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A CLASS THIS WINTER



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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 7, 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

Flower Arranging

Mondays, December 11, January 22, & February 26, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Design a flower arrangement with floral designer Irene Morgan. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 30. **Fee: \$5.00**

Reindeer Plushie

Monday, December 11, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn to sew by hand while creating this vintage reindeer plushie that you can use as decoration for the holidays. Limit of 20.

Paint Night: Holiday Magnolia

Monday, December 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join artist Laura Goetz for a fun class where you will paint magnolia flowers and add some glitter for the holidays. Limit of 20.

Paper Flowers: African Violet

Tuesday, December 12, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Join Casey from Art and Flowers Custom Design as we create an African violet. Limit of 24.

One-on-One Craft Help

Wednesdays, December 13, January 10, & February 14, 2:00 - 4:00 pm & Saturdays, January 6, February 3, & March 2, 1:15 - 3:15 pm

Need help with your current craft project, creating something for a gift, or using your sewing machine? Make a 30-minute appointment with us for help on your craft projects. Limit of 4.

Hand-Painted Gemstone Plate

Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join us in hand painting a beautiful plate inspired by Earth's mineral, quartz. Bring a shallow 11 x 11-inch (or bigger) box, basket, or wide tote bag to transport your plate home and a small to medium box (such as cake mix, pasta, tea, stuffing, shipping, etc.) or 2-inch thick book to raise the plate slightly above the table while painting. Limit of 15. **Fee: \$5.00**

Tabletop Tree

Thursday, December 14, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Diana Conklin leads this class, where you will create a tabletop tree from evergreens, dried flowers, and botanicals. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$5.00**

Corn Husk Angel

Friday, December 15, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Artist Kari Kaczmarek teaches this class, where you will make an angel, complete with a halo, wings, and sheet music and will embellish her with stars. Limit of 12.

Made in Minutes: Lunch Bag Snowflakes

Friday, December 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, December 16, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Create large three-dimensional snowflakes using paper lunch bags. Limit of 16.

Reusable Fabric Gift Bags

Saturday, December 16, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Learn to use the sewing machine to create fabric gift bags for wrapping up your gifts this holiday. Limit of 6.

Cross Stitch Holiday Ornaments

Monday, December 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Cross stitch small holiday ornaments to decorate your house for this holiday season. Limit of 16.

Junk Journal Christmas Cards

Thursday, December 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Artist Gabi Calderone introduces you to junk journaling with this fun and easy card project. Junk journals are handmade books of recycled and found materials and ephemera. Materials will be supplied, but bring your own items if you would like. Limit of 12.

Ugly Sweater Craft

Friday, December 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Instructor Jacqueline Parente will lead us in an ugly sweater-themed craft. For added festive flair, feel free to wear an ugly sweater or other holiday attire! Limit of 20.

Paint a New Year Piggy Bank

Wednesday, December 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In Germany and the Netherlands, pigs represent good fortune. During the New Year season, it's customary to exchange lucky pigs (Glücksschwein) made of marzipan, chocolate, wood, or porcelain. In the spirit of Glücksschwein, join us to paint and decorate your very own ceramic piggy bank. Limit of 18.

New Year's Manifest Station

Friday, December 29, 10:30 - 11:30 am or Tuesday, January 2, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Instructor Lorraine Trentini will discuss the Law of Attraction, as well as what it means to manifest your life, your way. After the discussion, you will receive a kit to create your own vision board/manifest station, which we will work on in class. Please bring with you pictures, drawings, and/or printouts of what you wish to manifest; they will be used in your project. Limit of 20.

Snow Scenes in Acrylic

Friday, January 5, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

You will paint a snowy landscape scene in acrylic paints with artist Kari Kaczmarek. Limit of 18.

Sew a Reading Pillow

Saturdays, January 6 or February 3, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sew a reading pillow with a pocket to hold your book so you are ready to get comfy and read. Limit of 6.

Color Your Cares Away

Saturday, January 6 & Mondays, February 5 & March 4, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Art Club for Adults: Perspective

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

Learn how to create interesting drawings using perspective and colored pencils in this art club session. Limit of 16.

Upcycling Jewelry Design

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Donna Irvine leads this class, where you will create a new jewelry piece from your broken costume jewelry pieces. The presenter will discuss ideas and designs and will supply tools. Please bring your broken costume jewelry to class. Limit of 15.

Painting with Joe: Winter

Fridays, January 12 or 19, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Artist Joe Socci leads this class, where you will paint a winter theme. Limit of 12.

Let's Sew Herbal Sachets

Saturdays, January 13 or 20, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Make scented herbal sachets of lavender and rosemary using our sewing machines. Limit of 6.

Stained Glass: Snowflake

Saturday, January 13, 10:00 am - 12:30 pm or 1:30 - 4:00 pm

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

Coffee Painting: Coffee Cup with Books

Wednesday, January 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Painting a cup of coffee and a stack of books with artist Bonnie Schwartz as she teaches you how to use a coffee-water mix as a watercolor-like medium, for use in painting a beautiful and rich still life tonal scene. Limit of 20.

3D Texture Cherry Blossom Painting

Thursday, January 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Artist Samantha He leads this class, where you will add air-dry clay details to a painting of cherry blossoms. Learn the technique of adding texture to your paintings. Limit of 12.

How to Hem Pants

Monday, January 22, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

In this hands-on craft lecture, you will learn all you need to know about how to hem pants at home. Limit of 24.

Mosaic Heart

Thursday, January 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Craft a mosaic heart that will last as long as your love. With mosaic artist Gabriella Grama. Limit of 15. **Fee: \$7.00**

Winter Glass Lantern

Friday, January 26, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

In this class, we will make glass lanterns with a theme, adding filling and decals to the front of the lantern. Jacqueline Parente will lead us step-by-step. Limit of 20.

Paper Flowers: Roses

Monday, January 29, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Join Casey from Art and Flowers Custom Design as we create paper roses. Limit of 24.

Craft Supply Trade

Monday, January 29, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Did you receive craft supplies during the holidays you don't want or have extra materials lying around? Come in and trade with your fellow patrons. *No registration required.*

Chinese New Year Lanterns

Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In Chinese culture, red lanterns are believed to bring luck and prosperity. Join instructor Samantha He, who will show you how to fold paper to create an origami-like lantern. Afterwards, you will have the option to add embellishments to decorate your creation according to your personal taste. Limit of 15.

Stacking Hearts Door Hanger

Thursday, February 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Invite the love in with this charming door hanger that stacks three hearts in different patterns. Artist Gabi Calderone is the instructor. Limit of 12.

Paint & Listen

Saturday, February 3, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Create a painting inspired by the mood and tone of live acoustic guitar music. We'll discuss the ways that music and visual art intersect as you paint a masterpiece step-by-step. Limit of 24.

Embroidered Valentine Hearts

Monday, February 5, 6:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, February 10, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Learn simple embroidery stitches to create this adorable Valentine's Day decoration for the home. Limit of 16.

Folded Book Art: Hearts

Wednesday, February 7, 2:30 - 4:00 pm or Friday, February 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, February 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am

We'll recycle old books and create a simple work of book art in the shape of a heart. Limit of 12.

Paint Night: Love Birds

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

In the spirit of Valentine's Day, join artist Laura Goetz to paint a romantic scene of two love birds perched on a branch. Limit of 20.

Valentine Washi Tape Wall Art

Monday, February 12, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm or 2:30 - 4:00 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 pre-made Cricut 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: Alma Thomas Paintings

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

Explore your creativity with paint while learning about Alma Thomas and her abstract art. Limit of 16.

Crochet Winnie the Pooh and Friends

Wednesdays, February 14, 21, 28, & March 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Instructor Aimee Saccio will lead you in making small *Winnie the Pooh* characters. You will need size F or G crochet hooks and worsted weight yarn in *Winnie the Pooh* colors: honey brown, red, blue, pale yellow, pink, white, light purple, orange, black, and tan. Half balls or scraps can be used. Stuffing will be provided. *No registration required.*

Fiber Arts Craft Circle

Monday, February 26, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Do you like to sew, crochet, knit, quilt, cross stitch, or embroider? Join us and share your current projects as we hang out and have some fiber art fun. A sewing machine will be available. Limit of 16.

Lotus Lanterns

Wednesday, February 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Learn about the meaning of the lotus flower and Korean artistic traditions, then make a beautiful lotus lantern using colorful paper and a wire frame. The Korean Spirit & Cultural Promotion Project will give directions on making the lanterns. Limit of 25.

Teddy Bear Vet Clinic

Saturday, March 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Do you have a stuffed animal that's been loved a bit too hard and has fallen apart? Bring it in and we'll teach you how to fix it! *No registration required.*

Spring Clothespin Wreath

Saturday, March 2, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or Friday, March 8, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Usher in spring with a wreath made of yellow and black clothespins and faux flowers. Limit of 16.

Art Club for Adults: Frida Kahlo Still Life

Monday, March 4, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Practice the art of still life drawing as we make Frida Kahlo-inspired paintings. Limit of 16.

Peeps Pillow

Saturday, March 9, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Using hand-sewing techniques, we will make these adorable pillows made to look like bunny Peeps. Limit of 20.

Dot Art

Saturday, March 9, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Paint along with Melissa of Paint Party LI as we create a fun pointillism piece of art. Limit of 24.

COMMUNITY

Veteran Community Resource Table

Mondays, December 11, January 8, & February 12, 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

Thursdays, December 14, January 11, & February 8, 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

Thursday, January 4, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

A Suffolk County Senior Advocate will meet with persons 60 or 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 Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare Savings Program, and HEAP. First-come, first-served. *No registration required.*

CONCERTS

Homegrown String Band

Sunday, December 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The Homegrown String Band celebrates the tradition of families making music together. The band's repertoire includes a healthy portion of early country music classics by the likes of the Carter Family and the Delmore Brothers, along with a tasty sprinkling of original material inspired by the rural American string band and folk traditions of the nineteenth, twentieth, and twenty-first centuries. *No registration required.*

Norwegian Wood

Sunday, December 17, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The band is Joe DeJesu (guitar and vocals), Mike Ponella (guitar and vocals), and Eddie Profet Jr. (bass guitar and vocals). Norwegian Wood plays the music of the Beatles, both together and on their own, in an acoustic setting and throws in one or two songs that they wrote for other artists. They specialize in three-part harmony, sometimes adding harmony to songs where there is none. *No registration required.*

The Dedications

Sunday, January 7, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Enjoy classic '50s and '60s rock 'n' roll with brilliant vocals, strong harmony, and great musical accompaniment. *No registration required.*

The Ladies of Motown: Rhonda Denet & The Silver Fox Trio

Sunday, January 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Rhonda Denet features her extraordinary vocals alongside the Silver Fox Songs Trio to celebrate the ladies of Motown. She will be singing hits by the female singing groups, soloists, and songwriters who introduced the sound of Motown to the world. *No registration required.*

Gerry Ferretti and the Mutant Kings

Sunday, January 21, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The multi-talented Gerry Ferretti leads the Mutant Kings, playing the greatest hits of rock 'n' roll from the '50s, '60s, '70s, and '80s. *No registration required.*

HooDoo Loungers

Sunday, January 28, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This nine-piece band takes inspiration from gris-gris of Dr. John to the rock 'n' roll of Fats Domino. They blend it all together with a bit of classic soul and New Orleans Swing for an inspired and original musical gumbo. *No registration required.*

Paige Patterson: A Valentine's Tribute to African American Musicians

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

Come get cozy this month with Paige Patterson and her Valentine's Day homage to Black History. She will pay tribute to people like Bobby Short, Duke Ellington, Stevie Wonder, Nancy Wilson, the Drifters, Alicia Keys, and Corinne Bailey Rae, just to name a few. *No registration required.*

Joe Pianos

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

Joe Pianos can be described as "a one-piano-man band," and his concert draws from a panorama of musical styles from the supper club shows of yesteryear to today's popular music. It begins with some of the Great American Songbook tunes that Sinatra, Bennett, and Nat King Cole made popular, and then moves along through pop music history with songs from Motown, disco, and classic rock. *No registration required.*

Hokis Pokis

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

Nassau County natives Steve DiGirolamo, Joe Scarola, and Rob "Pudgy" Davies play a wide variety of oldies, '70s, and original music. Together as a band in various forms for 40 years, they recorded *Nowhere* in 1973, which became a hot record in several metro areas. *No registration required.*

Copperline: A Tribute to James Taylor

Sunday, February 25, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This band recreates songs written and made famous by James Taylor, as well as songs on which he collaborated with Carole King and Carly Simon. Between songs, the band imparts background stories and gives insights into not just the songs, but also the times in which they were written. *No registration required.*

Mary Sollitto and Jim Kanellos

Sunday, March 3, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Mary Sollitto and Jim Kanellos are back to entertain you with their showstopping hits. It promises to be a fun afternoon, enjoying songs you love performed with charm and talent. *No registration required.*

COOKING

Warm and Spicy Cookie

Wednesday, January 3, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

First, you will taste this cookie that is perfect for cold winter days and nights. Then, you'll make up the dough to bring home and bake. Bring with you 2 mixing bowls, a metal spoon or vegetable peeler, a microplane or other fine grater or knife, cutting board, and a mixing spoon. Take home to arrange on cookie sheets and bake. Limit of 20.

Cooking with Chef Rob

Thursday, January 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Chef Rob will demonstrate and you will enjoy a sweet and savory menu. You'll start with a Hearty Moroccan Sweet Potato Lentil Soup with spices and a vegetable broth. Finish with Toasted Coconut Hot Chocolate with Almond Whipped Cream. Please bring two 12-ounce mugs to class. Limit of 40.

Fee: \$5.00

Cooking with Naela

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

Naela will demonstrate and you will taste Stuffed Grape Leaves (vegan with rice and sauteed veggies with pomegranate molasses or yalanji), then tzatziki sauce with cucumbers, sour cream, and garlic served with pita bread, followed by Date Cookies for dessert. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

Cooking with Craig | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, March 7, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Craig is back to do two traditional Irish dishes. He will demonstrate Shepherd's Pie ala Craig and mussels two ways: Beer Steamed and in a White Wine Cream Sauce. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: *No registration required.*

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Widowhood: Who Am I?

Thursdays, December 21, January 11, & February 22, 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.

Magical Reads Book Discussion: *Spinning Silver* by Naomi Novik | Pick Up Book Beginning December 7 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, January 4, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

An imaginative retelling of the *Rumpelstiltskin* fairy tale, this story takes us into a world where two very different kingdoms exist. Miryem is the daughter of a moneylender who boasts that she can turn silver into gold, catching the attention of the King of the Staryk, grim fey creatures made of mostly ice. She will face an impossible challenge and uncover a secret that threatens to consume the lands of humans and Staryk alike. Limit of 15.

Hot Topics

Mondays, January 8, February 5, & March 4, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

Book Discussion: *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig | Pick Up Book Beginning December 7 at the Circulation Desk

Wednesday, January 17, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or Friday, January 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Somewhere out beyond the edge of the universe there is a library that contains an infinite number of books, each one the story of another reality. One tells the story of your life as it is, another book for the other life you could have lived if you had made a different choice. What if you had the chance to go to the library and see for yourself? Limit of 15.

Play Discussion: *A View from the Bridge* by Arthur Miller | Pick Up Book beginning December 7 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, February 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, February 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Eddie Carbone is a longshoreman who lives by a strict code of honor. When his wife's cousins arrive as illegal immigrants from Italy, he is honored to take them into his house. But when his niece begins to fall in love with one of them, Eddie's suspicions push him to the brink of betraying his principles. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: *Fahrenheit 451* by Ray Bradbury | Pick Up Book Beginning December 7 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, February 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, February 24, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Fahrenheit 451 by Ray Bradbury is a classic dystopian novel set in a future society where books are banned and "firemen" burn any that are discovered. The story follows the protagonist, Guy Montag, a fireman who begins to question his duty to the state and ultimately has to choose between his personal beliefs and his loyalty to the government. Bradbury's writing style is engaging and thought-provoking, drawing readers into a world where free thought is suppressed and conformity is valued over critical thinking and intellectualism. Limit of 15.

Short Story Discussion: *Dubliners* by James Joyce | Pick Up Book Beginning December 7 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, March 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, March 9, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

A vivid and unflinching portrait of "dear dirty Dublin" at the turn of the twentieth century, this collection of 15 short stories delves into the heart of the city of Joyce's birth, capturing the cadences of Dubliners' speech and portraying with an almost brute realism their outer and inner lives. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: *Wrong Place, Wrong Time* by Gillian McAllister | Pick Up Book Beginning December 7 at the Circulation Desk

Wednesday, March 20, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or Friday, March 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

After witnessing her teenage son kill a man, Jen falls asleep in despair, wakes up, and it is yesterday. Each morning, when Jen wakes, she is further back in the past, first weeks, then years, before the murder. Jen realizes that somewhere in the past lies the trigger for her son's crime, and it is her mission to find it and prevent it from taking place. Limit of 15.

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

Remember Liss | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau as she discusses the discovery of a new founding figure named Elizabeth, or Liss, who was enslaved by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay. As the story unfolds, prominent figures cross her path, including George Washington, Benjamin Franklin, Alexander Hamilton, John Jay, Benedict Arnold, John Graves Simcoe, John André, and John Adams. Liss also comes across the Culper Spy Ring, the Boston Massacre, the Battle of Long Island, and the Benedict Arnold treason plot. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person: No registration required.*

Idle Hour's Peace Haven

Monday, January 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

One of the strangest chapters in Oakdale's history took place during the Peace Haven years. This began in 1938, when the Royal Fraternity of Master Metaphysicians bought Vanderbilt's Idle Hour estate and used it for a wide array of activities, including their Baby Jean experiment. As reported in period newspapers nationwide, this was to prove that immortality could be achieved by human beings. Our speaker Janice Fischer is a longtime Oakdale resident and educator who was recognized by the Harvard Club as one of Long Island's best teachers. *No registration required.*

Andiamo! Finding Your Italian Family | Virtual

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

Why did your Italian ancestor have five cousins all named Joe? Why did married women travel under their maiden names? Was Sally really Serafina? This presentation explores the factors that pushed and pulled Italians to emigrate, what they found when they arrived, Italian naming patterns and name changes, and how to start your search. Genealogist Margaret R. Fortier will be the speaker.

Hart Island | In-Person & Virtual

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

Melinda Hunt, founding director of The Hart Island Project, will talk about Hart Island's past, present, and future. It is the largest municipal cemetery in the United States and the most affordable green burial option for New Yorkers. Municipalities in New York State are required to bury unclaimed bodies; learn about how the City of New York handles this obligation and why the stigma of city burials is hard to overcome. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person: No registration required.*

Our European Ancestors' Voyage to America | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, February 21, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

How did our ancestors prepare for the journey? What immigration restrictions and quota laws did they face? How were ports of departure and arrival chosen? What was the ticket cost? How long would the journey take, and what were the expected ship accommodations? In this lecture, you will learn the answers to those questions. Genealogist Katherine Willson will be the speaker. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person: No registration required.*

FITNESS

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, December 12, 19, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, & March 5, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Experience Tai Chi based on simplified methods. At this class, you will be using elements of Qigong and traditional Tai Chi forms. Limit of 55.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, December 13, 20, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, & 28, 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 15, 29, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 9, 16, 23, March 1, & 8, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

This class is designed to help seniors improve their strength, fitness, and flexibility. Chairs are used for upper and lower body work. Luanne Brogan is the instructor. Limit of 55.

Senior Fitness

Mondays, December 18, January 8, 22, 29, February 5, 12, & 26, 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.

Country Line Dancing for Beginners

Fridays, January 19, 26, February 2, 16, 23, & March 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Dust off your boots and join line dance instructor Bill Iozzino. He will teach you basic steps and beginner dances. *No registration required.*

Dance and Tone

Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join instructor Joy Walker for a dance workout that will add a fun new element to your fitness regimen. Limit of 55.

Yin Yang Yoga

Tuesdays, February 13, 20, March 5, & 12, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

The class will be divided into two parts: Yang, which is movement and flow for strength and flexibility, and Yin, which is longer-held, gentle postures to ground and calm. Brittany Leo is the instructor. Limit of 15.

GAMES & TRIVIA

Chess Club

Tuesdays, December 12 - March 5, 5:30 - 7:30 pm

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

Word Games

Saturday, December 23, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Drop in to pick up a collection of word games, including crosswords, cryptics, anagrams, and acrostics to keep you puzzling this winter season. We'll run the Saturday *New York Times* crossword on our SmartBoard for all to have a crack at it. *No registration required.*

Adult Spelling Bee

Thursday, December 28, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Here's your chance to show off your spelling smarts. Conquer easy, intermediate, and advanced words to win. You'll work in teams of 2-5 members, choose your own, or be assigned to one. No dictionaries, cell phones, or other aids allowed. Snacks and prizes will be provided. *No registration required.*

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

Saturdays, December 30, January 27, & February 24, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us in the Learning Commons for our exciting and engaging campaign of Dungeons & Dragons with our adventuring guild. Limit of 8.

Bunco Dice Game

Fridays, January 5, or March 1, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Bunco is an easy-to-learn, luck-of-the-dice game that has you switching tables and partners as you go. Score points by taking turns rolling the dice—if you can roll up to 21 points, you could be calling out “BUNCO!” and win the game! Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 24.

Adult Magic the Gathering: Commander Night

Friday, January 12, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Join Chris Carlisle for Commander, a popular format of Magic: The Gathering trading card game. Beginners are welcome. Commander decks will be provided. Limit of 12.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, January 20, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Which team can beat the clock and finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle first? Be a part of your own team (up to 4 people) or let us assign you to a table. Members of the winning team will receive a prize. *No registration required.*

Left, Center, Right Dice Game

Friday, January 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, February 17, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Roll the three LCR dice, and what happens next is determined by what the dice reveal. Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 32.

Musical Bingo

Monday, January 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This is a game that combines *Name That Tune* with Bingo. Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 35.

Trivia Night

Monday, March 4, 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. Limit of 30.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP)

Wednesdays, December 27, January 31, & February 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A HIICAP-trained 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 4.

Breathe Together | Virtual

Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19, & 26, 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.

Self-Care Circle: New Start

Thursday, January 4, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Build your self-care and wellness while manifesting your goals for the New Year. Bring self-compassion and joy into the process for true success. Kristen Orsini-Walker, Integrative Healing and Circlework™ facilitator and Somatic Coach, guides you in light movement and helps you discover regular practices that will serve your personal wellness. Bring a journal if you have one. Limit of 18.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Improve American Sign Language

Wednesdays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, & February 7, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

A step up from Introduction to ASL, we will learn more vocabulary, use more phrases, and practice signing with each other. This class is designed for those with beginner ASL experience (alphabet, numbers, and basic signs). Limit of 25.

Beginner Italian

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, & 14, 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. Limit of 16.

Learn and Practice English

Fridays, March 1, 8, & 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am

This class is for adults whose native language is not English and would like to practice speaking English. Included in the classes will be a number of exercises to help students expand their English vocabulary. Limit of 12.

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

How To Sail Through Stressful Times

Wednesday, December 13, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

There are so many things that keep us up at night and also make us tense during the day. Add in the holidays, and it can feel overwhelming. A lot can be done to help you learn to recognize the signs of stress in your body. You will leave this lecture with strategies for getting the relief you need to better enjoy life. Barb Herd is the speaker. *No registration required.*

Ancient Wisdom

Tuesdays, December 19, January 30, & February 27, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Leloni 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 can guide you in everyday life. *No registration required.*

The Making of *White Christmas*

Wednesday, December 20, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Learn the backstory of this classic motion picture. What was Berlin's inspiration for the title song? What famous dancing legend was originally cast in the movie? What comedic scene was improvised by Danny Kaye? Which comedic scene was improvised by Bing Crosby? Which famous Little Rascal makes an appearance? Which two members of the dance ensemble went on to have illustrious careers? Learn these facts and more in this heartwarming presentation by Sal St. George. *No registration required.*

All That Bubbles is Not Champagne!

Thursday, December 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Sparkling wines are made throughout the world in nearly every country that produces wine, and each has a local name for its "bubbly." Join Bob Lipinski, sommelier, author, and educator, as he explores a wide range of sparkling wines, such as Asti, Cava, Champagne, Crémant, Franciacorta, Prosecco, Sekt, Trentodoc, U.S. sparkling wines, and many others. *No registration required.*

Connetquot Community Writers' Group

Tuesdays, January 2, 16, 30, February 13, & 27, 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.*

The Mystery of Nancy Drew | In-Person & Virtual

Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Explore the history of America's favorite teen sleuth with historian Leslie Goddard, including the mystery of who was "Carolyn Keene" and why this series has captivated generations of readers. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person: No registration required.*

Social Security Information Session | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, January 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am

A representative from the Social Security Administration will give an overview of their programs, including how to qualify and when to file for benefits like retirement and Medicare. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person viewing: No registration required.*

Defensive Driving

Thursday & Friday, January 11 & 12, 2:00 - 5:00 pm; Thursday & Friday, January 11 & 12, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; Monday & Tuesday, February 12 & 13, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; or Thursday & Friday, February 15 & 16, 6:00 - 9:00 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. Latecomers cannot be admitted. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$15.00**

Vinyl Listening Club

Saturday, January 13, 2:30 - 3:30 pm & Thursday, February 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Drop in to hear an eclectic mix of music ranging from jazz, blues, country, classical, rock, 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. *No registration required.*

Philadelphia Flower Show | In-Person & Virtual

Tuesday, January 16, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Join the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society's creative director, Seth Pearsoll, as he dives into the history of the PHS Philadelphia Flower Show. Learn about the show's inception in 1829, its evolution over the past 195 years to become the floral event in the world, gain insight into the planning process, and get a sneak peek at the highly anticipated 2024 show. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: Limit of 50.

Beauty Revealed: Skincare

Tuesday, January 16, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Ever wonder which moisturizer in a sea of many is right for you? The beauty industry rakes in billions of dollars and we are still left with products that sit in our drawers and leave our wallets lighter. Watch a step-by-step at-home facial while discussing skincare issues and products. Karen Gebbia, NYS licensed esthetician and makeup artist, also known as "The Beauty Myth Buster," shares secrets that only the pros know. Limit of 25.

Memoir Writing

Thursdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, & 15, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

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

Photography Club

Thursdays, January 18 & February 15, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Professional photographer, author, and instructor John P. Cardone will teach a range of activities from handing out monthly photography assignments and sharing photos to learning basic photographic techniques. Members can use DSLR cameras, smartphones, or even no camera if they are interested in learning about places to visit that offer good scenery and wildlife subjects. *No registration required.*

Dealing with Gold, Silver, and Precious Metals | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

How many pennyweights or grams are in one troy ounce? Few can answer this question and, since most dealers quote prices in terms of pennyweights or grams, most sellers of gold and silver are at the mercy of dealers. This program will show you how to perform the same calculations the dealers perform on your own jewelry, coins, and sterling silver before you sell. He'll talk about understanding the avoirdupois vs. troy weight systems, how to weigh precious metals and estimate value, how to sell gold and sterling for top dollar, and selling silverplate, pewter, gold tone, gold fill, gold plate, vermeil, and more. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person: No registration required.*

Ocean Currents and Messages in Bottles

Monday, January 22, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Retired sea captain from the Merchant Marine, Harold Stumme will discuss ocean currents. During his trans-oceanic voyages, he occasionally dropped notes in a bottle overboard. He was surprised when they returned to his home address and where and when they were found. You will hear about his voyages and the replies he received. *No registration required.*

Beauty Revealed: Makeup Demonstration

Tuesday, January 23, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Ever wonder why your base match never matches and your concealer leaves an ashy shadow? Let's demystify makeup and stop throwing money away. Watch a step-by-step makeup application while discussing the pitfalls of makeup for women at any age. Karen Gebbia, NYS licensed esthetician and makeup artist, also known as "The Beauty Myth Buster," shares secrets that only the pros know. Limit of 25.

Braver Angels

Wednesday, January 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Tired of the political divide? Then watch a documentary about Braver Angels, a national organization dedicated to helping people talk respectfully across the political divide, and learn how you can become involved in the organization, nationally, or locally. *No registration required.*

Love Songs | In-Person & Virtual

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

The love song is ubiquitous in pop culture. From Frank Sinatra to Justin Bieber, Bette Midler to Taylor Swift, nearly everyone has contributed to the love song in one way or another. Take a look into the origin of some of your favorite love songs while we enjoy a performance of some of history's best. Music educator Dan Lupo will give the lecture followed by the performance of a love song. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person viewing: No registration required.*

Love is in the Air

Monday, February 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Take a worldwide trip to find out about surprising romance in the bird world, including flashy outfits, wining and dining, cha-cha-cha-ing, and intricate nest building. Be amazed by birds' fascinating behaviors, surprising courtship rituals, and tokens of affection that bond avian partners together. Our speaker will be biologist Dr. Coby Klein. *No registration required.*

Free Black Communities in New York | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, February 7, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

New York was once home to one of the largest slave markets in the New World. An estimated 40% of New Yorkers owned slaves. Yet, free Black settlements thrived in the state prior to and after the official abolition of slavery in 1827. From Seneca Village in Manhattan to Weeksville in Brooklyn to Spinney Hill in Nassau County, many free Black communities flourished despite all odds. Surviving evidence found through physical remnants and archival documentation serves as a testimony to their determination and resourcefulness. Learn more about the contributions and history of New York's Black communities in the period before the national abolition of slavery. The speaker is Michael Rodgers. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person viewing: No registration required.*

The Naturalization Process | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, February 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Are you thinking about applying for citizenship? If so, join U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services Community Outreach Coordinator Shyconia Burden as she explains the requirements and steps involved in the naturalization process. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. *In-person: No registration required.*

Mass Transit in Suffolk County

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

Award-winning columnist and Stony Brook adjunct professor Richard Murdocco returns to explore all things mass transit in the Long Island region. Topics that will be discussed include the LIRR, bus networks, development trends, future expansion of transit systems, and more. *No registration required.*

Modern Times: An Infamous Utopia

Thursday, February 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In the mid-19th century, for more than a decade, Long Island was home to a community of radicals. The experimental village of Modern Times, known today as Brentwood, attracted all sorts of nonconformists, including spiritualists, suffragettes, dress-reformers, and proponents of the era's most dangerous idea, free-love. Peter Ward, local history librarian and historian, will share the shocking history of this unconventional place, the front-page controversies caused by its residents, and the unexpected influence that these local reformers have had on the way we live today. *No registration required.*

Teatime in Ireland

Thursday, February 22, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tea drinking in Ireland symbolizes friendship, hospitality, and pleasure. Author Margaret Johnson will be your hostess and will serve a full, three-course afternoon tea, as well as teach you about its customs, traditions, and history. Limit of 28. **Fee: \$5.00**

Big Tim Sullivan, Tammany Hall, and New York City

Monday, February 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Focusing on the career of Big Tim Sullivan, historian Richard Welch will explore the operations of Tammany Hall, the Democratic machine that dominated New York City politics in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. *No registration required.*

Birds of Prey | Ages 5 and up

Wednesday, March 6, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

A representative from Quogue Wildlife Refuge will be here to introduce and talk about some of their resident raptors. You will learn the personal history of each native New York animal and why it lives at the refuge, as well as the adaptations that allow these animals to be such incredible hunters. Limit of 50, 4 seats per member.

John McCormack: The Voice that Calls Across the Years

Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join Michael Fitzpatrick, president of the Irish Cultural Society of Garden City, as he discusses the Irish tenor John McCormack, whose career spanned the first four decades of the 20th century. This presentation will be a musical and visual journey of John McCormack's life, career, and artistry. Mr. Fitzpatrick will utilize restored and remastered recordings to prove that John McCormack was not just a great Irish tenor, but was also one of the greatest singers in the history of recorded music. *No registration required.*

MOVIES

Afternoon Movie

Thursdays, December 14, 1:00 - 4:15 pm & December 28, January 25, February 8, & March 7, 2:00 - 4:15 pm

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Word & Excel Basics for Job Seekers & Employees

Tuesday, February 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this hands-on introduction to Word and Excel, we will focus on business uses, including creating a Word document, saving, file management, editing/formatting and using tabs and indents, as well as how to create an Excel spreadsheet, entering data, inserting charts, and formatting. Prerequisites: comfort using your computer. Limit of 12.

TECHNOLOGY

Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences | Ages 10 & Up

December 11 - March 9: Mondays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm; Wednesdays, 5:15 - 8:45 pm; & Saturdays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm

Book an appointment and enjoy a 30-minute Virtual Reality (VR) session using our Oculus Quest 3 system. All VR equipment will be sanitized in between sessions. For all ages, under 13 accompanied by an adult. Limit of 5.

Building a Successful YouTube Channel

Monday, December 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this course, instructor Frank DeBlasi will show the many aspects of building and branding a YouTube channel, from simple video editing practices and 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.

Cricut: Winter Mason Jar Luminaries

Tuesday, December 12, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm or Friday, December 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Use Cricut Design Space to create a winter design that will be cut out of vinyl on our Cricut Maker. Then, transfer the vinyl onto a glass jar, which will be painted to create a pretty winter luminary. Limit of 8.

One-on-One Tech Help Appointments

December 12 - March 7: 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, Laser Engraver, or other makerspace service? We can assist with that too. Come with your device and your questions! Limit of 3.

Laser-Engraved Wood Ornaments

Tuesdays, December 12 or 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Create a fun holiday-themed design in Canva, and we will laser engrave it onto a wooden ornament with a bow for you to take home. Limit of 8.

Scorch Marker Wood Burning

Wednesday, December 13 or Thursday, December 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Get the look of a laser engraving, without the laser! Using our new scorch marker pens, we will wood-burn your holiday-themed designs onto small wood slices for you to take home. Limit of 8.

Introduction to Canva

Monday, December 18, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Thursday, January 4, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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 8.

Smart Devices Beginner Guide

Saturday, December 30, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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.

Getting to Know Your Apple Watch

Monday, January 8, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Did you receive an Apple Watch for the holidays or just want to learn more about them? We will go over everything for this wearable tech, from basic setup to installing apps and more. Limit of 12.

All About Apple Apps

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

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

Understanding iCloud

Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Confused about iCloud? You can access all your photos, music, and apps across Apple devices. Discover how to back up your iPad and/or iPhone and the way to track down a missing one. Bring your up-to-date device to this hands-on class. Limit of 12.

3D-Printed Lithophanes

Thursday, January 18 or Friday, January 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Create a 3D etching of a photo that will be clearly visible when held to the light. We will design your model, then the Learning Commons team will print it after the class. Please bring your photo on a USB drive. The sharper the photo, the better the lithophane will print. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 8.

Introduction to the Chromebook

Monday, January 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this lecture by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc., you will learn how to use the Chromebook, a computer designed to use the cloud to get things done faster and easier. You will learn how to get online, how to download apps for your device, and much more. Feel free to bring your own Chromebook to follow along with the demonstration. Limit of 16.

Apple iOS Q & A

Tuesday, January 23, 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.*

Introduction to ChatGPT | Virtual

Tuesday, January 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In this virtual class, you will learn about the latest technology to hit mainstream, ChatGPT. Attendees will learn what ChatGPT is, how to navigate the site, use the Chat safely, and much more.

What's New with Cricut

Saturdays, January 27 or March 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Cricut is always improving and making updates to their creative space. Join instructor Amy Simonson as she goes over some of the latest changes, such as editable images, slicing, and more. Basic experience with the Cricut required. Limit of 6.

Laser-Engraved Valentine's Day Bracelets

Monday, January 29, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Thursday, February 1, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Design a metal bracelet for someone special using Canva and our laser engraver! Basic computer skills required. Limit of 8.

3D Print Club for Adults

Tuesdays, January 30 & February 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Are you a 3D print enthusiast, beginner, or simply just interested in 3D printing? Attend our new 3D Print Club for Adults, where we will share ideas, practice our CAD skills, and discuss all things 3D printing! Limit of 8.

Cricut: Foiled Valentine's Day Cards

Tuesday, January 30, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Learn how to make Valentine's Day cards that really shine using our Cricut Maker 3 and the foiling attachment. Limit of 8.

Valentine's Day Sublimation Hand Towels

Friday, February 2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Tuesday, February 6, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Use our Canva account to create a fun, colorful design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation hand towel, perfect for Valentine's Day! Limit of 8.

Refresh Your Android Phone

Saturday, February 3, 11:45 am - 1:00 pm

Have a somewhat old Android phone that is not getting new updates? Learn about rooting, custom recovery, and installing a custom operating system onto your phone to breathe new life into the device. This process can result in better performance, battery life, new features and more. *Warning: Rooting/installing a custom recovery improperly can cause damage to your device, possibly rendering it unusable. Not all phones can be rooted.* Limit of 12.

Create a Recipe Card with Canva

Monday, February 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Instructor Arooj Chaudhry will show you how to use Canva to create custom recipe cards. Perfect as a gift or as a treat for yourself! Limit of 8.

Laser-Engraved Wooden Heart Spoons

Tuesdays, February 6 or 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

For Valentine's Day, create a special design or message for a loved one, which will be engraved onto a wooden spoon in the shape of a heart. Limit of 8.

Cricut: Valentine's Day Watercolor Cards

Thursday, February 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Monday, February 12, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Design a lovely Valentine's Day card using Cricut watercolor pens. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 6.

Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Thursday, February 15 or Friday, February 16, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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.

Photo Mugs

Thursday, February 22 or Friday, February 23, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Make a custom mug using sublimation printing and a heat press. Please bring a photo on a USB. Limit of 8.

3D-Printed Decision Dice

Friday, March 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or Tuesday, March 5, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Does your family struggle to pick a movie at night? Can't decide what to have for dinner? Create your own personalized 3D-printed decision dice using our 3D design software Tinkercad. Your dice will be available for pickup at a later date. Limit of 8.

Etsy for Beginners

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this lecture, we will discuss how to set up an Etsy account for personal or professional use. You'll learn the basics, such as searching for products, adding items to your cart, favoriting, and buying in the Etsy Marketplace. Limit of 12.

CLASSES & EVENTS

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 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.

Hot Cocoa Mix Holiday Craft | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, December 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Theresa Maritato to make a cute holiday-themed craft with hot chocolate, marshmallows, and a piping bag. Limit of 24.

Teen Flower Fairies | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to make small, adorable fairies out of faux flowers and beads for decorations for gifts, gardens, and around the house. Limit of 12.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesdays, December 20, January 24, & February 28, 5:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturdays, January 13, February 10, & March 9, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Teen Writers Circle | Grades 6 - 12

Fridays, December 22, January 26, & February 23, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

All writers, join us to share your work, complete writing exercises, and gain confidence in your writing. Limit of 10.

Cricut: Tote Bags | Grades 6 - 12**Tuesday, December 26, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Using the Cricut Design Space, create an image or phrase that will be ironed onto a tote bag using our Cricut Heat Press. Limit of 8.

Hot Chocolate Cookies | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, December 27, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Rob Scott will teach you how to make these delicious cookies using hot cocoa mix as an ingredient that you will take home and bake. Limit of 24.

Book and Movie Discussion: *Conceal, Don't Feel* by Jen Calonita | Pick Up Book Beginning December 8 at the Learning Commons Desk | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, December 29, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

This retelling of *Frozen* asks, what if Anna and Elsa never knew each other? Elsa has always felt like a part of her life was missing, and as Elsa prepares to become queen, erased memories start to surface. Now Elsa must travel across the kingdom in search of the missing princess. Snacks will be provided. Limit of 5.

Pictionary | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, January 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join us to play this fun game where teams have to guess the pictures being drawn. The team with the most guesses wins a prize! Limit of 20.

3D-Printed Bookmarks | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, January 5, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm**

Design a bookmark using our 3D modeling software, Tinkercad. Your 3D print will be ready for pickup at a later date. Limit of 8.

Digital SAT | Grades 10 - 12**Saturday, January 6, 12:00 - 1:00 pm**

This lecture by David Gevirtz, an SAT and ACT instructor with over two decades of experience, is a good starting point for anyone looking for information about the format and content changes the SAT will be undergoing in 2024. How will the digital SAT compare to the current paper SAT? What new content will there be and how should students best prepare? Limit of 24.

Pop Art Creation | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Kristen Duer will take you through the steps to create a one-of-a-kind pop art piece using magazines and scrapbooking materials while learning about this art movement. Limit of 20.

College Scholarships | Grades 10 - 12**Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Guidance counselor Debbie Lindell will teach you where to find scholarships, what types are available, how to keep them, and when and how to apply. Limit of 24.

One Night: Ultimate Werewolf Game | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, January 19, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Learn how to play One Night: Ultimate Werewolf, a fast-paced game where players will have to work together to figure out who among them is actually a werewolf. Limit of 10.

Cricut: Winter Mason Jar Luminaries for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, January 20, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm or 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Use Cricut Design Space to create a winter design that will be cut out of vinyl on our Cricut Maker. Then, transfer the vinyl onto a glass jar, which will be painted to create a pretty winter luminary. Limit of 8.

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Course | Ages 16 & up**Saturday, February 3, 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**

Teen Paint & Listen | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, February 3, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Nicole King will lead you step-by-step in creating your own beautiful painting while her husband, Adam, plays music to inspire your creativity. Limit of 15.

Chinese New Year Dragon Sculpty | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, February 7, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Celebrate the Year of the Dragon this Chinese New Year by making your own clay dragon using different colored Sculpey clay. Taught by Chris Vivas. Limit of 20.

Teen Magic the Gathering: Commander Night | Grades 6 - 12**Fridays, February 9 & March 8, 6:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join Chris Carlisle for Commander, a popular format of Magic: The Gathering trading card game. Limit of 12.

Valentine Candy Stand | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, February 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Samantha He will show you how to create and decorate a cute candy stand just in time for Valentine's Day. Limit of 18.

Cricut: Conversation Heart Pillow | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Whether you are into Valentine's Day or not, come make a conversation heart with your own saying using the Cricut Design Space. After being cut, it will be ironed onto a black pillowcase that you will stuff. Limit of 8.

Minecraft: The Seven Lucky Charms | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, February 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

TD3 Innovative Gaming will have players dive into a winter wonderland in search of seven winter-themed charms, equipped with a book and clues for their mystery exploration. Limit of 10.

Anime Club | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Fan of anime and manga? Come join us as we discuss and watch some fun anime while crafting. Limit of 16.

Pizza and a Movie: Spirited Away | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, February 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**Enjoy some pizza while watching the classic anime movie, *Spirited Away*, which tells the story of Chihiro Ogino, a 10-year-old girl who, while moving to a new neighborhood, enters the world of spirits. After her parents are turned into pigs by the witch Yubaba, Chihiro takes a job working in her bathhouse to find a way to free herself and her parents and return to the human world. Limit of 24.**Favorite Graphic Novel Discussion | Grades 6 - 12****Thursday, February 22, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Do you love reading graphic novels? Come share your favorite graphic novel books with other teens while also learning about other great books that you might enjoy. Limit of 24.

Teen Gaming Night | Grades 6 - 12**Thursday, February 22, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Join us for a variety of games and fun in the Learning Commons! Four gaming desktops, two Nintendo Switches, and lots of card and board games. Please feel free to bring your own games, gaming devices, or cards. Limit of 24.

Tomato Soup and Mozzarella Croutons | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, February 24, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Chef Rob will teach you how to make a homemade tomato soup and mozzarella croutons that you can enjoy during the colder months. Limit of 24.

Mini Canvas Painting | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, March 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Lisa Colon will take you step-by-step to paint a beautiful picture on a mini canvas. Limit of 20.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Winter Bandanas for Shelter Pets | Grades 6 - 12**Thursday, December 28, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Theresa Maritato will teach you how to make cute bandanas that shelter pets can wear during the winter to help them get adopted. Limit of 24.

Lavender Sachets to Donate | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, January 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or 3:30 - 4:30 pm**

Theresa Maritato will teach you how to make lavender sachets that will be donated to senior citizens to brighten their day. Limit of 12.

Birthday Banners and Cards | Grades 6 - 12**Tuesday, January 16, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Create different themed birthday banners and cards, which will be donated to The Confetti Foundation, who will send them to children spending their birthday in a hospital. Limit of 20.

Placemats for Pets | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, January 24, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Theresa Maritato to create placemats for shelter animals using special paper, vintage books, and more. They will be laminated for a long-lasting effect. Limit of 24.

Snuffle Mats for Shelter Dogs | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, January 31, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Make colorful snuffle mats using fabric and a rubber mat with holes that will be donated to shelter dogs. Dogs will be kept busy trying to find the treats hidden in the fabric. Limit of 12.

Washi Tape Clipboards | Grades 6 - 12

Monday, February 12, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Theresa Maritato to decorate clipboards using tons of different patterns of washi tape. These clipboards will be donated to those in need. Limit of 24.

Wild Animal Totes | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Make a wild animal-themed tote bag with Theresa Maritato using stencils and fabric markers. The totes will be donated to the S.T.A.R. Foundation. Limit of 12.

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 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 5 minutes late.

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

Baby Music | Ages birth - 18 months

Wednesday, December 13, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Come learn and play with your baby with Happy Feet Suffolk! Participate in music and sensory activities while the instructor guides you through your baby's development. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

STREAM: Candy Cane Letters | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, December 13, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Learn about patterns as we practice our alphabet by making Candy Cane Letters. Limit of 20.

Pajama Storytime | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, December 14, 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Come in your comfy pjs to enjoy some songs and stories that will get you ready for bed. Limit of 15.

Construction Zone | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, December 15, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join our construction crew as our little builders enjoy a variety of blocks and toys. Limit of 15.

Holiday Crafts | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, December 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

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

Snowman Fun | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, December 18, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Come join A Time for Kids, Inc. for music, movement, fine and gross motor activities, and storytelling. There will also be a snowman craft. Come warm up at the library as we have some Snowman Fun! Limit of 20.

Draw and Paint Bluey with Art Teacher Amy | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 19, 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Do you love Bluey? Join Art Teacher Amy as she guides your child through the steps of drawing and painting Bluey. Limit of 15.

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

Wednesday, December 20, 3:00 - 3:45 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 children with sensory integration challenges. Limit of 15.

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

Thursday, December 21, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Who is the community member guest reader? Find out when you attend our Surprise Guest Storytime! Limit of 15.

Puzzle Palooza | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 26, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Join us for some fun with a variety of puzzles! Limit of 12.

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

Saturday, December 30, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

A new year is coming! Let's get ready with music, movement activities, and a fun craft. Limit of 20.

Terrific Toddlers at Night | Ages 30 - 35 months

Tuesday, January 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Your toddler will explore music, movement, and stories as we combine early literacy development and fun! This class is geared toward parents who are unable to attend our daytime series. Limit of 20.

Playtime Pals & Parents | Ages 12 - 35 months

Wednesday, January 3, 10:00 - 10:45 or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a parenting group in a relaxed, informal environment with your children where they will enjoy social time playing together. There will be a resource professional to provide information and answer any questions you may have. All siblings are welcome. Limit of 10.

STREAM: Teddy Bear Patterns | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Using gummy bears, explore mathematical concepts with color patterns. Limit of 20.

Toddler Lil Athletes | Ages 20 - 35 months

Thursdays, January 4, 11, & 18, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join Lil Athletes for a three-week series, which will introduce your toddler to a variety of sports while encouraging physical fitness. No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

Preschool Lil Athletes | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursdays, January 4, 11, & 18, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Join Lil Athletes for a three-week series, which will introduce your preschooler to a variety of sports while encouraging physical fitness. No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

Sprouts & Friends | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, January 6, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Music and movement play an important role in early development. Sing, dance, and smile with Sprouts & Friends! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Circle of Fun | Ages 14 - 20 months

Mondays, January 8, 22, 29, February 5, & 12, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Join us for a fun time of songs, movement activities, and a simple craft. Limit of 18.

Toddler Circle | Ages 21 - 29 months

Mondays, January 8, 22, 29, February 5, & 12, 11:15 - 11:45 am

Join us for songs, a story, sensory and learning activities, and a simple craft. Limit of 18.

Baby Zumbini | Ages birth - 23 months

Tuesday, January 9, 5:30 - 6:00 pm

You and your little one will enjoy music, dance, and educational tools for movement, learning, and fun with Zumbini instructor Lauren Blum. No siblings permitted. Limit of 18.

Toddler Zumbini | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 9, 6:15 - 6:45 pm

You and your child will enjoy music, dance, and educational tools for movement, learning, and fun with Zumbini instructor Lauren Blum. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Baby Time | Ages 3 - 13 months

Wednesdays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:00 - 10:45 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.

Terrific Toddlers | Ages 30 - 35 months

Fridays, January 12, 19, 26, & February 2, 10:00 - 10:45 am

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

Snowmen All Year | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, January 12, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

We will read the book *Snowmen All Year* by Caralyn Buehner and make a cute snowman craft. Limit of 20.

Next Up, Kindergarten! | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, & March 5, 9:45 - 11:45 am

We offer this class for potty-trained 4-year-olds who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2024. Your child will attend without parents and participate in literacy skills, experience centers, and enjoy various activities. Parents may leave the building during these classes. Registration is ongoing until the class limit is filled. Registered child only. Limit of 16.

Play-Doh Playtime | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 16, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Let's have some colorful fun with a story, songs, and, of course, lots of colors of Play-Doh! Limit of 18.

Winter Fun with PlayHooray | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Tuesday, January 16, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Molly Mouse loves winter! Sing, dance, and play with your child as we explore a variety of movement and music activities. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

STREAM: Snow Crystals | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, January 17, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Snow crystals are simple shapes that make winter extra special. Explore the beautiful creation of snowflakes. Limit of 20.

Fun with Opposites | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 23, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us as we learn about this important concept in a fun way, through a variety of activities. Limit of 18.

A Starry Night with Vincent Van Gogh | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, January 25, 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Let's read about stars and take a look at Vincent Van Gogh's *Starry Night*. Then, we'll get to make our own starry night picture using some art magic! Limit of 12.

Pancakes with the Baking Coach | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, January 27, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

The Baking Coach will be here, cooking up some pancakes, which we will decorate and eat while listening to some fun stories. No siblings permitted. Limit of 13.

Arctic Adventures | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, January 30, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Join us as we explore the Arctic through a story, songs, sensory activities, and art! Limit of 18.

Sing & Play with Long Island Music Therapy | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Long Island Music Therapy will be here for a fun evening of exploring music through interactive songs, musical instruments, and movement. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Baby Sign Language: All About Winter! | Ages birth - 23 months

Thursday, February 1, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Babies can use sign language to communicate as they learn to talk. Join instructor Lisa Curley as we learn simple signs for the chilly season. Limit of 18.

Preschool Sign Language: All About Winter! | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, February 1, 11:00 - 11:30 am

Toddlers and preschool children use signing to boost vocabulary. Through stories and songs, instructor Lisa Curley will teach us signs for the winter season. Limit of 18.

It's Groundhog Day | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, February 2, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Let's read stories about Groundhog Day and make a themed craft. Limit of 20.

Preschool Paint a Dragon | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Learn how to paint a colorful dragon on canvas with instructor Samantha He in honor of Chinese New Year. Limit of 12.

STREAM: Valenslime | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, February 7, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Meet Victoria Franken and her slime friend, Goop from the book *Valenslime* by Joy Keller. Help her make a new slime friend for Goop to celebrate Valentine's Day. Limit of 20.

Globe "Tot"-ers: New Zealand | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Calling all tiny travelers! Let's explore New Zealand with a book, songs, a craft, and learning activities. Limit of 12.

Stroller Moves | Ages birth - 47 months

Fridays, February 9, 16, & March 1, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us for this three-week series as we combine fitness and fun while you work out with your little one in the stroller. These workouts are a combination between intervals of power moves, full body movements, and stations using both their stroller and resistance tubes. No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

Baby Time at Night | Ages 3 - 13 months

Monday, February 12, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

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. This class is geared toward parents who are unable to attend our daytime series. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 15.

Fun with Farley the Flossisaurus | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, February 13, 2:00 - 2:45 pm or 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Dental hygienist Catherine Catanese will be here with her special dinosaur Farley to teach the children about taking care of their teeth through stories, songs, and a demonstration from Farley! Limit of 15.

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

Wednesday, February 14, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

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

Grown-Up & Me Paint Night | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Thursday, February 15, 5:30 - 6:00 pm or 6:30 - 7:00 pm

Have some artistic fun as you and your grown-up each create half of a painting. Limit of 14.

Read & Sing: One Love | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, February 20, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

We will read the heartwarming story *One Love* by Cedella Marley, based on the classic song by Bob Marley, in honor of African American History Month. We will also sing, dance, and make a special craft! Limit of 12.

Tiny Songbirds | Ages 12 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, February 24, 11:00 - 11:45 am or 12:00 - 12:45 pm

Tiny Songbirds is a cooperative music class taught by certified music educators that will have you and your little one singing, moving, playing instruments, and creating musical moments together. Limit of 20.

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

Tuesday, February 27, 2:15 - 3:00 pm or 3:15 - 4:00 pm

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

Cocomelon Sing-Along | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, February 28, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:15 - 11:45 am

Join us as we sing and dance to the music of Cocomelon, and then make a fun craft! Limit of 18.

STREAM: Build It! | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, February 28, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Learn about different structures and have fun building some of your own! Limit of 20.

Let's Rhyme Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, February 29, 6:15 - 6:45 pm

Let's practice identifying words that rhyme through a story, songs, and learning activities. Limit of 12.

Sprouts & Friends Evening Fun | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 - 6:15 pm or 6:30 - 7:15 pm

Join Sprouts & Friends for an evening of music, movement, dancing, and play! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Alphabet Experts | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, March 6, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Join us as we practice our letter identification, sounds, and writing through fun activities! Limit of 18.

PARENTING

Parenting Class: Your Child's Speech and Language Development | 18 & Over

Tuesday, December 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

A licensed and certified speech pathologist from the Long Island Speech, Language, and Hearing Association will discuss the developmental milestones of speech and language. They will provide ways to encourage and enhance your child's speech, language, and listening skills, as well as ways to spot difficulties that may indicate a need for help. Limit of 25.

Homeschool Connections at Night | 18 & Over

Monday, January 22, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us to learn about the library's resources and meet other homeschooling families. This class is geared toward children in grades K - 5. Children are welcome to attend. Limit of 12 families.



PRESCHOOL

FAIR • SATURDAY, JANUARY 20, 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. *No registration required.*

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

STEAM Studio: Candy Cane Sled | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, December 11, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Using candy canes and a variety of other materials, make a sled that is a perfect addition to your holiday decorations. Limit of 30.

Clay Ugly Sweater Ornaments | Grades 3 - 5

Wednesday, December 13, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Samantha He is here to show you how to mold clay into an Ugly Sweater Ornament that you will be proud to show off. Limit of 20.

Young Adventurers | Grades 4 - 5

Mondays, December 18, January 29, & February 26, 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.

Mini Canvas Snowman | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, December 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Theresa Maritato will help you transform a mini canvas into a snowman you'll want to display this holiday season! Limit of 20.

Stellar Pastels | Grades K - 5**Thursday, December 21, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm**

Celebrate the best season for stargazing by creating an outer space scene with pastels set against a dramatic black background. Limit of 20.

Maker Zone: Rudolph's Glowing Nose | Grades K - 2**Friday, December 22, 4:15 - 5:00 pm**

Help make Rudolph's nose shine bright while learning about paper circuits. Limit of 30.

Reindeer Diamond Painting | Grades 4 - 5**Friday, December 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Have you ever wanted to try diamond painting? Join us as we make an adorable reindeer using the diamond painting method. Limit of 10.

Reverse Coloring Workshop | Grades K - 5**Saturday, December 23, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Let your imagination run wild as we switch up the coloring process to maximize creativity. Limit of 20.

The Grid Method in Art | Grades 3 - 5**Tuesday, December 26, 2:30 - 3:15 pm**

Is there an amazing image that you'd love to duplicate but don't know how? Come learn about the grid method, an incredibly helpful artistic trick. Limit of 20.

LEGO Minecraft**Grades K - 2: Wednesday, December 27, 1:30 - 2:30 pm****Grades 3 - 5: Wednesday, December 27, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

Learn about landscape, architecture, and the different layers of the earth with Creatology Kidz. Then, work in teams to build a Minecraft Village out of LEGOs. Once completed, they will connect their villages together to make one giant village. Limit of 15.

Snowman Cake Pops | Grades K - 5**Thursday, December 28, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

It's wintertime. Let's celebrate by making three snowman cake pops with the Baking Coach. Limit of 24.

Colored Pencil Corner: Comics & Dog Man | Grades K - 5**Thursday, December 28, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm**

Dive into the graphic novel medium by learning how to draw the popular character, Dog Man, step-by-step. Then, build upon formatting options to create your very own comic. Limit of 20.

Color Your Own Fuzzy Winter Picture | Grades K - 2**Wednesday, January 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Coloring is a healthy way to relieve stress, calm the brain, and help your body relax. Join us to color a fuzzy winter scene and listen to some meditative music after a long day of school. Limit of 20.

Art Around the World: Notan | Grades 3 - 5**Thursday, January 4, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm**

Learn about Notan, the Japanese art of contrasts, then create your own masterpiece. Limit of 20.

Movie Trivia Night | Grades 3 - 5**Friday, January 5, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Are you a movie buff? Do you love watching movies? If you think you know all there is to know about movies, come and put your knowledge to the test in this fun, interactive movie trivia night. Winner will receive a prize. Limit of 20.

Snowman Sponge Art | Grades K - 5**Saturday, January 6, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Using the negative space of a sponge art painting on canvas, create a snowman to last all winter long. Limit of 30.

LEGO Secret Codes | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, January 8, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:15 - 8:00 pm**

Learn how to create codes with LEGOs, then create your very own LEGO secret code. Limit of 15.

Maker Kids: Cricut: Winter Hats | Grades 3 - 5

Thursday, January 11, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Join us in the Learning Commons! We will be using our Cricut Maker 3 and Cricut Heat Press to decorate a hat perfect for the winter season. Limit of 8.

Decoupage Keepsake Box | Grades K - 5

Thursday, January 11, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Design a custom box to store your special keepsakes. Limit of 20.

Let's Get Glowing: Glow Geology | Grades 2 - 5

Saturday, January 13, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Whys Science will guide our junior geologists. Learn what makes some rocks glow those magnificent, iridescent colors, then help nature out by creating your very own glow-in-the-dark rock. You will also learn the secrets of fluorescence and phosphorescence and even have a chance to capture your shadows on the Glow Wall! Limit of 15.

Enchanting Emperor Penguins | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, January 17, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Learn about these unique penguins and create some crafts to display this winter. Limit of 20.

Optical Illusion Art | Grades K - 5

Thursday, January 18, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Learn how to make some amazing optical illusions using just colored pencils and paper. Limit of 20.

Polar Bear Palooza | Grades K - 2

Friday, January 19, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

We will learn interesting facts about polar bears, make a fun craft, and listen to a story. Limit of 20.

Maker Zone: Candy Balance | Grades K - 2

Friday, January 26, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Learn how to balance objects with special candies. How high can you pile them up before they fall over? Limit of 30.

STEAM Studio: Fizzy Snowflake Art | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, January 29, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Combine science and art while making a beautiful snowflake. Limit of 30.

Winter Bear Watercolor | Grades K - 2

Wednesday, January 31, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come and join Miss Maria from Le Petite Picassos for a super fun art class! We will explore the great world of art using oil pastels, watercolors, and Sharpies to create a cuddly winter bear to take home. Limit of 20.

DIY Valentine's Day Garland | Grades K - 5

Thursday, February 1, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Get ready for Valentine's Day by making your own festive garland using wood shapes and yarn. Limit of 20.

LEGO-Building Challenge | Grades 3 - 5

Friday, February 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:15 - 8:00 pm

Help! There is a blizzard and you're stuck at school. What are you going to do? Do you think you have what it takes to master this LEGO-building challenge? Put your LEGO-building skills to the test. Limit of 15.

Valentine's Day Watercolor Card | Grades K - 5

Saturday, February 3, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Using oil pastels and watercolors, create a beautiful card sure to brighten anyone's Valentine's Day. Limit of 30.

Presidential Pets | Grades 2 - 5

Monday, February 5, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Come learn about some wild and unusual pets of our former presidents! You'll get to paint one of them! Limit of 20.

Dragon Painting | Grades 3 - 5

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

2024 is the Year of the Dragon! Come celebrate by creating a work of art with Traveling Art Programs. Limit of 20.

Snowflake Tie Pillow | Grades 3 - 5

Friday, February 9, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Cozy up with this adorable snow pillow. We will use the no-sew method to make the perfect pillow to snuggle with in the winter. Limit of 12.

Love You to Pieces Wreath | Grades K - 5

Saturday, February 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Lisa Colon from iCreate is here to help you make a heart wreath out of puzzle pieces you'll use to display year after year! Limit of 25.

Maker Zone: Ice Fishing | Grades K - 2

Friday, February 16, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Let's go fishing! Can you "catch" a frozen fish with only a string? Give it a try with a little bit of luck... and science. Limit of 30.

Grown-Up & Me Paint Party | Grades K - 5

Saturday, February 17, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 3:00 - 3:45 pm

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

Polar Bear Tissue Paper Craft | Grades 3 - 5

Tuesday, February 20, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us this winter day to make a Polar Bear tissue paper ornament. Limit of 20.

Pizza Dip for March Madness | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, February 21, 1:30 - 2:15 pm or 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Chef Rob is here to guide you into making a dip that you'll want to serve during March Madness! Limit of 20.

Art Around the World: Trolls & Fairies | Grades 3 - 5

Thursday, February 22, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:30 - 8:15 pm

Learn about the roles of trolls and fairies in Norwegian folktales and make two crafts inspired by these magical creatures. Limit of 20.

From Sea Shanties to Hip Hop | Grades 1 - 5

Friday, February 23, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Did you know that whaling was America's first integrated industry? Discover the remarkable contributions made by African American whalers, including the music sailors sang at sea. Explore the rich traditions of West African music found in sea chanteys, jazz, and hip hop, then create your own sistrum, a traditional rattle using seashells with guidance from an educator from The Whaling Museum. Limit of 25.

STEAM Studio: Penguin Science | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, February 26, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Some penguins live in the water for months. How do they stay dry? Using art, learn a little about penguin science. Limit of 30.

Pokémon Day | Grades 1 - 5

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

Come watch some of the classic anime as we trade cards, make Pokémon crafts, and play the games on Nintendo Switch! Please bring your Nintendo Switch. Limit of 20.

George Crum & the Potato Chip | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, February 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Celebrate African American History Month by learning about George Crum's accidental invention of the potato chip! After, we will have some fun trying to guess the flavor of different potato chips. Limit of 20.

Snowstorm In a Jar | Grades 3 - 5

Friday, March 1, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Join us for a fun science lesson as we make a snowstorm in a jar. Limit of 20.

Leprechaun Trap | Grades K - 5

Saturday, March 2, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Get ready to catch a leprechaun for St. Patrick's Day with your very own trap. Limit of 30.

National Nutrition Month | Grades 2 - 5

Monday, March 4, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us to learn about healthy food choices and create a personalized foody placemat. Limit of 20.

KerboomKidz | Grades K - 5

Saturday, March 9, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

KerboomKidz is an energetic and challenging dance exercise class that will improve physical coordination and focus; develop various motor skills, movement patterns, and cognitive skills; and helps children gain rhythm and confidence. Limit of 50.

FAMILY

Family Movie: *Frozen* | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Tuesday, December 26, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Come celebrate the 10th anniversary of the movie *Frozen*. Everyone who attends will be entered in a raffle! Light snacks will be served. *No registration required.*

Happy “Noon” Year’s Eve! | Grades K - 5

Friday, December 29, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Let’s get together to countdown to the new year! Happy 2024! Limit of 20 families.

Makerspace Wednesdays | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Wednesdays, January 10, 24, February 21, & March 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Explore some of our Makerspace activities such as 3D pens, building activities, brain teasers, and more! *No registration required.*

Family Bingo | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Tuesday, January 23, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm & Wednesday, February 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Enjoy playing three games of Bingo with your family. Winners will receive a gift card. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 15 families, 5 people per family. Limit of 20.

I Spy in the Library: Disney Edition | Ages birth - Grade 5

Wednesday, January 24 - Saturday, February 24

Visit the Children & Family Services Department for the I Spy in the Library: Disney Edition. Find all 25 Disney-related pictures for your chance to win one of five Disney Squishmallows! *No registration required.*

Meet the Animals | Grades K - 5

Saturday, February 3, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Come learn about snakes, turtles, mammals, birds of prey, and some creepy crawlies with the Quogue Wildlife Refuge. Limit of 75, 4 seats per member.

Valentine’s Day Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

Friday, February 9, 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.

In Case You Missed It | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Thursday, February 22, 10:00 - 11:15 am

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 the leftover crafts, while supplies last. Limit of 20 families.

Family Movie: *Super Mario Bros* | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Friday, February 23, 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

A Brooklyn plumber named Mario travels through the Mushroom Kingdom with a princess named Peach and an anthropomorphic mushroom named Toad to find Mario’s brother, Luigi, and to save the world from a ruthless fire-breathing Koopa named Bowser. *No registration required.*

Cat In the Hat | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Saturday, March 2, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Celebrate Dr. Seuss’s birthday with Sunrise Theatrical’s production of the *Cat in the Hat*! Limit of 200, 5 tickets per member.

1950s Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

Monday, March 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Hey Daddy-O! Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a nifty ‘50s-inspired 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.

Family Escape Room: Oscars Night Emergency | Grades K - 5

Thursday, March 7, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

You’re helping out backstage at the Oscars when the lights go out and everyone panics. Using movie trivia, figure out how to restore the power and get the show back on track. If you succeed, you might even be honored with an award of your own for saving the evening. Limit of 5 families (up to 6 people each) per 30-minute appointment time.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Susan Furfaro
Elizabeth Savit
Kathleen Schmidt
Dorothy Roman
George Kreuscher

BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, December 14 | 6:00 pm
Thursday, January 11 | 6:00 pm
Thursday, February 8 | 6:00 pm
Thursday, March 14 | 6:00 pm

ADMINISTRATION

Executive Director Kimberly DeCristofaro
Director of Operations Jason Ladick, Ph.D.

HOURS

Monday - Friday | 9:00 am - 9:00 pm
Saturday | 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday | Sept - May | 1:00 - 5:00 pm

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day
New Year's Eve & New Year's Day
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Presidents' Day

Please let us know at least 2 weeks in advance if you require special accommodations due to a disability. You can also text us at 631-867-2678.

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