



Harborfields

PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2023 NEWSLETTER

INVESTED IN THE COMMUNITY

Strengthening Civic and Neighborhood Partnerships



Extending Services
Beyond Our Doors

Providing Cultural and
Educational Enrichment

Modeling
Sustainable Practices
for the community.

Inspiring Personal and
Professional Growth

Career Guidance

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NEW
PATRONS
Welcome!

YOUR LIBRARY
Inclusive and Accessible to All

148,637 Building Visits

74,994 e-Materials Circulation

Digital Access 24/7

129,991 Website Visits

Find your
passion!

Accommodating New Workstyle Needs

Trustee Election & Budget Vote

Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 3:00 – 9:00 PM

	2022-2023	2023-2024
ITEMS	FINAL	PROPOSED
Salaries	\$2,282,512	\$2,282,432
Library Equipment	\$12,000	\$5,000
Computers	\$25,000	\$15,000
Furniture	\$20,000	\$10,000
Books and eBooks	\$240,000	\$243,000
Online Reference Databases	\$35,000	\$35,000
Audio Books and Music CDs	\$18,500	\$20,000
DVDs	\$36,500	\$32,000
Periodicals	\$18,500	\$18,500
Contingency	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Software and Licensing	\$15,000	\$15,000
Office and Library Supplies	\$45,000	\$45,000
Telecommunications	\$32,000	\$32,000
Computer Equipment	\$9,000	\$9,000
Postage and Freight	\$12,000	\$12,000
Public Relations	\$42,000	\$37,000
Programs	\$70,000	\$80,000
Conference and Travel	\$14,000	\$11,000
SCLS Member Library Support	\$37,500	\$37,500
Professional Fees: Legal	\$7,500	\$8,000
Professional Fees: Accounting	\$17,000	\$17,000
Membership Dues	\$4,000	\$4,000
Equipment Service	\$15,000	\$17,000
Copiers	\$20,000	\$12,000
Partnership of Automated Libraries	\$21,000	\$22,000
Fuel and Utilities	\$155,000	\$155,000
Custodial Supplies	\$20,000	\$20,000
Building Maintenance	\$38,200	\$38,200
Insurance	\$59,250	\$59,250
Building Improvements	\$75,000	\$45,000
Building Services	\$59,200	\$58,200
Election Expenses	\$4,500	\$4,500
Payroll Fees	\$5,000	\$5,000
Retirement	\$245,000	\$265,000
Social Security	\$170,000	\$170,000
Workers Compensation	\$21,000	\$15,000
Unemployment	\$2,000	\$2,000
Disability	\$7,200	\$7,200
Health Insurance	\$755,000	\$850,000
Transfer for Debt Service	\$455,000	\$452,500
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL:	\$5,121,362	\$5,167,282
	FINAL	PROPOSED
Copiers:	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interest:	\$10,000	\$7,000
NY State Incentive Aid:	\$5,000	\$5,700
Rental Fees:	\$1,500	\$1,650
Miscellaneous:	\$10,000	\$8,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$31,500	\$27,350
BUDGET TOTALS	FINAL	PROPOSED
Amount Raised by Taxes:	\$5,089,862	\$5,139,932
% Tax Increase:		0.98%

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." - Coretta Scott King

In 2022 the library experienced many challenges with the retirements and departures of beloved employees. The resiliency, patience and kindness of staff during this transition have been truly remarkable. The staff worked together to ensure that our services to the community remained uninterrupted. Finding new employees that fit into our culture of dedication and service to the community took some time, but we added talented people to our team!

2022 was highlighted by our commitment to fiscal responsibility, community engagement and social wellbeing. We continue to strengthen our partnerships with the Harborfields Central School District, local organizations and outreach services within the community. Library staff and teen volunteers maintained two garden plots at the Robert Kubecka Memorial Organic Garden with the produce from the garden going to a local food pantry. Working with the Harborfields High School Key Club allowed us to establish a Little Free Pantry that was installed at the Library to assist members of the community that may be experiencing food insecurity. Recognizing that we are part of a sustainable ecosystem, we encourage and support various recycling programs and make every attempt to reduce our carbon footprint.

We collaborated with Washington Drive Elementary on a Sensory Garden and Little Free Library. Our ongoing program with Students in Transition at Oldfield Middle School and the High School Career Training program is a continuing success. Donation drives for many organizations including the Little Shelter, Family Service League and Harborfields Alliance for Community Outreach (HACO) run almost year round. Our quarterly Blood Drives in cooperation with the New York Blood Center always surpass expected donations. The generosity of our community is truly amazing!

Our large community events returned in 2022. Record numbers of friends and neighbors attended our Outdoor Craft and Flea Market, outdoor concert, outdoor movie, Great Giveaway and the Fall Craft Fair. The return of the Longest Table Event, run by our incredible Friends of the Harborfields Library and the Greenlawn Civic Association was one of the highlights of the summer. Library programming is back and bigger than ever!

Our programs, customer service, safety and building maintenance is unmatched. A public library is a service industry - our strength lies in the people who work here. It is their dedication that makes Harborfields Public Library what it is. We believe that we can continue our high standards of service and adapt to the ever changing needs of our community with an overall tax increase of 0.98%.

As always, thank you to the entire Harborfields Community for your support and we look forward to another year of working with you!

Ryan Athanas, Library Director

Linda Meglio, Assistant Library Director

The Friends of the Library present



Perfect Combination: Tribute to the Legends Sunday, March 12, 2:30 p.m.

Join Donna Lee & Kenny Henrickson performing a Tribute to the Legends. Music by artists Barbra Streisand, Frank Sinatra, Patsy Cline, Billy Joel, Tony Bennett, Natalie Cole, Donna Summer and many more will be featured in the show. Follow them through the decades with the great legends of music! Free tickets for the performance are available at the Circulation Desk.

Singer-Songwriters
Open Mic for Original Music

Monday, March 6, 6:00 - 8:30 PM
Sign-in begins at 5:45 PM

The program is open to Singer-Songwriters (age 16 and over). Only original music will be permitted.

CULINARY WORKSHOPS

Cash payments for both programs can only be accepted in person at the Circulation Desk. We are unable to accept credit card information over the phone. If the program fills, you will need to call the Reference Desk to be added to the waitlist.

Chocolate Chip Scones

Monday, March 20, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Join Anthony Pepe from A Mano Baking Company and learn how to make their perfected master scone recipe. In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to make sweet delicious chocolate chip scones, but will also learn how to adapt the recipe to a savory version. There is a \$10 fee due at registration, which will open for Harborfields Library cardholders online and in person on Friday, March 3 at 10:00 AM.

Judy's Cucina

Sheet Pan Ricotta Gnocchi and Vegetables

Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

These ricotta gnocchi are just as pillowy and tender as their potato gnocchi cousin but come together in half the time. Join us to learn how to make your own gnocchi and enjoy a sampling of Sheet Pan Ricotta Gnocchi paired with delicious roasted vegetables. There is a \$5 fee due at registration, which will open for Harborfields Library cardholders online and in person on Thursday, March 2 at 10:00 AM.

GARDENING

The Seed Library Opens March 1st!

Winter Seed Sowing

Monday, March 13, 3:00 PM

You don't have to wait for warmer weather to start your seedlings. Learn how to successfully start seeds OUTSIDE in the winter. No greenhouse needed. Winter sowing techniques outside are easier than the windowsill or with light lamps in the basement. Please register.

The Magic of Composting

Monday, March 20, 1:00 PM

Celebrate the first day of Spring by improving your soil while reducing kitchen waste. Composting is a residential win-win for increasing soil health and for reducing the volume of waste headed to a municipal landfill. Join a master gardener from Cornell Cooperative and learn four different types of composting methods in this workshop, including outside and indoor composting, aerobic and anaerobic techniques, worm and lasagna approaches. Please register.

ARE YOU READY TO RETIRE?

Join S. Joseph DiSalvo, ChFC®, and learn how to determine if you have enough money to retire. **Please register for each class individually.**

90 Days to Retirement Ready

Thursday, March 9, 7:00 PM

Learn how to get Retirement Ready and develop an income plan that will replace your paycheck in retirement. Learn how to create a growing paycheck from investments and if you are doing the right things with your money for this next phase of life.

Smart Social Security Planning

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 PM

The decisions you make now can have a tremendous impact on the total amount of benefits you stand to receive over your lifetime. This seminar covers the basics of Social Security and reveals innovative strategies for maximizing your benefits.

Taxes in Retirement

Thursday, April 13, 7:00 PM

Develop a successful retirement tax strategy that can potentially safeguard you from over-taxation – all with the goal of saving you money.

Suffolk Safety Accident Prevention IN-PERSON

Saturday, April 1, 10:15 AM - 4:15 PM

With successful completion of this six-hour National Point & Insurance Reduction course you will receive 10% off auto insurance each year for up to 3 years, and be eligible to reduce up to four points off your driving record. The fee is \$35 for this New York State DMV-Approved class. Registration is required. Bring a check payable to: Suffolk Safety Program to the class.

Tech Help IN-PERSON

Stop by the Reference Desk anytime for assistance. For more in-depth instruction, make an appointment with Librarian Brian Adams for a 30 - 45 minute session.

IN THE GALLERY MARCH 1 - 29

KRISTEN MEMOLI

THE SECRET SOUL OF THINGS

Artist's Talk in the Gallery

Wednesday, March 22, 7:00 PM

Reception to follow



Through the presentation of abandoned photography from her new book, *The Secret Soul of Things*, Kristen Memoli explores the hidden symbolism behind everyday objects and structures. There is a dark beauty in decaying buildings and surprising meaning hidden in items we encounter

every day, but which we often fail to truly see. Please register to attend the artist talk, or stop by the gallery anytime throughout the month.

TRAVEL

Travel Safety -

Don't Be A Victim of Crime When Traveling

Wednesday, March 15, 6:30 PM

Former Police Officer and Investigator Don Longo will provide proven methods to avoid becoming the victim of violent crime when traveling abroad, and how to safely and effectively respond should an incident occur. The presentation includes tips on lowering one's target profile factor, utilizing situational awareness, and employing effective reactive techniques. This course is a variation of the training required of all U.S. government officials and employees prior to posting to an overseas assignment. Please register.

Portugal: Beyond Lisbon & Through the Ages

Wednesday, March 29, 2:00 PM

Join Jeanne Schnupp, the Savvy Sightseer for a video tour of Portugal. Awash in World Heritage Sites, sun-bleached beaches, agricultural plains, sweeping river views and busy urban centers, cosmopolitan Portugal has a little something for every traveler. Mainland Europe's westernmost country is packed full of opportunities to experience. A culture and country of contradiction, where modern sophistication rubs elbows with historic traditions. Come join us on this wide-reaching slideshow visit to Portugal! Please register.

Virtual Pedestrian Safety Webinar

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 PM

Did you know that Long Island is home to some of the most dangerous roads in the US? Join our expert pedestrian and bike safety panel from the New York Coalition for Transportation Safety (NYCTS) for an eye-opening, virtual workshop about New York State laws and technologies meant to protect you on our local Long Island roadways. Whether you're a pedestrian, cyclist, or motorist, this program will equip you with the knowledge you need to stay safe on our streets. Brought to you by NYCTS in partnership with the Long Island Health Collaborative (LIHC) and Walk Safe Long Island (WSLI) education campaign. Please register for a Zoom link.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Medicare Counselor

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Health Insurance, Information, Counseling & Assistance

Wednesdays, March 1 & 15, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Call or email the Reference Desk to schedule a telephone session with a trained counselor from the Retired Senior Volunteer Program. If these times are not convenient, we will provide you with other options.

Iyengar Yoga

Saturdays, March 25 - April 29, 10:15 - 11:15 AM

Instructor Cathy Adamo

Dance Therapeutics *In-person or virtual*

Mondays, April 3 - June 12, 10:30 - 11:30 AM
(no class on 5/29)

Instructor Barbara Schwenker

Chair Yoga for Arthritis *In-person or virtual*

Thursdays, April 6 - June 8, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Instructor Eden Bennett

Virtual attendees will receive a list of suggested equipment with their registration confirmation.

2023 Small Business Series

Saturdays 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

Please register for sessions individually

March 11: Build Your Business Using Social Media

For new and current business owners, we will review social media networks, and the benefits of each, as well as which networks are right for your business, and how to create the best posts and determine if they are working.

March 25: Understanding The Financial Numbers Of Your Business

Learn why accounting is key, and how to prepare balance sheets, and profit and loss statements. Get guidance in setting up finances, and financial budgets and forecasts.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Copies of books for discussion groups are available at the Circulation Desk and through Live-braryDownloads.

Cover to Cover

With Guest Facilitator Liz Yorio

Wednesday, March 15, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Fifty Words for Rain by Asha Lemmie

World History Book Discussion

with Michael Fairchild

Thursday, March 16, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Red Notice: A True Story of High Finance, Murder, and One Man's Fight for Justice by Bill Browder

Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Paged to Perfection

with Karen & Liz

Wednesday, March 29, 10:00 AM

The Vanished Days by Susanna Kearsley

Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Global Viewpoints

US, China, Taiwan, Surveillance Balloons - What Happens Next?

Tuesday, March 14, 7:00 – 9:00 PM

Join facilitator John Busch and share your thoughts on current events at this monthly discussion group. Please register.

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, March 8 at 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM (CC)

THE FABELMANS

Rated PG-13, 151 Minutes

Director: Steven Spielberg. Starring Michelle Williams, Gabriel LaBelle, Paul Dano

Growing up in post-World War II era Arizona, young Sammy Fabelman aspires to become a filmmaker as he reaches adolescence, but soon discovers a shattering family secret and explores how the power of films can help him see the truth.

Monday, March 27 at 11:00 AM and 2:30 PM (CC)

THE WHALE

Rated R, 127 Minutes

Starring Brendan Fraser, Sadie Sink, and Ty Simpkins

A reclusive, morbidly obese English teacher attempts to reconnect with his estranged teenage daughter.

New English Speakers Conversation Group

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 7:00 PM OR

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 11:00 AM

We would love to meet and talk with anyone who would like to practice their English speaking skills. All levels of learners are welcome to attend and a library card is not required. If you need help to register or have any questions, call Valarie at 631-757-4200 ext. 118.

Congratulations to the Harborfields Public Library Founding Fathers!



The 18th Annual Advanced Division Battle of the Books Competition

The Harborfields team placed first in this year's competition battling other participating Suffolk County libraries! Our awesome team members were Fiona Calderon, Adeline Chunton, McKenzie Coleman, Maggie Deegan, Hannah Eig, Lilly Fleischer, Sarah Gao, Andrea Holohan, Keira Lau, Riley Lyons, Isabel Silverman, Max Stratton, Sophia Tomei, Samantha Urmaza, and Emily Xie, with Teen Librarians and coaches, Kim McCarthy and Mary Kim.

International Cooking: Ireland

Monday, March 13, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Would you like to learn how to cook like a professional chef? Join the Town of Huntington's Project Excel for our International Cooking Program where participants will learn proper cooking techniques while also learning about a chosen culture. Learn about St. Patrick's Day and Ireland, and prepare Irish Soda Bread. Please register.



Pi Day Pop Art!

Tuesday, March 14, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Celebrate National Pi Day through digital art! Let your imagination run wild as we digitally paint and create fun Pi-themed pop art. Please register.

Beginner Bead Bracelets

Wednesday, March 22, 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Looking for a relaxing, fun, and creative project? Join as we learn how to make one of a kind bracelets using hand picked materials. Please register.

Teen'Scape

Teens must be Harborfields residents in grades 6 - 12 to register for these programs, unless otherwise noted. Please call Teen'Scape or register online.

Alternatives to College

Tuesday, March 21, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Have you struggled with feeling like college and academics are just not the right fit for you? Join an instructor from the Town of Huntington's Project Excel to explore the numerous careers you can pursue without attending college. Please register.



Teen Manga and Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, March 28, 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Have you read any good manga or graphic novels recently, but don't have anyone to discuss them with? Are you looking for recommendations for your next read, or maybe you just want to meet other teens with similar interests, eat snacks, and talk about comics! We would love for you to join us! Please register.

Magic the Gathering

Saturday, March 25, 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Magic The Gathering has been one of the most enduring and popular trading card games worldwide for years, known for its intense complexity and deep strategy. Learn all about this game with seasoned players through actual play. Cube Draft and Cube Sealed formats will offer new players an easy starting point & also challenge experienced players. Please register.

March Lion & Lamb Cupcakes

Saturday, March 25, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM

They say March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. Help us celebrate the start of spring by making adorable fluffy lion and sheep cupcakes! Please register.

Indoor Cornhole Tournament

Thursday, March 30, 4:00 – 4:45 PM

Blow off some steam and have some fun joining your friends in a Cornhole Tournament. Please register.



TEENS CONNECT



For students in grades 7 through 12.

Earn community service for participating in these programs.

LEGOs Helpers

Saturday, March 4, 12:30 – 1:30 PM

Volunteers will assist the Children's LEGOs program. Space is limited to 2 volunteers. If you have volunteered in the past three months please allow a new registrant to register for this program.

Life Size Chess

Saturday, March 4, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

We are looking for teens experienced in playing chess to join us for some king-size-fun with our larger than life chess set! Games will be set up for teens to assist children learn the game of chess in teams of two. Space is limited. Please register.



The Party's in the Bag!

Wednesday, March 8, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Help brighten a child's birthday by creating and assembling a party in a bag, complete with party hats, goody bags and all the necessary items to help a less fortunate child have the best birthday! We kindly request that registrants please bring a box of cake mix and a container of icing as a donation toward this project. Please register.

Herb Garden Pots for Seniors

Saturday, March 11, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Join us as we design an herb garden pot and card to be given to a senior citizen in our community. Please register.

Operation Gratitude - Project Pillowcase

Thursday, March 16, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Our Troops, who bravely sacrificed their comfort to serve are not always deployed with bedding. We need teen volunteers to create decorated pillowcases for our troops to sleep on each night, or use as a laundry bag. Pillowcases will be sent to Operation Gratitude, a nationwide organization whose mission is to express gratitude for the service of our military and first responders. Please register.

Intro to Robotics for Tweens

Saturday, March 18, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

If you are a teen with robotics experience, we are looking for volunteers to partner with 4th and 5th grade students in a beginner robotics class. Using the iRobot's Create3 educational robot, teens will assist children in programming it to perform simple movements, sounds, and behaviors. This program will be overseen by an instructor affiliated with IEEE Long Island Section Robotics and Automation Society Chapter. Please register. Space is limited to 4 volunteers.

Winter Seed Sowing

Monday, March 13, 3:00 PM

You don't have to wait for warmer weather to start your seedlings. Learn how to successfully start seeds OUTSIDE in the winter. No greenhouse needed. Winter sowing techniques outside are easier than the windowsill or with light lamps in the basement. Please register for this teen and adult workshop.

Chess Mates

Saturday, March 25, 2:30 – 3:30 PM

Partner up with a 2nd to 5th grader and teach them the game of chess. Space is limited to 6 volunteers. Please register.

Babies & Toddlers

Programs are open to children of all abilities living in the Harborfields School District. Please call Youth Services or register online for programs.

Programs are offered in person, in the Children's Room.

ALL REGISTRATIONS WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 1, ONLINE AT 9:00 AM.

Let's Help Families in Need: New Baby Items

March 1 – 31

We will be collecting new baby items including clothes, diapers, feeding and bath essentials, and toys for the Long Island Coalition for the Homeless. A detailed list of requested items is available in the Children's Room. We appreciate the generosity of our patrons!

Music Together: Babies Only

Ages birth to 9-months-old

Thursday, March 23, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Connect with your baby through music using purposeful touch, sound-layering, and dancing. This program is for non-mobile children. No siblings please.

Mother Goose

Ages birth to 24-months-old with an adult

Saturday, March 18

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration is not required. Siblings welcome.



Patty-Cake! Patty-Cake!

Birth to 17-months-old with an adult

Mondays, March 6, 13, & 20

10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

A half-hour of board books, nursery rhymes, songs, and more. Siblings welcome.



Babies Boogie

Ages 6- to 24-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 31

11:00 – 11:45 AM

Sing and bounce to music from around the world, using instruments, props, and developmentally appropriate movements. Siblings welcome.

Puzzle Time

Ages 12- to 48-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 17, 2:30 – 3:00 PM

Play with all types of puzzles. Registration is not required. Siblings welcome.

Zumbini

Ages 12- to 48-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 24, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Dance and sing, play all kinds of instruments, and have fun with bubbles.

Music & Melodies

Ages 12-months to 5-years-old with an adult

Wednesdays, March 22 & 29

10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

Sing and dance to a half-hour of lively musical tunes and movement with instructor Adam King. Siblings are welcome.

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

Ages 18- to 35-months-old with an adult

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, & 21

10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

Join us for finger plays, movement, and more. Siblings welcome.

ABCs for You and Me

Ages 18-months to 5-years-old with an adult

Friday, March 17, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Join us for a story, songs, and a simple craft featuring the letter O.

STEAM ZONE: Playing with

Playdough

Ages 18-months to 5-years-old and an adult

Saturday, March 25

11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Have fun squishing, rolling, sculpting, and molding playdough. Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

Imagination Stations

Ages 18- to 48-months-old with an adult

Monday, March 20, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Creative play using a variety of toys, puzzles, musical instruments, pretend play, and a circle time. Siblings are welcome.

NURSERY SCHOOL ARTWORK STEP BY STEP PRESCHOOL

March 5th - 18th

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March 19th - April 1st

STEAM ZONE: Art Start

Ages 18-months to 5-years-old with an adult

Thursday, March 16, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Visit our creativity stations where little artists will make simple projects to inspire their imaginations. Activities will include coloring, stickers, bingo markers, and a seasonal glue project. Siblings are welcome.

March Lion

Ages 18-months to 48-months-old with an adult

Wednesday, March 15, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Join A Time for Kids, Inc. in this family fun preschool program! Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, storytelling, and a lion craft.

Toddlers Tango

Ages 24-months to 5-years-old with an adult

Tuesday, March 7, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Move and groove to music from around the world, using instruments, props, and developmentally appropriate movements!

Let's Pretend: I am an Artist!

Ages 3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Friday, March 3, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Come dressed in character to listen to stories and engage in artistic activities including experimenting with color and creating a colorful butterfly craft.

Canta y Baila Conmigo® Sing and Dance with Me

Ages 3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Friday, March 10, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Sing, dance, and play child safe instruments to beautiful, professionally recorded music carefully selected to represent the wide variety of Hispanic musical traditions and genres. No siblings, please.

Developmental & Activity Kits

- POTTY KITS, NEW SIBLING KITS,
- STEAM KITS, CONCEPT KITS, KOOL
- KITS, GARDENING KITS,
- LET'S PRETEND KITS: MUSIC,
- ART, & SCIENCE KITS

All kits must be checked out on an adult library card, and returned to the Children's Room.



Save the Date! Paper Shredding Event
Saturday, April 29, 8:00 - 11:00 AM

The Library Budget Information Meeting will be held on Thursday, March 23, 7:00 PM. All Are Welcome!

Annual Meeting, Trustee Election and Budget Vote
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, 3:00 - 9:00 PM

The Annual Meeting of the Harborfields Public Library will be held on Tuesday, April 11 at 2:30 PM in the Library.

The Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held immediately following from 3:00 PM until 9:00 PM.

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Harborfields Public Library Reference Desk and on our website (www.harborfieldslibrary.org) on or after February 3, 2023. Such applications must be received by the Library Director at least seven (7) days before the election if the ballot is to be mailed to the voter, or the day before the election if the ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter. Upon approval of the application, an absentee ballot will be issued. All absentee ballots must be received at the Library by 5 PM on the day of the election in order to be counted.

In addition to the vote on the proposed operating budget, there will be an election for the position on the Library Board of Trustees presently held by Jenny Shore. This position has a five-year term of office, expiring on June 30th, 2028.

In order to run for election for this position, these procedures must be followed:

1. Candidates for the Trustee positions must be residents of the Harborfields School District and may only be nominated by petition, which shall be directed to the Clerk of the School District.

2. Petitions must be signed by at least 25 qualified voters of the School District and shall state the residence of each signer, as well as the name and residence of the candidate.

3. The petition must describe the specific vacancy on the Library Board for which the candidate is seeking nomination, including the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

4. Each petition shall be filed with the Clerk of the School District no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, March 13, 2023. Forms for the petition may be obtained at the Harborfields Public Library Reference Desk.

Budget Brochures are available online and at the Reference Desk.

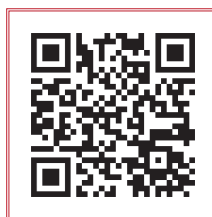


FRIENDS
of Harborfields Public Library

Friends Meeting
Monday, March 6
7:00 PM
All are welcome!

Outdoor Market
Coming Soon!
Save the Date!

Applications for the Spring Craft & Flea Market
on Saturday, May 20th
are now available online. Scan the QR code for a direct link.



CHILDREN'S BOOKS
2 FOR 1 SALE!
Stop by for bargains on your favorite Children's Books this month.
The book shop is open on
Tuesdays & Thursdays,
10:00 AM - 4:00 PM
& Saturdays,
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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Hours

MONDAY - THURSDAY
10 AM - 9 PM

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
10 AM - 5 PM

SUNDAY
1 - 5 PM

(September - June)
Curbside Pickup is available during our operating hours.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled, in person, for Thursday, March 23, 7:30 PM



Sustainable Libraries Initiative



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Grades K – 5



Programs with this symbol have been planned to encourage and promote sustainable practices, demonstrating how acting sustainably can change society for the better.

Programs are open to children of all abilities living in the Harborfields School District. Please call Youth Services or register online for programs.

Adventures in Art: Mini Masters

Ages 3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Friday, March 10, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Children will have fun exploring famous art-works and making their own art with Museum Educator Tami Wood. No siblings please.

Reading Comes Alive with Yoga

Ages 3- to 5-years-old

Thursday, March 9, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Become part of the story with each turn of the page by moving, stretching, and holding yoga poses with instructor Theresa Banks. The Library provides mats.

1-2-3 Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead

Ages 3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Monday, March 27, 1:30 – 2:30 PM

Join A Time for Kids, Inc. as we introduce our little learners to a STEM curriculum. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and building.

Spring Storytime

Ages 3- to 5-years-old

Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22, & 29

3:00 – 3:30 PM

A half-hour of stories, tales, finger plays, songs, and more.

Amazing Athletes: Kids in Action

Ages 3- to 5-years-old

Fridays, March 24 & 31, 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Join us as we focus on motor development, including introduction to muscle awareness through stretching and good nutrition. Activities will include a fun obstacle course, muscle zoo/power food and a sport based group activity.

Family Board Game Café

Families with children ages 4 & up

Saturday, March 11, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Spend some uninterrupted screen free time with the ones you love while playing a variety of classic board games and some new ones too. Please call the Children's Room to register.

Zumba Kids Junior

Grades K – 2

Monday, March 20, 4:45 – 5:30 PM

Join Miss Lauren for this high energy dance-fitness party where you'll learn simple dance routines and enjoy a variety of interactive games and activities.

Mini Paper Kites

Grades K - 2

Thursday, March 9, 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Get ready for the winds of March by creating colorful kites and watch how they soar in the sky!

World Puppetry Day

Grades K – 2

Wednesday, March 29, 5:00 - 5:45 PM

Celebrate World Puppetry Day as we learn about different types of puppets, watch some fun performances, and create our own paper puppets!

Yoga for Kids

Grades K - 3

Mondays, March 6 & 13, 4:45 – 5:30 PM

Learn basic yoga moves and tips on how to relax both your mind and body for a healthier you with certified yoga instructor Theresa Banks. The Library provides mats.

Tail Waggin' Tales

Grades K - 5 with an adult

Saturday, March 11

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Tuesday, March 21, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Read with Cutch, a certified therapy dog from Therapy Dogs International, Inc. during your 15-minute session. Siblings are encouraged to share a session. Please register for each date independently.

STEAM ZONE:

LEGOs at the Library

Grades K - 5

Saturday, March 4, 12:30 – 1:15 PM

Spend an afternoon with friends while building with LEGOs.

Artists Come Alive

Grades K – 5

Tuesday, March 28, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Children will learn about the life and masterpieces of various artists with instructor Diane Young and create their own masterpiece to take home.

Luck of the Irish

Grades 1 – 3

Wednesday, March 15, 5:00 – 5:45 PM

Hear the tales of Jamie O'Rourke and Tim O'Toole and learn more about Irish culture in honor of St. Patrick's Day!

Georgia O'Keeffe

Grades 1 – 5

Monday, March 13, 6:30 – 7:15 PM

Celebrate Women's History Month by learning about the art and life of Georgia O'Keeffe. We will use pastels to create close-up images of flowers inspired by the art of O'Keeffe.

Chess Mates

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, March 25,

2:30 – 3:00 PM or 3:00 - 3:30 PM

Challenge yourself with an exciting game of chess. Participants will get basic tips and strategies as they play one-on-one with an experienced teen. Each session will be 30 minutes. Please only sign up for one session per child.

LifeSize Chess!

Grades 2 – 5

Saturday, March 4, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Let's play a giant game of chess. Join us for some king size fun with our larger than life chess set! Games will be set up in teams of two. Please sign up for one half hour session.

Board Game Café

Grades 2 – 5

Thursday, March 23, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Get back to basics with classic board and card games including some interactive games like hangman and Pictionary.

Young Writers and

Illustrators Group

Grades 2 - 5

Thursday, March 23, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Join us for this monthly meeting where we will develop our writing and illustrating skills to create and share unique works. At the end of the series, we will select our favorite pieces to become part of a book that will be available to borrow.

Sunday Afternoon at the Movies

Grades K – 5 with an adult

Sunday, March 12, 2:00 PM

LYLE, LYLE, CROCODILE

Rated PG, 106 min

Registration not required. Adult supervision is required in the room while viewing the movie.

Grades K – 5



Programs with this symbol have been planned to encourage and promote sustainable practices, demonstrating how acting sustainably can change society for the better.

Programs are open to children of all abilities living in the Harborfields School District. Please call Youth Services or register online for programs.

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN GRADES 3 - 5



Bread in a Bag Thursday, March 9 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Create a delicious loaf of bread in a bag to bring home to bake.

Spring Cupcakes Tuesday, March 21 6:30 – 7:30 PM

Celebrate spring with these cute and delicious spring cupcakes.



Study Buddies @ the Library

For students in grades 1 through 8

**Mondays and Thursdays,
4:00 – 6:00 PM**

Harborfields High School student volunteers are available to assist with homework and test prep. Appointments are encouraged and scheduled in half-hour sessions. Please call Teen'Scape to make an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

Life-Sized Angry Birds Grades 3 - 5

**Thursday, March 30
4:45 – 5:45 PM**

Work with your team to build life sized Angry Birds towers to protect your Bad Piggies. Compete against the other team to see if you can knock down their tower and capture their pigs!

STEAM ZONE:

Recycle Craft with Nespresso Pods Grades 3 – 5

**Monday, March 27
6:30 – 7:15 PM**

Use recycled Nespresso pods to make a whimsical wind chime.

STEAM ZONE: Intro to iRobotics for Tweens

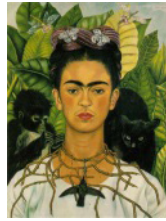
**Grades 3 – 5
Saturday, March 18
2:30 – 3:30 PM**

Do you want to learn how to CODE? Practice leadership, teamwork and time management skills while sharing your excitement for science and technology. Have fun programming simple commands for a new mobile robot with help from teen volunteers and an experienced instructor affiliated with IEEE Long Island Section Robotics and Automation Society. Chapter.



Passport to our World: Welcome to Ireland March 13 – 18

Pick up a kit to travel around the world with us! Learn about a new country every month with fun facts, a craft, and different activities from that country. Available while supplies last.

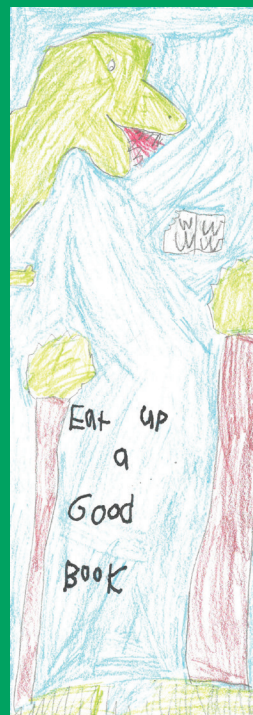


Adventures in Art: Selfie Time! Grades 3 – 5 Thursday, March 16, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

To celebrate Women's History Month, explore the iconic self-portraits of artist Frida Kahlo and then create your own selfie inspired by her work.

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Featured Bookmark by James Castellano Grade 1



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

A copy of the book will be available in the Children's Room beginning March 1st unless otherwise noted. Participating children will select a paperback book of their choice to keep.

Chapter One Grade 1

**Wednesday, March 8
5:00 – 6:00 PM**

Houndsley and Catina: Plink and Plunk by James Howe. Books will be available the night of the program. We'll play a fun game of picture Bingo.

The Page Turners Grade 2

**Tuesday, March 14
6:30 – 7:45 PM**

Flat Stanley by Jeff Brown. We will play a game of picture Bingo.

3rd Grade Kids Read Wednesday, March 22

6:30 – 7:30 PM

The Titanic: An Interactive History Adventure by Bob Temple and *What Was the Titanic* by Stephanie Sabol. Please read both books before the discussion. This is a program for children by themselves. Participants will play a game of Bingo!

Read and Rap

**Grades 4 - 6 and an adult
Tuesday, March 28,
6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Restart by Gordon Korman. Accompanying adults are asked to also read the book. Enjoy a challenging game of Jeopardy.