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The GREAT GIVE BACK



**JOIN OUR
COMMUNITY
DONATION DRIVES**

Tuesday, October 13 through Tuesday, October 20. This fall, the library is proud to participate in The Great Give Back, a statewide initiative that encourages community service and giving back to those in need. Throughout the season, we're hosting several donation drives that make it easy for everyone to lend a helping hand.



SOCK DRIVE

Adult Services is collecting new, unworn socks for men and women to benefit residents of The Arbors Assisted Living in Bohemia. A simple pair of socks can provide comfort and warmth to those who need it most.



The Arbors
ASSISTED LIVING COMMUNITIES



FOOD DRIVE

Help fight hunger by donating nonperishable food items such as canned goods, cereal, pasta, rice, peanut butter, macaroni and cheese, cookies, Jell-O, and pudding. Donations can be placed in the collection box located in the Learning Commons and will support the important work of Long Island Cares.



**Long
Island
Cares** INC



COLORING BOOK & CRAYON DRIVE

Children & Family Services is collecting new coloring books and crayons for children. Donations will benefit Toys of Hope and Angels of Long Island, helping bring creativity, comfort, and smiles to children and families facing difficult times.



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We're MORE Than Toys
Helping Children, Families & Pets

ADULTS

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

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Thursday, September 10, 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, September 14.**

ARTS & CRAFTS

Long Island Shadow Box**Monday, September 14****10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm**

Create a beautiful floral shadow box using foam flowers and Long Island details. Instructor Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs leads the class. Limit of 20.

Art Club for Adults**Colored Pencil Jellyfish: Monday, September 14, 6:30 - 8:30 pm****Day of the Dead Animals: Monday, October 5, 6:30 - 8:30 pm****Watercolor and Negative Space:****Monday, November 2, 6:30 - 8:30 pm****Art Therapy with Neurographic Lines:****Monday, December 7, 6:30 - 8:30 pm**

Explore your creativity using a variety of art materials while learning fun art techniques. Each class features a new project, giving you the chance to experiment, create, and have fun along the way. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 16.

Baroque Bracelet**Thursday, September 17, 2:00 - 3:30 pm**

Inspire your inner royal with this glittering bracelet that features round and oval beads that sparkle in a rainbow of colors. Jewelry designer MaryAnn McAlpin leads you through the project.

Limit of 30. **Fee: \$5.00****Iris Folding****Ghost: Friday, September 18, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or****Wednesday, September 30, 2:30 - 4:00 pm****Gnome: Saturday, December 5, 2:30 - 4:00 pm or****Thursday, December 10, 2:30 - 4:00 pm**

Iris folding is a unique paper craft. Folded strips of paper are taped onto a template in a specific sequence, forming a spiral pattern whose center looks like the lens or "iris" of a camera. For the gnome, bring your favorite patterned wrapping paper, if you wish. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 16.

Diamond Painting: Greeting Cards**Saturday, September 19, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 3:00 - 4:00 pm**

Decorate greeting cards using tiny diamond-like facets.

Limit of 24.

Community Outreach: The Empty Bowl Project**Monday, September 21, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

The Empty Bowl Project is a movement that increases awareness of hunger in the community. You will create two artistic bowls. One will be donated to a local soup kitchen, and one you will keep as a reminder of the empty bowls in your community. SCCC lecturer Danielle DiMauro will lead this class. Limit of 20.

Quilts Around the World: Putting Your Squares Together**Monday, September 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or****Saturday, October 31, 10:00 - 11:30 am**

Learn how to put your world quilt squares together in different combinations, and receive instructions from the past eight classes you might have missed. Limit of 16.

The Great Give Back: Knit/Crochet Walker Totes**Wednesdays, September 23, 30, October 7, & 14****7:00 - 8:30 pm**

Join The Great Give Back by making walker totes for local veterans. Aimee Saccio will show you how to create these helpful totes. For the crochet version, you will need 420 yards of worsted weight (4) cotton yarn and a K or L crochet hook. The knit version will use 515 yards of worsted weight (4) cotton or acrylic yarn and a size 8 circular knitting needle. Finished projects will be donated to the Long Island State Veterans Home at Stony Brook University.

*No registration required.***Pumpkin with Dried Flowers****Thursday, September 24, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Build a colorful ring of homegrown, hand-colored dried botanicals around a real sugar pumpkin. With dried flower farmer Diana Conklin. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$10.00**

Autumn Leaves Resin Keychain

Friday, September 25, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Capture the beauty of autumn in resin. Samantha He will guide you step by step. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$5.00**

One-on-One Craft Help

Fridays, September 25, October 30, & November 27

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Saturdays, October 3 & November 28, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Wednesdays, October 7, November 18, & December 9

2:15 - 4:15 pm

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

Giant Floral Sunflower

Friday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Welcome the cozy days of fall with a large sunflower. Using layers of smaller flowers and a giant leaf, these cheerful blooms make the perfect decoration! Limit of 28.

World Heart Day Craft

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

World Heart Day is September 29, and this art program will blend cardiovascular health awareness with emotional well-being through creative expression. Participants will be guided through the project using the metaphor of a multi-level heart house. SCCC lecturer Danielle DiMauro will lead this class. Limit of 20.

Flower Arranging

Mondays, September 28, October 26, & November 23

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Design a flower arrangement with floral designer Irene Morgan. You must attend class to get supplies. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 30. **Fee: \$5.00**

Fiber Arts Club

Mondays, September 28, October 26, & November 30

6:00 - 8:00 pm

Bring and share your sewing, crochet, knitting, quilting, cross-stitch, or embroidery projects and connect with fellow crafters! A sewing machine will be available. *No registration required.*

Color Your Cares Away

Thursdays, October 1, November 5, & December 3

3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Sand and Shell Art: Autumn Leaves

Friday, October 2, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Design autumn leaves using hand-colored seashells with guidance from artist Anna Chan and her easy step-by-step instructions. Limit of 28.

Jean Tote Bags

Saturday, October 3, 2:00 - 4:30 pm

Create a fashionable and functional bag while recycling an old pair of jeans. Please bring in a pair of clean men's or wide-leg jeans for this class. Limit of 8.

Pumpkin Bouquet Texture Painting

Monday, October 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Dried flowers give this painting its texture, and the pumpkin "vase" satisfies at least one of your pumpkin cravings! Artist Samantha He leads you through this craft that you will unwrap every October. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$5.00**

The Great Give Back: Bags of Hope

Monday, October 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

As part of The Great Give Back, you will create Bags of Hope for breast cancer survivors. Bags will be decorated and filled with supplies and be donated to the West Islip Breast Cancer Coalition. SCCC lecturer Danielle DiMauro leads this class. Limit of 20.

Paper Flowers

Petunia: Tuesday, October 6, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Remembrance Poppy: Tuesday, November 3, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Book Page Ornament: Tuesday, December 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.

Coffee Painting

Wednesday, October 7, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Create a scene of a golden fall afternoon using coffee as a painting medium. Artist Bonnie Schwartz will guide you step by step through the process. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$5.00**

Headless Horseman Silhouette Spooky Candleholder

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

Join this hands-on class where you will create a candleholder using black vinyl to form a silhouette around a jar. Artist Chris Vivas will instruct you through the process using a template or your own imagination to design this autumn and/or spooky piece. Limit of 20.

Paint Morning with Joe Socci

Friday, October 9, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Made in Minutes: Doorknob Witch Bells

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 - 11:00 am or

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Create two decorative witch bells inspired by traditional folklore, usually hung near doorways as symbols of welcome and protection. Limit of 20.

Painting with Laura Goetz

Pumpkin Designs: Wednesday, October 14, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Snowy Owl: Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Join artist Laura Goetz and create a Halloween pumpkin design on paper and a winter landscape with a snowy owl. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

Autumn Burlap Pocket Plaque

Friday, October 16, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Create a fall-inspired craft featuring a rustic wooden plaque with a burlap pocket filled with autumn florals. Limit of 24. **Fee: \$5.00**

Macramé Ghosts

Monday, October 19, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Let's paint a charming wood ghost while adding festive fabric, perfect for Halloween décor. Taught by Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

Pumpkin Embroidery

Monday, October 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Learn the chain embroidery stitch in this class to embroider a lovely pumpkin decoration for your home. Limit of 16.

Bullet Journaling

Wednesdays, October 21, November 4, & December 2

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.

The Great Give Back: Assisted Living Staff Appreciation Kits

Tuesday, October 27, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Create cards and small canvas bags to donate to assisted living staff to brighten their day. Kits will include items such as lip balm and snacks. Limit of 20.

Cork Turkey

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

We'll use corks to craft this friendly turkey, who will be welcome at your Thanksgiving celebration. Samantha He is the instructor. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$5.00**

Autumn Leaf Pop-Up Card

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

Join artist and professor Chris Vivas as we make our own autumn leaf pop-up card! Capture the beauty of autumn's vibrant colors in this easy project. Limit of 20.

Made in Minutes: Washcloth Teddy Bears

Monday, November 9, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Make a pair of decorative teddy bears by folding ordinary washcloths into adorable, bear-shaped figures. Limit of 30.

Fall Flower Fairies

Monday, November 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Learn how to make small, adorable fairies out of fake flowers and beads for decorations for gifts, gardens, and around the house. Limit of 16.

Burlap Table Runner

Friday, November 13, 10:00 - 11:30 am or 11:45 am - 1:15 pm

Jacqueline Parente, of Jackie's Custom Designs, teaches you to paint a beautiful burlap table runner adorned with pumpkins and greenery, for autumn décor that can be used for seasonal gatherings. Limit of 20.

Introduction to Woodworking: Holiday Centerpiece

Friday, November 13, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Build a charming wooden holiday centerpiece to add rustic elegance to your table, perfect for festive gatherings and décor. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$20.00**

Holiday Napkin Rings

Saturday, November 14, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Create either a set of 4 holiday napkin rings that look like miniature wreaths, or make a tie using ribbon and embellishments to adorn your napkins for years to come. Limit of 20.

Custom Fridge Magnets Using Perler Beads

Monday, November 16, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Bring back the nostalgia of Perler beads as you design festive magnets perfect for decorating your home or giving as handmade gifts. Limit of 16.

Book Folding: Pillar Candles

Tuesday, November 17, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Saturday, November 21, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Using a simple folding technique, you will repurpose a recycled book into an easy-to-create pillar candle that can brighten your holiday décor. Limit of 16.

Sew Your Own Apron

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

Saturday, November 28, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Create your own custom apron for crafting, cooking, or baking! Use our sewing machines and fabric, or bring 1-1.5 yards of your own fabric to make a one-of-a-kind apron. Limit of 8.

Evergreen Centerpiece/Wreath

Thursday, December 3, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Build a fresh evergreen centerpiece or wreath and finish it with Diana Conklin's signature dried herbs, cones, pods, dried flowers, and berries. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$10.00**

Coastal Christmas: Oyster Shell Ornament in Resin

Friday, December 4, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Artist Samantha He leads you through this ornament project that will capture sea glass, shells, evergreens, and charms in resin in a real oyster shell. Limit of 18. **Fee: \$5.00**

Stained Glass: Potted Plant

Saturday, December 5

9:30 am - 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 potted plant! Must attend the class to get the kit. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$20.00**

Ceramic Gingerbread House Workshop

Mondays, December 7 & 14, 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

In the first class, artist Chris Vivas will instruct you to utilize clay and tools with basic hand-building techniques. Then, you will add your own creative features. He will fire each piece at home, turning the clay into ceramic and bring them back for the second class, during which you will use acrylic paint to bring color to your house. You must attend both sessions to complete the project. Limit of 20. **Fee: \$10.00**

Merry & Bright Door Sign

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

Paint a wood holiday door sign with festive colors and a merry & bright saying, adding a festive touch to any home. Taught by Jacqueline Parente of Jackie's Custom Designs. Limit of 20.

Sequins and Snow Embroidery

Friday, December 11, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn basic embroidery techniques while adding beads and sequins to make your snowy season project shine. Limit of 16.

Gingerbread House Decorating

Friday, December 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or

Saturday, December 12, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

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

COMMUNITY OUTINGS

History Walk at Bohemia Union Cemetery

Wednesday, September 23, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Cemetery Historian Robert von Bernewitz will lead a guided walking tour of historic Union Cemetery in Bohemia. You'll discover the story behind the iconic Statue of Jan Hus, the 15th-century Czech priest. The tour will also introduce you to Bohemia's early settlers and highlight the lives of the men and women who served our country in the armed forces. As you explore the cemetery, you'll learn about symbolism on the grave markers. Limit of 25.

Forest Bathing Walk at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum

Wednesday, September 30, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

The Japanese practice of shinrin-yoku means bathing in the forest atmosphere, or taking in the forest through our senses. Experience a forest bathing walk firsthand with certified guide Linda Lombardo, and enjoy its multitude of potential health benefits. We will meet in front of the arboretum's manor house at 10:15 am. Walk will begin promptly at 10:30 am. Participants must complete a waiver and are responsible for any parking fees. Limit of 20.

Fitz-Greene Hallock Homestead Tour

Wednesday, October 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us for a private tour of the Fitz-Greene Hallock Homestead. Known as "The Maples," it was the family home of Fitz-Greene and Cassie (Ralston) Hallock and was built in 1888. The home is located at 2869 Pond Road, Lake Ronkonkoma. Limit of 15.

Tea Tasting at The Spice and Tea Exchange of Patchogue

Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or

Thursday, October 15, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join us to discover diverse tea varieties, unique recipes, and their associated health benefits. We will meet at the store. Limit of 20.

Introduction to Pickleball at Pickleball Hall

Tuesday, October 20, 4:00 - 6:00 pm

Join us at Pickleball Hall in Sayville to learn the basics of this fun, low-impact sport that combines elements of tennis, badminton, and ping-pong. Equipment will be provided. We will meet at Pickleball Hall. Limit of 28, 4 tickets per member. **Fee: \$10.00**

Guided Nature Hike: Blydenburgh County Park

Wednesday, October 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for a hike led by author Lee McAllister. This is a moderate hike of about 3 miles that will take us around a large meadow. We'll also traverse a boardwalk through a swamp containing rare Atlantic White Cedars. Meet at the first parking area on the left, north of the main entrance (100 Veterans Memorial Hwy, Smithtown). It's more than a half mile in from the entrance. Please arrive at 9:45 am. Participants are responsible for any parking fees. Limit of 25.

Bayard Cutting Arboretum Manor House Tour

Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us at the Bayard Cutting Arboretum, where a knowledgeable docent will guide you through the Cutting Family's historic home. We will meet in front of the arboretum's manor house (not the visitor's center) at 9:45 am. Tour will begin promptly at 10:00 am. Participants are responsible for any parking fees. Limit of 20.

Topgolf

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Enjoy an evening of fun at Topgolf! This program includes interactive gameplay, all equipment, and a dinner buffet. No golf experience needed. Limit of 24, 4 tickets per member. **Fee: \$25.00**

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Community Wellness Day

Saturday, September 26, 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

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

Youth Enrichment Services Information Table

Monday, September 28, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday, October 8, 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Thursday, November 5, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Thursday, November 19, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 2, 12:00 - 4:00 pm

YES will promote resources and information about substance and drug use/abuse, suicide awareness, and mental health.

No registration required.

Adults of All Abilities: All About Pumpkins!

Wednesday, October 7, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

We will learn about pumpkins and make a pumpkin-themed craft.

This program is designed for adults with special needs; caregivers must be present. Participants are free to move about the room.

Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library.

Limit of 20 (with caregiver).

Community Outreach: Veteran Appreciation & Gratitude

Wednesday, November 4, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Help us thank our local veterans by creating care packages and writing letters of gratitude. They will then be donated to the Northport VA Hospital. SCCC lecturer Danielle DiMauro leads this class. Limit of 20.

Veteran Community Resource Table

Monday, November 9, 3:00 - 5:00 pm

Stop by to learn about programs and services available in Suffolk County for veterans and their families. Hosted by Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project. *No registration needed.*

Suffolk County Senior Advocate

Thursday, November 12, 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 Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Medicare Savings Program, and HEAP. First-come, first-served. *No registration required.*

PSEGLI Consumer Advocate Table

Monday, December 7, 1:00 - 3:00 pm

Meet your PSEG Long Island advocate to discuss bill discounts, utility benefits, deferred payment options, medical protections, and more. *No registration required.*

CONCERTS

The Second Street Band: An Afternoon with the Beatles

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

In this special rock 'n' roll tribute show, the Second Street Band will perform the classic hits of the world's greatest pop group. It's an afternoon of stories and songs you won't soon forget.

No registration required.

RetroVerse

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

This rock 'n' roll theatrical extravaganza features music from the '50s, '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, Y2K, and stylized sets, including alternative British pop, progressive rock, yacht rock, one-hit wonders, the Beatles, movie soundtracks, country, and metal.

No registration required.

Almost Elton Meets Almost Billy

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

Relive the iconic hits of Elton John and Billy Joel in one unforgettable piano show with memorable melodies, fantastic sing-alongs, and outrageous costumes. It's a high-energy musical performance—one stage, two legends! *No registration required.*

Cultural Spotlight: Music of the West African Kora

Monday, November 2, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Sean Gaskell presents an evening of music and intimate stories on the kora, a 21-stringed West African harp played by oral historians known as griots. Sean will perform songs that preserve West Africa's 800-year history dating back to the founding of the Mande empire. *No registration required.*

Lisa Landry and the Core

Sunday, November 8, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Lisa Landry and the Core fuse blues, rock, and R&B into the songs you love for a soul-driven sound that will have you up on your feet. *No registration required.*

One More Once

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

Directed by Charles Sarling, this versatile big band has a repertoire of legendary swing and contemporary artists. From sweet ballads and up-tempo toe-tappers, you'll hear the music of Count Basie, Duke Ellington, Norah Jones, and more! *No registration required.*

Mary Sollitto and Jim Kanellos: Come to the Cabaret!

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

Mary Sollitto and Jim Kanellos bring a crisp new show that will leave you feeling inspired and invigorated! *No registration required.*

ProFusion

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

Have you ever seen someone play two saxophones at the same time? This skilled quartet delivers a healthy dose of funk and soul from the '70s and '80s music scene alongside jazzy renditions of beloved pop classics. *No registration required.*

Band of Veterans and Friends

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

The band plays a mix of '60s and '70s rock hits and modern country. It is a 501(c)(3) veteran service organization that consists of 12 veterans, 2 first responders, and 3 volunteers which offers free guitar lessons for veterans and sponsors veteran open mic nights. All band proceeds from performances go to their veteran services efforts. *No registration required.*

COOKING

Cupcake Decorating: Pumpkins & Ghosts

Saturday, October 17, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Celebrate the season by decorating festive pumpkin and ghost cupcakes using colorful buttercream and piping techniques. Participants will learn decorating tips while creating a sweet Halloween-themed treat to take home and enjoy. Limit of 24.

Local Eats: Appetizing Apples

Thursday, November 5, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Don't miss this exciting workshop where we will demonstrate several delicious apple recipes. Learn about the nutritional benefits, as well as how to select, store, preserve, and add them to your meals. Just in time for the holidays! Limit of 35.

Cooking with Chef Rob: Holiday Gatherings

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Holiday gatherings never tasted so good! Rob Scott will demonstrate and you will taste a Savory Antipasto Cheese Dip served with crackers and Classic French Onion Soup with Chicken topped with melted cheese, caramelized onions, beef broth, and white wine. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$5.00**

Mexican Christmas Dinner

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Experience vibrant flavors and rich cultural heritage as we guide you through the art of making tamales. You'll have the chance to taste a savory tamale of your choice, crafted with authentic ingredients and love. Don't miss this opportunity to savor a true Mexican holiday experience! Limit of 20. **Fee: \$5.00**

DISCUSSION GROUPS

Widowhood: Who Am I?

**Thursdays, September 17, October 15, & November 19
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

Hispanic Poetry: Tuesday, September 22, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Halloween Poetry: Tuesday, October 27, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

A casual club for poetry enthusiasts and those looking to understand the medium. Together, we will analyze poetry corresponding to monthly themes and share creative writing that is significant to you. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 15.

New Beginnings Support Group

**Wednesday, September 23 & Thursdays, October 1,
November 5, & December 3, 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.*

Dementia Caregiver Support Group

**Fridays, October 2, November 6, & December 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, October 5, November 2, & December 7
2:30 - 4:00 pm**

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

Play Discussion: Take Me Out by Richard Greenberg

Pick Up Book Beginning September 10 at the Circulation Desk

Monday, October 19, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Tuesday, October 20, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Centerfielder Darren Lemming is an extraordinary athlete whom fans and players regard as a living legend. This reputation is threatened however, when Darren announces he is gay. While his teammates reckon with their prejudices in the locker room, Darren struggles to balance the attention surrounding his identity and contemplates whether coming out was the right thing to do for his career. Limit of 15.

Book Discussion: The River Is Waiting by Wally Lamb

Pick Up Book Beginning September 10 at the Circulation Desk

Tuesday, November 3, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Wednesday, November 4, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Corby Ledbetter is struggling—new fatherhood, the loss of his job, and a growing secret addiction have thrown his marriage to his beloved Emily into a tailspin. And that's before he causes the tragedy that tears the family apart. Limit of 15.

Music Discussion: Nostalgic Songs

Tuesday, November 24, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Listen and read along to the lyrics of a selection of songs and discuss what they mean to you. This session explores music that romanticizes the past to express wistful appreciation or deep regret. Limit of 15.

Magical Book Discussion: *A Darker Shade of Magic* by V.E. Schwab

Pick Up Book Beginning September 10 at the Circulation Desk

Thursday, December 10, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

Kell, a rare type of magician from magical Red London, smuggles relics between parallel Londons. When he accidentally unleashes a deadly magic, he is forced into an alliance with Lila, a cunning thief from magicless Grey London. They must navigate these treacherous realms and stay alive to save them all. Limit of 15.

FITNESS

Cardio Drumming

Thursdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, & 22

11:30 am - 12:30 pm

Join us for this fun and energizing series that combines rhythm, music, and movement for a low-impact seated workout. Using drumsticks, fitness balls, and buckets, participants will enjoy easy-to-follow drumming patterns designed to elevate the heart rate, improve coordination, and promote overall wellness. Certified Therapeutic Recreation Specialist Theresa Morale instructs. Limit of 22.

Fitness Dance

Thursdays, September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 22, November 19, December 3, 10, & 17, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Senior Stretch and Flex

Fridays, September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23,

November 6, 13, 20, & December 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.

Senior Fitness

Mondays, September 21, 28, November 2, 9, 16, 30,

December 7, 14, & 21, 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.

Tai Chi

Tuesdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20,

November 10, 17, December 1, & 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.

Yin Yang Yoga

Tuesdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8, 15, & 22, 3:30 - 4:30 pm

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

Chair Yoga

Wednesdays, September 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21,

November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 9, & 16, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

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

Burlesque Chair Dancing

Friday, October 9, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn a fun choreographed Burlesque-themed dance routine that will include a chair as a prop. This is a beginner-friendly class, and no prior dance or fitness experience is needed to join. Limit of 35.

Hoop Dance

Fridays, October 16, 23, & November 6, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Hoop dancing is a fun and beautiful way to move your body using all of your muscles! Learn basic moves and techniques, recovery methods, and simple steps for moving in and out of the hoop. Limit of 15.

Saturday Morning Hatha Yoga

Saturdays, October 24, November 7, & December 5

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. 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, November 9, 16, & 23, 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.

Country Line Dancing

Fridays, November 27, December 4, & 18, 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.*

GAMES & TRIVIA

Dungeons and Dragons for Adults

Saturdays, September 19, October 24, & November 21

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 Pictionary with a Twist

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

Join Jackie & Chuck for a fun time playing Pictionary as you have never played it before! No drawing skills are needed for this zany take on the game you know. 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.

Beginner Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, & 14

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Jigsaw Puzzle Competition

Babysitting for Children Grades K - 5 is available

Saturday, October 3, 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.*

Adult Minute to Win It Games

Tuesdays, October 6 & November 17, 7:00 - 8:30 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. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 24.

Word Games

Thursday, October 8, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm

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

Musical Bingo

Tuesday, October 20, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This is a game that combines *Name That Tune* with bingo. Prizes will be awarded. Limit of 55.

Beginner Canasta

Tuesdays, October 27, November 3, & 10, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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

Left, Center, Right Dice Game

Tuesdays, October 27 & November 24, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Trivia Night

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

Be part of your own team (a total of 5 people), play alone, or let us assign you to one. The winning team will receive a prize. Limit of 55.

Siamese Mah Jongg

Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

For experienced players of mah jongg, join instructor Jacqui Palatnik to learn the fascinating two-handed version of the game. Players must have knowledge of the game. Please bring your own mah jongg set. Limit of 28.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Sound Bath

Morning: Tuesdays, September 15 & 29 and

Thursday, November 12, 9:30 - 10:30 am

Evening: Wednesdays, October 21, November 18, &

December 16, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

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

Seeds of Self-Care

Wednesday, September 16, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Plant, nurture, and grow your seeds of self-care. Life coach Lorraine Trentini will guide you through self-care plans that will work for you, followed by the planting of your self-care intention. Each participant leaves with their potted seeds. Limit of 20.

Healing Qigong

Thursdays, September 17 & 24 and Wednesday, September 30

6:30 - 7:30 pm

Qigong involves movement, exercises, breath regulation, and meditation designed to improve physical and mental well-being. The class will be mainly standing and involves movements, which can be modified as needed. Please bring a yoga mat and water. This class is led by certified teacher Uschi Donnelly. Limit of 20.

Medicare Savings Program & Medicaid Application for 65+

Wednesdays, September 23, October 21, & November 18

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.

Reiki Circle

Wednesdays, September 23, October 28, November 4, & December 9, 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.

Weight Loss Today: GLP-1 Medications & Supplements Explained

Monday, September 28, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Learn from Dr. Rebecca Fishman, physician at Catholic Health, about how GLP-1 medications support weight loss, available weight loss supplements, and gain practical insights to help you make informed decisions about your health and wellness journey. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 40.

Health Insurance Information and Counseling (HIICAP)

Wednesdays, September 30, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm; October 28, 10:45 am - 12:45 pm; & November 25, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

A HIICAP-trained volunteer will meet with people 60 years old 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 care, and low-income subsidy programs. Appointments are one half-hour. Limit of 4.

Morning Meditation

Friday, October 2; Monday, November 9; & Thursday, December 3; 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. Certified instructor Jamie Gale leads this class. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 20.

Breathe Together | Virtual

Tuesdays, October 6, 13, 20, 27, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 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.

Mindfulness

Thursday, October 8, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Discover the power of being present and learn how the practice of mindfulness can transform your daily life. This session will provide you with practical techniques and mindful meditation exercises to incorporate into your routine. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 40.

Fall Prevention: Stay Strong, Steady, and Safe

Tuesday, October 13, 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Learn tips to stay balanced and independent, explore simple exercises to improve strength and stability, and discover ways to make your home environment safer. Presented by Hayle Boyle, Regional Injury Prevention Coordinator at Northwell Health. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 30.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Thursday, October 22, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Get information on diet, exercise, cognitive activity, and social engagement for healthy aging. Presented by the Long Island Chapter of Alzheimer's Association. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 40.

Catholic Health Services Mobile Health Screening

Tuesday, October 27, 9:30 am - 2:00 pm

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

Back Pain Workshop

Tuesday, October 27, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Dealing with persistent back pain? Join Panetta Physical Therapy for an educational workshop focused on understanding and treating back pain at its source. Learn non-invasive strategies to reduce pain, improve strength and mobility, and prevent future flare-ups so you can live comfortably and confidently. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 40.

CancerCare Community Table

Tuesday, October 27, 12:00 - 3:00 pm

An oncology social worker from the Long Island CancerCare office will be present to provide an overview of all local programming and answer questions related to the impact of cancer on individuals and families. *No registration required.*

Medicare Basics

Wednesday, October 28, 10:00 - 10:45 am

A representative from the Friends of the Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will discuss HIICAP (Health Insurance Information and Counseling Program). This Medicare Basics presentation is designed for Medicare-eligible people who want a better understanding of Medicare—Parts A, B, C, & D and the options available, the Medicare Savings Program, Extra Help and EPIC. *No registration required.*

Day Haven Information Table

Monday, November 2, 1:00 - 3:00 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.*

Practical Caregiving Tips for Winter

Thursday, November 5, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

The Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center of Long Island, will discuss practical, easy-to-apply strategies to promote safety, comfort, and well-being during the colder months. Topics include preventing falls and managing winter hazards, maintaining warmth and proper nutrition, supporting hydration and physical activity indoors, addressing seasonal mood changes, and preparing for winter emergencies. No registration required.

Ask the Dietitian

Thursday, November 12, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

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

Harness the Power of Gratitude

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

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

Supercharge Your Heart Health with Lifestyle Medicine

Thursday, November 19, 1:00 - 2:00 pm

Did you know that up to 80% of heart disease is preventable? In this presentation, you'll learn the six key pillars of lifestyle medicine; tools to prevent, manage, and treat heart disease; and tips to harness your daily lifestyle practices for optimal heart health. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 35.

Yoga Nidra

Thursday, November 19, 6:30 - 8:00 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.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Learn English: Beginner Classes for Adults

Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, October 6, 13, & 20

7:00 - 8:30 pm

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

Beginner Italian

Tuesdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13, 20, & 27

6:30 - 8:00 pm

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

Learn Spanish

Tuesdays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, & December 1

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

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

LECTURES & PRESENTATIONS

Vinyl Listening Club

Mondays, September 14, October 5, & November 30

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Enjoy some music with 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.*

Defensive Driving

Tuesday & Wednesday, September 15 & 16, 2:00 - 5:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, October 5 & 6, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm

Wednesday & Thursday, October 21 & 22, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

Monday & Tuesday, November 2 & 3, 6:00 - 9:00 pm

These classes have been approved by the NYS Department of Motor Vehicles for a 10% discount on liability, collision, and no-fault insurance, and a 4-point reduction for motor vehicle points for a period of 3 years. There is a six-hour classroom requirement. Bring your driver's license and a pen to class. Latecomers cannot be admitted. Limit of 40. **Fee: \$15.00**

I'm in a Long Island State of Mind:

Singers/Songwriters/Supergroups

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

Join us for a lecture by Keith Crocker on the virtuosos of the Long Island music scene, from Billy Joel to Lou Reed, from The Vagrants to Mountain. We will explore the Island's role in shaping the musical landscape of America and watch as our hometown groups stake their claims in the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. *No registration required.*

Latina Women Who Conquered Hollywood:

The Dolores del Rio Story

Wednesday, September 16, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

Dolores del Rio was the first Latina to cross over into mainstream Old Hollywood. She opened the door for the fiery Lupe Vélez, Katy Jurado, and Carmen Miranda. Del Rio defied the odds and carved out her own cornerstone in Hollywood history. With Sal St. George. *No registration required.*

History of Famous Children's Books

Wednesday, September 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Children's literature was not always a rich medium of fantasy, adventure, joy, and coming of age. Artist and professor Chris Vivas will take us on an adventure through the history of children's literature. We will explore classics such as *Winnie the Pooh*, *The Wizard of Oz*, *The Little Prince*, and even dive down the hole to the origins of children's literature, which was much more puritanical and moral-based. *No registration required.*

Connetquot Community Writers' Group

Wednesdays, September 16, 30, October 14, 28,

November 4, 18, December 2, & 16, 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.*

Soaring Again: The Bald Eagle's Comeback Story

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

Discover the remarkable comeback of one of America's most iconic birds, the bald eagle. Explore their life history, understand the factors that led to their decline, and learn how dedicated conservation efforts helped bring them back from the brink of extinction to be once again soaring over the skies of Long Island. Chris Paparo of Fish Guy Photos is the lecturer. *No registration required.*

Introduction to AKC Dog Agility: Fast, Focused, and Fun

Thursday, September 17, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Candyce Paparo has been competing in AKC dog agility for over 13 years with her Standard Poodles. This presentation provides a beginner-friendly overview of the sport, including obstacles, rules, scoring, and overall flow of AKC competitions, brought to life through her own dogs. Trigger, her 7-year-old Standard Poodle, will be in attendance to demonstrate some of the skills that helped him earn two Master Agility Championship titles. *No registration required.*

Beginner Photography

Mondays, September 21, October 26, & November 23

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.

America 250 Tavern Tea

Wednesday, September 23, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

To celebrate the nation's 250th anniversary, join Margaret M. Johnson for a three-course Tavern Tea with a bill of fare that includes savory meats and cheeses, sweet biscuits, cakes, and a fruit pudding. Author of fourteen cookbooks, including *Teatime in Ireland* and *Delicious Ireland*, Johnson weaves colonial history into an afternoon tea menu based on period foods. "Teas of the finest Sorts will be serv'd, being Bohea, Hyson, and Souchong, together with sundry others suitable to the tea table." Limit of 28.

Fee: \$5.00

Acoustic Jam Session

Mondays, September 28, November 9, & December 7

7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

Ancient Wisdom

Venus Retrograde: Tuesday, September 29, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Void of Course Moons: Tuesday, October 20, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Astrology and Healing: Tuesday, November 24, 1:30 - 3:00 pm

Speaker Lelonni Campbell is a longtime student of metaphysics who 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.*

History of Conjuring

Tuesday, September 29, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Join Peter Colletti, professional magician and lecturer, for an entertaining look at the history of magic. This engaging lecture and slide presentation traces the art of conjuring from ancient Egypt to Houdini to David Blaine. Effects from different eras of magic will be performed and explained. Numerous tricks will be taught. *No registration required.*

Memoir Writing

Thursdays, October 1, 15, 22, 29, November 5, & 12

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.

Ancient Artifacts That Defy Explanation

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

Sidney Prince is a research specialist in ancient artifacts and civilizations. He will present his examinations of artifacts that seem out of place for their time, such as those cast from gold that resemble modern aircraft, technical devices created from ancient blueprints, ancient carvings of creatures that resemble figures in modern films, comparisons of ancient artifacts to modern electronics, and many more. Join us for this thought-provoking lecture. *No registration required.*

Long Island's Haunted Lighthouses

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

Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they examine the myths, legends, and spooky stories of hauntings, ghosts, and paranormal activity in some of our historical lighthouses. This fun-filled program will journey to several lighthouses, including the infamous Execution Rocks Lighthouse, Race Rocks Lighthouse, and Fire Island Lighthouse...with a few surprises along the way. Viewers will learn both the normal and paranormal history of these fascinating structures. *No registration required.*

Rockin' TV: Rock & Roll and TV from Elvis to the Monkees In-Person & Virtual

Thursday, October 8, 2:30 - 3:30 pm

Rock & roll and television grew up together beginning in the 1950s when personalities such as Milton Berle, Steve Allen, and Ed Sullivan introduced America to artists like Bill Haley, Fats Domino, Elvis, and the Beatles, changing pop culture forever. Brian Rose, professor emeritus from Fordham University, presents this lively survey of televised rock. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Long Island Dirt: Recovering Our Buried Past Through Archaeologies

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

Dr. Allison McGovern will discuss her work as an archaeologist on Long Island and how archaeology informs our understanding of local and regional histories. *No registration required.*

Learn Guitar

Fridays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, & November 6, 2:00 - 3:00 pm

Adam King of Reprise Music will teach you about tuning, scales, chords, and even a few songs. Please bring your own guitar.

Limit of 15.

The Wise Guys of Long Island... Owls!

Wednesday, October 14, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Fascinating, mysterious, and beautiful! Owls are all of these things, and we see many of them here on Long Island. Using stunning photographs, along with fun and interesting facts, longtime Long Island birder Dianne Taggart will introduce us to these magnificent and wonderful birds. *No registration required.*

Monsters in Art

Wednesday, October 14, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

There have been amazing masterpieces created by revered artists that have defined what we think of as art. Artworks and artists that have become iconic in our culture. But what happens when the artist is revealed to be a monster? How do we separate the artist from the artwork? Should we? Join Artist and professor Chris Vivas for an honest lecture on some of the most admired and reprehensible artists and ponder how we should view them. *No registration required.*

Color Makes the Difference

Wednesday, October 14, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Learn what colors mean when you wear them and discover the best colors for you according to your hair, skin, and eye color. Wearing the wrong colors in your makeup and wardrobe can make you look older and tired, the right ones—younger and vibrant! Each attendee will get a color analysis. With Christina Loggia, certified color analyst. Limit of 12.

Long Island Graveyards and Cemeteries

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

Long Island historian Robert von Bernewitz will talk about the various historic cemeteries, types of burial sites, and noteworthy people that are buried here. Find out where Mae West, Jackie Robinson, Jackson Pollock, William Sydney Mount, and Teddy Roosevelt are laid to rest. You will learn that the oldest burial ground in New York State is on Long Island, and it also happens to be the largest cemetery in the country! *No registration required.*

Edible Mushrooms

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Learn about some of the more common edible mushrooms, their characteristics, and some food dishes they might go with. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 40.

Western Sicily, a Traveler's Treasure

Wednesday, October 21, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Considered a crossroads of cultures and civilizations in the Mediterranean, this one-stop destination has you experiencing a wide range of history all in one place. Rich traditions combine with gorgeous coastline, fertile vineyards, and bustling market towns to make this a one-of-a-kind destination. Jeanne Schnupp is the speaker. *No registration required.*

Tales from the Revolution: Long Island's Legends, Anecdotes, Ghosts, and Lore

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

Janet Emily Demarest presents this historic storytelling of the legends, anecdotes, and lore from the time of the Revolution on Long Island. Researched and directly sourced from local history books, these stories reveal the amazing, ironic, and humorous results when ordinary Long Islanders were placed in extraordinary circumstances. *No registration required.*

Eastern Sicily, the Melting Pot of Cultures

Wednesday, October 28, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Hop across the Strait of Messina from Italy's mainland to Sicily, the largest Mediterranean island. Many cultures have ruled the island—African, Arab, Greek, Spanish, Austrian, French, Turkish, British, and even Vikings. You'll see these influences in colorful contemporary towns and ancient architecture. In addition, many movies have been filmed here. Jeanne Schnupp is the presenter. *No registration required.*

Managing Life After Retirement

Wednesday, October 28, 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Retirement is a big change that impacts our relationships, our sense of purpose and identity, as well as our physical and emotional health. We will review the stages of retirement and look at the four steps identified by researchers at Kansas State University that can improve one's overall retirement experience by avoiding the most common challenges new retirees often face. Kerri Kreh Reda from Cornell Cooperative Extension will lead us in this workshop. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 40.

Choosing Wine as a Gift

Thursday, October 29, 6:45 - 8:30 pm

Whether shopping for a host, friend, family member, boss, or wine enthusiast, choosing the right bottle doesn't have to be intimidating. Learn to select thoughtful wines for every budget, identify bottles that overdeliver for the price, and read wine labels with confidence. We'll discuss presentation ideas, wine and gourmet food gifts, and best questions to ask at your local wine shop or online distributor to help you choose with confidence. Wine sommelier Pascal Zugmeyer is the speaker. *No registration required.*

Ancient Origins of Halloween

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

In this program, we will learn how Halloween originated from the ancient Celtic festival of Samhain, which marked the end of summer on October 31, in addition to how the history of Halloween has impacted the today's traditions. SCCC history lecturer Danielle DiMauro presents. *No registration required.*

Marie Curie: Her Life and Work

Wednesday, November 4, 11:00 am - 12:15 pm

A scientist and pioneer of radioactivity, Marie Curie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, and is still the only person awarded the prize in two different sciences: Physics (1903), shared with her husband Pierre Curie and Antoine Henri Becquerel, and Chemistry (1911), for the discovery of polonium and radium. Edward Sierra will offer an engaging and informative presentation on the woman, her work, and life. *No registration required.*

20th Century Street Photography in New York City | Virtual

Thursday, November 5, 2:30 - 4:00 pm

Art historian Sylvia Laudien-Meo illustrates this fascinating history of street photography in New York City beginning in the 1830s when the faces and places of our ever-changing country were captured in iconic images we still know today. Artists such as Alice Austen, Walker Evans, Jacob Riis, Robert Frank, Diane Arbus, and more will be covered.

Suburbanization on Long Island: The First Phase 1890-1940

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

While Long Island suburbanization is often considered a post-WWII development, this presentation explores earlier manifestations of the phenomenon, through the history of the creation of Brightwaters and Old Field South. Both communities were the brainchild of Thomas Benton Ackerson and Ward Melville, who intended them as planned communities. Richard Welch will talk about the careers of both men, and how the communities evolved during and after their oversight. *No registration required.*

Introduction to the Illuminated Tarot

Friday, November 6, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

The classic Tarot deck consists of 22 major Arcana and 58 suit cards. Covering the basics, we will approach the Tarot intuitively and learn how to read and discover secrets of the cards. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 30.

Thanksgiving in Nineteenth Century Islip Town

Tuesday, November 10, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

George Munkenbeck, Islip Town Historian, presents this fascinating look at how Thanksgiving was celebrated in early Islip Town when the region's rich maritime and agricultural history influenced the foods and customs of early Long Islanders. *No registration required.*

Graffiti Art

Monday, November 16, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

Artist and lecturer Chris Vivas discusses his exploration of various locations within New York City that feature graffiti art, including the famous Freedom Tunnel, industrial spots, and the no longer existing 5 Pointz. *No registration required.*

Plant it Forward: Best Blooming Bulbs for Beneficials

Tuesday, November 17, 3:00 - 4:30 pm

Planting bulbs in the fall is a promise of beauty to our future selves. Learn how to choose bulbs that offer maximum support to beneficial insects in our pollinator community. You'll learn how to plan a garden that will extend nectar and pollen resources through the spring. Registration open to nonresidents; please call the library. Limit of 35.

All Aboard! New England's Train Legacy

Wednesday, November 18, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Celebrate the 200th anniversary of rail travel in America! Jeanne Schnupp will explore all kinds of rails, from steam engines to cogwheel, and tell you about the fascinating lives of hobo train hoppers. Enjoy scenes and stories from historic trams and trains, and glide along in style on a steamboat, reveling in the Connecticut River Valley. *No registration required.*

Haudenosaunee Women: From SkyWoman to Suffrage In-Person & Virtual

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

From the Creation Story and SkyWoman, Perry Ground will discuss the responsibilities women play in the culture, government, and communities of the Haudenosaunee. Comparing these responsibilities and freedoms to those of American women, the role that Haudenosaunee women played in influencing the ideas of early suffragists will be discussed as well as connections to modern traditions and issues, such as the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) movement. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Nazis of Long Island: Sedition, Espionage, & the Plot Against America

Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 - 8:15 pm

During World War II, Yaphank was home to Camp Siegfried, run by the German American Bund, a pro-Nazi organization that posed a serious threat to America's war effort. Through propaganda, prejudice, distrust of government, and conspiracy theories, the Bund worked to build support for fascism in the U.S. and dreamed of creating an American version of the Third Reich. Historian Christopher Verga explores this little-known chapter of Long Island's wartime history. *No registration required.*

From Pearl Harbor to Leyte Gulf:

The Battleships That Came Back | In-Person & Virtual

Wednesday, December 2, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

On December 7, 1941, the attack on Pearl Harbor left much of America's battleship fleet damaged, burning, and sunk in the harbor. Many believed they would never sail again. Instead, American engineers, shipyard workers, and sailors carried out one of the greatest salvage/rebuilding efforts in naval history. Hear the story of this great military comeback through historic photographs and firsthand accounts. With Michael Rodgers. This is a Zoom presentation that will be shown in the library or can be viewed from home. In-person viewing: *No registration required.*

Agatha Christie: Queen of Mystery

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

Explore the fascinating life of Agatha Christie with speaker William Forrester. This lecture traces her early years in Edwardian England, her two marriages, and her mysterious 1926 disappearance, while examining how she shaped the whodunit genre to become one of the bestselling authors of all time. We'll also explore the themes of her work and the creation of her iconic characters Hercule Poirot and Miss Marple. *No registration required.*

The End of WWI as the Catalyst for the Start of WWII

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

WWI ended on November 11, 1918. In this lecture, we will learn how the Treaty of Versailles, established after its conclusion, served as a catalyst for WWII. SCCC history lecturer Danielle DiMauro presents. *No registration required.*

Trump v. U.S.: Presidential Power, Immunity, and the Constitution

Wednesday, December 9, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

One of the most significant Supreme Court decisions in modern U.S. history, *Trump v. United States* (2024), the case addressed presidential immunity in the context of criminal prosecution. Our analysis will review the facts of the case, the Court's reasoning, the constitutional principles at issue, the opinions of the justices, and the decision's potential impact and separation of powers. The speaker is James Coll, an adjunct professor of American and Constitutional history and retired NYPD detective. *No registration required.*

MOVIES

Afternoon Movies

Tuesdays, October 20, 2:00 - 4:15; November 10, 12:00 - 2:30 pm; & December 15, 2:00 - 4:15 pm

Titles to be announced. Check our website or Facebook page to see what's playing. *No registration required.*

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Career Counseling

Saturdays, October 3, November 7, & December 5

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.

Starting a Business on a Small Budget

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

TECHNOLOGY

One-on-One Tech Help Appointments

September 15 - December 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 one-on-one technology assistance from a librarian. We offer basic computer, tablet, or mobile phone help and guidance, but no repairs. Have questions about our Cricut, 3D printer, laser engraver, sublimation printer, or other makerspace service? We can assist with that too. Come with your device and your questions! Limit of 3.

Virtual Reality (VR) Experiences | For ages 10 and up

September 16 - December 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. Limit of 5.

Leftover Laser Engraving Blanks

Thursday, September 17, 10:00 - 11:00 am or 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Give leftover laser engraving blanks a new life! In this sustainable class, you'll choose from a variety of leftover wood and acrylic materials like keychains, jewelry boxes, coasters, ornaments, and more to create a unique engraved project while helping reduce waste. Limit of 10.

Sublimation Color-Changing Mugs

Fridays, September 18 or December 11, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Cozy up with a personalized, cold-to-hot, color-changing mug designed using Canva. Limit of 10.

Introduction to Cricut Design Space

Monday, September 21, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or

Thursday, September 24, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

You've Got Gmail: An Introduction to Gmail

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

Here, we will take you through the process of creating a new Gmail account for personal or professional use. Learn how to check your email, compose, reply, forward, delete, or star messages. We'll also cover creating folders, setting up signatures, and more. Limit of 16.

Introduction to Instagram

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

Want to learn what Instagram is all about? This introductory presentation will walk you through the basics of the social media app, from creating an account to sharing photos, viewing stories, and following people and organizations that interest you. We'll also discuss online safety, privacy, and tips for getting the most out of Instagram. Limit of 10.

Introduction to DTF: Halloween Tote Bag

Friday, September 25, 6:30 - 8:00 pm or

Wednesday, October 21, 2:00 - 3:30 pm

In this class, you will learn the difference between sublimation and DTF. Then, we will create a Halloween-themed tote bag with a ready-to-press DTF transfer. Limit of 10.

Website Building from the Ground Up

Monday, September 28, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

This course, taught by Frank DeBlasi, will provide a general understanding of what is necessary to get a personal or small business website up and running. Limit of 16.

Organize Your Life with Google Calendar

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

Get organized and never miss a beat! In this lecture-based class, learn how to use Google Calendar to manage appointments, set reminders, and plan your days more efficiently. Limit of 12.

Using AI for Everyday Skills

Saturday, October 3, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Discover how AI can make everyday life easier with expert Josh Varon. Learn practical ways to use AI for tasks like writing emails, planning meals and trips, simplifying complicated documents, interpreting results, brainstorming gift ideas, learning new skills, and much more. Limit of 24.

Introduction to Canva

Monday, October 5, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Tuesday, October 6, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

Spooky 3D Printing: Design Your Own

Halloween Creation with Tinkercad

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

Get into the Halloween spirit by designing your own spooky 3D piece in Tinkercad! Learn the basics of 3D design as you create ghosts, pumpkins, bats, or other creatures that will be printed after the class. Limit of 8.

Google Drive Made Easy

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

Your Gmail account comes with a free cloud storage service called Google Drive. Learn about Google Drive and how to organize your files. Limit of 16.

Scorch Markers: Fun Fall Designs

Wednesday, October 14 or Thursday, October 15

2:30 - 4:00 pm

Create a unique piece of wood-burned art! In this hands-on class, you'll learn how to design and cut a vinyl stencil with the Cricut cutting machine, then transfer your design onto a wood slice using a scorch marker. We'll finish the project with a heat gun to reveal your custom, burned-in design. Limit of 8.

Google Docs, Forms, & Sheets

Thursday, October 15, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn how to create documents, surveys, spreadsheets, and more using Google's free cloud-based software. Limit of 16.

Cricut: Artist Trading Cards

Mondays, October 19 or November 30, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Create your own Artist Trading Cards (ATCs)—small, collectible works of art that are often traded with other artists. Instructor Amy Simonson will show you how to use the Cricut to cut the cards to size and add a fun design to the back. Then, decorate the front with your own artwork and creativity. Limit of 8.

Halloween Buttons

Thursday, October 22, 10:00 - 11:30 am or

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

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

Build Your Own Model Train

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

In this hands-on workshop led by engineer Jon Greene, participants will build and take home their very own battery-powered and 3D-printed model train from a provided kit. No prior knowledge required! This workshop is perfect for the hobbyist or maker looking to try a new project. Limit of 8. **Fee: \$10.00**

Meet Gemini! Introduction to Google AI

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

Discover the power of Google's most advanced AI, Gemini. In this lecture-style class, you will learn about Gemini and its features, how it compares to other AIs, prompt engineering, and practical uses for everyday life. Limit of 12.

Photo Mugs

Monday, November 2, 7:00 - 8:30 pm or

Friday, November 6, 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.

Laser-Engraved Fall Slate Coasters

Thursday, November 5, 3:00 - 4:30 pm or

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

Create a beautiful fall-inspired design in Canva that will be laser-engraved onto a slate coaster after class. Limit of 8.

Holiday Hosting: Custom Glass Serving Boards

Monday, November 9, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or

Thursday, November 12, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

Prepare for holiday entertaining with a serving board made by you! In this hands-on program, you'll create a custom design with Canva and use sublimation techniques to personalize a glass serving board. Perfect for adding a handmade touch to your home or giving as a thoughtful gift! Limit of 10.

Laser-Engraved Glass Coffee Mugs

Monday, November 9, 7:00 - 8:00 pm or

Thursday, November 12, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Design your own custom coffee mug using Canva and our laser engraver! Limit of 10.

Create Holiday eCards with Canva

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

Use Canva to create a beautiful holiday greeting card that can be sent electronically or printed on your own. Optional: Come with a photo on a flash drive or saved to your email, which we can add to your card. Basic computer skills are required. Limit of 8.

Shop Smarter this Holiday Season

by Understanding Dropshipping

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

In this lecture-style class, you will learn about dropshipping and how to recognize if a product you found advertised on social media is from a reputable online store or dropshipped from China. Limit of 12.

Sublimation Hand Towels

Saturdays, November 14 or December 5, 10:00 - 11:30 am

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

Laser-Engraved Holiday Cookie Serving Plate

Wednesday, November 18, 2:00 - 3:30 pm or

Monday, November 23, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Create a custom wood tray to display your holiday cookies using Canva. Your tray will then be laser-engraved for you to take home. Limit of 10.

Understanding Files and Folders

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

Not sure where your downloaded files go or how to keep your computer organized? This beginner-friendly class will teach you the basics of managing files and folders on your computer. Learn how to find, save, move, rename, and organize your documents with confidence. Basic computer experience required. Limit of 10.

Holiday Gift Guide: Must-Have Tech for the Whole Family

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

Take the guesswork out of holiday shopping with a tech gift guide for everyone on your list! This presentation will highlight popular gadgets, useful devices, and exciting new technology for all ages and interests, as well as where to shop for them! Limit of 10.

Intermediate Cricut: Layers Panel Tips and Tricks

Monday, November 23, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Learn how to use the Layers Panel in Cricut Design Space to organize and edit your designs. We'll cover essential tools like grouping, attaching, flattening, slicing, and more to help you create future projects more efficiently. Basic Cricut Design Space experience is recommended. Limit of 10.

Laser-Engrave & Paint a Holiday Gift Tag

Thursday, December 3, 10:00 - 11:30 am or

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

Create a custom design in Canva, and we'll laser-engrave it onto a holiday-themed wooden tag. Then, add the finishing touches with colorful paint pens to create a festive, one-of-a-kind keepsake. Limit of 8.

Copy, Save, and Print Made Easy Using Keyboard Shortcuts

Monday, December 7, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Are you tired of every software and website having a different way to do simple tasks? In this class, you will learn how to save, copy, paste, and print from any site and software, including Microsoft Word, email, Google Maps, and more, using keyboard shortcuts. Limit of 12.

Online Forms without Fear

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

Completing an online form or application can feel overwhelming if you're not sure where to start. In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn how to confidently use online forms by practicing common tasks like entering information, selecting options from drop-down menus, uploading files, and submitting forms. Basic computer experience required. 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, September 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, September 14.**

Name That Tune for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

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

Think you know your music? Put your ears to the test in this fast-paced musical challenge where you will listen to short clips of popular songs and see if you can guess the tune. Winners will receive a gift card. Limit of 15.

Game and Character Basics for Dungeons and Dragons

Grades 6 - 12

Saturday, September 19, 11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Join Justin for a fun Dungeons & Dragons session! Learn the basics, explore characters, and get ready for your next adventure—perfect for beginners and experienced players alike. Limit of 20.

Dungeons & Dragons for Teens | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesdays, September 23, October 28, & November 18, 5:30 - 8:30 pm or Saturdays, October 10, November 7, & December 5, 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.

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

Fridays, October 2 & November 6, 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.

Faux Pumpkin Design Contest | Grades 6 - 12

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

Show off your creativity by designing a unique faux pumpkin to be displayed in Teen Services throughout October. The pumpkin with the most patron votes will win a gift card. Limit of 20.

Room Refresh: Design a Poster! | Grades 6 - 12

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

Looking for a fun way to personalize your space? Join us to create a custom poster in Canva using graphics, photos, and text. Then, we will print your finished design on the library's poster printer. Just bring your creativity! Limit of 10.

Cricut: Halloween Personalized Cups | Grades 6 - 12

Friday, October 9, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Celebrate spooky season with a personalized Halloween-themed reusable cup customized using the Cricut and glow-in-the-dark vinyl. Limit of 10.

Spooky Van Gogh Painting | Grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Create a spooky Van Gogh-inspired painting with Samantha He and bring your own haunting vision to life! Limit of 20.

Teen Book Discussion: *Sunrise on The Reaping* by Suzanne Collins Grades 9 - 12 | Pick Up Book Beginning September 14 at the Learning Commons Desk

Thursday, October 15, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join us for this discussion of *Sunrise on the Reaping* by Suzanne Collins before the movie adaptation premieres this November! When Haymitch Abernathy is selected for the Fiftieth Hunger Games' Quarter Quell, he's torn from everything he loves and thrust into an arena where the odds are stacked against him. Discuss the newest return to Panem with fellow Hunger Games fans. Snacks will be provided. Limit of 8.

Pass the Spooky Story | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, October 16, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Get creative with Erin during Pass the Spooky Story! Work together to build a spooky story, one person at a time. Limit of 15.

Jack Skellington Cupcakes | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, October 21, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join Rob Scott to create Jack Skellington cupcakes! Decorate spooky, delicious treats inspired by the Pumpkin King. Limit of 24.

Room Refresh: Light-Up Acrylic Sign | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, October 23, 6:30 - 8:00 pm**

Design a one-of-a-kind acrylic sign and watch it come to life with our laser engraver. Once engraved, place it in an LED light base to create a custom light-up decoration for your space. Limit of 10.

Teen Halloween Party! | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, October 31, 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

Celebrate Halloween! Drop in and bring friends for an afternoon of spooky fun with Halloween-themed crafts, games, trivia, candy, and more. Costumes are welcome, but not required. Stop by for a little while or stay for the whole party! *No registration required.*

Fall Succulent Planter | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, November 7, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Join Kristen to create a fall succulent planter! Decorate a terracotta pot with decoupage designs and plant your own succulent to take home. Limit of 20.

K-Pop Club | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, November 14, 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.

Teen Writers Circle | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, November 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

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

Grandma-Style Spaghetti Pie | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Rob Scott instructs how to make a classic grandma-style spaghetti pie just in time for Thanksgiving! Limit of 24.

Clay Ornaments | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, December 2, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Create festive clay ornaments with Lisa! Design and paint air-dry clay decorations, perfect for the holiday season. Limit of 20.

Winter Wonderland Tin | Grades 6 - 12**Saturday, December 5, 2:00 - 3:00 pm**

Get creative with Samantha He and transform a tin into a Winter Wonderland! Create a snowy scene that becomes a one-of-a-kind decoration to enjoy at home. Limit of 20.

Perler Bead Ornaments | Grades 6 - 12**Monday, December 7, 4:00 - 5:30 pm**

Get creative with Perler beads and make your own holiday ornaments! Arrange, melt, and transform colorful beads into unique designs. Limit of 15.

Teen Gingerbread House Decorating | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Decorate a festive gingerbread house with colorful edible embellishments provided by the Baking Coach. Limit of 24.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Community Service: Ways to Earn Hours | Grades 6 - 12**Monday, September 28, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Looking for community service hours? Learn about the Teen Advisory Board, at-home donation projects, and classes. Then, create something to donate. Limit of 20.

Craft Buddy Kits | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 - 8:00 pm**

Help Theresa prepare colorful craft kits for younger children! Sort, organize, and assemble everything needed for fun, take-home art projects. Limit of 24.

The Great Give Back: Food Drive | Grades 6 - 12**Tuesday, October 13 - Tuesday, October 20**

Help support Long Island Cares while earning community service! Donate 5 nonperishable food items (such as canned food, cereal, pasta, rice, peanut butter, mac & cheese, cookies, Jell-O, or pudding) to earn 1 hour, or decorate a take-and-make tote bag, return it with 5 food items, and earn 2 hours. Drop off donations in the Learning Commons collection box. *No registration required.*

Totes for Breast Cancer Patients | Grades 6 - 12**Tuesday, October 13, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Join Theresa to transform plain tote bags into heartfelt gifts that bring a little extra joy to breast cancer patients. Limit of 24.

Keychains for Veterans | Grades 6 - 12**Wednesday, November 4, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Create meaningful keychains with Samantha that will be donated to veterans as a special thank-you for their service. Limit of 20.

Dog Crate Signs | Grades 6 - 12**Friday, November 13, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Get creative with Jackie and make dog crate signs that will be donated to support shelter dogs on their journey to finding forever homes. Limit of 24.

Beautiful Beagles | Grades 6 - 12**Tuesday, November 17, 4:00 - 5:00 pm**

Help Theresa create heartfelt collages of adoptable beagles that will be gifted to new adopters through Last Hope, Inc. Limit of 24.

CHILDREN

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

REGISTER online, in person, or by phone; have your library card number, password, and email address ready. Registration begins at 9:00 am on Friday, September 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 5 minutes late. **Note: Each member is limited to ten (10) registrations until Monday, September 14.**

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

Pages & Paints: Huggable Hedgehogs
Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)
Monday, September 14, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Snuggle up with your little one for charming hedgehog read-alouds full of big personality and autumn wonder. Then, we'll use some simple techniques to paint an adorable hedgehog made of fall foliage shapes. Limit of 20.

Dot Day Celebration
Ages 30 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)
Tuesday, September 15, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Get ready to make your mark! We are celebrating International Dot Day, a day inspired by Peter H. Reynolds' beloved book, *The Dot*, which celebrates creativity, courage, and self-expression. We will listen to the story, create our own dot art, and discover how even the smallest mark can spark big ideas! Feel free to dress in your favorite polka dots! Limit of 20.

Unplugged with the BenAnna Band | Ages birth - 35 months
Wednesday, September 16, 10:00 - 10:30 am

This gentle yet high-energy acoustic session is all about sensory exploration and joyful noise. Whether your little one is clapping along from your lap or up on their feet shaking shakers, it's the ultimate way to boost early development and bond through live music—completely cord free! No siblings allowed. Limit of 20.

Plugged-In with the BenAnna Band
Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)
Wednesday, September 16, 10:45 - 11:30 am

Get ready to plug in and power up! The BenAnna Band is an electric, high-energy music class built just for preschoolers! We're turning up the volume on imagination and movement with amplified tunes, dance-along beats, and interactive fun. This lively session gets kids rocking while building confidence, rhythm, and teamwork. No siblings allowed. Limit of 20.

Bilingual Arts & Songs

Ages birth - 23 months:

Saturday, September 19, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten):

Saturday, September 19, 11:00 - 11:45 am

Bienvenidos! Bebés of the Island will be here to celebrate language and culture through a delightful mix of stories, songs, and fingerplays in both Spanish and English. Perfect for little language learners and their grown-ups. Come for the stories; stay for the comunidad! Limit of 15.

Ready, Set, School!

Ages 4 - 5 years (not entering Kindergarten in September)

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 22, 24, 29,

October 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29,

November 5, 10, 12, 17, & 19, 9:45 - 11:45 am

Calling all future Pre-K and Kindergarten students! We offer this fun, two-hour drop-off series where your child will participate in literacy skills, hands-on centers, and develop school-ready skills. We'll get little learners excited and confident to start school in September 2027. The registered child must be potty-trained and at least 4 years of age to attend. Parents may leave the building during these classes, unless noted otherwise. Registered child only. Limit of 16.

Fall Squirrel Art with Samantha He

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Using warm autumn colors and easy brush techniques, bring an adorable, furry fall squirrel to life on canvas. It's a wonderful way to practice fine motor skills, explore textures, and create a beautiful, seasonal keepsake together. Limit of 20.

Science Tots: Apple Stack

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Wednesday, September 23, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Can you stack the apples way up high? Inspired by the story, *Ten Apples Up On Top!*, little learners will put their balancing and building skills to the test in this fun STEM challenge. Limit of 20.

Sensory Friends: Transportation Station
Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, September 29, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

In a fun, relaxed environment, we will enjoy stories, music, and movement while engaging the senses through tactile activities. This program may be enjoyed by all, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. Limit of 15.

Elmo's Little Monster Party | Ages 18 - 35 months

Tuesday, September 29, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Celebrate everyone's favorite furry red monster with a craft, snacks, and a storytime all about Elmo. We'll even have a raffle for a special Elmo prize! Limit of 12.

Circle of Fun | Ages 14 - 20 months

Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, & 14, 10:00 - 10:30 am

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

Toddler Circle | Ages 21 - 29 months

Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, & 14, 11:00 - 11:45 am

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

Baby Time | Ages 3 - 13 months

Fridays, October 2, 9, 16, & 23, 10:00 - 10:45 am

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

Pages & Paints: Not-So-Scary Monsters

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, October 5, 3:00 - 3:30 pm

Join us for delightful monster stories featuring fuzzy, bumpy, googly-eyed creatures who just want to be friends. We'll also unleash our inner artists and paint a monster masterpiece—complete with as many eyes, horns, and wild colors as our imaginations allow. Every monster will be perfectly unique, just like the little artist who creates it! Limit of 20.

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

Tuesdays, October 6, November 3, & December 1

1:30 - 2:30 pm

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

Science Tots: Ghosts on the Go

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Can you make a ghost fly? Join us for a not-too-spooky science adventure as we create floating tissue ghosts and explore the magic of magnets! Limit of 20.

Halloween Drawing with Art Teacher Amy
Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Thursday, October 15, 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Art Teacher Amy will guide your artist step by step in drawing an adorable, toddler-friendly Halloween masterpiece. Limit of 15.

Italian Storytime for Toddlers

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

Monday, October 19, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Ciao, amici! Bring your little ones for a delightful taste of Italy! An educator from A Time for Kids will share a playful mix of storytelling, catchy songs, movement, and a fun hands-on activity while your child is introduced to basic Italian vocabulary, numbers, and colors. Limit of 20.

Playtime Pals & Parents | Ages 12 - 35 months

Wednesday, October 21

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

Come join our parenting group and meet other families while the children have fun playing and socializing. A resource professional will be available to share helpful information and answer any questions. Older siblings and younger siblings in strollers are permitted. Limit of 15.

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

Thursday, October 22, 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Bienvenidos, tiny travelers! Join us for a "trip" to Mexico filled with colorful stories, lively songs, and fun activities that will help us discover this wonderful country while also practicing important preschool skills. Limit of 15.

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

Friday, October 23, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Get ready for a cozy and silly storytime sure to knock your socks off! We'll share fun sock-themed stories, then make our own fuzzy sock puppet friends to take home. Limit of 12.

One Book, Big Fun: Little Red: Autumn on the Farm

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

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

Celebrate the season as we read *Little Red: Autumn on the Farm* by Will Hillenbrand, and follow along while Little Red helps everyone get ready for the Harvest Festival. Limit of 15.

Halloween Tales and Fun Storytime

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, October 26, 1:00 - 1:45 pm

Please join us for a not-too-spooky storytime filled with Halloween-themed stories, songs, fingerplays, and a fun craft. Costumes are welcome (but not required). Limit of 15.

Tiny Tots Halloween

Ages 14 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

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

Join us for a festive Halloween celebration featuring music, games, and a holiday craft. Limit of 15.

A is for Acorn! | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Monday, November 2, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

With themed exercises, this class turns letter-sound learning into a full harvest of hands-on fun! Rooted in the Science of Reading, every craft and activity helps little ones build real pre-reading skills, so they leave with sharper letter recognition, increased phonological awareness, and a love of stories. Limit of 15.

Little Apple Learners | Ages 30 - 35 months**Wednesday, November 4, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Let's celebrate apple season with a story, songs, movement, hands-on activities, and a cute apple craft. Limit of 20.

Cooking Explorers | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Wednesday, November 4, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Our little Cooking Explorers will use bread, spreads (cream cheese or hummus), and fresh veggies to create tasty, sushi-style sandwich rolls! Children will learn rolling and slicing techniques while making a fun, healthy snack that can be recreated at home! Limit of 18.

Tots on the Move | Ages 14 - 20 months**Fridays, November 6, 13, 20, & December 4****10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:15 am - 12:00 pm**

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

Fall Colors Process Art | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Monday, November 9, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

We'll create several fun projects together, then play a colors game while we wait for our work to dry. Aprons will be provided, but please dress for a possible mess! Limit of 20.

Thankful Cut-tastic Crafts | Ages 24 - 35 months**Thursday, November 12, 2:00 - 2:45 pm or 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Join Lisamarie Curley for a fun, hands-on workshop where young crafters can boost their scissor skills and let their imaginations soar. We'll turn paper into colorful, creative masterpieces with lots of cutting, folding, and layering. Perfect for little creators ready to practice fine motor skills while making awesome art! Limit of 15.

Infant Massage | Ages birth - 12 months**Monday, November 16, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Physical therapist Valerie Gudelinis will teach you the basics of infant massage and the many benefits it provides in supporting your baby's development. Please bring a blanket. No siblings permitted. Limit of 12.

Fall Fingerprint Tree | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Tuesday, November 17, 6:00 - 7:00 pm**

Join the Silhouette Spot for a special parent-and-child creative session. Little hands will dip into warm autumn colors to press vibrant fingerprint "leaves" onto a beautifully custom-prepared silhouette tree branch. It's a wonderful, sensory-rich bonding activity that leaves you with a treasured fall keepsake to cherish for years to come! No siblings allowed. Limit of 20.

Le Petite Picassos: Chicka Chicka Boom Boom**Ages 24 months - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)****Wednesday, November 18, 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Join your little artist for a vibrant, sensory-filled session inspired by the beloved story, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*. Together, you will explore bright colors, fun textures, and alphabet shapes as we create our very own colorful coconut trees. It's a wonderful way to blend early literacy, art exploration, and bonding time! Limit of 20.

Science Tots: Sort the Supper**Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)****Wednesday, November 18, 3:00 - 3:45 pm**

Help set the Thanksgiving table in this fun hands-on sorting activity! Sort different Thanksgiving foods into categories like vegetables, starches, and meats, then create their very own Thanksgiving dinner plate craft to take home. Limit of 20.

Starlight Storytime | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Wednesdays, November 18 & December 2, 7:00 - 7:30 pm**

Wind down with us for this cozy, magical program filled with stories, songs, and other fun movement activities! Please register for each session separately. Limit of 15.

Clap, Glow, & Grow | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)**Thursday, November 19, 6:00 - 6:30 pm**

Listen to stories, clap and sing, make your own glowing fall lantern, and more, as we practice essential preschool concepts and skills. Limit of 15.

Baby Start | Ages birth - 17 months**Saturday, November 21, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am**

Join A Time for Kids for activities designed for our littlest learners, focusing on early literacy, language development, and socialization. No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Preschool Play Lab: Critters of the Night**Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)****Monday, November 23, 2:00 - 2:45 pm**

Discover the amazing animals and insects that come alive after dark. Through hands-on centers, children will learn all about nocturnal creatures. Curiosity and creativity await! Limit of 16.

Leaves are Falling Storytime**Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)****Tuesday, November 24, 10:00 - 10:45 am**

Join us for a cozy storytime as we explore the colorful magic of fall leaves through stories, songs, and movement activities. Then, we'll use paint to create our own vibrant fall trees. Limit of 15.

Sensory Friends: Alphabet Adventures**Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)****Tuesday, November 24, 2:00 - 2:45 pm**

In a fun, relaxed environment, we will enjoy stories, music, and movement while engaging the senses through tactile activities. This program may be enjoyed by all, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. Limit of 15.

Cozy Fall Storytime

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

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

Children and caregivers, please join us for a cozy storytime to celebrate the season with autumn-themed stories, songs, movement, and a simple craft. Limit of 15.

PlayMakers

Ages 12 - 35 months: Monday, November 30, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten):

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

Join Play Makers for a fun animal-themed class filled with music, movement, sensory play, and process art for little learners and their caregivers. Perfect for toddlers who love animals, exploring, and hands-on fun! No siblings permitted. Limit of 15.

Tiny Crafters: Holiday Edition

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Monday, November 30, 6:00 - 6:30 pm or 7:00 - 7:30 pm

Celebrate the holiday season with crafts, creativity, and fun. Limit of 20.

Music on the Farm | Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 1, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Make adorable animal crafts while singing along with farm-themed songs. Children learn about animals through rhythm, movement, and creativity with Reprise Music. Limit of 16.

1, 2, 3! Count with Me! | Ages 30 - 35 months

Wednesday, December 2, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us as we practice counting and basic number recognition with a story, songs, movement, hands-on activities, and a craft. Limit of 20.

Playful Penguin Storytime

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Join us for some penguin-packed fun as we read stories, sing songs, participate in movement activities, and make a cute penguin craft. Limit of 15.

One Book, Big Fun: The Gingerbread Man

Ages 3 - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Tuesday, December 8, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Enjoy a night of all things gingerbread, stories, songs, a craft, and a gingersnap cookie to enjoy. Food served may not be appropriate for those with food restrictions. Limit of 15.

Gingerbread House Junior

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

Wednesday, December 9, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us to celebrate the season by decorating a festive gingerbread house from the Baking Coach with colorful edible embellishments. Limit of 20.

PARENTING

Parenting Class: First Aid Course | 18 & Over

Tuesday, November 10, 6:00 - 8:30 pm

Accidents can happen anytime, anywhere. Be ready for almost anything with First Aid training from First Response Training International. You'll learn how to handle everything from basic bumps, bruises, and bee stings, to more serious concerns like broken bones, burns, and falls. This is knowledge you can use to keep your family, friends, and yourself safe. Learn the must-have skills everyone needs to know! Adults only. Limit of 30.

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

Young Adventurers | Grades 4 - 5

Mondays, September 14, October 5, November 9, & December 7, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

Grab your dice and step into a world of magic, mystery, and monster-slaying! This class introduces the basics of Dungeons & Dragons, 5th Edition, through fun, cooperative storytelling. You will create your own hero, work as a team to solve tricky puzzles, and battle legendary creatures, all while building skills in critical thinking, teamwork, and basic math and reading skills. No previous experience needed; just bring your imagination! Limit of 8.

Read to Hamilton | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, September 15, 6:00 - 7:00 pm; Saturday, October 3, 10:00 - 11:00 am; & Monday, November 23, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

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. Siblings in Grades K - 5 can attend together. Please register for each 10-minute session separately. Limit of 6.

Junior Professors: From Seed to Tree | Grades K - 2

Wednesday, September 16, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Discover how a tiny seed grows into a delicious apple! Create a hands-on apple life cycle craft, showing each stage from seed to tree to fruit. Limit of 20.

Create Like the Greats: Starry Night Pumpkin | Grades 1 - 5

Thursday, September 17, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Young artists will explore the swirling, vibrant world of Van Gogh before creating their very own masterpiece—a fall pumpkin painting set against a starry night sky. Limit of 20.

3D Paper Animal Workshop | Grades K - 2

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

Welcome to the jungle! Lions and tigers and bears. Oh my! And pigs and cats and dogs and more! Join Chris Vivas as he teaches you to create our favorite animals from colored paper that will pop out at you! Limit of 20.

Pigeon-Palooza | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, September 22, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Don't let the Pigeon miss this program! Join us for a silly Mo Willems-inspired storytime with a craft, a Pigeon book, and some surprisingly fun facts about real-life pigeons. The Pigeon wants to have fun...and this time, we just might say yes! Limit of 20.

Homeschool Craft Club | Grades K - 5

Thursday, September 24, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

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

Pokémon Club

Grades K - 2: Fridays, September 25, October 16, & November 20, 5:30 - 6:30 pm

Grades 3 - 5: Fridays, September 25, October 16, & November 20, 7:00 - 8:00 pm

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

My Favorite Books Holder | Grades K - 2

Monday, September 28, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Personalize your own book nook for all your favorite books. Limit of 20.

Intricate Diamond Painting | Grades 4 - 5

Wednesday, September 30, 6:00 - 7:15 pm

Create a beautiful diamond art animal picture with unbelievable sparkle. Limit of 18.

Crash Landing Book Club | Grades 3 - 5 | Pick Up Book Beginning September 11 at the Children & Family Services Desk

Thursday, October 1, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

A robot falls from the sky. A kid who feels invisible finally finds his place. And somewhere in between, three unlikely friends figure out what it means to belong. We read it—now let's talk about the graphic novel, *Hilo: The Boy Who Crashed to Earth* by Judd Winick. Please finish the book to be able to participate in all the activities. Limit of 15.

GoYo Creative

Grades K - 2: Friday, October 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Grades 3 - 5: Friday, October 2, 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Movement meets mindfulness in this class from GoYo Creative that combines engaging movement activities, connection, and play. Children will build skills such as emotional regulation, self-awareness, confidence, friendship skills, and resilience through fun, age-appropriate experiences. Limit of 15.

Lil Athletes | Grades K - 5

Saturdays, October 3, 10, & 17, 2:00 - 2:45 pm

Experience a variety of sports while learning specific skills, fitness concepts, and structure of a group setting. Children will learn how to interact with their peers, follow directions and routines, while developing their social and cognitive skills. Limit of 16.

Word Detectives | Grades K - 2

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Mysterious happenings are afoot at the library, and we need your help! Practice skills in the Science of Reading as you crack the code of a CVC word cipher, examine witness reports, and more! This session is a good fit for children looking to practice CVC words, simple sight words, and beginner comprehension skills in a low-pressure, cooperative setting. Limit of 15.

Celebrate Snoopy Day! | Grades K - 2

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

Celebrate the anniversary of Snoopy's first appearance! Listen to a Snoopy story, learn how to draw Snoopy, and enjoy some crafts and games featuring everyone's favorite beagle! Limit of 12.

Halloween Ghost Splatter Art | Grades 2 - 5

Tuesday, October 13, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

In this hands-on workshop with Theresa's Programs, you'll use splatter-paint techniques to bring adorable (or eerie!) ghost silhouettes to life on canvas. It's fast, fun, and delightfully chaotic. Grab your apron and come paint up a storm! Limit of 20.

Whiz Kidz: Creepy Crawly Slime | Grades 3 - 5

Wednesday, October 14, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Create a spooky magnetic slime that crawls, stretches, and creeps across the table! Discover the science of magnetism as you bring your eerie Halloween blob to life. Limit of 20.

Nightmare Before Christmas Drawing with Art Teacher Amy Grades 2 - 5

Thursday, October 15, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Channel your inner Jack Skellington! In this exciting drawing class, Art Teacher Amy will show you how to bring the whimsical, creepy-cool world of *The Nightmare Before Christmas* to life on paper. Limit of 20.

Maker Kids: Cricut: Halloween Shirts | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, October 19, 4:30 - 6:00 pm

Design and make a Halloween t-shirt with the Cricut! Choose from fun Halloween graphics to create a festive shirt you'll love to wear. Limit of 8.

Textured Ghost Rocks | Grades 3 - 5

Tuesday, October 20, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Bring your creativity out of the shadows! In this workshop with Art with Samantha, we're taking painted rocks to the next level using fun, textured techniques to bring adorable ghost silhouettes to life. Perfect for adding a friendly haunt to your home décor! Limit of 20.

Afternoon Games: Clue Jr. | Grades K - 5

Wednesday, October 21, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Get in the "spooky-season" spirit by having some fun with whodunit games. Who made the science lab volcano erupt, stole superhero supplies, and took something from the school playground? It's up to you to find out! Limit of 20.

National Pumpkin Day | Grades 2 - 5

Monday, October 26, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us to mix and match fun patterns to create your own festive washi tape paper pumpkin. Limit of 20.

Global Art: Día de los Muertos Celebratory Art | Grades 1 - 5

Tuesday, October 27, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

We will discover the rich, joyful traditions behind Día de los Muertos and bring them to life with a stunning guided painting of a decorated sugar skull and golden marigolds. Limit of 20.

Spider Donuts | Grades 3 - 5

Wednesday, October 28, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Have a spooky good time making spider donuts to bring home and share with the family. Food served may not be appropriate for those with food restrictions. Limit of 20.

The SCIENCE of Reading: A Cauldron of Bats | Grades 3 - 5

Thursday, October 29, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

We'll get in the Halloween spirit by learning about the surprisingly fascinating lives of bats. We will work together to comprehend informational text, play some fun learning games, and make a cute craft. This session will focus on practicing fluency, comprehension, science vocabulary, and word roots/prefixes/suffixes through low-pressure, active engagement. Limit of 15.

LEGO Story Builders: Spooky Edition | Grades 1 - 5

Friday, October 30, 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.

Geometric Leaf Art | Grades 3 - 5

Monday, November 2, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Color a leaf design while experimenting with shading, patterns, and color combinations. Limit of 20.

Harvest Embroidery | Grades 3 - 5

Tuesday, November 3, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Learn basic needle art techniques as you add details to a festive harvest picture, just in time to decorate for Thanksgiving. Limit of 20.

Dog Man Launch Paw-ty | Grades 2 - 5

Tuesday, November 3, 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Celebrate the release of *Dog Man: A Sprinkle in Time* with a fun-packed launch party here at your library! Join us for Dog Man-themed activities, creativity, snacks, and awesome giveaways. Don't miss this paws-itively epic event! Limit of 15.

Happy Acorn Painting | Grades K - 2

Tuesday, November 3, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Calling all Kindergarten through Grade 2 creators! Come paint happy little acorns with Art with Samantha! You will love using vibrant autumn colors and simple shapes to bring a smiling acorn to life on canvas. Perfect for building fine motor skills while making adorable seasonal art to hang on the fridge! Limit of 20.

Junior Professors: Butter Shake-Up | Grades K - 2

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

Turn cream into butter with a little science and a lot of shaking! Discover how motion can transform ingredients, then enjoy your homemade butter at home with a tasty snack. Limit of 20.

Barnyard Bookworms | Grades K - 2

Thursday, November 5, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Have some fall fun down on the "farm" as we weave our way through a sight word corn maze, play bingo, enjoy a story, and more! This session is a good fit for children looking to practice CVC words, simple sight words, and beginner comprehension skills in a low-pressure, cooperative setting. Limit of 15.

The Cotton Candy Lady LI | Grades 2 - 5

Saturday, November 7, 10:00 - 11:00 am

Join the Cotton Candy Lady LI for a fun and educational cotton candy experience. Participants will learn how cotton candy is made, see how the machine works, watch a live demonstration, enjoy a simple taste, and create their own cotton candy character to take home! Limit of 20.

Literary Art: Perfect Pigeons | Grades K - 2

Tuesday, November 10, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

We'll celebrate individuality through the story, *Perfect Pigeons* by Katherine Battersby. Then, we'll create a cute art project featuring some pigeons with styles all their own. Limit of 20.

The Upward Gaze: Perspective from the Forest Floor Grades K - 5

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

Learn how artists create perspective in paintings as we create our own beautiful fall forest artwork. Limit of 20.

Imagine and Paint: Autumn Masterpieces | Grades 1 - 5

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

Come spend a night where you are the artist using our paints, paper, and your own imagination. Please dress for a mess. Limit of 16.

Unplugged Pixelated Art | Grades 3 - 5

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

Join us to color a pixelated autumn tree and watch your artwork come to life one square at a time. Limit of 20.

Afternoon Games: Fairytale Fantasy | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, November 17, 4:30 - 5:15 pm

Our Afternoon Games series meets fairytale fun! We'll enjoy some of our favorite games from past sessions, now modified with a fun fantasy twist. Limit of 20.

Maker Kids: Mugs | Grades 3 - 5

Friday, November 27, 4:00 - 5:00 pm

Turn your creativity into a custom mug! Design it in Canva, then use our sublimation oven to transfer the image to a mug you'll love to keep or give as a gift. Limit of 10.

Clay Time Playtime | Grades 2 - 5

Friday, November 27, 6:00 - 6:45 pm

Explore, shape, and create with air-dry clay! Children will use their imagination to design whatever they can dream up, from tiny creatures to whimsical structures. Limit of 20.

The SCIENCE of Reading: Adorable Axolotls | Grades 3 - 5

Thursday, December 3, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Join us as we combine zoology, the science of reading, and FUN! We'll learn about these adorable creatures through various reading activities, games, and a craft. This session will focus on morphemes, scientific vocabulary, syllable counts, comprehension, sequencing, and fluency. Limit of 15.

Maker Kids: Perler Melty Beads | Grades 3 - 5

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

Create your own coasters, ornaments, and other decorations using Perler melty fuse beads! Limit of 8.

Candy Cane Craze | Grades K - 5

Saturday, December 5, 10:00 - 10:45 am

Test your holiday knowledge with festive candy cane trivia, then create a colorful beaded candy cane ornament to take home. It's the perfect mix of games, creativity, and holiday fun! Limit of 30.

Whiz Kidz: Zero Friction Zone | Grades 3 - 5

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

Build your own mini hovercraft and watch it zoom and glide as you explore the amazing science of air pressure, motion, and friction in action! Limit of 20.

FAMILY

Tinker Space | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Wednesdays, September 23 & October 7, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

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

Trick or Trivia | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 - 7:00 pm or 7:15 - 8:15 pm

Test your Halloween knowledge with spooky questions, silly surprises, and fang-tastic fun. From pumpkins and monsters to candy and costumes, there is something for everyone in this not-too-scary trivia challenge. Join us for a boo-tiful evening. The winning team will win a prize! Limit of 10 families.

Haunted Gingerbread Houses | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Saturday, October 10, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Who says gingerbread is just for December? Ditch the candy canes for candy corn and trade gumdrops for ghouls! Join us as we construct creepy, delicious, and delightfully distressed gingerbread estates. We supply the houses and embellishments—you bring your wicked imagination. One house per family. Limit of 20 families.

Family Name That Tune | Grades K - 5

Saturday, October 17, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join Jackie & Chuck for a lively, all-ages music game, including songs from every generation. A perfect way to play, compete, and of course sing together! This program is geared towards families with children in Grades K - 5. Limit of 20 families.

Themed Green Screen | Ages 10 & up

Halloween: Saturday, October 24, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Holiday: Saturday, November 21, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Register for a 15-minute appointment to have your photo taken with a themed background on our green screen. Come in costume and bring any props for your photo. You will receive a digital file by email that you can upload to any photo/card printing service. Please register for each session separately. Limit of 8 families.

Trick-or-Treating at the Library

Ages birth - 5 years (not yet in Kindergarten)

Saturday, October 31, 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Put on your best costume and drop by the library for a treat! Visit the Circulation, Children & Family Services, Adult Services, and Learning Commons Desks—no tricks, just sweet surprises!

No registration required.

Family Balloon Twisting | Grades K - 5

Saturday, November 14, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Learn how to use a balloon pump to inflate and tie a 260-twisting balloon into fun animal shapes or create your own magical balloon design with Jennifer Valdes, a professional balloon twister. Geared toward families with children in Grades K - 5. Limit of 15 families.

New Family Minute to Win It Games | Grades K - 5

Tuesday, November 24, 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Get ready for a fun, high-energy, family experience using simple, common everyday objects in ways you never imagined! This Minute to Win It program is filled with laughter, fun, and friendly competition with Jackie & Chuck! This class is for families with children in Grades K - 5. Limit of 10 families.

Family Bingo | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Wednesday, November 25, 6:00 - 6:45 pm or 7:00 - 7:45 pm

Enjoy three exciting games of bingo with your family—prizes will be awarded! Limit of 20 families, 5 members per family.

Family Movies | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Toy Story 5 (Rated PG):

Friday, November 27, 11:00 am - 12:45 pm

Zootopia 2 (Rated PG): Friday, November 27, 1:30 - 3:15 pm

Light refreshments will be served. *No registration required.*

Gingerbread Houses & Family Fun | Ages 3 years - Grade 5

Saturday, December 12, 10:00 - 10:45 am or 11:00 - 11:45 am

Join us to create a holiday gingerbread house using icing, candy, and plenty of creative flair. This hands-on activity is perfect for families to enjoy, decorating ONE delicious gingerbread house together, to take home. Limit of 20 families.



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A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Looking Ahead to an Exciting Fall

After a successful summer at the library, we are looking ahead to a busy and exciting fall.

As our library continues to grow with the needs of our community, so does the demand for classes, programs, events, and spaces to gather and learn. To help meet that demand, we are reimagining the south side of the building, particularly the Adult Services area, which has served our community for more than 25 years.

The renovation will create **additional meeting rooms, quiet study rooms, a dedicated passport processing area, and expanded restroom facilities.** The new spaces will allow us to offer even more exercise classes, cooking demonstrations, arts and crafts, lectures, presentations, and other programs.

Best of all, these improvements are being made within our existing building, without the need for an expansion or public bond.

Our goal is simple: to provide a modern, welcoming, and flexible library that continues to meet the changing needs of our community. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing these exciting improvements with you.

Jason Ladick, Ph.D.

Executive Director

A Book On Every Bed

Connetquot Public Library will continue the holiday book tradition **A Book on Every Bed**. Help bring the gift of literacy to boys and girls in our community. We will be collecting new or gently used children's books from **Monday, November 2** through **Sunday, December 6**. These books will be donated to The Children's Community Head Start & Early Head Start in Ronkonkoma and St. John Nepomucene Parish Outreach in Bohemia. They will present your donations to children in need. There will be baskets at the Circulation, Children & Family Services, and Adult Services Desks to receive your generous donations.