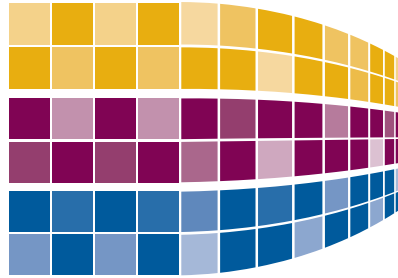


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Sleeping Beauty

Sunday, April 17
2:00-2:45 p.m. #1785

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION REQUIRED

Tickets available beginning Sunday, April 3.

All the ingredients that have made this enchanting story a perennial favorite are here! See a live performance of a beautiful princess put into a deep sleep by a curse until she is awakened by a brave prince. This colorful and spirited musical, with accompaniment, is sure to be a hit for the young and the young at heart! Free tickets will be available to all age families.



Teen Job Fair

Friday, May 6
2:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Program # 1827

Are you a high school student or soon-to-be-graduate looking for a summer job or full time employment after graduation? Come to the Teen Job Fair on Friday, May 6, 2005 from 2:30 – 4:30 PM and immerse yourself in the jobsearch experience. You will meet hiring representatives from Splish Splash, Waldbaum's, King Kullen, Suffolk County Civil Service and Lloyd Staffing, to name just a few. We'll provide helpful information on resumes, employment applications, interview techniques, New York State Labor Laws, and how to dress for success. Get the jobsearch edge...come to the Teen Job Fair.

Library Budget Vote And Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 12, 2005
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

For more information see pages 2 & 3

Linda Ipanema and the Dixie Cats Concert

Saturday, April 16 at 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins on Friday, April 1

Get ready for a red hot, foot tapping, finger snapping good time at the Community Library when Linda Ipanema and the Dixie Cats take the stage. Dressed in costume, these talented musicians perform New Orleans style Dixieland tunes and bluesy ballads. Singer Linda Ipanema, known as the "Queen of Dixieland" will be accompanied by a trumpeter, a clarinetist, and a drummer. You are sure to have a rollicking good time! No registration is required for this program. For more information, please call the Reference and Adult Services Department Information Desk at 399-1511 ext. 240.

Community

Dear Community Residents;

As your elected representatives, your Library Board is responsible for the governance of the Library. We take seriously our obligation to be Library advocates and leaders in developing excellent services that are responsive to the evolving needs of the entire community. When we begin the process of preparing the budget, considerable attention is given to present you with a budget that continues to provide the best in traditional and innovative library services. Services and programs are evaluated constantly for their value and cost effectiveness. Much care is given to ensure that every dollar spent is used wisely and in the public interest.

This has been a difficult year in planning for the proposed budget. While almost 40% of the increase that we are requesting is the direct result of expenses mandated by the state, there has also been a 5% cut in funding from New York State's budget for library funding. Despite these limits, public demand necessitates that we propose additional money in our materials line and the increasingly popular programs line.

We are confident that the budget presented for your consideration is a sound and responsible one. As always, we thank you for your continued investment and support of the Library, which has been the driving force that has made us the focal point of the Community.

YOUR LIBRARY REMAINS ONE OF THE BUSIEST PUBLIC LIBRARIES IN SUFFOLK COUNTY!

734,500 items borrowed in the last 12 months
521,300 visitors entered our doors
90,500 residents used computers
54,440 people attended programs
4,924 residents have free internet accounts
45,300 community members have active library cards

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	2004-2005	2005-2006
Personnel		
Professional	\$1,740,803	\$1,829,506
Clerical	\$1,539,062	\$1,712,705
Page	\$290,201	\$315,375
Custodial	\$125,620	\$136,950
Security	\$78,300	\$80,000
Insurance & Benefits	\$312,500	\$322,000
Retirement	\$220,000	\$320,000
Social Security	\$285,660	\$312,000
Materials and Programs		
Books & Periodicals	\$383,250	\$389,400
Recordings & Videos	\$157,600	\$172,470
Electronic Resources	\$57,850	\$61,885
Programs	\$130,750	\$144,000
Library Operations		
Equipment & Equipment Maintenance	\$228,300	\$172,500
Printing & Postage	\$155,275	\$163,775
Supplies	\$85,000	\$85,000
Contracts	\$65,680	\$69,000
Insurance	\$75,000	\$75,000
Professional Fees	\$76,250	\$88,400
Administrative	\$46,475	\$47,475
Building and Grounds		
Utilities	\$190,000	\$197,500
Bldg Maintenance & Repairs	\$33,700	\$103,100
Debt Service		
Tax Anticipation Note Interest	\$75,000	\$55,000
Bond Principal	\$300,000	\$300,000
Bond Interest	\$65,475	\$50,850
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$6,717,751	\$7,203,891
Less: Anticipated Income	\$393,100	\$507,100
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$6,324,651	\$6,696,791

Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th 2005, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Library. In order to vote, you must be: (1) 18 years of age or older, (2) a citizen of the U.S., (3) a resident of the district for at least 30 days, and (4) registered to vote. Voters may register at the Library from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. on April 5th.

The estimated tax rate increase associated with the proposed budget is \$1.09 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to \$21.80 annually or \$1.82 per month for an average household in the community. A five member Board of Trustees elected by the voters of the district governs the Library. There is one trustee seat up for election for a five year term.

If you have any questions about this proposed budget please contact the Director, William Cicola at 399-1511 ext. 200.

Children & Pa

All Ages

Celebrate National Library Week with Winnie the Pooh, Clifford and Scooby, too!

Friday, April 15

12:00-5:00 p.m. #1786

Registration begins Friday, April 1.

It's a party! Children birth through 5 years and their adult, and children up to sixth grade are invited to have us take their pictures with their favorite characters. We'll have some fun and book-related activities, too. If you like, you may bring your own camera to take additional photos.

Discovery Center: Chicks

The chicks are back! What makes a bird a bird? Why do birds have feathers or lay eggs or have hollow bones? Find the answers to all these questions and see these eggs hatch right before your eyes in our Discovery Center. This exhibit includes the hatching of chicks, their nesting habits, the study of a bird's ability to fly, and much more. Elementary school children can get hands on experience using a variety of tools, such as the computer and microscope. There are CD-ROMS, videos, websites and books that will help you learn all about birds.

Once Upon a StoryCraft

Saturday, April 23

9:30-10:15 a.m. (Preschoolers 3-5 and their adult) #1760

10:30-11:15 a.m. (Gr. K-2) #1761

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Gr. 3-6) #1762

Registration begins Saturday, April 9.

Saturday, May 14

9:30-10:15 a.m. (Preschoolers 3-5 and their adult) #1763

10:30-11:15 a.m. (Gr. K-2) #1764

11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Gr. 3-6) #1765

Registration begins Saturday, April 30.

Come celebrate a wonderful story and create a fun craft to go along with it. ■

Babies and Parents

Baby Yoga

Wednesdays, March 30 and April 6

10:30-11:00 a.m. #1718

Registration begins Wednesday, March 16.

Stretch, play and relax with your babies, birth through 10 months. Adult must attend.

My First Storytime

Fridays, April 1, 8 and 15

12:30-1:00 p.m. #1720

Registration begins Friday, March 18.

Girls and boys ages 31-41 months can attend a storytime like the big kids! Bring your parent or caregiver along for this 3-week program to enjoy books and participate in songs and fingerplays with our storytime friend, Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Parent Toddler Workshops

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19,

May 3 and 10

9:30-10:45 a.m. #1586

11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. #1587

Registration will continue until all sessions are filled.

Look forward to spending time with your young child at our popular Parent Toddler Workshop. As a Family Place Library, we offer a special time during which the Library provides the setting in which parent and child can play one-on-one. The setting includes a play kitchen area, riding toys, puzzles, books, musical instruments, an art activity area and more. Local resource professionals visit each workshop to provide information to parents to help in the rewarding but challenging role of parenting a toddler. Resources for parents include: a child development specialist; experts on speech development, dental health, lead poisoning prevention and nutrition; an authority on play; and children's librarians, who are experts in early literacy development.

This 5-week program is for families with children ages 12-41 months. Siblings are welcome in all sessions.

Saturday Special Parent Toddler Workshop

Saturdays, April 2, 9, 16 and 23

10:00-11:15 a.m. #1588

Registration will continue until session is filled.

For families with work or other week-day commitments, we are offering a special 4-week Saturday session of Parent Toddler Workshop in April. Families with children ages 12-41 months can enjoy one-on-one play, visits from resource professionals, an art activity and circle time.

Old MacDonald's Farm

Wednesday, April 13

10:00-11:00 a.m. #1721

Registration begins Wednesday, March 30.

Celebrate National Library Week at Old MacDonald's Farm! Children 18-35 months and their adult can join us as we sing, read stories and make a craft.

Mother's Day Memories

Thursday, May 5

10:00-10:45 a.m. #1788

Registration begins Thursday, April 21.

Babies birth-35 months and their adult will enjoy a story, sing songs and create a souvenir for Mother's Day!

Music and Movement

Saturday, May 7

10:00-10:45 a.m. (Children birth-12 months and their adult) #1790

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (Children 13-30 months and their adult) #1791

Registration begins Saturday, April 23.

Siblings must register.

Get ready to move to the music! This interactive program will have your babies and toddlers bopping along. Adult must attend. ■



Babies Love Books

Wednesday, April 20

10:00-10:30 a.m. #1787

Registration begins Wednesday, April 6.

Learn why exposure to books even at a young age is so important while we sing our favorite songs, participate in fingerplays and enjoy stories. Children birth-18 months and their adult.

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, by telephone at 631-399-0664, or online at www.communitylibrary.org

Schoolage

Page Turners

**Tuesdays, March 29,
April 5, 12 and 19**
4:00-4:45 p.m. #1736

Registration begins Tuesday, March 15.

Being read to is both a pleasure and a learning experience that never ends, no matter how old you are. Children in grades 3-6 are invited to listen to a story while relaxing and having a snack. The story will continue from week to week, so children will have to come back to find out what happens next. Page Turners runs for at least four weeks; more sessions will be added if needed.

Homework Help

Mondays, April 4, 11 and 18
5:00-8:00 p.m. #1774

No appointment necessary.

Take some of the confusion and frustration out of homework. A tutor who

speaks both English and Spanish will be available to assist students in grades 1-6 with homework assignments. This service will also enable Spanish speaking parents to increase their involvement in their children's school work.

Ayuda bilingüe con las Tareas de la Escuela.

Los Lunes, Abril 4, 11, y 18
5:00-8:00 p.m.

No necesita inscripción

Quitese la confusión y frustración de las tareas escolares. Un Tutor bilingüe (Inglés - Español) estará disponible para asistir a estudiantes de Primer Grado a Sexto Grado con sus tareas. Este servicio también está disponible para los Padres de familia que no hablan Inglés para ayudarles a integrarse con las tareas de sus hijos.

Junie B. Jones Returns

Thursday, April 7
4:15-5:00 p.m. #1739
5:15-6:00 p.m. #1740

Registration begins Thursday, March 24.

Children in grades K-6 will listen to the hilarious tales of Junie B. Jones and her friends and make an adorable craft to take home.

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Preschool

Spring Art Fling

Tuesday, April 12
10:00-10:45 a.m. #1726
11:00-11:45 a.m. #1727

Registration begins Tuesday, March 29.

Preschoolers ages 3-5 and their adult are invited to come and explore the spring season with a variety of art projects.

Pre-Kindergarten Storytime

**Mondays, April 18,
May 2, 9, 16 and 23**
10:15-11:00 a.m. #1728
**Thursdays, April 21, 28,
May 5, 12 and 19**
1:15-2:00 p.m. #1729

Registration begins Friday, March 18.

In this special storytime just for children who will be entering kindergarten in the fall of 2005, a librarian will be sharing the wonders of books, songs, fingerplays, a picture book film and a

simple, theme-related activity with your eager little ones.

Chicken Little

Tuesday, April 19
10:30-11:30 a.m. #1766
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. #1767

Registration begins Tuesday, April 5.

Preschoolers ages 3-5 and their adult are invited to join the Suffolk County Farm and see how a chick grows inside an egg. The program will include a story and a craft.

Character Games

Friday, April 22
10:00-10:45 a.m. #1768
11:00-11:45 a.m. #1769

Registration begins Friday, April 8.

Preschoolers ages 3-5 are invited to join Ellen and Doreen to play a variety of book character board games, puzzles and activities.

Popcorn Palooza

Wednesday, April 27
10:30-11:30 a.m. #1770
11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. #1771

Registration begins Wednesday, April 13.

Popcorn for preschoolers ages 3-5 and their adult. Join staff from the Suffolk County Farm as they read a popcorn story, make a popcorn craft and have a popcorn snack.

Mother's Day Treat

Tuesday, May 3
10:00-10:45 a.m. #1772
11:00-11:45 a.m. #1773

Registration begins Tuesday, April 19.

Preschoolers ages 3-5 and their adult celebrate Mother's Day by creating a unique homemade gift and special card. ■

Adults

Career Counseling

Is Available at the Library, Is This You?

Looking for a job? Need help with a resume? Want to learn appropriate interviewing strategies? Can't decide what you want to do with the rest of your life? Exploring career options? Thinking about College or Vocational/Technical School? Interested in conducting a job search via the Internet?

If you have answered yes to any of the above, you may wish to schedule a free, confidential appointment with our Career Counselor. Just call the Information Desk at 399-1511 ext. 240.

Free Small Business Counseling

Monday, April 4 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Mr. David E. Boone, a representative for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives), will be providing free business counseling. SCORE business counselors are well-versed in how to develop effective business plans and create strategies for business growth—they are here to help you set your course for success. This free service is provided by appointment only.

Celebrate Long Island Reads and National Library Week!

The Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library will be participating in Long Island Reads – “One Island One Book”, in celebration of National Library Week (April 10 - April 16). During the month of April, public libraries in Nassau and Suffolk County will encourage patrons to read *Travels with Charley in Search of America* by Nobel and Pulitzer prize-winning author, John Steinbeck. Long Island Reads has been enormously successful since its inception in 2002 and we know that it will continue to attract large audiences.

In 1960, when he was almost 60 years old, John Steinbeck set out from his home in Sag Harbor to rediscover his native land. Accompanied only by his devoted French poodle, Charlie, he traveled across the United States. His trip took him through almost forty states and he saw things that made him proud, angry, sympathetic and elated. *Travels with Charley In Search of America* is a memorable account of this journey and the interesting people and events Steinbeck encountered. The Mastic-Moriches-Shirley Community Library will showcase this great book by presenting the following programs for your pleasure:

A Taste of America: Regional Treats with Chef Mo

Thursday, April 7 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #1700

Registration is now going on.

Back by popular demand, Chef Mo will offer cooking enthusiasts samples of regional cooking. Your menu will include

corn chowder, spicy seafood gumbo and bread pudding with vanilla sauce. Don't miss this fun-filled evening!



Travels with Charley in Search of America

Saturday, April 9 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. #1701

Registration is now going on.

The Community Library will present for the first time ever a dramatic reading by David Houston, well-known actor, writer and producer. Mr. Houston has appeared in scores of plays and musicals including *Romeo and Juliet*, *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*, *Death of a Salesman*, *Cabaret*, *Little Foxes* just to name a few. This must see program is in the style of a radio drama featuring music by Aaron Copeland. Please join us for an afternoon of relaxation and enjoyment.

Travels with Charley In Search of America Book Discussion

Monday, April 11 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Please join us for an evening of stimulating discussion.

Craft Corner

Book End Craft

The Community Library will offer two separate classes:

Monday, April 18 at 6:45 p.m. #1822

Tuesday, April 19 at 1:00 p.m.

#1823

Registration begins on Saturday, April 2

Design a pair of stylish bookends for your home or office. Your finished bookends will prove to be practical and will endure lots of use.

Materials fee: \$15.00

Flowerpot Craft

Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m.

#1795

Paint a lovely iris design on a large terracotta flowerpot using acrylic paint and a few basic brushstroke techniques. Our wonderful instructor will guide students through every step for a terrific finished project. Please don't forget to pick up a materials list.

Materials fee: \$12.00

Book Bag Craft

Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.

#1792

Registration begins on Monday, April 4

Make your own personalized canvas

book bag to hold all your great library books and materials! Our skilled instructors will guide students through this fun craft. All materials will be provided.

Materials fee: \$5.00

Monthly Quilting Group

Evening class- Wednesday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Morning class- Monday, April 11 at 10:00 a.m.

To check for space availability for these classes please call 399-1511 ext. 240.



Register for programs three easy ways: in person, by telephone at 631-399-0664, or online at www.communitylibrary.org

You're Only an Internet Connection Away!

- Looking for a long lost relative?**
- Trying to locate where the PCV valve is on your car?**
- Need the latest resources on Lyme disease?**
- Working on a school assignment?**

*** Access this information and much more with our Online Databases available to you free of charge, 24/7!**

One of the major trends in libraries for the past few years has been the digitization and online accessibility of many resources that were originally only available in print. You may not be aware of the extent and variety of the free online databases, available to you with your Mastics-Moriches-Shirley library card. These databases provide you with 24/7 access to a wide range of up-to-date electronic information to assist you with your interests, homework, and research.

Check out our newly added databases including AncestryPlus, All Data (car repair), Prices for Antiques and the great business resource ReferenceUSA!

To access these databases:

- Log on to the library's homepage at www.communitylibrary.org
- Click on Click here under Reference and Adult Services
- Click on a online database category or a specific database listed alphabetically

For assistance on how to use any of these resources, simply call the Adult Reference and Information Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 240 and a librarian will be happy to assist you. Don't forget, you may also sign-up for a Library Online computer class.

SuffolkWeb

The Library is now entering its tenth year providing free Internet service. Yes, ten years ago the member libraries of the Suffolk Cooperative Library System created SuffolkNet in order to provide all library patrons with free access to the Internet from their library or home. At first only text access was available. Eventually it grew to create SuffolkWeb, which provided easy access to research materials available on the World Wide Web. SuffolkNet and SuffolkWeb are intended to be extensions of traditional library services for research and learning. Today over 106,000 Suffolk residents access the Internet from their home or business through SuffolkNet. It was one of the first services of this kind in the country and is still the largest service of this sort in the United States.

So if you are tired of paying fees for dial up access to the Internet, stop by the Library and apply for your free Internet account today.

John Steinbeck goes in search of America

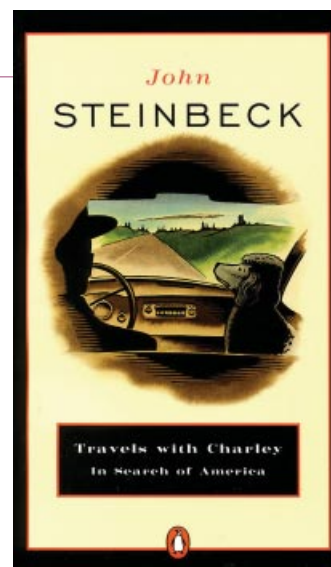
Book Discussion

Monday, April 11

7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

The library will be hosting a discussion of John Steinbeck's historical travelogue, *Travels with Charley in Search of America*. Journey with John Steinbeck and his French poodle Charley as he drives the interstates and the country roads of America, dines with truckers, encounters bears at Yellowstone and old friends in San Francisco. *Travels with Charley* gives the reader an unsentimental look at 1960's America.

Copies of *Travels with Charley* will be available at the Circulation Desk on Tuesday, March 22. Refreshments will be served. Pick up a copy ahead of time and join us April 25.



Adults

Small Business Matters Meet and Greet

Monday, April 18
from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Your library cordially invites the business community and all who wish to attend to our first Small Business Matters Meet and Greet. Come learn about the many resources your library provides to help your business grow.

Representatives from the community including SCORE and the local Chamber of Commerce will be on hand to answer your questions and give advice. Come and find out how the library can help you make your business dreams a reality! For more information please contact Brad C. Shupe at 399-1511 ext. 217. Light refreshments will be served.

Literacy Volunteers Needed!

Have you ever wondered what Literacy Volunteer tutors actually do?

Would you like to meet some tutors and students and sit in on a class? Our waiting list for volunteer tutors increases with each passing month. If you've been thinking about volunteering and giving something back to our community please call 399-1511 ext. 214 or 215 to find out more about joining an active Literacy Volunteer at one of their sessions.

William Floyd High School Student Art Showcase

Sunday, April 3 at 2:00 p.m.

Join us at the Community Library for a spectacular art showcase featuring the works of William Floyd school district students. These students have consistently won numerous scholarships and high honors in art competitions throughout New York State. No registration is necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

Relax with T'ai Chi

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19 and 26
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. #1810

Registration begins on Friday, April 1.

T'ai Chi instructor, Carol Danielson returns to offer beginner level T'ai Chi lessons for adults. This internal martial art is designed to calm the mind, reduce stress, and improve circulation and balance. Come join the group for a relaxing and meditative experience.

Blood Donors Save Lives

Thursday, April 14 from 2:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Registration is going on now!

In coordination with Long Island Blood Services, the Community Library will hold a blood drive in an effort to help replenish blood supply shortages in our area. Please, come on down and help support this vital service! For more information about this program or to register please call 399-1511 ext. 240.

Yoga for the Soul

Wednesdays, April 13, 20 and 27
from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. #1813

Registration begins on Saturday, April 2.

Certified Kripalu Yoga instructor, Sara Graham will be offering a series of beginner level yoga lessons for seniors. Kripalu Yoga is a proven and powerful transformative practice that integrates body, mind, and spirit. Please wear loose comfortable clothing, and bring a towel or a mat.

Basic Landscape Design

Monday, April 11 at 7:00 p.m. #1804

Registration begins on Friday, April 1.

Many of us dream of having a beautiful garden, but just



don't know where to begin. Help is on the way! Lynn Thomson, "The Garden Lady", will present a lecture and slide presentation highlighting basic design principles such as color, form, texture and focal points to create a vibrant and welcoming yard that reflects your own personal taste. Learn how you can make your garden an interesting personal space.

The New York State Partnership for Long Term Care

Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 p.m. #1809

Registration begins on Friday, April 1.

A representative, who is a long term care specialist and licensed by the state of New York, will conduct a workshop focusing on the benefits of long term care planning. The N.Y.S. Partnership Program enables people to stay in financial control should they need help in a nursing home, an assisted living facility, or in their home. The program allows New Yorkers to protect their assets, while still remaining eligible for Medicaid extended coverage. Educate yourself on this very important issue.

A Taste of Italy with Chef Mo

Monday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m. #1812

Registration begins on Monday, April 4.

Chef Mo returns to the Community Library to demonstrate a mouth-watering menu of northern and southern Italian dishes. The culinary highlights of the evening will be: Grilled chicken and mushroom risotto, baked polenta with herb red sauce, and chocolate Amaretti cake for dessert. Bring your appetite!





Register for programs three easy ways: in person, by telephone at 631-399-0664, or online at www.communitylibrary.org

Senior Corner

With the exception of concerts, all programs listed in the Senior Corner are intended for seniors age 50 and over. Most programs require registration, and a valid MMSCL card is required to register. There are three convenient ways to register for most library programs:

- Online at www.communitylibrary.org
- Telephone 631-399-0664
- In person

Contact the library in advance if you need special accommodations to attend a library program. If you have any questions regarding any of the listed programs, please contact the Reference and Adult Services Information Desk at 399-1511 ext. 240.

Library Services for the Homebound

The Community Library's Homebound Books-By-Mail Program is a service offered to district residents who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent illness or disability, or for individuals who are frail and elderly and don't have transportation. Materials made available to homebound patrons are large and regular print books, videos (movies or educational), books on cassette or CD, and magazines. Library materials will be delivered free of charge to homebound patrons who are accepted into the program. For more information please call 399-1511 ext. 247.

Senior Game Club

Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Seniors meet each week to play Scrabble and Bridge. Come join the group and meet some new friends. For more information please contact Senior Outreach Librarian Debbi Ward at 399-1511 ext. 354.

Health Insurance Counseling

Thursday, April 14 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Registration begins on Friday, April 1.

A trained representative from R.S.V.P (Retired Senior Volunteer Program), will offer health insurance information and counseling for seniors. The counselor can help with questions regarding Medicare, Medicaid, HMO's, long-term care insurance, as well as, the new Medicare prescription card. This is not a walk-in service. Appointments are necessary!

Beginning Spanish for Seniors

Mondays, April 18, 25 and May 2, 9, 16 and 23 at 10:00 a.m. #1805

Registration begins on Monday, April 4.

Retired high school Spanish teacher, Sally Ann Hayes will offer a six-part series of beginning Spanish lessons for seniors (aged 50 and over). The emphasis will be on basic survival Spanish. Topics to be covered include: greetings, questioning techniques, personal identification, foods, health and travel. No prior knowledge of Spanish is required.

Senior Advocate at your Service

Wednesday, April 20 from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Bea McCarthy, the Senior Advocate from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will be at the Community Library to assist seniors with complicated forms and applications, and answer questions regarding county programs and services for seniors. Appointments are necessary for this service.

Let's Do Lunch and a Movie

Friday, April 22 at 1:00 p.m. #1808

Registration begins on Tuesday, April 5.

Seniors are welcome to bring a bagged lunch and join us to watch the enchanting family film, *Finding Neverland*, starring Johnny Depp, Kate Winslet, Julie Christie, and Dustin Hoffman. Set in early 20th century England, the story is based on the friendship that *Peter Pan* author J.M. Barrie had with the Llewelyn Davies family, but draws heavily from a play, *The Man Who Was Peter Pan*; focusing on the imaginary conversations between Barrie and the young Davies boys. A tale of magic and fantasy, *Finding Neverland*, follows Barrie's creative journey to bring Peter Pan to life. Light refreshments will be served. This film is rated PG for mild thematic elements and brief language, and is 106 minutes in length.

AARP Defensive Driving

Wednesday, April 27 and Thursday, April 28 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration for MMSCL district residents begins on Thursday, April 7.

Registration for non-residents begins on Friday, April 8.

A two-part AARP defensive driving course will be offered for seniors age 50 and over. The fee for the course is \$10. Only checks or money orders are acceptable, and should be made payable to AARP. Payment must be made upon registration. You must complete both classes in order to receive credit for the course. ■

Rummage For Historical Photographs and Videos!

Rummage through your attic, basement, closets and drawers. Explore old boxes, scrapbooks and picture albums. If you have any pictures or videos that you would like to donate to our library or would allow us to scan, we would be delighted to add them to our collection. The big plan is to digitize these historical photographs. Please help us to preserve our Community's past. For more information, contact Linda S. Knel at 631-399-1511, ext. 240.

Mastic Railroad Station, circa 1950 (off Mastic Road looking east) replaced by Shirley Station, circa 1960



Teens

Make a Choker Workshop



Friday, April 8 at 6:30 p.m. Program #1826

Jill, our jewelry making expert is back. She is bringing all the materials for you to make a beautiful crystal choker with a sterling silver pendant. You will have your choice of crystals and pendant and you will use your creativity to make your choker a personal creation. Don't miss this chance for an evening that is not only fun but you will leave with a great piece of jewelry.

Teens! Celebrate National Library Week With Author Todd Strasser

**Wednesday, April 20
4:30 pm – 5:30 p.m. #1903**

Teens are cordially invited to share dinner with nationally renowned author Todd Strasser, followed by discussion of his award-winning novel *Give a Boy a Gun*, a story that recreates the crisis at Middleton High in Columbine, and the reasons behind the killers' rampage.

In addition to publishing hundreds of books for high school and middle school students, Mr. Strasser has written novelizations for several popular hit movies, including *Ferris Bueller's Day Off*, *Free Willy*, *Home Alone* and *Jumanji*. His book, *Hey, Dad, Get a Life!* has been honored as a Notable Book by the American Library Association, and his books have appeared in New York Public Library's Best Books for the Teen Age over several years. In 1995, Todd Strasser

was honored by the New York State Library Association for Outstanding Children's Literature.

The best-selling author will conduct workshops on the art, craft and structure of fiction writing at William Floyd Middle School and William Paca Middle School on April 20 and 21.

Don't miss this chance to meet and "eat" with a famous author of books for teens.



Girl Power... We've Got It!

Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. #1819

Be a part of this fun and exciting club where girls get together to discuss issues and concerns that affect us and our everyday lives. Share a light dinner, make new friends and talk about things of interest to you and other girls. So if you want to get it ... Girl Power that is, come and join us and invite a friend.

Log In To The Internet Café

Friday, April 1 at 6:00 p.m. # 1816

The Library is closed but the Internet Café is open. Browse the web, play games, email or create your own web page. All you gamers, don't forget, you can play all the latest GameCube, X-Box and Playstation2 games.

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, by telephone at 631-399-0664, or online at www.communitylibrary.org

Get Ready to Study With Homework Help

Wednesdays from 3:00-8:00 p.m. April 6th # 1828, April 13 #1829, and April 20 #1830

Don't forget Homework Help tutors are here to help you with your studies. Certified teachers knowledgeable in language arts, science, social studies and math are here to instruct and encourage you as you study and learn. Bring in homework or other school work that you need help with and the tutors will do their best to make sure you understand it. Don't forget to save some time on Wednesdays for Homework Help.



Illustrators Workshop

Friday, April 8 # 1817 and April 29 #1818 at 3:30 p.m.

Learn techniques to create realistic art at our Illustrators Workshop. You will have the opportunity to learn several different mediums including watercolor, air brush and colored pencils. Take this opportunity to let your creative juices flow, and sign up today!

Camera Club

Friday, April 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Learn to take better photos from our librarian/photographer Mr. Casper. Each month there will be a new project with new skills and camera techniques to go with it. At each session you will be given a camera, then we develop the film. See how creative you can be while photographing friends, family, your pets and nature. Join Mr. Casper for the next meeting of the Camera Club and get ready to snap some great shots.

Lunch & A Movie

Monday, April 25 at 1:00 p.m. #1815

There are lots of good movies out there, so why don't you come in and join us for Lunch and a Movie? Part of the fun is getting a chance to vote for your choice of three newly released films. We'll screen the most popular selection on our extra-large screen with state-of-the-art surround sound. Lunch, soft drinks and munchies will be served. Registration is limited.



Teen Planning Board

Saturday, April 2 at 9:30 a.m. #1814

Have you ever wondered where the ideas for programs at the library come from, or had an idea yourself? Would you like to have input on the types of CDs, DVDs, video games, books and magazines we have in the Teen Department? Then we are inviting you to join the Teen Planning Board and let us know what you want from YOUR library. Come to the meeting and join in the fun as you and the Planning Board bring your ideas to the library.

Five Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, April 30

10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. #1824

Now you can take the five hour pre-licensing class without leaving your community. East End Driving School will conduct the five hour class, required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, for students who want to schedule their road test. The cost is \$45. Register online or in person with check, credit card or money order. A valid NYS Learner's permit will be required on the day of the class. We'll serve pizza and soft drinks during a brief break.

Book Club for Kids

Monday, April 11 (For book pick-up)
at 4:30-5:00 p.m. #1775
Monday, April 25 (Book Discussion)
at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, March 28.

Monday, May 2 (For book pick-up)
at 4:30-5:00 p.m. #1776
Monday, May 16 (Book Discussion)
at 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 18.

Come join an ongoing book club just for kids in grades 4-6, which will meet twice a month. The first meeting will be to pick-up the book to be read that month, as well as vote on next month's read. At the second meeting we will discuss the book while enjoying pizza.

Schoolage Storytime

Thursdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5
4:00-4:45 p.m. #1730

Registration begins Thursday, March 31.

Children in grades K-2 are invited to 45 minutes of enjoyment, listening to stories, constructing a simple story-related craft, and sharing a snack in the company of school friends.

Nate the Great

Monday, April 18
4:00-4:45 p.m. #1777
5:00-5:45 p.m. #1778

Registration begins Monday, April 4.

Detective story fans in grades K-6 will enjoy listening to a passage from one of the *Nate the Great* books and then will make a special mysterious disguise.

From Egg to Chick

Wednesday, April 20
4:00-5:00 p.m. (Gr. K-2) #1779
5:15-6:15 p.m. (Gr. 3-6) #1780

Registration begins Wednesday, April 6.

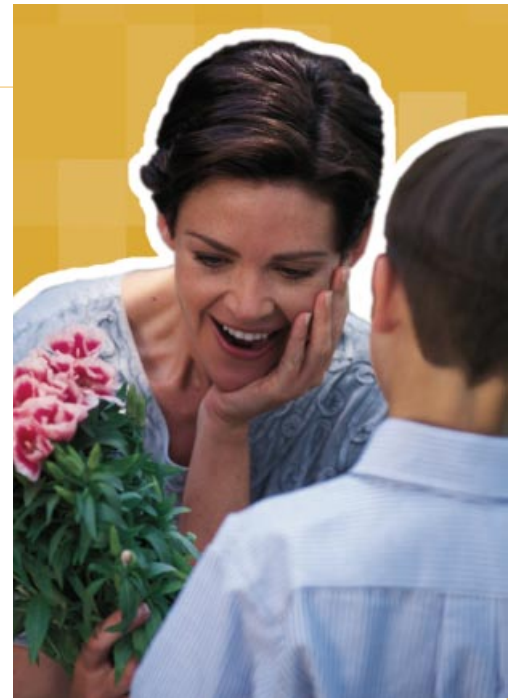
Did you ever wonder how that little yellow chick comes out of that tiny white egg? If so, join us to candle some eggs, meet a real live hen or chick, and learn about the chicken's life cycle.

Celebrate Mom

Thursday,
May 5
6:30-7:30 p.m. #1783
7:30-8:30 p.m. #1784

Registration begins Thursday, April 21.

Mother's Day is right around the corner and now's your chance to create something special for your mom. Children in grades K-6 will show mom just how much she means to them.



I'm Your Superstar

Thursday, May 12
4:15-5:00 p.m. #1781
5:15-6:00 p.m. #1782

Registration begins Thursday, April 28.

Children in grades K-6 can join Ellen and Doreen and create a special star frame. Each child should bring a small picture of themselves. ■

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