



FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT!

**BUDGET VOTE &
TRUSTEE ELECTION**

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026

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OUR 2025 IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS

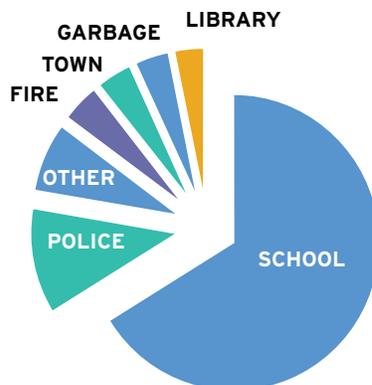
A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

This year, Connetquot Public Library continued to grow and evolve, setting a new record for the number of classes and events offered and attended for all ages. Our Lounge has quickly become a favorite gathering place, welcoming community members each day to work, study, connect, and relax.

In the coming year, we plan renovations to create more space for our most popular programs, including fitness, cooking, and art classes for all ages. The proposed 2.85% property tax increase represents an estimated \$10.31 per year for the average assessed home. Together, we will continue to expand services and raise awareness of all a modern public library has to offer our community.

Jason Ladick, Ph.D.

The pie chart shows a rough breakdown of an average Town of Islip tax bill. As illustrated, public library funding represents one of the smallest portions of overall spending, yet it delivers outsized value to the community, supporting education, workforce development, technology access, and lifelong learning for residents of all ages.



55,675 ATTENDEES FOR CLASSES & EVENTS

UP 12%
FROM 2024



1,435 CLASSES & EVENTS OFFERED FOR ADULT

UP 7%
FROM 2024



1,145 CLASSES & EVENTS OFFERED FOR CHILDREN

UP 7%
FROM 2024



1,277 PROJECTS FROM OUR MAKERSPACE

UP 14%
FROM 2024



189,158 IN-PERSON VISITS TO THE BUILDING



224,603 DIGITAL & PHYSICAL ITEMS BORROWED



66,875 COMPUTER & WI-FI SESSIONS

BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO Y ELECCIÓN DE FIDEICOMISARIO

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2026 FROM 10 AM TO 8 PM
 MARTES 14 DE ABRIL DE 2026 DE 10 AM A 8 PM

Category (Categoría)	2025-26 Approved Budget (Presupuesto Aprobado)	2026-27 Proposed Budget (Presupuesto Propuesto)
Property Tax (Impuesto sobre la propiedad inmueble)	7,032,400	7,233,000
Other Revenue (Otros ingresos fiscales)	306,000	328,500
Refund of Prior Year's Expenditure (Reembolso de gastos del año anterior)	50,000	50,000
TOTAL REVENUES (TOTAL DE INGRESOS)	7,388,400	7,611,500
Salaries (Salarios)	3,417,900	3,490,000
Employee Benefits (Beneficios para empleados)	1,882,500	2,050,500
Library Materials (Biblioteca Materiales)	404,000	386,000
Classes/Events (Clases/Eventos)	422,500	442,500
Equipment/Other Fixed Assets (Equipo/Otros activos fijos)	80,000	77,500
Operations (Operaciones)	424,000	430,500
Facility (Instalación)	757,500	734,500
TOTAL EXPENDITURES (GASTOS TOTALES)	7,388,400	7,611,500

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT?

PROPOSITION 1: BUDGET

RESOLVED, that the budget as proposed by the Board of Trustees of the Connetquot Public Library for the year 2026-27 in the amount of \$7,611,500 be approved and that the sum of \$7,233,000 be raised by the levy of a tax upon the taxable property of the Connetquot Central School District of Islip.

TRUSTEE ELECTION

Election of one (1) Library Trustee for a five-year term running from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING

The Library will hold the public budget information meeting on **Thursday, April 9, 2026, at 6:00 pm.**

VOTER INFORMATION

Residents of the Connetquot Central School District who are registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections are eligible to vote. If you are not registered, you may register for only the CCSD and Library vote/ election in person at Connetquot Public Library on **Tuesday, April 7, 2026, from 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm.**

QUE ESTA EN LA BOLETA?

PROPOSICIÓN 1: PRESUPUESTO

RESUELVE, que el presupuesto propuesto por el Consejo de Fideicomisarios de la Biblioteca Pública de Connetquot para el año 2026-27 en la cantidad de \$7,611,500 sea aprobado y que la cantidad de \$7,233,000 sea recaudada mediante un impuesto sobre la propiedad inmueble imponible del Distrito Escolar Central de Connetquot de Islip.

ELECCIÓN DE FIDEICOMISARIO

Elección de dos (1) Fideicomisarios por período de cinco años del 1 de julio de 2026 al 30 de junio de 2031.

JUNTA DE INFORMACIÓN SOBRE EL PRESUPUESTO

La biblioteca celebrará la junta de información sobre el presupuesto el día **jueves 9 de abril de 2026, a las 6:00 pm.**

INFORMACIÓN PARA VOTANTES

Los residentes del Distrito Escolar Central de Connetquot (CCSD, por sus siglas en inglés) que se han inscrito con el Consejo de Elecciones del condado de Suffolk son elegibles para votar. Si usted no se ha inscrito, puede hacerlo únicamente para la votación/elección del CCSD y la Biblioteca en persona en la Biblioteca Pública de Connetquot el día **martes 7 de abril de 2026, de 3:00 pm a 8:00 pm.**

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, March 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 until Monday, March 16.**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Macramé Basket

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm or

Saturday, March 21, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Macramé is a knot-tying art using rope and string, varying from simple to complex. We will create a basket that can be hung from a hook. Limit of 12.

Junk Journals: Watercolor Pages

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

Watercolor paints can bring your junk journaling to a new level, whether as backdrops or as a wash for graphics. Bring your own journal or artist Gabi Calderone will supply one. Limit of 12. **Fee: \$5.00**

Crochet Cardigan

Fridays, March 20, 27, April 3, & 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to crochet your own cardigan in this fun class taught by Aimee Saccio. You will need 8 20mm buttons, a size H crochet hook, and Sport (3) weight yarn. For sizes XS/S, you will need 2000 yards; M-2XL, 2600 yards; and 3XL to 5XL, 3200 yards. Sample is made with Caron Skinny Cakes. Basic knowledge of crochet required. *No registration required.*

Sew Your Own Makeup Bag

Saturdays, March 21 or June 6, 9:30 - 11:30 am

Learn to sew a handy zip pouch for makeup, pens, markers, or small crafts in our makerspace using our sewing machines and fabric. Limit of 8.

Origami and Relax: Bunny

Saturday, March 21, 10:30 - 11:30 am or

Thursday, March 26, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Practice the art of Japanese paper folding while listening to relaxing music. Limit of 18.

One-on-One Craft Help

Saturdays, March 21, May 16, or June 6, 2:15 - 4:15 pm; Fridays,

March 27, April 24, or May 29, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; or

Wednesdays, April 8, May 13, or June 10, 2:15 - 4:15 pm

Need help with your craft projects? Make a 30-minute appointment for guidance with sewing, knitting, crochet, or embroidery, including help using your sewing machine. Limit of 3.

Flower Arranging

Mondays, March 23, April 20, & May 18, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

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

Quilts Around the World: Irish Chain

Monday, March 23, 6:30 - 8:30 pm or

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

This series explores traditional quilt techniques from around the world. In this session, you will learn the basics of Irish Chain quilting as you create a quilt square. Limit of 16.

Hand of Fatima Mosaic

Thursday, March 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Mosaic artist Gabriella Grama leads this class. You will work with mosaic tile using the traditional Roman method, gluing each piece, designing, and cutting tile under step-by-step guidance. Grout will be available for those who wish to finish their piece at home. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Stained Glass: Bunny Butt

Saturday, March 28

9:30 - 11:30 am or 12:00 - 2:00 pm or 2:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Fiber Arts Club

Mondays, March 30, April 27, & May 18, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Do you love to sew, crochet, knit, quilt, cross-stitch, or embroider? Drop in to work on your projects in a friendly, welcoming space and connect with fellow crafters! A sewing machine will be available. *No registration required.*

Card-Making

Wednesday, April 1, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm or

Friday, May 15, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Learn quick and easy card-making techniques using papers, ink, and stamp sets. Limit of 15.

Color Your Cares Away

Thursdays, April 2, May 7, & June 4, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Relax and de-stress by dropping in and coloring a page or two. *No registration required.*

Lavender and Lemon Simmer Pot

Friday, April 3, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Create a lavender and lemon simmer pot with dried fruit slices!
Limit of 20.

Gnome Flowerpots

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Create a pair of flowerpot garden gnomes that can be used as whimsical indoor décor. Limit of 20.

Paper Flowers

Easter Lily: Tuesday, April 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Patriotic Paper Wreath: Tuesday, May 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Lisianthus: Tuesday, June 2, 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.

Scrap Quilt a Mug Rug Coaster

Tuesdays, April 7 or 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Create a vibrant, colorful coaster, perfect for brightening up your drinks with this simple, beginner-friendly technique! Limit of 8.

Candle-Making

Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join Chrissy Lehat of Curiously Creative Candles as she gives a brief history of candle-making, the benefits of aromatherapy, different patterns in creating a candle, and the differences between types of waxes. She will then walk you through the process of filling your own candle jar. Limit of 16.

Paint the Eiffel Tower

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

Join artist Laura Goetz and paint the Eiffel Tower, similar to the impressionist style of Georges Seurat. Limit of 20.

Iris Folding: Pretty Pear

Thursday, April 9, 2:30 - 4:00 pm or

Saturday, April 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Iris folding is a unique paper craft. Folded strips of paper are taped onto a template in a specific sequence, forming a spiral pattern whose center looks like the lens or "iris" of a camera. This project features a pretty pear. Limit of 16.

Pressed Flower Votive Holder

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

Samantha He leads this class, where you will create a unique votive holder with her signature dried flowers and herbs. Limit of 15.

Fee: \$5.00

Bee Kind Layered Paper Art

Friday, April 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Brighten up your home with a bee-utiful 3D layered piece of art that is worthy of everyone's admiration. Limit of 28.

Forever Fairy Halo

Monday, April 13, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Create a timeless silk flower halo with floral designer Irene Morgan. Limit of 30.

Art Club for Adults

Tiffany-inspired Watercolor Faux-stained-glass:

Monday, April 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Cherry Blossom Ink Paintings: Monday, May 4, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Oil Pastel Butterfly: Monday, June 1, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for creative art classes where you'll paint a Tiffany-inspired faux-stained-glass piece, use ink and watercolor to bring a Japanese cherry blossom tree to life, and create butterflies with oil pastels and a 3D effect. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 16.

Bullet Journaling

Wednesdays, April 15, May 13, & June 10, 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. Limit of 20.

DIY Mother's Day Card

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

Personalizing a Mother's Day or spring birthday card brings your gift-giving to a new level. Use different papers, stickers, stamps, and embellishments to create a one-of-a-kind, 3D card that the receiver will cherish. With artist Gabi Calderone. Limit of 12. **Fee: \$5.00**

Seashell Resin Art

Friday, April 17, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Craft along with Melissa of Paint Party LI to create a seashell butterfly in resin. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Porch Welcome Sign

Monday, April 20, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

We will craft a 3-foot welcome sign. Come prepared to paint. Taught by artist Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

Spring Clay Trinkets: Magnets

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or

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

Create whimsical, spring-themed magnets with clay and paint. Bring a box for transportation. Limit of 16.

Sequin Earrings

Thursday, April 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Easy to make and fabulous to wear, these sequin earrings complement any outfit! MaryAnn McAlpin is the instructor. Limit of 25.

Fee: \$5.00

Paint Morning with Joe Socci

Friday, April 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Artist Joe Socci will lead you through a spring-themed painting. Limit of 15. **Fee: \$5.00**

Wood Hanging Wall Vase

Friday, April 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Decorate a wooden board with unique corner accents and a glass container, perfect for displaying fresh flowers, reed diffusers, or string mini-lights. Taught by Vanesa Holzhauser. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Brushes & Bliss

Tuesday, April 28, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Explore how creative expression through painting can serve as a healthy coping mechanism for stress, anxiety, and everyday challenges. Limit of 20.

Tri-o Crystal Beaded Bracelet

Thursday, April 30, 7:00 - 8:30 or Friday, May 1, 10:00 - 11:30 am

This spring-themed bracelet features crystals and added charms. Artist Samantha He leads the class. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$6.00**

Painted Wine Glasses

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

Paint a pair of wine glasses inspired by colorful wildflowers. Limit of 28.

Butterfly Feeder

Friday, May 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Learn how to attract and feed beautiful butterflies in your garden. You will make a wood butterfly feeding station with various colors to attract butterflies. Dress for painting. Taught by Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

Sand and Shell Art: Hummingbird

Friday, May 8, 5:00 - 6:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Design a radiant hummingbird using hand-colored seashells with guidance from artist Anna Chan and her easy step-by-step instructions. Limit of 24.

Crochet Flowers

Fridays, May 8, 15, & 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Aimee Saccio will show you how to crochet spring flowers that will never wilt. You will need steel crochet hooks size 1.5mm and 2mm; size B, C, and D hooks; and 4- and 5-ply milk cotton yarn (fine weight 1 or 2) in green, plus your favorite flower colors. Basic knowledge of crochet is required. *No registration required.*

Expressive Arts for Mental Health Awareness: Infinity Symbol

Monday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Participants will engage in activities, such as drawing, painting, music, and poetry to provide a creative outlook for feelings, creating an infinity symbol with words of hope and encouragement. SCCC professor Danielle DiMauro leads this class. Limit of 20.

Sequin Flower Embroidery

Mondays, May 11 or June 8, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Create sparkling flowers entirely from sequins! Using embroidery techniques, you'll stitch each sequin into vibrant floral designs, making textured, eye-catching blooms from scratch. Limit of 16.

Alcohol Ink Painting: Flowers

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

Artist Bonnie Schwartz will teach you how to paint a semi-abstract flower onto a tile using brilliantly colored alcohol inks. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$5.00**

Finger Painting

Friday, May 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Using your hands instead of brushes, explore color, texture, and movement. Express yourself in a messy but judgment-free environment! Limit of 24.

Diamond Painting: Note Box

Friday, May 22, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Decorate a note box using tiny diamond-like facets. Limit of 28.

Sea Glass Butterfly

Thursday, May 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Samantha He will lead you through crafting a pretty butterfly from glistening sea glass that sparkles with stars and light-reflecting beads. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$5.00**

Pressed Flower Lamp

Friday, May 29, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or Saturday, May 30, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Design and create a fully functional table lamp decorated with pressed flowers. Participants will apply botanical elements to a lampshade and assemble a real, plug-in lamp. Limit of 24.

Draw Your Journey

Wednesday, June 3, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Create a visual map of past experiences, present events, and future hopes in an artistic way. SCCC professor Danielle DiMauro leads this class. Limit of 20.

Patriotic Book Stack

Friday, June 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Create a patriotic farm-style book stack to use as a holiday decoration to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the United States. Dress for painting. Taught by Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

Resin Pendant with Dried Flowers

Friday, June 12, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Artist Galina Lampert guides you through creating a summer-appropriate pendant with dried flowers, starfish, and charms. Limit of 15. **Fee: \$5.00**

COMMUNITY

Board of Elections: Introduction to New Voting Machines

Monday, March 30, 10:00 am - 7:00 pm

The Suffolk County Board of Elections will introduce new voting machines that will be used for the first time in upcoming local primaries in June. Come in, learn about the machines, and test them out! *No registration required.*

Youth Enrichment Services Information Table

Monday, March 30, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Monday, April 20, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Tuesday, May 12, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, May 21, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, June 4, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

YES will promote resources and information about substance and drug use/abuse, suicide awareness, and mental health. *No registration required.*

Paper Shred Day

Saturday, April 25, 8:15 am - 12:15 pm

Documents will be shredded on-site for you to witness. Limit of 15 boxes per vehicle. *No registration required.*

Suffolk County Senior Advocate

Thursday, May 14, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

CONCERTS

The Sporting Paddies

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

Blending time-honored rebel songs, heartfelt ballads, and rousing drinking tunes, the Sporting Paddies represent a modern continuation of Irish folk music in America—honoring tradition, celebrating community, and delivering music meant to be shared and enjoyed together. *No registration required.*

The Precisions

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

The Precisions carved their name into music history with their celebrated 1960s hit “Someone To Watch Over Me.” Today, they bring decades of iconic music to life, including Motown classics, R&B gems, and danceable rock. *No registration required.*

The Hambones

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

The Hambones’ music spans across country, Americana, R&B, pop, and classic rock, ensuring there’s something for everyone. Get ready for an unforgettable experience filled with great music, a touch of nostalgia, and perhaps even some new favorite songs. *No registration required.*

The Blend Band

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

The Blend is a four-piece mix of dance tunes from the ‘60s through today. You’ll hear Motown, disco, ‘70s and ‘80s pop, today’s top 40, and country. *No registration required.*

Something Special Big Band

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

Experience the timeless music of the bigBand era. Noted for playing original arrangements of such greats as Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Maynard Ferguson, Frank Sinatra, Chicago, and Blood, Sweat & Tears, Something Special Big Band will raise the energy, excitement, and entertainment levels through the roof. *No registration required.*

Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio: Best of Broadway and Standards

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

The show is a great mix of the best of Broadway songs, iconic jazz standards, and songs from the American Songbook. For the past decade, Rhonda Kay has performed for Long Island and New York City audiences and delighted them with her vocal talents. For our concert, she will be joining forces with the Backstage Trio, some of New York’s most talented and experienced musicians. *No registration required.*

Buddy Merriam & Back Roads

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

Long Island’s Father of Bluegrass, the iconic Buddy Merriam and his band Back Roads, will be here to perform for you in their final season. The band features mandolin, upright bass, banjo, guitar, and fiddle. Come share in this special event. *No registration required.*

The Sitting Ducks Trio

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

Long Island’s premier variety band, The Sitting Ducks, performs a versatile mix of danceable rock, pop, swing/smooth jazz, and Americana/country, which goes over great with crowds of all ages and musical tastes. *No registration required.*

Walking the Line: A Johnny Cash Tribute

Sunday, May 31, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Tom Cavanagh looks, sounds, and moves like the Man in Black. He and his band perform an authentic tribute featuring the most loved hits and rare gems from every decade. *No registration required.*

COOKING

Cooking with Naela: Jordanian Mansaf

Thursday, March 19, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Naela will demonstrate, and you will taste, Mansaf, a traditional Jordanian dish for this time of year. It has lamb, rice, yogurt sauce, nuts, and Baklava in filo dough with walnuts and simple syrup.

Limit of 30. **Fee: \$5.00**

Cast-Iron Cooking

Wednesday, April 15, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Whether for aesthetics or nostalgia, foodies have made cast-iron cooking the new (old) craze! Librarians Jenn and Janet will demonstrate, and you will taste, Creamy Lemon Chicken with Spinach and Artichokes and a traditional Loaded Pound Cake served with fresh berries and whipped cream. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$5.00**

Cooking with Chef Rob

Thursday, April 30, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Chef Rob will demonstrate, and you will taste, Panko Parmesan Chicken Meatballs and Warm Marbled Pound Cake with Apricot, Mascarpone, and Amaretto. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

Local Eats: Scrumptious Strawberries

Thursday, May 7, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

There is nothing like fresh, local strawberries! Join us for growing and planting tips and recipe demonstrations. Limit of 35.

Creamy Chicken Corn Chowder with Chef Brian

Thursday, May 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Chef Brian Adwar will demonstrate, and you will taste, Creamy Chicken Corn Chowder and a Homemade Cornbread. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

Royal Icing Cookie Decorating

Friday, June 5, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

In this beginner-friendly class, you’ll decorate six summer-themed sugar cookies while learning essential royal icing techniques like outlining, flooding, filling, and creating fun wet-on-wet designs. Limit of 24.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Afternoon Poetry Club

Irish Poetry: Tuesday, March 17, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

National Poetry Month: Tuesday, April 14, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

A casual club for poetry enthusiasts and those looking to understand the medium. Together, we will analyze poetry corresponding to monthly themes and share creative writing that you have written or one that is significant to you. Limit of 15.

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

Fridays, April 3, May 1, & June 5, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Affected family members will receive emotional support, education, and assistance in understanding and managing cognitive loss with a facilitator from the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center of Long Island. This program is intended for the caregiver only. *No registration required.*

Hot Topics

Mondays, April 6, May 4, & June 1, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

New Beginnings Support Group

Thursdays, April 9, May 7, & June 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Have you recently had a major life change, such as widowhood, divorce, or a move? 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. *No registration required.*

Widowhood: Who Am I?

Thursdays, April 16 & May 21, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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

LI Reads Book Discussion: *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone

Pick Up Book Beginning March 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, April 16, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Saturday, April 18, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

On the worst night in the greatest city on Earth, a doorman at the toniest address in town is drawn into a web of intrigue, robbery, and murder. Limit of 15.

Short Story Discussion: *Tales of the Lost Generation*

Pick Up Readings Beginning March 12 at the Circulation Desk

Monday, May 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Tuesday, May 5, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

A collection of stories written by four American authors who travelled to Paris in the 1920s to hone their craft. A southern belle experiences her first winter in the North, a generous salon keeper suspects her partner of infidelity, a soldier contemplates the fall of France in 1939, and a young couple speaks cryptically of life while awaiting a train. Limit of 15.

Music Discussion: *Story Songs*

Tuesday, May 12, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Listen and read along to the lyrics of a selection of songs and discuss what they mean to you. This session explores music that tells a story, be it epic, mundane, fantastic, or ordinary. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: *Yellowface* by R.F. Kuang

Pick Up Book Beginning March 12 at the Circulation Desk

Tuesday, May 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Wednesday, May 20, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

After the death of her literary rival in a freak accident, author June Hayward steals her just-finished masterpiece, sending it to her agent as her own work, but as emerging evidence threatens her success, she discovers how far she'll go to keep what she thinks she deserves. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: *Still Life* by Sarah Winman

Pick Up Book Beginning March 12 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Saturday, June 13, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Still Life follows Ulysses Temper, a young British soldier who, after meeting art historian Evelyn Skinner in war-torn Italy in 1944, finds his life intertwined with a cast of vivid characters as they move between postwar London and Florence, exploring art, grief, sexuality, and the redemptive power of friendship and chosen family over four decades. Limit of 15.

FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

Journey of Hope: *The Irish in New York* | In-Person & Virtual

Friday, March 27, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Dr. Tara Rider of Stony Brook University takes us on a multimedia look at the history and culture of the Irish of New York from their immigrant beginnings to the present day. Their journeys are reflected in the shared experiences of all immigrants coming to America. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: *No registration required.*

Long Island's Firsts: *Making History in Our Own Backyard*

In-Person & Virtual 

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

Long Island has been home to a wide variety of groundbreaking events and accomplishments throughout its history. In fact, the list of "firsts" to have taken place in our own backyard is as extensive as it is fascinating. Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they take a unique look at Long Island's rich history by examining those times when things happened here for the very first time. These stories will intrigue and inspire, creating a feeling of immense pride for the place we call home. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Irish Famine Immigrants to New York City

Thursday, May 7, 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Irish-born Tom O'Reilly guides us through the journey of NYC Irish immigrants in the 1800s. Despite discrimination, including "No Irish Need Apply" signs, they persevered through hard work, contributing to building roads, bridges, universities, and hospitals. Over time they gained civil service positions and political influence reaching to the US presidency. *No registration required.*

Revolutionary War Spies on Long Island

Tuesday, May 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Lecturer Arthur Billadello presents the stories of the brave men and women from Setauket and surrounding areas who risked their lives spying for George Washington during the American Revolution. Billadello is a former owner of the historic Roe Tavern, once a gathering spot for the Culper Spy Ring and brings particular insight to this fascinating tale. *No registration required.*

Islip Town During the American Revolution | In-Person & Virtual

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

Town Historian George Munkenbeck presents this program on Islip during the American Revolution, exploring events leading to the Articles of Association, the formation of the Suffolk County Militia, the celebration of the Declaration of Independence, the shock of the Battle of Long Island, the subsequent British occupation, and other pivotal moments. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

FITNESS

Senior Stretch and Flex

Fridays, March 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, & June 12, 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.

Country Line Dancing

Fridays, March 20, April 3, 17, May 1, 22, & June 5, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

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

Senior Fitness

**Mondays, March 23, April 6, 27, May 4, 11, June 1, & 8
1:00 - 2:00 pm**

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

Tai Chi

**Tuesdays, March 24, April 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9, & 16
10:00 - 11:00 am**

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

Yin Yang Yoga

Tuesdays, March 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28, May 12, 19, 26, & June 9, 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, March 25, April 1, 8, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20,
June 3, 10, & 17, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

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

Saturday Morning Hatha Yoga

Saturdays, March 28, April 25, & May 23, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Join yoga instructor Liz Stylianos for a relaxing morning yoga practice. Great for beginners and experienced yogis who want a gentler activity to start the weekend. Please bring a yoga mat and a blanket to fold and sit on. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

Learn to Dance: Bachata & Hustle

Fridays, April 10, 17, 24, & May 1, 7:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn to dance the Bachata and Hustle with professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicale. No partner required. Limit of 40.

Fitness Dance

Thursdays, April 30, May 14, 21, 28, June 4, & 11, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Topgolf

Thursday, May 21, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Enjoy a morning of fun at Topgolf with the library! This program includes interactive Topgolf game play, all equipment, and a full breakfast. No golf experience needed. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$22.00**

GAMES & TRIVIA

Left, Center, Right Dice Game

Tuesday, March 17 & Friday, May 8, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Roll the three LCR dice, and what happens next is determined by what the dice reveal. Prizes will be awarded. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 32.

Adult Minute to Win It Games

Friday, March 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm &

Saturday, May 9, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join Jackie & Chuck for fast-paced Minute to Win It games, full of laughs, friendly competition, and quick challenges! Test your skills, cheer each other on, and see who can beat the clock in this high-energy event for adults. Be part of your own team (up to 4 people) or let us assign you to a team. Members of the winning team will receive a prize. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 24.

Musical Bingo

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

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

Beginner Canasta

Fridays, March 27, April 3, & 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Learn the card game Canasta with instructor Jacqui Palatnik. You will be paired with a partner to practice the strategies, sequences, and combinations that make this historic game so much fun. Limit of 20.

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

Saturdays, March 28, April 25, & May 30, 9:30 am - 1:00 pm

Join our thrilling Dungeons & Dragons campaign with our adventuring guild! Whether you're a veteran or new player, enjoy an immersive journey full of adventure and fun. Limit of 9.

Bunco Dice Game

Tuesdays, March 31 & April 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. Prizes will be awarded. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 24.

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Babysitting for Children Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, April 11, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Which team can beat the clock and finish a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle first? Be part of your own team (up to 4 people) or let us assign you to a team. Members of the winning team will receive a prize.

No registration required.

Word Games

Thursday, May 7, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join Rachelle Warren for an engaging, interactive hour filled with word games, puzzles, and trivia designed to stretch your mind. Sharpen your focus, boost memory, and test your creativity as you tackle brain-teasing challenges that keep your mind energized. Limit of 25.

Trivia Night

Tuesday, May 26, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Be part of your own team (a total of 5 people), play alone, or let us assign you to a team. The winning team will receive a prize.

Limit of 40.

Beginner Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, June 3, 10, & 17, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Learn to play Mah Jongg with instructor Jacqui Palatnik. This is the game that has fascinated people for so many years with its strategies, sequences, and combinations. This class will introduce you to the tiles and basic moves of this ancient game. Boards will be provided, or you may bring your own. Limit of 20.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Medicare Savings Program & Medicaid Application Assistance for 65+

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, & May 20, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified Healthcare Facilitated Enrollers will be able to assist in applying for the Medicare Savings Program, Medicaid, and more. Call the Healthcare Access line to schedule an appointment: 516-505-4426.

Trauma Informed Yoga Series

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1, & 8, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In this 4-part series, you'll explore how life experiences and trauma live within the body, mind, and spirit. You'll learn practices to release stored tension, regulate your nervous system, and reconnect with your inner wisdom for healing, self-awareness, and the reclamation of your personal power. Please bring a yoga mat. Instructor Lorraine Trentini leads this class. Limit of 16.

Health Insurance Information and Counseling (HIICAP)

Wednesdays, March 25, April 22, & May 27, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A HIICAP-trained volunteer will answer your questions about Medicare, Medicaid, EPIC, and help with any medication costs, Medicare Part D, Medicare Advantage plans, long-term care, and low-income subsidy programs. Appointments are one half-hour. Limit of 4.

Infant, Child, & Adult CPR Certification Course & AED Training Ages 15 and older

Tuesday, March 31, 5:30 - 8:30 pm

The prompt, proper administration of CPR can save lives. First Response Training International will provide this three-hour workshop for CPR certification, as well as AED training and other vital emergency care skills. Must have a minimum of 8 members for the class to take place. No children permitted. Limit of 25. **Fee: \$20.00**

Sound Bath

Tuesday, April 7 & Thursday, June 4, 9:30 - 10:30 am &

Wednesdays, April 29 & May 20, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Immerse yourself in a soothing sound healing experience with crystal singing bowls, chimes, and the deep resonance of the gong. Facilitated by certified sound healer Jamie Gale. Please bring a yoga mat and/or blankets and a pillow for comfort. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 16.

Breathe Together | Virtual

Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26,

June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 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.

Parkinson's Disease Essentials and Resources

Thursday, April 9, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

David L. Kreitzman, MD, MDS and Julie Garofalo, RN, coordinator for the American Parkinson Disease Association Information and Referral Center of Suffolk County, will provide an overview of Parkinson's Disease and the resources available in our community, including new drug therapies. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

Ask the Dietitian

Thursdays, April 9 & May 7, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

A nutritionist from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be on hand to answer nutrition-related questions. *No registration required.*

Morning Meditation

Tuesday, April 14 & Mondays, May 11 & June 8, 9:30 - 10:30 am

This guided meditation invites you to breathe, relax, and reset with simple breath cues and gentle visualization to release tension, quiet your mind, and leave you feeling rested and refreshed. Participants will sit in chairs (no yoga mat required), and eye masks will be provided. Certified instructor Jamie Gale leads this class. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

Catholic Health Services Mobile Health Screening

Tuesday, April 14, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Free health screenings and services for adults given by a Catholic Health Services registered nurse, including appropriate patient education and referrals needed, free of charge. No insurance is required. Individuals will not be asked about immigration status.

No registration required.

CancerCare Community Table

Thursday, April 16, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

An oncology social worker from Long Island CancerCare will be present to provide an overview of all local programming and answer questions related to the impact of cancer on individuals and families.

No registration required.

Reiki Circle

Wednesdays, April 22, May 6, & June 3, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Join Liz Stylianos, Reiki practitioner and yoga teacher, as she guides you in a meditation. Then, everyone will receive Reiki, a hands-off healing technique promoting deep relaxation also known to relieve stress and anxiety among other benefits. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 12.

Early Heart Attack Care

Thursday, April 23, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Stony Brook University Hospital Heart Center will educate the community on topics such as early heart attack care, hands-only CPR, medication, and nutrition education. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

Stony Brook Cancer Center Information Table

Thursday, April 23, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Trained health educators will answer questions about cancer prevention and screening. *No registration required.*

Healthy Food Swaps: Eat This, Not That

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

Join nutrition expert John Michel for an engaging and practical interactive presentation. He will help you discover how small, simple substitutions in your everyday meals can make a big difference in your health—without sacrificing flavor. You'll learn easy-to-apply tips for healthier eating by making smarter choices like swapping refined carbs for whole grains, choosing lean proteins, and reducing added sugars. *No registration required.*

Lymph System

Monday, April 27, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Learn how fluid stagnation impacts inflammation and immune stress. Simple, natural techniques will be shared to help restore flow so the body can cleanse, repair, and protect itself as designed. *No registration required.*

Unfunk Your Junk Trunk

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

Are you carrying the weight of life's bumps, bruises, and baggage? In this workshop, you'll take a look inside your personal "junk trunk" to uncover what you've been holding onto. Through guided exploration, you'll identify what's ready to be released and begin "unfunking." With a balance of lighthearted fun and genuine self-reflection, this experience creates space for healing, growth, and renewal. Life coach Lorraine Trentini will present. Limit of 20.

Balance & Dizziness Workshop

Tuesday, May 12, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Learn effective strategies for managing balance and dizziness. Gain insights into preventing falls and reclaim your confidence! A representative from Panetta Physical Therapy will present. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

Healing Qigong

Wednesdays, May 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, & 24, 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. This class is led by certified teacher Uschi Donelly. Limit of 20.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Learn Spanish

Tuesdays, March 17, 24, 31, April 7, & 14, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

These classes are designed to help you gain the vocabulary and confidence to start conversing in Spanish. Limit of 20.

Learn English: Beginner Classes for Adults

Tuesdays, March 17, 24, 31, April 14 & 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Connetquot ENL teacher Sam Canonica instructs these classes for adults whose native language is not English. Included in the classes will be exercises to help students expand their English language vocabulary and build conversational skills. *No registration required.*

American Sign Language: Advanced II

Wednesdays, April 1, 15, 22, & 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Here, we will learn advanced vocabulary, but will also learn some of the grammatical features of ASL. In addition, we will practice signing using various methods of storytelling. Prerequisite: Intermediate level knowledge of ASL. Limit of 25.

Beginner Italian

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Retired Connetquot teacher Joann Poserina leads this series of classes in basic Italian, where you will have simple conversations, ask questions, and study important vocabulary while learning about Italy and its unique regions. Limit of 16.

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Acoustic Jam Session

Mondays, March 16, April 20, & May 18, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn a new selection of songs at each session of this informal jam. Play with a group of musicians, or attend as a listener and enjoy the music as a private recital. Please provide your own acoustic instruments. Scores will be sent out in advance of each session. For players of all skill levels. Limit of 15.

Diane Keaton: La Dee Da, La Dee Da, La La

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

With an impressive career spanning over six decades, actress, singer, director, and author Diane Keaton charmed audiences on Broadway, television, and motion pictures, starring in musicals, dramas, and comedies. As a fashion icon, she greatly influenced women around the world with her unique sense of style. She won an Academy Award, two Golden Globe Awards, and the AFI Life Achievement Award in 2017. Memorably, she starred in eight of Woody Allen's best films.

No registration required.

Connetquot Community Writers' Group

**Wednesdays, March 18, April 1, 15, 29, May 13, 27, & June 10
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.

Oh Baby! Motherhood at Sea | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, March 19, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Discover the incredible stories of pregnancy, childbirth, and raising children while braving adventure and danger on the high seas! Using diaries, letters, ads, and newly digitized logbooks, the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum will reveal what mothering truly meant—full of courage, resilience, and ingenuity. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Defensive Driving

Monday & Tuesday, March 23 & 24, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday, March 25 & 26,

10:00 am - 1:00 pm or 2:00 - 5:00 pm; or

Thursday & Friday, May 7 & 8, 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 3 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, March 23, April 27, & June 1, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Bayard Cutting Arboretum Manor House Tour

Wednesday, March 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, where a knowledgeable docent will guide you through the Cutting Family's historic home. We will meet in front of the arboretum's manor house (not the visitor's center). Participants are responsible for any parking fees. Limit of 15.

How to Plan a Universal Studios Vacation

Wednesday, March 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Allison Fitzpatrick, Once Upon a Wish Travel, offers an action-packed presentation on planning a Universal Studios vacation across all three Florida parks. We'll dive into expert strategies for navigating each park, from mastering the most thrilling rides to discovering hidden gems and must-try treats. Harry Potter fans will especially love our insider tips for exploring both sides of The Wizarding World. Planning packets will be provided. Limit of 25.

Ancient Wisdom

Eclipses and World Events: Tuesday, March 31, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

History of Astrology: Tuesday, April 28, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

North Node Moves Into Aquarius: Tuesday, May 26, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Speaker Lelonni Campbell is a longtime student of metaphysics and integrates core philosophical concepts that have long guided humanity into her talks to offer frameworks for understanding modern existence and our place in time. *No registration required.*

Guided Nature Hike: Sans Souci County Park

Wednesday, April 1, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Rain Date: Thursday, April 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a hike in Sans Souci County Park, led by author, naturalist, and photographer Lee McAllister. We'll cover about 3 miles, visiting the headwaters of Browns River and the beautiful Sans Souci lakes, while learning the history of the area. Please bring water. Limit of 20.

Memoir Writing

Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30, 1:30 - 3:30 pm

The class focuses on building the confidence to take your recollections from thought to page. Jill Evans is the instructor. Limit of 12.

Older Adult Scam Prevention | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, April 2, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Older adults are often the target of scams and financial exploitation. This presentation, given by the New York State Division of Consumer Protection, is designed to empower older adults with information on the warning signs of a scam and ways to respond to identity theft. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Thrifting: How to Buy Treasures at Bargain Prices

In-Person & Virtual

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

Mike Ivankovich will cover how the thrifting process works, how to prepare before shopping, 50 hot thrifting categories, in-person vs. online thrifting, tips and strategies, some amazing thrift store buys, and much more. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Beginner Photography

Mondays, April 6, May 11, & June 8, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

From taking a great family photo to capturing the perfect sunset, instructor Jessica Karszen will go over basic techniques, lighting tricks, camera functions, and hidden settings that you can use to improve your photographs. Members can use DSLR cameras or smartphones. Limit of 15.

The Hunt for John Wilkes Booth | In-Person & Virtual

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

Many people know the story of how President Lincoln was shot by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre in Washington, but this program led by librarian and historian Jim Ward will delve into how Booth escaped and how the US government began a massive manhunt for him from the swamps of Maryland to the farms of Virginia. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Behind the Camera: The Art of Great Film Directing

In-Person & Virtual 

Wednesday, April 8, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

With video clips from a variety of classic movies, see how essential good direction is to the overall film experience. Great directors such as Stanley Kubrick, Orson Welles, Martin Scorsese, Alfred Hitchcock, and Steven Spielberg made use of key elements such as montage, tracking, effective editing techniques, and musical cues to make their films enjoyable, even after repeated viewings. With 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.*

Slave Laborer: A Holocaust Survivor Story

Wednesday, April 8, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Join local author and educator Francis S. O'Brien as he chronicles the experience of Stephen Berger. Stephen was 16 years old when the Nazis removed him and his family from the life they knew in Hungary. Follow Stephen's journey through the horrors of the Holocaust. *No registration required.*

Affiliate Marketing: Get Paid for Recommending Products

Monday, April 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this course, taught by Frank DeBlasi, you will learn how recommendation-based marketing works and who it's for. Limit of 16.

Pet Safety in the Home

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

This seminar will present attendees with methods to reduce potential pet hazards and manage pet poisoning incidents. An interactive display with over 50 different common household items will be presented to bring further awareness, prevention, and mitigation of these hazards. Tom Rinelli of Paws N Claws 911, Inc. is the instructor. *No registration required.*

Activism In Art

Wednesday, April 15, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

The artist speaks through creative expression, some through raising political and social awareness, advocating for change, and giving a voice to the voiceless. Join us as artist and professor Chris Vivas discusses important activist artists and artworks that address cultural structures. Artists to be discussed include Banksy, Goya, Picasso, Rage Against the Machine, and more. *No registration required.*

A History of Hollywood Censorship | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, April 16, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

This presentation, given by Fordham University professor emeritus Brian Rose, will look at 125 years of movie censorship and the many ways Hollywood has tried to deal with this continuing issue, from the 1934 Hays Code to the current ratings system. 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 Road to Revolution

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

James Coll, an adjunct professor of history and the Constitution and retired NYPD detective, has written numerous articles for *Politico*, *The Hill*, *City Journal*, and *Newsday*. At this lecture, we will analyze the series of actions from both sides of the Atlantic that led to the declaration that "these united Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States." *No registration required.*

Sagtikos Manor House Tour

Wednesday, April 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us at the Sagtikos Manor House for a 90- to 120-minute private tour. You'll be guided through many of the manor's 42 historic rooms. Please meet at the front entrance of the manor. Parking is available in the rear. Limit of 15.

The Architecture of Frank Lloyd Wright | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, April 23, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

No other architect in the US changed the way we think about the built environment in modern times more than Frank Lloyd Wright. Art historian Sylvia Laudien-Meo takes us on a virtual exploration of his many outstanding designs. We will examine the development of his style and use of materials and techniques. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Great Lessons Learned From Life

Wednesday, April 29, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

This conversation-based program invites you to explore what experience has taught you about resilience, relationships, and purpose. Rather than offering advice or self-help formulas, personal stories are sources of wisdom. Using prompts and dialogue, you'll reflect on the challenges you've faced, insights gained, and the values that you have endured. The emphasis is on meaning-making, self-understanding, and shared humanity. Share as much or as little as you like; listening is as valuable as speaking. *No registration required.*

New York Safe Boating Course

Friday, May 1 & Thursday, May 7, 5:00 - 9:00 pm

USCG-licensed Captain Rich Cloonan will teach the NYS Safe Boating Class, and a NY State Certification Card will be sent to you after completion of both sessions. Local law enforcement agencies accept the NY State Certification as proof of boating safety education. Payment is due on the first day of class. Please register for the class at https://www.register-ed.com/programs/new_york. Limit of 30. **Fee: \$50.00**

Manicures

Wednesday, May 6, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Adult student nail technicians will file, shape, and polish your fingernails. Appointments are 45 minutes, 8 appointments per time slot. Limit of 32.

Self-Defense for Women | Ages 16 and over

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

This is a workshop full of tips, practical techniques, and strategies that women can use to protect themselves in different situations. You will also learn how to increase awareness of your surroundings. Uschi Donnelly is the instructor. Limit of 20.

Estate Planning Basics

Thursday, May 7, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

AveMaria Thompson and Paul Senzer of the Senior Citizens Law Program at Touro Law will present this overview of the importance on estate planning, including wills, trusts, and powers of attorney. There will be time for questions and answers. *No registration required.*

Ancient Secrets of the Spinney Clock Collection

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

The Spinney Clock Collection is a Port Jefferson treasure. Jim Boyd will examine how ancient symbols found their way into European and American clock design from the 17th to the 20th century. This discussion is for both newcomers and clock enthusiasts to discover connections between ancient culture and everyday objects. *No registration required.*

Nature In Art

Monday, May 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

This lecture will focus on artists who utilize nature as their main material, along with nature as a key concept. Artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and Robert Smithson create impressive (and many times ephemeral) works of art that make us marvel at nature and our place in it. Artist and lecturer Chris Vivas presents. *No registration required.*

Double Indemnity and the Advent of Film Noir

In-Person & Virtual 

Wednesday, May 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Film historians view director Billy Wilder's 1944 classic *Double Indemnity* as groundbreaking on many fronts. In addition to challenging the Hollywood Production Code by converting James M. Cain's dark novella into cinema, Wilder established a template for many of the "film noir" works that followed, including such memorable works as *The Big Sleep*, *Night and the City*, and *D.O.A.* Richard Knox is the speaker. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Playing Cards, Cheats, and Conjuring

Tuesday, June 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join Peter Colletti, professional magician and lecturer, for an engaging discussion and slide presentation on the history of playing cards and the development of sleight of hand used by gamblers to cheat at poker. The program will include demonstrations of early card tricks, methods gamblers use to cheat, and modern card tricks. Participants will also be taught basic sleight of hand and how to apply it to card tricks, as well as incredible self-working card tricks. *No registration required.*

Feathers in the Water... Waterbirds of Long Island

Wednesday, June 3, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Swimmers? Waders? Herons, sandpipers, plovers, and more! The abundance of water around Long Island attracts a wide variety of birds that depend on aquatic habitats to thrive. Join Dianne Taggart, a longtime Long Island birder, as she shares photos of these beautiful birds and fun facts that make them so interesting. *No registration required.*

The Founding Mothers | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, June 4, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

This illustrated lecture given by historian Laura Keyes will show the important role women played in the founding of our country. Learn about soldiers, writers, printers, scholars, farmers, and spies—all women—and all vital to our nation's history. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Help! I Can't Find My Floor

Thursday, June 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Debra Viniar will take you on a trip that begins with your overstuffed and disorganized home and ends with your inspiration to declutter. While enlightening you as to the reasons for chronic disorganization, she will point you in the right direction with games, pictures, and fun. She will teach you how to leave the fear, shame, and judgment behind and change overwhelm to ahhh. *No registration required.*

The Architecture of Frank Gehry | In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, June 11, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Architect Frank Gehry's curvy, signature style can be seen in buildings around the world, including the famed Disney Concert Hall and Bilbao's Guggenheim Museum. Each project is mesmerizing, inviting the viewer to explore every angle. Join art historian Sylvia Laudien-Meo on a virtual tour of Gehry's work. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

How to Create Effective Content for Social Media, Websites, and Blogs

Thursday, June 11, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Content alchemist Adrian Miller presents this workshop designed for participants at all levels. Attendees walk away with actionable frameworks for generating ideas, writing with clarity, and creating content that builds credibility and connection. *No registration required.*

MOVIES

Afternoon Movies

Thursdays, March 19, April 23, & May 7, 2:00 - 4:00 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, April 4, May 2, or June 6, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

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.

Franchising: In Business for Yourself but Not by Yourself

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

Are you thinking about starting a new business, but feeling overwhelmed by the risks and unknowns? Join us for an informative session exploring franchising as an alternative path to entrepreneurship. Limit of 30.

Think Like a Designer: Website Critique

Friday, May 29, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Interested in website design? In this hands-on class, you will learn how User Experience Designers review digital products to ensure usability using Nielsen Norman's 10 Usability Heuristics. Limit of 12.

TECHNOLOGY

Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Monday, March 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Thursday, March 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am

New to Cricut? Learn all about Cricut Design Space and how to use its many features to create your own unique designs and projects. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 8.

One-on-One Tech Help Appointments

March 17 - June 11: 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, 3D printer, laser engraver, sublimation printer, or other makerspace service? We can assist with that too. Come with your device and your questions! Limit of 3.

Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences

For all ages, under 13 accompanied by an adult

March 18 - June 13: 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 Meta Quest 3 system. All VR equipment will be sanitized in between sessions. Limit of 5.

Sublimation Luggage Tags

Fridays, March 20 or May 1, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Use our Canva account to create a fun design that will be printed and transferred onto a travel luggage tag. Please bring a photo on a USB or saved in your email. Limit of 10.

Introduction to Canva

Monday, March 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Tuesday, March 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn the basics of Canva, a graphic design website that you can use to create logos, posters, social media posts, invitations, and more. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 10.

Laser Engrave & Paint a Spring Basket Gift Tag

Tuesday, March 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Thursday, March 26, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Design a custom spring basket gift tag in Canva. Then, laser engrave and paint it so it's ready for you to take home. Limit of 8.

Laser-Engraved Bottle Openers

Fridays, March 27 or May 15, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Create a personalized bottle opener keychain using Canva, which will be laser-engraved for you to take home. Limit of 10.

Introduction to Kindle

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

New to Kindle or e-reading? Join us for a beginner-friendly introduction to Kindle. Learn the basics of navigating your device, borrowing eBooks, adjusting settings, and getting the most out of digital reading. Limit of 12.

Photo Mugs

Monday, March 30, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

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

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

Using Money-Saving Apps on Your Smartphone

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this class, taught by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc., you will learn all about money-saving apps you can use to get the best deals. Whether you are looking for coupons ahead of time or need a last-minute coupon while waiting in line, this class will teach you which apps are best. You will learn how to search for apps and how to download them to your smartphone. Limit of 16.

Etsy 101: How to Shop

Thursday, April 2, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

Cricut: Tie-Dye Tote Bags

Babysitting for Children Grades K - 5 is available

Monday, April 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

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

Take your Cricut skills to the next level with instructor Amy Simonson and create a custom tie-dye design on a tote bag using Infusible Ink and our heat press. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 8.

How to Become an Etsy Seller

Thursday, April 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn how to create an Etsy seller account, post and promote listings, run sales and promotions, offer free shipping, and more in this expanded Etsy class. Limit of 10.

The Secret Language of Color: An Introduction to Color Theory

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

Are you looking to level up how to use colors in design? Learn about how to create harmonious color palettes and how colors are used in marketing to influence human emotions, moods, and behaviors. Limit of 12.

Sublimation Cutting Boards

Monday, April 13, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or

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

Use our Canva account and get creative by making your own personalized cutting board using sublimation. Perfect for gifts or home décor! Please bring a photo on a USB or saved in your email. Limit of 10.

Personalized Mother's Day Tumblers

Thursday, April 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am or

Tuesday, April 21, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Design a personalized tumbler for Mom, and we'll subliminate it for you to take home. Limit of 8.

Cricut: Succulent Garden

Fridays, April 17 or **June 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Create a miniature succulent garden with rolled 3D paper flowers using the Cricut and a quilling tool. Limit of 8.

Sublimation Hand Towels

Saturdays, April 18 or **May 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

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

Building a Successful YouTube Channel

Monday, April 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this course, instructor Frank DeBlasi will teach you 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.

Make Your Own Button

Monday, April 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Thursday, April 30, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Design a custom button using Canva and our button maker. Limit of 10.

Editing and Organizing Digital Photos on Your Computer

Tuesday, April 28, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

In this hands-on class, taught by Sharper Training Solutions, Inc., you will learn how to create folders and organize your digital pictures on your Windows computer, as well as learn how to edit pictures, including cropping, resizing, filters, and red-eye removal. Prerequisite: Basic computer skills necessary. Limit of 12.

Sublimation Corner Bookmarks

Monday, May 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Tuesday, May 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Create a personalized corner bookmark using Canva and our sublimation printer. Limit of 10.

Custom-Painted and Laser-Engraved Clocks

Tuesday, May 5 or **May 19, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Make a custom wall clock using our laser engraver! Design your project with Canva, and then paint your engraved clock to add bold, colorful details. Limit of 8.

Introduction to 3D Printing

Thursday, May 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Interested in 3D printing and understanding how it works? In this class, you'll learn the fundamentals. We'll also explore 3D print marketplaces and materials. Limit of 12.

Wix, Squarespace, and Beyond: Choosing the Right Website Builder

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

Are you interested in building a website and do not know where to start? In this class, you will learn different types of websites from blogs to e-commerce, finding the right website builder, and hosting a website domain. Limit of 12.

Using AI in Canva

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

Learn how to make your designs even better by using Canva's 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.

All About StoryGraph

Monday, May 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Learn how to use StoryGraph, a reading-tracking platform designed with readers in mind. This program will cover tracking your reading, exploring detailed statistics, setting reading goals, and discovering personalized recommendations. Limit of 12.

Laser-Engraved Wooden Spoons

Monday, May 18, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Thursday, May 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Design your own custom wooden spoon using Canva and our laser engraver! Limit of 10.

3D Design with Tinkercad

Thursday, May 21, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

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

From Model to Print: Understanding 3D Slicing

Thursday, May 28, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

The final class in our 3D printing series covers slicing—the last step before sending your design to the printer. In this session, you'll learn how to slice your own STL file. Limit of 8.

3D-Printed Photos

Monday, June 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Friday, June 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am

You'll learn how to use the program HueForge to transform images into multicolor 3D prints. Please bring a high-quality photo on a USB drive. Basic computer skills required. Limit of 10.

Make a Poster with Canva

Monday, June 8, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Tuesday, June 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Using Canva, design your own unique 18" x 24" poster. We will then print your design on our large-format poster printer. Limit of 10.

Make Your Own Sublimation Stickers

Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Thursday, June 11, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Design, press, and take home your own sublimation stickers in this creative, hands-on class. Limit of 8.

TEENS

GRADES 6 - 12 · CONDUCTED BY THE LEARNING COMMONS DEPARTMENT

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, March 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 until Monday, March 16.**

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesdays, March 25, April 29, & May 20, 5:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturdays, April 11, May 9, & June 6, 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join Justin M. Gaffney of the Quest Master's Guild for three hours of action-packed Dungeons & Dragons. Limit of 10.

Sublimation Journals for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, March 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Use our Canva account to create a one-of-a-kind design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation journal. Limit of 10.

Zentangle Bunny | Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, March 28, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Kristen Duer will teach you how to design a zen-tastic bunny with whimsical patterns and shapes. Limit of 20.

Clay Capybara | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, April 1, 5:30 - 6:45 pm

Get creative with Amy Vail as you sculpt an adorable capybara out of clay. Limit of 15.

Snacks & a Movie: *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023) | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, April 2, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Watch *The Super Mario Bros. Movie* (2023) with friends and snacks—a perfect refresher before watching the sequel in theaters. Limit of 20.

Sew Your Own Pencil Case | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, April 3, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Need a cool place to stash your school supplies? Learn how to sew your own custom pencil case in our makerspace! Use our sewing machines to create something practical, creative, and totally your style. Limit of 8.

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

Fridays, April 3 & May 1, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Join Chris from Quest Master's Guild for Commander, a popular format of Magic: The Gathering trading card game. Limit of 12.

Teen Eats at the Library: *Chicken Taco Tuesday* | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, April 7, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

It's Taco Tuesday! Create slaw with assorted toppings with Rob Scott, and stay for a chicken taco lunch—no need to eat before class! Limit of 24.

Sublimation Tumblers | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Create a one-of-a-kind design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation tumbler. Limit of 8.

Oreo Taste Test | Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, April 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Think you know Oreos? Put your taste buds to the test as we sample and rank different flavors. Snack, vote, and see which reigns supreme! Limit of 15.

Past Closing Hangout | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, April 10, 8:30 - 10:00 pm

Hang out after the library closes and enjoy playing games on our computers and Nintendo Switch 2s, try other fun activities, and grab snacks in the lounge. Limit of 25.

String Art: Flowers | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, April 15, 5:30 - 6:30 pm**

Using string and nails, learn how to make your own colorful flower design with Teresa Grant. Limit of 15.

Writing an Amazing Character | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, April 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Bring your characters to life with Erin Coughlin in a hands-on writing workshop, full of fun prompts, games, and group writing exercises. Limit of 15.

Botanical Coasters | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, April 22, 5:00 - 6:30 pm**

Create your own floral coasters from dried flowers with step-by-step guidance from Samantha He. Limit of 20.

Introduction to Canva for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, April 24, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Learn the basics of Canva, a free graphic design website that you can use to create flyers, posters, slideshows, videos, and more. In this class, you will also create a design that will be sublimated onto a bookmark for you to take home. Limit of 10.

Seashell Heart Frame | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, April 25, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Anna will help you create a seashell heart mirror with sand, water, and seashells—perfect to give someone special or keep for yourself. Limit of 18.

Mother's Day Flower Trinket Dish | Grades 6 - 12**Thursdays, April 30 & May 7, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Make a one-of-a-kind gift for Mother's Day! Teens will sculpt a flower-shaped trinket dish from air-dry clay in the first session, then return the following week to paint and personalize it! Limit of 10.

Churro Chocolate Chip Bread | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, May 2, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Join Rob Scott for a hands-on baking class where you'll make churro chocolate chip bread and bring it home to bake in the oven. Limit of 24.

Battle of the Books Information & Titles | Entering Grades 6-9 in September**Friday, May 8, 4:30 - 5:00 pm**

Love books, friendly competition, and trivia? Join Battle of the Books, an inter-library competition in August where teens compete by answering questions about six preselected books. Discover this year's titles, and learn how weekly meetings (with snacks) work. Limit of 15.

Teen Book Discussion: *Adventure Is Out There* by Liz Braswell | Grades 6 - 12**Pick Up Books Beginning April 13 from the Learning Commons Desk****Friday, May 15, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

In this reimagining of *Up*, sixteen-year-old Ellie dreams of adventure far beyond her small town, especially a journey to Paradise Falls. When a risky rescue mission tied to her zoo internship offers the chance she's been waiting for, Ellie must decide whether to play it safe or follow her heart. Limit of 5.

Teen Writers Circle | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, May 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join Erin Coughlin to learn new tips, build your writing skills and confidence, and have fun with a variety of interactive writing challenges. Perfect for writers just starting out or those already filling notebooks. Limit of 15.

Tinkercad for Teens | Grades 6 - 12**Thursday, May 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Learn the basics of Tinkercad, a free online 3D design tool, and bring your ideas to life! You will explore 3D design concepts and create your own fun digital models. Limit of 10.

K-pop Club | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, May 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Calling all K-pop fans! Enjoy a snack, listen to the latest K-pop hits, and get creative with a craft. Limit of 10.

Cricut: Keychains | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, June 3, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Get crafty with Cricut! Create your own custom keychain using our Cricut machine. Limit of 8.

Regents Review: Algebra II | Grades 9 - 12

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

Get in some last-minute studying and learn new test-taking strategies for the NYS Regents Exam, brought to you by Connetquot School District teachers. Limit of 24.

Pizza and a Movie: *Wicked: For Good* | Grades 6 - 12

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

Grab some pizza, bring your friends, and watch *Wicked: For Good*, the continuation of the *Wicked* story—singing allowed! Limit of 24.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Care Packages for Veterinarians | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, March 24, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Work together to create care packages for veterinarians and veterinary assistants as a thank-you for their dedication to animal care. All materials provided by Theresa. Limit of 24.

Teen Volunteer Club | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, March 31, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, Thursday, April 16, 4:00 - 5:00 pm, or Wednesday, May 6, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Join us to brainstorm ideas for future teen programs and help with different projects for the Teen Department. Limit of 24.

Caturday | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, April 10, 12:00 - 1:00 pm

With materials from Theresa, craft at least three toys, like pom-poms, to keep shelter cats happy while they wait for a fur-ever home. Limit of 24.

Authors Unlimited

Saturday, May 2, 9:30 am - 2:30 pm

Teens earn three hours of community service credit by attending Authors Unlimited at St. Joseph's University and filling out a survey at the end of the day. Attendees will get to meet dynamic authors Rowena Miller, Dave Roman, and Kara Thomas and hear about their creative processes. Teens can also purchase books and get them signed! Register for this free event at au2026.eventbrite.com.

Garden Totes for Children | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, May 5, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Join Theresa to get creative and decorate tote bags with garden- and spring-themed stencils to brighten a child's day. Totes will be donated to Pronto Long Island. Limit of 24.

Handmade Tea Sachets | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, May 13, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Make and decorate three tea sachets with Lisa Colon, then package them in a gift box with tissue and a bow to donate to the local senior center to spread a little comfort and kindness. Limit of 20.

Create & Donate: Bookmarks | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, May 27, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Color and create your own bookmarks while giving back! Bring five new or gently used books to donate to the Book Fairies organization. Limit of 24.

Wood Slice Beach Art to Donate | Grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, June 2, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Using acrylic paint provided by Theresa, create unique pieces of beach-themed art on wood slices that will be donated to seniors. Limit of 24.

Teen Maker Zone: Volcanoes | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, June 10, 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Design and build non-working volcanoes to add a fun touch to the Teen Department this summer! Limit of 20.

3D Skeleton Dinosaur Build | Grades 9 - 12

Thursday, June 11, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Working together, help us assemble 3D-printed skeleton dinosaurs to decorate the Teen Department for the summer! Limit of 16.

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, March 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 until Monday, March 16.**

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

Zumbini | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, March 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 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.

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

Tuesday, March 17, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Enjoy music, movement, storytelling, and fine and gross motor activities topped off with a silly shamrock craft with A Time for Kids. Limit of 20.

Circle of Fun | Ages 14 - 20 months

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1, & 15, 10:00 - 10:30 am

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

Toddler Circle | Ages 21 - 29 months

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1, & 15, 11:00 - 11:45 AM

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

Bilingual Arts & Songs | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Ages birth - 23 months: Saturday, March 21, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Saturday, March 21, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Bebés of the Island will be here for a bilingual storytime, sing-along, and hands-on activities to enhance learning. Limit of 15.

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

Monday, March 23, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

If you would like to join our reading challenge or already participate, join us for stories, songs, and activities that promote early literacy. Limit of 15.

Ready, Set, School! | Ages 4 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 24, 26, 31, April 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, May 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 26, & 28, 9:45 - 11:45 am

Future Pre-K and Kindergarten students! We offer this fun, drop-off series where your child will participate in literacy skills, hands-on centers, and develop school-ready skills. We'll get little learners excited and confident to start school in September 2026. The registered child must be potty-trained and at least 4 years of age to attend. Parents may leave the building during these classes, unless noted otherwise. Registered child only. Limit of 16.

Paint a Spring Bird | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Artist Samantha He will guide your child through painting a colorful spring bird on canvas, sure to brighten up any space in your home. Limit of 15.

Science Tots: Bunny's Carrot Quest | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Hop into coding fun! Use arrow stickers to help a bunny follow a springtime path and hop all the way to a crunchy carrot. Limit of 20.

Sign & Learn: Opposites

Ages birth - 23 months: Thursday, March 26, 2:00 - 2:30 pm

Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Thursday, March 26, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Sign language instructor Lisa Curley will lead a fun and interactive class, where little hands will learn to sign basic opposites! Limit of 20.

Munch & Crunch Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, March 26, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

We'll gather with some snacks to share stories that celebrate how food brings families, friends, and communities together. Please be advised that food in this class comes from factories that may have come in contact with common allergens. Limit of 15.

Tiny Songbirds | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

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

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

"Can You See Me?" Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, March 31, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Some animals are experts at hiding in plain sight! Join us for stories and learning fun as we search for camouflaged creatures. Limit of 20.

One Book, Big Fun: *Planting a Rainbow* | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, April 4, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Celebrate the colors of spring with the book *Planting a Rainbow* by Lois Ehlert and make a flower garden craft. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Preschool Play Lab: Color Quest! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K-5 is available

Tuesday, April 7, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us for a luminous STEAM adventure, learning all about light and exploring the magic of color through hands-on centers. Limit of 16.

April Showers Bring May Flowers | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, April 7, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join local author Susanne Agnello for a special storytime about spring growth, blooming flowers, and the wonders of rain, followed by a craft. Limit of 15.

One Book, Big Fun: *Every Monday Mabel* | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, April 13, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Join us to listen to *Every Monday Mabel* by Jashar Awan and discover why little Mabel is so excited about Mondays! Limit of 15.

One Book, Big Fun: *The Smart Cookie* | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, April 14, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join us for sweet and smart activities, a craft, and a cookie to eat, inspired by the book, *The Smart Cookie* by Jory John. Please be advised that food in this class comes from factories that may have come in contact with common allergens. Limit of 15.

Science Tots: What Do You See? | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Enjoy the Eric Carle story, *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?*, then tell us what you see with your homemade binoculars as we practice our investigative skills and colors. Limit of 20.

Baby Time | Ages 3 - 13 months

Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, & May 7, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Nurture your baby's development and pre-literacy skills through stories, songs, fingerplays, and educational toys in a playful, supportive environment. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 20.

Terrific Toddlers | Ages 30 - 35 months

Fridays, April 17, 24, May 1, & 8, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Support your toddler's growth with this series that features music, movement, and stories designed to spark learning through play while promoting early literacy, motor skills, and social interaction. Limit of 20.

Signing Tots | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Ages birth - 23 months: Saturday, April 18, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Saturday, April 18, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Sign language instructor Jessica Berrins will teach and model American Sign Language through music and play. Limit of 20.

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

Monday, April 20 & Tuesday, June 2, 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.*

Pages & Paints: *Love You to the Moon* | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, April 23, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us for a story and art experience where we will share the classics, *Guess How Much I Love You* and *Papa, Please Get the Moon for Me*. Then, we'll create a simple painting together to celebrate both little artists and the special grown-ups who love them to the moon and back! Limit of 15.

Le Petite Picassos | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, April 25, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Miss Maria from Le Petite Picassos will be here as we explore art through literacy with activities and a project based on the book *Mister Seahorse* by Eric Carle. Limit of 20.

Rhythm & Dance | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, April 28, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Instructor Annmarie Rigoroso will have your child moving and dancing to lively music encouraging rhythm, fitness, and fun! No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

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

Wednesday, April 29, 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.

Playtime Pals & Parents | Ages 12 - 35 months

Monday, May 4, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us for a parenting group in a relaxed, informal environment where your children will enjoy social time playing together. There will be a resource professional to provide information and answer any questions you may have. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 15.

It's Cinco de Mayo! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Let's celebrate Cinco de Mayo today with some stories, songs, and a cute craft. Limit of 20.

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

Tuesday, May 5, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Sing, dance, and have musical fun with your little one during this lively evening with PlayHooray and Molly Mouse! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

Science Tots: Build & Buzz | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Learn about wheels and simple machines, then put your new skills to work by building a buzzing creation that helps your bee go "Buzzz!" Limit of 20.

Hooray for Mother's Day! | Ages 18 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, May 9, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Celebrate Mother's Day with music and movement, a storytime, and a special craft presented by A Time for Kids. Limit of 20.

Sensory Play Dough Making: Flowers | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, May 11, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join Little Dough Co. for an interactive class where you and your child will learn how to make handmade play dough while enjoying sensory activities. Limit of 15.

Blooming Babies | Ages birth - 17 months

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

Share a special morning with your baby during this gentle introduction to circle time, social interaction, and early language and literacy development with A Time for Kids. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

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

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

Calling all tiny travelers! Join us for a "journey" to Japan where little ones will create cherry blossom art and explore Japanese culture through hands-on activities, all while also practicing key preschool skills. Limit of 15.

Tots on the Move | Ages 14 - 20 months

Fridays, May 15, 29, & June 5, 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, fingerplays, and simple, connected structured activities. Limit of 15.

Cuddly Koalas | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Friday, May 15, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

We will sing, read books, and do activities about koala bears and make a themed craft. 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

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

Join Long Island Music Therapy for an energetic, hands-on music experience where preschoolers sing, move, and play while building early learning skills. Limit of 20.

Stuff-a-Plush: Tabby Cat | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, May 18, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us to make your own Rusty Tabby Cat to take home and cuddle! Limit of 15.

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

Tuesday, May 19, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

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

My First Paint-by-Sticker | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, May 19, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

“Paint” using stickers-by-number to create a colorful picture without the mess of paint. Limit of 15.

Stay and Play | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, May 20, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us for some informal play as we use both gross and fine motor toys for your little ones to learn and play with. Limit of 20.

Preschool Play Lab: Creepy-Crawly Fun! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K-5 is available

Thursday, May 21, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Butterflies and insects and spiders, oh my! Join us for a buggy STEAM adventure, learning about different types of creepy crawlers through hands-on centers. Limit of 16.

Petal Play | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, May 21, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Explore shapes, numbers, letters, and more through a story and garden-themed learning activities. Limit of 15.

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

Tuesday, May 26, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Art Teacher Amy will teach the children step by step how to paint their own duck in a pond, as these young artists create a masterpiece they can be proud of! Limit of 15.

Sensational Playtime | Ages 18 - 35 months

Monday, June 1, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Led by two pediatric occupational therapists, this class focuses on promoting developmental fine and gross motor skills through play and structured movement. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Shake ‘n’ Make Music | Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, June 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

An interactive and fun-filled music and movement experience incorporating instruments, props, bubbles, and more! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

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

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

Little builders will use a variety of materials to create a bird’s nest and test it with soft pom-pom “eggs.” Limit of 20.

Outdoor Baby Sensory Play | Ages 3 - 13 months

Thursday, June 4, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am

Enjoy some sensory playtime with your baby in our outdoor space. In the event of inclement weather, class will be held indoors. No siblings permitted. Limit of 10.

Baby Time at Night | Ages 3 - 13 months

Monday, June 8, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Nurture your baby’s development and pre-literacy skills through stories, songs, fingerplays, and educational toys in a playful, supportive environment. This class is geared toward parents unable to attend our daytime series. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 20.

Storytime Yoga

Ages 18 - 35 months: Tuesday, June 9, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten): Tuesday, June 9, 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Join Mary Hasel for a journey into children’s literature. Together, you will bend, stretch, sing, laugh, and read. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Getting Ready for Father’s Day! | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten) | Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, June 13, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm

Father’s Day is coming! Let’s make it extra special as we enjoy stories, songs, and make a special gift to show our love for Dad, Grandpa, or someone dear to us. Limit of 20.

PARENTING

Parenting Class: Coping with Toilet Learning | 18 & Over

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Is your child physically and emotionally ready for toilet learning? Are you? This class will discuss signs of readiness and offer guidelines to successful toilet learning. Limit of 25.

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

Design with Delicious Colors | Grades 2 - 5

Monday, March 16, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Design a colorful paper mosaic picture of healthy, fun foods to celebrate National Nutrition Month. Limit of 20.

Maker Kids: Sublimation Drawstring Bags | Grades 3 - 5

Wednesday, March 18, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or Monday, April 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Join us in the Learning Commons where we will use Canva to design a fun, full-color image to put on a drawstring bag. Limit of 10.

Carrot Keepsake Pouch | Grades 3 - 5

Thursday, March 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

We'll learn basic sewing skills as we create our very own adorable carrot keepsake pouch with simple, pre-cut fabric shapes! Limit of 20.

Junior Professors: Amazing Mazes | Grades K - 2

Friday, March 27, 3:30 - 4:15 pm

Twists, turns, and tunnels! Design a straw maze and see if your marble can make it to the end. Limit of 20.

Read to Hamilton | Grades K - 5

Saturday, March 28, 10:00 - 11:00 am, Monday, April 27, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, or Saturday, May 30, 10:00 - 11:00 am

K9 Hamilton is the Suffolk County Police Department's first therapy dog who is partnered with Officer George Politis. Come meet and read to Hamilton and Officer Politis in a calm, non-judgmental setting. Please sign up for each 10-minute session separately. Limit of 6.

Wooden Bunny Candy Crate | Grades 3 - 5

Saturday, March 28, 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Join Art with Samantha to decorate a wooden bunny candy crate to fill with treats, creating a fun and festive keepsake to take home! Limit of 20.

Homeschool Craft Club | Grades K - 5

Mondays, March 30 & April 27, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Join us for a creative and educational time making a seasonal craft. This series is geared toward homeschooled children, but all are welcome. Limit of 20.

Bunny Blocks | Grades K - 2

Wednesday, April 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Create the cutest little cube bunnies! Paint, decorate, and bring your wooden bunny friend to life with Art with Samantha, in this sweet craft, perfect for little creators! Limit of 20.

Pokémon Club

Grades K - 2: Fridays, April 3, May 8, & June 5, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Grades 3 - 5: Fridays, April 3, May 8, & June 5, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Pokémon fans unite! Bring your cards, creativity, and your best Pikachu impression. No Pokédex required. Limit of 16.

Peeps Snow Globes | Grades K - 5

Saturday, April 4, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:15 am - 12:15 pm

Hop into spring with this sweet and creative cooking class from Vanesa Holzhauser. Make your own adorable, edible spring craft using colorful Peeps marshmallows and other fun treats! Please be advised that food in this class comes from factories that may have come in contact with common allergens. Limit of 20.

Whale Tail Treasure | Grades 1 - 5

Monday, April 6, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Splash into spring and celebrate Earth Day like a true ocean explorer with The Whaling Museum! Shape surprisingly colorful beads from recycled material, then turn them into an awesome necklace or keychain, complete with a shiny whale tail charm. Each creation is a beautiful tribute to migrating whales that live off our coasts. Limit of 25.

Young Adventurers | Grades 4 - 5**Mondays, April 6, May 4, & June 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Step into a world of imagination, teamwork, and epic quests! In this beginner-friendly class, young adventurers will learn the basics of Dungeons & Dragons, 5th Edition as they create unique characters, explore fantastical realms, and work together to overcome challenges. Perfect for kids who love stories, strategy, and creativity! Limit of 8.

Cubetto Quest: A “Stellar” Adventure | Grades K - 2**Wednesday, April 8, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Guide Cubetto through the stars as we also learn some fun facts about space! Limit of 20.

Easy Art: Spring Strings | Grades 2 - 5**Thursday, April 9, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Using string and a few simple steps, design some unique flowers to bring the joy of spring inside your room! Limit of 20.

Watercolor Note Cards | Grades K - 5**Friday, April 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Create colorful watercolor note cards while learning simple painting techniques! This fun, hands-on class by Theresa’s Programs, lets children explore creativity and make cards to keep or share. Limit of 20.

LEGO Story Builders | Grades 1 - 5**Friday, April 10, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Come and build a scene from your favorite book and display it proudly at your library! Limit of 20.

Junior Professors: Wind on Wheels | Grades K - 2**Monday, April 13, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Build a car powered by wind! Kids will create a sail car and test how air makes it roll while exploring wind, motion, and simple engineering. Limit of 20.

Global Art: Japanese Sumi-e Paintings | Grades 3 - 5**Thursday, April 16, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Let’s explore sumi-e, the meditative Japanese art of ink wash painting. We’ll use black watercolor paint to master traditional brushwork techniques while creating beautiful bamboo, delicate cherry blossoms, and serene landscapes. Limit of 20.

Bloom & Brush: Tulip Edition | Grades 2 - 5**Monday, April 20, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Join us to paint a bright, cheerful, one-of-a-kind tulip on canvas! Limit of 20.

It’s Earth Day! | Grades K - 2**Wednesday, April 22, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

We love our Earth, so let’s celebrate Earth Day with a beautiful craft. Limit of 20.

Draw & Paint Mario & Luigi with Art Teacher Amy | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, April 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Jump into the colorful world of the Mushroom Kingdom! In this fun, character-focused class, kids will learn step by step how to draw and paint Mario and Luigi while exploring creativity and building artistic skills. Perfect for young Nintendo fans and budding artists alike! Limit of 20.

Whiz Kidz: Foam Factory | Grades 3 - 5**Friday, April 24, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Step into the Foam Factory and make science explode! Mix colors and ingredients to create a big, bubbly reaction. Limit of 20.

Afternoon Games: Strategy Situations | Grades K - 5**Wednesday, April 29, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Put your tactical skills to the test in a room full of games that rely on planning and strategy to win! Limit of 20.

Zoo Animal Diamond Art | Grades 3 - 5**Wednesday, April 29, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Have fun making your own zoo animal sticker using diamond gems. Limit of 20.

Create Like the Greats: Monet’s Water Lilies | Grades 3 - 5**Thursday, April 30, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

We’ll take a look at some of Monet’s masterpieces. Then, we’ll recreate his famous *Bridge Over a Pond of Water Lilies* using some simple steps and even some lilies that pop off the paper! Limit of 20.

Paint the Dark Side: LEGO Darth Vader | Grades 2 - 5**Friday, May 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Celebrate May the Fourth with a creative journey to the Dark Side! Participants will draw and paint a LEGO-style Darth Vader. This guided class from Art with Samantha blends creativity, pop culture, and imagination—perfect for *Star Wars* fans and art lovers alike. Limit of 20.

Bake & Bond: Giant Cookies Pizza | Grades K - 5**Saturday, May 2, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Mix, decorate, and make sweet memories together! Children and their mom or mother figure will prepare a giant cookie pizza to take home and bake, then enjoy together. Chef Rob will coach you as you bond over creativity, teamwork, and quality time. Please bring a cookie tray with you. Class is limited to the registered child and one parent/caregiver only. No siblings allowed. Limit of 20.

Design Your Own Labubu | Grades 1 - 5**Thursday, May 7, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Calling all Labubu lovers! This is your chance to make your very own custom Labubu! Choose your colors and even create some 3D elements to add. Limit of 20.

Whiz Kidz: Ping Pong Power | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, May 11, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Drop your ping pong ball into a tube of baking soda, pour in some vinegar, and watch it soar! Experiment with how high your ball can go and discover the fizzy science behind the reaction. Limit of 20.

Guided Painting with Jackie & Chuck | Grades 2 - 5**Monday, May 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join Jackie & Chuck for a relaxed, guided painting class. Follow step-by-step instructions to create a beautiful painting. Bring creativity! Limit of 30.

Afternoon Games: Make, Play, & Take Tic-Tac-Toe | Grades K - 5**Tuesday, May 12, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Use some quick steps to make your own portable, spring-themed Tic-Tac-Toe game. Then, have some fun playing with your friends! Your project will be yours to keep when you leave. Limit of 20.

Teddy Bear Tea | Grades K - 2**Tuesday, May 19, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Join us for a storytime with your stuffy! We'll snuggle our fluffy friends and sip juice from fancy "teacups" as we listen to some stories. Then, you'll be able to make your very own teacup decoration to remember your special day with your friend. Limit of 20.

Squishmallow Painting | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, May 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join Traveling Art Programs to explore the adorable world of Squishmallows! Create your own Squishmallow-inspired painting, and don't forget to bring your favorite Squishmallow for inspiration. Limit of 20.

Junior Professors: Stars, Stripes & Science | Grades K - 2**Friday, May 22, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Mix, pour, and watch colors float! Explore red, white, and blue layers as you learn the magic of density in this hands-on science adventure. Limit of 20.

Star-Spangled Slime | Grades K - 5**Saturday, May 23, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Celebrate and honor Memorial Day with hands-on fun! Mix, squish, and stretch your "Star-Spangled" slime while remembering the heroes who served. Limit of 30.

Feelin' Froggy | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, May 27, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

A dapper little frog peeks out from a teacup bursting with blooms—equal parts cozy, quirky, and full of springtime charm, guided by the Silhouette Spot. Limit of 20.

Literary Art: Stuck | Grades K - 2**Thursday, May 28, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

We'll read the silly story *Stuck* by Oliver Jeffers together. Then, we'll take a look at some of his techniques and create our own projects inspired by his unique style! Limit of 20.

Paint and Imagine | Grades 1 - 3**Friday, May 29, 6:30 - 7:15 pm**

Come spend a night where you are the artist, using our paints, paper, and your own imagination. Please dress for a mess. Limit of 15.

Whiz Kidz: Anti-Gravity Builders | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, June 1, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

Can you build a structure that looks like it's floating? Explore balance, tension, and engineering as you create a cool STEM design that defies gravity! Limit of 20.

Resilience in Bloom | Grades 2 - 5**Thursday, June 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Lotus flowers grow in murky water, yet they still manage to create beautiful blooms. Create a lotus suncatcher to remind you of your strength, and while it sets, you'll do a simple exercise to remind you of all the things you've worked hard for and are proud to have achieved. Limit of 20.

Poppleton in Spring | Grades K - 2**Saturday, June 6, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Whether you already know the beloved *Poppleton* series or not, come join us for a read-aloud and make a craft inspired by the sweet and funny story collection, *Poppleton in Spring*. Limit of 20.

Book Discussion: *Ben Yokoyama and the Cookie of Doom* by Matthew Swanson | Grades 3 - 5**Pick Up Book Beginning March 13 at the Children & Family Services Desk****Saturday, June 6, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

When Ben Yokoyama gets a fortune cookie telling him to live each day as if it were his last, he worries that maybe this IS in fact his last day, and embarks on a series of humorous and heartwarming adventures. Join us for a discussion, trivia, and origami fortune cookie craft! Please read the entire book in order to fully participate. Limit of 15.

Maker Kids: Cricut: T-shirts | Grades 3 - 5**Monday, June 8, 4:30 - 5:30 pm**

Join us in the Learning Commons to create your own design and decorate a t-shirt using our Cricut Maker and Cricut Autopress—perfect for the summer season! Limit of 8.

Fabulous Frogs | Grades 3 - 5**Tuesday, June 9, 4:30 - 5:15 pm**

We will get ready for the summer by making a handsome craft of our frog friends. Limit of 20.

Spring Juice and Paint Night | Grades 2 - 5**Wednesday, June 10, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Paint a beautiful spring painting while sipping on a juice box. Limit of 20.

Easy Art: Stamp Creations | Grades K - 2**Thursday, June 11, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Create your own coloring pages, cards, and art! We'll use stamps to design our own fun pictures, then add some color to our outlines. Limit of 20.

FAMILY

Tinker Space | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Wednesdays, March 25, May 6, & June 3, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

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

Family Disney Trivia | Grades K - 5**Wednesday, April 8, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:15 - 8:15 pm**

Are you the ultimate Disney fan? Get ready for questions on all things Disney, including movies, pop culture, Disney Parks, and all the pixie dust in between! Limit of 10, 5 family members per team.

Family Movie: *K-Pop: Demon Hunters* (Rated PG) | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Thursday, April 9, 11:00 am - 12:45 pm**

When K-Pop superstars Rumi, Mira, and Zoey aren't selling out stadiums, they're using their secret powers to protect their fans from supernatural threats! Light refreshments will be served. *No registration required.*

Creative Ministries Presents *Knuffle Bunny* | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Saturday, April 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Creative Ministries Children's Theatre is here to present *Knuffle Bunny: A Cautionary Musical*, based on the beloved Caldecott Honor-winning picture book by Mo Willems. Trixie, her father, and favorite stuffed bunny set off on a trip to the laundromat. The trip brings wonder and excitement until the lively toddler realizes that she left her Knuffle Bunny there. How will she ever get Knuffle Bunny back? Limit of 150, 5 seats per CPL card.

Family Bingo | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**Tuesday, April 21, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm & Wednesday, May 13, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm**

Join us for a fun-filled Bingo night! Enjoy three exciting games with your family—prizes include gift cards for the winners! Limit of 20 families, 5 members per family.

Family Card Tricks | Grades K - 5**Saturday, April 25, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Join Jackie & Chuck for a fun class designed for families! Participants will learn beginner-friendly card tricks using a regular deck of cards—no experience needed. Each family will receive a deck of cards to take home, along with written instructions for the tricks taught in class. Simple, fun, and perfect for learning together! Limit of 20.

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THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY HAS APPOINTED **JASON LADICK** AS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 13, 2026. DR. LADICK HAS SERVED AS ASSISTANT DIRECTOR SINCE 2014 AND BRINGS A STRONG COMMITMENT TO THE LIBRARY'S MISSION AND FUTURE. AS THE LIBRARY MOVES FORWARD, HIS VISION IS TO ENSURE IT CONTINUES TO THRIVE IN A WORLD WHERE INFORMATION IS ABUNDANT, WHILE TRUST, CONNECTION, AND BELONGING ARE INCREASINGLY VITAL. HE LOOKS FORWARD TO BUILDING ON THE LIBRARY'S TRADITION OF IMAGINING NOT JUST WHAT A LIBRARY IS, BUT WHAT IT CAN BE.



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Beginning Monday, March 9, visit our website to complete a request form. Please wait for a confirmation email before picking up your seeds at the Circulation Desk. Limit one request per household per season for up to three seed packets, while supplies last.