Register for programs in person, by telephone at 631-399-1511, or online at www.communitylibrary.org



# MORICHES COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Join us for a celebration of the pop culture phenomenon that is Star Wars. From costume contests and trivia, to Star Wars themed cooking and gaming, there's something for everyone. We'll be joined by a special quest from the Star Wars Universe, so be sure to bring a camera! And come in costume yourselves! For a full list of the day's events in each department, see inside pages.

# Tri-Hamlet Community Day

Saturday, June 1, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (Rain date June 2)

Parking at sites is extremely limited; air-conditioned bus service will run all day from William Floyd Elementary School parking lot.



The Community Library is proud to be a part of Tri-Hamlet Community Day, which celebrates our community's heritage, history and character. Family-friendly events will be held at the William Floyd Estate, the Manor of St. George, the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge, the incorporated Village of Mastic Beach, and Nathaniel Woodhull Cemetery. "Like" Tri-Hamlet Community Day celebration on Facebook for updates, or call the Community Summit at (631) 399-2639 for more information.

Thank You Thank you to the community on behalf of the library's board of trustees and staff for approving our operating budget and supporting our ongoing efforts to serve you. Please join us in congratulating board trustee James Mazzarella, who was reelected to a 5-year term.

# Children's Book Week: Spring into Reading

Monday, May 13 - Sunday, May 19

Come to the children's area of the library all week long for raffles and activities to spring you into reading. Tell us what book you are reading for a pick from



our treasure chest. Add your favorite book to our blooming books garden.

# Children's Book Week Programs

#### **Book Character Bingo**

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 1.

Come on down for a few rounds of bingo with your favorite book characters. Win prizes and discover new book characters that you might enjoy. Grades K-6.

# **Bowling for Books**

Thursday, May 16, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, May 2.

Meet us at AMF Shirley Lanes for a free round of bowling. Compete for prizes and get a free book to keep. Game will start promptly at 4:30 p.m. Grades 3-6, **MUST** be accompanied by an adult.

# Children & Parents



# Are you reading 1KB4K? Enter our monthly raffle!

Families with children birth – 5 years who are participating in the 1KB4K (One Thousand Books Before Kindergarten) program can enter our monthly raffle. Children who are read to start stronger in school. Join the program and help your child be ready to read!

# In-Betweens

# Game On!

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration ongoing.

Console and online gaming after hours. Grades 6-12.

# Babies & Parents

# **Saturday Parent Toddler**

Saturday, May 11, 10:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, April 27.

Families with children ages 12-35 months enjoy one-on-one play, an art activity, circle time, and a visit from a resource professional. During this session we will also enjoy Musical Mother Goose, where we will dance to favorite nursery rhymes. Siblings welcome.

# Babies Love Books

Friday, May 24 10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, May 10.

Discover how to pass along the love of reading and language to your baby while having fun together. Join us for stories, songs and play. Please bring a blanket. Babies birth-12 months with their adult.



# Discovery Center

# **Things with Wings**

Are birds the only creature to have wings? Insects and bats have wings, but neither of them are birds. Our Discovery Center features the many things with wings that are all around us. With the guidance of wildlife educator Eric Powers, who founded **Long Island's Bobwhite Quail Project**, we will incubate close to 75 quail eggs for a live experience of a thing with wings. Enjoy a virtual experience (including watching the webcam to see the quail chicks hatch and develop) on our Discovery Center online by visiting www.communitylibrary.org/kids/discoverycenter. Once hatched, the library will take care of the quails for about 2 weeks before returning them to Eric and his team to raise into adulthood. In June, the quails will be released into the wild. More details to follow, since the quails' release will be open to the public.

## **Drop-In Programs**

Drop in for wing-related programs:

#### Friday, May 24, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

No registration necessary.

As the weather gets warmer and the birds begin to build their nests, why not create a house for them to lay their eggs in. Just hang the birdhouse in a tree and watch the birds come! Grades K-6.

# Tuesday, June 4, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

No registration necessary.

Get outside and fly some airplanes! Stop by the library and we will create some very cool paper airplanes that really fly. Then you can get outside and fly them! Grades K-6.

# Preschool

Books read in storytimes count towards your 1000 books!

# My First Storytime

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 19.

Intended for children who are new to storytime. Children 2-3 ½ years with their adult.

# Interactive iPad Storytime

See Computer section.

# **Music for Little Folks**

Tuesday, May 14, 11:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 30.

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and dance around with us as we learn how to be great listeners and improve our motor skills through following along to this high energy music program. Children 4 and 5 years with their adult.



# Spring Crafts for 4s and 5s Monday, May 20 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, May 6. You don't have to be crafty to make these fun crafts. Make a handprint paper plate sun and a cupcake liner butterfly. Children 4 and 5 years with their adult.

# Parachute Play @ the Gazebo

See On the Road section.



# **Schoolage**



## Jedi Training Saturday, May 4 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

No registration.

Join us for some Star Wars fun! There will be crafts, games and some great Jedi training techniques. We encourage everyone to come dressed as their favorite Star Wars character as there will be a costume contest at 4:00 p.m. Grades K-6.

#### Study Buddies Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

4:00 – 6:00 p.m. Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

No registration.

If you need help with homework, join us in the children's department, where our teen volunteer study buddies will be available to help guide you toward understanding and completing your homework. Depending on the number of volunteers, you will get between 10 and 30 minutes of one-on-one help. Schoolage children.

# iPad: 39 Clues

See Computer section.

# Star Wars Snacks Saturday, May 4

1:00 - 1:45 p.m. (grades K-2) 2:00 - 2:45 p.m. (grades 3-6)

Registration began Saturday, April 20. Create some great Star Wars themed snacks to eat or take home!

#### Drop-in Star Wars Pictionary Saturday, May 4 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.

No registration.

Get your thinking caps on and your drawing skills ready. We will be playing Star Wars Pictionary in the upper level of the Playspace. Even if you do not want to draw, just come to take some guesses and test your Star Wars skills. Grades K-6.

#### **iPlay**

See Computer section.

# **Book Character Bingo**

See Cover.

#### **Bowling for Books**

See Cover.

#### Hands-on Science Candy Experiments Tuesday, May 28, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 14.

Do M&Ms float? Does chocolate sink? Can you make a rainbow with Skittles? Let's have a sweet time learning science. Kids with allergies may not want to attend. Grades 4-6.



# Computer Corner



#### Interactive iPad Storytime Monday, May 6, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 22.

Explore a new way to experience a story using apps on our iPads. We will share several fun stories and play games. We'll provide an iPad for each child to use during storytime. Children 3-5 years with their adult.

# iPlay: 39 Clues

Tuesday, May 7, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 23.

Become a part of the Madrigal family and use the iPad to solve clues for a mystery that spans the globe and history. We will go on the *39 Clues* website to help us solve the mystery. Grades 4-6.

# **iPlay**

Friday, May 10, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 26.

Join us for an hour of iPlay. Use our iPads and iTouches to explore a fun and exciting new app. Grades K-6.

#### **Minecraft Universe**

Monday, May 13, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 29.

Minecraft is a sandbox universe in which you can explore, build, and collaborate - like a Lego world on the computer! Grades 4-6.

# On the Road

# Sidewalk Studio @ Osprey Park

Thursday, May 9, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 25.

Meet us at Osprey Park on Oceanview Drive in Mastic Beach and show off your artistic skills with sidewalk chalk for all to see. In case of rain, the program will be relocated to the children's department at the library. Dress for a mess. Families.

#### **Bowling for Books**

See Cover.

# Parachute Play @ the Gazebo Wednesday, May 29, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 25.

Weather permitting, bring your energy for parachute fun at the Brookhaven Town Gazebo on Neighborhood Road, Mastic Beach. Children 2-5 years with their adult.

#### **Book Chat**

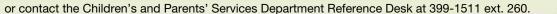
Wednesday, May 29, 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 15.

Talk about the latest books and choose books for the next time.

In partnership with the YMCA William Floyd Project. Meet us at the Brookhaven Town Mastic Recreation Center, 15 Herkimer Street, Mastic. Grades 4-6.









Registration required unless otherwise noted. Participants are encouraged to come in costume!

#### Jedi Training Course 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Calling all Padawan! Complete a series of activities and challenges in our training course, from lightsaber building to a Jabba frog toss--and emerge a Jedi Knight! No registration necessary.

#### Video Game Cantina 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Drop in for some console gaming from the Force Unleashed to Lego Star Wars! No registration necessary.

# **Star Wars Cooking**

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Join us as we make (and eat) Star-Wars inspired dishes!

# Star Wars Origami 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

# **Duct Tape Pouches**

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Get creative and construct stylish pouches and origami under the instruction of Jedi Master Stephanie.

# **Star Wars Trivia**

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Is The Force strong within you? Show off your knowledge of the Star Wars universe by entering our trivia challenge. Winners will receive a prize.

#### **Costume Contest**

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Cap off the May the Fourth festivities with a costume contest. Participate in the fan voting or as a contestant. Best costumes to receive a prize. No registration necessary.

# Featured Programs

#### **Turtles in Teen Services!**

Wednesday, May 1, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Five different kinds of turtles from the Hampton Bays Wildlife Rescue will be in Teen Services for you to hold, observe and learn about. Don't miss it!

#### Cinco de Mayo Salsa Dance Party

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Mastic Recreation Center -

15 Herkimer Street

An exciting celebration with the library and YMCA William Floyd Project

Mastic Leaders Club. Professional ballroom dance instructor **Moises Arocho** (who has taught at Arthur Murray's Dance Studio) will be instructing us in traditional salsa steps. No partner is necessary and families are welcome. Light refreshments will be served. Call Helene at 631-281-6114 to register or for information.

# Scrapbooking and Journaling

Monday, May 6, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Join social worker Crystal to build scrapbooks and journals – use a combination of arts, crafts, and writing to capture your memories. This program will meet monthly through the spring.

# **Five-Hour Pre-Licensing Course**

Saturday, May 18, 10:45 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

This is the required course for people 16 – 21 who want to schedule their road test. Course fee: \$49, payable by check, credit card or money order – NO CASH ACCEPTED. Payment required at time of registration. Out-of-district patrons and over-21 patrons may register beginning Saturday, May 11. A valid NYS Learner's Permit will be required on the day of the class. PLEASE NOTE: you must arrive and be ready for class by 10:45 a.m. Latecomers will not be seated.

# **Celebrate National Salsa Month**

Wednesday, May 22, 4:00 - 5:30 p.m.

Go south of the border with us to make and eat delicious Mexican food. Whether it's tacos, burritos, or tamales, you'll be sure to love this tasty, fun program.

# Volunteer Opportunities for Teens

#### Make a No-Sew Fleece Blanket

For each hour that teens work on a no-sew blanket, they will earn one hour of community service. Appointments will be available on Mondays, 5:00 - 9:00 p.m., Tuesdays, 4:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Thursdays, 1:00 - 9:00 p.m. All materials will be provided. Blankets will be donated to various local charities. Call Mrs. Maggio at 399-1511 x365 or stop in for an appointment.

# **Study Buddies**

Tuesdays, 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. AND/OR Wednesdays, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. GRADES 6 - 12

Volunteer to read to preschool and pre-K children and help students in K-5th grade with homework assignments and skill building. Applications available in the Teen Area or at www.communitylibrary.org/teens. Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis and will be approved based on the needs of the program.



# MAY TEEN PROGRAMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Featured programs are designated by a star*.  More information can be found on the facing page. We welcome questions, comments and suggestions about our programs; check the "Keep in Touch" box for ways to contact us!			1 Art Club 6-8pm Study Buddies 6-8pm Cinco de Mayo Dance Party at Brookhaven Rec Center 7-8pm	Crafty Teens 4-6pm	Drop In Guidance Counseling 2:30-5:30pm Illustrators Workshop 4-5pm Game On! 6-7:30pm	STAR WARS DAY  Enrichment - Star Wars Cookies 10-11am
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# 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
- or text us: 66746 start your question with the keyword MMSCL.
- stop by anytime the library is open the Teen Area is on the lower level.

# Teen Artwork of the Month

Mansfield Sharpe

# On the Road

On the Road Book Chat with the YMCA Wednesday, May 29 6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Discuss books and chat with Ms. Hurley at the Brookhaven Recreation Center - 15 Herkimer Street in Mastic.

On the Road **Illustrator's Workshop** Friday, May 31 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

THE ROAD Join Mr. Casper to draw, sketch, and create art.



# Adults



# ShaktiPath Kirtan

Friday, May 17, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration began Friday, April 19.

Come join us and open your heart with live music! Experience a kirtan with the musicians of ShaktiPath. Kirtan is a call-and-response chanting experience with musical accompaniment. This singing tradition originated in India as a form of devotional yoga and is now practiced the world over. As we sing together, we will feel our hearts light up with joy and transformation. Connect to community, awaken shakti energy, and help feed the hungry. Please bring a non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food pantry. Thank you in advance for your support. Light refreshments will be served. Open to all.

# In the Kitchen

# Exploring Greek Cuisine Tuesday, May 14 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration begins Monday, May 6. Join Kathy and explore the exotic cuisine of Greece.



# Simply Creative Vegetables

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, May 10.

Make dinner exciting again with these great vegetable recipes from Chef Rob: savory roasted plum tomatoes with gorgonzola, garlic and herbs, parmesan encrusted potatoes and summer squash with panko crumbs and thyme.

# Defensive Driving Wednesday May 29 and Thursday, May 30, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, May 13.

Fee: \$26.50. Payment due at the first class. Checks, money orders or cash are acceptable.  $\blacksquare$ 

# Read

# Berlin, Germany, 1933

Book Discussion of In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler's Berlin Wednesday, May 15, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration began Thursday, April 18.

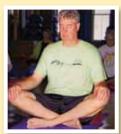
The best-selling author of Devil in the White City, Erik Larson, gives us

a vivid portrait of Berlin and the people in power during the first years of Hitler's reign. Even though we know the outcome, he makes it into a riveting political thriller. Copies are available at the Circulation Desk after April 18.

# Take Care of Yourself

Relax with Yoga Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 25. Bring a yoga mat or towel to class. Please arrive to class on time.



Reiki Circle Tuesday, May 7 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 1. Join Reiki master Sally



Bruno and learn about this ancient healing technique that channels life-force energy to aid the body in stress reduction, relaxation and healing. Please note: Reiki is not a substitute for medical or other health care treatments.

# Craft Corner

Instructor provides materials kit (minus paints) with instructions. Intended for adults 18 years and older.

Non-refundable.

Scrapbooking

Memories Monday, May 6, OR Thursday,

May 16, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration begins Monday, April 29. Bring scissors and adhesive to class. Fee: \$10.



# Decorative Canvas Bag Monday, May 13 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Registration begins
Thursday, May 2.
Adorn this handy

canvas bag with two playful felines. *Mate*rials needed for class: liner #2 and #12 flat

10/0 liner, #2 and #12 flat shaders and an old brush. Fee: \$10. (price includes a pigma ink pen).



# Learn the Art of Quilting Monday, May 20 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Registration begins

Thursday, May 9.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group.

#### LIRR Discount Train Tickets Saturday, May 18

Registration begins Friday, May 3.

Do as you please in New York City! Meet the group at the Patchogue train station at 8:00 a.m. The group must travel together in the first railroad car into the city to Penn Station. The train leaves Patchogue at 8:23 a.m. Return home on your own anytime of the day. Non-refundable round-trip tickets are \$9.25 (price reflects an increase imposed by MTA, effective 3/1/13) per person. **Purchaser must possess a Mastics-Moriches-Shirley library card.** All purchased tickets must be picked up at the library prior to the trip.

# Your Library Loves to Help

Most 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.

#### **Job Search 101 Packets**

The library has compiled this comprehensive packet on conducting that successful job search. Help yourself. They are on the book unit in front of the Career and Business Center.

# **Computers and Gadgets**

Get one-on-one instruction on your specific concern on your eReader, smartphone, computer, camera or other electronic device. If you would like to learn how to get library books and magazines on your device, give us a call and set up a one-on-one appointment with a librarian.

# **Everyday Problems**

A caseworker 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.

# Come Chill:

Programs for 18-24 year olds

# Game On! Veterans' Edition

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 26.
Play Xbox 360, Wii and
Playstation 3. Refreshments
served.

# Illustrators Workshop Wednesdays, May 1 and 15 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 26.
Join Mr. Casper and learn how to use a variety of mediums to show off what you do.



# Saturday, May 4

Participants are encouraged to come in costume!

# Star Wars Trivia

3:00 - 3:45 p.m.

Is The Force strong within you? Show off your knowledge of the Star Wars universe by entering our trivia challenge. Winners will receive a prize.

#### **Costume Contest**

4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Cap off the May the Fourth festivities with a costume contest. Participate in the fan voting or as a contestant. Best costumes to receive a prize. No registration necessary.

# Senior Corner

For seniors age 50 and over. Valid MMSCL card required for most programs. Contact the library in advance for special accommodations.

# Senior Game Club

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 12:30 - 3:30 p.m.

No registration necessary.

Play bridge, Scrabble or mah jongg.

# **Elder Law Explained**

Thursday, May 16 or 23, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, May 4.

## Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, May 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 7.

Parental Guidance, starring Billy Crystal and Bette Midler. Rated PG.

# **AARP Defensive Driving**

Saturday, May 25, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 14.

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. \$17 for AARP members; \$19 for non-members. Open to all 50 and older.

# Connect with Kayaking

Thursday, May 2, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 22.

Long Island has more than 1,600 miles of coastline – including the ocean, bays and rivers – all waiting to be

discovered. Join avid kayaker Nick De Nezzo and learn how to choose the right boat and equipment, basic techniques and rescues, and the best places to explore. All are welcome.



# Computer Classes for Adults

Registration for all computer classes begins Wednesday, April 24.

#### **Introduction to Computers, Part 1**

Wednesday, May 8, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

This slow-paced, user friendly workshop is for first-time computer users.

#### **Introduction to Computers, Part 2**

Thursday, May 9, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

A continuation of Part 1. Attendees are encouraged to complete Introduction to Computers, Part 1, before taking this class.

#### **Internet Basics and eMail**

Thursday, May 9, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Introduction to the Internet Explorer browser, web addresses, search tools and email.

#### All About eBay

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

In this lecture and demonstration class, learn how to buy and sell items using eBay, the world's most popular online auction website.

# Working with Your Digital Photographs

Wednesday, May 15, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Hands On! You have a digital camera and know how to take pictures, but how do you move the images from the camera to the computer? How do you organize your pictures and edit them? In this class, you will learn the answers to these questions and much more.

# Bingo Monday, May 13

6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Registration begins
Wednesday, May 8.
Play some fun rounds
of bingo and enjoy
light refreshments.



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# **Ensuring Our Library's Fiscal Health**

The Office of the New York State Comptroller has announced that it will conduct a routine audit of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library's internal controls in the near future.

The New York State Comptroller regularly audits municipal agencies - including towns, villages, libraries, schools and fire districts - in

order to protect the public's investment. Recent Long Island libraries that have benefited from the expertise of the New York State Comptroller include Smithtown, Hauppauge and Wantagh.

The audit process is an integral part of the government's system of "checks and balances" and will provide the library with an objective, independent review of its internal controls.

The audit process is designed to enable and encourage local government officials to maintain or improve fiscal health by increasing efficiency and effectiveness, managing costs, improving service delivery, and accounting for and protecting assets. Furthermore, it promotes government reform and fosters good governance in communities statewide by providing local government with up-to-date information and expert technical assistance, according to the New York State Comptroller website.

"The Board of Trustees and myself are welcoming the input of the comptroller's staff and the resulting audit, and hope to gain

valuable insight to ensure that public tax dollars are being spent and accounted for in the most efficient and effective manner," said Library Director Kerri Rosalia.

"The Board of Trustees takes our fiduciary responsibility very seriously," states Board President James Mazzarella. "However,

> we can always improve. I believe every public institution can learn and benefit from the scrutiny provided through a New York State audit. While the process will be time-consuming for our library staff, the end result will ensure that proper policies and procedures are in place to protect taxpayer dollars in order to provide the best possible library services to the patrons of Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library."

"The Board of Trustees already authorizes a full external audit of the library's finances on an annual basis that complies with the guidelines of the Government Accounting Standards Board," Ms. Rosalia said. "These audits, conducted by Baldessari and Coster, have resulted in recommendations that were readily accepted and enacted by the Board of Trustees. Similarly, we are optimistic that the New York State Comptroller's Office will provide us with further suggested actions to protect the community's assets by improving our financial management practices."

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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.

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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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