NEWS / CLASS & EVENT CATALOG

FALL 2024



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DONATION DRIVES

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12 -SATURDAY, OCTOBER 19

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

The Learning Commons is collecting used cell phones, tablets, and laptops. Devices will be donated to 911 Cellphone Bank, which erases the devices and dispenses them to law enforcement and victims' agencies to distribute to victims of human trafficking and domestic violence.

DENTAL CARE

Adult Services is collecting new toothbrushes, toothpaste, floss, and mouthwash to support victims of domestic violence and abuse. Supplies will be distributed by ECLI-VIBES.

PET SUPPLIES

Adult Services is collecting kitten and cat food, puppy and adult dog food, dog treats, dog beds, dog collars, and leashes. Supplies will be donated to Baxter's Pet Pantry at Long Island Cares.

BABY & CHILD SUPPLIES

Children & Family Services is collecting new essential supplies for babies and children. These essentials will be donated to Angels of LI and distributed to families in need.



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, September 12, 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, September 16, October 21, & November 18, 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

Quilts Around the World: English Paper Piecing

Mondays, September 16 or November 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

You will learn about quilt techniques from around the world using easy and traditional techniques of paper piecing from England. Limit of 16.

Pumpkin Centerpiece

Tuesday, September 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Create a floral arrangement on a pumpkin. When the pumpkin is finished, you can pop the arrangement off the pumpkin and place in a bowl or basket for a long-lasting display. Limit of 20. Fee: \$10.00

One-on-One Craft Help

Wednesdays, September 18, October 9, November 13, & December 11, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; Fridays, September 27, October 25, & November 29, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; or Saturdays, October 5, November 2, & December 7, 1:15 - 3:15 pm

Need help with your current craft project or help using your sewing machine? Make a 30-minute appointment for help on your craft projects.

Crochet Halloween Monsters

Wednesdays, September 18, 25, October 9, & 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Aimee Saccio teaches this class using a fun, choose-your-own-adventure pattern. You'll need a size G hook, two skeins of worsted weight yarn in your chosen color(s), and a pair of glitter snap-on safety eyes (supplied). Basic knowledge of Single Crochet is required. No registration required.

Pumpkin Hoops

Friday, September 20, 10:30 - 11:30 am or 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Using autumn-themed fabric squares, embroidery hoops, and ribbon, you will make a set of 3 decorative pumpkins. Limit of 16.

Wooden Bubble Vase

Friday, September 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, September 21, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Create a simple, Scandinavian-style bubble vase made from individual wooden beads. Limit of 16.

Fiber Arts Club

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

Bring in your current projects as we hang out and have some fiber art fun. A sewing machine will be available. Limit of 20.

Autumn Deer Painting

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

Join artist Laura Goetz and paint an autumn landscape of a deer in silhouette using water-based paints, sponges, and a Sharpie. Limit of 20.

Pressed Flower Bookmark

Thursday, September 26, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Choose from an assortment of dried flowers to create a beautiful pressed flower bookmark. Limit of 24.

Fall Adventure In a Box

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Decorate an Altoid tin, inside and out, in a fall theme. Artist Samantha He leads the class. Limit of 20.

Long Island Wood Craft

Friday, September 27, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Craft your own Long Island wood sign as Jacqueline Parente gives you step-by-step instructions. Limit of 20.

Candy Corn Gnome

Friday, September 27, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sculpt and paint a candy corn gnome out of clay with artist Samantha He. Limit of 20.

Paint & Listen

Saturday, September 28, 11:00 am - 12:30 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.

Halloween Fabric Garland

Monday, September 30, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Create a Halloween garland with themed fabric and brown twine. Perfect for a mantle or to display anywhere in your home. Limit of 20.

Paper Flowers: Gardenia

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

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

Cross Stitch Bookmarks

Monday, September 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to cross stitch while making a bookmark to use as you warm up with a good book this fall. Limit of 16.

The Great Give Back: Butterflies of Hope

Wednesdays, October 2, 6:30 - 7:30 pm <u>or</u> October 9, 3:30 - 4:30 pm <u>or</u> Saturday, October 12, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Danielle DiMauro, professor and committee chair at Suffolk County Community College, will provide butterfly cut-outs for you to add positive affirmations for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. The butterflies will be donated to community organizations and displayed at SCCC's Take Back the Night event in April. No registration required.

Color Your Cares Away

Thursdays, October 3, November 7, & December 5, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Relax and destress by coloring a page or two. Coloring pages and pencils will be provided, or you can bring your own supplies. No registration required.

Spooky Spider Seashell and Sand Art

Friday, October 4, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Come join award-winning mixed media artist Anna Chan to craft your own creepy crawler with black sand and seashells. Limit of 24.

Stained Glass: Maple Leaf

Saturday, October 5, 9:30 - 11:30 am, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, or 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Learn how to foil and solder your own stained glass maple leaf. Must attend the class to get the kit. Limit of 20. Fee: \$20.00

Art Club for Adults: Stipple Pumpkins

Monday, October 7, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn all about stipple techniques and pointillism as we paint a pumpkin in this session of Art Club for Adults. Limit of 16.

Owl Painting

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

Join artist Samantha He to create a colorful painting of an owl perched on a tree branch. Limit of 20.

Autumn Boho Bracelet

Wednesday, October 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Jewelry designer MaryAnn McAlpin will show you how to make this hip boho bracelet using seed beads, leather, and a button clasp. Limit of 20.

Dried Flower Fox

Thursday, October 10, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Using dried flowers, watercolors, and a collage method, you will create a frameable piece of artwork depicting a sweet fox. Artist Susan Barell leads the class. Limit of 15. Fee: \$5.00

The Great Give Back: Crochet Positive Potato

Thursdays, October 10, 17, & 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Spread a little positivity while crocheting this cute potato with a message. Aimee Saccio will show you how. Please bring a size F and G crochet hook and worsted weight yarn in any shade of brown. Finished cuties will be donated to a local community organization. No registration required.

Sew Your Child's Costume Cape

Saturday, October 12, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Make a cape to make your child the superhero they are by using your superpowers on our sewing machines! Limit of 8.

Paper Flowers: Icelandic Poppies

Tuesday, October 15, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

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

Paper Pinecones

Thursday, October 17, 2:30 - 4:30 pm or Saturday, October 26, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Create a faux, fall pinecone out of Styrofoam eggs, patterned scrapbook paper, and straight pins. Limit of 16.

Fall Tea Lights

Friday, October 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Get inspired to craft a fall pumpkin tea light. The end result will amaze you. Taught by Jacqueline Parente. Limit of 20.

Rope Ghost

Friday, October 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, October 19, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Get ready for the spooky season with this adorable rope ghost. Limit of 16.

Spooky Eyeball Pillows

Monday, October 21, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to sew while making a creepy eyeball-shaped pillow to decorate this Halloween. Limit of 16.

El Dia de los Muertos Flowerpot

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Friday, October 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am

The Mexican holiday, Day of the Dead, is a festive occasion where friends and family gather to remember the departed with funny stories and visits to gravesites. Decorate a 4-inch clay flowerpot with traditional festive images. Limit of 15. Fee: \$5.00

Stitch-a-Witch Embroidery

Monday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Use basic embroidery stitches to create this bewitching image of a witch flying on her broom. Limit of 16.

Paint Morning with Joe Socci: Folk Art Chicken

Fridays, November 1 or 8, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Paint a delightful folk art chicken as you learn techniques from artist Joe Socci. Limit of 12.

Origami & Relax: Butterfly Bookmark

Saturday, November 2, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Practice the art of Japanese paper folding with simple steps while listening to relaxing music and nature sounds. Limit of 15.

Essential Oil Soap Bottles

Monday, November 4, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Craft your own DIY essential oil soap and containers while learning the benefits of essential oils. Taught by Jacqueline Parente. Limit of 20.

Art Club for Adults: Autumn Corn Painting

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

Learn how to use watercolor and learn about monochromatic art in this session of Art Club for Adults. Limit of 16.

Fall Cross Stitch

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

Create a cute cross stitch turkey ornament to decorate your home this fall. Limit of 16.

Paper Flowers: Frangipani

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

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

Machine-Embroidered Dinner Napkins

Tuesday, November 12 or 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Get ready for holiday feasts and make an embroidered design for a set of 4 fabric dinner napkins. Limit of 8.

Bullet Journaling

Wednesdays, November 13 & December 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Discover bullet journaling with Lorraine Trentini. Learn how it helps you stay organized and creative, with a new theme each month. Bullet journals and other supplies will be provided, or bring your own. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

Cardinal Ornament

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

Join artist Samantha He to sculpt and paint a charming cardinal bird clay ornament. You will add beads and tassels to your creation. Limit of 16.

Planetary Necklace

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

Artist Gabi Calderone will guide you in creating an interpretative necklace honoring Uranus's close approach to Earth this week. Limit of 12. Fee: \$5.00

Thanksgiving Washi Tape Wall Art

Friday, November 15, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm or Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

You will create a framed work of art using washi tape, a Japanese decorative tape, by placing strips of washi on a piece of paper. Then, you will place a Cricut-made cut-out (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.

Diamond Painting: Bookmarks

Friday, November 15, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or Saturday, November 16, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Using tiny diamond-like facets, decorate a set of bookmarks. Limit of 28.

Acorn Pot Holder

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

Use our sewing machines and fabric to create this seasonal acorn-shaped pot holder. Limit of 8.

Winter Trees at Night Painting

Monday, November 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join artist Bonnie Schwartz to paint an evening winter landscape of trees. Limit of 20.

Fresh Evergreen Wreath/Centerpiece

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

Start with fresh evergreen and finish it with dried herbs, cones, pods, dried flowers, and berries. Limit of 20. Fee: \$10.00

Sew a Holiday Table Runner

Saturday, November 23, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come in and sew a small table runner to decorate your holiday table. Limit of 8.

Book Folding: Rudolph

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Tuesday, November 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Fold a recycled book into a deer's head shape, then add antlers, eyes, and a red pom-pom nose to create Rudolph. Limit of 16.

Woven Mug Mats

Monday, November 25, 6:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, December 7, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Using basic weaving techniques, create a little coaster mat to rest your mug on. A perfect gift this holiday season. Limit of 16.

Art Club for Adults: Colored Pencil Cardinal

Monday, December 2, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Using colored pencil techniques, learn how to draw a realistic red cardinal. Limit of 16.

Washi Tape Holiday Cards & Gift Tags

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, December 7, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

You will decorate a set of 5 cards and 5 gift tags with washi tape (a Japanese decorative masking tape). Markers and stickers will be available. Limit of 16.

Needle-Felted Santa

Thursday, December 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Friday, December 6, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn the craft of needle felting from wool roving as you fashion a uniquely yours Santa. With artist Kari Kaczmarek. Limit of 12. Fee: \$7.00

Gingerbread House Decorating

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

Join us to decorate a gingerbread house that can be taken home to enjoy during the holidays. Limit of 24.

Paper Flower: Holly

Monday, December 9, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

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

Snowflake Embroidery

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

Learn basic embroidery to create this sparkling winter snowflake. Limit of 16.

Spiky Paper Snowflakes

Tuesday, December 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Thursday, December 12, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Cut, fold, and assemble segments of white or blue printer paper to form spiky snowflakes to decorate your winter home. Limit of 16.

Snowman Trio Wood Décor

Friday, December 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am \underline{or} 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Do you want to build a snowman? How about three? Join us as we make DIY snowmen. Jacqueline Parente will teach you step-by-step. Limit of 20.

Cinnamon Stick Candle Holders

Friday, December 13, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, December 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Create a pair of votive holders that will add warmth to your space. Perfect for the holiday season! Limit of 16.

Embroidered Felt Stocking

Saturday, December 14, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Using embroidery techniques, you can decorate a stocking to hang in your home this holiday. Limit of 16.

COMMUNITY

Suffolk County Senior Advocate

Thursdays, September 12 & November 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 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*.

Community Wellness Day

Saturday, September 14, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Connetquot Central School District's Mental Health Advisory Council and Islip Goes Purple invite the whole family to experience Community Wellness Day. We will explore our local resources regarding healthy living, mindfulness, exercise, and the benefits of understanding self-care as a whole. No registration required.

Suffolk County Sheriff's Office: Medical ID Card Signup

Monday, September 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office assists seniors or those with medical needs to keep all required medical information available on a small card that you can carry in case of emergency. Please bring a list of your medications, emergency contact information, doctor information, and a list of allergies you may have. No registration required.

Long Island Cares Mobile Outreach Resource Enterprise

Thursdays, October 10, November 14, & December 12, 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.

Narcan Training Offered by Suffolk County Legislators Trish Bergin and Anthony Piccirillo

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 - 8:45 pm

Suffolk County Regional EMS Council will provide proper training to supply you with the skills to recognize an opioid overdose and administer Narcan (Naloxone) to reverse the effects and potentially save a life. Limit of 40. Please register by calling 631-854-0940.

Veteran Community Resource Table

Mondays, October 21, November 18, & December 9, 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.

CONCERTS

60s Invasion

Sunday, October 6, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This eight-piece, harmony-driven band is a musical flashback to the great pop, soul, and R&B sounds of the '60s and covers memorable hits from artists such as Marvin Gaye, Aretha Franklin, The Rascals, Joe Cocker, The Fifth Dimension, Lovin' Spoonful, and many more. *No registration required.*

Hambones

Sunday, October 13, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The Hambones will play a lively mix of pop, blues, country, and rockabilly from the Classic American Songbook. No registration required.

Amber Ferrari Band

Sunday, October 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

With a powerful vocal range and non-stop energy, Amber Ferrari, along with her top-notch band, cover Aretha Franklin, Linda Ronstadt, Tina Turner, Stevie Nicks, Janis Joplin, and more. No registration required.

Norwegian Wood

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

The band Norwegian Wood, featuring Joe DeJesu, Mike Ponella, and Eddie Profet Jr., plays Beatles music in an acoustic setting while throwing in some additional songs they have written. They also welcome requests. No registration required.

Good Times Band

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

This high-energy band plays popular tunes from the '60s through today. No registration required.

Groovin' Blue

Sunday, November 24, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Groovin' Blue is a musical tribute to The Young Rascals and Linda Ronstadt, with top-notch musicians. No registration required.

The Rhythm Kings

Sunday, December 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This upbeat and talented band plays a variety of musical styles that include '60s and '70s soul, Motown, R&B, blues, rock, and reggae. No registration required.

Everly Set: Sean Altman & Jack Skuller Celebrate the Everly Brothers

Sunday, December 8, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Two acclaimed singer-songwriters with a mind-bending three-decade age difference combine millennial pluck with baby-boomer sass to present The Everly Set. No registration required.

COOKING

Cooking with Naela

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Naela demonstrates and you will taste Beef Moussaka with layered beef, eggplant, and potatoes in tomato sauce; Middle Eastern salad; and Baklava in filo dough, with walnuts and simple syrup. Limit of 40. Fee: \$5.00

Holiday Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, December 4, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

You are invited to attend a formal tea, with sandwiches, savories, scones, fruitcakes, and traditional holiday sweets. Margaret M. Johnson, author of fourteen cookbooks on the cuisine of Ireland, will host and share her recipes. Please bring your own teacup and saucer. Limit of 28. Fee: \$5.00

Cooking with Chef Rob

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

Chef Rob will demonstrate and you will taste Amazing Swedish Meatballs and a Tuscan Garlic Shrimp with Sundried Tomatoes. Limit of 40. Fee: \$5.00

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Trustworthy Elections

Monday, September 16, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

In small groups, participants will share their views on trustworthy elections and discuss recommendations for restoring confidence in U.S. elections proposed by Braver Angels, an organization dedicated to bridging our nation's political divide. *No registration required.*

Widowhood: Who Am I?

Thursdays, September 19, October 17, & November 21, 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.

Poetry Discussion: Presidential Prose | Pick Up Book Beginning September 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, September 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, September 28, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Many of our leaders' successes and failures exist in the public eye, but behind closed doors, their true values and vulnerabilities emerge. Gathered here is a collection of poetry written by some of our presidents, which offers a unique perspective into the lives of the men who ran the United States. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: The Violin Conspiracy by Brendan Slocumb | Pick Up Book Beginning September 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, October 3, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, October 5, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Ray McMillian is a Black classical musician on the rise—undeterred by the pressure and prejudice of the classical music world—when a shocking theft sends him on a desperate quest to recover his great-great-grandfather's heirloom violin. Limit of 15.

Depolarizing Within

Monday, October 7, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm

During this workshop, developed by Braver Angels, an organization dedicated to bridging our nation's political divide, participants will identify their political biases and develop strategies for engaging in politics without demonizing the other side. No registration required.

Hot Topics

Mondays, October 7, November 4, & December 2, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

Short Story Discussion: Four Creepy Classics | Pick Up Book Beginning September 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, October 26, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Descend into the frightening imagination of Richard Matheson, Jun'ichirō Tanizaki, Roald Dahl, and William Faulkner. See a child sneaking into a forbidden room, a tattoo artist searching for his next canvas, a salaryman lodging with a spinster, and a town converging on its own eccentric. Limit of 15.

NaNoWriMo Support Group

Fridays, November 1, 15, & 22, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

November is National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo, when writers are challenged to write 50,000 words in one month. Join us for a support group where we will check in each week and discuss our projects together. Limit of 16.

Book Discussion: Lady Tan's Circle of Women by Lisa See | Pick Up Book Beginning September 12 at the Circulation Desk

Wednesday, November 6, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or Friday, November 8, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sent into an arranged marriage, Tan Yunxian, forbidden to continue her work as a midwife-in-training, as well as see her forever friend Meiling, is ordered to act like a proper wife and seeks a way to continue treating women and girls from every level of society in 15th-century China. Limit of 15.

Magical Reads Book Discussion: The Lost Bookshop by Evie Woods | Pick Up Book Beginning September 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, November 21, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

When a vanishing bookshop casts its spell, three unsuspecting strangers will discover that their own stories are every bit as extraordinary as the ones found in the pages of their beloved books. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: Carrie Soto Is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid | Pick Up Book Beginning September 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, December 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, December 14, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

At thirty-seven years old, Carrie makes the monumental decision to come out of retirement as a tennis player and be coached by her father for one last year in an attempt to reclaim her record. Limit of 15.

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

DNA Testing for Your Genealogy Research | In-Person & Virtual

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

April Lynne Earle will inform you about the basics of the newest genealogy research tools, DNA testing. Learn what kind of testing is available, what your results will look like, how to determine potential relationships to your genetic cousin matches, and terms and tools available to deepen your understanding of your genetics. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: *No registration required.* Virtual: Limit of 50.

The Gravestones of Early Long Island: 1680-1815

Wednesday, October 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Historian Richard F. Welch will discuss early Long Island gravestones, focusing on symbols, sources, carvers, and the evolution of designs influenced by cultural and religious attitudes. *No registration required.*

40+ Sources for Finding Maiden Names | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Genealogist Katherine Willson will provide search tips for finding more than 40 potential sources for female ancestors' maiden names. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.* Virtual: Limit of 50.

FITNESS

Senior Fitness

Mondays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 21, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, & 16, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, & 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am

You will be using elements of Qigong and traditional Tai Chi forms for this simplified class. Laurince McElroy is the instructor. Limit of 55.

Yin Yang Yog

Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 22, November 5, 12, 19, December 3, 10, & 17, 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.

Senior Stretch and Flex

Fridays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 8, 15, 22, December 6, & 13, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Luanne Brogan helps seniors improve their strength, fitness, and flexibility. Chairs are used for upper and lower body work. Limit of 55.

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, November 6, 13, 20, 27, & December 11, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Fitness Dance

Thursdays, October 3, 10, 17, & 24, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Learn to incorporate fitness movements into dancing. Benefits include bone and muscle strength, cardiovascular health, agility, and coordination. Instructor is Annmarie Rigoroso. *No registration required.*

Beginner Hoop Dance Class

Fridays, October 18, 25, November 8, & 15, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Hooping is a fun and beautiful way to move your body using all of your muscles! Learn basic moves and techniques, recovery methods, and simple routines for moving in and out of the hoop. Hoops will be provided. Limit of 15.

Healing Qigong

Wednesdays, October 30, November 6, & 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Qigong involves movement, exercises, breath regulation, and meditation. Please note that the class will be mainly standing and involves turning the upper body, which can be modified for each person. Please bring a yoga mat and water. This class is led by certified teacher Uschi Donelly. Limit of 16.

Learn to Salsa

Friday, November 22, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for a fun-filled dance class led by professional dancer, instructor, and former competitor Michelle Vicale. No partner required. Limit of 50.

Country Line Dancing

Mondays, December 2, 9, & 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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

GAMES & TRIVIA

Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences | Ages 8 and up, under 13 accompanied by an adult

Mondays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm

Cooking: September 16 Music/Dance: October 21 Adrenaline Seekers: November 25

Retro Gaming: September 23 Spooky/Scary: October 28
Sports: September 30 A Day at the Fair: November 4

Star Wars: November 18

Book an appointment and enjoy a 30-minute Virtual Reality session using our Meta Quest 3 system. All VR equipment will be sanitized in between sessions. Limit of 5 per session.

Chess Club

Art: October 7

Every Tuesday, September 17 - December 10, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Chess players, drop in for informal play against other fans of the game. Boards are provided or you may bring your own. No registration required.

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

Saturdays, September 21, October 26, & November 30, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join us for our exciting and engaging campaign of Dungeons & Dragons with our adventuring guild. Limit of 9.

Chess Tournament

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

This free, unrated chess tournament is open to registered players only, no walk-ins. Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. Game play will be 30 minutes, no delay, no increment, and sudden death time control. Rounds are 10, 11, 1, 2, 3. A trophy will be awarded to the first in each section of six or four players. Limit of 40. **Pre-registration required by calling Henry Despres at 631-968-5349.**

Adult Magic: The Gathering Commander Night

Friday, October 4, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Join Chris Carlisle from Quest Master's Guild for Commander, a popular format of Magic: The Gathering trading card game. Commander decks will be provided. No registration required.

Left, Center, Right Dice Game

Tuesday, October 15 or Friday, December 13, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Superheroes: December 2

Sea/Ocean: December 9

Musical Bingo

Wednesday, November 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This is a game that combines Name That Tune with Bingo. Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 40.

Bunco Dice Game

Friday, November 22, 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.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Saturday, November 30, 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.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Catholic Health Services Mobile Health Screening

Tuesday, September 17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Free health screenings and services for adults given by a Catholic Health Services registered nurse, including a brief cardiac history, blood pressure, simple blood test for cholesterol, and diabetes screenings with the appropriate patient education and referrals needed, free of charge. No insurance is required. Individuals will not be asked about immigration status. *No registration required*.

Exploring Meditation | Virtual

Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, & 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn about and experience different meditation techniques to find the one that is right for you. We will explore what meditation is and what it is not, benefits, possible obstacles, and how we can make it easier. This very experiential course is for beginning and experienced meditators. Limit of 30.

Health Insurance Assistance for Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Wednesdays, September 18, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; October 2, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; & October 16, November 6, 20, & December 4, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified Healthcare Facilitated Enrollers can help you apply for Community Medicaid, Medicaid Supplement A application, and the Medicare Savings Program through the Department of Social Services. Please call 516-505-4426 for questions or to schedule an appointment.

Ayurveda Workshop

Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Uschi Donelly will provide you with basic information on this ancient Indian whole-body healing system. The workshop will include specific information on an Ayurvedic morning routine for a healthy and happy life, plus a gentle yoga sequence. Please bring a pen, notebook or paper, and a yoga mat. Limit of 14.

Tai Chi's Hidden Lessons

Monday, September 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Author and Tai Chi instructor William Donnelly will lead a workshop on his book, Inner Secrets. Participants will do simple exercises and learn how Tai Chi movements metaphorically apply to life principles. No registration required.

Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP)

Wednesdays, September 25, October 23, & November 27, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

A HIICAP-trained volunteer will answer your questions about Medicare, Medicaid, EPIC, and help with medication costs, Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage plans, long-term care, and low-income subsidy programs. Limit of 6.

Relax and Unwind Yoga

Mondays, September 30, October 7, 21, & 28, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Brittany Leo will help you release the tensions of the day and prepare for a restful night's sleep. Bring a yoga mat. Limit of 14.

Breathe Together | Virtual

Tuesdays, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 5, 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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.

Understanding Stroke

Tuesday, October 1, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Gain a better understanding of stroke signs, symptoms, and risk factors in this presentation given by Stony Brook University Hospital, Department of Neurology. Limit of 30.

Adapting to Vision Loss: Turning Adversity Into an Asset

Friday, October 4, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

One of the challenges of aging is maintaining our independence while navigating changes in our health status. Carolyn Palermo, MBA, COTA/L, shares her story of vision loss and practical resources and tips for adapting to and living with vision impairment. No registration required.

Tuning Forks for Healing

Tuesday, October 22, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Tuning forks are a non-invasive way to balance the nervous system and create inner harmony. This informational presentation will go over how the forks are used along acupuncture meridians and chakras and what makes it such a powerful modality. Limit of 30.

Useful Technology for Caregivers

Monday, October 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

There are many tools that can help you with everything from keeping track of medication schedules to monitoring your loved one's safety. With the help of these tools, caregivers can better care for their loved ones while still maintaining their own well-being. Limit of 30.

Caring for Yourself In Stressful Times | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, October 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

A representative from Cornell Cooperative Extension will discuss strategies for stress management, signs and causes of burnout, and offer suggestions for self-care. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

Parker Jewish Institute Awareness Table

Monday, November 4, 12:00 - 2:30 pm

Parker Jewish Institute will be on hand to provide information for those caring for a loved one with dementia. No registration required.

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Tuesday, November 5, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn some tricks of the trade to keep you within your budget and eating healthier. Limit of 25.

Learn to be Tobacco-Free

Tuesdays, November 12, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, & January 7 (reunion), 6:00 - 7:15 pm

This program offered by the Suffolk County Office of Health Education is based on the CDC's Clinical Practice Guidelines for treating nicotine dependence. Nicotine replacement therapies will be available for a nominal fee. To register, call or email Debora Rippel, Suffolk County Office of Health Education, at 631-853-2928 or Debora.Rippel@suffolkcountyny.gov.

Stress and Anxiety

Tuesday, November 19, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Stress and anxiety are both common and familiar parts of life. Participants will explore self-care and wellness, including understanding stressors, building resiliency and self-compassion, and managing change. Limit of 30.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Learn and Practice English

Fridays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Dr. Eleanor Smith instructs these classes for adults whose native language is not English. Included in the classes will be a number of exercises to help students expand their English language vocabulary and build conversational skills. Limit of 14.

Beginner Italian

Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Photography Club

Thursdays, September 19, October 17, & November 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn about photography with instructor Jessica Karszen. Chat with other enthusiasts as we go over basic techniques, camera functions, and offer friendly critiques that you can use to improve your photographs. Members can use DSLR cameras or smartphones. No registration required.

Vinyl Listening Club

Thursdays, September 19, November 14, & December 5, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Unwind with other vinyl record enthusiasts at this listening party. Attend as a listener, select songs from a curated setlist, or bring a record of your own to play. Now featuring the VLC Newsletter for the latest in music reviews, news, and special stories. No registration required.

The Symbolism of Birds | In-Person & Virtual

Tuesday, September 24, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Birds have been used as symbols in all cultures and traditions. Lelonni Campbell delves deeply into the meanings that have been attributed to them from ancient times until now. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: No registration required.

Connetquot Community Writers' Group

Tuesdays, September 24, October 8, 22, November 5, 19, December 3, & 17, 6:30 - 8:45 pm

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. No registration required.

Defensive Driving

Wednesdays, September 25 & October 2, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Wednesday & Thursday, September 25 & 26, 2:00 - 5:00 pm; Monday & Tuesday, November 4 & 5, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; & Wednesday & Thursday, November 20 & 21, 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

"And That's The Way It Is": A Look Back at 70 Years of TV News | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, September 25, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

This presentation, led by Fordham University professor emeritus Brian Rose, will look at the sweeping changes in television journalism throughout history. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

NY Citizen Preparedness Training for Disasters

Saturday, September 28, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

This training program teaches residents to have the tools and resources to prepare for any type of disaster. No registration required.

From Novel to Hallmark Channel | In-Person & Virtual

Tuesday, October 1, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Join us for a lively discussion about the current and upcoming book publications that have been adapted for The Hallmark Movies and Mysteries Channel! Erin Coughlin will introduce us to the storytellers, actors, and filmmakers bringing these stories to life on the small screen. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

How to Manage Your Paper (Without Losing Your Mind) In-Person & Virtual

Tuesday, October 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan will teach you how to handle everyday mail quickly at your "right time," manage short-term active paperwork, develop an easy-to-maintain filing system, make tax season a breeze, and protect important legal documents and access them quickly. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

Betty Crocker and the Cookbook that Changed How America Cooks | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, October 2, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., looks at how Betty Crocker was invented, why her cookbook has endured, and what makes her so iconic. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

Face Shape & Color-Correcting Made Easy

Tuesday, October 8, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Have you ever wondered how to enhance your features in a soft and subtle way or how to correct discoloration without a heavy, full coverage face of makeup? Come visit this class to see how to shape the already beautiful you! Limit of 25.

Lawns Love Fall | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, October 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Cornell Cooperative Extension will discuss grass seed features, mowing, watering, and organic amendments along with suitable groundcovers and other plantings will be introduced as complements and alternatives to turf grass. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

Plant It Forward: Best Blooming Bulbs for Beneficials

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Choosing bulbs that offer maximum support to beneficial insects is easy and essential for our pollinator community. You'll learn which bulbs are better than others and how to plant a garden that will extend nectar and pollen resources through the spring. No registration required.

U.S. Contribution to the Immigration Wave

Wednesday, October 23, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Speaker Lester Paldy, a distinguished professor, reviews the long history of U.S. intervention and its impact on political structures and economic development driving immigration. It is particularly timely since immigration issues are hot-button topics in the US presidential campaign. *No registration required.*

Benefit of Family Meals

Wednesday, October 23, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Research findings have pointed to the positive outcomes of shared family meals—healthier diets, improved language skills, stronger family bonds, and reduced risk behaviors. A representative from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be here to discuss the research and how to overcome the barriers that prevent families from sharing meals. No registration required.

Travels Through the Heart and Soul of New England | In-Person & Virtual 💽

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Boston-based broadcast journalist and author Ted Reinstein will share stories of New England's most memorable people and their unlikely stories. 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 History of Halloween | In-person & Virtual



Tuesday, October 29, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Halloween evolved from pagan rituals from over two thousand years ago. Researcher Lelonni Campbell will illuminate the origins of the customs and explore this bewitching holiday. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: No registration required.

Memoir Writing

Thursdays, October 31, November 7, 14, & 21, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

Memoir writing focuses on building confidence, finding inspiration, and learning how to craft narratives that take your recollections from thought to page. The class is open to both beginner and experienced writers. Limit of 12.

Gratitude Express

Wednesday, November 6, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

What does a gratitude practice look like and why would you want one? Join an interactive conversation exploring different ways to practice gratitude. Decide what works for you and use provided supplies to begin your practice. Facilitated by life coach Lorraine Trentini. Limit of 20.

Acoustic Jam Session

Thursday, November 7, 5:30 - 7:00 pm & Saturday, November 23, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Progress with your musical abilities in this informal jam session for players of all skill levels. Together, we will learn new songs, help beginners perfect their technique with practice exercises, and open the floor up for an improvisational jam. And if you're not quite ready to perform, you are more than welcome to watch! Please provide your own acoustic instruments. No registration required.

How to Survive Rising Food Prices

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

Discover an abundance of ways to save money and learn about preparing meals that are budget friendly. Home economist Janice Imbrogno will share low-cost recipe ideas, how to use substitutions, and what basic staple foods to stock in the pantry. No registration required.

How to Recognize and Avoid Scams | In-Person & Virtual



Wednesday, November 13, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

This presentation given by the New York State Division of Consumer Protection helps consumers recognize and avoid scams. It also presents tools and resources to utilize if you fall victim to a scam. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

Re-Thinking Thanksgiving: A Native American Perspective on an American Holiday In-Person & Virtual 🔁



Thursday, November 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Perry Ground, Onandaga Turtle Clan, traditional storyteller and cultural educator, will present this lively presentation of the history of this misunderstood holiday. Based on the only primary source document that chronicles the "First Thanksgiving" and using a quiz-style format (the audience will take the "quiz" prior to the presentation), participants will learn accurate and culturally appropriate information about the English settlers at Plymouth and the Wampanoag, the Native people who inhabited that area. The presentation will discuss the actual events of 1621 in Plymouth and the relationship between the English settlers and the Wampanoag. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed at home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

The Betty White Story

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

Sal St. George presents this fascinating and inspiring story of the First Lady of Television: Betty White! No registration required.

Retrograde Motion of Planets | In-Person & Virtual



Tuesday, November 26, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Astronomically, retrogrades occur when Earth passes or is passed by other planets, creating the illusion of backward movement. Astrologers analyze how this motion affects us personally and collectively. Lelonni Campbell will discuss each planet's retrograde effect including the effect on the birth chart. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: No registration required.

Origins of Christmas Traditions

Wednesday, December 4, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Christmas brings us together, but the traditions are from all over the world and predate Christianity. Join lecturer Chris Vivas as we go through the aspects that were brought together from various cultures, religions, and regions. No registration required.

New Year's Eve Glam

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

Learn how to feel confident in glowy skin with wearable sparkle appropriate at any age. Limit of 25.

Supreme Court Year in Review

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

Professor and retired NYPD detective Jim Coll will focus on selected cases and controversies that came before the justices over the current term. No registration required.

Visual History of Santa Claus

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

Lecturer Chris Vivas explores the visual image of this iconic symbol of Christmas, generosity, and the Season of Giving. No registration required.

Prague: A Photographer's Dream Destination

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

The city of Prague, in Czechia (historically known as Bohemia) has a deep and varied history, captivating sights, and is steeped in tradition while also thoroughly modern and quirky. Jeanne Schnupp, the Savvy Sightseer, covers everything you need to know. No registration required.

MOVIES

Afternoon Movies

Tuesday, September 17, 1:30 - 3:30 pm & Tuesday, October 15 & Thursday, November 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

Affiliate Marketing

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

Instructor Frank DeBlasi will teach you how affiliate marketing works, how to join affiliate programs and networks, and the different types of affiliate partnerships, from website publishers to influencers. Limit of 16.

Career Counseling

Saturdays, October 19 or November 16, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Navigating a job search and career planning can be a challenge, but Lisa Marii, M.S., CCSP, GCDF, of Journey Inspired Consulting offers tailored advice on job search strategies, crafting standout resumes and cover letters, and mastering interview techniques. Appointments are 45 minutes. Limit of 3.

Starting a Business on a Small Budget

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Individuals who are thinking about starting a new business will learn the basics of setting up a business, including marketing and financing basics, keeping financial records, and legal entity structures. Limit of 30.

TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Monday, September 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Friday, September 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn Cricut Design Space and how to use its features to create your own designs and projects. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 6.

Sublimation Hand Towels

Tuesday, September 17 or Saturday, October 26, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or Friday, November 8, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Use our Canva account to create a fun, colorful design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation hand towel. Limit of 8.

One-on-One Tech Help

September 17 - December 12: 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 or 3D Printer? Come with your device and your questions! Limit of 3.

Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences | Ages 8 and up, children under 13 accompanied by an adult

September 18 - December 14: Wednesdays, 5:15 - 8:45 pm & Saturdays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm

Book a 30-minute Virtual Reality (VR) session using our Meta Quest 3 system. All VR equipment will be sanitized in between sessions. Limit of 5.

Laser-Engraved Pencils

Thursday, September 19, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Just in time for the fall, customize a pencil using Canva and our laser engraver! Limit of 8.

Cricut: Fall Vases

Friday, September 20, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Tuesday, October 22, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Use our Cricut Maker 3 to cut out a vinyl decal to decorate a vase you can fill with fall florals. Limit of 8.

Working With Your Digital Photos on a Windows Computer

Monday, September 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this hands-on class taught by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc., you will learn how to move your digital pictures from your camera to your Windows computer. You will also learn how to save and organize your pictures in folders. No need to bring a camera. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 12.

Introduction to Libby

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

In this class, we will demonstrate how to access free eBooks and eAudiobooks through the library with Libby, which can be used on computers, tablets, or smartphones. Come prepared with your device or just follow along. Limit of 12.

Scorch Marker Wood Burning

Thursday, September 26, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 3:00 - 4:00 pm

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

Cricut: Make Your Own Graphics

Mondays, September 30, October 21, or November 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Saturday, November 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Take your Cricut skills to the next level with instructor Amy Simonson and learn how to upload your own graphics to the Cricut Design Space for cutting. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 6.

3D-Printed Halloween Jack-O-Lanterns

Tuesday, October 1, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm <u>or</u> Friday, October 18, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Design a Halloween Jack-O-Lantern decoration using our 3D modeling software, Tinkercad. Your 3D print will be ready for pickup before Halloween. Limit of 8.

3D Printing for Beginners

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

In this class, you'll learn the fundamentals of 3D printing. We'll also explore 3D print marketplaces and materials. Limit of 12.

Create a Laser-Engraved Halloween Sign

Tuesday, October 15, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this class, we will use Canva to create a spooky Halloween graphic, which will then be laser-engraved onto a wood plaque to take home. Limit of 8.

Introduction to Canva

Thursday, October 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Friday, October 18, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Learn the basics of Canva, a free graphic design website that you can use to create logos, posters, social media posts, invitations, and more. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 8.

Simple 3D Design with Tinkercad

Tuesday, October 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to design your own schematics for 3D printing using Tinkercad, a simple yet powerful design tool. We'll guide participants through concept and design, all the way to their own 3D print to take home. Limit of 8.

Laser-Engraved Wine Glasses

Thursday, October 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am <u>or</u> 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Design a set of 2 stemless wine glasses using Canva and our laser engraver. Limit of 8.

Crystal Photo Plaque

Monday, November 4, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Thursday, November 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Using sublimation ink and our heat press, we will create beautiful mini crystal photo plaques. Please bring a photo on a USB. Limit of 8.

Expand Your Network with LinkedIn

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

Learn how to create a LinkedIn profile and utilize this tool to expand your professional network. Limit of 8.

Sublimation Sequin Flip Pillows

Friday, November 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or Tuesday, November 12, 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 sequin flip pillow. Limit of 8.

Laser-Engraved Acrylic Signs

Friday, November 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Create a beautiful light-up acrylic sign using Canva and our laser engraver! Limit of 8.

Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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

Laser-Engraved Holiday Ornament

Thursday, December 5 or Saturday, December 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Design a custom wood ornament with our laser engraver. Limit of 8.

Photo Mugs

Monday, December 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm or Thursday, December 12, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

Create Holiday eCards with Canva

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

We will teach you how to use the simple graphic design software, Canva, to create electronic holiday greeting cards! Design your own greeting card from scratch or choose one of Canva's easy-to-use templates. Come prepared with a valid email address to create your Canva.com account. Limit of 8.

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, September 13, 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.

Advanced Battle of the Books | Grades 9 - 12

Compete against other Suffolk County libraries by answering trivia based on two exciting books. Meet once a month, enjoy some snacks, and dive into the fun! Stop by the Learning Commons Desk by Saturday, October 26, to sign up, grab your free books, and get all the details.

Chocolate Chip Dunkers | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Rob Scott to master the art of chocolate chip dunkers! Learn his simple, delicious recipe, perfect for dipping and snacking. Limit of 24.

Study & Take Notes Effectively | Grades 6 - 12

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

Dr. Dominique Padurano, Ph.D., president of Crimson Coaching, will teach students key strategies for critical reading, note-taking, and studying for exams. She will also guide parents on how to effectively monitor and assist their teens as they use these new techniques. Teens should bring a notebook and a pen or pencil. Parents are encouraged to accompany their teens. Limit of 24.

Meditation & Movement | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, September 21, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Enjoy gentle stretches, guided meditation, and positive reiki energy with Liz Stylianos to set a peaceful tone for the year ahead. Limit of 15.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesdays, September 25, October 30, & November 27, 5:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturdays, October 12, November 9, & December 14, 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.

Introduction to Canva for School Projects | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, September 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to use Canva, a graphic design website, to create fun and engaging presentations and posters for your school projects. Limit of 8.

First Level: Dungeons & Dragons | Grades 6 - 12

Fridays, September 27, October 25, & November 29, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

Are you a middle schooler starting their teen D&D adventures? Have you been interested in learning to play D&D? Join Jace from the Quest Master's Guild for three hours of this fun action-filled game. Geared towards 6th & 7th graders but open to all grades. Limit of 8.

Teen Writers Circle | Grades 6 - 12

Fridays, September 27, 6:00 - 7:00 pm & October 25, 5:00 - 6:00 pm

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

Sew Your Own Pencil Case | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, September 28, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Come learn how to make a pencil case in our makerspace using our sewing machines. Limit of 8.

Teen Paint & Listen | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, September 28, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Harvest Floral Arrangement | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Kristen Duer will take you step-by-step in creating a distressed decoupage planter with a live succulent as a final touch. Limit of 20.

Paint Your Own D&D Mini Figure | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, October 4, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Come and paint your own mini figure for Dungeons & Dragons. We'll go over the whole process, supplies needed, and help you paint them. Limit of 12.

Teen Book Discussion: In the Hall with the Knife by Diana Peterfreund | Grades 9 - 12 | Pick up book beginning September 13 at the Learning Commons Desk

Friday, October 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

The classic board game Clue gets a boarding school revamp in this fun whodunit novel. When the headmaster turns up dead, Beth "Peacock" Picach, Orchid McKee, Vaughn Green, Sam "Mustard" Maestor, Finn Plum, and Scarlet Mistry must work together to catch a killer. Limit of 5.

Teen Spooky Eyeball Pillows | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, October 5, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Learn how to sew while making a creepy eyeball-shaped pillow to decorate this Halloween. Limit of 12.

3D-Printed Halloween Jack-O-Lanterns for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, October 10, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Design a Jack-O-Lantern decoration using our 3D modeling software, Tinkercad. Your 3D print will be ready for pickup before Halloween. Limit of 8.

Stacked Jack-O-Lanterns | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Create a stack of Jack-O-Lanterns out of clay with Samantha He. Perfect for adding a spooky touch to your Halloween decor! Limit of 20.

Pizza & a Movie: Five Nights at Freddy's (Rated: PG-13) | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, October 18, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Down on his luck, Mike Schmidt agrees to take a job as a night security guard at Freddy Fazbear's Pizza. However, he quickly realizes that things aren't quite as they seem at Freddy's when the animatronic creatures at the restaurant come alive, hungry for revenge. Limit of 20.

Tim Burton Selfies | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 23, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Lisa Colon in learning how to draw Tim Burton-inspired selfies in a fun and creative session! Limit of 20.

Set Your Clock to Success: Time Management Tips | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, October 24, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Dr. Dominique Padurano, Ph.D., president of Crimson Coaching, teaches students time management techniques for handling assignments and achieving long-term goals. She also guides parents on how to effectively assist their teens with these new strategies. Students should bring a notebook and a pen or pencil. Parents are encouraged to accompany their teens. Limit of 24.

Teen Book Discussion: Percy Jackson and the Olympians: The Wrath of the Triple Goddess by Rick Riordan | Grades 6 - 12 | Pick up book beginning September 27 at the Learning Commons Desk

Saturday, October 26, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

In order to get his second college recommendation letter, Percy takes on a job... pet sitting for the goddess Hecate! But when things go wrong and Hecate's pets end up scattered all over Manhattan, it's up to Percy, Annabeth, and Grover to get them back. This book takes place after the Heroes of Olympus series and will contain spoilers. Limit of 15.

NaNoWriMo Support Group for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Fridays, November 1, 15, & 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

November is National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo, when writers are challenged to write 50,000 words in one month. Join us for a support group where we will check in each week and discuss our projects together. Limit of 16.

Anime Club | Grades 6 - 12

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

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

Optical Illusions | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 6, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

In this hands-on workshop with Chris Vivas, you will get to explore the science behind mind-bending visuals and discover how they trick our brains. First, examine various illusions and their mechanics, then get creative by making your own optical wonders. Limit of 20.

Scorch Markers for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Thursdays, November 7 or 14, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Use our "scorch marker" pens to draw a design onto a small wood slice. Watch as the heat creates a laser-engraved look, without the laser! Limit of 8.

Teen Magic: The Gathering Commander Night | Grades 6 - 12

Fridays, November 8 & December 6, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Dive into the fun with Chris Carlisle of the Quest Master's Guild as he leads a thrilling Commander session of Magic: The Gathering trading card game. Beginner friendly, but all levels of experience are welcome. Commander decks will be provided. Limit of 12.

Mushroom House | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Teresa Grant to paint your own ceramic mushroom house! Choose your favorite colors and bring your unique creation to life. Limit of 20.

Sublimation Sequin Flip Pillows for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, November 16, 12:00 - 1:00 pm or 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Use our Canva account to create a fun, colorful design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation sequin flip pillow. Limit of 8.

Building School-Centered Relationships | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, November 21, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Dr. Dominique Padurano, Ph.D., president of Crimson Coaching, teaches techniques for initiating and nurturing connections in middle school, high school, and college. Bring a pen, notebook, and an open mind! Parents are encouraged to accompany their teens. Limit of 24.

Scallop Ornaments | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, November 30, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Get crafty with Anna Chan as she shows you how to turn scallop seashells into stunning ornaments. Limit of 20.

Holiday Ribbon Trees | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Get crafty with holiday ribbon trees! Use Styrofoam cones and colorful ribbon pieces to create festive decorations that bring a splash of cheer to your holiday season. Limit of 15.

Gingerbread Houses for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, December 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Decorate a festive gingerbread house with colorful edible embellishments provided by the Baking Coach. Limit of 20.

Clay Ornaments | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Join Samantha He for a fun clay ornament-making session! Shape and decorate your own unique ornaments. Limit of 20.

Karaoke Night | Grades 6 - 12

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

Love to sing? Looking to just clap along and enjoy the music? Join us for a night of karaoke and fun! Limit of 30.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Spooky Frames for Shelter Animals | Grades 6 - 12

Monday, September 30, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Theresa Maritato will provide the materials for you to paint frames with a spooky theme. New adopters will have a howling good time seeing their newly adopted pets' portraits in these! Limit of 24.

Painting for a Purpose: Fall | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Theresa Maritato will help you create a fall painting that assisted living residents can use to brighten up their rooms. Limit of 15.

Great Give Back: Pet Accessories Collection

Saturday, October 12 - Saturday, October 19

Receive an hour of community service by bringing in five small accessories (leashes, collars, harnesses, toys, or clothes) to the Learning Commons Desk. Accessories will be donated to Baxter's Pet Pantry at Long Island Cares. No registration required.

Great Give Back: Pet Pantry | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

As part of our Great Give Back, Theresa Maritato will help teens create kits filled with some of the most needed items for cats and dogs. Teens will also create special cards with well wishes. Kits and cards will be donated to people and pets who have fallen on hard times. Limit of 15.

Great Give Back: Pumpkin Dog Treats | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, October 19, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Join Rob Scott as you learn how to make delicious pumpkin dog treats that will be donated to a local animal shelter. Limit of 24.

Capes & Cards for Kids | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, October 22, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Theresa Maritato in designing capes and cards for kids who are receiving treatment for pediatric illnesses at Stony Brook Hospital. Limit of 24.

Adoption Foster Bags | Grades 6 - 12

Monday, November 4, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Come decorate tote bags with an animal theme with Theresa Maritato for those fostering shelter animals. These bags will be filled with some much-needed items for foster families. Limit of 24.

Decades Memory Collage | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, November 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Theresa Maritato will provide supplies for teens to create beautiful decades-themed collages to donate to assisted living residents. Limit of 15.

Cards and Stockings for Shelter Animals | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, December 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Shelter pets deserve holiday gifts too! Join Theresa Maritato to decorate stockings and stuff them with toys and treats. Afterwards, you will also make special cards to help promote adoption. Limit of 24.

CLASSES & EVENTS

CHILDREN

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

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, September 13, 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.

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Circle of Fun | Ages 14 - 20 months

Mondays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, 21, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us for a fun morning of songs, movement activities, a simple craft, and an introduction to early learning concepts. Limit of 20.

Toddler Circle | Ages 21 - 29 months

Mondays, September 16, 23, 30, October 7, & 21, 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a simple story, songs, and a craft. There will be centers to explore that incorporate the senses, new concepts, and fine and gross motor skills. Limit of 20.

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

Tuesdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, November 12, 19, 26, December 3, & 10, 9:45 - 11:45 am

We offer this class for potty-trained 4-year-olds who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2025. 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.

Read-Along with Mary Ellen Sherlock | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Join children's author Mary Ellen Sherlock for a storytime and activities based on her engaging picture books. Limit of 15.

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

Wednesday, September 18, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join us in a fun, relaxed environment where we will enjoy stories, music, and movement. This interactive program may be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. Limit of 20.

Let's Make Music! Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, September 20, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Please join us as we welcome music therapist and singer Anne O'Rourke for an interactive musical performance that explores early learning concepts while encouraging socialization and sensorimotor skills. Limit of 15.

Fantastical Photo Frames! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, September 20, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Please join us for some fall-themed stories, songs, activities, and a simple photo frame craft! Limit of 15.

Baby Time | Ages 3 - 13 months

Wednesdays, September 25, October 2, 9, & 16, 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 20.

Science Tots: Hidden Pictures | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, September 25, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Learn how to make homemade invisible ink. Reveal a secret picture just for you! Some materials may stain; please dress accordingly. Limit of 20.

Terrific Toddlers | Ages 30 - 35 months

Fridays, September 27, October 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 am - 10:45 am

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

Hola Amigos! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, October 1, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

We will learn how to say some words and phrases in Spanish through stories and songs, and then make a fun craft. Limit of 15.

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

Saturday, October 5, 10:00 am - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Miss Maria from Le Petite Picassos will be here as we explore art through literacy with activities and a project based on the book, *Brown Bear*, *Brown Bear*, *What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr. Limit of 15.

Science Tots: Apple Life Cycle | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, October 9, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Fall is a wonderful time for apples! Learn about an apple's life cycle while enjoying stories and activities about apples. Limit of 20.

Preschool Kidnastics | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, October 10, 10:00 -10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for this interactive class with entertaining songs, along with fine and gross motor developmental activities. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Shake 'n' Make Music

Ages birth - 17 months: Tuesday, October 15, 5:30 - 6:00 pm

Ages 18 - 35 months: Tuesday, October 15, 6:30 - 7:00 pm

An interactive and fun-filled music and movement program incorporating instruments, props, bubbles, and more! No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Paint a Cat in a Pumpkin with Art Teacher Amy | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, October 16, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Art Teacher Amy will guide your child through the steps of drawing and painting an adorable cat in a pumpkin. Limit of 15.

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

Friday, October 18, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

We will enjoy stories and songs about vegetables and make a cute themed craft. Limit of 20.

Spooky Photo Frames! Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, October 18, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Come for some spooky stories, songs, activities, and a simple Halloween-themed photo frame craft! Limit of 15.

Preschool Halloween Party | Ages 14 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, October 23, 10:00 am - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Celebrate with music, games, snacks, and decorate a Halloween tote bag! Limit of 25.

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

Thursday, October 24, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join us to for some stories and an adorable cow craft as we learn all about this amazing animal. Limit of 20.

Not-So-Scary Storytime | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, October 24, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Halloween doesn't have to be scary! Let's have some fun with goofy ghosts, silly skeletons, and more. Limit of 15.

Peek-a-BOO Baby! | Ages 3 - 13 months

Monday, October 28, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Show off your baby's Halloween costume while enjoying songs and fingerplays! Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 20.

Scaredy Squirrel | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, October 29, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Come and enjoy some Scaredy Squirrel books by Melanie Watts and make a Scaredy Squirrel paper bag puppet to take home. Limit of 15.

Toddler Music | Ages 12 - 35 months

Wednesday, October 30, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Happy Feet Suffolk will get us moving with a high-energy combination of dancing, movement, and musical instruments. Limit of 15.

Tots on the Move | Ages 14 - 21 months

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, & 22, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Get your tot moving each week as we explore themes through music, movement, fingerplay and simple, connected structured activities. Limit of 15.

In the Middle of Fall | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, November 1, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Join us as we read the book, In the Middle of Fall by Kevin Henkes and make a themed craft. Limit of 20.

Bilingual Arts & Songs | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, November 2, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join Bebés of the Island for a bilingual (English-Spanish) arts and music class! It includes storytime, a craft, circle time, and much more! Limit of 15.

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

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

Join us for a sampling of crafts that you may have missed in our classes this year. There will be a fun variety of crafts while supplies last. Limit of 20.

Science Tots: Candy Colors | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, November 6, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Candy is full of bright colors! Explore the colors of Skittles candies using a simple science experiment. Limit of 20.

Sprouts & Friends Babies | Ages birth - 12 months

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Your baby will learn through sensory exploration, social games, and interactive play with instructor Kristin Yook. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

I Spy: Fall in the Country | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, November 7, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Let's have some fun searching and counting as we read the book, Fall In the Country by Sue Tarsky. We will then make an I Spy fall craft. Limit of 15.

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

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

PlayHooray and Molly Mouse will be joining us for a fun-filled music and movement class. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Baby Time at Night | Ages 3 - 13 months

Tuesday, November 12, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us for early literacy activities that will enhance your baby's development while building language skills. 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 20.

Books, Balls, & Blocks | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, November 18, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Join Help Me Grow Long Island for a fun, interactive event for children to play and parents/caregivers to learn about early childhood development and community resources. Children will engage in developmentally appropriate play at various activity stations, during which time parents are welcome to fill out a free screening form to check their child's developmental milestones. A trained professional will then review the results with the parent/caregiver and provide information, or if needed, referrals to potential sources of support or services. Limit of 10.

Playtime Pals & Parents | Ages 12 - 35 months

Wednesday, November 20, 10:00 - 10:45 am 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. Siblings are welcome. Limit of 15.

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

Thursday, November 21, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Are you a current or soon-to-be sibling? Let's read some stories about the sibling experience and make a sweet craft to share. Limit of 15.

Thankful Photo Frames! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, November 22, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Please join us for some stories, songs, activities, and a simple Thanksgiving-themed photo frame craft! Limit of 15.

Terrific Toddlers at Night | Ages 30 - 35 months

Monday, November 25, 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.

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

Tuesday, November 26, 2:00 - 2:45 pm or 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Join us as A Time for Kids, Inc. presents activities celebrating Thanksgiving along with music and a special craft. Limit of 20.

My First Signs | Ages birth - 23 months | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, November 30, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join instructor Jessica Berrins as she teaches and models American Sign Language through music and play. Learning ASL can help all children improve communication skills and reduce frustration. Limit of 20.

Toddler Sign & STEM | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, November 30, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Instructor Jessica Berrins will teach and model true ASL vocabulary that will be reinforced through music and play. Parents/caregivers will be taught the skills needed to reinforce ASL learning at home. Limit of 20.

Night in the City | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, December 2, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Join us as we read Night in the City by Julie Downing and see how workers keep our cities moving all night long. Limit of 15.

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

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

Come meet our library pets close-up, read a crab story, have some fun with learning activities, and make some winter decorations for the crabs' habitat! Limit of 20.

Science Tots: Seasons | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

As we get set to leave fall behind and head into winter, learn about our four seasons! Limit of 20.

Decorate a Gingerbread House | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, December 6, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Come decorate a festive gingerbread house from the Baking Coach with colorful edible embellishments. Limit of 25.

Drop-In Playdate | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, December 9, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

We invite you to drop in for an informal playdate with fun toys and a simple craft. No registration required.

Busy Fingers Fun | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 10, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join pediatric occupational therapist Lisa Curley for hands-on activities with everyday items designed to encourage fine motor development needed for skills such as cutting and writing. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

Storytime Yoga

Ages 18 - 35 months: Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join Mary Hasel for a journey into children's literature. Together, you will bend, stretch, sing, laugh, and read. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

Frosty Photo Frames! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Come join us for some stories, songs, activities, and a simple winter-themed photo frame craft! Limit of 15.

PARENTING

Parenting Class: Advancing Verbal Skills with Sign Language | 18 & Over

Tuesday, November 19, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Jessica Berrins will help parents and caregivers gain essential skills to bolster ASL learning at home, fostering verbal communication, pre-reading abilities, and tools for advancing language skills. Limit of 35.

SCHOOL AGE · Parent/Caregiver is required to remain in the Children's Department. Only the registered child may attend.

Homeschool Craft Time | Grades K - 5

Monday, September 16, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join us to learn fun facts about owls while making a cute craft. This class is geared toward homeschooled children, but all are welcome. Limit of 20.

Say "Hello" to Our Hermit Crabs! | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, September 17, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Come welcome our new library pets! We'll learn about hermit crabs, have a chance to meet our little friends up close, and get their habitat festive for the fall season! Limit of 15.

It's Apple Season! | Grades 1 - 3

Wednesday, September 18, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Apples come in different colors and each one is tasty. Join us to make some colorful apple crafts. Limit of 20.

Puzzle Piece Pumpkin | Grades 1 - 5

Wednesday, September 18, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Art with Samantha He will show you how to take loose puzzle pieces and turn them into a pumpkin to display all fall season. Limit of 20.

Harvest Moon Lamp | Grades K - 5

Thursday, September 19. 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Celebrate this fall's harvest moon by painting your very own moon lamp! Limit of 20.

Little People, BIG DREAMS! Grades K - 5

Saturday, September 21, 10:00 - 10:45 am

To celebrate National Gymnastics Day, learn about Olympic Gold Medalist Simone Biles and her big dreams! Create a book of your own telling about your dreams. Limit of 24.

Whiz Kidz: Apples | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, September 23, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Why does an apple turn brown once it is cut open? Learn the science behind the answer and experiment with different preservatives to keep your apple from browning. Limit of 20.

Young Adventurers | Grades 4 - 5

Mondays, September 23, October 21, & November 18, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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

Guessing Games | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, September 24, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Let's unwind after school with some games that require smart guesses to win! Limit of 20.

Fall Florals | Grades K - 5

Thursday, September 26, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

We'll create unique seasonal floral arrangements and craft decorative jars to place them in. Limit of 20.

Build-O-Mania | Grades 1 - 3

Fridays, September 27 & October 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

HELP! Your island is sinking and you have to get to higher ground! Pirates want to steal your stuff and you need to scare them off! Do you think your build has what it takes? Let's find out! Join us for an hour filled with LEGO-building fun! Please register for each session separately. Limit of 15.

Kawaii Night Lights | Grades 2 - 5

Saturday, September 28, 10:00 - 11:00 am

iCREATE will teach you how to make an LED Kawaii-inspired night-light to illuminate your room! Limit of 20.

Pumpkin Sand & Shell Art | Grades 2 - 5

Monday, September 30, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Anna Chan is here to teach you how to make a pumpkin using shells and sand! Limit of 20.

Marbled Paper | Grades 2 - 5

Tuesday, October 1, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

We'll learn how marbling works and then create our own custom marbled art to display! Limit of 20.

Cute Candy Corn Painting | Grades K - 2

Wednesday, October 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Using black canvas, googly eyes, and Q-tips, Art with Samantha He will guide you in making a cute candy corn painting. Limit of 20.

Maker Kids: Sublimation Treat Bags | Grades 3 - 5

Thursdays, October 3, 3:00 - 4:00 pm <u>or</u> October 17, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us in the Learning Commons where we will use Canva to design a fun, full-color design to put on a tote bag, perfect for collecting candy on Halloween! Limit of 8.

Junior Professors: Oobleck | Grades K - 2

Friday, October 4, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Read about Bartholomew and the Oobleck by Dr. Seuss. Learn how to make your own Oobleck with a simple science experiment! Limit of 20.

SchoolHouse Chess | Grades 2 - 5

Fridays, October 4, 11, November 1, 8, 29, & December 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join SchoolHouse Chess and discover, in this six-week class, how the classic pieces move through storytelling, where comic strip characters and inventive scenarios give life to the pieces, providing children with an entertaining and memorable alternative to remember chess gameplay. Limit of 20.

Creepy Carrots | Grades K - 2

Monday, October 7, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Jasper Rabbit loves carrots but one day he thinks they are following him; are they? Join us as we read *Creepy Carrots* by Aaron Reynolds and find out! Limit of 20.

Learn About Squirrels | Grades 3 - 5

Wednesday, October 9, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

We will learn some interesting facts about our squirrel friends and make a themed craft. Limit of 20.

Pumpkin Weaving Mat | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, October 9, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Create a pumpkin mat, a beautiful decoration for the fall season while practicing paper weaving. Limit of 20.

Mosaic Masterpieces | Grades K - 5

Thursday, October 10, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

We'll use mosaic tiles to create an eye-catching fall forest scene. Limit of 20.

Canvas Spider Web | Grades K - 5

Saturday, October 12, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:30 am - 12:15 pm

Using the tape resist art method and watercolors, make a spider web on canvas. Limit of 30.

Giraffes with Art Teacher Amy | Grades 2 - 5

Wednesday, October 16, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Art Teacher Amy will teach you step-by-step how to draw and paint a giraffe. Limit of 20.

Dip This! | Grades K - 5

Saturday, October 19, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Chef Rob is here to help you make chocolate-dipped pretzels with assorted toppings. Limit of 25.

Paper Strip Leaf | Grades 2 - 5

Saturday, October 26, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us to create a very colorful paper strip leaf decoration. Limit of 20.

Whiz Kidz: Halloween Tangrams | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, October 28, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Dive into your puzzle skills by using simple shapes to create a Halloween picture. Limit of 20.

"Boos" & Clues | Grades 3 - 5

Tuesday, October 29, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

It's Spooky Season! Let's have some festive fun as we play the game Clue to solve some mysteries. Limit of 20.

Harvest Mosaic Bean Art | Grades 1 - 5

Wednesday, October 30, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Move over glass tiles! We will use beans to create a harvest mosaic design with Traveling Art Programs. Limit of 20.

Junior Professors: Pumpkin Moon Sand | Grades K - 2

Friday, November 1, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Get creative and make a pumpkin out of homemade pumpkin moon sand. Limit of 20.

Vibrant Foil Magnets & Stickers | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, November 5, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Instead of just coloring magnets and stickers, we'll use a foil transfer process to create some truly showstopping decorations. Limit of 20.

Gobble, Gobble! | Grades 2 - 5

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

Silhouette Spot is here with a turkey painting that will become a staple for your Thanksgiving decorations! Limit of 20.

Thank You, Veterans | Grades K - 5

Saturday, November 9, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Write a letter of thanks and/or color a picture to show your appreciation to our veterans. They will be donated to Operation Gratitude. Limit of 30.

Pies & Parades | Grades 2 - 5

Wednesday, November 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and discover the surprising origins of other Thanksgiving traditions with the Whaling Museum. You will also craft a delicious-smelling "potpourri pie" to adorn your own holiday table! Limit of 20.

Next-Level Mixed Media | Grades K - 5

Thursday, November 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Let's explore some creative ways we can use unexpected materials to make mixed media art. You'll then take the techniques we've learned to design your own creative piece. Limit of 20.

Group Games: Holiday Favorites | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, November 19, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Have some fun as we play games together that will also be great to enjoy with your loved ones at your next gathering. Limit of 20.

Whiz Kidz: Foodie Faces | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, November 25, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Using different foods, get creative and make a happy "foodie face!" Limit of 20.

A Peanuts Gang Thanksgiving | Grades K - 2

Wednesday, November 27, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Come make a cute Charlie Brown and Peanuts Gang craft as we get ready to celebrate Thanksgiving. Limit of 20.

Living in Space | Grades K - 5

Friday, November 29, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Educators from the Cradle of Aviation are here to discuss the many things one needs to know before venturing up into space... like how does one go to the bathroom? The most common and practical questions will be answered on what life is like in space. Limit of 20.

Wood Slice Ornaments | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, December 3, 4:30 - 5:30 pm

Theresa Maritato will help you design your own wood slice ornaments just in time for the holiday season. Limit of 20.

No-Bake Graham Cracker Goodies | Grades 2 - 5

Wednesday, December 4, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Learn to make no-bake vanilla graham cracker cookies to take home and impress your family. Please be advised that the food used for this class comes from factories that may have come in contact with common allergens. Limit of 20.

"Photo" Negatives | Grades K - 5

Thursday, December 5, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Learn about complementary colors as we make a fun image, then reverse the colors to look like a photo negative. Limit of 20.

Junior Professors: Animal Rescue | Grades K - 2

Friday, December 6, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Have fun building a LEGO animal. Using simple chemistry, rescue that last piece frozen in the ice to complete your animal! Limit of 20.

Holiday Penguin | Grades 2 - 5

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Le Petite Picassos will guide you step-by-step with oil pastels and watercolors to create a charming holiday penguin. Limit of 20.

Snowman Canvas | Grades K - 5

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

Get ready to enjoy winter with a snowman picture made using "snowman paint." Limit of 30.

FAMILY

Tinker Space | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Wednesdays, September 25, October 23, & November 20, 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, October 8, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm & Wednesday, November 27, 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. Limit of 20 families, 5 people per family.

Family Skate Night at Gr8Skates | Ages 10 & up

Thursday, October 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us at Gr8Skates in Shirley for a library-only skating event! The cost includes skate rental for two hours. The snack bar will be open for any of your refreshment needs. Limit of 125, 5 people per CPL card. Fee: \$16.00 per person

Halloween Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

Monday, October 28, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a spooky Halloween background on our green screen. Feel free to come in costume and bring any props for your photo. You will receive a digital file by email that you can upload to any photo/card printing service. Limit of 8 familes.

Trick-or-Treating at the Library | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Thursday, October 31, 9:00 am - 9:00 pm

Stop by the library to show us your costume and receive a treat at the Circulation, Children & Family Services, Adult Services, and Learning Commons Desks. While supplies last. No registration required.

Jam with the Fam Drum Circle | Grades K - 5

Saturday, November 16, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Come "Jam with the Fam" at a Family Drum Circle! Explore a variety of unique drumming and percussion items. We will provide drumsticks, bongos, congas, snare and tom-tom drums, and various other percussion instruments. Limit of 20 families.

Holiday Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

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

Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a fun holiday-themed background on 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.

Holiday Odds & Ends | Grades K - 5

Saturday, November 23, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Have some crafty fun as you make a variety of leftover projects from our year-round holiday programs. Limit of 20.

Stuffed Animal Sleepover | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Friday, November 29, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Drop off your stuffed animal on Friday, November 29, at 6:00 pm, with a name tag attached. Check out our social media to see what adventures they are having! Return on Saturday, November 30, at 10:00 am to pick up your stuffed animal. Limit of 10.

Sensory-Friendly Holiday Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

Sunday, December 1, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a fun holiday-themed background on our green screen. This program is specifically geared towards those with sensory issues. You will receive a digital file by email that you can upload to any photo/card printing service. Limit of 8 families.

Family Gingerbread Houses | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Saturday, December 7, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Decorate a gingerbread house from the Baking Coach with colorful, edible embellishments. One gingerbread house per family. Limit of 20 families.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, September 12 | 6:00 pm Thursday, October 10 | 6:00 pm Thursday, November 14 | 6:00 pm Thursday, December 12 | 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

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Labor Day, Sunday & Monday Columbus Day Veterans Day Thanksgiving Day

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A Book On Every Bed

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