



## SUMMER AT YOUR LIBRARY

This summer, the library is your destination for discovery, fun, and a chance to win. Readers of all ages can join our summer challenges by tracking reading or completing activities to earn entries for raffles and prizes. Whether you are diving into a new book or trying something different, there is something for everyone.

Take advantage of our museum passes for free or reduced admission, explore our Library of Things with lawn games and more, or purchase discounted tickets to local attractions. Stop by, sign up, and make this a summer full of stories, learning, and community.





# SUFFOLK SUMMER TOUR 2026

EXPLORE LIBRARIES  
ACROSS SUFFOLK COUNTY!

With your **FREE** Suffolk Summer Tour booklet, you'll visit public libraries all around Suffolk from **July 1 through August 31**.



### FIND

Find the Prehistoric Creature poster



### PLACE

Place the matching sticker in your booklet



### VISIT

Visit the front desk to have your booklet stamped

The more libraries you visit, the more chances to enter raffles and win prizes! Reach your 25th library to earn a Summer Library Tour commemorative patch (while supplies last).



CELEBRATE AMERICA'S ANNIVERSARY WITH US!

Join us this summer for special programs, classes, and events connected to **America250**.



## SPECIAL EVENT: VISIT "INDEPENDENCE HALL"

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20 @ 10 AM · LIBRARY PARKING LOT**

Visitors can: Sign a replica of the Declaration of Independence, take commemorative photos, & learn about America's founding.



## LOOK FOR THIS SYMBOL

Programs connected to **America250** throughout this newsletter will display the **America250** logo.

# UNEARTH A STORY

# 2026 SUMMER CHALLENGES

READING · ACTIVITIES · RAFFLES · REWARDS

## KICK-OFF EVENT

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20  
BETWEEN 10 AM & 12 PM**

### ADULT AGES 18+

Each book read earns a raffle entry for weekly gift card drawings. All participants are also entered into a \$150 Bayport Flower House Grand Prize drawing at summer's end.

Visit "Independence Hall" in the parking lot during the kickoff to sign the Declaration replica and take a photo! Complete a treasure map challenge to win flower seed packets.

Submit entries by 11:59 pm Sundays. Final drawings are Monday, August 17. Register at the kick-off event, online, or at the Adult Services Desk by Saturday, August 8.

Sign up in person and receive a free giveaway for all ages, while supplies last.

Incentives (while supplies last) include face painting, a caricaturist, dinosaur cookies, a craft table, soft pretzels, 3D-printed bookmarks, a green screen station, buttons, and additional activities. All challenges end Monday, August 17.

### CHILDRENS BABIES TO GRADE 5

Unearth a Story this season and discover that Summer Starts with Us. Read, explore, and earn rewards all summer long. For every 60 minutes of reading, you will earn a prize such as a free book, a brag tag, or a virtual raffle ticket.

Raffle tickets can be entered for a chance to win local gift cards or the grand prize: a Toniebox 2 bundle with Tonies characters, headphones, and a carrying case.

Earn bonus tickets and badges by completing Activity Challenges and Outdoor Adventures. See the Family Events section on page 26 for details.

### TEEN GRADES 6 TO 12

Earn virtual badges and raffle tickets by reading books and completing activities in our Unearth a Story activity book for a chance to win prizes. All registrants will receive a free book and a 3D-printed fossil dinosaur bookmark and will be entered into the grand prize drawing for a \$150 Amazon gift card. Prize details and drawing date are to be determined.



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## CLASSES & EVENTS

# ADULTS

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

**REGISTER** online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Thursday, June 11, 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, June 15.**

## ARTS & CRAFTS

### Flower Arranging

**Mondays, June 22, July 20, & August 17, 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

### Dino Cross-Stitch Bookmark

**Monday, June 22 or Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Learn how to cross-stitch while making fun Jurassic bookmarks with preprinted designs for easy stitching. Limit of 16.

### Painting with Laura Goetz

**Seascape Sunset: Wednesday, June 24, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

**Orchid: Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Create beautiful paintings of sunset on the Great South Bay with sailboats and a colorful, tropical orchid. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.


### Americana Wooden Flag Craft

**Thursday, June 25, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Artist Samantha He takes you through this rustic American flag craft that evokes 1776. Limit of 18. Fee: \$5.00



### Crochet Patriotic Eagle

**Thursdays, June 25, July 2, 16, & 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**   
Celebrate the 250th year of independence with this adorable crochet eagle. Aimee Saccio will show you how. Please bring five skeins of bulky yarn (weight 6), one each in red, white, blue, brown, and yellow. You will also need size G and E crochet hooks. Poly-fill stuffing will be supplied. Sample is made with Himalayan Dolphin Baby Yarn. Must know how to single crochet. *No registration required.*

### One-on-One Craft Help

**Fridays, June 26, July 31, or August 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**  
**Wednesdays, July 8, August 12, or September 9, 2:15 - 4:15 pm**  
**Saturdays, July 11, August 8, or September 5, 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.

### Poke Art

**Friday, June 26, 2:00 - 3:00 pm or**  
**Saturday, June 27, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Using a specialized poking tool, you'll tuck fabric squares into a patterned board to create a 3D textured flower. Limit of 24.

### Wooden Sunflower

**Friday, June 26, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**  
Join instructor Vanesa Holzhauser to craft a sunflower using wood biscuits. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**


### Fiber Arts Club

**Mondays, June 29, July 27, & August 31, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**  
Love to sew, crochet, knit, quilt, cross-stitch, or embroider? Drop in anytime to work on your projects in a friendly, welcoming space, and connect with fellow crafters! A sewing machine will be available. *No registration required.*

### Color Your Cares Away

**Thursdays, July 2, August 6, & September 3, 3:30 - 4:30 pm**  
Relax and de-stress by dropping in and coloring a page or two. *No registration required.*

### Statue of Liberty Embroidery

**Friday, July 3, 1:30 - 3:30 pm or**  
**Monday, August 24, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**   
Using basic embroidery stitches, we will create art of a New York landmark, the Statue of Liberty. Limit of 16.


### Art Club for Adults

**Geode Painting: Monday, July 6, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
**Citrus Color Study: Monday, August 3, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Come and enjoy simple fun art lessons where you'll learn basic art skills and techniques and try different materials. Limit of 16.

### Paper Flowers

**Magnolia: Tuesday, July 7, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
**Clematis: Tuesday, August 4, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**  
**Pincushion Flower: Tuesday, September 1, 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.

### Red, White, and Blue Macramé Trivet or Coasters

**Thursday, July 9, 6:30 - 8:30 pm or**  
**Saturday, July 11, 2:30 - 4:30 pm**   
Celebrate 250 years of American independence all summer long with these stylish macramé table accessories! Macramé is a knotting art using rope and string. Choose between one trivet or a set of two coasters. Limit of 12.

### Amber Resin Necklace

**Friday, July 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am**  
Capture a fossil, bug, or botanical in resin and wear it around your neck to show your style. Artist Samantha He leads the craft. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$5.00**

### Jean Tote Bags

**Saturday, July 11, 9:30 - 11:30 am or**  
**Tuesday, July 21, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**  
Create a fashionable, functional bag while recycling an old pair of jeans. Please bring a pair of clean men's or wide-leg jeans for this class. Limit of 8.

### Stained Glass: Sailboat

**Saturday, July 11, 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 sailboat! Must attend the class to get the kit. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$20.00**

### Rag Wreath

**Monday, July 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm**  
We will craft a fabric rag wreath, adding some fun summer colors and texture to your front door! Taught by Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

### Dino Nugget Pillows

**Monday, July 13, 6:30 - 8:30 pm or**  
**Saturday, August 8, 9:30 - 11:30 am**  
Create these trendy chicken nugget-inspired pillows using hand stitching in this fun sewing class! Limit of 16.

### Wine Glass Charms

**Tuesday, July 14, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**  
Learn how to make wine glass charms using local sea glass with artist Robyn Romanoff. All materials will be supplied, but feel free to bring any special sea glass you may want to use. Limit of 24.

### **Elegant Beaded Earrings**

**Wednesday, July 15, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

The bead-weaving technique uses a needle and thread to craft and shape jewelry. These elegant and simply designed drop earrings use Swarovski and fire-polished components. The instructor is artist JoAnn Kwiatkowski. Limit of 12. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Painted Wine Bottle**

**Friday, July 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Using paint and fairy lights, transform an ordinary wine bottle into a glowing lantern. Limit of 28.

### **Bullet Journaling**

**Mondays, July 20 & August 10 and**

**Wednesday, September 9, 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.

### **Nib Bit Earrings**

**Wednesday, July 22, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

These versatile earrings look just as right with jeans as they do for work, and the chunky beads are easy to work with. Choose from a variety of color themes. Jewelry designer MaryAnn McAlpin expertly guides you through the project. Limit of 25. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Paint a Sunflower Mug**

**Friday, July 24, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Donna Carucci-Krumm will walk you through painting sunflowers on a mug that you can enjoy for years to come! Limit of 20.

### **Iris Folding: Summer Swan**

**Thursday, July 30, 10:00 - 11:30 am or**

**Saturday, August 1, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Iris folding is an easy, 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 swan. Limit of 16.

### **Paint Morning with Joe Socci**

**Friday, July 31, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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

### **Summer Pastels on Sandpaper**

**Friday, August 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Artist Kari Kaczmarek leads this class, where you will learn the technique of using pastels on sandpaper for a textured and vibrant result. Please wear old clothes. Limit of 14. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Orange Slice Welcome Door Sign**

**Friday, August 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Squeeze a little sunshine into your day with this zesty orange slice door sign. This sweet and refreshing craft is a perfect way to celebrate summer! Limit of 28.

### **Mermaid Hairbrushes**

**Saturday, August 8, 10:00 - 11:30 am or**

**Thursday, August 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Bring a touch of seaside into your daily routine by creating a nautical hairbrush decorated with faux pearls and seashells. Limit of 20.

### **Shell Wreath**

**Monday, August 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm**

Bring the beauty of the beach into your home with this airy wreath using natural seashells and other embellishments. Taught by Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

### **Quilts Around the World: Indian Kantha and Kwandi**

**Tuesday, August 11, 6:30 - 8:30 pm or**

**Saturday, September 5, 9:30 - 11:30 am**

Learn the basics of Kantha and Kwandi quilting as you create a quilt square in this session of our series exploring traditional quilt techniques from around the world. Limit of 16.

### **Crochet Dragon**

**Thursdays, August 13, 20, September 3, & 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Learn how to crochet your very own dragon. Aimee Saccio will show you how. Please bring six skeins of bulky yarn (weight 6). You'll use two skeins for the body, one skein each in a light, medium, and dark color for the wings; and one skein in brown for the horns. The sample is made with Himalayan Dolphin Baby Yarn and a G and H hook. If using another yarn, choose the hook size for that yarn. Poly-fil stuffing will be supplied. Must know how to single crochet. *No registration required.*

### **Long Island "Home" Sign**

**Friday, August 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join instructor Vanesa Holzhauser to create a unique "Home" sign using a wood plaque, sand, seashells, and other beach-inspired elements. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Faux Stained Glass Painting**

**Wednesday, August 19 & Thursday, August 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Learn the technique of faux stained glass painting. On a glass frame, you will use puff paint to draw or trace a design that will need to dry. Come back for the second session to fill in your design with color. The instructor is Gabi Calderone. Limit of 12. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Diamond Painting**

**Saturday, August 22, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

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

### **Butterfly Pop-up Card Workshop**

**Monday, August 24, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Join artist and professor Chris Vivas as we make our own Butterfly pop-up card. Not only will your creation pop out, but open it up and experience the magic that a butterfly brings! Limit of 20.

### Van Gogh-Inspired Sunflower Painting

Thursday, August 27, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

This painting combines Van Gogh's techniques and sunflowers to evoke the end of summer. Artist Samantha He leads the class. Limit of 18. Fee: \$5.00

### Sand and Shell Art: Octopus

Friday, August 28, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Design a rainbow octopus using hand-dyed seashells with the guidance of artist Anna Chan and her easy step-by-step instructions. Limit of 28.

### Macramé Fall Flower Keychain

Saturday, September 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am or

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

Create a flower keychain using lovely fall colors. Macramé is a knot-tying art using rope and string. This project will feature intermediate knots with step-by-step instructions. Limit of 15.

### Origami and Relax: Modular Star

Saturday, September 5, 2:30 - 3:30 pm or

Thursday, September 17, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Practice the art of Japanese paper folding while listening to relaxing music. In this session, we will make a fun star that can transform its shape. Limit of 18.

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## COMMUNITY

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### Independence Hall:

#### Sign the Declaration of Independence!

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

Help us kick off our Summer Challenges and celebrate America250 by visiting the Suffolk County Mobile Library Van in the parking lot. Pose in Independence Hall with our Founding Fathers and take home a green screen photo of yourself signing the Declaration of Independence. We will display the signed Declaration in the library for the summer! Open to all ages. *No registration required.*



### Youth Enrichment Services Information Table

Monday, June 22, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, July 9, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, July 20, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, August 6, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Monday, August 17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, September 3, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

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

### Suffolk County Senior Advocate

Thursdays, July 9 & September 10, 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.*

### Adults of All Abilities:

#### American-Themed Decoupage Shells

Wednesday, July 29, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

We will make American-themed decoupage seashells to celebrate America's 250th birthday! This program is designed for adults with special needs; caregivers must be present. This simple craft will be set to soothing music, and participants may move about the room. Limit of 20 (with caregiver). Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 20.



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## CONCERTS

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### Buoy 34

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

Buoy 34 is a high-energy acoustic band beloved for their blend of folk, Irish tunes, and classic rock covers. A staple of the South Shore music scene, they remain a local favorite for their community roots and spirited live performances. *No registration required.*

### James Taylor Tribute

Thursday, July 9, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

As a preeminent singer/songwriter, the musings and six-string styling of James Taylor have had a tremendous impact on the world of popular music for the past half-century. In this presentation—part lecture, part live performance—we seek to take a deeper dive into songs by this storyteller to get a better understanding of his music. Dancing is not required, but singing along will be encouraged! The band is the Arlington Trio. *No registration required.*

### Good Times Band

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

A fun-loving band that can play it all. Good Times Band mixes music genres from the 1960s and onward to get the party started and keep the energy going! *No registration required.*

### An Afternoon of Classics with Louis Del Prete

Friday, July 24, 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Singer, dancer, and musician Louis Del Prete performs the best songs of Sinatra, Dean Martin, Michael Bubl , Elvis, Tom Jones, Engelbert, Tony Bennett, and more. He'll be accompanied on saxophone by Jim Kanellos of the Devotions. *No registration required.*

### **ThemAgain**

**Thursday, July 30, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

The duo ThemAgain is Pat Montefusco (acoustic guitar, vocals) and Eddie Profet Jr. (bass, vocals). Playing together in various bands since the early 1990s, most notably as members of LI cover band X-Session and nationally prominent tribute band, The Doobie Others. As ThemAgain, Pat and Ed use foot-controlled vocal harmonizers, a looper, and a drum pedal to perfectly recreate the sound and feel of a full band. They cover The Eagles, Glenn Campbell, The Who, Lionel Richie, America, CSN, and more.

*No registration required.*

### **The New York Vendettas**

**Thursday, August 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

The New York Vendettas feature a vibrant mix of rockabilly and classic '50s rock 'n' roll tunes. The Vendettas deliver a high-energy performance that pays homage to the golden era of rock and roll while infusing it with their own unique flair. *No registration required.*

### **Neil Diamond-Barbra Streisand Tribute**

**Thursday, August 13, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Lee Ann Brill and John Prussen are a married duet who will perform your favorites from Streisand and Diamond, including "You Don't Bring Me Flowers," "Don't Rain On My Parade," "My Man," "Memories," "Guilty," "People," "Solitary Man," "I Am, I Said," "The Way We Were," and more. *No registration required.*

### **Stringtopia: The Long Island Mandolin & Guitar Orchestra**

**Monday, August 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Stringtopia is a multi-generational orchestra composed of mandolin, guitar, and accordion among other folk instruments from around the world. With a repertoire of popular songs from films, rock, and the Great American Songbook, this performance will also feature a selection of tunes to celebrate America's 250th Anniversary. *No registration required.*



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## COOKING

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### **Charcuterie Boards 101**

**Monday, June 29, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

This is a hands-on class where you will make your own cheese and charcuterie board. You will learn about what pairs well together and how flavor profiles clash or combine. Please bring a charcuterie or cutting board or a dinner plate in the 10- to 15-inch range. Leave with a luxury charcuterie board assembled by you! Limit of 30.

**Fee: \$5.00**

### **Local Eats: The Saucy Tomato**

**Thursday, July 2, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Join us to learn about all kinds of tomatoes, including fun facts, nutritional benefits, and how to grow and eat them. You'll also get some ideas for cooking with this kitchen staple. Limit of 35.

### **Tea Tasting at The Spice and Tea Exchange of Patchogue**

**Thursday, July 9, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Join us for a tea-tasting experience, featuring a curated selection of three premium hot teas and two refreshing iced teas. Discover diverse tea varieties, unique recipes, and their associated health benefits. We will meet at the store. Limit of 24.

### **Cooking with Naela: Stuffed Zucchini**

**Thursday, July 9, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Naela will demonstrate, and you will taste, Stuffed Zucchini with ground beef and rice in tomato sauce and Mamoul, a rich shortbread cookie with dates. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Chef Brian: Shrimp Scampi**

**Thursday, July 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Chef Brian will demonstrate, and you will taste, Succulent Shrimp Scampi with Pesto Penne Pasta with Italian bread for dipping. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Cooking with Chef Rob**

**Thursday, August 20, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Chef Rob will demonstrate, and you will taste, Buttermilk Zucchini and Corn Fritters. These can be enjoyed as a side dish or even as a meal. Also, on the menu will be a Chocolate Strawberry Banana Panini with Sliced Almonds. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

### **Local Eats: Kale**

**Thursday, September 3, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Join us as we share planting and growing tips about kale while learning how to incorporate this powerhouse of nutrition into your day in very unique ways. Limit of 35.

### **Labor Day Menu: Demo and Tasting**

**Thursday, September 3, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Librarians Paige and Janet will demonstrate, and you will taste, slow cooker pulled pork on a brioche bun paired with an easy cucumber salad, Blueberry Smash Mocktail, and a cool key lime pie for dessert. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$5.00**

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## DISCUSSION GROUPS

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### **Widowhood: Who Am I?**

**Thursdays, June 18, July 16, & August 20, 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

The death of a partner brings significant emotional challenges and changes in daily life. If you have been living in widowhood and are looking for a new direction, join this conversation group to share experiences on your journey to healing and growth. Brenda Ferrante facilitates. Limit of 25.

### Afternoon Poetry Club

**Japanese Poetry: Tuesday, June 23, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

**Patriotic Poetry: Tuesday, July 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 you have written or that is significant to you. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 15.



### Dementia Caregiver Support Group

**Fridays, July 3, August 7, & September 4, 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, July 6, August 3, & September 14, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

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

### Book Discussion: *Sandwich* by Catherine Newman

**Pick Up Book Beginning June 11 at the Circulation Desk**

**Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or**

**Wednesday, July 8, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

For twenty years, Rocky has cherished her family's annual Cape Cod vacation, where a modest beach house holds memories of joy, chaos, and the messy realities of family life. But this summer, as she juggles aging parents, growing children, and menopause, a chain of events sends Rocky into the past, reliving both the tenderness and sorrow of a handful of long-ago summers. Limit of 15.

### The Letters and Essays of Benjamin Franklin

**Pick Up Material Beginning June 11 at the**

**Circulation Desk**

**Monday, July 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

From advocating for American sovereignty to dispensing financial advice and dating tips, Benjamin Franklin had an opinion on everything. Just how well does this Founding Father's folksy wisdom and social commentary hold up after 250 years?

Limit of 15.



### New Beginnings Support Group

**Thursdays, July 30 & August 27, 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.*

### Book Discussion: *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams

**Pick Up Book Beginning June 11 at the Circulation Desk**

**Thursday, August 6, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or**

**Saturday, August 8, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

In the village of Faha, the perpetual rain finally stops just as electricity arrives. When seventeen-year-old Noel meets the mysterious Christy, it ignites a luminous tale of love, transition, and the transformative power of the stories that define us.

Limit of 15.

### Music Discussion: *Wanderlust Songs*

**Tuesday, August 18, 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 the music of eager adventurers and homesick travelers. Limit of 15.

### Book Discussion: *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore

**Pick Up Book Beginning June 11 at the Circulation Desk**

**Tuesday, September 8, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

When Barbara Van Laar vanishes from her summer camp bunk in August 1975, a frantic search begins—made even more urgent because she's the daughter of the wealthy family that owns the camp. Her disappearance echoes a chilling past tragedy, as her older brother vanished in the same region 16 years earlier and was never found. Limit of 15.

### Book Discussion: *Station Eleven* by Emily St. John Mandel

**Pick Up Book Beginning June 11 at the Circulation Desk**

**Thursday, October 1, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or**

**Saturday, October 3, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

Fifteen years after a global pandemic, a nomadic acting troupe performs Shakespeare across a desolate landscape. When they encounter a dangerous prophet, they must fight to protect the troupe and their mission. Limit of 15.

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## FAMILY & LOCAL HISTORY

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### 250 Years of Long Island History

**In-Person & Virtual **

**Wednesday, July 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

To honor 250 years of America, Eco-Photo Explorers will explore Long Island's unique history during these same years. Learn how Long Island's own journey has shaped the island we live on today. Wartime activities, technological achievements, cultural milestones, famous events, and so much more will be revealed in this fast-paced travel through time. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*



## Unearthing Early American Records

Friday, July 10, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Unearth the stories hidden in early American records and take your research to the next level with Genealogist Sarah Gutmann. Records from the colonial era through 1870 offer a fascinating glimpse into the lives of our ancestors. You'll discover what kinds of records are available, the rich details they can reveal, and how to track them down. Perfect for both beginners and seasoned researchers looking to deepen their skills and uncover new clues in their family history. *No registration required.*



## Equestrian History of Long Island

Wednesday, July 22, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Jerry and Rita Trapani, owners of Shadbelly Farm in North Great River, take you on this trip back in time to look at the racetracks, estates, and horse shows that dotted Long Island in the 19th and 20th centuries, plus some of the many Olympic and champion equestrians who were born and raised here. *No registration required.*

## The Battle of Long Island

In-Person & Virtual

Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The Battle of Long Island, the largest battle of the American Revolution, was fought in August 1776. The battle's strategy and troop movements, including the building of forts on Long Island and Manhattan, were decisive in leading to a defeat for the Continental Army under the command of George Washington. Join Professor Joshua Donohue to examine this event in Long Island history. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*



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## FITNESS

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### Yin Yang Yoga

Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25, September 1, 8, & 15, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

Yang, for strength and flexibility, and Yin to ground and calm. Brittany Leo is the instructor. Limit of 16.

### Senior Fitness

Mondays, June 22, 29, July 6, 13, 20, August 3, 17, 24, 31, & September 14, 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 60.

### Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, June 24, July 8, 15, 22, 29, August 12, 19, 26, September 2, & 9, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Enjoy the full yoga experience without getting down on the floor. The instructor is Kim Battaglia. Limit of 60.

### Fitness Dance

Thursdays, June 25, July 16, 23, 30, August 13, 27, September 3, & 10, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

### Senior Stretch and Flex

Fridays, June 26, July 10, 17, 31, August 7, 14, 21, 28, & September 4, 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 60.

### Tai Chi

Tuesdays, June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, September 1, 8, & 15, 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 60.

### Country Line Dancing

Fridays, July 3, 17, 31, August 7, 21, & September 4 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.*

### Saturday Morning Hatha Yoga

Saturdays, July 18, August 15, & September 12 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, blanket to fold and sit on, and some water to stay hydrated. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

### Evening Yoga

Mondays, August 24 & 31, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Brittany Leo will instruct this evening class for yoga beginners and enthusiasts alike. Please bring a yoga mat and a comfortable towel/blanket. This class will be a slow mix of chair and floor poses, allowing us to relax and unwind from the busy day. Limit of 15.

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## GAMES & TRIVIA

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### Musical Bingo

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

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

## Oscar! Oscar! Academy Awards Trivia

**Thursday, June 25, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

Join Erin Coughlin, an award-nominated journalist, writer, and producer, in celebrating the Academy Awards with fun movie trivia. Meet and compete with other movie enthusiasts. Test your knowledge of award-nominated and winning films, performers, and everything Oscar! Be part of your own team (up to 5 people), play alone, or let us assign you to a team. Members of the winning team will receive a prize. Limit of 30.

## Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

**Saturdays, June 27, July 25, & August 29, 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.

## Adult Minute to Win It Games

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

**Saturday, August 29, 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 one. Members of the winning team will receive a prize. Limit of 24.

## Bunco Dice Game

**Tuesdays, July 7 or August 11, 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.

## Trivia Night

**Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Be part of your own team (up to 5 people), play alone, or let us assign you to a team. The winning team will receive a prize. Limit of 40.

## Left, Center, Right Wild Dice Game

**Tuesday, July 28 or September 1, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

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

## Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

**Babysitting for Children Grades K - 5 is available**

**Saturday, August 1, 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 one. Members of the winning team will receive a prize. *No registration required.*

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### Medicare Savings Program & Medicaid Application for 65+

**Wednesdays, June 17, July 15, & August 19, 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.

### Health Insurance Information and Counseling (HIICAP)

**Wednesdays, June 17, July 22, & August 26**

**10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

A HIICAP-trained volunteer will meet with people 60 years and over to 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.

### Sound Bath

**Wednesdays, June 17, July 22, August 12, & September 9,**

**6:30 - 7:30 pm and Thursday, July 2 & Tuesday, August 18,**  
**9:30 - 10:30 am**

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.

### Chakra Meditation

**Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Yoga instructor and Reiki practitioner Liz Stylianos guides you through all seven main chakras—our energy centers—balancing, grounding, opening, and aligning energy from the root to the crown. Featuring guided visualization of colors, breathwork, and affirmations to reduce stress and enhance relaxation. Limit of 30.

### Breathe Together | Virtual

**Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, 25,**

**September 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 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.

### Hip Pain Workshop

**Tuesday, July 7, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Struggling with hip pain? Join Panetta Physical Therapy for a workshop focused on common causes, including arthritis and bursitis. Learn effective, non-invasive solutions to improve mobility, reduce pain, and get back to the activities you enjoy, without relying on medications or injections. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

## Reiki Circle

**Wednesdays, July 15 & August 12, 6:00 - 7:15 pm**

Join Liz Stylianos, Reiki practitioner and yoga teacher, as she guides you in a meditation. Then, everyone will receive relaxing 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.

## Ask the Dietitian

**Thursdays, July 16 & August 13, 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

**Tuesdays, July 28, August 11, & September 1, 9:30 - 10:15 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. Jamie Gale leads this class. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

## Yoga Nidra

**Wednesday, July 29, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Instructor Uschi Donnelly will provide a brief introduction and the benefits of Yoga Nidra. Then you will move into deep rest and relaxation with a guided meditation that will take you to a calm state between wakefulness and sleep. Please bring a yoga mat, blanket, and pillow. Bolsters will be provided. Limit of 14.

## Permanent Solutions for Acid Reflux

**Monday, August 3, 6:30 - 7:30 pm**

Suffering from persistent acid reflux? Want to reduce dependence on medications? Dr. Arif Ahmad, Director of the Acid Reflux and Hiatal Hernia Center of Excellence at St. Charles Hospital, will share solutions and minimally invasive anti-reflux surgery procedures. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

## Healing Qigong

**Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, 26, & September 2  
6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Qigong involves movement, exercises, breath regulation, and meditation. It's designed to improve physical and mental well-being. Please note that the class will be mainly standing and involves movements like turning the upper body, which can be modified for each person. Please bring a yoga mat and water. This class is led by certified teacher Uschi Donnelly. Limit of 20.

## Day Haven Information Table

**Monday, August 10, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm**

Day Haven will provide caregivers with information about daytime care for frail older adults and individuals with Alzheimer's or related dementia. *No registration required.*

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## LANGUAGE LEARNING

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### Learn English: Beginner Classes for Adults

**Tuesdays, June 16, 23, 30, July 7, 14, & 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

ENL teacher Mark Canonica instructs these classes for adults whose native language is not English. Exercises to help students expand their English language vocabulary and build conversational skills will be included. *No registration required.*

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## LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

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### Bird Walk with the Great South Bay Audubon Society

**Monday, June 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Great South Bay Audubon Society volunteers Ken Thompson and Joe Abraham lead this walk at Heckscher State Park. We will meet at the west end of parking field 5 at 9:45 am, proceed along the path, past a marsh, woodland, and a pine grove to try to see the last of the spring birds and the summer residents. Participants are responsible for any parking fees. Bring water and binoculars if you have them. Walk will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Limit of 15.

### Disinformation and Democracy: The New Battleground for Truth In-Person & Virtual

**Monday, June 15, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

The speaker is former CIA agent Les Paldy. Learn how nations use social media to influence opinions and elections. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

### 1967: Summer of Love and Social Revolution

**Monday, June 15, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Summer of Love was a movement of artistic expression, rebellion of youth, and the exploration of alternative lifestyles. Learn about the impact this has on society as a whole. SCCC professor and lecturer Danielle DiMauro presents. *No registration required.*

### American Wines

**Thursday, June 18, 6:45 - 8:45 pm**

Explore the rich and evolving story of American wine—from its early beginnings to today's world-class regions. This class highlights major wine areas with a special focus on the North Fork of Long Island, one of the East Coast's most distinctive wine regions. Learn about the grape varieties, styles, and innovations that define American wine. The speaker is Pascal Zugmeyer, certified wine sommelier. *No registration required.*

### Acoustic Jam Session

**Mondays, June 22, July 27, & August 24, 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. 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.

**The Declaration of Independence: Birth of a Nation**  
**In-Person & Virtual** 

**Tuesday, June 23, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Step back to 1776 and explore the bold ideas, powerful words, and daring actions that shaped America's founding. Historian Jim Ward will examine the events leading to the Declaration of Independence, the document's revolutionary principles, and its lasting impact on history. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

**Bayard Cutting Arboretum Grounds Tour**

**Wednesday, June 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

A knowledgeable arboretum grounds docent will guide you through the magnificent gardens for a 60- to 90-minute private tour. We will meet in front of the arboretum's manor house at 9:45 am. Walk will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Participants are responsible for any parking fees. Limit of 20.

**Singing the Blues | In-Person & Virtual** 

**Wednesday, June 24, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

What is your favorite color? During this program, we will have a chance to relive a variety of memorable numbers, such as Irving Berlin's "Blue Skies," Neil Diamond's "Song Sung Blue," and Rodgers and Hart's "Blue Moon," and experience some wonderful vocal renditions by artists such as Frank Sinatra, Ella Fitzgerald, and Bobby Vinton. Richard Knox is the presenter. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

**I Saw It at the Met, Part II**

**Wednesday, June 24, 1:00 - 2:30 pm**

The Metropolitan Museum of Art houses a collection of more than 1.4 million artworks spanning over 5,000 years of history. Join artist and professor Chris Vivas as he goes over more of the impressive artwork, continuing from Part I. *No registration required.*

**Connetquot Community Writers' Group**

**Wednesdays, June 24, July 8, 22, August 5, 19, & September 2**  
**6:30 - 8:45 pm**

In this community-based, peer-led writing group, you will discuss various topics, practice your skills, and share your ideas, suggestions, critiques, and samples with other writers. *No registration required.*

**Defensive Driving**

**Thursday & Friday, June 25 & 26, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm;**

**Wednesday & Thursday, July 22 & 23, 6:00 - 9:00 pm;**

**Monday & Tuesday, August 10 & 11, 6:00 - 9:00 pm; or**

**Thursday & Friday, September 3 & 4, 2:00 - 5:00 pm**

These classes have been approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles for a 10% discount on liability, collision, and no-fault insurance, and a 4-point reduction for motor vehicle points for a period of 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**

**Out of Rushmore's Shadow | In-Person & Virtual** 

**Thursday, June 25, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

When 8-year-old Lou Del Bianco found out that his Grandpa Luigi was the chief carver of Mount Rushmore, his young life was instantly changed. He will share his journey as he and his Uncle Caesar make the discovery that Luigi is not even mentioned in the definitive book on Rushmore. Speaker is Lou Del Bianco. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

**Gardening 101: Quick & Easy Vegetables for New Gardeners**

**Saturday, June 27, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Regina Dlugokencky will introduce you to the good practices required to be a great gardener, tools and tips you need to succeed, and suggestions on vegetables and herbs that are easy and quick to grow throughout the summer. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 35.

**Ancient Wisdom**

**Jupiter in Leo: Tuesday, June 30, 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

**Asteroids, Feminine Archetypes: Tuesday, July 28**

**1:30 - 3:00 pm**

**Stories and Myths of the Night Sky: Tuesday, August 25**

**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.*

**Meadow Croft Estate Tour**

**Wednesday, July 1, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Meadow Croft in Sayville, on the National Register of Historic Places, was the summer home of John Ellis Roosevelt, a first cousin of Teddy Roosevelt. Join us for a guided tour, led by volunteers from the Bayport-Blue Point Heritage Foundation. We will meet at the estate. Tour will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Limit of 20.

**Vinyl Listening Club**

**Mondays, July 6 & August 10, 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.*

**British Music Royalty: Shirley Bassey and Tom Jones**

**In-Person & Virtual** 

**Wednesday, July 8, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Dame Shirley Bassey became well known for recording the soundtrack theme songs of three James Bond films, and she was the only female artist to have a British Top 40 song in seven different decades of her storied career. Sir Tom Jones began with several Top 10 hits in the '60s. He was knighted by Queen Elizabeth in 2005. Richard Knox presents. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

### **Lethally Blonde: The Death of Marilyn Monroe**

**Thursday, July 9, 1:00 - 2:30 pm**

William Forrester presents a compelling lecture on Marilyn Monroe, tracing her journey from Norma Jean to global icon, alongside figures such as John F. Kennedy, Robert F. Kennedy, Joe DiMaggio, and Sam Giancana. Her untimely death on August 5, 1962, and inconsistencies in the investigation have sparked enduring questions, including possible ties to Washington and organized crime. *No registration required.*

### **Beginner Photography**

**Mondays, July 13 & August 17, 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 Wonders of Ancient Egypt**

**Wednesday, July 15, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

The civilization of Ancient Egypt, with its rich history and enduring mysteries, stands as a testament to human achievement and integrity. Spanning over three millennia, Egypt's unique culture and remarkable accomplishments continue to captivate our imaginations today. Embark on a journey through time with art historian Sandra Palmer. *No registration required.*

### **Supreme Court: Year in Review**

**Monday, July 20, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Few Supreme Court terms have been as consequential as the most recent. In this discussion, we will focus on selected "cases" and "controversies" before the justices—as well as relevant events beyond the courtroom—that have impacted the nation. The speaker, James Coll, is an adjunct professor of American and Constitutional history at Hofstra University and Nassau Community College and a retired NYPD detective. *No registration required.*

### **New Jersey and Women's Temporary Suffrage in the Post-Revolutionary Era**



**Monday, July 20, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

New Jersey became the first and only state to legally enfranchise women in 1790 when it inserted the words "he or she" into its election clause. Learn about the origins and how this impacted society socially, politically, and economically. SCCC professor and lecturer Danielle DiMauro presents. *No registration required.*

### **It's Your Money. Get It Back | In-Person & Virtual**

**Wednesday, July 22, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Does NY State have money in your name? NY has billions of dollars in lost money. Each day, they return money to those who file claims. Learn what kinds of funds are held, how to claim your money, and about estate items. Presented by Leah Solomon of the Office of the NY State Comptroller. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

### **And Away We Go: A Look Back at the Early Days of TV Comedy**

**In-Person & Virtual**

**Thursday, July 23, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

Brian Rose, professor emeritus from Fordham University, presents this illustrated lecture on the early days of television history, which introduced such comedy greats as Sid Caesar, Lucille Ball, Jackie Gleason, and Steve Allen. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

### **Bugs and Pests**

**Saturday, July 25, 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

Master pest control in your garden. Discover the different insects and pests that cause damage, how to spot them, and the best methods for managing and treating infestations. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

### **Longwood Estate Tour**

**Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Join Diane Schwindt, director of the historic Longwood Estate, for a guided tour of this remarkable property. Once the domain of the prominent Smith family until 1968, the estate is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Participants are welcome to bring their lunch and enjoy the grounds following the tour. Please arrive at 9:45 am. The tour will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Limit of 30.

### **The American Experience**

**Wednesday, July 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

As we celebrate 250 years of our nation, we will look at the various art that has expressed the patchwork of voices, ideas, culture, history, and perspectives. The American experience is explored through the eyes of American artists from social issues, American ingenuity, and cultural shifts. Artist and professor Chris Vivas presents. *No registration required.*



### **Frick: Art & Legacy | In-Person & Virtual**

**Thursday, July 30, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Discover how Henry Clay Frick assembled his art collection with art historian Jay Schuck. Learn how his NYC mansion became a museum and explore collection highlights to gain a deeper understanding of its artwork. This is an in-person presentation that can also be viewed at home via Zoom. In-person: *No registration required.*

### **New York State Citizen Preparedness Corps**

**Thursday, August 6, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

With more frequent and extreme weather, disaster preparedness is crucial. The NYS Citizen Preparedness Training Program teaches residents how to prepare and respond to any disaster, including creating a family emergency plan and stocking emergency supplies. *No registration required.*

## **The Lost Cities of the Mayans**

**Tuesday, August 11, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Hidden beneath the dense jungles of Central America, ancient Mayan cities like Tikal and El Mirador reveal towering temples and complex structures, built centuries ago. Speaker and world traveler Chris McCormack explores how these sites were discovered, what archaeologists have learned from them, and why the stories of the Maya continue to captivate and inspire us today. *No registration required.*

## **Long May She Wave**

**Wednesday, August 12, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Janet Emily Demarest shares the history of the American flag as revealed through its legends, folklore, and historic truth. From its inception through its numerous phases, the flag has survived as a military standard, a motif in art and fashion, a scapegoat for anger, and a symbol of patriotic pride. *No registration required.*



## **Nikola Tesla: The Making of a Modern Mind**

**Wednesday, August 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Nikola Tesla's work laid the technological foundation that powered America's rise and helped create our modern world. Lecturer Mary Diane Riotto will examine the circumstances that shaped him and what drove his lifelong passion for discovery. She will also uncover what made him "tick," connect his visionary work to the world we live in today, and discover why he is justly called "The Father of the Modern Electrical Age." *No registration required.*

## **Memoir Writing**

**Thursdays, August 13, 27, September 3, & 10, 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.

## **The Traitor & the Spy: Benedict Arnold & Major John André | In-Person & Virtual**

**Thursday, August 13, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Historian James Calaski uncovers the dramatic plot hatched between Benedict Arnold and Major John André to sell West Point to the British. This gripping near miss revealed Arnold's treason and doomed André, exposing how pride and duty drove a scheme that nearly broke the American cause. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*



## **Judith Sargent Murray: A Post-Revolutionary Feminist**

**Monday, August 17, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Learn about this essayist, playwright, and poet in the post-Revolutionary era who championed women's intellectual equality, education access, and economic independence. SCCC professor and lecturer Danielle DiMauro presents. *No registration required.*



## **Advanced Funeral Planning**

**Tuesday, August 18, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

A representative from Moloney Funeral Home will be on hand to discuss the benefits of advanced pre-planning a funeral, from choosing cremation or burial, how to pay, using veterans' benefits, and more. *No registration required.*

## **All About Garlic: Planting, Harvesting, and Curing**

**Saturday, August 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Garlic is a fall planting that brings great joy when spring (and summer!) finally arrives. Join us to learn about the benefits of garlic, its history, and how to plant, grow, and cure it. Open to non-residents; please call the library to register. Limit of 40.

## **Home Cooking for Your Dog & Cat**

**Thursday, August 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Happier, healthier, better-behaved pets start with a species-appropriate diet. Fresh and homemade is optimal as diet affects cognition and behavior. Learn how easy and affordable it is to make homemade meals from Christine M. Filardi, Behavioral Nutritionist and author of *Home Cooking for Your Dog*. *No registration required.*

## **Nation vs. States**

**Monday, August 31, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

In this lecture, we will analyze the concept of Federalism—the balance of power between states and the national government—envisioned by the Founders. The speaker is James Coll, an adjunct professor of American and Constitutional history at Hofstra University and Nassau Community College and a retired NYPD detective. *No registration required.*



## **The Mary Tyler Moore Story**

**Wednesday, September 2, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Mary Tyler Moore turned the world on with her smile. Join us as we explore the many talents of the multiple Emmy Award-winning comedian, actress, singer, dancer, and producer: Mary Tyler Moore. *No registration required.*

## **The Awe and Grandeur of the French Gothic Cathedral**

**Wednesday, September 9, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Gothic architecture was prevalent in Europe from the twelfth to sixteenth century. This presentation by art historian Sandra Palmer discusses glorious French Gothic cathedrals, such as Notre Dame, Chartres, Reims, Amiens, and more. *No registration required.*

## **Fake News Detectives**

**Thursday, September 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

You will learn the difference between misinformation and disinformation, explore the impact of AI-generated content, and get a toolkit of reliable, non-partisan resources for verifying the news every day. You'll get direct links to top verification sites and learn to evaluate news using the ESCAPE method, a group analysis of real-world breaking news examples and identifying AI images. Lindsay Citrano is the speaker. *No registration required.*

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## MOVIES

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### Afternoon Movies

**Mondays, July 20 & August 31, 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

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

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## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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### Career Counseling

**Saturdays, July 11, August 1, or September 12**

**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.

### Suffolk County Department of Labor Job Fair

**Tuesday, July 21, 5:00 - 7:00 pm**

Are you searching for a career? Come to this Job Fair conducted by the Suffolk County Department of Labor. Bring your resume and be ready to meet with representatives from prospective employers! *No registration required.*

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## TECHNOLOGY

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### One-on-One Tech Help Appointments

**June 16 - September 10: 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 assistance from a librarian. We offer basic computer, tablet, or mobile phone help and guidance, but no repairs. We can also assist with our Cricut, 3D printer, laser engraver, sublimation printer, or other makerspace services. Come with your device and your questions! Limit of 3.

### Laser-Engraved Cutting Boards for Dad

**Tuesday, June 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Thursday, June 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Create a personalized gift for Father's Day! We will design a custom cutting board in Canva, which will then be laser engraved for a unique keepsake to take home. Limit of 8.

### Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences

**For all ages, under 13 accompanied by an adult**

**June 17 - September 12: 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.

### Cricut: 4th of July Koozies

**Monday, June 22, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm or**

**Friday, June 26, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Celebrate America's 250th birthday with a 4th of July-themed koozie customized using the Cricut and red, white, and blue infusible ink transfer sheets. Previous Cricut experience required. Limit of 8.

### Cricut: Watercolor Cards

**Monday, June 22, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Saturday, August 29, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Take your Cricut skills to the next level with instructor Amy Simonson and create beautiful cards using Cricut's watercolor cards and pens. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 8.

### Introduction to Cricut Design Space

**Thursday, June 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am or**

**Monday, June 29, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

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

### Top Travel Apps for Your Next Trip

**Thursday, June 25, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

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

### Sublimation Tumblers

**Tuesday, June 30 or Friday, August 14, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

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

### Sublimation Outdoor Hanging Wind Spinners

**Wednesday, July 1, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or**

**Friday, August 7, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Use our Canva account to create a fun design that will be printed and transferred onto an outdoor garden wind spinner. Optional: bring a photo on a USB or saved in your email. Limit of 10.

### Introduction to Canva

**Monday, July 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Thursday, July 9, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

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.

### Sublimation Garden Flags

**Babysitting for Siblings Grades K - 5 is available**

**Tuesdays, July 7 or July 14, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Use our Canva account to create your own design that will be printed and transferred onto a sublimation garden flag. Limit of 8.



### **Sublimation Canvas Tote Bags**

**Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Thursday, July 9, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

We will create a custom design in Canva, which will then be sublimated and heat pressed onto a canvas tote bag. Perfect for carrying your summer reads in style! Limit of 8.

### **Goodreads, Fable, or StoryGraph?:**

#### **Choosing a Reading Tracker App**

**Thursday, July 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join us for an informative overview of popular reading tracker apps for adults. We'll compare features, highlight the pros and cons of each, and help you choose the best fit to track your reading and discover new books. Limit of 12.

### **Laser-Engraved Backyard Garden Plaques**

**Friday, July 10, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or**

**Wednesday, July 29, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Using Canva, create a custom wooden garden plaque to welcome others to your backyard garden or to label your plants. They will then be laser engraved for you to take home. Limit of 10.

### **Introduction to AI: Tools, Tips, and Everyday Uses**

**Saturday, July 11, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Join AI expert Joshua Varon for an engaging, beginner-friendly introduction to artificial intelligence. Discover what AI is, how it works, and how everyday tools like ChatGPT can make your daily tasks easier. This interactive session includes a live demonstration, practical examples, and guidance on getting started safely and confidently with AI. Limit of 24.

### **Photo Mugs**

**Monday, July 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Thursday, July 16, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

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

### **Leftover Sublimation Crafts**

**Friday, July 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Give leftover materials a fresh twist! In this casual program, adults can create unique sublimation crafts using Canva to design and transfer to extra sublimation supplies! Experiment, create, and take home something totally your own. Limit of 10.

### **Using AI Safely and Effectively**

**Saturday, July 18, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Dive deeper into AI with expert Josh Varon in this follow-up class to Introduction to AI. Here, we will learn how to ask better questions, look at other AI tools, learn more about what you can do with ChatGPT, and most importantly, discuss privacy, risk, and safe usage. Learn how data is stored, what you should and shouldn't share, and build confidence using AI responsibly. Limit of 24.

### **Cricut: Mandala Stickers**

**Monday, July 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Friday, July 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Learn how to use the Cricut machine to draw and cut beautiful mandalas on sticker paper. Prerequisite: Basic experience with the Cricut. Limit of 8.

### **Design Apps that People Actually Want to Use and**

#### **See It Come to Life with AI**

**Friday, July 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Do you want to make an app? In this hands-on class, you will learn how User Experience Designers create software to solve problems by using User Research and User-Centered Design principles to prioritize features and functions. Together, we will generate a prototype using Figma AI and Stitch by Google. Limit of 10.

### **Using AI in Gmail**

**Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Learn how to streamline and perfect your emails with AI! Participants will use Gmail's built-in tool, Gemini, to draft, tailor, rewrite, and polish messages with ease. Limit of 12.

### **Sublimation Keychains**

**Monday, August 3, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Thursday, August 6, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

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

### **3D-Printed Air Plant Pots**

**Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Thursday, August 13, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

You will learn how to use Tinkercad to design a simple, custom air plant pot to be printed on our Prusa 3D printers. Pots and plants will be available for pickup at a later date. Limit of 8.

### **Using AI for Digital Design**

**Monday, August 10, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Curious about using AI in your creative projects? This lecture-style class explores how artificial intelligence is transforming digital design—from generating images and layouts to enhancing creativity and workflow. We'll cover popular tools, real-world examples, and practical tips for getting started, all in an easy-to-follow format. Perfect for beginners and anyone interested in the future of design—no prior experience required. Limit of 16.

### **Widget Workshop: Customizing Your iPhone Screen**

**Thursday, August 13, 7:00 - 8:30 pm**

In this hands-on workshop, you will learn how to use widgets to customize your home and lock screens for both style and function. Explore helpful tools, tips, and layouts to create a phone setup that's more organized, useful, and uniquely yours. Limit of 12.

### **Create a Bookmark with Canva**

**Monday, August 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or**

**Tuesday, August 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Create your own custom bookmark in this easy makerspace class! We'll use Canva to design simple, fun bookmarks, then print them to take home. Limit of 10.

### **Showcase Your Work: Designing a Free Online Portfolio Website**

**Friday, August 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

In this lecture-style class, you will learn how to create an online portfolio using Wix, a free drag-and-drop website builder. Whether you are looking to promote your professional work or present your creative endeavors, learn how to create web pages, upload media, and use the site design tools. Limit of 12.

### Laser-Engraved Acrylic Signs

Monday, August 24, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Tuesday, August 25, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Create a beautiful light-up acrylic sign using Canva and our laser engraver! Limit of 10.

### Using LinkedIn to Network, Connect, and Get Hired

Tuesday, August 25, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to utilize the popular job networking site LinkedIn to expand your professional network. We'll cover how to make a profile, find connections, add skills, and search for jobs.

Limit of 12.

### Sublimation Light-Up Picture Frames

Friday, August 28, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or

Monday, August 31, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Brighten up your memories! In this program, patrons will personalize light-up picture frames using sublimation printing. Design a one-of-a-kind illuminated piece that showcases your favorite photo or design. Please bring a photo saved on a USB drive or accessible via email. Limit of 8.

### Make Your Own Button

Monday, August 31, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Thursday, September 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

### Everyday Tech Skills You Should Know

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

In this new lecture-style class, we'll cover essential everyday tech skills everyone should know, such as how to take a screenshot, attach files to emails, download apps safely, and search the internet more effectively, plus much more. Limit of 12.

### Level Up: Presentation Slide Design Using Canva

Friday, September 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Are you tired of creating the same slideshow presentation designs? Whether you are a teacher, corporate professional, or just looking to improve your visual design skills, learn how to create captivating presentations using Canva. Limit of 10.

## CLASSES & EVENTS

# TEENS

GRADES 6 - 12 · CONDUCTED BY THE LEARNING COMMONS DEPARTMENT

**REGISTER** online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, June 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, June 15.**

### Battle of the Books | Entering Grades 6 - 9

There is still time to sign up for the Suffolk County Battle of the Books, a fun inter-library book trivia competition in August, where teens answer questions based on six preselected books. Stop by the Learning Commons Desk for more information.

### Regents Review | Entering Grades 9 - 12

**Algebra I:** Monday, June 15, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

**Global History & Geography:** Tuesday, June 16, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Life Science: Biology:** Wednesday, June 17, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

**US History & Government:** Monday, June 22, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

**Geometry:** Monday, June 22, 4:30 - 6:30 pm

**Physical Settings: Chemistry:** Tuesday, June 23, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Prepare for the NYS Regents Exams with help from Connetquot School District teachers. Limit of 24.

### Sublimation Foldable Frisbees | Entering Grades 6 - 12

Thursday, June 18, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Design it, print it, toss it! In this creative program, you will use sublimation printing to make your own foldable frisbee with custom designs on Canva. Then, take it outside for some fun—you'll leave with a one-of-a-kind frisbee ready for play! Limit of 8.

### Clay Fossils | Entering Grades 6 - 12

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

Drop in to celebrate the start of our Summer Challenges by crafting your own fossils out of air-dry clay. *No registration required.*

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

Wednesdays, June 24, July 22, & August 26, 5:30 - 8:30 pm or

Saturdays, July 11, August 8, & September 12

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.

**Potato Chip Taste Test | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Thursday, June 25, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Put your taste buds to the test! Teens will sample a variety of potato chips and try to guess the flavors and brands in this fun, blind taste challenge. Can you tell what you're crunching? Limit of 15.

**Mario Kart World Tournament | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Friday, June 26, 3:30 - 5:00 pm**

Show off your skills in our Mario Kart World tournament! Speed through the courses against your competitors to become the Mario Kart World champion! Winner will get a 3D-printed trophy. Limit of 16.

**DIY Fruit and Veggie Trays | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Monday, June 29, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Join Raven to learn how to prep and arrange fresh fruits and vegetables into a colorful, party-ready charcuterie board that's perfect for your 4th of July BBQ! Limit of 20.

**Fossil Keychain | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Tuesday, June 30, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Create a unique fossil-inspired keychain with Samantha by shaping clay and finishing it with resin. Limit of 20.

**Retro Game Night | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 - 8:00 pm**

Get ready to press start on some classic fun! Enjoy a night of throwback gaming, including the GameCube and Nintendo 64. Snacks will be provided. Limit of 15.

**Gratitude Jars | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Thursday, July 2, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Join Adrienne to create a personalized decoupage gratitude jar to celebrate the positive things in your life. Limit of 20.

**Puzzle Challenge | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Friday, July 3, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Race against the clock in our speed-puzzling competition! Work in teams to finish a 500-piece puzzle the fastest for a chance to win gift cards. Limit of 20.

**Teen Magic: The Gathering: Commander Night****Entering Grades 6 - 12****Fridays, July 3 & August 14, 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.

**Donut Wars | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Monday, July 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Join Theresa to decorate delicious donuts! She'll provide the donuts and decorations—just bring your creativity for a chance to snag the grand prize. Limit of 24.

**Beach Treasures Painting | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Tuesday, July 7, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Teresa Grant will guide you step-by-step to paint a beautiful beach scene with your favorite ocean treasures. Limit of 24.

**Past Closing Hangout | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Thursday, July 9, 8:30 - 10:00 pm**

Hang out this summer after the library closes! Play games in the Teen Area on our computers and Nintendo Switch 2s, then head to the lounge for activities, snacks, and ice cream. Limit of 30.

**Taylor Swift Party | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Friday, July 10, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Calling all Swifties! Listen to your favorite songs, take part in themed activities, and enjoy some snacks while we celebrate all things Taylor. Limit of 15.

**Scrabble Wall Art | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Monday, July 13, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Design your own Scrabble-style wall art with Jackie from Jackie's Custom Designs—personalize it with your name, a favorite word, or a meaningful phrase. Limit of 20.

**Magic Tricks | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, July 15, 12:30 - 1:30 pm**

Learn beginner magic tricks and their secrets with professional magician Ari Bisk—perfect for impressing friends and family! Limit of 20.

**Sculpt a Sarcophagus | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, July 15, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Design and sculpt your own clay sarcophagus with Amy Vail, complete with a 3D-printed mummy to display inside. Limit of 20.

**Perler Melty Beads | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Thursdays, July 16 or August 27, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Create your own coasters, ornaments, and decorations using Perler melty fuse beads! Limit of 16.

**Tie-Dye Bags | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Friday, July 17, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join Samantha to create a unique tie-dye bag featuring your own color patterns and style. Limit of 20.

**Star-Spangled Mirror | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Saturday, July 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Celebrate America's 250th anniversary by designing a bold, coastal-inspired mirror in patriotic colors. We will use self-hardening sand, seashells, and starfish. Limit of 18.



**Sublimation Tote Bag | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Tuesday, July 21, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Design it, create it, carry it! Create your own custom tote bag using the process of sublimation. Limit of 8.

**Writing a College Essay | Entering Grades 10 - 12****Wednesday, July 22, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Stuck on your college essay? Join guidance counselor Debbie Lindell for tips on what colleges want and how to crush the Common App prompts. Limit of 20.

**Sew a Dino Nugget Pillow | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Thursdays, July 23 or August 6, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Create these trendy chicken nugget-inspired pillows using simple hand stitching in this fun, easy sewing class! Limit of 8.

**Teen Book Discussion: *The Swan's Daughter* by Roshani Chokshi  
Entering Grades 9 - 12 | Pick Up Book Beginning June 12 from  
the Learning Commons Desk****Thursday, July 23, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Prince Arris knows that marriage could mean his death—thanks to a cursed wish, any bride may kill him to claim the throne. When a tournament of brides begins, he must determine who seeks love and who seeks power. With the help of Demelza, a truth-telling swan in hiding, Arris navigates danger, secrets, and unexpected romance in a court where nothing is as it seems. Snacks will be provided. Limit of 5.

**Minecraft: Dino Safari | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Friday, July 24, 1:00 - 2:30 pm**

Embark on a dinosaur safari in Minecraft with Arrayscape Gaming! Explore the volcano, find hidden keys to unlock cave entrances, discover fossils, build your own dinosaur, and create prehistoric habitats. Limit of 17.

**Cupcake Competition | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Saturday, July 25, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Join us for a fun, competitive cupcake decorating challenge. Rob Scott provides the cupcakes, frosting, and decorations—you just need to bring your A-game and show us what you can create. Limit of 24.

**DIY Tic-Tac-Toe Boards | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Monday, July 27, 2:00 - 3:30 pm &****Friday, July 31, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

In this two-part program, teens will design and sculpt their own tic-tac-toe boards using air-dry clay. In the first session, sculpt your board and pieces. In the second, paint and personalize your finished game set—perfect for playing or gifting. Limit of 10.

**Creative Writing | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Tuesday, July 28, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Join Erin Coughlin to build your writing skills and confidence through fun, interactive challenges. Perfect for writers just starting out or those already filling notebooks. Limit of 15.

**Creating with Ceramics | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, July 29 & Friday, August 7, 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

Chris Vivas teaches this two-part ceramics class, where teens of all experience levels can explore clay, learn various techniques, and create their own ceramic pieces. Limit of 20.

**Paint and Pass | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Tuesday, August 4, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Take part in this fun, fast-paced, creative art experience, where you will start your own mini masterpiece, but the person next to you will complete it! Limit of 10.

**Disney Games | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, August 5, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Teams face off in Disney-themed games that change each round, from *Jeopardy* to *Password*, *Name That Tune*, and more. Limit of 20.

**Teen Book Discussion: *Cinder* by Marissa Meyer | Entering  
Grades 6 - 12 | Pick Up Book Beginning June 12 at the  
Learning Commons Desk****Monday, August 10, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

This sci-fi retelling of *Cinderella* follows Cinder, a gifted mechanic and cyborg living in a futuristic New Beijing, as a deadly plague spreads and political tensions rise. When she becomes unexpectedly connected to Prince Kai, Cinder is pulled into a dangerous intergalactic conflict where secrets from her past could change the fate of the world. Snacks will be provided. Limit of 5.

**Canvas Wars | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Wednesday, August 12, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

With Theresa Maritato, create your own canvas artwork using provided materials, then vote on the best designs. First place wins a gift card! Limit of 20.

**Sugar Scrub | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Thursday, August 13, 2:30 - 3:30 pm**

Make a layered sugar scrub with Kristen Duer using simple ingredients—perfect for gifting or keeping! Limit of 20.

**Soft Batch Snickerdoodles | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Friday, August 14, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Learn to make snickerdoodles step-by-step with Rob Scott, then take the dough home to bake and enjoy fresh, homemade cookies. Limit of 24.

**K-pop Club | Entering Grades 6 - 12****Saturday, August 15, 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.

**Laser-Engraved Notebooks for Teens****Entering Grades 6 - 12****Monday, August 17, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Get ready for back to school with a personalized notebook designed by you in Canva. The notebook cover will be laser engraved for pickup at a later date. Limit of 10.

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### **Building Blocks Challenge | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Put your building skills to the test, and compete against other teens to see who can complete the figure the fastest!

Limit of 16.

### **3D-Printed Air Plant Pots for Teens | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Thursday, August 20, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Interested in 3D printing and design? Here you will learn how to use Tinkercad to design a simple, custom air plant pot to be printed on our Prusa 3D printers. Pots and plants will be available for pickup at a later date. Limit of 8.

### **Teen Bingo | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Enjoy a fun time playing a few rounds of Bingo against other teens. Winners will receive a gift card. Limit of 24.

### **Sublimation Pencil Cases | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Use Canva to create a custom design, then sublimate it onto a pencil case to make your own one-of-a-kind accessory. Limit of 10.

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## COMMUNITY SERVICE

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### **Diamond Painting for Donation | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Tuesday, June 16, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Create diamond art pieces to donate to local seniors, bringing bright and cheerful designs for them to enjoy. Limit of 20.

### **Dino-mite Onesies | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Help Theresa Maritato create cute dinosaur-themed onesies for a great cause. Use stencils and fabric markers to design one-of-a-kind gifts for babies in need. Limit of 24.

### **Bandanas for Shelter Pets | Entering Grades 6 - 12**

**Friday, August 21, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Create stylish designs in Canva that will be sublimated onto bandanas and donated to a local animal shelter, helping pets stand out and hopefully get adopted sooner. Limit of 20.

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## CLASSES & EVENTS

# CHILDREN

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**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, June 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 5 minutes late. **Note: Each member is limited to ten (10) registrations until Monday, June 15.**

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

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### **Little Sunbeams: Songs & Play | Ages birth - 12 months**

**Tuesday, June 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am**

Celebrate the season with music, play, and early discovery for our littlest learners. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

### **Little Fins & Big Tales | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, June 16, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Dive in and join us for some splashy stories and songs all about our ocean friends, along with a fin-tastic craft! Limit of 15.

### **Alphabet-a-saurus Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Monday, June 22, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Stomp, chomp, and roar your way through the alphabet while having prehistoric fun! Limit of 15.

### **Sunny Dino Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, June 23, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Enjoy some fun dinosaur stories and make a colorful dinosaur suncatcher. Limit of 15.

**Dino Dining | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Wednesday, July 1, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

What did dinosaurs munch and crunch? Join us for stories and hands-on fun as we discover which dinos were plant chompers and which were meat munchers. Limit of 20.

**Happy Birthday, America! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Thursday, July 2, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Join us for a 4th of July storytime filled with festive books, sing-alongs, and a special hands-on craft to help your little one bring home the patriotic spirit. Limit of 15.



**Patriotic Photo Frames | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Friday, July 3, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

In honor of America's semiquincentennial, join us for a patriotic storytime with songs and stories, followed by a simple craft. Limit of 15.



**Lil Athletes & Parents: Little Champs Together  
Ages 20 - 35 months: Mondays, July 6 & July 13**

**10:00 - 10:45 am**

**Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September):**

**Mondays, July 6 & July 13, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Cheer on your little champion as you explore fun, low-pressure games and activities side by side! This fun program is perfect for building motor and simple sport skills, social interaction, and lots of smiles! No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

**Stars, Stripes, & Pom-Poms | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, July 7, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Celebrate the colors of the USA with stories, songs, and a hands-on pom-pom craft! Young children and their grown-ups will enjoy festive read-alouds, simple movement activities, and creating their own soft, textured flag to take home! Limit of 20.



**One Book, Big Fun: Brontorina | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Thursday, July 9, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Size doesn't matter in this sweet story about a dino with a dream. We'll read *Brontorina* by James Howe, then follow our story with a cute craft and themed learning activities. Limit of 15.

**Happy Camper Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, July 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Get ready for an outdoor adventure—indoors! Join us for a camping-themed storytime filled with cozy tales, lively songs, and a fun hands-on craft. Limit of 15.

**Dinosaur Stories & Stretches | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Wednesday, July 15, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Stomp, stretch, and roar into storytime fun with A Time for Kids. Children and their caregivers will enjoy dinosaur-themed stories paired with simple stretches and playful movement activities. This program supports early literacy, builds coordination, and encourages special bonding time through imagination and active play. Limit of 20.

**Toddler Kidnastics | Ages 14 - 35 months**

**Fridays, July 17, 24, 31, & August 7**

**10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm**

Toddler Kidnastics is a playful, movement-based class designed to build balance, coordination, and confidence through games, music, and guided exploration—perfect for curious little movers! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

**We Are the Dinosaurs! | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Monday, July 20, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Join us for a dino-mite toddler adventure with silly dinosaur stories, fun songs and fingerplays, and a dinosaur mask craft. We'll end our prehistoric party with a roaring sing-along to "We Are the Dinosaurs" by Laurie Berkner. Limit of 20.

**Summer Stories & Stretches | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Wednesday, July 22, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Soak up the fun with sunny stories and playful stretches with A Time for Kids. Enjoy a lively mix of summer-themed books, gentle movement, and simple stretches designed for little bodies. This program encourages early literacy, builds coordination, and creates joyful bonding time through stories and active play. Limit of 20.

**Fossil Cupcakes | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Thursday, July 23, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

The only thing better than digging for fossils is eating them! Your little explorers will decorate cupcakes to look like fossils. It's the perfect class for bonding, learning, and making a little, delicious mess together! Limit of 24.

**ABC USA | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Monday, July 27, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Join us as we explore the ABCs through a patriotic theme while celebrating the symbols and spirit of our country. Limit of 15.



### **Good Night Yoga**

**Ages 18 - 35 months:** Tuesday, July 28, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

**Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September):**

**Tuesday, July 28, 7:00 - 7:45 pm**

Certified Yoga instructor May Hasel will share *Good Night Yoga* by Mariam Gates, a playful yet practical book for preparing for sleep. This book tells the story of the natural world as it closes down for the night, while teaching children a simple flow of yoga postures. After, we will learn techniques for self-soothing, relaxing the body and mind, focusing attention, and other skills that will support a restful sleep. Come in PJs, bring a blanket, and water bottle. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

### **Fin-tastic Fish | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Wednesday, July 29, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Dive into some fin-tastic fun with your little one! Join us for an under-the-sea storytime all about fish and make a fun craft to take home. Limit of 20.

### **Broadway Babies | Ages 6 - 23 months**

**Saturday, August 1, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Theater educators from Drama with Your Mama will be here as you and your little one enjoy an interactive and imaginative introduction to musical theater. Limit of 20.

### **Dinosaur Family Fingerprints | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Bring your family back to the dinosaur age! Using simple thumbprints, you and your child will design adorable dinosaur characters that celebrate creativity, connection, and a little prehistoric fun. Engaging themed books and songs will be enjoyed by all! Limit of 20.

### **Cutie-pie Campers | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Wednesday, August 5, 3:00 - 3:30 pm**

Adorable adventures await for little explorers in this camp-themed storytime! We'll share some stories, songs, and group interactive learning activities, then take a break with a camp sticker scene craft. Limit of 20.

### **My First Signs | Ages birth - 23 months**

**Saturday, August 8, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

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

### **Toddler Sign Language | Ages 24 months - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Saturday, August 8, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

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

### **Textured Dinosaur Painting | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Monday, August 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Art with Samantha will guide little ones and their parent/caregiver as they create a textured dinosaur masterpiece using bubble wrap! This playful activity sparks creativity, builds fine motor skills, and gives children a chance to explore color and texture together! Dress for a mess and enjoy a special bonding experience through art. Limit of 20.

### **Curious Kiddos | Ages 30 - 35 months**

**Tuesday, August 11 & Thursday, August 13, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

This two-part series will provide a friendly introduction to activities and early learning concepts to help you and your child prepare for preschool. Children will attend with a parent/caregiver. No siblings permitted. Limit of 16.

### **One Book, Big Fun: *Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, The Very First Chicken* | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Thursday, August 13, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

We'll read the adorable story, *Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, the Very First Chicken* by Douglas Rees. Then, we'll follow up with some songs, a group learning activity, and a special craft to remind little ones that they are brave, just like Edna. Limit of 15.

### **Prehistoric Playtime**

**Ages 14 - 20 months: Friday, August 14, 10:00 - 10:30 am**

**Ages 21 - 29 months: Friday, August 14, 11:00 - 11:30 am**

Join us for a circle time with dinosaur songs and stories, followed by themed open play and sensory stations! Limit of 20.

### **Tiny Tinkers | Ages birth - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Mondays, August 17 & August 24, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

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

### **Little Steps to Preschool | Ages 3 - 4 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, August 18, 20, 25, & 27**

**10:00 - 11:00 am or 1:30 - 2:30 pm**

Starting preschool is a fun and exciting time! Your child will attend classes independently (without parents) and experience a variety of activities that will help prepare them for their first experience at preschool. These classes are for the registered child only. Limit of 16.

### **Summer Fun with Molly Mouse | Ages birth - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Friday, August 21, 10:00 - 10:30 am or 11:00 - 11:30 am**

Join Molly Mouse and PlayHooray as we sing and dance our way into summer fun! No siblings permitted. Limit of 20.

**Red, White, & BOOM! | Ages 3 - 5 years  
(not entering Kindergarten in September)**



**Saturday, August 22, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Finish off summer with a BANG! In this hands-on class, kids will create colorful, fizzy “fireworks” using simple ingredients while exploring basic science. It’s a fun and safe way to mix learning with patriotic excitement! Limit of 20.

**Juice and Paint Playdate | Ages 3 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, September 1, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Enjoy sipping a juice box while painting a variety of different animals using watercolor paints. Limit of 15.

**Apple Pie Play Dough | Ages 30 months - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)**

**Tuesday, September 8, 1:30 - 2:15 pm or 2:30 - 3:15 pm**

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.

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## PARENTING

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**Parenting Class: Homework: A Parent’s Survival Guide  
18 & Over**

**Wednesday, September 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

This workshop, provided by the Huntington Learning Center, is exclusively for today’s busy parent, and is designed to empower parents to help their struggling child do better in school. During the workshop, parents learn how to structure their children’s time and environment to improve homework performance. This workshop is geared toward parents of students in grades kindergarten through twelve. Limit of 25.

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## SCHOOL AGE

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

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**Maker Kids: Father’s Day Ties | Entering Grades 3 - 5**

**Wednesday, June 17, 5:30 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Join us in the Learning Commons where you will create a personalized design in Canva that will be sublimated onto a tie. A perfect gift for Father’s Day! Limit of 8.

**LEGO Story Builders: Dinosaur Edition | Entering Grades 1 - 5**

**Friday, June 26, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

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

**Hidden in Plain Sight: Anamorphic Art | Entering Grades 4 - 5**

**Saturday, June 27, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

To the naked eye, an anamorphic image appears distorted and chaotic. The image becomes recognizable only when viewed from the correct angle or with a special tool. Whys Science is back to share some famous anamorphic art, then teach you how to construct various models and a viewing tool that will reveal the secret images hidden within. Limit of 15.

**Fireworks Collage | Entering Grades 1 - 5**

**Saturday, June 27, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Get ready to celebrate Independence Day by designing your own colorful fireworks! Limit of 20.



**Wooden Dinosaur | Entering Grades 2 - 5**

**Monday, June 29, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Get creative with us as we paint a wooden dinosaur with the Silhouette Spot. Children will explore colors, patterns, and simple design techniques while bringing their dino to life! Limit of 25.

**Patriotic Yarn Tree | Entering Grades 1 - 5**

**Monday, June 29, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Celebrate the 250th anniversary of independence with Vanesa Holzhauser and a fun, hands-on craft! Wrap red, white, and blue plush yarn around a tree-shaped cone and decorate it with patriotic embellishments like stars, pom-poms, and other festive accents! Limit of 20.



**Read to Hamilton | Entering Grades K - 5**

**Tuesday, June 30 or Saturday, August 22, 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 ten-minute session separately. Siblings in Grades K-5 can attend together. Limit of 6.

**Young Adventurers | Entering Grades 4 - 5**

**Mondays, July 6, August 3, & September 14, 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. Basic math and reading skills helpful! Limit of 8.

**Stars, States, and Super Sleuths**

**Entering Grades 3 - 5**

**Tuesday, July 7, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Celebrate America by uncovering clues about each state. Put your trivia skills to the test in this exciting America-themed adventure! Limit of 20.



**“Hello Sunshine” Tote Bags | Entering Grades 1 - 5****Thursday, July 9, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Brighten your day by decorating your very own “Hello Sunshine” tote bag. Use fun colors to make a cheerful, personalized tote that’s perfect for summer adventures. Limit of 22.

**Summer Capybara Drawing with Art Teacher Amy****Entering Grades 2 - 5****Monday, July 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join Art Teacher Amy for a fun-filled Summer Capybara drawing and painting session celebrating everyone’s favorite chill and cheerful animal! Limit of 20.

**Jurassic Color Jam | Entering Grades K - 2****Tuesday, July 14, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Roar into creativity as kids bring 3D-printed dinosaurs to life with their own colorful designs. Bold, bright, or totally wild—every dino will be one of a kind at this prehistoric art adventure! Limit of 20.

**Sunshine Bean Art | Entering Grades 1 - 5****Wednesday, July 15, 1:00 - 2:00 pm**

Along with Theresa’s Programs, design a bright and cheerful sunshine bean art! Using colorful beans and simple materials, children will explore textures and patterns while creating a sunny masterpiece to take home. Limit of 20.

**Tinker This: Dino World | Entering Grades 3 - 5****Wednesdays, July 15 & July 29, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Jurassic life meets technology! During the first class, we will learn how to use Tinkercad to create a 3D print of a dinosaur scene. For the second class, we will bring our prehistoric masterpieces to life with color! Attendance at the first class is required in order to participate in the program. Limit of 9.

**Jurassic Park Terrariums | Entering Grades 3 - 5****Thursday, July 16, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Travel back 200 million years without leaving the library! You’ll use a variety of materials and your own creativity to build a miniature Jurassic Park that you can take home. Limit of 20.

**Maker Kids: Cricut: Buttons | Entering Grades 3 - 5****Friday, July 17, 3:00 - 4:30 pm**

Join us in the Learning Commons to design your own buttons in Cricut Design Space, then have them drawn by our Cricut machine. Limit of 8.

**Freedom Wreath Workshop | Entering Grades K - 5****Saturday, July 18, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Join us for this festive class as we celebrate America’s 250th birthday by creating a beautiful wreath of red, white, and blue buttons. Limit of 30.

**Bald Eagle Watercolor | Entering Grades 3 - 5****Monday, July 20, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

To celebrate America, join us to paint a watercolor picture of our majestic national bird. Limit of 20.

**Americana Planters | Entering Grades 1 - 5****Wednesday, July 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Celebrate America’s birthday with Traveling Art Programs. Children will create their own patriotic planter, then plant a real plant after. Limit of 20.

**Stained Glass Dinosaur Décor | Entering Grades K - 1****Thursday, July 23, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Design your very own dinosaur using colors of your choosing. Then, watch your art come to life when placed in a window. Limit of 20.

**Big Yellow Bus Bash! | Entering Grade K****Friday, July 24, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Get ready to celebrate the big trip to kindergarten! Join us for a fun-filled party with dancing, optional karaoke, and a creative craft where kids can color their own 3D-printed school bus keychain. We’ll end our celebration with a fun story. Perfect for children heading to kindergarten this fall! For registered kindergarteners and one grown-up only—sorry, no siblings this time! Limit of 100.

**Pokémon Club****Entering Grades K - 2:****Fridays, July 24, 31, August 7, & 14, 5:30 - 6:30 pm****Entering Grades 3 - 5:****Fridays, July 24, 31, August 7, & 14, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

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

**Hidden Treasure Pirate Cupcakes | Entering Grades K - 5****Saturday, July 25, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Ahoy, mateys! Set sail for a swashbuckling good time. Chef Rob will guide you as you decorate hidden treasure cupcakes to make pirate masterpieces fit for any captain’s crew! X marks the spot for fun! Limit of 20.

**Dinosaurs and Paleontology | Entering Grades K - 5****Monday, July 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Roll up your sleeves and dig for real fossils! Through interactive presentations and real fossil handling, Dinosaurs Rock will educate children about the mysteries of life long before humans. Children will get to search, keep, and take home actual prehistoric treasures from shark teeth to ancient ammonites and dinosaur bones! Limit of 50.

**Sew Your Own Dinosaur | Entering Grades 3 - 5****Thursday, July 30, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Learn the basics of sewing as you sew and stuff your own dinosaur plushie! Limit of 20.

**Prehistoric Shadow Box | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Thursday, July 30, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Color and layer pre-cut shapes to create your very own prehistoric shadow box art! Limit of 20.

**Grand Old Flag Musical Adventures****Entering Grades K - 2****Monday, August 3, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Join us for a musical celebration of “You’re a Grand Old Flag!” In this interactive, engaging, and lively patriotic program, children will sing, move, and make joyful music inspired by the classic patriotic tune. Children will explore the song’s upbeat rhythm, learn what the flag’s colors and symbols mean, and enjoy fun activities that bring the music to life! Limit of 20.

**Create Your Own Prehistoric Puzzle | Entering Grades K - 1****Tuesday, August 4, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Let your creativity run wild as you color your very own, one-of-a-kind dinosaur puzzle. Then have fun trying to assemble it! Limit of 20.

**My Gym | Entering Grades K - 5****Wednesdays, August 5 & 12****10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

My Gym will lead you through games, relays, and activities designed to promote and build motor skills, agility, and confidence. Limit of 20.

**Dino Dots | Entering Grades 1 - 5****Thursday, August 6, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Learn about pointillism, then use puffy paint to make your very own 3D dinosaur artwork using dots! Limit of 20.

**Foods of New York | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Monday, August 10, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Calling all young food explorers to learn about the famous and delicious foods of New York State! You’ll get to sample our state’s iconic pizza and black and white cookies. Food served may not be appropriate for those with food restrictions. Limit of 20.

**Maker Kids: Green Screen Photo Posters | Entering Grades K - 5****Tuesday, August 11, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

In the Learning Commons, take a green screen photo and transform it into a custom poster design using Canva. Limit of 8.

**Resin Dino Keychain | Entering Grades 3 - 5****Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Create your own resin dino keychain with Art with Samantha. Limit of 20.

**Derpy the Dazzling Tiger | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**Vanessa Holzhauser is here to help you create a colorful masterpiece featuring Derpy, the goofy blue tiger from *K-pop Demon Hunters*! Follow the numbered sections on your pre-sketches canvas to bring this fun, clumsy character to life. Limit of 20.**YouTube Art: Tacosaurus | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Draw with Art for Kids Hub will teach you step-by-step how to draw, then color a dinosaur and a taco snack to make a funny and cute Tacosaurus! Limit of 20.

**Paint-by-Sticker | Entering Grades 1 - 5****Wednesday, August 19, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

“Paint” using stickers-by-number to create a colorful picture without the mess of paint. Limit of 20.

**Prehistoric Phonics | Entering Grade K****Thursday, August 20, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm**

Get ready for Kindergarten with one of the first steps in the Science of Reading. We’ll practice letter identification and letter sounds through a story, games, and a craft, all themed around dinosaurs! Limit of 10.

**Lady Liberty Sunset Silhouette | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Monday, August 24, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Celebrate America by creating a colorful sunset scene of the iconic Statue of Liberty. Limit of 20.

**Draw a Dino! | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Thursday, August 27, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Learn how you can use a grid as a drawing aid while you make some adorable dinos. Limit of 20.

**Dino-Glow****Entering Grades K - 1: Saturday, August 29, 10:00 - 10:45 am****Entering Grades 2 - 5: Saturday, August 29, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

What’s cooler than a dinosaur picture? A glowing dinosaur picture! Use nontoxic glow-in-the-dark paint and follow some easy steps to create your very own masterpiece. Aprons will be provided, but please still dress for a possible mess. Limit of 20.

**Decorate a Notebook | Entering Grades 2 - 5****Wednesday, September 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**

Have fun designing and decorating your own notebook for school or home. Limit of 20.

**We Don’t Eat Our Classmates | Entering Grades K - 1****Thursday, September 3, 6:00 - 6:45 pm**Join us for a roaring good time as we read *We Don’t Eat Our Classmates!* by Ryan T. Higgins. We will practice numbers and basic graphing as we chart our favorite foods, make a friendship pledge, and have some creative fun making our very own “fishbowl” for Walter. There will be math, creativity, and kindness for all— just like Penelope the dinosaur would want. Limit of 20.**Code Your Own Dinosaur Game | Entering Grades 4 - 5****Thursday, September 10, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm**

Love Google’s “no internet” dinosaur game? Come code your very own version! Limit of 12.

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## FAMILY

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

**Tuesday, June 23, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm &**

**Wednesday, August 26, 6:00 - 6:45 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.

### **Patriotic Tie-Dye | Entering Grades K - 5**

**Tuesday, June 30, 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

Bring your own t-shirts, hats, and socks, and Jackie & Chuck will be here with patriotic tie-dye, buckets, and hangers to teach you different tie-dye techniques. A great way to celebrate America's birthday as a family! Limit of 15 families.



### **Stars & Stripes Family Trivia | Entering Grades K - 5**

**Tuesday, June 30, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:15 - 8:15 pm**

A fun, fast-paced trivia game where families test their knowledge of American history, culture, and quirky facts—may the most patriotic team win! This class is geared toward families with children entering Grades K - 5 in September. Limit of 10 families.



### **Star-Spangled Laser Spectacular**

**Ages 3 years - Grade 5**

**Wednesday, July 1, 2:00 - 2:45 pm**

Blast into the past on a tour of our nation's most significant people, places, and events with a laser show set to patriotic songs and current hits that are perfect to showcase the indomitable spirit of America. Limit of 150, 4 people per CPL card.



### **Baby Animals Green Screen | Ages 10 & up**

**Thursday, July 2, 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

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

### **Family Movie: Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs (Rated PG)**

**Ages 3 years - Grade 5**

**Friday, July 3, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

Follow Manny, Sid, Diego, and the herd as their peaceful lives are disrupted when Sid adopts three mysterious eggs—only to discover they belong to a dinosaur. When the real mother takes Sid to a hidden underground world filled with dinosaurs, the group sets out on a rescue mission, encountering danger, new allies, and plenty of chaotic adventure along the way. Light refreshments will be served. *No registration required.*

### **Explore More, Scroll Less: Family Wellness Challenge**

**Ages 3 years - Grade 5**

**Monday, July 6 - Saturday, August 15**

This campaign encourages New York State's kids and families to put down their phones and computers, take a break from social media, and enjoy recreation and social gatherings! Complete 10 activities found in the Beanstack app, as a family, and earn a virtual raffle ticket toward our Summer Challenges Grand Prize or gift card selection. *No registration required.*

### **American Flag Community Scavenger Hunt**

**Ages birth - Grade 5**

**Monday, July 6 - Saturday, August 15**

Celebrate the stars and stripes with our American Flag Community Scavenger Hunt. Explore your community by finding 20 American flags, logging them in the Beanstack app, then earn a virtual raffle ticket toward our Summer Challenges Grand Prize or gift card selection. *No registration required.*



### **A - Z Dinosaur Summer Challenge | Ages birth - Grade 5**

**Monday, July 6 - Saturday, August 15**

Complete Dino-mite activities from A - Z found in the Beanstack app. For every 13 activities completed, earn a virtual raffle ticket toward our Summer Challenges Grand Prize or gift card selection. *No registration required.*

### **Unearth a Story Scavenger Hunt | Ages 3 years - Grade 5**

**Monday, July 6 - Saturday, August 15**

Each week beginning on July 6, stop in and solve the librarians' riddles about the prehistoric world for a chance to win a visit to the Cradle of Aviation and more! Search the Children & Family Services Department for the answers. *No registration required.*

### **Dig into Stories at Ronkonkoma Beach | Ages birth - Grade 5**

**Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, & 28, 10:00 - 11:00 am**

Come explore stories and activities, fingerplays, and a small craft, all with a hint of discovery at Ronkonkoma Beach. Please note: In case of inclement weather, Dig into Stories at Ronkonkoma Beach will be canceled. *No registration required.*

### **Wild About Long Island: Family Nature Trivia**

**Entering Grades K - 5**

**Wednesday, July 8, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

This is a lively, interactive trivia experience celebrating Long Island's incredible ecosystems. Explore wildlife, tracks, beaches, forests, and fascinating local species through fun questions, visuals, and surprising factoids. Winners get bragging rights and prizes! Please bring a smartphone or Wi-Fi-connected device to participate. Hosted by Dr. Coby Klein, a Long Island Biologist. Geared toward families with children entering Grades K-5 in September. Limit of 20 families.

**Dig into Stories at Byron Lake | Ages birth - Grade 5****Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23, & 30, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Join us at Byron Lake Park for stories with a hint of discovery! Fingerplays and movement activities and a simple craft will be enjoyed by all. Please note: In case of inclement weather, Dig into Stories at Byron Lake will be canceled. *No registration required.*

**StoryWalk® at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum****Recommended for children ages 2 - 6****Friday, July 10, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

We will meet at the arboretum's Visitor Center, where we will proceed to the StoryWalk® area to read and have fun in the fresh air. Note: Members are responsible for the parking fee. The class will not be held in inclement weather. Limit of 25 families, 5 members per family.

**Family Roll the Dice Game | Entering Grades K - 5****Saturday, July 11, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 11:15 am - 12:15 pm**

Gather the whole family and get ready to roll! In this fast-paced, easy-to-learn game, every toss of the dice keeps you guessing. Pass, collect, or hold on tight—you never know what will happen next! It's all about luck, laughter, and friendly fun as the action moves around the circle. No experience needed; just bring your game spirit and get ready for surprises with every roll! This class is geared toward families with children in Grades K - 5. Limit of 15 families.

**Video Green Screen | Ages 10 & up****Saturday, August 1, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Lights, camera, imagination! Record a quick video using our green screen. Choose a fun background—from tropical beaches to outer space—and we'll film a short clip of you in your chosen scene. Have fun creating a unique, shareable video! Appointments are 15 minutes. Limit of 8 families.

**Long Island Ducks Family Night | Ages birth - Grade 5****Saturday, August 1, 6:35 - 9:30 pm**

Watch the Long Island Ducks take on the Staten Island Ferryhawks with other Connetquot Public Library families. Stay after the game to watch some exciting fireworks! Limit of 75 tickets, 4 tickets per CPL member. **Fee: \$15.00 per ticket**

**Family Movie: *The Good Dinosaur* (Rated PG)****Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Thursday, August 6, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm**

In a world where dinosaurs never went extinct, a timid young Apatosaurus named Arlo gets lost far from home and befriends a wild human boy. Together, they journey through a dangerous landscape, helping Arlo find courage and his way back to his family. Light refreshments will be served. *No registration required.*

**Family Movie: *Dinosaur* (Rated PG) | Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Thursday, August 6, 1:30 - 3:00 pm**

An orphaned dinosaur named Aladar is raised by lemurs and later joins a herd migrating to safety after a meteor strike devastates their land. Along the journey, he challenges the herd's harsh leader and learns the importance of compassion, teamwork, and finding his place in the world. Light refreshments will be served. *No registration required.*

**PetraPuppets: Fossil Funhouse | Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Saturday, August 15, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Five friends in one van, all together? They need to learn about kindness, compassion and... loud snoring. Kids in the audience help Nugget the Wonder Chicken and the rest of the cast learn to get along with Steve in the funniest ways possible, but please do not bring guacamole—it makes the chicken crazy! Limit of 150, 4 seats per CPL card.

**Family Dino Painting Night | Entering Grades 1 - 5****Monday, August 17, 6:00 - 7:30 pm**

Paint your own dinosaur mini figures as a family! Choose from a variety of figurines to paint and play with! Limit of 10 families.

**Tinker Space | Ages 3 years - Grade 5****Friday, August 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

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.*

**Car Seat Safety Check with Suffolk County Sheriff's Office  
Ages birth - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)****Saturday, September 5, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Nationwide, the statistics on child safety seats are startling. Up to 72% of the child safety seats in cars on the road have serious defects or are improperly installed. Protecting your precious cargo is your priority and we're here to help. Specially trained officers from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will be here to perform car seat checks. Limit of 12 time slots, two 20-minute time slots per hour.

**Operation Safe Child | Ages birth - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)****Saturday, September 5, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm**

Operation Safe Child was created in July of 2005 to raise awareness about child safety. Statistics show that 34% of parents in the US do not know their child's exact height, weight, and eye color. Possession of up-to-date photographs with detailed information about the child can greatly assist law enforcement when responding to a disappearance. The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will be here to print the cards that can be carried in a parent's wallet or pocketbook in less than ten minutes. Limit of 24 time slots, two 10-minute time slots per hour.

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Kathleen Schmidt  
Susan Furfaro  
Elizabeth Savit  
George Kreuzscher  
Catherine J. Poissant

• non-profit org  
• us postage  
• **paid**  
• Connetquot Public Library

Dated Material

## BOARD MEETINGS

Thursday, June 11 | 6:00 pm  
Thursday, July 9 | 6:00 pm  
Thursday, August 13 | 6:00 pm  
Thursday, September 10 | 6:00 pm

# \*\*\* ECRWSS Residential Customer

## ADMINISTRATION

**Executive Director** Jason Ladick, Ph.D.



## HOURS

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

## CONNETQUOT PUBLIC LIBRARY

760 Ocean Avenue, Bohemia, NY 11716  
631-567-5079 | connetquotlibrary.org

## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Juneteenth  
Independence Day  
Labor Day, Sunday & Monday

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

Attendance at classes or events constitutes consent to be photographed or filmed for use in publicity. If you do not want us to capture a photo or video, please inform staff prior to the class.

# EXPLORE MORE *for Less!*



Take advantage of exclusive offers to some of the New York area's most popular museums, attractions, and family destinations—only with your Library card!



### MUSEUM PASSES

Museum passes provide free or discounted admission to participating museums and venues.

#### IMPORTANT

- ✓ Passes must be reserved in advance
- ✓ Availability is limited
- ✓ A valid library card is required



Reserve online or visit the Front Desk for assistance.



Check our website for current availability.



### DISCOUNT TICKETS & CODES

Connetquot Public Library offers discounted tickets and discount codes to several area attractions.

#### DISCOUNT TICKETS

Tickets may be purchased at the Front Desk by:

- Cash
- Check
- Credit Card



Discount tickets are non-refundable.

#### DISCOUNT CODES

Codes are available:

- Online
- At the Front Desk

Tickets using discount codes are purchased directly from the venue.



A valid Connetquot Public Library membership is required. All tickets and codes are available while supplies last.



### 2026 ANNUAL BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION RESULTS

#### PROPOSITION #1

2026-27 Library Budget  
**APPROVED**

✓ 234 YES

✗ 55 NO

Kathleen Schmidt was re-elected to a five-year term, running from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031.

*Thank you* to all community members who participated in this year's vote!

