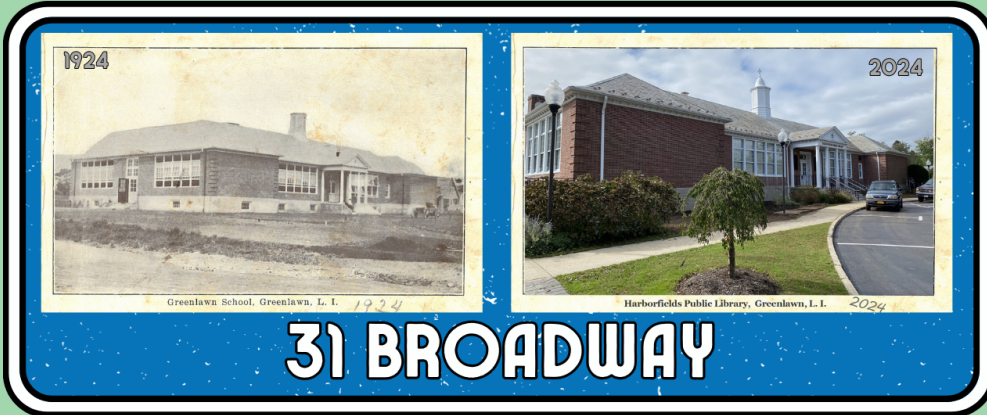




Harborfields

PUBLIC LIBRARY

APRIL 2024 NEWSLETTER



31 BROADWAY

READY FOR THE FUTURE!

2023 THE YEAR IN REVIEW:

185,934 VISITS TO THE LIBRARY

153,290 VISITS TO THE WEBSITE

27,467 ATTENDED PROGRAMS

198,238 ITEMS CIRCULATED

50,914 WIFI SESSIONS

11,741 CARDHOLDERS



Trustee Election & Budget Vote

Tuesday, April 16, 2024, 3:00 – 9:00 PM

	2023-2024	2024-2025
ITEMS	FINAL	PROPOSED
Salaries	\$2,282,432	\$2,324,132
Library Equipment	\$5,000	\$5,000
Computers	\$15,000	\$15,000
Furniture	\$10,000	\$8,000
Books and eBooks	\$243,000	\$243,000
Online Reference Databases	\$35,000	\$35,000
Audio Books and Music CDs	\$20,000	\$20,000
DVDs	\$32,000	\$25,000
Periodicals	\$18,500	\$18,500
Contingency	\$1,000	\$1,000
Computer Software and Licensing	\$15,000	\$15,000
Office and Library Supplies	\$45,000	\$40,000
Telecommunications	\$32,000	\$32,000
Computer Equipment	\$9,000	\$5,500
Postage and Freight	\$12,000	\$12,000
Public Relations	\$37,000	\$34,000
Programs	\$80,000	\$78,200
Conference and Travel	\$11,000	\$11,000
SCLS Member Library Support	\$37,500	\$37,500
Professional Fees	\$25,000	\$32,500
Membership Dues	\$4,000	\$4,000
Equipment Service	\$17,000	\$17,000
Copiers	\$12,000	\$12,000
Partnership of Automated Libraries	\$22,000	\$23,000
Fuel and Utilities	\$155,000	\$155,000
Custodial Supplies	\$20,000	\$17,000
Building Maintenance	\$38,200	\$38,200
Insurance	\$59,250	\$61,000
Building Improvements	\$45,000	\$40,000
Building Services	\$58,200	\$58,200
Election Expenses	\$4,500	\$4,000
Payroll Fees	\$5,000	\$5,000
Retirement	\$265,000	\$320,000
Social Security	\$170,000	\$170,000
Workers Compensation	\$15,000	\$15,000
Unemployment	\$2,000	\$2,000
Disability	\$7,200	\$7,200
Health Insurance	\$850,000	\$880,000
Transfer for Debt Service	\$452,500	\$447,500
BUDGET GRAND TOTAL:	\$5,167,282	\$5,268,432
	FINAL	PROPOSED
Copiers:	\$5,000	\$5,000
Interest:	\$7,000	\$7,300
NY State Incentive Aid:	\$5,700	\$5,700
Rental Fees:	\$1,650	\$1,650
Miscellaneous:	\$8,000	\$8,000
TOTAL INCOME:	\$27,350	\$27,650
	FINAL	PROPOSED
BUDGET TOTALS		
Amount Raised by Taxes:	\$5,139,932	\$5,240,782
% Tax Increase:		1.96%

* The 2024-2025 Proposed Tax Levy Increase is in compliance with NYS General Municipal Law § 3-c(5).

Annual Message to the Community

As the Broadway wing of our Library nears its 100th year anniversary, it is a perfect time to reflect on the important role this location has played in the history of our community. In 1923, the residents of Greenlawn committed to build the Greenlawn (Broadway) School. Newspaper articles and editorials published at the time show that the decision was not made without concerns. But on the dedication day, September 21st, 1924, William Hendrie the "Chairman of the School Board of Trustees" said, "Often in our daily work we are uncertain whether our work is of real value to ourselves or our families or to the community... In working to pay for a school we need never have such fears. Let us then take up the work of paying for our school not as if it were a burden fostered upon us nor even as if it were a duty that we must perform, but rather let us take it up gladly as an honor placed upon us. What greater honor could there be than to help erect a building in which minds and hearts will be trained to think and feel in such a way that those possessing them will grow up to be the highest possible type of citizens."

Shortly after the Broadway School closed in 1976, the library, only six years old at the time, moved into the building. The sense of honor and pride felt by our predecessors when they built this building has only strengthened over time. Through the years our many services, programs, materials, meeting spaces and dedicated staff have built upon the initial mission of 1924 and established the Library's place as the heart of a thriving community. In 2023 the library was designated as a "Certified Sustainable Library" through the Sustainable Libraries Initiative's award winning certification program. The certification process gave us a focus on how we could align our library's core values and resources not to simply exist, but to thrive and continue our efforts at being environmentally sound, socially equitable, and economically feasible leading our community for generations to come.

As the central place for community and civic engagement, we will continue to evolve to meet our community's need for enrichment and growth through learning, innovation and opportunity in a safe and inclusive environment. We believe that we can continue our high standards of service and improve our building with an overall tax increase of 1.96%.

For more information about our many accomplishments in 2023, please visit:

www.harborfieldslibrary.org/budget



Ryan Athanas,
Library Director



Linda Meglio,
Library Assistant Director

The Friends of the Library Present
4 Ways from Sunday in Concert
Sunday, April 14, 2:30 PM



4 WAYS FROM SUNDAY is a group of four musicians who present a lively program of time-tested, classic hits from the 50s through the 80s. They invite you to join them and clap, dance and sing along as they recreate many memorable tunes. With their diverse program, you're sure to hear some of your favorites! Please register.

High School Young Artists Exhibition
In the Gallery April 1 - 30



Poster design by Wyatt Hoffman

Artists' Reception
Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Long Island Reads 2024 Book Discussion
One Island One Book

Wednesday, May 1, 7:00 PM

BETTER LIVING THROUGH BIRDING:

Notes From A Black Man In The Natural World
by Christian Cooper.



Join facilitator Liz Yorio for a lively discussion of this best-selling memoir. Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk or online through Live-brary downloads. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is appreciated but not required.

Cooper tells the story of his extraordinary life leading up to the now-infamous incident in Central Park and shows how a life spent looking up at the birds prepared him, in the most uncanny of ways, to be a gay, Black man in America today. From sharpened senses that work just as well at a protest as in a park, to what a bird like the Common Grackle can teach us about self-acceptance. "The author's passion for birding could make hobbyists of even the most avian-agnostic." *Publisher's Weekly* Long Island Reads is an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss a book and participate in library-sponsored activities and events associated with it.

Career Workshop: Optimizing Your LinkedIn Profile
Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 PM

Pat Fierro, who is a senior leader with over 11 years of human resources experience will be leading a LinkedIn profile optimization 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 optimize your LinkedIn profile so that you can get the job you want and effectively develop your career! Pat will walk you through how recruiters use LinkedIn as a backend sourcing tool to find passive candidates and how you can design your LinkedIn profile to attract more recruiters so that they call you for jobs that you are interested in. Pat will also show you how you can leverage your LinkedIn profile as a tool that will continue to grow your professional network and career. Please register.

2024 Small Business Workshops:
Marketing Strategies

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

Join SCORE for one or all three workshops to learn how to start or grow your business. Please register for each workshop individually. Learn how to develop a marketing plan, perform market research, pricing, advertising, and tracking your results.

Alternatives to Grass Lawns

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 PM

Join Rusty Schmidt and the Centerport Garden Club for an in-depth look at what options you have for your own lawn. Gardens are a good alternative to high-maintenance and energy-intensive lawns, but not your only choice. Mr. Schmidt will discuss artificial turf, no-mow lawns, ground covers, and more. Learn how an alternative lawn can be substituted in Long Island yards to decrease the energy and maintenance of the existing lawn. Please register.

Grow Your Own!

Monday, April 15, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

If you agree that "variety is the spice of life," this is the seed-starting class for you! Besides giving you the basics on growing successful vegetable starts, we will introduce you to varieties of peppers, tomatoes, and eggplants that you will not typically find in the big box stores and garden centers. Harborfields Library cardholders only may register beginning April 2nd.

Seed Library

The seed library is open. All Harborfields library card holders may take up to five (5) packets of seeds once per 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
to info@harborfieldslibrary.org**



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Walking Club at the Library: Walk the Block

Beginning Thursday, May 2, 9:00 AM

Join a Library staff member and others for a morning walk in May before the Library opens. All adults are welcome to meet at the picnic tables in front of the Library on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. It's a great way to meet new friends and hear about Library news. Departure time is 9:05, weather permitting.

New English Speakers Conversation Group

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 7:30 PM OR

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 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.



Medicare Counselor HIICAP

Health Insurance, Information, Counseling & Assistance

Wednesdays, April 3 & 17, 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.

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.



10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 PM

Learn the ten warning signs of Alzheimer's disease, hear from people who have the disease, and find out how to recognize the signs in yourself and others. Please register.

Graveyards and Cemeteries of Long Island

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Historian Robert von Bernewitz will give a talk about the various historic cemeteries, types of burial sites and noteworthy people that are buried on Long Island. Come find out where Mae West, Jackie Robinson, Jackson Pollock, William Sydney Mount and Teddy Roosevelt are laid to rest. You will learn that the oldest burial ground in New York State is on Long Island. It has the largest Cemetery in the country as well. There may even be a joke or two. You will learn a lot of interesting facts about Long Island during this presentation. Please register

Solar Eclipse Glasses

The Library has a limited number of eclipse glasses available at the Circulation Desk beginning April 1st. One pair per cardholder while supplies last.

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, April 18, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

***DESTINY OF THE REPUBLIC: A Tale of Madness, Medicine and the Murder of a President* by Candice Millard**

Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Paged to Perfection

with Karen McHugh

Wednesday, April 24, 10:15 AM

***BLACK CAKE* by Charmaine Wilkerson**

Registration is appreciated but not required.

**BLOOD
EMERGENCY**
DONORS NEEDED



BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, May 1

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.

Student Loan Repayment Options

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 PM

Join a representative from Nassau Suffolk Law Services to learn how to take advantage of opportunities available within the federal student loan system and to receive important information about how to manage your student loans. Focus will be on repayment options, such as the new 'SAVE' plan and time-limited relief, which may give you credit toward forgiveness programs. 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 to the class, payable to: Suffolk Safety Program

Reserve A Museum Pass For Free Family Fun!

www.harborfieldslibrary.org/museums

The Friends of the Library sponsor all of our 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 University Museum of Art
- Intrepid
- The Jewish Museum
- 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



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.



Life Size Chess

Wednesday, April 10, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

We invite all teen chess players to elevate their game with this extraordinary life-size version. Chess requires skill and endurance. Do you believe you have what it takes to outsmart your opponent? Please register.

Learn to Crochet!

Wednesday, April 10, 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Learn the stitches, tools, and techniques to begin your crochet journey! After mastering the basics, the creative possibilities are endless. Let's focus on upcycling clothes for Earth Day. Follow along with Patricia Chaglasian as she demonstrates how to repurpose thrifted items using yarn and a crochet hook! Please register.

Babysitting Workshop

Thursday, April 18, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

This course is designed to help teens develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter. Learn about child safety, developmental stages of children and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Certificate provided after completion of program. Please register.

Teen'Scape's Crafty Creations

Wednesday, April 24, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Come by the teen room anytime between 2-4 PM and get ready to unleash your creativity with an array of crafty projects! Whether you're flying solo or with your friends, the library is the place to be for some DIY fun. This is a drop-in program. Registration is not required.

Ice Cream Sundae Bar and a Movie!

Thursday, April 25, 6:30 - 8:30 PM

Get ready for a thrilling adventure with DreamWorks Animation's HOW TO TRAIN YOUR DRAGON along with our fun and festive ice cream sundae bar! Please register.

Cornhole Tournament

Friday, April 26, 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Blow off some steam and have some fun joining your friends in a Cornhole Tournament on the front lawn of the library. If weather does not cooperate, the program will be moved indoors. Please register.

Teen Graphic Novel Book Club

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 - 7:15 PM

Have you read any good manga or graphic novels recently, but don't have anyone to discuss them with? Perhaps you are working on creating your own manga or graphic novel and would like to get feedback from peers. 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 for our first meeting. Please register.

TEENS CONNECT

For students in grades 7 through 12

Intro to Robotics for Tweens

Saturday, Saturday, April 6, 2:30 - 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.

Informational Meeting: Gardening Club

Thursday, April 11, 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Come be a part of a distinctive community service initiative aimed at aiding those in need within the Harborfields community. We will be growing a variety of vegetables OFFSITE at the Robert M. Kubecka Memorial organic garden on Dunlop Road. Our Giving Garden is an ongoing seasonal program which spans from April to October. Specific times and dates will be announced soon. If you're eager to contribute and don't mind getting your hands dirty, we invite you to join us for the informational session. Teens who volunteer their time with us in the garden will earn community service hours.



Authors Unlimited

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 AM - 2:30 PM

@ St. Joseph's University, Patchogue

Authors Unlimited is free event that celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. Authors Unlimited 2024 will be taking place at St. Joseph's University in Patchogue! Attendees

will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in smaller breakout sessions afterward. Attendees can earn three (3) hours of community service credit for attending and then filling out a survey at the end of the day. If you are interested, please register at authorsunlimited.org. The first 5 teens to register and bring us a copy of the confirmation will get a free Authors Unlimited tote bag to bring to the event. Please note that you will need your own transportation to attend and is not supervised by staff of Harborfields Library.

Teens Connect: Poetry Writing Workshop

Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 - 6:00 PM

In homage to National Poetry Month, participants will engage in a variety of hands on "poetry stations" in an effort to access a deeper understanding of their inner poet and connect with their true voice. Participants will create individual poems in an inspired style and genre of their choosing to share with residents of Paumanok Village. Earn (1.5) hours of community service. Please register.

Birthday Celebration in a Bag

Saturday, April 13, 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Birthday Celebration in a Bag provides teens with the opportunity to brighten a child's birthday with essential goodies. Teen volunteers will assemble gift bags containing cake mix, frosting, a card, a gift, and decorations to support families in need within our community. Register now to get involved. Please register. Earn one (1) hour of community service.



Chess Mates

Saturday, April 13, 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. Please register. Earn (1) hour of community service.

LEGO Helpers

Saturday, April 20, 2:30 - 03:30 PM

Volunteers will assist the Children's LEGO program and earn 1 hour of community service. This program is limited to 2 volunteers.

Kindness Rock Garden

Saturday, April 20, 1:00 - 2:00 PM

Join your friends to paint kindness rocks! Your creations will be used in our library's community garden to brighten the space and spread kindness in the community.. Earn one (1) hour of community service. Please register.

New York State Seedling Program

Monday, April 29

Pick up a tree seedling between the hours of 3 - 9 PM

By planting and caring for tree seedlings you can learn about eco-systems and the valuable role trees play. Support the NYS Seedling Program by registering, and in doing so you will receive a Black Chokeberry (*Aronia melanocarpa*) a deciduous upright shrub. Pick a good spot for your tree to grow, plant, take a picture and e-mail it to us at teenscape@harborfieldslibrary.org to earn one (1) hour of community service. 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.

The following programs are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Please join or renew your annual membership to support the Friends.

Babies Boogie

6- to 24-months-old with an adult
Thursday, April 25,
11:00 – 11:45 AM



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

Music Together

Birth to 18-months-old with an adult
Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

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

Music & Melodies

12-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Thursday, April 11,

10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM
Sing and dance to lively musical tunes. Siblings are welcome.

Canta y Baila Conmigo® Sing and Dance with Me

18-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Friday, April 19, 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. Siblings Welcome.

Sing, Sign & Play

12-months to 48-months and an adult
Monday, April 15, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

A trained instructor will teach and model true ASL vocabulary for caregivers and their child that will be reinforced through music and play. Caregivers will be taught the skills needed to reinforce the ASL learning at home to ensure that your child's verbal communication will be enhanced, reducing frustration for both children and caregivers. Each class includes 15 minutes of playtime with toys/books specific to the theme of the class

All registrations will begin at 9:00 AM on April 1st. A valid Harborfields library card (adult or child) is required at the time of registration. Please have it handy when registering. Registration grade is based on the 2023/24 school year. Thank you!

Mother Goose

Birth to 48-months-old with an adult
Saturday, April 20,
11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration is not required.
Siblings are welcome.

Patty-Cake! Patty-Cake!

Birth to 17-months-old with an adult
Mondays, April 8, 15, 29
10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

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

Puzzle Time

12-months to 5-years-old with an adult
Saturday, April 6, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

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

Zumbini

12- to 48-months-old with an adult
Thursday, April 11, 1:30 AM – 2:15 PM

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

Come Play With Me!

12- to 48-months-old with an adult
Saturday, April 13, 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

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

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

Lil' Athletes Sports Sampler

18- to 35-months-old with an adult
Friday, April 26, 1:00 – 1:30 PM

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

Jungle Fun

Children ages 18- to 48-months with an adult
Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 – 11:30 AM
Join A Time for Kids in this family-fun pre-school program about the jungle. Activities include music, movement, and storytelling. There will also be a jungle craft!

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

18- to 35-months-old with an adult
Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 30,
10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM
Stories, fingerplays, movement and more. Siblings welcome.

Imagination Stations

18- to 48-months-old and an adult
Wednesday, April 3, 10:30 – 11:15 AM
Children will participate in creative play using a variety of toys, blocks, puzzles, musical instruments. A miniature activity carpet with roadway, and play kitchen which will be set up throughout the room. The program will conclude with a circle time of songs and a story. Siblings are welcome.

Welcome Spring Storytime

3- to 5-years-old
Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24,
3:15 – 3:45 PM
Stories, fingerplays, songs and more with a children's librarian.

NURSERY SCHOOL ARTWORK

Humpty Dumpty Day

Nursery School

April 13 - 27

Noah's Ark Nursery School

April 28 - May 11

Developmental & Activity Kits
Potty Kits, New Sibling Kits, Steam Kits, Concept Kits, Kool Kits, Gardening Kits, Let's Pretend Kits: Music, Art, & Science Kits, ASL Kits, Telling Time Kits. All kits must be checked out on an adult library card, and returned to the Children's Room.



Every Child Deserves a Birthday Celebration! Please donate.

Our teen volunteers would like your help in collecting assorted birthday supplies. They will assemble the donated items in "birthday in a bag" gift bags to support families in need within our community. **You can help by dropping off any of the following supplies in the collection box in the Teen Room before April 12th:** Cake mix, frosting, candles, paper birthday party decorations, balloons, party plates disposable cups, napkins, plastic utensils, and disposable cake pans. Thank You!

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



Vendor Applications available online. Scan the QR code to access the application



Singer/Songwriters

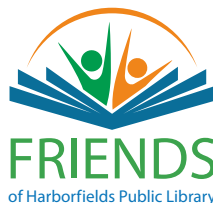
Open Mic for Original Music

Monday, DATE, 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.

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!*



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

The next Friends of the Library meeting will be Monday, April 1, 7:00 PM

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Thursday, April 11
2:30 PM

PAINT

Rated PG-13
95 minutes

Starring: Owen Wilson & Michaela Watkins

Thursday, April 25
2:30 PM

THE HOLDOVERS

Rated R
134 minutes

Starring: Paul Giamatti, Da'Vine Joy Randolph, & Dominic Sessa

Game Room Open
Fridays, 1:00 - 4:00 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 and the Budget Information Meeting is Thursday, April 4th at 7:00 PM
Please see the Library website for additional information.
harborfieldslibrary.org

The April meeting of the Library Board of Trustees is scheduled, in person, for Thursday, April 25, 10:00 AM



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Story Art

3- to 5-years – old and an adult

Tuesday, April 16, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Children will experience the wonders of combining art and literature as they listen to stories that are illustrated using collage, color and placement of shapes. Children will make an art/literature based craft inspired by our featured book *Elmer* by David McKee.

STEAM ZONE

Playing with Playdough

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

Saturday, April 27, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

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

Drama with your Mama:

A Caregiver and Me Class

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

Thursday, April 18, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Music, storytelling, and imaginative play for parents and their little stars. Siblings are welcome.

STEAM ZONE: Art Start

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

Thursday, April 4, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

Little artists will use our creativity stations to make simple projects that inspire their imaginations. Activities will include coloring, stickers, bingo markers, and a seasonal glue project.

STEAM ZONE

LEGOs for Little Ones

24-months to 5-years-old and an adult

Saturday, April 27, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

Lil' Athletes

3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Friday, April 12, 1:30 – 2:00 PM

Wednesdays, April 24, 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.

Artists Come Alive

Grades K - 5

Tuesday, April 23, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Learn about the life and masterpieces of various artists with Diane Young, then create your own masterpiece to take home.

Paws and Pages

Grades 1-3

Tuesday, April 30, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Let's celebrate National Pet Day as we listen to some fun "tails",

share stories about our own pets, and create illustrations of our furry friends!

Zumba Kids Junior

Grades K – 3

Monday, April 8, 4:45 – 5:30 PM

Join Miss *Lauren* for a 45-minute high energy *dance-fitness* party. Have fun while learning simple routines and enjoy a variety of interactive games and activities.

Broadway Bigs

Grades K - 2

Monday, April 29, 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.

Chess Mates

Grades 1 – 5

**Saturday, April 13, 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.

Tail Waggin' Tales

Grades K - 5 with an adult

Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Tuesday, April 23, 11:00 AM – 12:00 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, April 20,

2:30 – 3:15 PM

Spend an afternoon with friends while building with LEGOs. Registration not required.

TWEEN

Craft, Chat, and Chill

Grades 3 – 5

Wednesday, April 17, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Join us to make diamond art. Relax, socialize and craft at the library!

Earth Day Bookmarks

Grades 3 - 5

Monday, April 22, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Come create colorful bookmarks in honor of Earth Day.

Earth Day

Grass Caterpillar

Grades K – 2

Thursday, April 11, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Have fun and get dirty making "hairy" caterpillars for your garden using knee high stockings, dirt, and grass seed.

Loco for Licorice

Grades K-2

Thursday, April 25, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Listen to the book *Chocolate Shoes with Licorice Laces* by Stephanie Sorokin and try some unique flavors of licorice and Twizzlers!

Superhero Day

Grades K – 2

Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Come dressed up as your favorite superhero and join us for stories and crafts about your favorite superhero.

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.

Author of the Month

Kelly Bennett

Families with children ages 7 and up.

Sunday, April 7th, 2:00 - 2:45 PM

Baseball & Goldfish - Picture Books and Beyond!

Where do Stories Start?



Children's book author Kelly Bennett will explore where ideas come from and how books are created in this lively presentation for all ages! She will feature her new non-fiction book, *The House That Ruth Built* about baseball, Babe Ruth, and *Norman*, her finny goldfish. She'll also share tips on how to tell your own stories!

Kelly Bennett is the author of many award-winning books for children—mostly picture books, *Storyteller*, *Teacher*, and *Writing Coach*. Her stories, including *Norman One Amazing Goldfish* & *Not Norman*, *A Goldfish Story*; *Vampire Baby*; *Dad and Pop*; and *One Day I Went Rambling*, *The House Babe Ruth Built* celebrate all that goes into being a kid!



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

A copy of the books will be available in the Children's Room beginning April 1. **Please have your child read the entire book before the book discussion and bring the book to the discussion.** Participating children will select a paperback book of their choice to keep.

The Page Turners

Grade 2

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Dragon Masters: Rise of the Earth Dragon by Tracy West

Please read the book prior to the discussion.

3rd Grade Kids Read

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Dragons in a Bag by Zetta Elliott

This is a program for children by themselves. We will play an exciting game of Bingo.

Read and Rap

Grades 4 - 6 and an adult

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

The Fort by Gordon Korman

We will play a game of Jeopardy following the discussion. Accompanying adults are asked to read the book.

Board Game Café

Grades 2 – 5

Monday, April 15,

6:30 – 7:30 PM

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

Yoga for Kids

Grade K – 3

Thursday, April 18,

4:45 – 5:30 PM

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

STEAM ZONE: Intro to iRobotics for Tweens

Grades 3 – 5

Saturday, April 6,

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.

2023 Featured Bookmark by JIBREEL SALMAN Grade 3



TWEENS IN THE KITCHEN



GRADES 4 - 5

Soft Pretzels

Thursday, April 11,

6:30 – 7:45 PM

Learn how to make your own buttery, chewy soft pretzel bites.

Savory Wonton Cups

Tuesday, April 16

6:30 – 7:45 PM

These cheesy and crunchy bites are easy to make and pack a tasty punch. Learn how to transform basic ingredients into pizza, chicken, and bacon ranch wonton cups.