



# Harborfields PUBLIC LIBRARY

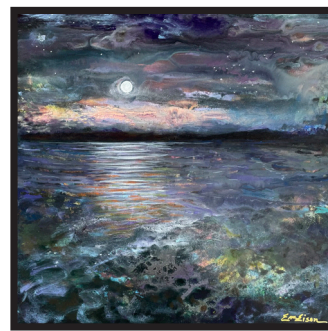
DECEMBER 2023 NEWSLETTER

*Somewhere in Time,  
Beautiful Musical Moments  
Shiloh Piano and Cello Duo  
Sunday, December 3, 2:30 PM*

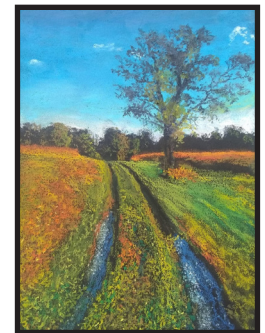


In this afternoon performance Shiloh will entertain us with a collection of romantic melodies and timeless classics from the stage and screen, along with a few holiday favorites. Please register.

**"Sights & Insights"**  
by Emily Eisen & Rebecca Perea  
In the Gallery December 1 - 28



"Full Moon High Tide Meadow"  
by Emily Eisen



"First Day In The Countryside"  
oil pastel by Rebecca Perea

**Artists' Reception and Art Talk**  
Sunday, December 10, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

**Discount Train Trip to New York City  
on the LIRR to Penn Station  
Saturday, December 16, 2023**

Round-trip tickets available for \$10 each at the  
Circulation Desk through December 13.

Departure from the HUNTINGTON  
train station will be at 9:18 AM.

**Roll Up Your Sweater Sleeve & Give Blood!  
BLOOD DRIVE**

**Thursday, December 21  
1:00 - 7:00 PM**

Appointments are preferred, however walk-ins are welcome as space permits. Use the QR code to make an appointment with your smartphone.



**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

 **REPAIR CAFE**

**@ HARBORFIELDS LIBRARY  
SATURDAY, JANUARY 27  
1:30 - 4:30 PM**

You can help keep items out of the landfill by volunteering to help repair household items, jewelry, knitting, and more in our 2nd Annual Repair Cafe. Call 631-757-4200 ext. 453 to offer your expertise in showing people how to repair broken items, providing advice and inspiration.

*Library Hours*

*The Library will be closed on Sundays & Mondays,  
December 24 & 25 and December 31 & January 1, 2024*

## Exploring Art with Iris

**Saturdays in December, In the Reference Room**

**Call before coming to confirm that art supplies are available.**

Join fine artist and Librarian Iris Lin to celebrate the arts. This is a drop-in program where you can get inspiration to create beautiful artwork under the guidance of a fine artist. A variety of materials will be available for use in the Library so you can experiment with different mediums.

## Suffolk Safety Accident Prevention

**Saturday, December 9, 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 to the class payable to: Suffolk Safety Program.

## Women Pause

**Thursday, January 11, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

A program for women by women. This health and nutrition workshop will provide insight on how to handle many of our body's changes during menopause. Jodi Levine, MS, RDN, CDN, ACE Certified Health Coach and Director of Nutrition at Suffolk County Community College along with Michelle Mock, MPH, RDN, CDN, Registered Dietitian Nutritionist, Certified Yoga Instructor and Educator, will lead this discussion on ways to manage belly fat, improve fitness and wellness, and address questions you may have during this lifestyle change. Join us for a little learning, a little nibbling and a little moving as we explore some easy to make recipes that you can incorporate into your diet. Please register. Limited to Harborfields Library cardholders.

## Introduction to ChatGPT zoom

**Tuesday, January 9, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

In this class, Sharper Training Solutions will introduce you to the latest technology to hit mainstream; ChatGPT, what's it all about, how to navigate the site and use ChatGPT efficiently and safely, and much more. No prerequisites. Please register to receive a Zoom link.

## Iyengar Yoga with Cathy

**Saturdays, January 20 - March 9, 10:15 - 11:15 AM**

This yoga class is suitable for adults of all skill levels. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a yoga mat, two firm blankets and a strap. Instructor Cathy Adamo will lead this 8-week yoga series. Harborfields Library cardholders may register beginning December 1, and if space remains, non-residents can register beginning December 15.

## 2024 ADULT WINTER READING CLUB



**JANUARY 2 - FEBRUARY 29**

Winter is just around the corner and that means it's time to *Hibernate with a Good Book*. Register through READSquared on the library homepage beginning January 2nd, or you may register in person at the Adult Reference Desk. Don't forget to pick up a sweet surprise after you register. Each time you read/listen and record a book, you'll earn a raffle ticket (up to eight) that will be entered in a drawing for a gift card to a local establishment. Raffle winners will be announced on March 1st.

### Preserve Your Memories Project

Harborfields Library is pleased to offer digitization services to our community through our *Preserve Your Memories Project*. Simply drop off your items with a flash drive, (**minimum 16 GB**), and we will convert them for you. Application forms to accompany your media are available in the Library. Please call Librarian Mr. Adams for more information, 631-757-4200 ext. 120

## Medicare Counselor HIICAP

**Health Insurance, Information, Counseling & Assistance**

**Wednesdays December 6, 13 and 20, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

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.

## New English Speakers Conversation Group

**Tuesdays, December 5, 12 & 19, 7:30 PM OR**

**Thursdays, December 7, 14 & 20, 10:30 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.



## Book Club 2 with Donna Diamond

Thursday, December 14, 2:00 PM

Join author and book discussion leader Donna Diamond to celebrate her second book and her many years as one of our book discussion leaders at the Harborfields Library. She is the author of two books, and is working on a third. The first book: *BOOK CLUB: How I became the Ultimate Hard-core, High-handed, Card-carrying Bibliophile* covers books she read between 1996 to the Spring of 2015. The second book: *BOOK CLUB: How I Became the SMUG (Dare I say Self-righteous?) Ultimate, Hard-core, High-handed, Card-carrying Bibliophile* picks up in 2015 through December 2020. Donna will discuss her books, and we will celebrate her many years as the leader of the "From Cover to Cover" Discussion group at the Harborfields Library. Whether you participated in her discussions at any time over the years, or have never been, we welcome you to join us. Light refreshments will be served. Donna's Books will be available for sale and signing. The program will surely answer the question "What Shall I Read Next?" Please register.



## Museum Passes and Library of Things

Check out a museum pass for free family fun!

Reserve a museum pass or an item from the Library of Things by visiting -

[www.harborfieldslibrary.org/museums](http://www.harborfieldslibrary.org/museums)

### MUSEUM PASSES

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden\*
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium
- Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
- Cradle of Aviation
- NYS Empire Pass\*
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Frick Collection
- Garvies Point Museum
- Guggenheim\*
- Heckscher Museum of Art
- Hofstra Museum of Art\*
- Intrepid
- Jewish Museum of New York
- Long Island Children's Museum\*
- Long Island Maritime Museum
- Museum of Modern Art\*
- Museum of the City of New York\*
- Nassau County Museum of Art
- Old Westbury Gardens
- Raynham Hall
- Vanderbilt Museum

**\*Print on Demand is NOT available**

## Book Discussions

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

### World History Book Discussion

with Michael Fairchild

Thursday, December 21, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

SEA STORIES: MY LIFE IN SPECIAL OPERATIONS

by Admiral William H. McRaven

Registration is appreciated, but not required.

### Paged to Perfection

with Karen McHugh

Wednesday, January 24 10:15 AM

AFTERLIFE by Julia Alvarez

Registration is appreciated but not required.

### LIBRARY OF THINGS COLLECTION

- Assorted Baking Pans
- Bicycle Repair Kit
- Bocce Ball
- Binoculars
- Car Code Reader
- Canine Agility Course
- Canine Puzzles
- Cornhole Game
- Cricut Machine
- Giant Lawn Games:
  - Connect Four
  - Tic Tac Toe
- Tumbling
- Timbers (Jenga)
- Wooden Yard Dice
- Kan Jam
- Ladder Toss
- Pet Carrier (small)
- Pet Gate
- Record Player
- Ring Toss
- Singer Heavy Duty Sewing Machine
- Slide Projector
- Ukuleles
- Wall Stud Finder
- WiFi Hot Spots



## BookBrowse

Your guide to exceptional books

You'll find in-depth reviews, "Beyond the Book" articles, read-alike recommendations, and extensive resources for book clubs including reading guides and much more. As a patron, you can also subscribe to their quarterly newsletters for free. Access this online magazine for book lovers with your barcode from our website.

## Game Room Open

Fridays, December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

1:00 - 4:00 PM

# 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.

## Create a Winter-Themed Tumbler!

**Monday, December 11,**

**30-minute appointments between 6:30 and 8:00PM**

**Monday, December 18,**

**30-minute appointments between 4:00 and 5:30 PM**

Get in the holiday spirit by designing a festive tumbler! Whether it's sipping hot chocolate or your favorite cold drink, make it extra special with a custom creation using our Cricut mug press. Great to give as a gift or enjoy yourself! Please register to secure your spot.

## "Snow Covered Spruce Tree" Cupcakes

**Thursday, December 21, 4:00 – 5:00 PM**

Get ready to spruce up this holiday season with our snow-covered spruce tree cupcakes! Learn how to create these festive treats filled with a hidden candy surprise. Please register to secure your spot.



## International Cooking – The Festival of Lights

**Wednesday, December 13, 5:30 – 6:30 PM**

Get your chef hat on and join us for Project Excel's International cooking program where you can learn how to cook like a pro and discover different countries and cultures. This month we will be learning about Hannukah and cooking some delicious potato latkes. Please register.

## A Winter's Eve Paint Night!

**Thursday, December 14, 6:30 – 8:00 PM**

Let your creativity shine at our winter's eve paint night! Join us for this fun instructional program where an instructor from Project Excel will guide you in creating a stunning winter themed painting. You will be amazed by what you are able to create! Please register.

## Build Your Own Kit Kat Cabin!

**Saturday, December 9, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM**

Forget about building a gingerbread house! Instead, join us as we construct a cabin made entirely of Kit Kat candy bars and decorated with other sweet treats! Please register.



## Manga and Graphic Novel Book Club

**Tuesday, December 19, 6:15 - 7:00 PM**

Join our club where we explore our favorite manga series, discuss other types of graphic novels, and chat about anime. Each month the group chooses the book selection. If you have not tried manga and graphic novels and are curious about how to start, join us and check it out! Snacks are served. Please register.

## Digital 4-week SAT Prep Class

**Mondays, January 29, February 5, 12 & 26, 6:30 - 8:00 PM**

Experienced teachers will prepare you for the exam by reinforcing specific skills. Important test-taking strategies and practice questions will also be presented. Each student will receive a copy of College Board's "The Official Digital SAT Study Guide". There is a \$140 fee of cash, credit card, or check made payable to Harborfields Public Library, due upon registration.

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## TEENS CONNECT



For students entering grades 7 through 12. Teens will earn one (1) hour of community service for these programs unless otherwise noted.

### Chess Mates

**Saturday, December 16, 2:30 - 3:30 PM**

Are you an experienced chess player? Become a mentor and partner up with younger students to teach them the ropes. Students will range in age from 1st through 5th grade. Share your love of the game with others and make a difference all while earning 1 hour of community service. Please register.

### Intro to Robotics for Tweens – Assistants Needed

**Saturday, December 23, 2:00 - 3:30 PM**

Are you a teen with a passion for robotics? We are looking for teens to assist the instructor of a beginner robotics class developed for 3rd to 5th grade students. You will be working with IRobot's Create3 educational robot to give students the opportunity to program simple movements and sounds. Volunteers should have basic robotics knowledge. Earn 1.5 hours of community service. Please register.

### LEGO Helpers

**Saturday, December 23, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**

Volunteers will assist the Children's LEGOs program and earn 1 hour of community service. This program is limited to four volunteers. Please register.

### Holiday Collars for Shelter Animals

**Wednesday, December 6, 4:00 – 5:30 PM**

Let's make some tails wag! Join us in making some festive pet collars to donate to a local animal shelter. These collars are sure to catch the eyes and hearts of potential adopters. Volunteers will earn 1.5 hours of community service. Please register.



### Pizza and a Movie – Elf

**Wednesday, December 27, 6:00 – 8:00 PM**

Join us for a holly-jolly time as we screen the holiday classic Elf! We'll be singing, dancing and even acting out parts of the movie. Plus there is pizza involved! Don't miss out on all the fun! Please register.



### WINTER RECESS DROP-IN PROGRAMS

#### Nintendo Switch Super Smash Bros

**Wednesday, December 27, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

#### Teen Crafts

**Thursday, December 28, 2:00 – 4:00 PM**

### Teen Winter Reading Club Coming Soon!

**January 2 through February 29**

You will be able to participate in person and online through the READ-squared application. Stay tuned for more details in the January newsletter.

# 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.

All registrations will begin at 9:00 AM on December 1st. A valid Harborfields library card (adult or child) is required at the time of registration. Please have it handy when registering. Thank You!

## Mother Goose

*Birth to 24-months-old with an adult*  
**Saturdays, December 2 & December 30,**  
**11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Board books, songs, and movement. Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

## Patty-Cake! Patty-Cake!

*Birth to 17-months-old with an adult*  
**Mondays, December 4, 11, & 18,**  
**10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

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

## Music Together

*Birth to 17-months-old with an adult*  
**Thursday, December 7, 2:00 – 2:45 PM**

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

## Baby and Me Stretch

*6- to 17-months-old with an adult*  
**Wednesday, December 6,**  
**11:00 – 11:45 AM**

Join Miss Amy for relaxing yoga stretches, movement, and breathing with baby. The Library will provide mats. No siblings please.

## Babies Boogie

*6- to 24-months-old with an adult*  
**Friday, December 15, 11:00 – 11:45 AM**

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



## Zumbini

*12- to 48-months-old with an adult*  
**Friday, December 8, 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

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

## Music & Melodies

*12-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Thursdays, December 14 & 21, 10:30 – 11:00 AM OR 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Sing and dance to lively musical tunes. Siblings are welcome.

## Puzzle Time

*12- to 48-months-old with an adult*  
**Saturday, December 2, 2:30 – 3:00 PM**

Spend the morning playing with all types of puzzles. Registration is not required. Siblings welcome.

## 1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

*18- to 35-months-old with an adult*  
**Tuesdays, December 5, 12, & 19,**  
**10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

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

## STEAM ZONE:

### Playing with Playdough

*18-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Saturday, December 16,**  
**11:30AM - 12:00 PM**

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

### Drama with your Mama: Caregiver and Me Class

*18-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Friday, December 15, 2:00 – 2:45 PM**  
Music, storytelling, and imaginative play for parents and their little stars.

### Canta y Baila Conmigo® Sing and Dance with Me

*18-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Friday, December 8, 2:30 – 3:15 PM**  
Sing, dance, and play child-safe instruments to beautiful, professionally recorded music selected to represent the wide variety of Hispanic musical traditions and genres.

## STEAM ZONE: Art Start

*18-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Tuesday, December 12, 2:30 – 3:15 PM**  
Visit our creativity stations which include coloring, stickers, bingo markers, and a seasonal glue project.

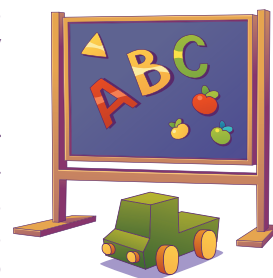
## Lil' Athletes Sports Sampler

*18- to 35-months-old with an adult*  
**Monday, December 18,**  
**11:00 – 11:30 AM**  
An introduction to various sports, including soccer and baseball. No siblings please.

## NURSERY SCHOOL FAIR

**Thursday, January 18, 6:30 - 8:30 PM**

Representatives from local nursery and preschools will be available with an overview of their school and to answer any questions you may have. It is never too early to start to explore the different programs each haS to offer, and this evening will allow you the opportunity to see all the schools in one place. Refreshments will be served. Children are welcome to accompany adults. Please register in person, by phone or online beginning January 2nd.



## Imagination Stations

*18- to 48-months-old with an adult*  
**Friday, December 29, 10:30 – 11:15 AM**  
Creative play using a variety of toys, puzzles, musical instruments, pretend play, and a circle time.

## Nocturnal Animals Toddler Craft

*18- to 48-months-old with an adult*  
**Tuesday, December 5, 2:30 – 3:15 PM**  
Learn about nocturnal animals and create an owl collage to take home. No siblings please.

## Let's Travel to Outer Space

*18-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Wednesday, December 13,**  
**10:30 – 11:30 AM**  
Join A Time for Kids for music, movement, fine and gross motor development, story time, and a space craft!

## ABCs for You and Me

*18-months to 5-years-old with an adult*  
**Friday, December 22, 10:30 – 11:15 AM**  
Stories, songs, and a simple craft featuring the letter V.

# Grades K – 5

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

## Toddlers Tango

**24-months to 5-years-old and an adult**  
**Thursday, December 21, 2:00 – 2:45 PM**  
Move and groove to music from around the world using instruments, props, and developmentally appropriate movements! Siblings are welcome.

## STEAM ZONE:

### LEGOs for Little Ones

**24-months to 5-years-old with an adult**  
**Saturday, December 9, 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM**  
Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

## Snowman Preschool Craft

**3- to 5-years-old with an adult**  
**Thursday, December 14, 2:30 – 3:15 PM**  
Celebrate the beginning of winter with some cool stories and a snowman craft to take home.



## Reading Comes

**Alive with Yoga**  
**3- to 5-years-old**  
**Thursday, December 7, 10:30 – 11:15 AM**

Become part of the story by moving, stretching and holding yoga poses with each turn of the page. The library will provide mats.

## STEAM ZONE: 1-2-3 Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead

**3- to 5-years-old with an adult**  
**Monday, December 18, 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.

## Lil' Athletes

**3- to 5-years-old**  
**Wednesday, December 13 & 20, 1:30 – 2:00 PM**  
Learn how to throw, catch, kick, and work on locomotive skills such as balancing and jumping. Please register for each session independently. No siblings please.

## Snowy Tales

**3- to 5-years-old**  
**Wednesdays, December 6, 13, & 20, 3:00 – 3:30 PM**  
Wintery tales, finger plays and more.

## Clay Creations: Jolly Snowman Plate

**Grades K – 2**  
**Thursday, December 28, 4:45 – 5:45 PM**  
Create a snowman plate that is both decorative and functional.

## Elephant and Piggie Party!

**Grades K - 2**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 4:30 – 5:15 PM**  
Celebrate this funny duo, make a fun craft, and have a special treat.

## Melting Snowman

**Grades K – 2**  
**Tuesday, December 19, 4:30 – 5:15 PM**  
Read snowman stories and create a snowman that transforms into a chilly puddle!

## Yoga for Kids

**Grades K - 3**  
**Monday, December 4, 4:45 – 5:30 PM**  
**or Wednesday, December 27, 2:00 - 2:45 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. Please register for each program independently.

## Zumba Kids Junior

**Grades K - 3**  
**Monday, December 11, 4:45 – 5:30 PM**  
Learn simple dance routines and enjoy a variety of interactive games and activities.

## STEAM ZONE:

### LEGOs at the Library

**Grades K - 5**  
**Saturday, December 23, 11:00 – 11:45 AM**  
Spend an afternoon with friends while building with LEGOs.



Drop into the Children's Room throughout December and create a peace and unity wreath. Creating this wreath is a beautiful and meaningful way to remind people of the importance of harmony and togetherness. We will display these symbols of hope and solidarity throughout the room.

## Tail Waggin' Tales

**Grades K - 5 with an adult**  
**Saturday, December 9, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM**  
**Thursday, December 28, 11:00 AM – 12:00 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. Due to high demand please register for one of the two dates and join the waitlist for the other.

## Artists Come Alive

**Grades K – 5**  
**Wednesday, December 27, 4:00 – 5:00 PM**  
Learn about the life and masterpieces of various artists and create a masterpiece of your own.

## Board Game Café

**Grades 2 – 5**  
**Wednesday, December 13, 6:30 – 7:30 PM**  
Get back to basics! Join your friends for a variety of fun filled classic board games and card games including some interactive games like hangman and Pictionary.

## Adventures in Art: Wacky Winter Collage

**Grades 1 – 5**  
**Thursday, December 21, 4:45 – 5:45 PM**  
Explore the world of surrealism by modern artists Rene Magritte, Herbert Bayer, Grete Stern and more, and create your own winter collage.

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**Author of the Month:**  
**Roseanne Baxter Frank**  
*Families with children  
ages 3- to 7-years-old*  
**Sunday, December 10,  
2:00 – 3:00 PM**

Local author Roseanne Baxter Frank introduces us to her book *Alice in the Palace*. Princess Alice is in the palace, she's a pirate, an acrobat or the wind, which causes quite a ruckus. That is until the King and Queen announce, "There shall be no more pretending." But then Alice is not Alice, and the palace is not the same. Learn the importance of being yourself through story, activity, and sing-along with Tune the Ukulele!

**Clay Creations:**  
**Snowflake Bowl**  
**Grades 3 – 5**  
**Monday, December 18,  
5:00 -6:00 PM**  
Create a snowflake bowl that is both decorative and functional.

**Gingertrain**  
**Grades 3 – 5**  
**Thursday, December 28,  
2:30 – 3:15 PM**  
Build and decorate a gingerbread train to enjoy the sweet and festive spirit of the season.

**Make and Take  
Snowflakes**  
**Grades 3 – 5**  
**Thursday, December 7, 4:30 –  
5:15 PM**  
Learn about Snowflake Bentley and create beautiful snowflakes to decorate the Children's Room and your own home!

**Young Writers and  
Illustrators Group**  
**Grades 3 - 5**  
**Thursday, December 14,  
4:30 – 5:30 PM**  
Develop your writing and illustrating skills to create and share unique works. At the end of the series, our favorite pieces will become part of a book that will be available to borrow.

**STEAM ZONE: Intro to  
iRobotics for Tweens**  
**Grades 3 – 5**  
**Saturday, December 23,  
2:30 – 3:30 PM**  
Learn how to CODE, practice leadership, teamwork, and time management skills while programming simple commands for a new mobile robot with help from teen volunteers and an experienced instructor.



## The Harborfields Giving Tree

Now more than ever, families in our community need our help. We invite our Harborfields families to help us in our "Gift of Giving" which continues through Saturday, December 30th. We are in search of new books, board games, new hats, mittens, and scarves as well as a number of food items – peanut butter, jelly, tuna fish, canned chicken, soup, cereals, healthy snacks (including granola bars).

**Thank you for showing that you care! We are partnering with the Harborfields School District to provide items for families in need in our community.**

## "A Book is a Present You Can Open Again And Again!"

Give your child a gift that will last a lifetime! The staff of the Children's Room has prepared a booklet listing books that represent the best of the best from 2023 that are perfect for holiday gift giving. Many of these books will be on display in the Children's Room and available to borrow with your library card.



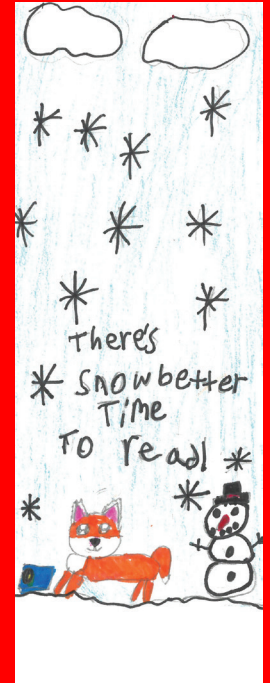
## Kids in the Kitchen Gingerbread Cookie Decorating

**Grades 4 - 5**

**Wednesday, December 6,  
6:30 -7:30 PM**

Learn how to use a pastry bag to decorate gingerbread cookies.

## December 2023 Featured Bookmark by LILY WALSH Grade 5



## WINTER READING CLUB Coming in January 2024 Snowy Tales Book Bingo Challenge! 4-years-old – Grade 5 January 2 – February 29

Challenge yourself to complete up to 5 Bingos on your Bingo Board by February 29. For every Bingo you complete you'll earn a spin of our prize wheel and an entry into our final raffle. You'll read and do a variety of activities to choose your own path to 5 in a row - BINGO! Bingo Boards will be available in the Children's Room or on our Children's webpage and bingo submissions can be done in person or email [childrensroom@harborfieldslibrary.org](mailto:childrensroom@harborfieldslibrary.org).

**Chess Mates**  
**Grades 1 - 5**  
**Saturday, December 16,  
2:30 – 3:00 PM  
or 3:00 - 3:30 PM**

Participants will get basic tips and strategies as they play one-on-one with an experienced teen volunteer. Each session will be 30 minutes. Please sign up for only one session.

**Snowflake Bouquet**  
**Grades 2 – 5**  
**Tuesday, December 12,  
4:30 – 5:30 PM**

Create a floral bouquet to reflect the winter season with help from members of the Centerport Garden Club.

**Elf Zipline STEM  
Challenge**  
**Grades 3 - 5**  
**Wednesday, December 20,  
4:30 – 5:30 PM**

Design, test, and refine your very own elf zipline.

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



## Calling All Collectors!

Do you have a special collection that you would like to display in our showcase for one month in 2024? The showcase is located in our Art Gallery and is seen by almost everyone who comes into the library. Why not share your treasures, or unique collection so the Harborfields community can enjoy it too! Please email the Art Gallery coordinator for more details, [shope@harborfieldslibrary.org](mailto:shope@harborfieldslibrary.org).

## Greenlawn Civic Association's 31st Annual Tree Lighting

**Meet At The Tree**  
Saturday, December 2,  
3:30 - 5:00 PM

Enjoy hot cocoa, cookies, dance and musical performances, plus a special visit from Santa and Mrs. Claus on the Greenlawn Fire Department truck! Bring your letters to Santa for the North Pole mailbox.

To help support HACO and its mission to serve those less fortunate in our community, the Civic Association will be collecting new and new blankets.



Please join the Greenlawn Civic Association for their annual

## Hanukkah Celebration and Menorah Lighting!

Monday, December 11, 6:00 PM  
at the Harborfields Public Library

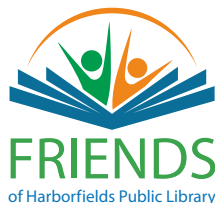
More information can be found at [www.greenlawncivic.org](http://www.greenlawncivic.org)

**Singer Songwriters**  
Open Mic for Original Music

Monday, December 4, 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. The library's baby grand piano is available for use. You must arrive by 7:00 PM to be guaranteed a performance slot. All content must be PG. All are welcome.

**We now have a yarn collection bin in the Lobby  
for the non-profit Care to Knit organization**



**The Friends Book Shop is  
open from 10 AM - 4 PM on  
Tuesdays and Thursdays  
and 10 AM - 2 PM  
on Saturday**

*The next Friends of the  
Library meeting will be  
Monday, December 6,  
7:00 PM*

## MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Monday, December 18  
1:00 PM  
**NOTE EARLIER TIME!**

**OPPENHEIMER**  
Rated R  
180 minutes

The story of American scientist, J. Robert Oppenheimer, and his role in the development of the atomic bomb.  
*Starring: Cillian Murphy, Emily Blunt, Matt Damon*

Wednesday, December 27  
2:30 PM

**WHAT HAPPENS LATER**  
Rated R  
105 minutes

Willa and Bill are ex-lovers that see each other for the first time in years when they both find themselves snowed in, in-transit, at an airport overnight.  
*Starring: Meg Ryan, David Duchovny, Hal Liggett*

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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,  
DECEMBER 21, 10:00 AM**



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