



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

For Teens

Authors Unlimited

Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Held at St. Joseph's University in Patchogue, NY

Authors Unlimited 2025 will be taking place on Saturday, April 5th at St. Joe's University!

It's a free program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in solo sessions. Attendees can earn three hours of community service credit for attending and then filling out a survey at the end of the day. Register at <https://authorsunlimited.org/registration/>



For Children

LI Mad Science: Fire and Ice Show!

Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

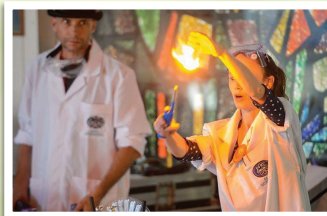
Held at our Main Building.

Register each child Grade 5 or under who will be attending.

Get ready for some science fun!

This exciting and interactive show features foggy dry ice storms, floating giant beach balls, sizzling scissors, and bubbly showers. A hands-on, fantastic way for families to explore science together!

Families with children Grade 5 and younger.



For Adults



Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.

Step into spring with us as we chat with the highly acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling author about her newest novel, *By Any Other Name*. Visit <https://libraryc.org/communitylibrary> to register for this free, live virtual presentation.

Model & Miniature Painting

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, March 27.

Learn tips and tricks to painting your favorite models and figures. Bring your own supplies and imagination.

Open to all.



Open Mic Night

Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register now.

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 for performers will begin at 5:45 p.m. Open to all.



LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE TUESDAY APRIL 22

Complete voting information, including absentee ballot application, and legal notices in English and Spanish can be found at: bit.ly/libraryvote

Trustee election and budget vote:

Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

at Main Library, 407 Wm. Floyd Parkway

Voter registration is Tuesday, April 15, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. at the Main Library



2025-2026 BUDGET VOTE ON APRIL 22

REGISTER TO VOTE

Tuesday, April 15, 2025

9 a.m. – 9 p.m. at the Main Library

You are eligible to vote if:

- You are at least 18 years of age
- You are a citizen of the United States
- A resident of the William Floyd School District for at least 30 days

BUDGET HEARING

Tuesday, April 8, 7 p.m.

Main Library,

407 Wm Floyd Parkway, Shirley

ABSENTEE & EARLY VOTING

Tuesday, April 15, 5 p.m. is the deadline to return applications for an absentee/early vote ballot *if the ballot is to be mailed to you.*

Monday, April 21, 5 p.m. is the deadline to return applications for an absentee/early vote ballot *if the ballot is hand delivered to you.*



Dear Neighbors,

We're excited to kick off our first full year with all three of our library locations fully up and running! We're committed to keeping our library services top-notch while being mindful of how we manage public funds. To continue providing the great resources, programs, and spaces you rely on, we're proposing a small budget adjustment this year. For the average home assessed at \$1,995, this would mean an estimated increase of \$2.90 per month (estimated \$35 per year). We understand that any increase matters, and we want to be transparent about why this change is needed.

The 4.9% budget increase is largely due to costs that are out of our hands, like rising employee benefits such as health insurance and retirement contributions. We've also adjusted wages for some of our entry level librarians and security guards to better align with regional salary levels. While this is a step in the right direction, there's still more work to be done to ensure we can attract and keep the amazing staff that make our library such a valuable community service. More than 60% of all our workers are local residents, and most of our senior managers are William Floyd graduates. Secondly, the costs of eBooks and online resources have increased significantly and there is a high demand for these services.

With the reopening of the Main Library in November 2024, this is the first time we've had all three of our updated facilities fully operational. We're proud to offer expanded programs, resources, and welcoming spaces designed to inspire learning, creativity, and connection in our community.

We know that exceeding the state's 2% tax cap is a big ask, and it's not something we take lightly. This budget is carefully designed to ensure our library system remains sustainable and continues to provide the services you rely on.

We also want to let you know about this year's trustee election, which includes two open seats:

- A full-term seat (2025-2030), currently held by Joseph Maiorana.
- A one-year remainder term (through June 2026), currently held by Nancy Kimmerling.

We truly appreciate your support and invite all district residents to participate in the upcoming budget vote on April 22, 2025. If you have any concerns about the budget or anything else, we are available to answer any questions.

Sincerely, The Board of Trustees

Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library
 FY 2025-2026
 Operating Budget (PROPOSED)

	<u>2024-2025</u>	<u>2025-2026</u>
Employee Salaries		
Professional	\$ 2,713,871	\$ 2,596,923
Clerical	\$ 1,808,451	\$ 2,216,290
Page	\$ 471,012	\$ 557,846
Custodial	\$ 595,190	\$ 619,576
Security	\$ 470,232	\$ 604,046
Employee Insurances & Benefits	\$ 1,310,488	\$ 1,378,472
NYS Retirement - Mandatory Contribution	\$ 498,198	\$ 609,547
Payroll Taxes	\$ 403,325	\$ 407,000
 Materials and Programs		
Books & Periodicals	\$ 283,150	\$ 343,150
Recordings & Videos	\$ 171,150	\$ 101,000
Electronic Resources	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
Programs (Adult, Teen, Childrens & Literacy)	\$ 272,650	\$ 273,000
 Library Operations		
Equipment & Equipment Maintenance	\$ 544,290	\$ 396,440
Telecommunications	\$ 78,830	\$ 68,930
Printing & Postage	\$ 200,500	\$ 193,000
Supplies	\$ 85,000	\$ 75,000
Contracts - SCLS	\$ 78,750	\$ 78,333
Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 70,000
Professional Fees	\$ 289,195	\$ 235,000
Administrative	\$ 96,000	\$ 115,100
Facilities	\$ 209,050	\$ 254,929
 Debt Service		
Bond Referendum	\$ 1,482,168	\$ 1,486,418
 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$ 12,226,500</u>	<u>\$ 12,765,000</u>
 Less: Anticipated Income	\$ 420,000	\$ 380,000
(Contract Revenue, Fines, State Aid, etc.)		
TOTAL TAX LEVY	<u>\$ 11,806,500</u>	<u>\$ 12,385,000</u>

Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 22, 2025, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Shirley location of the Community Library. In order to vote, you must be: (1) 18 years of age or older, (2) a citizen of the U.S., (3) a resident of the district for at least 30 days, and (4) registered to vote.

The estimated tax rate associated with the proposed operating budget is \$37.37 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to an estimated annual levy of \$745 for an average household (based on an assessed valuation of 1,995).

A five member Board of Trustees elected by the voters of the district governs the Library. If you have any questions about this proposed budget, please contact Lonna Castro, Library Director at (631) 399-1511 ext. 2020.

Children & Parents

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at 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.



Drawn to the Library Celebrate National Library Week

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Sunday, April 6 – Saturday, April 12

Held at all locations.

Stop by all our locations to celebrate National Library Week with us.

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



EARTH DAY VOTE: BEST CRAYON COLOR

Tuesday, April 22, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

On Earth Day, our crayons found themselves in the book, *The Crayons Love Our Planet* by Drew Daywalt. Now, they are competing to see which color is the Best Crayon Color. Who will be the winner? It's up to you! Join us to vote for your favorite!

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.

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.

Messy Meetups

Wednesdays, April 2 & 30
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration required for each separate session.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Dress for mess. We get dirty and wet!

Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.



Parent/Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Upon registration, you will be enrolled in all sessions.

Held at our Main Building.

Ages 12-35 months with an adult.

Babies Bonding:

Handprint Calendar – April

Wednesday, April 9, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Please dress for a mess as we will be using paint.

You may bring a blanket for story time.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

My Mini Earth

Thursday, April 10, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Early Literacy – Movement!

Monday, April 14, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Preschool Playdate

Mondays, April 14 & 28, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration required for each separate session.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Thursday, April 24, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Please note this is an unstructured meet up.

Ages 3-5 years with an adult.

Little Creators Art Studio & Storytime

Monday, April 28, 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.



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, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Drop-In. No registration required.

Grades K-5.

Beginner D&D

Tuesday, April 1, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Grades 4-5.

Paper Egg Painting

Tuesday, April 8

6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Join us for a craft inspired by the book *The Good Egg Presents: The Great Eggscape* by Jory John. Grades K-5.



Learn How to Write Cursive

Tuesdays, April 8, 15 & 29

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration required for each separate session.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 3-5.

STEAM Club: Strawbees

Wednesday, April 9, 4:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 1-5.

Le Petite Picassos:

Colorful Kite Creations

Thursday, April 10, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 1-5.

Homework Whiz Kids

Thursday, April 10, 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.

Chess Club

Monday, April 14, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 3-5.

Little Birdhouse Workshop

Tuesday, April 15, 4:00 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 2-5.

Stargazing Adventures:

StarLab Planetarium

Wednesday, April 16, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades K-3.

Earth Day Flowerpots

Wednesday, April 16, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades K-5.

Mario Kart Tournament

Thursday, April 17, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 3-5.

The Tween Scene: Table Talk

Thursday, April 17, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 3-5.

Perler Beads

Friday, April 18, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch. Grades 3-5.



Eco-Crafters: Recycled Creations

Friday, April 18, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Grades 2-5.

The Lorax Storytime and Craft

Monday, April 21, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Grades K-3.



Crafty Thursdays - Drop-In & Create!

Thursday, April 24, 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Drop-in. No registration required. Grades K-5.

Bookworm Book Club:

We Are Big Time

Friday, April 25

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our

Mastic Beach Branch.

We will be reading *We Are Big Time* by Hena Khan. Pick up the book at the front desk starting April 1. Grades 3-5.



Breakout EDU Games

Saturday, April 26, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch. Grades 3-5.

LEGO Club

Monday, April 28, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-5.



Guided Meditation for Kids

Wednesday, April 30, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Bring a blanket and or a yoga mat.

Grades K-5.

FAMILIES

Family Connect:

Family Art Night

Wednesday, April 2

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 and younger.

The Wizard of Oz - Children's Theater Performance

Saturday, April 12, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register one child to represent the family.

Dorothy has been captured by the Wicked Witch of the West and her friends, the Lion, the Tin Man and Scarecrow must save her. Children from the audience prove they have power over the Wicked Witch by helping their friends on the stage. They become Munchkins, help oil the Tin Man, and one youngster is even magically transformed into the wonderful Wizard of Oz in this clever adaptation. There will be a craft before the performance. Families with children Grade 5 and younger.

LI Mad Science: Fire and Ice Show!

Tuesday, April 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register each child Grade 5 or under who will be attending.

Get ready for some science fun! This exciting and interactive show features foggy dry ice storms, floating giant beach balls, sizzling scissors, and bubbly showers. A hands-on, fantastic way for families to explore science together!

Families with children Grade 5 and younger.

PARENTS

PASTA

Mondays, March 31, April 7, 21, 28, May 5 & 12, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

FREE series of programs for grandparents and other caregivers who are raising their grandchildren or other relatives. Six 1-½ hour sessions covering topics on child development, discipline, rebuilding your family, living with teens, legal issues, advocating for your grandchild and more. A light dinner and childcare will be provided. Grandparents/Caregivers raising grandchildren.

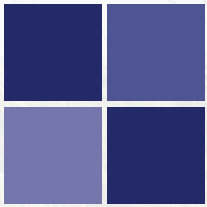
Positive Parenting - VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29, May 6

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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 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!

Tell Us a Joke!

Tuesday, April 1
1:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

This is a drop-in program.

Happy April Fool's Day!

Stop by the Teen desk at our Main building, tell us a joke, and claim your prize!



D&D

Monday, April 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins 3/24.

Monday, April 21, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins 4/7.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Join Charlie, super-cool Teen Services librarian, and your friends for a unique, custom-made D&D adventure! Character sheets and dice will be provided.

Bingo & Bites

Tuesday, April 15

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 4/1.

Bingo, tasty bites, and a while lot of fun!



Retro Gaming

Friday, April 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins 4/4.

Wednesday, April 23, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 4/9.

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, April 26, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins 4/12.

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!

Teens Read

Authors Unlimited

Saturday, April 5, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Held at St. Joseph's University in Patchogue, NY

Authors Unlimited 2025 will be taking place on Saturday, April 5th at St. Joe's University! It's a free program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in solo sessions. Attendees can earn three hours of community service credit for attending and then filling out a survey at the end of the day. Register at <https://authorsunlimited.org/registration/>



Entertainment



Anime & Superheroes

Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, 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.



Your Library Loves to Help

OMU

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 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 judgment-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, April 10 & 24

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.



Teen Programs Continued



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 hours of community service will be given for each session. This is an ongoing program.



Color A Smile

**Throughout April
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 April. Color all 8 pages at home to earn 2 hours of community service. Return the pages on 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24 between 1 and 9 pm to the Moriches branch or Main building.



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 MMSCL library card in good standing.

Spring Seed Sowing

Wednesday, April 2, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins 3/26.

Help us sow seeds in preparation for our annual Plant Swap and earn one hour of community service.



Bookmark Making

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 4/1.

Help us celebrate National Library Week! Earn one hour of community service by making bookmarks to hand out to our patrons.

Seed Counting

Wednesday, April 9, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins 4/2.

Help us set up our future Seed Library by filling envelopes with seeds for patrons to plant at home. Earn one hour of community service.

Teen Advisory Board

Thursday, April 10, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 4/3.

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



Rock Painting

Monday, April 14

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins 4/7.

Monday, April 21, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins 4/14.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

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.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Monday, April 28

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Held at our Mastic
Beach Branch.**

*Registration
begins 4/21.*

Earn one hour of community service by designing spring cards for hospitalized kids.



Arts and Crafts

Art Club

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 23, 30, 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.

DIY: Alcohol Ink Drip Vase

Monday, April 7, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins 3/24.

Join Ms. Melissa to create a colorful ceramic vase using alcohol inks and pressed flowers. Your unique vase can be used to display May blooms or it can be a thoughtful, handmade Mother's Day gift!



DIY: Temporary Tattoos

Thursday, April 10, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Main building.

Registration begins 3/27.

Create your own temporary tattoos.



Eats

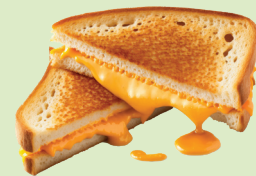
Snack Series: Grilled Cheese

Thursday, April 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins 3/20.

Learn how to make your own grilled cheese sandwich!



Mac & Cheese Mania

Wednesday, April 16

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 4/2.

Calling all Mac & Cheese lovers! Come to the Moriches branch and help make (and eat) a giant pot of instant Mac & Cheese.



Chip Taste Test

Thursday, April 17, 2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Held at our Main building.

Registration begins 4/3.

Think you know chips? Think again! Join us as we taste and rate the best (and worst) chips out there!



Adults

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Adult Information Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 2014 for the Moriches branch, ext. 1028 for the Mastic Beach branch or ext. 2024 for the Main Building, regardless of program location. **Programs are for Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders only, unless otherwise stated.**

PLEASE CHECK OUR ONLINE PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR PROGRAM LOCATIONS. SOME PROGRAM LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE.

Take Care of Yourself

Silver Sneaker

Full-Body Workout

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 29, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 25.

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.

Start Your Day the Right Way Walking Club

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at Patriot's Preserve, Colony Preserve Drive, Shirley, NY 11967

Registration begins Tuesday, April 1.

Join the library on Tuesday mornings for a relaxing walk at Patriot's Preserve Park in Shirley. We will meet in the parking lot and will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. This is a paved walking trail with little to no shade. Don't forget water and sunscreen. **Open to all.**

DIY Sleep Kits

Wednesday, April 23, 6:00 – 7:15 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 2.

Create your own personalized sleep kit while we learn about the connection between sleep and overall wellness! Choose from a variety of soothing essentials such as aromatherapy oils and cozy accessories designed to enhance your nightly rest. Presented by Christine Szaraz from Stony Brook University's Healing Arts program.

Guided Meditation and Reiki Healing

Wednesday, April 30

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins

Wednesday, April 16.

De-stress and relax at this guided meditation and Reiki healing session with Reiki healer, Michele. Bring a blanket or yoga mat if you'd like.

Open to all.



Fun and Games

Board Game Night

Thursday, April 3, 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.



Coin and Stamp Appraisal

Saturday, April 12, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, April 4.

Do you think you have rare or valuable stamps or coins in your collection? Come find out with stamp and coin expert Frank McAlonan.

Bingo

Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 1.

Bingo is back! Join us for a fun game and a chance to win a prize!

Dungeon & Dragons

Saturday, April 19

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins

Monday, April 7.

Attention Adventurers!

Join the party and begin a brand-new campaign with Dungeon Master Eric!



Adult Mario Kart 8

Deluxe Tournament

Tuesday, April 22

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins

Wednesday, April 9.

Think you have what it takes to win? Come compete playing Mario Kart 8!



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 April events and authors are:

Wordsmith and Wonder:

An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult

Step into spring with us as we chat with the highly acclaimed *New York Times* bestselling author about her newest novel, *By Any Other Name*.

Wednesday, April 2, 7:00 p.m.



The Stories, Science, and History of Trees with Matthew Fleming

Join us as Smithsonian Horticulturalist Matthew Fleming guides us through the secret world of trees as is revealed in the beautiful and absorbing guide to the giants of the plant world - *The Tree Book: The Stories, Science, and History of Trees*.

Tuesday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.

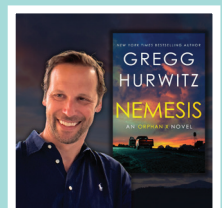


Smithsonian

The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A conversation with Greg Hurwitz

Do you love action-packed adventure? Are you ready for the thrill? You're invited to a riveting online conversation with *New York Times* bestselling author Gregg Hurwitz as he chats with us about his *Orphan X* series and his life as writer of suspenseful storytelling.

Thursday, April 24, 7:00 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 or 2014. **Open to all.**

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, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Make a one-hour appointment with Anne:
Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Held at our Main Building.
Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Held at our Main Building.

NY State Health Insurance Navigator

Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Need Health Insurance? A bilingual (English-Spanish) NY State of Health Navigator will be available to assist in enrolling for health insurance through the New York State of Health Marketplace. No registration required. **Open to all.**

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursday, April 3 and 17
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.**



Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, April 5, 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.**



HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Wednesday, April 16, 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.**



Heart Saver CPR/AED Certification Course

Thursday, April 24, 9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 1.

In this class you will learn the basics to perform CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) from trained EMS staff. You will receive a student manual and an ecard from the American Heart Association after completion. **Materials fee of \$20, nonrefundable.**



Nutritional Workshop

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins

Thursday, April 17.

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County in partnership with Suffolk County Department of Health Services' Office of Minority Health in an exciting and educational three-part nutrition series designed to help you make healthier choices and feel your best! Each session will provide practical tips, demo food tastings, and expert guidance to support your wellness journey. The series ends with a guided tour of your local supermarket where you will learn how to read food labels, choose healthier products, and make informed health decisions for you and your family. **Open to all.**



Inclusive Services

Adult Enrichment: Pizza & Poetry

Thursday, April 10, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Held at our Moriches Branch.

Register now.

Bring your favorite poem or listen to us read ours! Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education teacher), Nick Nappi (program manager) and other friends will be in attendance. **This is a program for those with special needs that are 18 years and older.**

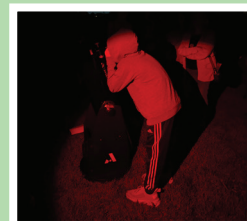


Science

Astronomy Star Party

Thursday, April 24, 7:30 – 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.**



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.

Felted Flower Pins

Monday, April 7, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Monday, March 31.

Join Anne to learn the art of needle felting and to ring in the spring by making some lovely, felted flower pins of your own! If you have a felting needle pad from a previous class, please bring it with you. New participants in the class will receive the supplies needed. **Materials fee of \$3, nonrefundable, and no kits.**



Crochet and Knit

Wednesday, April 16, 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.**



Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Thursday, March 27.

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.**



Model & Miniature Painting

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, March 27.

Learn tips and tricks to painting your favorite models and figures. Bring your own supplies and imagination.

Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, April 9, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

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.

Spring Bunny Shelf Sitter

Thursday, April 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 26.

Come and join craft instructor Laurie as she helps you create this adorable bunny shelf sitter. It measures approximately 9" long by 10" tall. It's a mixed media project, combining painting, decoupage, gluing, and adding vinyl decals. **Materials fee of \$12, nonrefundable.**



Picassiette Mosaic Art

Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on Thursday, April 3.

In this workshop, you will transform beautiful china into art by breaking it into pieces and learning the techniques to create a mosaic using the fragmented materials. You can choose between making a heart or a dove mosaic. Picassiette mosaic is a form of mosaic art that involves creating designs by reassembling broken pottery, china, tiles, or other ceramic fragments. The term comes from the French words pique (to pick) and assiette (plate), reflecting the reuse of discarded ceramics to craft intricate and colorful designs. All materials are provided. **Materials fee of \$14, nonrefundable.**



Everyone Loves a Story

Graphic Novel Roundtable Discussion

Tuesday, April 15, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 8.

Come discuss any graphic novel, comic, or manga that you're currently reading or is your absolute favorite of all time!

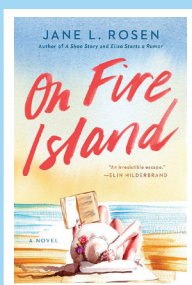
Book Discussion of *On Fire Island*, LI Reads Pick 2025

Thursday, April 24, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register now.

This year's LI Reads pick is here! Join us as we discuss *On Fire Island* by Jane L. Rosen. With poignant comedy and insight, *On Fire Island* is an ode to the stories all around us and to the brightest types of loves... for the people closest to you and the places that shape you. **Copies of the book will be available at our Main Branch starting March 20.**



Boating Safety Course

Saturday, April 19

9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Register now.

This Boating Safety Course offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is an introductory course that fulfills Federal and NY State requirements to operate a personal watercraft and recreational vessel on NY waterways for ages 10 years and older. As of 1 January 2025, anyone operating a Motor vessel in New York State must have completed this class. Upon completion you will receive a Boating Safety Certificate. There is a \$50 fee for the 8-hour course, which includes a Boat America study guide that can be picked up at the library (Moriches Branch) after you have registered. Please register by contacting Jimagals@msn.com. **Open to all.** Payment can be made by sending Mr. Agals a check payable to the USCG Auxiliary 18-06. Please send the check to: **Jim Agals, 64 Blackwatch Court, Southampton NY 11968. 631-875-4124**



Technology

Creating with Canva: Design a Mouse Pad
 Tuesday, April 8, 2:00 – 4:00 or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
 Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 25.

Join us to learn how to create your own customized mouse pad using Canva. In this class, participants will use Canva to design a mouse pad, which we will print out and make using our sublimation printer. This is a beginner friendly class for people who would like to get started or refine their graphic design skills. No personal pictures will be allowed in this class. Limit to one mouse pad per registrant.



Embroidery for Beginners:

Botanical Hoops

Wednesday, April 9
 1:00 – 4:00 or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 26.

New to machine embroidery? Come learn how the library's embroidery machine works by making a Spring-inspired botanical hoop during your own one-on-one session. All materials will be provided. Each participant can make one hoop.

Crafting with Cricut: Ukranian Style Egg Painting
 Tuesday, April 15, 2:00 – 4:00 or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 1.

Have you ever heard of Pysanky? Pysanky is an egg painting technique that uses wax to cover layers of paint on an egg, which is later removed. Join us to paint an egg with this same idea. However in this class we will use pre-cut Cricut stencils/stickers and acrylic paint to make our creations! Join us to make your very own painted egg that will never break or rot. Limit to one egg per registrant.



Sewing 101: Reading Pillow Covers

Wednesday, April 23, 2:00 – 4:00 or 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 9.

Learn the very basics of sewing by creating your own reading pillow cover with a pocket for your favorite book! All necessary materials will be provided. This craft does not include a pillow insert.

Drop In Jewelry

Tuesday, April 29, 2:00 – 3:00 or 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

No registration required.

Let's make some jewelry. Our Makerspace Librarians are here to help you with the joy of jewelry making! Join us to start a project, or we can help you with something you are already working on. Materials will be provided. Max capacity is 10 participants per time slot.

Spanish for Beginners

Thursdays, April 10, 24,
 May 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins

Thursday, March 27.

¡Bienvenido! Learn basic conversational Spanish in a casual setting with Profesora Sylvia. Practice vocabulary, grammar, pronunciation, and more! Bring a notebook and pen to class. **Open to all.**



Tuesday, April 15, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Coffee with a Cop

Join with officers from the local 7th precinct and share a cup of coffee in the library's new cafe, Brewport! All are welcome.



Operation Medicine Cabinet

Bring your unwanted or expired prescriptions to the 7th precinct's drop off table in the library during Coffee with a Cop.



Lectures

Broadway on a Budget

Saturday, April 26, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Saturday, April 19.

Theater enthusiast Brian Stoll will discuss all things Broadway beginning with the history and importance of the Broadway Playbill as well as touch upon some of the reasons why audience members choose to collect these memorable theatre keepsakes. Lastly, Brian will share a variety of money-saving tips on how to see Broadway shows for under \$60.00 a ticket! **Open to all.**



Music

Open Mic Night

Tuesday, April 29, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register now.

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 for performers will begin at 5:45 p.m. Open to all.**



Movies

Saturdays, April 19 and 26 at 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Register now.

Join us for Saturday Matinee movies at the Main library to celebrate Long Island all month long!

Open to all.

LONG ISLAND MONTH

Saturday, April 19

Something's Gotta Give
 (PG-13) 2003

Saturday, April 26

The Daytrippers (R) 1996



Writing

Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, April 10, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Thursday, March 27.

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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MastiCon V**
Saturday, May 3
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.



Held at our Moriches Branch.

In the case of rain, the event will be moved to our main building.

No registration required.

Get ready to celebrate all things anime, cosplay, manga, comics, movies, and pop culture! Join us for a day packed with epic fun — costume contests, artists & vendors, and more! Whether you're here for the latest fandom trends, classic favorites, or just to connect with fellow fans, there's something for everyone. Check out our full event schedule on the library's calendar. **All ages welcome. While supplies last.**

Driving Classes

Defensive Driving in Spanish

Saturday, April 5

9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration is open.

Join us for a six-hour course, presented in Spanish, for drivers of cars and motorcycles to save 10% on auto insurance and reduce up to 4 points from their driver's license. Course is presented by *Empire Safety Council*. Fee: \$35, payable by cash, due at the beginning of class to the instructor. To guarantee a spot, you may register in person and pay in advance (Literacy Department, Main Building).

Curso de Manejo Defensivo en Español

Sábado, 5 de abril, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

La registraci3n est1 abierta.

Acompa1enos en un curso de 6 horas en espa1ol para conductores de todo tipo de autom3viles y motocicletas. Ahorrar1 10 % en la aseguranza de auto y le reduce hasta 4 puntos de su record en su licencia de conducir. El curso es presentado por el *Empire Safety Council*. Costo \$35, pagar1 es en efectivo. El pago es no reembolsable y se realiza al momento de la registraci3n. Registraci3n es en la oficina de Literacy (Shirley).

**STAY TUNED...
Defensive Driving**
Monday, May 12 &
Tuesday, May 13
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Held at our Main Building.
*Registration begins
Wednesday,
April 30.*

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

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201 Montauk Highway
Moriches 11955

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369 Neighborhood Road
Mastic Beach 11951

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