



# COMMUNITY LIBRARY

## Learn Something New This Winter!



### For Adults

#### Rhythm & Spice: Latin Ballroom Lessons

Tuesday, February 4  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins  
Tuesday, January 21.

*\*This class includes 4 sessions.*

*The additional dates are: 2/11, 2/25, & 3/4\**

Learn to dance the Hustle and Bachata with professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicale. No experience necessary and no partner required. Must have a community library card to register.

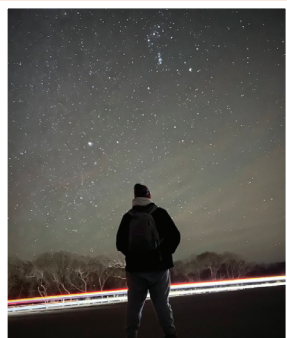


#### Astronomy Star Party

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Join the AstroNots for a night of astronomy! Bring your own telescope or look through ours. Through the telescope you will observe galaxies, nebulae, star clusters, and planets while learning how these spectacular objects form and evolve in the universe. Dress warmly and bring a lawn chair! **Drop-in program. No registration necessary.**



### For Children

#### 'Signing with Jessie': ASL (American Sign Language) Beginners Workshop for Kids

Tuesdays, February 11 & 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins  
Tuesday, February 4.

Join us for an interactive and beginner-friendly American Sign Language workshop! Kids will learn essential ASL signs while using their hands, faces, and bodies to explore the fun world of visual communication. This two-session program is engaging, educational, and a great way to get started with ASL. *Registration includes attendance for both sessions. Grades 1-5.*



# Discover Your **NEW** Library

## Quiet, Light Filled Spaces for Adults - Seating and Tables

The library welcomes you back to our space at 407 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley. If you haven't been to the newly renovated building yet, you are in for a treat. Finally, adults have the quiet reading areas, work spaces and study spaces that were missing in the old building. Libraries are considered an important "3rd space", not work or home but somewhere people feel welcomed and relaxed, but out in public. Let's take a walk around and explore all the space the Adult Services Department has to offer:

### Glass Wall Separating Customer Service & Copy Machines from Adult Area

A significant feature of the new space is a floor to ceiling glass wall that separates the entire Adult area from the library's entryway. Gone is the noise of interactions at the front desk, people entering loudly from the parking lot, public bathroom use, programs letting out and crowds gathering from the large lower Auditorium meeting room. Now, the adult area is the peaceful haven you always craved. Yet it also feels light, airy, and spacious thanks to mid level shelving that allows for views of the entire space, lots of natural light, and soothing colors reminiscent of the nearby seashore.



### Fireplace Lounging with Newspapers and Magazines

Relax in front of an expansive, modern gas fireplace on comfortable couches and lounge chairs. Grab today's paper, a new magazine, or a title from the new book section and peruse in peace while watching the dancing flames. A special library cafe serving coffee, tea, snacks and baked goods for purchase is set to open in a few weeks once Brewport Café, with a store on Main Street in Bellport, finishes setting up in the new space.



# Many Comfortable Seating Areas

## Couches

We wanted to provide many different areas for adults to get comfortable and stay awhile in the space. There is a lovely lounge set deep away from the service area, with two couches, a coffee table, and arm chairs. Set in between the book stacks, it is graced with a view of the whole space and lit by a soaring modern LED chandelier and clerestory windows.



## Armchair Seating

Read quietly, or just people watch in the low armchair seating area next to the front windows. This cozy space provides a view of the comings and goings of the shopping center, yet feels quiet enough to enjoy listening to your favorite podcast on your phone.

Another armchair lounge area is tucked neatly beside the Librarian desk, set in between some low bookshelves. With 4 armchairs and wide end tables to put your stuff on, it's the quiet reading nook you'll love on a rainy day. Or, for when you just want to settle in and catch up on your social media and forget the world.

## Club Chair Lounge

Need to hang out or just chill out? We have a perfect little seating area, with 4 modern club chairs positioned around an inviting round coffee table. It's the perfect spot to meet up with a few friends and quietly catch up.



## Study/Meeting Tables

Whether it's planning a family vacation or banging out your small business marketing on your laptop, our area with several round worktables provides a light filled and spacious setting to get to work. Need to chat quietly with your BFF to pick out decorations for that summer party? Working on that assignment from your college class and need to set up your laptop? This is the perfect place to do these activities. The round tables are great for group study too.

## Counter Height Laptop Bar

If you like to work in a coffee shop atmosphere, we have the place for you. Our Laptop bar is a long counter height worktable set at front of the Adult area. With space for 8 people, it's comfortable stools and easy to reach tabletop plugs make it the perfect area to plop down with your laptop and connect. Get energized by the vibe of people coming and going at the front desk, but enjoy the quiet and easy atmosphere of the glassed in Adult area here. Plus, you have a view of the beautiful fireplace.

# Children & Parents

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at [www.communitylibrary.org](http://www.communitylibrary.org) or contact the Children's Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2016 for the Moriches Branch, Ext. 1030 for the Mastic Beach Branch or Ext. 2028 for the Main Building.

Crafts-To-Go can be picked up at open library locations. One craft per child, per visit please.

ALL IN-PERSON PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED IN-PERSON ONLY. SUPPLIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.

PROGRAM REGISTRANTS MUST ARRIVE WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF THE START OF EACH PROGRAM OR THEIR RESERVATION WILL BE FORFEITED.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR ONLINE PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR PROGRAM DETAILS.

## BABIES / PRESCHOOL - AGES BIRTH TO 5 YEARS

Registration begins one week prior to each session unless otherwise noted.

### Heart Painting

Monday, February 3, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

### Baby Games

Monday, February 3, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Monday, February 10, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

### Messy Meetups

Wednesdays, February 5 & 19, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Join us for child-led, messy, creative playtime at the library! Each week we explore creative sensory activities together. We try to be outside as much as possible, so dress for mess and weather. We get dirty and wet! These activities require close supervision by an adult.

Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

### Babies Bonding:

#### Handprint Calendar - February

Thursday, February 6, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

### Baby Playdate

Friday, February 7 & 21,

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Friday, February 14, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Friday, February 28, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Please note this is an unstructured meet up.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

### Toddler Playdate

Friday, February 7 & 21, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Please note this is an unstructured meet up.

Ages 2-3 years with an adult.

### Little Creators Art Studio & Storytime

Monday, February 10, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Be prepared for very messy play.

Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

### Early Literacy - Valentine's Day!

Wednesday, February 12, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Early literacy activities involving songs, finger plays, and books about Valentine's Day!

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.



### Babies Boogie

Tuesday, February 18

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

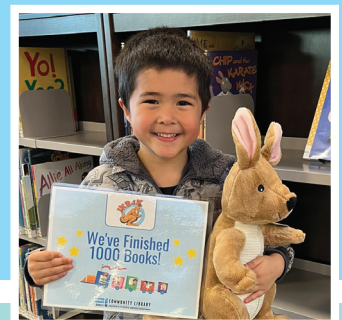
### Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, February 18

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.



## FAMILIES

Registration begins one week prior to each session unless otherwise noted.

### Family Connect: Family Art Night

Wednesday, February 5, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Please note this is an unstructured meet up.

Families with children Grade 5 or younger.

### Winter Break Music Fun with Anne O'Rourke

Wednesday, February 19, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Families with children Grade 5 or younger.

### Take a Break Drop In

Thursday, February 20

2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Join us over mid-winter break for some awesome crafts! Families with children Grade 5 or younger.

# SCHOOL-AGE - GRADES K-5

These programs are for the registered children only. Adults and siblings must remain outside of the program space. Registration begins one week prior to each session unless otherwise noted.

**Tail-Waggin' and Readin' Fun!**  
Mondays, February 3, 10 & 24  
Held at our Main Building.  
Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.  
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.  
Grades K-5.

**Chess Club**  
Monday, February 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Grades 3-5.



**Bear Snores on Storytime and Craft**  
Tuesday, February 4, 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.  
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.  
Grades K-2.

**Learn How to Write Cursive**  
Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18 & 25  
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Grades 3-5.

**STEAM Club: Maker Space Tour**  
Wednesday, February 5, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Grades 1-5.

**Homework Whiz Kids**  
Thursday, February 6, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Please bring one assignment per child for small-group homework help.  
Grades 1-5.

**Super Bowl & Super Books Party**  
Saturday, February 8, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Get ready for Super Bowl Sunday with us! We'll kick off with a sports-themed Storytime, then dive into fun activities like decorating foam footballs, making team pennants, and creating "Super Reader" badges. Wear your favorite team jersey! Light snacks included. Grades 1-5.

**LEGO Club**  
Monday, February 10  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Drop-in. No registration required.  
Grades K-5.



**Fun Friendship Bracelets**  
Monday, February 10, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.  
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.  
Grades 3-5.

**Beginner D&D**  
Tuesday, February 11  
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.  
Grades 4-5.



**Create Your Own Pluto**  
Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Held at our Moriches Branch.  
Grades K-5.

**Heart Art**  
Thursday, February 13  
5:30 – 6:00 p.m.  
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.  
Dress for a mess as we will be using paint.  
Grades K-3.



**Paint like Alma Thomas!**  
Friday, February 21, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.  
Held at our Main Building.  
Grades 3-5.

**Guided Meditation for Kids**  
Wednesday, February 26, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Held at our Moriches Branch.  
Bring a towel, blanket or yoga mat to sit on.  
Grades K-5.

**Bookworm Book Club:**  
**The Baby-Sitters Club: Kristy and the Walking Disaster**  
Friday, February 28, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.  
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.



For February we will be reading *The Baby-sitters Club: Kristy and the Walking Disaster* Graphic Novel by Ann Martin. Pick up the book at Front Desk starting February 1.  
Grades 3-5.



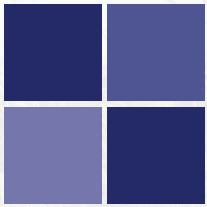
## ON THE ROAD

**Family Roller Skating Night @ Gr8skates**  
Wednesday, February 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.  
Registration begins Wednesday, February 5.  
Join your friends and neighbors at the GR8SKATES roller rink! Register each family member for free admission and skate rental (**only those registered will be able to enter the building**). Concessions and arcade games are available for purchase. All skaters must fill out an electronic waiver at arrival or prior on their website. Helmets for young children are optional and are not provided. **Families with at least one child in Grade 5 or younger. Register each person separately with their own library card. Limited availability. Registration for this program is by phone or in-person only.**



## PARENTS

**Positive Parenting - VIRTUAL**  
Tuesdays, February 18, 25, March 4, 11, 18, & 25  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.  
Registration begins Tuesday, February 4.  
Learn how to set healthy boundaries, discipline without punishment and treat your children with respect so that they will respect you. Sessions designed for both mandated (certificate included) and non-mandated parents. You must provide an email so the Zoom link can be emailed to you.  
**Parents.**



# Teens

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens in grades 6 through 12.

Register for programs three easy ways: In person, online at [www.communitylibrary.org](http://www.communitylibrary.org) or contact the Teen Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2015 for the Moriches Branch, Ext. 1029 for the Mastic Beach Branch or Ext. 2025 for the Main Building.

## Fun and Games

### Pin Pals

Earn a pin each time you attend a teen program! You can also trade pins with teen staff while in the library. Use them to decorate your backpack or anything you want!



### Kahoot! Trivia - Virtual

Monday, February 3 – Friday, February 7  
Tuesday, February 18 – Friday, February 21  
3:00 p.m.

Head on over to our Discord or Instagram and test your knowledge of various trivia topics!

You have until Friday at 9 p.m. to participate.



### Retro Gaming

Wednesday, February 5  
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Friday, February 14  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins 1/31.

Pretend it is the arcade days with some retro NES games on the Nintendo Switch! Eat snacks and try to get the highest score!



### Mystery Video Game Tournament

Saturday, February 22, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 2/8.

Think you're a video game master? Put your skills to the test, as you won't know which game you're playing until you arrive for the tournament! The overall winner earns themselves a \$20 Nintendo eShop Card!

### Pokémon Card Exchange

Friday, February 28  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins 2/14.

Play some Pokémon games and bring your own cards to show off with other teens. One pack of Pokémon sampling pack trading cards will be provided to each registered teen.



## Eats

### Universal Yums

Thursday, February 20  
2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 2/6.

Try and rate snacks from around the world!



## Entertainment

### Anime & Superheroes

Mondays, February 3, 10, 24  
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration is open.

Japanese cartoons, a few Marvel moments, snacks and plenty of awesomeness. Register for each session.

### Pop Culture Club

Thursday, February 27  
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins 2/13.

Join Mr. Casper for a watch party! Watch a variety of current movies/series and stay for a discussion over pizza.

## Your Library Loves to Help

### SAT Math Prep

Saturdays, February 1, 8; March 1, 9:15 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration is open.

Get ready for the March 8th SAT by taking this SAT math prep class with WFHS retiree, Mr. Armstrong. Bring your laptop or phone with the Desmos calculator as well as a few pencils. This is a 3-session workshop.



### OMU

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

This is a drop-in program.

A place where any teen can come down to discuss any topic they want in a judge-free atmosphere. Where they will feel accepted and appreciated for the differences that make them unique. It is a place where teens can speak about what is on their minds and any troubles that they come across in their lives as teens.

### Let's Talk

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

This is a drop-in program.

A unique program where teens get to pick topics that are of concern to them that will be discussed among their peers in a judgement free and open atmosphere. They will have the opportunity to learn about topics that interest them and are important to teens in our current world. Snacks will be served for all attendees.

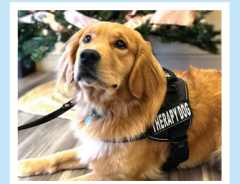
### Visit with a Therapy Dog

Thursdays, February 6 & 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

This is a drop-in program.

Drop-in to pet a therapy dog, tell a story or read a few pages of your favorite book.



### P.S. I Love You Celebration

Wednesday, February 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Ms. Cabrera, William Paca Middle School social worker, will be joining us to discuss mental health and wellness and to celebrate P.S. I Love You Day. Enjoy purple snacks and enter a raffle to win this year's P.S. I Love You theme t-shirt. You can also earn one hour of community service.



P.S. I LOVE YOU DAY

## Arts and Crafts

### DIY Valentine Signs

Monday, February 3, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach Branch**.

Registration is open.

Join Ms. Melissa to create a LOVELY wooden Valentine's Day sign.

### Art Club

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 26

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

This is a drop-in program.

Draw, paint, sketch and explore art with Mr. Casper.

### P.S. I Love You Jars

Wednesday, February 12

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches Branch**.

Registration begins 1/29.

We all know someone who wants to know they are loved. Decorate your jar and fill it with notes describing the things you love about a person and add some Hershey's kisses.



### Valentine's Day

#### Floral Arrangement

Thursday,

February 13

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 1/30.

Create a beautiful floral arrangement to keep or give as a gift.



### DIY Vision Boards

Thursday, February 20

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 2/6.

Manifest your future with a vision board!

## Theater

### The Wizard of Oz - Theater for Young Audiences

Mondays, February 3, 10, 24;

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26;

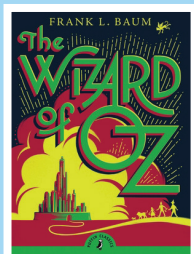
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration is open.

Help us out in our production

of the classic children's book, *The Wizard of Oz*, for the Children's Department. Each rehearsal will count as one hour of community service.



Community service is for students in grades 6 through 12 that need the hours for religious studies, honor society or graduation. Teens must have an MMSSL library card in good standing.

### Reading Buddies

Mondays & Tuesdays, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at **William Floyd High School**.

Teens in grades 8 through 12 read with younger children during the Library's ENL classes. Potential volunteers must fill out an application before attending. Applications can be picked up in the Teen Department at the Moriches or Mastic Beach branches. Two hour of community service will be given for each session. This is an ongoing program.

### Color A Smile

Throughout February.

Held at our **Main Building** and **Moriches Branch**.

Registration is open.

Pick up a packet of "Color A Smile" coloring sheets from the Moriches branch or Main building anytime in February. Color all 8 pages at home to earn 2 hours of community service. Return the pages on 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27 between 1 and 9 pm to the Moriches branch or Main building. "Color a Smile" pages must be handed in by 2/27.



### Police Department Meet-Up

Monday, February 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach Branch**.

Registration is open.

Meet Suffolk County police officers and participants in the 7th Precinct Explorers training program and learn about the first responders in our community. (You may even recognize someone from a classroom or the hallway at WFHS.) Earn one hour of community service.

### Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, February 6, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 1/30.

Earn one hour of community service and improve the Library by sharing your opinions.

### Kindness Quotation Cards

Wednesday, February 19, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches Branch**.

Registration begins 2/12.

Wednesday, February 26, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches Branch**.

Registration begins 2/19.

Brighten the day of a homebound neighbor. Our cards will be distributed by a local food pantry. Earn one hour of community service.

### Rock Painting

Monday, February 24

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach Branch**.

Registration begins 2/14.

Use paints, dotting tools, and paint markers to create original designs for a garden or flower pot or to spread some love in the community. Earn one hour of community service.



### Tissue Paper Flowers

Thursday, February 27, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 2/20.

Tuesday, March 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 2/25.

Help decorate the library by getting it ready for the spring season! Earn one hour of community service.



## Random Acts of Kindness Week

### Surprise Bookmarks

Tuesday, February 11

3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 2/4.

Spread kindness to others in the community by creating inspiring bookmarks and hiding them in books throughout the Library! Earn one hour of community service.

### P.S. I Love You Celebration

Wednesday, February 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches Branch**.

Registration begins 2/5.

Ms. Cabrera, William Paca Middle School social worker, will be joining us to discuss mental health and wellness and to celebrate P.S. I Love You Day. Enjoy purple snacks and enter a raffle to win this year's P.S. I Love You theme t-shirt. You can also earn one hour of community service.

### Valentines for Patrons

Thursday, February 13, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our **Main Building**.

Registration begins 2/6.

Show off your creativity by decorating Valentine's treats that will be given to library patrons. Earn one hour of community service.



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## Take Care of Yourself

### Silver Sneaker Full-Body Workout

Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, January 24.

Join certified Silver Sneaker instructor, Jennifer, for a light cardiovascular workout that combines strength and resistance training, balance, coordination, and stretching. Wear comfortable clothing. Resistance bands will be provided. This class is done either standing or sitting. Bring light weights and water to class.



### Yoga in Spanish / Yoga en Español

Saturday, February 15, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Saturday, February 1.

Join Tatiana for a beginner yoga class in Spanish! Tatiana Correa is a certified yoga instructor, RYT200. She will guide you through simple poses to stretch your body and relax your mind. Please bring a yoga mat.

¡Venga y acompañe a Tatiana para una clase de yoga que será para principiantes y en español! Tatiana Correa es una instructora certificada de yoga, RYT200. Ella le guiará a través de posturas simples para estirar su cuerpo y relajar su mente. Por favor, traiga una alfombra de yoga.

## Everyone Loves a Story

### What's on your Nightstand?

Thursday, February 13, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at Sunsets at Senix Restaurant (50 Senix Ave, Center Moriches, NY)

Registration begins Tuesday, February 4.

Deciding what to read next? Join us for a discussion about books at Sunsets at Senix Restaurant! There is no assigned reading; chat about what you are currently reading, what you want to read, or your most favorite book of all time. Appetizers will be provided. Wine and beer will be available for purchase.



### Book Discussion of

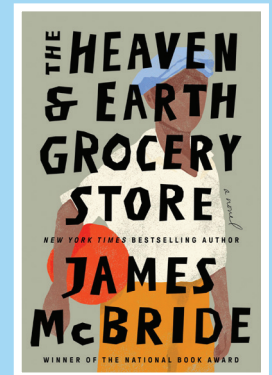
### The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store

Thursday, February 20, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, January 23.

Uncover a tale of family, faith, and community as we discuss *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride. A compelling, multi-layered novel set in 1972 and reflecting back to the 1940s in the small, racially segregated town of Pottawatomie, Pennsylvania. The story unfolds around a grocery store run by an elderly Jewish woman, and a mysterious death that occurs in the town. Through multiple perspectives, McBride explores themes of community, race, identity, and the complexities of human relationships. As the story progresses, secrets about the town's past are revealed, touching on generational trauma and the intersection of different cultures. The novel blends humor, tragedy, and insight into the human condition. McBride shows us that even in dark times, it is love and community-heaven and earth-that sustain us. Copies of the book will be available for pick up at our Main Branch starting Thursday, January 23.



The MMSCL is now participating in **Author Talks**.

These free, live virtual presentations are from some of the best-known authors.

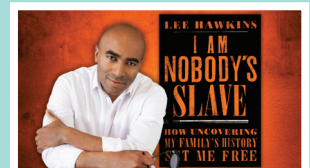
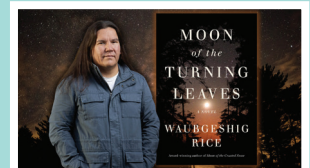
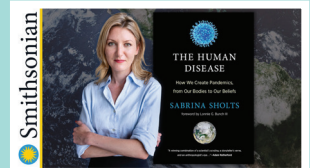
Visit <https://library.org/communitylibrary> to see a list of upcoming authors and to register.

The featured February events and authors are:

**How We Create Pandemics, From Our Bodies to Our Beliefs** with Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts  
A Library Speakers Consortium and Smithsonian Institution Collaboration  
Tuesday, February 4, 2:00 p.m.

**Dystopian Tropes from an Indigenous Perspective:** In Conversation with Waubgeshig Rice  
Award-Winning and Bestselling Author of *Moon of the Crusted Snow*  
Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

**I Am Nobody's Slave:** An Author Talk with Pulitzer Prize Finalist Lee Hawkins  
Award-Winning Journalist and Creator and Host of the podcast "What Happened in Alabama?"  
Tuesday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.





## Your Library Loves to Help

### Small Business Mentoring

Do you want to open your own business and are not sure where to start? Are you a business owner who needs advice? Meet with a SCORE business mentor for one-to-one help. To register, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 1028, 2014 or 2023. **Open to all.**

### Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, February 1, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Register now.

Register for a one-on-one session with our seasoned Career Counselor for students and professionals to help with resumes, cover letters, interview etiquette, job searching techniques, and career transition advice! For MMSCL cardholders only. Appointments required.



### Social Work Assistance

The library will be providing social work assistance by our licensed social worker Alex and social work intern Anne. They can help connect individuals to services and appropriate resources for housing and financial assistance, provide referrals for programs, complete various forms and applications, and more. Appointments are required.

**Open to all.**

Make a one-hour appointment with Alex:  
Wednesdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Make a one-hour appointment with Anne:  
Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Fridays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

### Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursdays, February 6 and 20, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register now.

The Family and Children's Association is hosting a support group for caregivers who care for someone with dementia or memory loss. This group is for spouses, children, or any other family members or friends who are caring for someone with memory loss. **Open to all.**

### HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Wednesday, February 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Register now.

A HIICAP counselor from RSVP can assist you with Medicare and health insurance questions, reviewing Medicare Part D plans and more. Appointments required. **Open to all.**



### Senior Advocate

Wednesday, February 26, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

A representative from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will meet one-on-one to discuss different benefits and programs available to senior residents. The Advocate is available on a walk-in basis. No appointment required.

**Open to all.**

## Fun and Games

### Rhythm & Spice: Latin Ballroom Lessons

Tuesday, February 4, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 21.

\*This class includes 4 sessions.

The additional dates are: 2/11, 2/25, & 3/4\*

See front cover for details.

### Board Game Night

Thursday, February 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Drop-in program. Open to all.

Attention all tabletop game enthusiasts!

Come join Games Master Games for

a night filled with board action.



## Science

### Falconry on Long Island

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, February 7.

Come meet Chris Paparo and his red-tailed hawk, Emmy! Learn about the instincts of raptors, how they are trained and what it took for Chris to become a falconer.



### Astronomy Star Party

Tuesday, February 18, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

See front cover for details.

## Inclusive Services

### Enrichment: Pizza and Police

Thursday, February 27

4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Register now.

Eat a slice of pizza with a police officer and ask all your questions! Ms. Currao (special ed teacher at WFHS), Nick Nappi (Program Manager) will also be there. This program is for those with special needs who are 18 years and older.



# Arts and Crafts

Fee based programs are non-refundable. The instructor will provide a materials kit (minus paints) unless otherwise noted. Materials kits will be held for one week after the scheduled class. Intended for adults 18 years and older.

## Crochet and Knit

Wednesday,  
February 5  
1:30 – 2:30 p.m.  
Held at our Moriches branch.  
Register now.  
All skill levels are welcome! Crochet/ Knit instructor  
Corrine can assist you with an existing project or help you get started on a new one. Bring your own 4-ply yarn and appropriate crochet hooks or knitting needles.  
Open to all.



## Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday,  
February 12  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.  
Held at our Moriches branch.  
Register now.  
All levels of experience are welcome to join our quilting group! Instructors Gloria and Sandy are here to help you, whether you want assistance with an existing project or need guidance to start something new.



## Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday,  
February 11  
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 29.

Join local artist Jennifer Lucas to learn the basics of sketching and drawing using colored pencils. Materials needed for class: A set of 24 Prismacolor colored pencils (either Premier or Scholar), Prismacolor colorless blender pencil, a plastic eraser, a hand sharpener and a Strathmore colored pencil paper pad. Open to all.



## Valentine Sea Glass Trees

Wednesday February 12, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. (session 1)

Held at our Main Building.

Wednesday February 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. (session 2)

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, January 30.

**\*\*Please register for only one session\*\***

Create a stunning tree made from beautiful sea glass! Ms. Melissa will guide you through transforming colorful pieces of sea glass into a lovely Valentine's themed tree. All materials are provided. Materials fee: \$15 (non-refundable).



## Mosaic Winter Leaf

Tuesday, February 18, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins on Tuesday, February 4.

Join mosaic artist Gabriella Grama for an exciting workshop where you'll create a stunning mosaic leaf. You'll bring your leaf to life by painting it in the colors of your choice, either the vibrant hues of spring or the serene shades of winter, then mosaic it with tempered glass. All materials are provided. Materials fee: \$13 (non-refundable).



## Valentine's Wall Hanging Craft

Tuesday, February 11, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

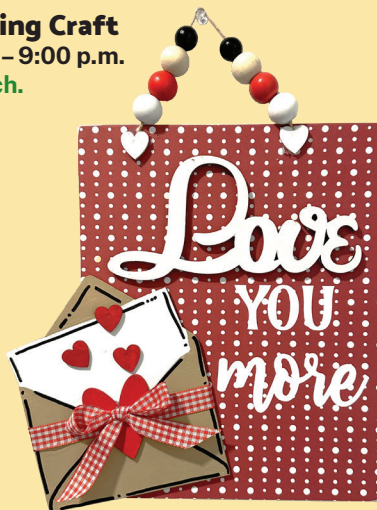
Registration begins

Wednesday, February 5.

Join craft instructor Laurie for a fun workshop where she will help you create a cute wall décor piece to celebrate love!

In this class, you'll learn to incorporate techniques like decoupage, painting and the use of vinyl to bring your vision to life.

Materials fee: \$12 (non-refundable).



## Petitions to Run for Library Trustee

Petitions will be available in the library and on our website as of Tuesday February 11. Petitions shall be directed to the Clerk of the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library and be signed by at least twenty-five (25) qualified voters of the District; shall state the name and residence of the candidate and shall state the residence of each signer. Said petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the Mastics Moriches Shirley Community Library, Business Office, 407 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley, New York Monday through Friday, between the hours of 9 A.M. and 4 P.M., prevailing time, but not later than 5 P.M., Monday, March 10, 2025.

## Technology

### Sublimation for Beginners: Heart-shaped Slate Frames

Wednesday, February 5  
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 22. Make that special someone a personalized gift this Valentine's Day by putting a picture of your own on a heart-shaped slate frame using our sublimation printer. This program is for patrons new to sublimation and its possibilities. Please have a digital picture chosen when you come to the program.

### Make It: Heart Bracelets

Tuesday, February 11, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 28. In this class we will be using our Makerspace to craft hand-made heart bracelets. Our Makerspace Librarians will help you design and make your own elastic, beaded bracelet. Materials for this craft will be provided (limit to one per registrant).

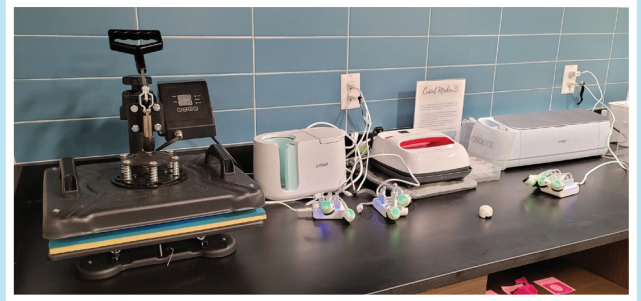
### Marketing Your Small Business Using the Makerspace

Wednesday, February 19  
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, February 5.

Looking for ways to promote your small business through swag and giveaways? Come explore the possibilities that the Makerspace has to offer. Learn how you can put your logo, slogan, or other marketing content on objects such as mugs, keychains, embroidered patches, t-shirts, posters, and more!



### Crafting with Cricut: Painted Boards

Tuesday, February 25, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 11.

Join us to create your own personalized sign to decorate your home or office. In this class, will take an unfinished wooden board and paint it. Then we will use the Cricut to cut a design we will apply to the wooden board. Participants will learn how to navigate Cricut's Design Space and create a customized design, cut by our Cricut machine. Materials for this craft will be provided (limit to one per registrant).

## Music

### Sunday Concert: APLO

Sunday, February 2, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, January 24. APLO's purpose is to make you groove! With a sound that pays homage to classic funk legends while adding their own modern twist, APLO promises an unforgettable performance full of rhythm, soul, and energy. Join us for an afternoon of lively music and let APLO's infectious grooves turn the library into a dance floor! **Open to all.**



### Open Mic Night

Thursday, February 20  
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Monday, February 10. The mic is all yours! Sing some songs, read some poems, tell some jokes, or come to just listen. Performers will have a 15-minute performance slot. Microphones and a keyboard will be provided. **Registration required. Open to all.**



## Movies

Saturday matinees  
at the Main Library at 2:00 pm

### BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Saturday, February 1

To Kill a Mockingbird (NR) 1962

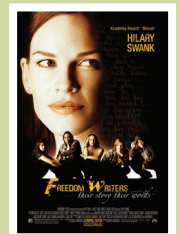


Saturday, February 8

King Richard (PG-13) 2021

Saturday, February 15

Hidden Figures (PG-13) 2016



Saturday, February 22

Freedom Writers (PG) 2007

## Writing

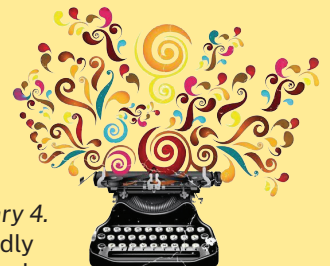
### Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, February 13  
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 4.

Express yourself in a safe and friendly environment with Anne Kelly-Edmunds during this monthly creative writing workshop. Create all types of original works in a supportive space.



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Watch up to 10 critically-acclaimed movies, inspiring documentaries, and award-winning foreign films each month. While it's not the spot to go for the most current Hollywood blockbusters, it fills in our video library with content like award winners, classic and indie films, and foreign content. Kanopy also recently teamed up with HBO Documentaries, the hot indie studio A24 and the prestigious Criterion Collection to offer content.

Simply add your Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library card number and PIN or password after selecting Kanopy from the library's webpage.

**Download our app! Search MMSCL in the app store on your smartphone or mobile device to begin installation.**

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 631-399-1511, ext. 1001.



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201 Montauk Highway  
Moriches 11955

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369 Neighborhood Road  
Mastic Beach 11951

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Friday: 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.  
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.  
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.\*

\*September 8, 2024 through June 8, 2025



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