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COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Clifford's Marching!

Sunday, December 8, 12:00 p.m.

Everyone's favorite big red dog, Clifford, will be marching with the library float at the Chamber of Commerce of the Mastics and Shirley annual Christmas Parade. Starting from the Kohls parking lot, the parade goes down Montauk Highway and ends at the Mastic Firehouse. Hope to see you there! ■

Winter Solstice – World Music

Sunday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.

*Appropriate for families with children age 8 and older
Adults \$3; students and seniors, \$2.*



Gather with ancient instruments and objects from around the world -- Japanese bamboo flute, Tibetan singing bowls, faerie bells, Irish flute and more -- to honor the shortening of the days and celebrate the return of the light. Inspired by magical sounds from cultures around the world, join Darius Kaufmann and other performers to create and share stories of the season and songs to warm our hearts. ■



Digital Library Desk

**Monday and Thursday nights,
December 2, 5, 9, 12, 16, 19,
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Library Main Floor**

No appointments necessary

Whether you own (or plan to buy) a smartphone, tablet, eReader, Mac or PC, our digital branch has something to offer you! Stop by the new Digital Library Desk for a hands-on demonstration of services, including eBook lending, MP3 music downloads, eMagazines and more. Try them out on our collection of tablets and eReaders, or bring your own, and we'll help get you started. ■



Recent Donations to the Library

Share the gift of learning and discovery with your community. The library welcomes funds to buy materials in memorial or celebration of a person or special occasion. See the library web site for a donation form and instructions. Materials of your choice will be added to the collection, and the honoree will be contacted.

To the memory of Matilda Lunde, donated by Corrine Seymour, the following books: *Norway to America: A History of the Migration*, *The Story of Norway*, *NASCAR Then and Now*. ■





Children & Parents



Children's Services now has a Pinterest page! If you're looking for things to do with the kids, great books to read with them, craft ideas, and more, check out our boards. Our librarians have been pinning away so that you can collect all the things you love, organize and plan important projects.

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!



Babies & Parents

Jingle Bell Juniors

Friday, December 20

10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 6.

Bring your holiday cheer and join us for stories, songs and playtime. Babies birth-12 months with their adult.



Jingle Bell Fun Time

Friday, December 20

10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 6.

Show us your holiday cheer and join us for stories, songs and a craft. Children 1-5 years with their adult.



1-2-3 Play With Me

Saturday, January 11, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 28.

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



Mother Goose

Monday, January 13, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, December 30.

Sing and chant old and new favorites at our nursery rhyme lap-sit. Children birth-30 months and their adult. Siblings welcome. ■



Family Game Night

Friday, December 20, 6:15 - 7:15 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 6.

Take time out of your busy schedule to spend quality time with your family. We will have board games to play, videogames to try out, iPads and pizza. Please register only 1 person per family. Families. ■

Preschool

Books read in storytimes count towards your 1000 books!



Dream Snow

Monday, December 9, 12:00 - 12:45 p.m.

Registration began November 25.

Enjoy this Eric Carle classic, make a snowflake and enjoy hot chocolate. Preschoolers ages 3-5 years and their adult

Jingle Bell Fun Time

Friday, December 20, 10:45 - 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 6.

Show us your holiday cheer and join us for stories, songs and a craft. Children 1-5 years with their adult. ■



Computer Corner

Create Your Own Holiday Cards

Friday, December 6, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Registration began Friday, November 22.

Create beautiful personalized holiday cards on the computer for your family and friends. Grades K-6.

Minecraft Universe

Saturday, December 7

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. (entering grades 2-4)

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. (entering grades 5-7)

Registration begins Saturday, November 23.

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



Schoolage

Study Buddies

Tuesdays, December 3, 10, 17
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

No registration necessary.

If you need help with homework, 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.



Skate Party

Thursday, January 2, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 19.

We'll have activities and hot chocolate to warm you up, then we'll "skate" in the library! Grades 2-5.

Rhythm and Rhyme Time For Children with Special Needs

Saturday, January 11

11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 28.

Come for a fun, sensory storytime designed just for you! Grades K-2. ■

Families

Holiday Houses

Tuesday, December 17

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. OR 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 3.

Thursday, December 19

5:30 – 6:30 p.m. OR 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, December 5.

Saturday, December 21

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, December 7.

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.



Now Showing... Planes (rated PG)

Friday, December 27

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON REGISTRATION.

Tickets available beginning Friday, December 13.

Enjoy the movie, and we'll provide a snack. All age families.

Now Showing... Mary Poppins (rated G)

Monday,

December 30,

12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

IN-PERSON

REGISTRATION.

Tickets available

beginning Monday, December 16.

Celebrate the 50th anniversary of this classic, which has been digitally restored. Enjoy the movie, and we'll provide a snack. All age families. ■



In-Betweens

Game On!

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration ongoing.

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



Holiday Fuse Bead Craft

Friday, December 20, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, December 6.

'Tis the season to fuse beads! Don't miss this fuse-tastic craft as we make awesome holiday shapes by fusing beads together. Grades 4-7. ■

On the Road

Outdoor events are subject to cancellation due to inclement weather. An adult must accompany children on all outdoor events.

Snow Much Fun

All of December, January and February

Registration ongoing.

Sign up to be on our on-call list for organized fun in the snow this winter season. Each time a safe snowy day comes up, we will contact you to let you know when and where we will have our Snow Much Fun program. Enjoy hot chocolate while making snowmen and participating in other fun snowy activities. Sign up on our homepage at www.communitylibrary.org or at the Children's desk. Families.

Library Van Bookmobile

Wednesday, December 11, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

The library van bookmobile will be at the Mastic Recreation Center (15 Herkimer Street, Mastic) for you to check out and return books. Bring your library card! Families.

Book Chat w/ the YMCA

Wednesday, December 11, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Discuss last month's book and participate in fun activities. Meet us at the Mastic Recreation Center, 15 Herkimer Street, Mastic. Open to tweens ages 9-12, in partnership with the Tween Leaders Club. Participants must register with the Leaders Club; call Helene at 281-6114.

Karate Lessons

Thursday, December 12

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

At the Mastic Recreation Center (15 Herkimer Street, Mastic). Call Helene at 281-6114 to reserve your space.

Grades 2-7 with their adult. ■





Teens

DECEMBER TEEN PROGRAMS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 *The Word 2:30-3:30pm Anime Club 4-5pm Journaling & Sketching with Crystal 6-8pm	3 Study Buddies 4:30-6pm Chess Club 6-8pm Reading Buddies (WFHS) 7-8:30pm	4 Art Club 6-8pm Study Buddies 6:30-8pm	5 *Drop In Animal Portraits 4-6 pm	6 Drop In Guidance Counseling 2:30-5:30pm Illustrators Workshop 4-5pm Game On! 6-7:30pm	7
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29	30 *The Word 2:30-3:30pm Journaling & Sketching with Crystal 6-8pm	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE		<i>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!</i>		



Teen Artwork of the Month

Hameedah Poulos



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.
- stop by anytime the library is open – the Teen Area is on the lower level. ■

Library Programs for Teens

Check the Calendar for Dates and Times of All Programs. Featured or new programs are marked with *

Drop-In Programs

Drop-In Guidance

Get help with college loans, applications, resumes and much more!

*The Word

Write your memoir, express yourself with poetry -- anything goes at "The Word".

Journaling and Sketching w/Crystal

Build new ideas, plan out your dreams, and discover yourself with Crystal (LMSW).



Chess Club

Play with friends and counselor Will.

Art Club

Create with Nancy (MSW) and Mr. Casper.

*Animal Portraits

Pick your favorite animal then use fabric to make him look real; take it home to frame. ■

Register for these Programs!

*Rip It Up

Make a collage as you get your feelings out by ripping, cutting, drawing and more.

Game On!

When the library closes, it's time for video games, board games, and some friendly competition! **Tweens in grade 6 welcome.**

Anime Club

Watch great shows while discussing anime, sci-fi, and fantasy media.

*Merry Meal

Cut, chop, cook and stir; get together with your friends to make and enjoy a "Merry Meal." ■



Enrichment Program

Decorate cookies with Ms. Currao and go home with a delicious and unusual dessert. **For teens with special needs and their parents.** ■

Community Service @ Your Library



The Teen Department is committed to offering meaningful opportunities for our community teens to volunteer at the library. Community service is useful for graduation requirements and honor societies.

There are currently two ways in which our teens can volunteer: Reading Buddies and Study Buddies.

This month we highlight the very successful No-Sew Blanket program. The program began on March 3, 2013, and so far 43 teens have participated, working approximately 90 hours and making 50 blankets. These blankets have been donated to charitable organizations in the community and in all cases have been greatly appreciated, and all would welcome more. Congratulations to all the teens for their hard work and community spirit.



Reading Buddies

Teens in Grades 9 – 12: be a reading buddy and help elementary school students with reading and homework. Volunteer credit given. Pick up an application at the Teen Department or at <http://www.communitylibrary.org/teens/volunteer/>



Study Buddies

Help students in grades K – 5 with homework and skill building and earn volunteer credit. Applications are available in the teen area or at <http://www.communitylibrary.org/teens/volunteer/> ■





Adults

Concerts

Jazz Alive Holiday Concert

Saturday, December 14, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, November 22.

Ring in the holiday season with JazzAlive, a ten-member vocal ensemble whose repertoire includes such favorites as *Baby, It's Cold Outside*, *Let It Snow*, and *Sleigh Ride*. Open to all. ■



In the Kitchen

Holiday Hors D'oeuvres

Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, December 2.

Dazzle your guests with appetizers such as crab remoulade tea sandwiches, brandy apples with rosemary and goat cheese, and cranberry and Brie pastries. ■

Take Care of Yourself

Relax with Yoga

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.**

Registration begins Tuesday, November 26.

Bring a mat or towel to class. Please arrive on time to class.

T'ai Chi Chih

**Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18
7:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

Registration begins Friday, November 29.

Wear comfortable clothes.

Reiki Circle

Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, November 30.

Learn about this ancient healing technique. ■



Holiday Sweater Bingo

**Monday, December 16
6:45 – 8:45 p.m.**

Registration begins Monday, December 9.

Break out those holiday sweaters for some rounds of bingo. Prizes given to the top three festive sweaters. ■



Craft Corner

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

Scrapbooking Memories

**Choose one session:
Monday, December 2,
OR Thursday,
December 12
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Registration begins

Wednesday,

November 27.

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



Learn to Paint

**Saturday, December 7
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Registration begins Monday, December 2.

Learn how to paint a snowman ornament.

For those with little or no painting experience.



Learn the Art of Quilting

Monday, December 9, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, November 23.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group.

Snowman Shovel

Tuesday, December 10, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 3.

Materials needed for class: #6 and #12 flat shaders, 10/0 liner, a few dry or stencil brushes. Fee: \$13 ■



Defensive Driving

**Wednesday, December 11, and Thursday, December 12
6:00 – 9:00 p.m.**

Registration begins Wednesday, December 4.

Fee: \$26.50. Payment is due at the first class. Checks, money orders or cash are acceptable. Open to all. ■

Your Library Loves to Help

GED Prep Class

**Mondays and Thursdays,
January 6, 9, 13, 23, 27, 30,
February 3, 6, 10, 13, 24, 27, March 3, 6, 10, 13
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Registration begins Monday, December 16.
(Valid MMSCL card required.)

This eight-week program will help prepare you for the new GED test. Cost is \$30, no cash accepted, no refunds. **Class is held at William Floyd High School and will not be held on days that the William Floyd schools are closed.**

Enroll in NY State Health Insurance Marketplace

Friday, December 13, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

No registration necessary. First come, first served.

Because the library is an enrollment site for the NYS Health Insurance Marketplace, navigators from the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council will be available once a month. The Hospital Council is a state-appointed lead navigator agency to help people enroll in Child Health Plus and Medicaid, and to see if they qualify for tax credits to help pay for insurance available in the NYS Health Insurance Marketplace. There is no guarantee that the navigator will have time to meet with everyone who comes on a single afternoon, but a navigator will be at the library on the first Friday of every month.

Free Small Business Counseling

Mondays, December 9 and 23, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Appointments are necessary.

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

Career Counseling

Individual sessions with our career counselor.

Computers and Gadgets

Get one-on-one instruction from a librarian.



Everyday Problems

Meet with a caseworker. Possible due to the cooperation of Colonial Youth Services.

Job Search 101 Packets

Pick up a comprehensive packet on conducting a successful job search in the *Lifelong Learning* area behind the Adult Information Desk. ■

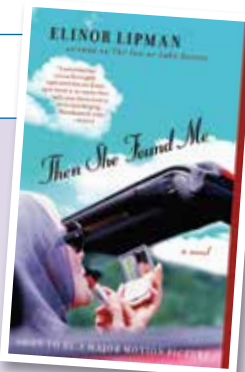
Read

Book Discussion of *Then She Found Me*

**Monday,
December 16,
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.**

Registration begins
Thursday, November 21.

Serious, scholarly middle-aged Latin teacher April Epner, who has just lost her mother, meets her birth mom, Bernice Graverman, hostess of a third-rate daytime talk show. No two people could be less alike. Lots of humor. Copies available at the Circulation Desk after November 21. ■



Senior Corner

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

Senior Advocate at your Service

Monday, December 2, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, November 22.

Meet with a representative from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging. Appointments are necessary.

AARP Defensive Driving

**Wednesday, December 4, and Thursday,
December 5, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

Registration begins Friday, November 29.

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.



Senior Game Club

Fridays, December 6, 13, 20, 27, 12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

No registration necessary.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

**Friday, December 13
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Registration began
Thursday, November 21.

The timeless holiday classic
White Christmas. ■



LIRR Trip to the Big Apple

Saturday, December 7

Registration begins Monday, November 25.

Meet the group at the Patchogue train station at 8:30 a.m. Non-refundable round-trip tickets are \$9.25 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. ■

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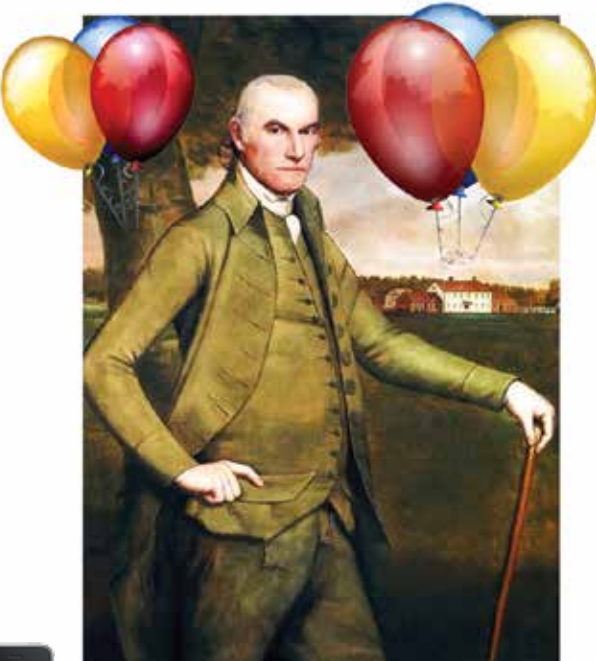
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William Floyd Birthday Celebration

Tuesday, December 17, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Join with local schoolchildren to celebrate William Floyd's Birthday. Details to be announced soon on the library web page. ■




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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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Call for Vendors

Saturday, January 4, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Are you a nutritionist, therapist, yoga teacher or wellness coach? Connect your local health-related businesses with the community. This year the expo will be in the open on the library's main floor and sales are allowed. See the library web page, www.communitylibrary.org, to sign up for a free vendor table or to give a free ½ hour public demo during the expo (six slots for demos). Space is limited so please reserve in advance. To register by phone, call the Community Services office at ext. 295. ■

Artists' and Writers' Cafe

Sunday December 8, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. at the Library

Bring a piece you've been working on to share with the group or display for discussion. Meet other creative locals and mingle. Artists of all kinds welcome, refreshments provided. ■