, creatures, and characters from your games in The Adventurers Guild. Limit of 10 families.

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Thursday, March 9 | 6:00 pm

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