



Harborfields PUBLIC LIBRARY

MARCH 2024 NEWSLETTER

Celebrating the Music of the Irish

Sunday, March 10, 2:30 PM



Tom Donovan shares the music of the Irish in a way that brings the stories to life. Wear your green and join him for an afternoon of lively Irish music and sing-a-longs. Please register.

Congratulations to the Harborfields Public Library "Lorax" Team in The 19th Annual Advanced Division Battle of the Books Competition

The Harborfields team placed second 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, Ava Fauvell,



Lilly Fleischer, Sarah Gao, Brynn Gerde, Andrea Holohan, Keira Lau, Riley Lyons, Sophia Tomei, Samantha Urmaza, and Emily Xie, with Teen Librarians and coaches, Kim McCarthy and Mary Kim

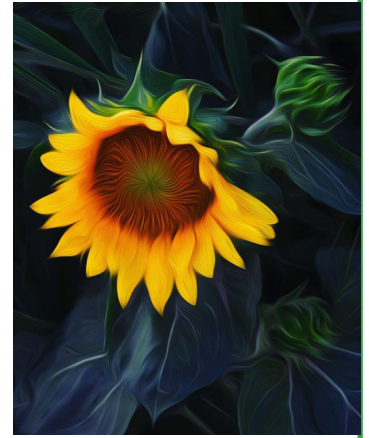
CLOSING DATES

The Library will be closed on Sunday March 31 for Easter

Personal Impressions in Photography & Paint by Peter Scheer

In the Gallery,
March 1 - 26

Artist's
Opening Reception
Saturday, March 2,
1 - 4 PM



Peter Scheer, photographer, filmmaker, painter and visual artist will have his work on display in the Gallery this month. His fascination with photography, and now paint, has evolved into a rather unique vision: PhotoArt. Using his natural skills as photographer, his latest works go beyond the bounds of reality taking common subjects, transforming them into lustrous images that stimulate the viewers imagination.

Recognizing Women's Right to vote in New York State Reference Room Display

On November 6, 1917, women won the right to vote in New York State. This occurred nearly seventy years after women organized to demand their right to vote at the first women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, N.Y. in 1848. Stop by the Reference Room to see the special exhibit depicting the long fight for the right to vote in New York State.

Got Sneakers?

The Friends of the Library are partnering with "Got Sneakers," a sneaker recycling organization to collect used **athletic** sneakers (not casual shoes) in fair to excellent condition. Only pairs of sneakers are eligible (please tie pairs together with shoestrings). No holes, rips, tears, separated soles, etc. The better the condition, the more money the Friends will receive for each pair. This initiative is in line with our sustainability goals and keeps numerous sneakers out of the Landfill. The donation box is in the front lobby entrance. *Thank you for your contributions!*

No Irish Need Apply zoom

Wednesday, March 13, 2:00 PM

Join author/ historian Christopher Daley for a presentation on the Irish migration history in Boston: from 17th-century indentured servants to 1718 Scot-Irish arrivals, pre-famine Catholic immigrants' challenges and anti-Irish sentiment, including events like Pope's Day and Ursuline Convent burning. It also explores post-famine immigration, settlement, work, assimilation, and Irish influence in Boston politics, featuring figures like James Michael Curley and Honey Fitz Kennedy. Please register for a Zoom link.

Judy's Cucina: Pignoli Cookies

Monday, March 18, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

These traditional pine nut studded Italian cookies are soft and chewy on the inside with a nice crunch on the outside. They pack a delicious punch and are sure to become a favorite. Registration opens on Saturday, March 2nd at 10:00 AM for Harborfields Library cardholders only. There is a \$5.00 fee due upon registration. Please bring a bowl, spatula, and a cookie sheet.

CAREER WORKSHOP SERIES

Writing A Winning Resume

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 PM

Pat Fierro, who is a senior leader with over 11 years of human resources experience will be leading a resume writing workshop. Pat has extensive experience recruiting for a large variety of positions and leading recruitment teams. During this workshop, Pat will show you how to design your resume so that you can get the job you want! Pat will walk you through what companies look for when they screen resumes, such as how to build your resume so that it stands out more and how to leverage it as a career development tool. Please register.

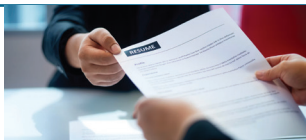
Optimizing Your LinkedIn Profile

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Landing Your First Job Out of School

Monday, May 20, 7:00 PM

Details for upcoming programs available online



New English Speakers Conversation Group

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 7:30 PM OR

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 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.



HEALTH & WELLNESS



Colon Cancer Awareness zoom

Thursday, March 7, 11:00 AM

Dr. Shabiah Martin, a Northwell Health colorectal surgeon, will discuss preventing, diagnosing, and treating colorectal cancer as well as explain the differences between colon and rectal cancer. Risk-reducing strategies, the importance of colonoscopy, and the role of surgery in colorectal cancer will be covered. In addition, Dr. Martin will explain what cutting-edge technologies are being used to benefit patients with colorectal cancer. This program is co-sponsored by the public libraries in the Town of Huntington. Please register to receive a Zoom link.

Understanding Alzheimer's and Dementia

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 PM

Learn about detection, causes, risk factors, stages and treatment of Alzheimer's disease. This is the first in a series of monthly programs presented by the Alzheimer's Association. All are welcome. Please register.

Zumba

Wednesdays, March 13 - April 17, 6:00 PM

Join us in the original fitness dance party, Zumba! The class features exotic rhythms set to high-energy, Latin and international beats. Instructor Dawn Dinozzi will encourage you to work at your own pace, and enjoy the benefits of moving to the music. Harborfields Library cardholders only may register online or in person beginning Saturday, March 2. Non-residents may register March 6. Wear comfortable clothes & supportive shoes, and bring a water bottle.

Mat Yoga

Fridays, March 22 - May 10, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Join instructor Alice Weiser (E-RYT500) for this all-levels yoga class to stretch and strengthen your body and quiet your mind. Modifications will be offered for different levels. Please note: in addition to standing, students will explore poses while seated, on hands and knees, and laying down. Students should be able to lower to and rise from the mat without assistance. Please bring a yoga mat and two 4-inch yoga blocks. Registration is open to Harborfields Library cardholders only beginning Saturday, March 2nd.

Medicare Counselor HIICAP

Health Insurance, Information, Counseling & Assistance

Wednesdays, March 6 & 20, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Call or e-mail 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.

SCORE BUSINESS WORKSHOPS

Why & How to Prepare A Business Plan

Saturday, March 9, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

You will learn about the components of a business plan, the start up costs involved, and how to prepare a budget. The presentation also will include cash flow projections, and how to use your business plan to get financing. Please register

Marketing Strategies

Saturday, April 13, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

If you already have a business or are just starting a new business, our experienced former executives will review how to develop a marketing plan, perform market research, and set pricing. Advertising and promotion, Internet marketing and tracking results also will be covered. Please register.

How to Uber

Learn how to use the Uber Ride-Sharing App

Friday, March 22, 10:15 AM

This class is geared to seniors who are new to this app. Please bring your mobile phone (required) and all your passwords with you to class. Open to Harborfields residents only. Please register.

AARP Tax Assistance

Fridays, March 1, 22, April 5, & 12 and Wednesdays, March 6 & 27. Limited appointments may be available.

Please call the Reference Desk for availability. AARP volunteers cannot prepare returns that include rental property, military income, or alternative minimum tax.

Trusts vs. Wills

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 PM

There are multiple benefits to creating trusts in lieu of wills. From asset protection and avoidance of costly court probates to disability planning, inheritance protection and guardianship avoidance, trusts are the document of choice in estate planning. Estate Planning Attorney Suzanne Ettinger is the co-principal of Ettinger Law Firm, an elder law estate planning firm since 1991. In an articulate, sensitive and professional way, Suzanne offers guidance on taking control of your financial future. Please register.



Suffolk Safety Accident Prevention

Tuesday & Wednesday, April 9 & 10, 6:00 - 9:00 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.

The Buzz About Our Bees and Wasps

Wednesday, March 27, 10:30 AM

Native gardener Kimberly Simmen will focus on our native bees and native wasps and why they are important. Her expertise as a native gardener will provide you with the information you need to welcome these special pollinators into your garden. All are welcome. Please register.



Harborfields
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Seed Library Opens March 1st

The seed library is open beginning March 1st. All Harborfields library card holders may take up to five (5) packets of seeds each month while supplies last. Please check in at the Adult Reference Desk to "check out" your seeds. You will find a variety of resources and books to learn more about home gardening at our display in the Reference Room. Happy gardening!

**Send your garden photos and timely tips
to info@harborfieldslibrary.org**

Flowers Into Paint: zoom

Georgia O'Keefe Workshop

Tuesday, March 12, 2:00 PM

Flowers that burst into color! Inspired by popular American artist, Georgia O'Keefe, artist Joyce Raimondo demonstrates how to design beautiful floral paintings that are larger than life. Capture the beauty of your favorite flower as you learn basic painting skills. Please register to receive a Zoom link.

PAINT SUPPLIES: real or plastic flower or flower photo to paint, white paper or canvas, water-based paints, brushes, water in container, rag or paper towels, palette or wax paper to mix paint, pencil. If you don't have paint, draw instead.



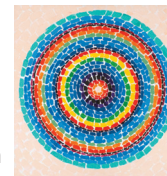
Mosaics of Color:

Alma Thomas  zoom

Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 PM

An abstract painter in the 1960s and '70s, Alma Thomas (1891-1978) was the first African-American woman to have a solo exhibition at the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York City in 1972. Explore the exuberant color of her abstract paintings, then create your own using a mosaic of colors. Please register to receive a Zoom link.

PAINT SUPPLIES: white paper or canvas, water-based paints such as acrylic or tempera, brushes, water in a container, rag or paper towels, palette or wax paper to mix paint, pencil.



Singer/Songwriters

Open Mic for Original Music

**Monday, March 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

Book Discussions

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

World History Book Discussion

with Michael Fairchild
**Thursday, March 21,
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM**

THE RIVER OF DOUBT
by Candice Millard

Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Paged to Perfection

with Karen McHugh
**Wednesday, March 27,
10:15 AM**

THE HOUSE GIRL
by Tara Conklin

Registration is appreciated but not required.

Women's History Month

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

**Thursday, March 14
2:30 PM**

HIDDEN FIGURES (2016)
Rated PG

2 hours, 7 minutes

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

Starring: Taraji P. Henson, Octavia Spencer, Janelle Monáe

**Thursday, March 21
2:30 PM**

THE COLOR PURPLE (2023)
Rated PG

2 hours, 21 minutes

A woman faces many hardships in her life, but ultimately finds extraordinary strength and hope in the unbreakable bonds of sisterhood.

Starring: Fantasia Barrino, Taraji P. Henson, Danielle Brooks

Game Room Open

Fridays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

Check Out A Museum Pass For Free Family Fun!

Reserve a museum pass by visiting -

www.harborfieldslibrary.org/museums

The Friends of the Library sponsor all of our Museum Passes

Teen Book Swap

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Swap your new or gently used young adult books with other teen readers! First 15 attendees will receive a fun new tote bag to take all your new reads home! Registration is not required. Drop in to join us.

Garden Terrarium- Ireland in a Jar

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

When you imagine Ireland, what comes to mind? The lush green hills and sheep, of course! These adorable creatures are a symbol of the Irish countryside. Bring Ireland to your home with our DIY terrarium. Please register.



Pi Day Dice Challenge

Thursday, March 14, 4:00 - 4:45 PM

Roll the dice and let's celebrate Pi Day together! Compete in a tournament-style game to roll the first 5 numbers of pi, in order. The winners of each round will face off until we crown the ultimate champion. A fun prize will be awarded to the final winner! Ready to play? Please register.

Taylor Swift Music Themed Bingo!

Thursday, March 21, 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Calling all Swifties! Get ready to shake it off at our music bingo event featuring Taylor Swift's music. Join us and your fellow Swifties for a chance to hit the jackpot and win a brand new Taylor Swift vinyl! All attendees will receive an Eras Tour inspired friendship bracelet. This is going to be a fun event you won't want to miss! Please register to secure your spot.



Graphic Novel & Manga Book Club

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Have you read any good manga or graphic novels recently, but don't have anyone to discuss them with? Maybe you are looking for recommendations on what to read next? Join us this month as we discuss *Speak Up!* by Rebecca Burgess. We will also talk about other great graphic novels you have read recently, and what you might like to try next. Snacks will be served. Please register.

Teen Paint Night

Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

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

Adventures in Baking: Irish Soda Bread

Saturday, March 23, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Indulge in the traditional flavors of Ireland! Learn to bake Irish Soda Bread with teen librarian Mrs. Ritchel. Take home your delicious loaf to bake and fill your kitchen with the aroma of freshly baked bread! Please register. Note: this program might not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Celebrate Spring Cupcakes

Thursday, March 28, 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Join us for a sweet celebration of the new season by decorating delicious spring themed cupcakes! Please register. Note: this program might not be suitable for those with food allergies. **This is the first day of the school spring recess!*

International Cooking: Festival of Colors

Wednesday, April 3, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Learn about Holi, the joyous Indian festival that welcomes spring with vibrant colors. Celebrate the new season with colorful smoothies and join the festivities! Please register.

Coming Soon!

Authors Unlimited

Saturday, April 13th

Location: St. Joseph's University, Patchogue
See website for details: www.authorsunlimited.org
**Opportunity to earn community service credit*



TEENS CONNECT



For students in grades 7 through 12 * unless noted

Life Size Chess Assistants

Saturday, March 9, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Giant game of chess anyone? We are looking for teens who are experienced in playing the game of chess to join us for some king sized fun! Using our larger than life chess set, teen volunteers will assist younger children in learning the game of chess. Space is limited. Please register beginning March 1st.

Intro to Robotics for Tweens

Saturday, March 16, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

We are seeking teens with robotics experience to volunteer as partners for 4th and 5th graders in our beginner robotics class. With the guidance of our instructor from a local retired engineers group, teens will help children program the iRobot's Create3 educational robot to perform simple movements, sounds, and behaviors. Interested teens can register and earn 1.5 hours of community service.

Lego Helpers

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

Volunteers will assist the Children's LEGOs program and earn 1 hour of community service. This program is limited to 2 volunteers. Please register beginning March 1st.



Total Solar Eclipse with the Vanderbilt Planetarium

Open to students in grades 6 - 12

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

A solar eclipse is coming in April! Join astronomy educator Charlie Eder from the Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium for a program that covers the causes of lunar and solar eclipses, when and where to check out the total eclipse on April 8th, and how to safely view eclipses. You will be able to share what you have learned with your family and friends so they can get ready too! Earn one hour of community service for attending. Please register.

Chess Mates

Saturday, March 23, 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Are you a chess enthusiast looking for a fun and rewarding way to give back to your community? Share your love of the game with others by becoming a chess mentor to new players in grades 1 through 5. Volunteers will earn one hour of community service.

Join the Zine Scene!

Open to students in grades 6 - 12

Tuesday, March 19, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

A Zine, short for "magazine" or "fanzine" is a self published, unique form of expression featuring original content and structure. Join Liz Yorio, former teacher and veteran writing workshop facilitator for an inspirational creative writing workshop. Teens will engage in the art of storyboard creation, collaborative word play, and learn some tried and true techniques on how best to get their ideas down on paper, all while creating your very own Zine for display in Teen'Scape for other teens to check out! Please bring along your favorite book for inspiration. Students will receive 1.5 hours of community service for creating a Zine for our library collection. Please register.

Children's Programs

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

Mother Goose

Birth to 48-months-old with an adult

**Saturday, March 23,
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**

Registration is not required.
Siblings are welcome.



Music Together

Birth to 18-months-old with an adult

Wednesday, March 27, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Connect with your baby through music using purposeful touch, sound-layering, and dancing. No siblings please.

Patty-Cake! Patty-Cake!

Birth to 17-months-old with an adult

**Mondays, March 11, 18, & 25,
10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

Board books, nursery rhymes, songs, and more. Siblings are welcome.

Babies Boogie

6- to 24-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 8, 11:00 – 11:45 AM

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



Sprouts & Friends

6-months to 5-years-old with an adult

Tuesday, March 19, 1:00 – 1:45 PM

Little sprouts will learn and grow through playful activities in this interactive music and movement program.

Puzzle Time

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

Saturday, March 2, 2:30 – 3:00 PM

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

All registrations will begin at 9:00 AM on March 1st. A valid Harborfields library card (adult or child) is required at the time of registration. Please have it handy when registering. Patrons on the waitlist will receive an email if a space becomes available.

Zumbini

12- to 48-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 22, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

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

Learn and Grow with Me

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

**Fridays, March 29, April 5, 12, 19, & 26,
10:30 – 11:15 AM**

Join us for a series of informative programs led by trained professionals in the fields of nutrition, sign language, pediatric medicine, music therapy, and child growth and development. Children will participate in free play throughout this program. Registration for this program is ongoing.

Music & Melodies

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

**Thursday, March 7,
10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM**

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

Sing, Sign & Play

12- to 48-months-old with an adult

Thursday, March 28, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Learn baby sign language through singing, rhyming, and play.

Come Play with Me!

12- to 48-months-old with an adult

**Saturday, March 16,
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM**

Creative play using a variety of toys set up throughout the room. Registration is not required.

Developmental & Activity Kits

POTTYKITS, NEW SIBLING KITS, STEAM KITS, CONCEPT KITS, KOOL KITS, GARDENING KITS, LET'S PRETEND KITS: MUSIC, ART, TELLING TIME, ASL KITS & SCIENCE KITS

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

Storytime and Stretch

17- to 36-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 8, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

Relax your mind and body through breathing, stretching, yoga poses, music, and stories. The Library will provide mats.

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

18- to 35-months-old with an adult

Tuesdays, March 12, 19, & 26, 10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

Stories, fingerplays, movement and more. Siblings welcome.

Lil Athletes Sports Sampler

18- to 35-months-old with an adult

Friday, March 15, 11:00 – 11:30 AM

An introduction to various sports including soccer and baseball. No siblings please.

Shamrock Silliness

18- to 48-months-old with an adult

Wednesday, March 13, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Let's get ready for St. Patrick's Day with music, movement, fine and gross motor development, storytelling, and a shamrock craft.

STEAM ZONE:

Playing with Playdough

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

**Saturday, March 2,
11:30 AM – 12:15 PM**

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

Springtime Food Drive

- The Children's room is inviting children and their families to bring in food items that we will donate to HACO: Harborfields Alliance For Community Outreach - Food Distribution Center.
- We will have a donation bin in the Children's room so families can come in and donate food items between March 1st - March 31st. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to learn how to share with others.

NURSERY SCHOOL ARTWORK

February 18 – March 2

HUNTINGTON JEWISH CENTER

March 3 – March 16

STEP BY STEP PRESCHOOL

March 17 – March 30

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Drama with your Mama: A Caregiver and Me Class

18-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Thursday, March 14, 10:30 – 11:15 AM
Music, storytelling, and imaginative play for parents and their little stars.

STEAM ZONE: Art Start

18-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Tuesday, March 5, 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.

Canta y Baila Conmigo® Sing and Dance with Me

18-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Friday, March 15, 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.

Toddlers Tango

24-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Tuesday, March 12, 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: LEGO's for Little Ones

24-months to 5-years-old and an adult
**Saturday, March 30,
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM**
Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

Lil Athletes

3- to 5-years-old with an adult
**Wednesdays, March 20 & 27,
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.

STEAM ZONE: Colors and Shapes

3- to 5-years-old with an adult
Thursday, March 14, 2:00 – 2:45 PM
Learn all about colors and shapes through sorting, matching, and interactive group activities.

Spring Animal Craft

3- to 5-years-old with an adult
Tuesday, March 26, 2:00 – 2:45 PM
Welcome spring with stories of animal friends and create a lamb craft to take home.

Welcome Spring Storytime

3- to 5-years-old
**Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, & 27,
3:15 – 3:45 PM**
Stories, fingerplays, songs and more with a children's librarian.

Zumba Kids Junior

Grades K – 3
Monday, March 18, 4:45 – 5:30 PM
Learn simple dance routines and enjoy a variety of interactive games and activities.



Grades K - 2
Monday, March 4, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Explore the colors of the spring season and create colorful rainbows to take home!

Broadway Bigs

Grades K - 2
Monday, March 25, 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Learn the basics of stage performance through interactive games, imaginative storytelling, simple choreography and song, while fostering confidence and teamwork.

Pete the Cat's Groovy Storytime & Craft

Grades K – 2
Tuesday, March 6, 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Enjoy the fun and adventures of Pete the Cat followed by a creative craft session.

Beautiful Butterflies

Grades K – 2
Thursday, March 28, 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Read butterfly stories, learn about the life cycle of a butterfly, and make a fun craft!

Tail Waggin' Tales

Grades K - 5 with an adult
Saturday, March 9, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Tuesday, March 19, 4:30 – 5:30 PM
Spend 15 minutes reading with Cutch, a certified therapy dog. Siblings are asked to share a session. Please register for each date independently.

STEAM ZONE: LEGOs at the Library

Grades K - 5
Saturday, March 30, 2:30 – 3:15 PM
Spend an afternoon with friends while building with LEGOs. Registration not required.

Vanderbilt Planetarium Presents: Total Solar Eclipse

Grades K – 5
Monday, March 25, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Prepare for the upcoming total solar eclipse on April 8, 2024. Learn what causes eclipses, where the best places to watch will be, and how to safely view all parts of the eclipse during this interactive program.

Oreo Cookie Day


Grades 1 – 3
Thursday, March 7, 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Learn the history of the Oreo, listen to a cookie story, and try some unique Oreo flavors.

Chess Mates

Grades 1 – 5
**Saturday, March 23,
2:30 – 3:00 PM or 3:00 - 3:30 PM**
Get basic tips and strategies while playing one-on-one with an experienced teen volunteer. Each session will be 30 minutes. Please sign up for one session per child.

Chalk Painting

Grades 3 – 5
Wednesday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:15 PM
Create art pieces using chalk and stencils.

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



Annual Meeting, Trustee Election and Budget Vote Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 3:00 - 9:00 PM

The Annual Meeting of the Harborfields Public Library will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 2:30 PM in the Library

The Budget Vote and Trustee Election will be held following the Annual Meeting, but polls will not officially open until 3:00 PM. All district residents may vote between the hours of 3:00-9:00 PM and all voting will end at 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 16, 2024. 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.

Please take further notice that pursuant to Section 2018-e of the Education Law, applications for early mail ballots may be obtained at the Harborfields Public Library Reference Desk and on our website (www.harborfieldslibrary.org) during regular operating hours. Completed early mail ballot applications must be received by the Library Director no earlier than March 18, 2024 and by April 9, 2024, if the early mail ballot is to be mailed to the voter. If the early mail ballot is to be delivered personally to the voter, the completed application must be received by the Library Director no later than April 15, 2024. No early mail voter's ballot will be canvassed unless it has

been received by the Library Director no later than 5:00 p.m. on the day of the vote - April 16, 2024.

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 Dr. Joyce Hilgeman. This position has a five-year term of office, expiring on June 30th, 2029.

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. Forms for the petition may be obtained at the Harborfields Public Library Reference Desk, beginning Friday, February 16, 2024.
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. Nominating petitions with a minimum of (25) signatures shall be filed with the Clerk of the Harborfields Central School District at Oldfield Middle School, 2 Oldfield Rd., Greenlawn, no later than 5:00 PM on Monday, March 18, 2024.

Budget Brochures will be available beginning Friday, March 8, 2024

The March Board of Trustees meeting will be held on April 4th.

The next meeting of the Library Board of Trustees and the Budget Information Meeting is Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 PM. Please see the Library website for additional information.
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The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Monday, March 4, 7:00 PM

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

**SAVE THE DATE!
The Outdoor Craft & Flea Market is coming Saturday, May 18, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM**



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