**NEWS / CLASS & EVENT CATALOG** 

**WINTER 2024-25** 



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#### **CLASSES & EVENTS**

## **ADULTS**

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

**REGISTER** online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Thursday, December 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. Note: Each member is limited to ten (10) registrations during the first week.

#### ARTS & CRAFTS

#### Learn to Tie a Decorative Bow

#### Monday, December 16, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

Learn the art of tying beautiful bows that will be perfect for the holiday season. Ribbon will be supplied, but you may also bring your own. Limit of 24.

#### Flower Arranging

#### Mondays, December 16, January 13, & February 24, 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

#### **Embroidered Scandinavian Bird Ornaments**

#### Monday, December 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Create beautiful embroidered bird ornaments inspired by traditional Nordic and Scandinavian designs. These ornaments will be a cherished addition to your holiday décor or a unique gift. Limit of 16.

#### **2D Wool Felting**

#### Monday, December 16, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Art teacher Bonnie Schwartz will show you how to use wool felt to paint a cozy winter landscape. Limit of 20.

#### Holiday Nesting Doll Painting

#### Wednesday, December 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join artist Laura Goetz to paint an illustration of a Russian nesting doll. Limit of 20.

#### **Book Folding: Book Trees**

#### Thursday, December 19, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

This easy craft will have you folding all the pages of a recycled book to form a holiday tree. Make them as rustic or festive as you wish. No registration required.

#### Streetlamp Painting

#### Friday, December 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn to paint a personalized streetlamp with greenery in acrylics on an 11 x 14 canvas. Limit of 24.

#### Machine-Embroidered Fleece Hats

#### Saturday, December 21, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Personalize a cozy fleece hat using our embroidery machine. Limit of 8.

#### One-on-One Craft Help

## Fridays, December 27, January 31, or February 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; Saturdays, January 4, February 1, or March 1, 1:15 - 3:15 pm; or Wednesdays, January 8, February 12, or March 12, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Need help with your current craft project or using your sewing machine? Make a 30-minute appointment for personal assistance. Limit of 3.

#### New Year's Washi Tape Wall Art

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

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

#### Fiber Arts Club

#### Mondays, December 30, January 27, & February 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Do you like to sew, crochet, knit, quilt, cross stitch, or embroider? Bring in and share your current projects in a warm and welcoming atmosphere as you connect with fellow crafters. A sewing machine will be available. Limit of 20.

#### Color Your Cares Away

#### Thursdays, January 2, February 6, & March 6, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

#### **Wood Tray**

#### Friday, January 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Get inspired to design your own wood tray to hold your morning cup of coffee. Jacqueline Parente will teach you step-by-step. Limit of 20.

#### Winter Scene Cloche

#### Friday, January 3, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Illuminate your winter nights with this enchanting winter-themed lantern, which features intricate patterns and emits a warm, inviting glow. Limit of 24.

#### Make a Sewing Kit

#### Saturday, January 4, 9:30 - 11:30 am or Monday, January 13, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sew a charming sewing kit and needlebook using felt to keep your sewing supplies organized. January 4: Limit of 24. January 13: Limit of 16.

#### Art Club for Adults: Winter Fox Drawing

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

Learn how to draw an adorable fuzzy fox using colored pencils in this Art Club for Adults class. Limit of 16.

#### **Paper Flowers**

#### Camellia: Tuesday, January 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

#### Morning Glory: Tuesday, February 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

#### Wild Poppy: Tuesday, March 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Join Casey from Art and Flowers Custom Design as we create paper flowers. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 24.

#### **Boho Wall Hanging**

#### Friday, January 10, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Add a statement piece to your space using only a wooden hoop, wooden beads, and an assortment of dried flowers. Limit of 22.

#### Sew a Cable Organizer

#### Saturday, January 11, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sew this easy-to-make and functional organizer to keep your cords and chargers tidy. Limit of 8.

#### **Wood Slice Snowman**

#### Saturday, January 11, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join Aimee Saccio for this fun craft, where we turn wood slices into a snowman, perfect for decorating your house. Limit of 24.

#### **Diamond Painting**

#### Saturday, January 11, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Participants will receive a surprise diamond painting kit left over from previous programs. Limit of 30.

#### **Manifest Station Vision Board**

#### Wednesday, January 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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

#### Chinese New Year Botanical Lantern

#### Thursday, January 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Friday, January 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Make a lighted lantern with Samantha He. Limit of 12. Fee: \$5.00

#### Knit/Crochet Sweater Scarf

#### Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, & February 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Aimee Saccio will show you how to knit or crochet this cozy sweater scarf. Worsted weight yarn in a medium to light color is needed. Patterns use LionBrand Wool-Ease. For the knit version, you will need 825, 914, or 1,150 yards (XS-M, L-2XL, or 3-5XL) and size 8 and 10.5 straight knitting needles. For the crochet version, you will need either 1,400, 1,600, or 1,800 yards (XS/S/M, L/XL/2XL, or 3-5XL) and size H, I, and K crochet hooks. Basic knowledge of knitting or crochet is required. No registration required.

#### Sand and Seashell Bali Mirror

#### Friday, January 17, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Come experience the joy of sand and seashell art with award-winning artist Anna Chan. Unleash your creativity and begin the new year with a perfect coastal mirror. Limit of 28.

#### Stained Glass: Gnome

#### Saturday, January 18, 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 gnome. Must attend the class to get the kit. Limit of 20. Fee: \$20.00

#### Quilts Around the World: Japanese Sashiko

#### Saturday, January 18, 9:30 - 11:30 am <u>or</u> Monday, March 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how Sashiko embroidery from Japan is used in quilting. Limit of 16.

#### Lunch Bag Snowflakes: Valentine's Edition

#### Saturday, January 18, 2:30 - 4:00 pm or Thursday, January 23, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Make your own large, three-dimensional snowflakes using ordinary red or brown paper lunch bags. Limit of 20.

#### Colorful Puppy Painting

#### Tuesday, January 21, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn to use various materials, including gouache paint, to create different textures to make a colorful, cute puppy on canvas. Limit of 24.

#### **Bullet Journaling**

#### Wednesdays, January 22 & February 12, 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.

#### Paint Night: Winter Lamppost 2025

#### Thursday, January 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Artist Gabi Calderone leads this class, where you'll paint a winter lamppost, vintage 2025. Limit of 14.

#### Sketching with Joe Socci

#### Fridays, January 24, 31, & February 7, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Artist Joe Socci leads this class, where you will learn the basics of sketching landscapes and still life. Limit of 12.

#### Origami and Relax: Lucky Stars

#### Saturday, January 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Practice the art of Japanese paper folding with simple steps while listening to relaxing music and nature sounds. Limit of 12.

#### Shibori Napkins

#### Monday, January 27, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Make a set of tie-dye Shibori-style cloth napkins. Limit of 24. Fee: \$5.00

#### Visualizing Sound

#### Friday, January 31, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Learn how to visualize the sounds we hear in music. Create abstract art inspired by sounds and rhythms and learn how to use visualization techniques to promote relaxation and mindfulness. Limit of 20.

#### **Heart-Shaped Topiary**

#### Friday, January 31, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Celebrate the season of love by crafting a heart-shaped topiary adorned with flowers and blossoming with charm. Limit of 24.

#### **Heart-Embroidered Books**

#### Saturday, February 1, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Monday, February 10, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Personalize your stationery through basic embroidery techniques while embroidering cute heart designs onto notebooks. Limit of 16.

#### Valentine Pop-Up Card Workshop

#### Saturday, February 1, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm or 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Join artist and professor Chris Vivas as we make our own Valentine's candy box pop-up card. Not only will your creation pop out, but open it up and see what treats are in store for your valentine! Limit of 20.

#### Art Club for Adults: Golden Klimt Painting

#### Monday, February 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Paint your own interpretation of Gustav Klimt's iconic artwork, The Kiss, using a variety of painting methods. Limit of 16.

#### Show You Some Love

#### Wednesday, February 5, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

During this Valentine's season, don't forget to show yourself some love! Create a "Love Box" with words of love to yourself during the workshop. Life coach Lorraine Trentini leads this class. Limit of 20.

#### Valentine's Day Splatter Art

#### Thursday, February 6, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Create a Valentine's Day-themed piece of splatter art. Limit of 24.

#### **Hugs and Kisses Bracelet**

#### Thursday, February 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

MaryAnn McAlpin teaches you to make this beaded bracelet that expresses love. Limit of 25. Fee: \$7.00

#### Valentine's Day Wood Blocks

#### Friday, February 7, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Add a sweet touch to your home with this set of adorable Valentine's blocks. Limit of 24.

#### **Gnome Shelf Sitter**

#### Monday, February 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Let's get gnome crafty! You will paint a gnome that can sit on a shelf or the floor. Taught by Jacqueline Parente. Limit of 20.

#### **Crochet Butterflies of Hope**

#### Fridays, February 21 & 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

We will crochet small butterflies for Suffolk County Community College's Butterflies of Hope program, which will be donated for their Take Back the Night Event in April, honoring survivors of domestic abuse and sexual assault. Please bring any scrap yarn with you, as well as any size crochet hook. Aimee Saccio is the instructor. No registration required.

#### **Enchanted Moonlight Painting**

#### Thursday, February 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm <u>or</u> Friday, February 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Samantha He leads the class. Limit of 20.

#### Interchangeable Home Sign

#### Friday, February 28, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join Melissa of Paint Party LI to create a beautiful, interchangeable, all-season wooden home sign. Change out your seasons with a snowflake, flip-flops, pumpkin, and flower. Limit of 24. Fee: \$5.00

#### Sew an Ouch Pouch

#### Saturdays, March 1 or 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Sew your own ouch pouch to store Band-Aids and first aid supplies for emergencies. Limit of 8.

#### Clothespin Candleholder

#### Saturday, March 1, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or Monday, March 3, 10:30 - 11:30 am

Make this quick and easy candleholder using clothespins, aluminum cans, and faux flowers. Limit of 16.

#### Art Club for Adults: Yayoi Kusama

#### Monday, March 3, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for a vibrant class where you'll decorate boxes using the iconic dot painting style of Yayoi Kusama. Limit of 16.

#### Diamond Painting: Eyeglass Case

#### Friday, March 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, March 8, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Decorate an eyeglass case using tiny diamond-like facets. Limit of 24.

#### Zen Garden

#### Monday, March 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Jacqueline Parente teaches you to slow down your mind with sand by creating a mini mindfulness garden. Limit of 20.

#### **Dreamscapes**

#### Wednesday, March 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Life coach Lorraine Trentini will instruct you to make a dream catcher while she discusses dreams and ways to interpret them, which provides interesting insights into our subconscious and often highlights things we didn't even know were festering inside. Limit of 20.

#### **Embroidered Four-Leaf Clover**

#### Saturday, March 15, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Embroider a beautiful Celtic-style four-leaf clover to create a unique piece for your home that celebrates luck. Limit of 16.

#### **COMMUNITY**

#### **Blood Drive**

#### Monday, January 6, 12:00 - 6:00 pm

The library will be hosting a blood drive run by the New York Blood Center. All presenting donors will receive a free T-shirt for donating. For eligibility information and to register: https://donate.nybc.org/donor/schedules/drive\_schedule/324899.

#### Suffolk County Senior Advocate

#### Thursdays, January 9 & March 13, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A Suffolk County Senior Advocate will meet with persons age 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.* 

#### Joseph Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project Presentation

#### Monday, January 13, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn about the programs and services offered by Joseph Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project for veterans and their families. No registration required.

#### Options for Community Living, Inc. Information Table

#### Monday, February 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Options for Community Living is a non-profit organization that works with low-income adults and children on Long Island who are diagnosed with various chronic medical, mental health, and substance use conditions. Learn about services, such as medical coordination, housing assistance, assistance with benefits/entitlements, linkage to mental health/substance use treatment, and more. *No registration required*.

#### Cocoa for Comfort Community Support Table

#### Wednesday, February 12, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Professor and committee chair at Suffolk County Community College, Danielle DiMauro, will host this table where you will write words of hope and encouragement on Valentine's heart cutouts. These will be donated to SCCC's Take Back the Night event in April to support survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Cocoa will be available. *No registration required.* 

#### **CONCERTS**

#### The Devotions

#### Sunday, December 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Come enjoy this band which have been performing the Doo-wop music of the 50s and 60s for over sixty years. No registration required.

#### The Acchords

#### Sunday, December 22, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This oldies group will cover hits from the golden age of rock and roll by musical legends like the Coasters, the Drifters, the Platters, Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge, Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons, and the Temptations. *No registration required.* 

#### The Blend

#### Sunday, December 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for a pre-New Year's Eve concert celebration. The Blend will be playing some lively and danceable tunes to get you into the party mood. No registration required.

#### Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio

#### Sunday, January 5, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The band will perform the best of Broadway songs, jazz standards, and the Great American Songbook. No registration required.

#### Joe Pianos

#### Sunday, January 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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

#### Gene Casey and the Lone Sharks

#### Sunday, January 19, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

For more than 30 years, songwriter and guitarist Gene Casey has been performing blues-based rock, swing, and rockabilly with maximum rhythm and twang. No registration required.

#### Penny Lane

#### Sunday, January 26, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This band recreates the legacy of the Beatles from all the band's periods, note-for-note, with pure sound and tight vocal harmonies. No registration required.

#### The Rustlers

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

Seasoned performers entertain you with kickin' country and rock 'n' roll. No registration required.

#### Rhonda Denet: From Jazz to Soul

#### Sunday, February 9, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Rhonda Denet & the Sliver Fox Songs Trio pay homage to the trailblazing women who shaped the landscape of jazz and soul, including the incomparable Billie Holiday, the soulful Nina Simone, the enchanting Nancy Wilson, the dynamic Etta James, the electrifying Martha & the Vandellas, the vibrant Mary Wells, the legendary Gladys Knight, and countless others. *No registration required*.

#### **Endless Summer**

#### Sunday, February 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This tribute band plays the popular tunes of the Beach Boys, such as "Good Vibrations" and "California Girls." No registration required.

#### Willie Lynch Band

#### Sunday, February 23, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of fun and good feeling as Willie plays the very best of Irish music. You'll be glad you did! No registration required.

#### County Line Band

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

County Line will perform for you the favorites of classic, modern, crossover country, and southern rock. No registration required.

#### Royal Variety British Invasion

#### Sunday, March 9, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tom Cavanagh and band pay tribute to the Rolling Stones, the Who, the Kinks, the Beatles, Manfred Mann, and more. No registration required.

#### COOKING

#### Let's Make Pasta with Judy's Cucina

#### Thursday, January 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Make and bring home a semolina-based cavatelli pasta. Bring a large mixing bowl and cutting board. Limit of 20. Fee: \$5.00

#### Cooking with Chef Rob

#### Thursday, January 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Chef Rob will demonstrate and you will taste Thai Lettuce Wraps made with ground beef, ginger carrots, and green onions and Glazed Shrimp with a Chinese Plum Sauce. Limit of 40. Fee: \$5.00

#### Fondant Sculpting

#### Saturday, February 8, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn the basics of working with cut and sculpted fondant. Each participant will leave with their own fondant items. Limit of 24.

#### Cooking with Naela

#### Thursday, February 27, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Naela will demonstrate and you will taste Kibbeh meatballs, a Tzatziki salad, and baklava. Limit of 40. Fee: \$5.00

#### DISCUSSION GROUPS

#### Widowhood: Who Am I?

#### Thursdays, December 19, January 16, & February 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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

#### **Hot Topics**

#### Mondays, January 6, February 3, & March 3, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

#### **New Beginnings Social Club**

#### Wednesdays, January 8, February 26, & March 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Have you recently experienced a major life change? If you're looking for a new beginning, join this discussion, social, and support group facilitated by life coach and social worker, Marla Matthews, where you will meet new people, network, and learn new skills toward reinventing yourself. Limit of 25.

#### Book Discussion: The Invisible Hour by Alice Hoffman | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Wednesday, January 15, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Abandoning the rules of the Community, an oppressive cult in western Massachusetts where contact with the outside world is forbidden and books are considered evil, Mia Jacob, after secretly reading *The Scarlet Letter*, discovers the power of the written word, which leads her on a journey of love, heartbreak, and self-discovery. Limit of 15.

#### Play Discussion: Doubt by John Patrick Shanley | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Monday, January 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Wednesday, January 29, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

As the principal at a Bronx Catholic school, Sister Aloysius harbors open distrust for her students and parish. When she suspects the well-liked Father Flynn of misconduct, her staunch convictions are put to the ultimate test of faith. Limit of 15.

#### Book Discussion: The Winter of Our Discontent by John Steinbeck | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Monday, February 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Wednesday, February 12, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Ethan Allen Hawley lives on the East End of Long Island, working as a clerk in the store his family once owned. Jaded by the changing times and struggling to provide for his family, he concocts a scheme to reclaim his status at the expense of his integrity. Limit of 15.

#### Book Discussion: Maame by Jessica George | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Thursday, February 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, February 22, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

It's fair to say that Maddie's life in London is far from rewarding. With an overbearing mother who spends most of her time in Ghana, Maddie is the primary caretaker for her father, who suffers from advanced-stage Parkinson's. When her mum returns from her latest trip to Ghana, Maddie leaps at the chance to get out of the family home and finally start living. But it's not long before tragedy strikes, forcing Maddie to face the true nature of her unconventional family. Limit of 15.

#### Book Discussion: The Only One Left by Riley Sager | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Tuesday, March 11, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Wednesday, March 12, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

In 1983, home health aide Kit McDeere arrives at the decaying estate of Hope's End to care for Lenora Hope, helping her write about the events leading up to her family's massacre in 1929. However, Kit soon realizes that this seemingly harmless woman may be far more dangerous than she initially believed. Limit of 15.

#### Short Story Discussion: Tales of (In)Action! | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Monday, March 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Wednesday, March 26, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Prepare to be amazed by these four short stories, where our main characters incredibly do nothing! It's more exciting than it sounds. A woman contemplates her free time as a widow, a group of children prepare for the first sunny day in seven years, a circus performer refines the art of starvation, and two labor organizers await the wrath of an angry mob. Limit of 15.

#### Magical Reads Book Discussion: Shark Heart by Emily Habeck | Pick Up Book Beginning December 12 at the Circulation Desk

#### Thursday, April 3, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For Lewis and Wren, their first year of marriage is also their last. A few weeks after their wedding, Lewis receives a rare diagnosis: he will retain most of his consciousness, memories, and intellect, but his physical body will gradually turn into a great white shark. As Lewis develops the features and impulses of one of the most predatory creatures in the ocean, his complicated artist's heart struggles to make peace with his unfulfilled dreams. Limit of 15.

#### **FITNESS**

#### Tai Chi

#### Tuesdays, December 17, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25, & March 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Elements of Qigong and traditional Tai Chi forms are used for this simplified method. Laurince McElroy is the instructor. Limit of 55.

#### Senior Stretch and Flex

#### Fridays, December 20, 27, January 3, 10, 17, 24, February 14, 21, 28, March 7, & 14, 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.

#### Learn to Dance

Cha-Cha: Friday, December 20, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Foxtrot: Friday, January 24, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Tango: Friday, February 21, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for fun-filled dance classes led by professional dancer, instructor, and former competitor, Michelle Vicale. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 40.

#### **Senior Fitness**

#### Mondays, December 23, 30, January 13, 27, February 3, 24, March 10, & 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

#### **Country Line Dancing**

#### Fridays, January 3, 17, 24, February 7, 21, & 28, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

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

#### Yin Yang Yoga

#### Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, & 18, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Yang, for strength and flexibility, and Yin to ground and calm. Brittany Leo is the instructor. Please bring a yoga mat. Limit of 15.

#### Chair Yoga

#### Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 12, 19, 26, March 5, & 12, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

#### Hip-Hop & Jazz Dance Fusion

#### Friday, January 31, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn a series of beginner hip-hop moves with a mix of sassy jazz moves that will be combined into a choreographed routine. Limit of 35.

#### Healing Qigong

#### Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, & 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Qigong involves movement, exercises, breath regulation, and meditation. It's designed to improve physical and mental well-being. Please note that the class will be mainly standing and involves movements like 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.

#### Fitness Dance

#### Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Incorporate fitness movements into dancing to benefit bones and muscles, cardiovascular health, agility, and coordination. Annmarie Rigoroso is the instructor. No registration required.

#### **GAMES & TRIVIA**

#### Chess Club

#### Every Tuesday, December 17 - March 11, 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, December 28, January 25, & February 8, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

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

#### Trivia Night

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

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

#### **New York Times Word Games**

#### Saturday, January 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us to complete this Saturday's variety of word puzzles offered through the New York Times Games subscription, starting with the easy Mini, and going on to try Wordle, Connections, Strands, the Spelling Bee, and finishing with the Saturday New York Times traditional crossword, the hardest of the week! No registration required.

#### **Bunco Dice Game**

#### Fridays, January 24 or February 28, 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.

#### Left, Center, Right Dice Game

#### Friday, February 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, March 15, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

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

#### **Jigsaw Puzzle Competition**

#### Saturday, February 15, 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**

#### Self-Care Circle

#### Wednesdays, December 18, January 15, & February 12, 9:30 - 11:00 am

Build self-care and wellness while manifesting your goals. Kristen Orsini-Walker leads this class. No registration required.

#### Health Insurance Information Counseling & Assistance Program (HIICAP)

#### Wednesdays, December 18, January 22, & February 26, 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 5.

#### Health Insurance Assistance for Aged, Blind, and Disabled

## Wednesdays, December 18, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm; January 8, 9:00 am - 5:00 pm; January 22, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm; & February 5, 19, & March 5, 9:00 am - 5:00 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.

#### Parker Jewish Institute Awareness Table

#### Monday, January 6, 12:30 - 3:00 pm

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

#### Breathe Together | Virtual

#### Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25, 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 and Improving Personal Wellness | In-Person & Virtual

#### Friday, January 10, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

During this program, we will explore the eight dimensions of wellness. You will assess your current wellness and identify strengths and areas that may benefit from improvement. Suggestions for each wellness domain will be offered to guide your efforts in improving your overall wellness and becoming the best version of you. Kerri Reda from Cornell Cooperative Extension will lead the discussion. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: No registration required.

#### **Building Foundations of Caregiving**

#### Tuesday, January 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

This program will explore the role of caregivers and the changes they may experience, building a support team and managing caregiver stress. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. No registration required.

#### Winterize with Ayurveda

#### Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Uschi Donnelly will provide you with basic information about this ancient Indian whole-body healing system, including information for boosting your health for the winter with some wonderful Ayurvedic hacks for a continuous healthy and happy life. She will also lead you in a gentle yoga sequence. Please bring a yoga mat and blanket, a pen, and paper. Limit of 14.

#### **Reducing Anxiety**

#### Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, & 27, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Drawing on years of development in the spiritual, philosophical, and physical elements of Eastern arts, Bill Donnelly has created a program that is easy to learn and practice. *No registration required.* 

#### **Exploring Care & Support Services**

#### Tuesday, February 11, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

This program will examine how best to prepare for future care decisions and changes, including respite care, residential care, and end-of-life care. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association. No registration required.

#### Catholic Health Services Mobile Health Screening

#### Tuesday, February 18, 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.* 

#### LANGUAGE LEARNING

#### American Sign Language: Beginner I

#### Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, & 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

#### LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

#### Law of Attraction | In-Person & Virtual



#### Tuesday, December 17, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Lelonni Campbell explains how the Law of Attraction can work in your life. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: No registration required.

#### Forays in France

#### Wednesday, December 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Irvina Lew presents this culinary travelogue based upon a lifetime of trips beginning as a 19-year-old student until now, as an octogenarian freelance journalist. No registration required.

#### Holiday Special!

#### Wednesday, December 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The child in you is excited—there's a holiday special on tonight! In this fun and jovial talk, we will discuss classics, from Rudolph to Frosty to Charlie Brown's little tree, how they came to be, and other surprising facts about these holiday favorites. No registration required.

#### Photography Club

#### Thursdays, December 19, January 23, & February 20, 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.

#### Young Vocalists Perform Old Songs | In-Person & Virtual 🖜



#### Thursday, December 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Richard Knox narrates this video lecture, where you'll hear dozens of young semi-professional and amateur vocalists perform new arrangements of songs by Gershwin, Porter, Arlen, and Rodgers. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person: No registration required.

#### Golden Age of TV Holiday Specials

#### Friday, December 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Enjoy memorable musical and comedic moments from classic holiday specials from the '60s and '70s with clips featuring stars, such as Julie Andrews, Frank Sinatra, Lucille Ball, Ella Fitzgerald, Dean Martin, and others. Sal St. George presents this video lecture. No registration required.

#### **Acoustic Jam Sessions**

#### Mondays, December 23, January 13, & February 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Improve your musical abilities at this workshop for players of all skill levels. Together, we will learn new songs, perfect technique with special 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.

#### **Defensive Driving**

#### Monday & Tuesday, January 6 & 7, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; Wednesday & Thursday, January 8 & 9, 2:00 - 5:00 pm; Wednesday & Thursday, January 22 & 23, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; <u>or</u> Wednesday & Thursday, January 29 & 30, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

These classes have been approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles for a 10% discount on liability, collision, and no-fault insurance, and a 4-point reduction for motor vehicle points for a period of three years. There is a six-hour classroom requirement. Bring your driver's license and a pen to class. Latecomers cannot be admitted. Limit of 40. Fee: \$15.00

#### Vinyl Listening Club

#### Mondays, January 6, February 3, & March 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Unwind with other vinyl record enthusiasts at this contemporary 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 news, reviews, and special stories. No registration required.

#### Connetquot Community Writers' Group

#### Tuesdays, January 7, 21, February 4, 18, & March 4, 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.

#### The Julie Andrews Story

#### Wednesday, January 8, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Discover the fascinating back story of this entertainment icon, Julie Andrews. Sal St. George presents this video lecture. No registration required.

#### Memoir Writing

#### Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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. Limit of 12.

#### Triggered: The Medford Pharmacy Massacre

#### Thursday, January 16, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

On June 19, 2011, Raymond Ferguson, Jennifer Mejia, Bryon Sheffield, and Jamie Taccetta were killed at Haven Drugs during a robbery. The perpetrator, David Laffer was addicted to opioids and, with assistance from his wife, committed the shooting after he had lost his job. Laffer was sentenced to life without parole, and his wife was sentenced to 25 years in prison. Attorney John Ray filed a lawsuit on behalf of victim Jamie Taccetta's daughters. John will explain the details of the lawsuit, why it was filed, and the outcome. No registration required.

#### Dancing in the Dark: A History of Dance in the Movies | In-Person & Virtual



#### Wednesday, January 22, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

This talk, given by Fordham University professor emeritus Brian Rose, will survey 130 years of thrilling movie dance performances and demonstrate the extraordinary ways cinema brought dance to life. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

#### **Optical Illusions**

#### Friday, January 24, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Do you see what I see? Is seeing believing? Optical illusions are everywhere we look. Join us as we explore the real world of the unreal! Lecturer Chris Vivas presents. No registration required.

#### The New Year and Planetary Cycles | In-Person & Virtual

#### Tuesday, January 28, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Lelonni Campbell previews major planetary events for 2025. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: No registration required.

#### **History of Native Plants**

#### Thursday, January 30, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Certified nursery and landscape professional Kimberly Simmen will talk about the history of native plants and how they were used by Native Americans and the early settlers of Long Island and continue to be used today. No registration required.

#### Bergen, Norway: Gateway to the Fjords

#### Thursday, February 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Jeanne Schnupp introduces you to Bergen, Norway's diverse west coast town and former capital. No registration required.

#### Moving Into the Aquarian Age In-person & Virtual



#### Tuesday, February 25, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Lelonni Campbell discusses the Age of Aquarius. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: No registration required.

#### The Colorful History of the Little Black Dress | In-Person & Virtual

#### Tuesday, February 25, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Versatile, dependable, and affordable, the Little Black Dress, or "LBD," has become the fashion equivalent of a Model T Ford. In this illustrated lecture, historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., explores the history of this fashion icon. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: No registration required.

#### Dubbing Vocals in Hollywood Musicals | In-Person & Virtual

#### Wednesday, February 26, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Hollywood musicals have a long history of employing professional vocalists to dub the singing voices of actors and actresses who were hired mainly for their acting ability and box office appeal. View several prominent examples in this lecture by Richard Knox. 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 Israeli Account: CIA Support for Israel's Defense, 1949-2024

#### Wednesday, March 5, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

The "Israeli Account" has been the main channel between the CIA and Israeli intelligence to enable the exchange of information on Russian activities, conflicts in the Middle East, and other matters of mutual concern. Lester Paldy is the speaker. No registration required.

#### Women In Art

#### Wednesday, March 5, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

What does it mean to be a woman in art? Throughout history, women have been marginalized and discriminated against, and yet there have been those pioneers and trailblazers who defied convention. Let's explore and celebrate female artists throughout art history! Lecturer Chris Vivas will be the speaker. No registration required.

#### Bringing the Woodland Home: Shade Gardening with Native Plants

#### Thursday, March 6, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Certified nursery and landscape professional Kimberly Simmen speaks on native plants for shade gardens, the disappearing understory, habitat, and host plants. No registration required.

#### A Planner's View of Extreme Weather Events on Long Island

#### Thursday, March 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Planner and professor, Rich Murdocco, writes and speaks on land use issues on Long Island. He will discuss how Long Island can implement infrastructure that will make it more resilient to weather events. No registration required.

#### **MOVIES**

#### Afternoon Movies

Tuesday, December 17, 11:30 am - 1:30 pm; Thursday, January 16, 2:00 - 4:15 pm; & Tuesdays, February 18 & March 11, 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

#### Career Counseling

#### Saturdays, January 11 or February 8, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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

#### Word & Excel for Job Seekers & Employees

#### Tuesday, March 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This is a hands-on introduction to Word and Excel. In Word, we will focus on business uses, including creating a document, saving, file management, editing/formatting, and using tabs and indents; In Excel, we will learn how to create an Excel spreadsheet, entering data, inserting charts, and formatting. This class is taught by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc. Limit of 12.

#### **TECHNOLOGY**

#### Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences | For all ages, under 13 accompanied by an adult

#### December 16 - March 15: Mondays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm; Wednesdays, 5:15 - 8:45 pm; & Saturdays, 1:15 - 4:45 pm

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

#### Building a Successful YouTube Channel

#### Monday, December 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

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

#### One-on-One Tech Help Appointments

#### December 17 - March 13: Tuesdays, 2:00 - 4:00 pm; Wednesdays, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; & Thursdays, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

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

#### Introduction to Cricut Design Space

#### Thursday, December 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am or Monday, December 23, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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

#### **Winter Sublimation Hand Towels**

#### Friday, December 20, 7:30 - 8:30 pm; Saturday, January 25, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm; or Tuesday, February 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Use our Canva account to create a fun, colorful design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation hand towel. Limit of 10.

#### How to Use Fable

#### Friday, December 27, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to use the Fable app, a social media app for book lovers and TV watchers. Join online clubs to discuss your favorite books and shows, set a yearly reading challenge for yourself, gain personal reading recommendations, and view your reading statistics. Limit of 16.

#### Introduction to Canva

#### Friday, January 3, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or Monday, January 6, 6:00 - 7:30 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 10.

#### **Getting Familiar with Your Kindle**

#### Friday, January 3, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring your Kindle device and get familiar with its many features. Learn about Prime First reads, using Libby with your device, and how to get the most out of your Kindle experience. Limit of 16.

#### Video Recording and Editing Using Canva

#### Tuesday, January 7, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or Friday, January 31, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to use Canva to edit your videos, including adding text, graphics, and audio. Limit of 10.

#### **All About Apple Apps**

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

Bring your iPad and learn how to evaluate, install, and manage apps. Limit of 10.

#### **Cricut: Vinyl Decals**

#### Saturdays, January 11 <u>or</u> February 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am <u>or</u> Mondays, January 13 <u>or</u> February 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Instructor Amy Simonson will show you how to design and cut custom decals with the Cricut! These stickers can go on a water bottle, laptop, car window, and more. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 6.

#### **Digital Art with Procreate**

#### Tuesday, January 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Discover the art of digital illustration! Learn how to use the Procreate software on your iPads and utilize its features for your personal projects. Bring your creative ideas to life and unlock your artistic potential! Limit of 8.

#### Laser-Engraved Bottles

#### Thursday, January 16, 10:00 - 11:00 am <u>or</u> 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Create a design for a clear glass 750ml bottle using Canva and our laser engraver. Perfect for holding your favorite beverages! Limit of 10.

#### **Understanding Apple iCloud**

#### Tuesday, January 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or Thursday, January 30, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Confused about iCloud? You can access all your photos, music, and apps across Apple devices. Discover how to back up your Apple iPad/iPhone and track down a missing one. Bring your up-to-date device to this hands-on class. Limit of 10.

#### **Google Photos**

#### Monday, January 27, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

This lecture-based class will teach you how to use Google Photos, a free online photo-sharing tool, to edit photos, compile and organize albums, and share photos online. Anyone who has a Google (Gmail) account can use it. Limit of 12.

#### **Apple CarPlay and Android Auto**

#### Tuesday, January 28, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Explore the features and functionalities of Apple CarPlay and Android Auto. Learn how to connect your smartphone with your vehicle for navigation, communication, and music. Make sure your car is compatible with this feature before registering for this class. Limit of 16.

#### Introduction to AI & ChatGPT

#### Monday, February 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Curious about artificial intelligence (AI) and how tools like ChatGPT can help you work (and play) smarter? Join expert Joshua Varon for an accessible introduction to AI, where you'll learn the basics, explore practical ways to use ChatGPT, and see real-world applications that can simplify your tasks and enhance productivity. Limit of 50.

#### **Cricut: Conversation Hearts**

#### Tuesday, February 4, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm or Friday, February 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Use Cricut Design Space and our Cricut Maker 3 to create a candy-inspired decoration for Valentine's Day. Paint a heart-shaped block and use vinyl to create a conversation heart sign. Limit of 8.

#### Laser-Engraved Wooden Heart Coasters

#### Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Create a design in Canva that will be laser-engraved onto a wooden heart coaster to take home. Limit of 10.

#### **Custom Buttons with Cricut**

#### Thursday, February 6, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or Friday, February 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Use our Cricut and button maker to create your own custom button. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 6.

#### Make Your Windows Computer Work for You

#### Tuesday, February 11, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to add and remove programs, erase old files, check available computer space, get help from your computer, create shortcuts, and much more. This class is taught by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc. Limit of 12.

#### Get Email with Gmail

#### Thursday, February 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Here, we will take you through the process of creating a new Gmail account for personal or professional use. Learn how to check your email, compose, reply, forward, delete, or star messages. We'll also cover creating folders, setting up signatures, and more. Limit of 10.

#### Google Docs, Forms, & Sheets

#### Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to create documents, surveys, spreadsheets, and more using Google's free cloud-based software. Limit of 10.

#### Sublimation Photo Magnets

#### Thursday, February 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Create your own magnet using sublimation printing and our heat press. Please bring a photo on a USB. Limit of 10.

#### Using Al in Canva

#### Monday, February 24, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Learn how to make your designs even better by using Canva's artificial intelligence (AI) features to generate content, edit images, and more! Previous knowledge and experience with Canva is highly recommended in order to follow along with this lecture-based class. Limit of 12.

#### What is Your Digital Footprint?

#### Tuesday, February 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Sharper Training Solutions, Inc. teaches this lecture where you will learn how to keep track of your internet activity, your "footprint," how you can control the information and, if necessary, have it removed from the internet. Limit of 16.

#### Photo Mugs

#### Thursday, February 27, 10:00 - 11:30 am <u>or</u> Monday, March 3, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Make a custom mug using sublimation printing and our heat press. Please bring a photo on a USB. Limit of 10.

#### **Sublimation Notebook Covers**

#### Friday, March 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am <u>or</u> Monday, March 10, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Design and create a custom notebook cover using Canva and sublimation printing! Limit of 10.

#### **CLASSES & EVENTS**

## **TEENS**

#### **GRADES 6 - 12** · CONDUCTED BY THE **LEARNING COMMONS** DEPARTMENT

**REGISTER** online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, December 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. Note: Each member is limited to ten (10) registrations during the first week.

#### Dungeons & Dragons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesdays, December 18, January 29, & February 19, 5:30 - 8:30 pm; Fridays, December 20, January 24, & February 28, 5:30-8:30 pm; or Saturdays, January 4, February 8, & March 8, 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.

#### Cricut: Ornaments | Grades 6 - 12

#### Friday, December 20, 4:30 - 6:00 pm or Saturday, December 21, 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Use Cricut Design Space and our Cricut Maker 3 to design and decorate an ornament for the holiday season. Limit of 8.

#### Winter Snowy Sprinkle Cookies | Grades 6 - 12

#### Friday, December 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Rob Scott for a cozy winter baking class where you'll make delicious, snowy sprinkle cookies to bake at home—perfectly festive treats to warm up the season! Limit of 24.

#### Teen Writers Circle | Grades 6 - 12

#### Fridays, December 27, 6:00 - 7:00 pm and January 24 & February 28, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

#### Holiday Password Game | Grades 6 - 12

#### Thursday, January 2, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Get ready for laughter and holiday cheer with our Holiday Password Game! Team up, guess the secret words, and celebrate the season in this fun, festive word-guessing game for all ages. Limit of 20.

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

#### Fridays, January 3, February 7, & March 7, 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. Commander decks will be provided. Limit of 12.

#### Cricut: Hoodies | Grades 6 - 12

#### Monday, January 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join us for a fun Cricut workshop where you'll learn to create personalized hoodies using Cricut Design Space and iron-on vinyl, picking your favorite graphics and text to make unique, custom designs! Limit of 10.

#### Mini Lights Display | Grades 6 - 12

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

Join Jon Greene to create your own USB-powered mini light display featuring five light modes! Each kit includes 3D-printed housing and all the electronics needed—just assemble and enjoy! Limit of 10.

#### College Scholarships | Grades 10 - 12

#### Friday, January 10, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Guidance counselor Debbie Lindell will guide you through finding scholarships, exploring the various types available, understanding how to keep them, and learning the best times and methods to apply. Limit of 24.

#### Scandinavian Paper Stars | Grades 6 - 12

#### Wednesday, January 15, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Lisa Colon to create a stunning Scandinavian paper star! This three-dimensional design will add a unique, stylish touch to your décor, perfect for any season. Limit of 20.

#### Minecraft: Snowman Paradise | Grades 6 - 12

#### Friday, January 17, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Join TD3 Innovative Gaming for a fun-filled Minecraft experience where you can design your own snowmen and participate in an exciting snowball fight competition! Limit of 10.

#### Crazy Cupcake Wars | Grades 6 - 12

#### Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come unleash your creativity in a fun and competitive cupcake decorating challenge! Rob Scott will supply the cupcakes, frosting, and decorations—it's up to you to showcase your decorating skills. Limit of 24.

## Book Discussion: Ground Zero by Alan Gratz | Pick Up Book Beginning December 13 at the Learning Commons Desk | Grades 6 - 12 Saturday, January 25, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

On the morning of September 11, 2001, nine-year-old Brandon goes to work with his father at the World Trade Center. Eighteen years later, eleven-year-old Reshmina lives in the midst of a war in Afghanistan. These two tales of survival weave together to give an unforgettable look at history, and how the past and the present can collide. Snacks will be provided. Limit of 5.

#### Hot Cocoa Mug | Grades 6 - 12

#### Wednesday, February 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Come create a clay hot cocoa mug with Samantha He! You'll learn how to shape and decorate different color clay to make your adorable mug complete with a candy cane and a cheerful face. Limit of 20.

#### Heart Mosaic | Grades 6 - 12

#### Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Create a beautiful and unique Valentine's Day mosaic gift using clay and glass pieces with Kristen Duer, perfect for celebrating love and friendship! Limit of 20.

#### Video Game Design with Unity | Grades 6 - 12

#### Thursdays, February 13, 20, & 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this three-session class, you will dive into a user-friendly, yet powerful game creation platform using Unity. You'll learn to build a game world; add characters, objects, sound, and lighting; and create a GUI with interactive elements like scoreboards and reset buttons. By the end, you will know how to package your game for PC and Mac. Limit of 12.

## BookTok Book Discussion: Divine Rivals by Rebecca Ross | Pick Up Book Beginning December 13 at the Learning Commons Desk | Grades 9 - 12 Friday, February 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

For centuries, the gods have slumbered, but now they are awake and at war. Iris Winnow decides to become a war correspondent to try and find her brother on the front lines. When her rival from the paper she works at shows up to be a correspondent as well, the two will have to work together to figure out how to survive. They have been brought together by their magical typewriters, but will they be able to stay together in the face of divine intervention? Snacks will be provided. Limit of 5.

#### Wood 3D Sled Art | Grades 6 - 12

#### Tuesday, February 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Create a 12-inch sled with a retraced winter design. This charming seasonal decoration is ready for you to paint and assemble. Teresa Grant from Silhouette Spot instructs. Limit of 20.

#### Parmesan Crusted Quesadilla | Grades 6 - 12

#### Thursday, February 20, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rob Scott teaches you how to make a delicious Parmesan Crusted Quesadilla with tomato basil mozzarella. Create your own to take home and enjoy, with samples available to try in class. Limit of 24.

#### Laser-Engraved Light-Up Acrylic Signs | Grades 6 - 12

#### Friday, February 21, 3:00 - 4:00 pm or Friday, March 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Brighten up your space with a customized light-up sign that you will design using Canva. Signs will be ready for pickup at a later date. Limit of 10.

#### Falconry on Long Island | Grades 6 - 12

#### Friday, February 21, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Meet Chris Paparo and his red-tailed hawk, Emmy, as he talks about the instincts of raptors, how they are trained, and what it took for him to become a falconer. Limit of 24.

#### Video Recording and Editing Using Canva for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

#### Saturday, March 1, 11:00 - 12:00 pm <u>or</u> 12:30 - 1:30 pm

Learn how to use Canva to edit your videos, including adding text, graphics, and audio. Limit of 10.

#### Painting Pandas | Grades 6 - 12

#### Wednesday, March 5, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Art Teacher Amy for a fun and creative class where you'll learn step-by-step painting techniques to create a delightful scene featuring a pair of pandas. Limit of 20.

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

#### Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Paige from Procrastibaking by P for a fun St. Patrick's Day cookie decorating class. You'll create three festive cookies using two delicious icings and a sprinkle pack to add that perfect touch of holiday cheer. Limit of 20.

#### Plushie Four-Leaf Clover Keychain | Grades 6 - 12

#### Friday, March 14, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Create a charming keychain by sewing this delightful small stuffed four-leaf clover. Limit of 12.

#### Pressed Flower Trinket Dish | Grades 6 - 12

#### Saturday, March 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Create a unique trinket tray with Samantha He. In this hands-on class, you'll work with clay and pressed dried flowers to design a beautiful, personalized tray that's both functional and decorative. Limit of 20.

#### **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

#### Snowman Jars to Donate | Grades 6 - 12

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

Join Theresa Maritato to create an adorable snowman mason jar using white chalk paint and black acrylic paint. Finish it off with a charming face, a carrot nose, and a festive plaid scarf before donating your creation. Limit of 24.

#### Vintage Shelter Pet Art | Grades 6 - 12

#### Saturday, January 4, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Join artist Theresa Maritato in a hands-on Mod Podge workshop where you will create vintage-inspired collages on canvas, highlighting shelter pets. Using a mix of old-time embellishments and creative flair, each piece will tell the story of a shelter animal, promoting their adoption and giving them a chance for a forever home. Limit of 15.

#### Paint-by-Number Canvas Art | Grades 6 - 12

#### Thursday, January 16, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Join us for a paint-by-number project where you can create beautiful images of an owl, turtle, heart, or panda. After painting, these lovely pieces will be framed and donated to brighten seniors' days in our community. Limit of 20.

#### Chemo Care Kits | Grades 6 - 12

#### Thursday, January 23, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Theresa Maritato to create inspirational cards and tote bags that will be donated to kids undergoing chemotherapy. Help brighten their day with your creativity and compassion as you make thoughtful gifts that uplift and encourage. Limit of 24.

#### Bags of Love for Foster Children | Grades 6 - 12

#### Tuesday, February 11, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Decorate tote bags and create cards for foster children with Theresa Maritato. These bags will be filled with essential items, providing a touch of love and support for those in need. Limit of 24.

#### Senior Shelter Day | Grades 6 - 12

#### Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Let's not forget about those special senior shelter animals! You will create crafts with Theresa Maritato to promote the adoption of these lovable seniors. Limit of 15.

#### Cat Blanket | Grades 6 - 12

#### Thursday, March 6, 4:00 - 5:00 pm or 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join us to create cozy fleece cat blankets that will be donated to local shelters, providing warmth and comfort to furry friends in need. Limit of 10.

#### **CLASSES & EVENTS**

## CHILDREN

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

**REGISTER** online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, December 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. Note: Each member is limited to ten (10) registrations during the first week.

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

#### Zumbini

#### Ages birth - 23 months: Monday, December 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am

#### Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Monday, December 16, 10:45 - 11:15 am

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

#### Snowmen All Year | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 17, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Listen to Snowmen All Year and other snowman stories and build your own clay snowman to decorate and take home. Limit of 15.

#### 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, December 18, 2:00 - 2:30 pm & Tuesday, January 21, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

If you have already joined our reading challenge or would like to start, please join us for some great stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

#### Science Tots: Grinch's Heart | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, December 19, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Enjoy the original Dr. Seuss story, How the Grinch Stole Christmas, and use some balloon science to make the Grinch's heart grow. Limit of 20.

#### Season's Greetings | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

We'll read a sweet story about mail, and then we'll have some fun making greeting cards for our loved ones that are both impressive and easy. We will have holiday designs, as well as general winter options available to choose from. Limit of 15.

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

Saturday, December 21, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

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

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

Saturday, December 28, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Let's get ready for the new year with music and movement, activities, and a fun craft. Limit of 20.

#### Dot Marker Art | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

If you love making artwork with dot markers, join us to create fun patterns and designs on a variety of items. Limit of 15.

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

Saturday, January 4, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Enjoy the benefits of stretching, dancing, and movement with your little one and Happy Feet Suffolk. Limit of 15.

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

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25, March 4, & 11, 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.

#### Penguin Heart Cupcakes | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Join the Baking Coach and decorate three delicious cupcakes to look like adorable penguins! No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

#### Baby Time | Ages 3 - 13 months

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, & February 5, 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.

#### Tiny Tinkers | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursdays, January 9, February 6, & March 6, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Our littlest learners can have the opportunity to explore their creativity through building, puzzles, sensory, and makerspace activities. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. No registration required.

#### Paint Peppa Pig with Art Teacher Amy | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, January 9, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Join Art Teacher Amy as she guides your child through the steps to make their own Peppa Pig painting. Limit of 15.

#### Terrific Toddlers | Ages 30 - 35 months

Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:00 - 10:45 am

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

#### Winter Owl Craft | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, January 10, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us as we read some owl stories and decorate your own winter owl magnets. Limit of 15.

#### Circle of Fun | Ages 14 - 20 months

#### Mondays, January 13, 27, February 3, 10, & 24, 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, January 13, 27, February 3, 10, & 24, 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.

#### Signs for Favorite Foods

#### Ages birth - 23 months: Tuesday, January 14, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

#### Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Tuesday, January 14, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Instructor Lisa Curley will teach you and your child signs for a variety of foods through stories and songs. Limit of 20.

#### Science Tots: Do You Want to Build a Snowman? | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Wednesday, January 15, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Get cozy with some snowman stories and build your very own personal snowman! Limit of 20.

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

#### Thursday, January 16, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

We'll share some fun picture books that encourage an active joy in reading. A themed craft and learning activities will follow. Limit of 15.

## Sing & Play with Long Island Music Therapy | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available Tuesday, January 21, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

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

#### LEGO Duplo Make and Take: My First Whale | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Friday, January 24, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us for some stories, songs, and building your own Duplo LEGO creation that you'll get to take home! Limit of 15.

#### Baby Time at Night | Ages 3 - 13 months

#### Monday, January 27, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us for early literacy activities that will enhance your baby's development while building language skills. Listen to songs and fingerplays to inspire your baby's mind. This class is geared toward parents who are unable to attend our daytime series. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 20.

#### Year of the Snake Painting | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Tuesday, January 28, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Art instructor Samantha He will guide your child through the steps to make a painting of the "Year of the Snake" in honor of Chinese New Year. Limit of 15.

#### It's Almost Groundhog Day! Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Friday, January 31, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Let's get ready for Groundhog Day by reading stories about these adorable animals and making some themed crafts. Limit of 15.

#### Molly Mouse Loves the Library! Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

#### Saturday, February 1, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Join Molly Mouse and PlayHooray as we sing and dance to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day. No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

#### Let's Make Play Dough | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Little Dough Co. will be here for an interactive class to teach us how to make handmade play dough, along with some engaging sensory activities. Limit of 15.

#### Tots on the Move | Ages 14 - 21 months

#### Fridays, February 7, 14, 28, & March 7, 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.

#### Let's Learn about Polar Bears | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Friday, February 7, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

We will learn some amazing facts about polar bears and make a themed craft. Limit of 15.

#### Science Tots: Lava Love | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Wednesday, February 12, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day with some loveable stories and create a jar of "lava love" using simple chemistry. Limit of 20.

#### Valentine's Surprise | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Thursday, February 13, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join A Time for Kids as we celebrate Valentine's Day with music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and a special craft. Limit of 20.

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

#### Friday, February 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

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

#### Rock & Read | Ages 12 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

#### Saturday, February 15, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join A Time for Kids as we clap, tap, drum, and strum our way through books using rhythm, rhyme, and repetition. Limit of 20.

#### I Promise | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

We will read the inspirational story I Promise by LeBron James, in honor of African American History Month. We will also enjoy movement and music, then make a special craft! Limit of 15.

### Celebrate 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten with BenAnna Band! | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

#### Saturday, February 22, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

If you would like to start our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten challenge, are already reading, or have completed 1,000 books, join us to celebrate! We will enjoy an interactive musical performance by the amazing BenAnna Band! For new readers, we will provide information about the program and help you register. No siblings permitted. Limit of 25.

#### Winter Bedtime Stories | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Monday, February 24, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Enjoy a cozy night of bedtime stories and a craft. Limit of 15.

#### Drama with Your Mama | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Wednesday, February 26, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Your preschooler, along with their parent/caregiver, will enjoy this interactive musical theater class that focuses on building confidence and enhancing communication skills, all while having fun through song, dance, and theater games. This class features live music on a keyboard, storytime, props, instruments, and more! Limit of 20.

#### Infant Massage | Ages birth - 12 months

#### Saturday, March 1, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Physical therapist Valerie Gudelinis will teach you the basics and benefits of infant massage. Please bring a blanket. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

#### Nutrition Fun | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Monday, March 3, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

March is National Nutrition Month. Let's learn about healthy fruits and make a cute craft! Limit of 15.

#### Terrific Toddlers at Night | Ages 30 - 35 months

#### Tuesday, March 4, 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.

#### Science Tots: Leprechaun Bridge | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Wednesday, March 5, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Using science, make a magical bridge leading to the pot of gold! Limit of 20.

#### Come Fly with Me Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Thursday, March 6, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Let's welcome the windy start to March by celebrating kites, planes, and other things that fly! Limit of 15.

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

#### Monday, March 10, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

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

#### Paint a Rainbow | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

#### Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Have fun painting and putting together a rainbow to welcome your leprechaun this season. Limit of 20.

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

Wednesday, March 12, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

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

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

Friday, March 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Please join us for some St. Patrick's Day-themed stories, songs, activities, and a simple photo frame craft! Limit of 15.

#### PARENTING



# PRESCHOOL FAIR · SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 10:00-11:30

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

#### Parenting Class: Temper Tantrums | 18 & Over

Tuesday, February 4, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Although temper tantrums are normal for children between the ages of one and five, they can make a parent feel frustrated and embarrassed. Maybe you even feel like having a tantrum of your own. What should you do? Educator Kerri Reda will discuss the causes of tantrums, what can be done to minimize them, and the best ways to deal with them when they do occur. Limit of 25.

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

#### Young Adventurers | Grades 4 - 5

#### Mondays, December 16, January 13, February 10, & March 10, 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.

#### Winter Village Mobile | Grades K - 2

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

Let's make a colorful, snowy village mobile while keeping warm in our library. Limit of 20.

#### Winter Festive Garland | Grades 1 - 5

Friday, December 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Vanesa Holzhauser will guide you as you create a one-of-a-kind garland using wooden beads and festive wooden cutouts. Limit of 20.

#### Positivity Mirrors | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, December 26, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

You're fantastic! Come decorate a mirror that will help remind you how amazing you are every time you look into it. Limit of 20.

#### CSI: The Case of the Queen's Missing Tarts | Grades 2 - 5

#### Friday, December 27, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Based on characters from Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll, junior forensic scientists will enjoy revisiting a favorite fantasy in a unique way: Alice is attending the trial of The Knave, who has confessed to stealing the Queen of Hearts' Tarts. Is he really guilty, or did he confess merely because The King of Hearts "beat him sore"? In their investigations, junior forensic scientists will examine the various pieces of evidence left behind at the crime scene in the Royal Kitchen. Limit of 15.

#### New Year's Eve Yoga

Grades K - 2: Tuesday, December 31, 10:00 - 10:45 am

#### Grades 3 - 5: Tuesday, December 31, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Along with instructor Adrienne Lebron, ring in the new year "kid-style" with us on New Year's Eve here at the library. We'll have fun exploring a NYE-themed yoga practice and activities. Afterwards, we will have a sparkling cider toast to celebrate 2025. Limit of 20.

#### UniCORD | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, January 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Learn how to cord and create your very own unicorn decoration! Limit of 20.

#### Card Games for Kids | Grades K - 5

#### Friday, January 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come down and learn to play some new card games and then practice them. Limit of 20.

#### Winter Wreath | Grades K - 5

#### Saturday, January 4, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Celebrate the winter months each year with a homemade construction paper wreath, perfect to hang on any door. Limit of 30.

#### Winter Collage | Grades K - 2

#### Monday, January 6, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Join us to create a colorful collage of your favorite winter activities! Limit of 20.

#### Whiz Kidz: Snowflake Magic | Grades 3 - 5

#### Tuesday, January 7, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Make a snowy scene on canvas with a little chemistry magic. Limit of 20.

#### Mickey Mouse Art | Grades K - 3

#### Wednesday, January 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Using Q-tips and cotton balls, create some fun Mickey Mouse Art! Limit of 20.

#### Frozen™ Lanterns | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, January 9, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Use decals inspired by winter and Disney's Frozen<sup>™</sup> to create a one-of-a-kind enchanting lantern. Limit of 20.

#### Junior Professors: Snowy Structures | Grades K - 2

#### Friday, January 10, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Explore the principles of engineering and construction while also learning about Arctic cultures. Limit of 20.

#### Sock Puppets | Grades 2 - 5

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

Create a sock puppet using a variety of materials with Jackie & Chuck! Limit of 20.

#### Balance Games | Grades K - 5

#### Friday, January 17, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Life is all about balance... and so are a lot of fun games! We'll have some fun with games that are all about keeping balance, from Jenga to Kerplunk, and Yeti in My Spaghetti. Limit of 20.

#### LEGO Make and Take: Winter Snowman | Grades 3 - 5

#### Friday, January 17, 5:30 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Create your own LEGO winter snowman and keep it! Limit of 15.

#### Shrinky-Dink Jewelry | Grades K - 5

#### Saturday, January 18, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Let's make some beaded jewelry and Shrinky-Dink charms that you can take home and bake! Limit of 20.

#### Juice and Paint Night | Grades 3 - 5

#### Wednesday, January 22, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Enjoy a juice box while painting a beautiful snowflake canvas to decorate your room or house for winter. Limit of 20.

#### Yay for Yetis! | Grades 1 - 3

#### Thursday, January 23, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

It's winter and the time for legendary Yeti snowmen! Let's have fun decorating some cute Yeti ornaments. Limit of 20.

#### Sparkling Snow | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, January 23, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Create a stunning winter landscape painting, complete with sparkling snow. Limit of 20.

#### Homeschool Craft Time | Grades K - 5

#### Tuesday, January 28 & Friday, March 7, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join us to make a seasonal craft this afternoon. This class is geared toward homeschooled children, but all are welcome. Limit of 20.

#### Lunar New Year Snake | Grades K - 5

#### Wednesday, January 29, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Join Art with Samantha as you draw and color your own celebratory Lunar New Year Snake! Limit of 20.

#### Junior Professors: Be my Valentine | Grades K - 2

#### Thursday, January 30, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Make a marbled card for someone special this Valentine's Day. Limit of 20.

#### Orca Puzzle Art | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, January 30, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Create an adorable picture of an orca whale in winter, no painting required! We'll each assemble our own mini-puzzle that we will glue together and create a frame for. Limit of 20.

#### Color-by-Number Hearts Canvas | Grades K - 5

#### Saturday, February 1, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Get creative for Valentine's Day by making a color-by-number canvas using a variety of mediums. Limit of 30.

#### Whiz Kidz: Heart Paper Chain | Grades 3 - 5

#### Monday, February 3, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Explore the properties of symmetry while making paper chains to help you decorate for Valentine's Day. Limit of 20.

#### Super Bowl Painting | Grades K - 5

#### Monday, February 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Get ready for the Super Bowl with a festive painting and Traveling Art Programs! Limit of 20.

#### Valentine's Candy Art | Grades K - 5

#### Wednesday, February 5, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Using Valentine's Day candies, Theresa's Programs will teach you how to make delicious, edible art! Limit of 20.

#### Winter Wonderland Trees | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, February 6, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Using simple supplies, create some beautiful 3D winter tree decorations that you can hang around your room to turn your space into your own winter wonderland! Limit of 20.

#### Stuff-Your-Own Love Puppy | Grades K - 5

#### Saturday, February 8, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

You'll fall in love with this Valentine's-themed puppy that you adopt, name, and stuff yourself! Limit of 20.

#### Mittens Full of Love Painting | Grades 2 - 5

#### Tuesday, February 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Teresa from Silhouette Spot is here to help you paint a winter scene of mittens holding a heart. Perfect for your Valentine's Day decorations! Limit of 20.

#### Matching Games | Grades K - 5

#### Wednesday, February 12, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Whether you're trying to match your opponent's pattern in Mastermind or trying to match their person in Guess Who, there are a bunch of games that involve pairs. Let's have some after-school fun with them! Limit of 20.

#### Art from the Heart: Mini Valentines | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, February 13, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Use wood hearts, decorative paper, paint, stickers, and more to make some mini hearts that your valentines will love! Limit of 20.

#### My Many Colored Days Yoga | Grades K - 2

#### Tuesday, February 18, 10:00 - 10:45 am

While sharing My Many Colored Days by Dr. Seuss, Mary Hasel will help you bend, stretch, sing, and laugh, allowing you to experience the story like never before. Limit of 15.

#### Gratitude Yoga | Grades 3 - 5

#### Tuesday, February 18, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Gratitude means being thankful for what we have in our lives. When we are grateful, our bodies release chemicals that make us happier and calmer. Mary Hasel will teach you poses, songs, games, and breathing with help you focus on all you have to be thankful for. Limit of 15.

#### Polar Bear Cupcakes | Grades K - 5

#### Wednesday, February 19, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Chef Rob is here to welcome winter with Polar Bear Cupcakes that you make here and take home to enjoy! Limit of 25.

#### Freedom Quilts | Grades 2 - 5

#### Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Educators from the Long Island Children's Museum will help you discover the stories that quilts told in the days of the Underground Railroad to assist runaway slaves on their journey to freedom. Learn to "read" various quilt codes; then use mathematical patterns and fabric shapes to design a quilt that tells your very own personal story and help celebrate African American History Month. Limit of 20.

#### Clay Snowpeople | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, February 20, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Using clay and some items made from our 3D printer, create some adorable, cozy snowpeople to make you smile. Limit of 20.

#### Pikachu Trinket Dish | Grades 3 - 5

#### Friday, February 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Art with Samantha He will help you paint a Pikachu trinket dish to keep all of your Pokémon goodies in! Limit of 20.

#### Beary Tasty Snacks! | Grades K - 2

#### Friday, February 21, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Do you enjoy making tasty winter snacks? Make your own polar bear-themed sweet treats here with just a few simple ingredients, then take them home to enjoy. Food served may not be appropriate for those with food restrictions. Limit of 20.

#### Junior Professors: Volcanoes! | Grades K - 2

#### Monday, February 24, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Learn about volcanoes and what makes them erupt, then make your own small volcano. Limit of 20.

#### Decorate a Winter Journal | Grades 3 - 5

#### Tuesday, February 25, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

It's cold outside. Join us to decorate your own winter journal to write in when you stay inside this winter. Limit of 20.

#### Sew Your Own Felt Polar Animals | Grades 2 - 5

#### Wednesday, February 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Use a plastic needle to sew and stuff your own small polar animal, and then finish him off with his sticker parts and accessories. Limit of 20.

#### Enchanting Evening Sky Art | Grades 2 - 5

#### Thursday, February 27, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Using various mixed-media elements and techniques, we'll create a nighttime landscape that truly pops! Limit of 20.

#### Whiz Kidz: Earthquake! | Grades 3 - 5

#### Friday, February 28, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

Learn about earthquakes as you challenge yourself to build a tower out of pasta and marshmallows. Can it withstand a Jell-O mantle? Limit of 20.

#### Pot O' Gold... Slime | Grades K - 5

#### Saturday, March 1, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Let's try our luck with a pot o' gold slime! Limit of 30.

#### Food-Themed Games | Grades K - 5

#### Monday, March 3, 4:15 - 5:00 pm

From Candyland to Yeti in My Spaghetti, there are tons of games that incorporate food in their themes. Let's have some fun with them! Limit of 20.

#### YouTube Art: Leprechauns | Grades 1 - 5

#### Saturday, March 8, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Following along step-by-step with the YouTube Art for Kids Hub, we will draw, then color your very own leprechaun. Limit of 20.

#### Luck O' the Irish Painting | Grades 1 - 5

#### Wednesday, March 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

iCreate is back with the Luck O' the Irish! Create a painting that will get you ready for St. Patrick's Day! Limit of 20.

#### Grow-Your-Own Mazes | Grades K - 5

#### Thursday, March 13, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Can a plant find its way through a maze that you create? The answer might surprise you! Limit of 20.

#### Clay Potted Succulents | Grades K - 5

#### Saturday, March 15, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

We'll use colored air-dry clay to make an arrangement of cute potted succulents. Limit of 20.

#### **FAMILY**

#### Family Holiday Bingo | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Monday, December 23, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Enjoy playing three games of Bingo with your family. Winners will receive a gift card. Limit of 20 families, 5 people per family.

#### Family Movie: Despicable Me 4 | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Thursday, December 26, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Gru faces a new nemesis in Maxime Le Mal and his femme fatale girlfriend Valentina which forces the family to go on the run. Rated PG. Light refreshments will be served. No registration required.

#### Family Movie: IF | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Thursday, December 26, 1:30 - 3:15 pm

From writer and director John Krasinski, IF is about a girl who discovers that she can see everyone's imaginary friends—and what she does with that superpower—as she embarks on a magical adventure to reconnect forgotten IFs with their kids. Light refreshments will be served. Rated PG. No registration required.

#### Explore Our Planet | Grades K - 5

#### Monday, December 30, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Animals live in almost every place on Earth, including every continent. Families will take a trip around the globe without leaving their seats as they meet a variety of animals from the Sweet Briar Nature Center, such as a dragon from Australia, a spiny creature from Africa, a mountain dweller from South America, and more. This program is geared towards children in K - Grade 5 with their parent/caregiver. Limit of 50, 4 people per CPL card.

#### New Year's Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

#### Monday, December 30, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Happy 2025! Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a fun New Year's-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.

#### 2025 Glow Dance Party | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Thursday, January 2, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

DJ Emilio is here to help us welcome in the New Year with a family dance party, complete with glow-in-the-dark accessories. Light refreshments will be served. Limit of 150, 5 people per CPL card.

#### Tinker Space | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Wednesdays, January 15, February 12, & March 5, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Explore some of our Makerspace activities, such as 3D pens, building activities, brain teasers, and more, including a weaving loom craft you can "make and take" home! No registration required.

#### Beach Vacation Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

#### Friday, January 24, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Why wait for summer? Escape the cold and register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a beach-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.

#### Winter Fun at your Library Scavenger Hunt | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Saturday, February 1 - Saturday, March 1

A new hunt starts each Saturday in February. Earn a raffle ticket towards an adorable Squishmallow when you solve the librarians' riddles about winter fun! Search the Children & Family Services Department for the answers. No registration required.

#### Winter Reading Fun | Ages birth - Grade 5

#### Saturday, February 1 - Saturday, March 1

Register for our Winter Reading Fun event in Beanstack to earn virtual raffle tickets towards one of three \$25 gift cards: Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Regal Theaters. Earn your first virtual raffle ticket when you register, then earn more for every 30 minutes of reading. The Winter Reading Fun program runs from February 1 through March 1.

#### Family Movie: LUCK | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Thursday, February 20, 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Sam Greenfield is the unluckiest person in the world. Sam's quest to turn her luck around leads to a magical adventure in the never-before seen Land of Luck! Light refreshments will be served. Rated G. No registration required.

#### Family Bingo | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

#### Tuesday, February 25, 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 Yoga | Grades K - 5

#### Saturdays, March 8, 15, & 22, 10:00 - 10:30 am

Join Ms. Liz for a calm, mindful morning that will begin with a brief grounding meditation. She'll then guide you and your loved ones through some family-friendly yoga moves, closing with a relaxing rest. You're sure to leave with smiles on your faces. Great for everyone... even if you've never practiced yoga before. Please bring a yoga mat (for each of you, if possible), a towel to fold up and sit on (on the mat), and something to drink. Limit of 20 families.

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Thursday, December 12 | 6:00 pm Thursday, January 9 | 6:00 pm Thursday, February 13 | 6:00 pm Thursday, March 13 | 6:00 pm

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

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

#### **HOURS**

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

#### **HOLIDAY CLOSINGS**

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