



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Happy Birthday, William Floyd!

December 17, 1734 – August 4, 1821

In cooperation with the William Floyd School District, the library is celebrating the birthday of General William Floyd, a local leader in the Revolutionary War and signer of the Declaration of Independence. This year's Floyd celebration focuses on the theme of "courage." Join us on **Saturday, December 17**, for activities for all ages, including:

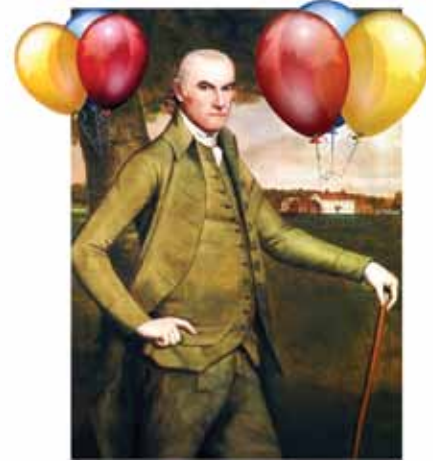
Gallery Crawl in the Library – Local schoolchildren's winning art on the theme of "courage" will be displayed throughout the library.

Floyd Facts – Stop by to watch a short video slide show featuring facts about the Floyd family, local residents of Mastic Beach until the 1970s.

Children's Drop-in Activity – Learn how colonial era farmers made butter and make your own homemade batch! Create a traditional tin punched ornament for the holidays.

Birthday Party – At 3 p.m., local schoolchildren will read selections from their winning writings about William Floyd, followed by a musical performance by student musicians. Help us blow out the candles on a giant birthday cake, then stay to enjoy some refreshments.

Who Was William Floyd? – See page 6 for program. ■



Look Who's Marching in the Christmas Parade

Sunday, December 4, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Cookie Mouse will be marching down Montauk Highway (with Community Library staff and friends) in the annual Christmas parade sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Shirley and the Mastics. Wave hello, shake hands and take a picture with this loveable character as we step to the beat and spread holiday cheer. If you want to march with us, call or email Tara D'Amato at ext.295/ tara.damato@gmail.com. ■



Your Community Library's cast of characters from last year's Christmas parade



Nutcracker in a Nutshell

Performed by Ballet Long Island

Tickets: \$1 students and seniors/\$2 adults; available at the Children's desk and online at www.friends-arts.org

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 p.m.

Everyone loves the enchanted story of Clara, who falls asleep on Christmas Eve and dreams of a Nutcracker prince and the Sugarplum Fairy. Ballet Long Island, a nonprofit arts organization, brings this ballet to life in a short format for young audiences. You'll be charmed by this production of Nutcracker, featuring both professional and student dancers in full costume. For the entire family. ■



www.Friends-Arts.org



Children & Parents

Babies & Parents

Babies Boogie

**Wednesday, December 7,
10:00 – 10:45 a.m.**

*Registration begins Wednesday,
November 23.*

Wiggle and giggle while moving and grooving together. Babies birth-23 months and their adult.

Saturday Parent Toddler Workshop

Saturday, January 7, 10:00 – 11:15 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 23.

Families with children ages 12-35 months enjoy one-on-one play, an art activity, circle time, and a visit from a resource professional.

Mother Goose

Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 27.

Sing and chant old and new favorites at our nursery rhyme lapsit program. Birth to 30 months and their adult.

Toddlers Tango

See Preschool section. ■



Discovery Center

Dinosaurs

Roar with the dinosaurs! Inspect our fossil replicas, unravel dinosaur puzzles, discover cool dinosaur facts and explore much more.



Workshops:

Clay-o-Saurus

Wednesday, December 7, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

No registration required.

Create your own prehistoric creature to take home. Families.

Get K'NEXED with Dinosaurs

Wednesday, December 14, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 30.

Build dinosaurs with K'NEX. Grades 3-6.

Dinosaur Storytime

Friday, December 16, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 2.

Join us for great dinosaur stories and activities. Grades K-2. ■

Parents

Special Support Group

Tuesday, December 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 20, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration ongoing.

Parents of children with special needs meet in a supportive and confidential setting to discuss issues with others who may have similar experiences. Facilitated by a certified social worker with more than 15 years of experience working with the special needs population. ■

On the Road

Book Chat

**Mastic Recreation Center
15 Herkimer Street, Mastic**

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 30.

Talk about the latest books and choose books for the next time. In partnership with the YMCA William Floyd Project. Meet us at the Mastic Recreation Center. Grades 4-6. ■



Preschool

Dream Snow

Monday, December 5, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, November 21.

Let's celebrate this Eric Carle classic with hot chocolate and our own snow. Preschoolers 3-5 years and their adult.

Toddlers Tango

Wednesday, December 7

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 23.

Dance and create music with drums, tambourines, maracas and more! Children 2-5 years and their adult.

Welcome Winter

Tuesday, December 20, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 6.

Ring in the season with stories, songs and a craft. Preschoolers 3-5 years and their adult.

My First Storytime

Fridays, January 13, 20 & 27, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 30.

Bring your parent or caregiver along to enjoy books and participate in songs and fingerplays with our storytime friend, Clifford the Big Red Dog. Preschoolers ages 2 ½-3 ½ with an adult. ■



Schoolage



Holiday Wreaths

Thursday, December 1

4:00 – 4:45 p.m. OR 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, November 17.

Listen to holiday tales and hand-make a handprint holiday wreath to decorate your home. Grades 2-4.

Candy Canes

Monday, December 12, 4:00 – 4:45 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, November 28.

Create your own pipe cleaner candy cane. Real candy canes will be used. Grades K-2.

Get K'NEXED with Dinosaurs Dinosaur Storytime

See Discovery Center section.

Play the Old-Fashioned Way

Tuesday, December 27, 2:00-2:45 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 13.

Play games that children have been playing for years. Grades K-4.

My Little Round Family

Monday, January 9, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, December 26.

Participants will hear stories about families and then design a Little Round Family Portrait to take home. Grades 1-2.

Computer Skills for Kids

Thursdays, January 12 and 19, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 29.

Learn how to use the computer to reinforce concepts in school. Use educational games on the internet to study various subjects. Grades 3-6.

The Great Scavenger Hunt Contest

Registration is ongoing.

Read books! Answer trivia quizzes! Enter raffles! Ask a children's librarian for more information. ■



In-Betweens

Grades 4-7 unless noted otherwise.

Game On!

Fridays, December 2, 9, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

December 23, 30, 3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration ongoing.

Console and online gaming after hours. Entering grades 6-12.

Holiday Jeopardy

Tuesday, December 27, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 13.

This is Jeopardy! Test your trivia minds and have some holiday cheer as light snacks will be served.

Operation Write Home

Tuesday, December 27, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 13.

Help our overseas heroes write home to their loved ones. We'll be hand making cards that will be shipped to soldiers by Operation Write Home.

Wintery Landscapes

Thursday, December 29, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 15.

Make this beautiful light feature for your room using canvas and white lights. ■

Families



Holiday Houses

Thursday, December 15

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. OR 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 1.

Saturday, December 17

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. OR 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 3.

Tuesday, December 20

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. OR 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 6.

Register for only **ONE** session. Registration is for entire family, so register only one person per family.

Children and their families are invited to join us for our annual seasonal celebration. Each family will complete one gingerbread house using a milk carton. Because of the enormous popularity of this holiday family program, we offer six separate sessions (**choose only one**). All materials and goodies will be provided, but you may bring your own half-gallon milk carton (not plastic).

Now Showing...

Mr. Popper's Penguins (rated PG)

Thursday, December 29, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION REQUIRED.

Limited free tickets available beginning Thursday, December 15.

Enjoy the movie, and we'll provide a snack. ■





The Great Scavenger Hunt

The Teen Department invites you to participate in the **Great Scavenger Hunt Contest**. This is your opportunity to read great books and win prizes. Visit us in the teen area or online at <http://www.communitylibrary.org/Teens> to find a list of eligible books and the quizzes for each title. Hand in your completed trivia quiz at the Teen Area Librarian Desk. If you answer eight or more trivia questions correctly, you will be entered into the monthly raffle. Look for the display of books in the Teen Department or check out the list online and start reading. The more you read, the more chances you have to win! ■

Featured Programs

For programs below see dates and times on Teen Calendar.


Enrichment Programs

Programs for teens with special needs, with librarian Ms. Kyle and WFHS teacher Ms. Currao. Participants must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

National Chocolate Day Celebration

December 28 is National Chocolate Day! Join us as we indulge in some special chocolate treats. How about an old-fashioned chocolate drink or a chocolate ice cream sundae? By the end of this program, we'll see who the real chocoholics are.

Lunch and a Movie

You can help decide what movie we watch. Check [facebook.com/mmscteens](https://www.facebook.com/mmscteens) the week before to vote! 

On the Road

Illustrators Workshop and Book Chat take place at the Mastic Recreation Center at 15 Herkimer Street, Mastic, in partnership with the YMCA William Floyd Project. ■



DECEMBER TEEN PROGRAMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>All teen programs are listed on the calendar. Featured Programs are marked with *</p>				<p>1 Crafty Teens 4:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>2 Drop-In Guidance 2:30-5:30pm Game On! 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>3</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>5 Anime Club 4-5pm Drop-In Crafts 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>6 Share a Book 4-4:45pm Game Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>7 Art Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>8 Crafty Teens 4:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>9 Drop-In Guidance 2:30-5:30pm Camera Club 4-5pm Game On! 6-7:30pm</p>	<p>10 Enrichment Workshop: Yoga* 10-11am Lunch and a Movie* 1-2pm</p>
<p>11</p>	<p>12 Extreme Anime 4-5pm Drop-in Crafts 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>13 TAG 3:30-4:30pm Game Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>14 Make and Enjoy a Holiday Dinner 4pm Art Club 6pm On the Road: YMCA* Book Chat 6:30pm</p>	<p>15 Crafty Teens 4:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>16 Drop-In Guidance 2:30pm On the Road: YMCA* Illustrators Workshop 3:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>17 Enrichment Workshop: Holiday Chocolate Sled* 10-11am</p>
<p>18</p>	<p>19 Anime Club 4-5pm Drop-in Crafts 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>20 Game Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>21 Art Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>22 Crafty Teens 4:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>23 Drop-In Guidance 2:30pm Game on! in Teen Area 3-5:30pm Illustrators Workshop 4-5pm</p>	<p>24</p>
<p>25</p>	<p>26 Extreme Anime 4-5pm Drop-in Crafts 6:30-8:30pm</p>	<p>27 Candy Cane Bingo 4:30-6pm Game Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>28 National Chocolate Day Celebration* 5-6:30pm Art Club 6-8pm</p>	<p>29 Crafty Teens 4:30-6:30pm</p>	<p>30 Drop-In Guidance 2:30pm Game on! in Teen Area 3-5:30pm Illustrators Workshop 4-5pm</p>	<p>31</p>

Teen Artwork of the Month

Brittany Scianno

Keep in Touch With Your Teen Services Department

- Visit us online at:
www.communitylibrary.org/teens
(and chat with us there!)
- email us at MMSCLteens@gmail.com
- like us on Facebook:
[facebook.com/mmsclteens](https://www.facebook.com/mmsclteens)
- or text us: 66746 - start your question with
the keyword MMSCL. ■





Adults

Read

Discussion of *Welcome to Shirley*

Thursday, December 29, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
OR 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 1.

After all the traveling, we're back home! We finish out the year with a wonderful book by a young woman who grew up here. Copies available at the Circulation Desk after November 30. ■



LIRR Discount Train Tickets

Saturday, December 17

Registration begins Friday, December 2.

Do as you please in New York City! Meet at the Patchogue train station at 8:00 a.m. to pick up your tickets and travel as a group in the first car heading to the city. Train leaves at 8:23 a.m. Return on your own any time that day. Non-refundable tickets are \$8.50 per person. Open to all. ■



American Folk Art Museum

Starting December 8 – until supplies last.

Stop by the Adult Reference Desk starting December 8 to receive a packet of 4 passes to the American Folk Art Museum in New York City. The museum preserves, conserves, and interprets a comprehensive collection of the highest quality, with objects dating from the eighteenth century to the present. No reservations necessary; first come, first served. ■

Craft Corner

Scrapbooking Memories

Choose one:

Monday, December 5 OR Thursday, December 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, November 29.

Bring adhesive and scissors to class. Fee: \$10



Necklace and Earrings

Saturday, December 10, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 1.

Create a stunning red carnelian necklace and earrings set. Both contain freshwater pearls and black onyx crystals with gold accents. Fee: \$15

Who Was William Floyd?

Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 – 8 p.m.

Registration ongoing.

Learn about William Floyd's life, his role in politics, and why his descendants gave his estate to the National Park Service. Presented by a park ranger from the William Floyd Estate. ■

Defensive Driving

Saturday, December 3, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, November 28.

Fee: \$25

Culinary Gifts

Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 30.

Chef Rich demonstrates how to package culinary gifts in a jar. Each participant will bring home *Risotto in a Jar* with accompanying recipe.

Gingerbread Houses

Choose one:

Thursday, December 8, OR Tuesday, December 13, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 2.

Assemble and decorate your own gingerbread house with the Baking Coach. Choose one session only. Adults only.

Each instructor provides a materials kit (minus paints) with instructions. Adults 18 years and older. No refunds.

Candy Cane Holder

Monday, December 12,

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 2.

Materials needed for class: #12 and #2 flat shapers, 10/0 liner, dry brush or stencil brush and large scruffy. Fee: \$18



Learn the Art of Quilting

Monday, December 12, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 3.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group. ■



Enjoy the Pleasures of Tea

Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 6.

Kristine Henderson, certified tea specialist and owner of *The Pleasures of Tea*, will host a tea tasting.

Holiday Sweater Bingo

Monday, December 19, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 9.

Dig out those holiday sweaters and spread some cheer at bingo! Prizes awarded to the top three outrageously festive sweaters.

Relax with Yoga

Wednesdays, December 21, 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, December 14.

Bring a mat or towel. No late admittance to class.

Senior Corner

For seniors age 50 and older.
Contact the library in advance for special accommodations.

Senior Advocate at your Service Monday, December 5, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 30.

AARP Defensive Driving Monday, December 5, and Tuesday, December 6, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Registration begins: Monday, November 28, for MMSCL cardholders; Tuesday, November 29, for non-district patrons (space permitting)

NEW: Register in-person, by phone or online.

Payment is due on the first day of class and given directly to the instructor.

Checks or money orders only made payable to AARP.

\$12 for AARP members, \$14 for non-members.

Let's Play Wii Bowling Thursday, December 15, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 10.

Practice your bowling skills using Wii, a videogame system.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, December 16, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 10.

Larry Crowne, starring Julia Roberts and Tom Hanks.



Game Club

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

No registration necessary.

AARP Tax Counseling

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,

April 5, 12 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins: Monday, December 19, for MMSCL cardholders; Wednesday, December 21 for non-district patrons (space permitting). ■



Your Library Loves to Help

Services below require appointments.

Call 399-1511, ext 240.

Career Counseling

Our career counselor helps with resumes, interviewing strategies, job searches via the internet, post-secondary education, career goals and other career-related concerns.

Climb Your Family Tree

Our genealogy expert will help you get started on researching your family history. Explore databases, including AncestryPlus and HeritageQuest, as well as other internet sources.

Computers and Gadgets

Get one-on-one instruction on your specific concern on your e-reader, smart phone, computer, camera, or other electronic device.

Everyday Problems

A social worker will listen to you, help you deal with everyday problems, and guide you to sources for further help. Possible due to the cooperation of Colonial Youth Services.

Free Small Business Counseling

**Mondays, December 12 and 26
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

A representative for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will be providing free business counseling. ■



Come Chill: Programs for 18-24 year olds

Registration for Come Chill programs begins Friday, November 25.

Game On! Veterans' Edition

**Fridays, December 2, 9, 16
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Play Xbox 360, Wii and Playstation 3. Refreshments served.

Trading Card Game Night Wednesday, December 7

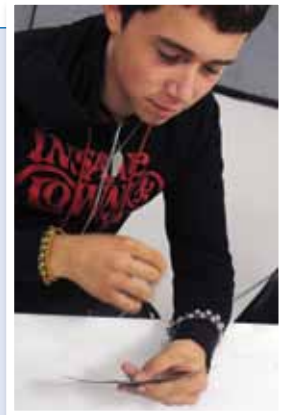
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Fan of trading card games? Meet up with others for friendly rounds of your choice. All levels welcome.

Cinema Chill

**Thursday, December 22,
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.**

You decide what you watch! Vote on the movie and sit back and enjoy. Light refreshments. ■



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Family Literacy

Grant Award

The New York State Education Department Division of Library Development has awarded the family literacy program **\$28,319.00** for the fiscal year 2011-2012 to continue and expand its current literacy programming. The focus of the grant is to foster parent/child early literacy interaction and learner independence of both English for Speakers of Other Languages parents and their pre-K children in order to increase their use of the public library as an integral part of their child's early literacy development. The grant award allows the library to offer classes 6 days a week and over the summer months when no other ESOL programs are available. ■



Program on Video

Representatives from the National Center for Family Literacy and Better World Books visited the library to film our family literacy program in action. They spent many hours talking to and filming families whose lives have improved as a result of the English for Speakers of Other Languages classes they attend with their preschool children. Highlighted in the video is an interview with literacy student Maria Ruiz and her son Antonio, who expressed how much easier his life is now that his mom can speak English. The National Center for Family Literacy will use the video to encourage other libraries across the country to offer similar programs. Better World Books will use video clips on their website to encourage buying books from a business that funds non-profit organizations, such as the National Center for Family Literacy. ■

A Priceless Gift: Blood

Wednesday, December 28

1:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Registration in progress.

Donating blood is literally giving the gift of life. Four million Americans each year benefit from life-saving blood transfusions. You can make a difference today! Stop by the Community Library and give the gift of life to others. Registration is in progress, but walk-ins are always welcome.



Stuff Our Van

'Tis the season of giving! Help us stuff our Community Library Van with non-perishable food items to be donated to our local food pantries. Bring donations to the library on **Saturday, December 10, 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.** While you are here, enjoy festive activities throughout the library. *Donations will be given to the Community Emergency Food Center and the St. Jude Outreach.*



The Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open and the public is always invited to attend. If you have any questions about any library matter, please call the Library Director, Kerri Rosalia, at 399-1511, ext. 200.

Telephone 631-399-1511

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Friday 9-6 • Saturday 9-5
Sunday 12-4 (September to June)

All programs are available to Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders and require advanced registration, unless otherwise indicated. Please have your library card available when you register. The Library is glad to provide reasonable accommodations for patrons with special needs. Please call us at least two weeks prior to the program to make arrangements. Photographs, footage and names of patrons attending library programs may be used for publicity. Please inform us if you do not want information about you and your family used for such publicity.



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