



Harborfields PUBLIC LIBRARY

MAY 2024 NEWSLETTER

In the Gallery

Sharing the Journey

Artwork by Shain Bard & Andrea M. Gordon

May 1 - 30

Artists' Reception

Saturday, May 4, 2:00 - 4:00 PM



Shain Bard
Dusk Down Crombie Street



Andrea M. Gordon
Purple Symmetry

May 2024 Showcase Display

The Breyer Model Horses collection of Kimberly Mockler

Thank You for Your Support!

**THE 2024 - 2025 LIBRARY
BUDGET VOTE RESULTS**

202 Yes - 22 No

***Congratulations to Dr. Joyce Hilgeman
who was re-elected to the Library
Board of Trustees***

Cars and Coffee @ the Library!

Sunday, June 2, 10 AM to 12 PM

Rain Date: June 9



Own a pre-1980 classic car? Join us for Cars and Coffee! Parking spots in the Library's Broadway circular driveway will be available, with additional spots on the Wyckoff side lot. Enjoy some coffee, snacks and car talk! Registration is not required. Suggested donation of \$10 to the Friends of the Library to participate. Please refer to the Library Website for weather related updates. All are welcome to stop by and admire these classics!

**The Library will be Closed on Mother's Day,
May 12 and Memorial Day, May 26 & 27**

HISTORICAL FOCUS

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. There may even be a joke or two. You will learn a lot of interesting facts about Long Island during this presentation. Please register.

A Day at the Races: The History of Belmont

Monday, May 13, 7:00 PM

Join historian Michael Rodgers for a look at Belmont Park. This iconic thoroughbred horse racing facility located in Elmont, NY has a storied past. Belmont Stakes, is the final jewel of racing's Triple Crown. Since 1919, when Sir Barton was the first to sweep the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness and the Belmont, the "Test of the Champion" has crowned 11 winners of racing's most prestigious, and elusive, prize. Learn more about Belmont's history, its luminaries, and unique contributions to the horse racing world. Please register.

Uncovering the Secrets of the Great War

Wednesday, May 29, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Delving into one's ancestry often unveils narratives lost to time. Retired social studies teacher and army officer, Robert Browne, embarked on a genealogical journey that led to the rediscovery of the obscured yet pivotal role of the WW1 Balloon Corps in major battles. This revelation was intimately connected to his great-uncle, a Balloon Corps veteran who endured shell-shock (presently recognized as PTSD) and subsequently lived out his years in the Northport Veterans Bureau Neuropsychiatric Hospital. Join us for this compelling family saga, spotlighting a unique chapter of war history through a personal lens. Please register.

Harborfields Public Library's

STUDIO 31 IS NOW OPEN!



Looking to record a song, interview a loved one or start your own Podcast? The recording studio offers users the chance to create, collaborate, and experiment! Call the Adult Reference Desk for further details.

INTRODUCTION TO PODCASTING

For Adults and High School Teens

Thursday, May 16, 6:30-7:15 PM OR

Tuesday, May 21, 10:30-11:15 AM OR 3:15 - 4:00 PM

Learn tips and techniques for producing your own podcast and discover what makes a podcast fun and entertaining. Please register for one of the three sessions.



Landing Your First Job Out of School

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

Pat Fierro, a senior leader with over 11 years of experience in human resources, will be leading a workshop demonstrating how to develop and execute an effective job search strategy so that you can land your first job after college. Pat will show you how to best leverage your network, recruitment agencies and job posting sites to find jobs you really want! Please register.

Suffolk Safety Accident Prevention

Saturday, June 8, 10:15 AM - 4:15 PM

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

FUN & GAMES

Beginner Bridge

Fridays, May 3, 10, 17, 24, June 7, 14, 21 & 28, 10:15 AM - 12:00 PM

Learn how to play Bridge with instructor Anne Bass. Registration begins online on Wednesday, May 1st at 9:00 AM

Mah Jongg for Beginners

Tuesdays, May 28, June 4, 11, 18, 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Instructor Cathy Crocetti will teach you how to play Mah Jongg, a game of skill, strategy, and luck. This class will lead you through the mechanics and strategies of this exciting game. No prior experience is necessary. You must bring a 2024 National Mah Jongg League card available online at www.nationalmahjonggleague.org or at some card stores. Mah Jongg sets will be available to use after the basic instructions are presented, but you are welcome to bring your own set if you have one. Registration opens to Harborfields Library cardholders on Thursday, May 2 at 10:00 AM. Non-residents may register beginning May 14 if space allows.

Judy's Cucina: Cantucci

Wednesday, May 22, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Learn how to make twice baked traditional almond biscotti that are delicious and crunchy. We are introducing a "lottery-style" registration system, so more people have a chance to participate. You may call or stop by the Circulation Desk anytime after April 29th to add your name to the list if you want to attend the next session. Each Harborfields Library cardholder may add their name to the list once. This month the drawing will be held on Monday, May 6 at 10 AM. If your name is selected you will be offered two spaces, if desired, so you can attend with another Harborfields cardholder. At that time, your friend's name will be removed from the lottery. If you are chosen, we will add your name to the online registration list and you will receive an email confirmation that your payment is pending. You will have three (3) days to pay the \$5 fee at the Circulation Desk for your space(s), or another name will be drawn.

HEALTH & WELLNESS



Walk The Block

A Walking Club for Adults

Tuesdays & Thursdays throughout May at 9:00 AM

Join a Library staff member on Tuesday and Thursday mornings throughout May (weather permitting) before the Library opens to walk a mile (or more). All adults are welcome. Meet in front of the Library at one of our picnic tables. We will depart at 9:05 AM.

Chair Yoga for Arthritis

Thursdays, May 2 - June 27, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Harborfields Library Cardholders only may select the in-person option while registering. Non-residents are welcome to join the online class via Zoom. Registration is required.

Instructor Eden Bennett will lead the class. Please have the following props available for use during the class: inflated ball 6" - 9", resistance band, low weights 1-3 lbs. Everyone is encouraged to work at their own pace.

Iyengar Yoga

Thursdays, May 16 - June 20, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

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 6-week yoga series. Harborfields Library cardholders may register beginning Thursday, May 2nd, and if space remains, non-residents can register beginning May 9th.

Dance Therapeutics

Monday, June 3 - July 1, 10:30 - 11:30 AM

Join Barbara Schwenker for this upbeat, dance movement class. Registration opens for Harborfields Library cardholders on Monday, May 6, at 10:00 AM. Non-residents may register beginning May 13 if space remains.

New English Speakers Conversation Group

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 7:30 PM

Thursdays, May 2, 16, 23, 10:30 AM

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.

MONEY MATTERS

Taxes in Retirement  zoom

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

You work hard, you save your money, but when you start to take your money out, taxes come into play and can greatly impact how long your money lasts. We are still under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, these rates are set to expire in 2025. Depending on the 2024 election, these rates could be extended or destroyed, so we may be looking at the lowest tax rates for the rest of our lifetime. If we know that changes may happen in 2025, it is time to plan now and see if there are actions we can take today to help make our future less tax-toxic. Please register.

SAVVY SENIORS

A Matter of Balance

Mondays, May 6 - July 1, 1:00 - 3:00 PM (No class 5/27)

If you are concerned about falling or have fallen in the past and are interested in improving flexibility, balance, and strength, this 8-week workshop will help to improve balance and prevent falls. Exercise begins during week 3. Please register, space is limited.

Medicare Counselor HIICAP

Health Insurance, Information, Counseling & Assistance

Thursday, May 2 & Wednesday, May 15, 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.

Dementia Conversations

Tuesday, May 14, 2:00 PM

When someone is showing signs of dementia, it's time to talk. The Alzheimer's Association Conversations about Dementia program is designed to help you talk with your family about some challenging and often uncomfortable topics around Alzheimer's and dementia. Please register.

Brain Matters

Monday, May 20, 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

This interactive seminar is based on the latest research and is designed to improve areas of the brain that naturally decline in the aging process. In this seminar, Speech Language Pathologist, Racheal McInnes and Dr. Pamela Mathews will help you develop skills that in conjunction with your daily routine aid word finding, memory, and executive function skills. Learn what you can do differently to combat the effects of aging as it relates to these critical areas. Please register.

How to Stay in Your Home Safely and Get the Help You Need to Pay For It

Presented by Brian Tully, Esq.

Wednesday, May 22, 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Most people wish to stay out of a nursing home for as long as possible. However, there may come a time when long term home health care services are needed to help keep us safe. If done properly, these services can maintain a loved one in their own home or assisted living for years. Paying for that care, on the other hand, can be very expensive and drain a person's life savings. Gratefully, New York has one of the most robust and accessible Medicaid programs that can cover the cost for that care within your own assisted living environment. Community Medicaid, as it's called, has been a lifesaver for New York families for years.

LITERARY CORNER



Book Restoration 101

Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Do you have books that you would like to see repaired, e.g., cookbooks, Bibles, heirlooms? Do you want to make a box for a precious volume, documents, or mementos, etc? If so, bring the books in need of attention and you will be shown how they can be repaired by Paul Belard, a bookbinder and restorer for 35 years. Harborfields Library cardholders may register beginning May 2. If space remains, non-residents may register May 8.

Strengths for Writers

Saturday, May 11, 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Join the Long Island Romance Writers Group for a masterclass on success alignment for all writers. Becca Syme, a Gallup-Certified Strengths Coach has coached nearly 6000 individual authors to success alignment and better career satisfaction. She will help you unlock many of the answers to "Why is this not working?" and "How can I do better?". Learn how to maximize your capacity for success. **The program will be presented virtually in the Library meeting room.** Please register.

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

Long Island Reads 2024 Book Discussion

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.

World History Book Discussion

with Michael Fairchild

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

**WHAT IF ? THE WORLD'S FOREMOST MILITARY
HISTORIANS IMAGINE WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN
by Robert Crowley**

Registration is appreciated, but not required.

Paged to Perfection

with Karen McHugh

Wednesday, May 22, 10:15 - 11:15 AM

MAD HONEY by Jodi Picoult & Jennifer Finney Boylan
Registration is appreciated but not required.

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.

Patty-Cake! Patty-Cake!

Birth to 17-months-old with an adult

Mondays, May 6, 13, & 20,

10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

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

Mother Goose

Birth to 36-months-old with an adult

Saturday, May 18, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.



Broadway Babies

6- to 17-months-old with an adult

Wednesday, May 29, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Introduce your youngest star to the magic of theater through a warm and interactive class led by two experienced theater educators and mothers.

Puzzle Time

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

Saturday, May 25, 2:30 – 3:00 PM

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

Zumbini

12- to 48-months-old with an adult

Friday, May 3, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

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, May 25, 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM

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

1, 2, Buckle My Shoe

18- to 35-months-old with an adult

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, & 21, 10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

Finger plays, movement, and more. Siblings are welcome.

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

Lil Athletes Sports Sampler

18- to 35-months-old with an adult

Friday, May 31, 11:00 – 11:30 AM

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

Hooray for Mother's Day

18-months to 4-years-old with an adult

Wednesday, May 8, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Join a Time for Kids, Inc. and celebrate Mom with music, movement, stories and a flower bouquet to give as a gift. Siblings welcome.

STEAM ZONE:

Playing with Playdough

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

Saturday, May 4, 2:30 – 3:15 PM

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

STEAM ZONE: Art Start

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

Monday, May 6, 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.

Drama with Your Mama:

Caregiver and Me Class

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

Thursday, May 16, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

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

NURSERY SCHOOL ARTWORK

Northport Nursery School

May 12 - 25

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

Music Together:

Babies Only

Birth to 18-months-old with an adult

Tuesday, May 7, 2:00 – 2:45 PM

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

Sprouts & Friends

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

Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 – 1:45 PM

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

Music & Melodies

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

Thursday, May 9, 10:30 – 11:00 AM or 11:15 – 11:45 AM

Sing and dance to lively musical tunes. Led by Adam King. Siblings are welcome.

Sing, Sign & Play

12- to 48-months-old with an adult

Friday, May 10, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

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

Canta y Baila Conmigo® -

Sing and Dance with Me

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

Friday, May 17, 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 are welcome.

Toddlers Tango

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

Tuesday, May 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.

Developmental & Activity Kits

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

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

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.

Free Comic Book Day

Grades K - 5

Saturday, May 4, 12:00 – 4:00 PM

Free Comic Book Day is an annual event celebrating comic books and to inspire and encourage new comic readers. Stop by the Children's Desk and choose one free comic book while supplies last.

STEAM ZONE: LEGOs for Little Ones

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

Saturday, May 4, 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Registration is not required. Siblings are welcome.

Stars for Memorial Day

3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Thursday, May 23, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

Honor and remember our American heroes with a handmade craft to take home and share with our families.

Lil Athletes

3- to 5-years-old with an adult

Wednesdays, May 15 & 22,

1:30 – 2:00 PM

Learn how to throw, catch, kick, and work on locomotive skills such as balancing and jumping. No siblings please.

Welcome Spring Storytime

3- to 5-years-old

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, & 29,

3:15 – 3:45 PM

Stories and tales, finger plays, songs, and more with a Children's Librarian.

Flowers for Mom

Grades K – 2

Thursday, May 9, 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Celebrate our moms with a beautiful flower craft to take home!

The Most Magnificent Thing

Grades K – 2

Thursday, May 30, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

We'll read *The Most Magnificent Thing* by Ashley Spires and make our own unique creations!

Lemonade Day

Grades K – 2

Thursday, May 16, 7:00 – 7:45 PM

Enjoy sweet lemonade stories and taste test some fun flavors of lemonade!

Board Game Café

Grades 2 – 5

Wednesday, May 22, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

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

National Pizza Party Day Celebration

Grades 3 – 5:

Wednesday, May 15, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Grades K – 2:

Wednesday, May 22, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Celebrate National Pizza Party Day! Learn the history of pizza, choose your favorite toppings, and make your own personal pizza.

Zumba Kids Junior

Grades K – 3

Monday, May 13, 4:45 – 5:30 PM

Learn simple dance routines and enjoy a variety of interactive games and activities.

Yoga for Kids

Grades K – 3

Monday, May 20, 4:45 – 5:30 PM

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

Tail Waggin' Tales

Grades K – 5 with an adult

Saturday, May 11, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Thursday, May 23, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

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

Artists Come Alive

Grades K – 5

Tuesday, May 28, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

Learn about the life and masterpieces of various artists and create a masterpiece of your own.

Chess Mates

Grades 1 – 5

Saturday, May 18, 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.

Adventures in Art:

Fields of Color

Grades 2 – 5

Thursday, May 16, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Discover the abstract paintings of modern artist Helen Frankenthaler then have fun creating your own art based on her soak-stain method.

Blossoms for Mom with the Centerport Garden Club

Grades 2 – 5

Wednesday, May 8, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Create a vibrant floral bouquet for mom with help from members of the Centerport Garden Club. The Children also will make a small arrangement that will be delivered to the local senior center.

Create a Masterpiece with Yarn

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesday, May 14, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Use yarn and glue to create a colorful picture.

STEAM ZONE: Intro to iRobotics for Tweens

Grades 3 – 5

Saturday, May 11, 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.

Build and Decorate Your own Birdhouse

Grades 3 – 5

Tuesday, May 21, 4:30 – 5:15 PM

Use paint to decorate a colorful home for our feathered friends.



KIDS IN THE KITCHEN TWEENS IN GRADES 4 & 5

Fondant Cupcakes

Tuesday, May 7,
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Learn to work with fondant like the pros while making festive Mother's Day cupcakes.

Make Your Own

PopTarts

Monday, May 20,
6:30 – 8:00 PM

Join us as we make tasty PopTarts that are fun to make and even more fun to eat!

Coming Soon!
The 2024 Summer Reading Club:

ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY

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

All Museum Passes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library

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Featured Bookmark
by

GABBY GALEAS
Grade K



TEENS CONNECT



For students in grades 7 through 12
Earn community service for the hours you volunteer

Summer Reading Club Volunteer Applications Available!

Pick up an application from the Teen Desk If you are interested in volunteering at the Teen Summer Reading Club Desk. Completed applications will be available and accepted beginning May 1st but not later than Friday, May 31st.

Cards for Hospitalized Children

Saturday, May 4, 1:00 – 2:00 PM

We are calling on teens in the community to help spread joy, hope, and magic through cards. We will be making cards for the organization *Cards for Hospitalized Kids*. This charity sends cards to Children's Hospitals in all 50 states, in addition to Ronald McDonald Houses nationwide. Please register.

Congratulation Cards for Pet Adoption

Tuesday, May 7, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Congratulate someone on their new rescue pet and expanding their family by creating a greeting card that they will receive when they head home with their newest family member. Cards will be donated to a local animal shelter. Please register.

Intro to Robotics for Tweens

Saturday, May 11, 2:00 - 3:30 PM

We are looking for teens with robotics experience to volunteer and partner with 4th and 5th grade students in a beginner robotics class. Using the iRobot's Create3 educational robot, teens will assist children in programming it to perform simple movements, sounds, and behaviors. An instructor from our local retired engineers group will oversee the program. Please register. Space is limited to four (4) volunteers.

Chess Mates

Saturday, May 18, 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 (1) hour of community service. 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.

*Program registration is on-going unless specified by a date.

Therapy Dog Visit at the Library!

Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 – 5:00 PM and
Wednesday, May 15, 4:00 – 5:00 PM

Feeling overwhelmed by stress or prepping for a big test? Come say hello to our fluffy therapy dog duo, Cutch and Fenway, in Teen'Scape! These cuties are pros at spreading happiness and love. Hanging out with them will not only lift your spirits but also help you unwind and stay sharp. Remember to sign up, but we welcome walk-ins too!



High School Employment Workshop

Wednesday, May 8, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

If you are new to the job seeking process and not sure of where and how to begin, join a representative from Huntington's Project Excel and learn about how to best present yourself to a prospective employer. You'll learn what questions you can expect in an interview and what questions to ask. You'll also learn how to follow up with an employer, what references to choose and how to obtain working papers and put together a resume that will highlight your achievements. Please register.



Mother's Day Gardening Gift

Thursday, May 9, 5:00 – 6:00 PM

Brighten her day with these adorable DIY garden markers! Gift them to her with one of our charming galvanized watering cans, and she'll be all set to tend to her garden or indoor plants. Please register.

College Essay Writing Workshop

Tuesday, May 14, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

The college essay often poses the greatest challenge to teens in the college application process. Elevate your essay writing abilities by joining a one-hour workshop led by Naushad Mehta, a seasoned writing coach and the creative force behind Inspired Essays. Secure your spot today!



Battle of the Books Title Announcement

Join our Team!

Monday, May 13, 5:00 – 5:30 PM

For students entering grades 6 - 9 who LOVE to read and enjoy sharing this passion with others...the day you have been waiting for has arrived! It's the announcement of this year's book titles for Battle of the Books! This county-wide competition of teens from participating Suffolk County Libraries is a whole lot of fun! Learn more about it in this informational meeting and consider joining our team. Please register.

Thank you for all of the fabulous birthday celebration donations!

A sincere thank you to all community members who supported our Teens Connect program, "Birthday Celebration in a Bag." We appreciate every donation and look forward to distributing them to families in our community who are in need.

Free Comic Book Day for Teens

While Supplies Last!

Saturday, May 4th all day in Teen'Scape

Celebrate Comic Book Day by and stop by Teen'Scape to pick up some free comics generously donated by Escape Comics of Huntington.



Waffle Taco Sundaes!

Thursday, May 16, 4:30 – 5:30 PM

Learn the art of crafting homemade waffle shells for sundaes. We'll help you fill them with fresh fruit, ice cream, chocolate sauce, and top them off with candies. Please register.

Pizza & Finish the Lyrics Game (Taylor's Version)

Thursday, May 30, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Calling all Swifties! In honor of Taylor's newest album release, join your friends for a game of Finish the Lyrics (Taylor's Version). You will listen to songs from all of Taylor Swift's eras and see who can finish the lyrics fastest. Are you ready for it? Pizza will be served! Please register.

Supporting LGBTQ+ Youth

Virtual program Open to Teens and Adults

Monday, June 3, 7:00 PM

LGBTQ+ youth often experience greater bullying, discrimination, and mental health challenges. Parents, caregivers, and other adults may seek guidance in creating a safe and supportive environment for a child identifying as lesbian, gay, transgender, questioning, or other. This virtual presentation, led by a parent educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County, will offer everyday skills for navigating a gender-expansive world and improving outcomes for youth.

Intro to Brainfuse:

Free Online Tutoring Platform for All Your Needs

Monday, May 6, 6:30 – 7:30 PM

The Public Libraries of Suffolk County offer a program that provides free online homework help with a live tutor along with practice exams for SAT, NYS Regents, AP exams and more. Please join us to learn more about this amazing online platform which is available to every student with a library card 7 days a week! Parents are welcome to attend. Please register.



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



Operation Medicine Cabinet Tuesday, May 21, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

An officer from the 2nd Precinct will be in the Lobby to collect expired and unwanted medication. All medicine must be in pill form only, must be out of prescription bottles, and placed in a Ziploc bag to be accepted.

Game Room Open Fridays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM



E-Waste Collection Saturday, June 1, 9:30 AM - 1:30 PM

In the Circular Driveway

Recycle your old computers, phones, and other electronics.



The Friends Craft & Flea Outdoor Market, Rain or Shine!

Saturday, May 18, 10:00
AM - 4:00 PM

The Friends of the Library are pleased to be sponsoring their annual outdoor fair featuring craft vendors, local businesses and flea market items from individual sellers. Vendor spaces may still be available.

Vendor Applications are available online while space remains. Scan the QR code to access the application



Friends of the Library Lottery Ticket Raffle

Raffle tickets are available at the Circulation Desk. \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Drawing to be held at the Friends Craft & Flea on Saturday, May 18 at 4:00 PM.

**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, May 6, 7:00 PM**

Singer/Songwriters Open Mic for Original Music

Monday, May 6,
6:00 - 8:30 PM

Sign-in begins at 5:45 PM

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

MOVIES @ THE LIBRARY

Thursday, May 16
2:30 PM

ANYONE BUT YOU
Rated R

1 hour 43 minutes

Starring: Sydney Sweeney,
Glen Powell, Alexandra Shipp

Thursday, May 23
2:30 PM

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2 hours 10 minutes

Starring: Adam Driver,
Shailene Woodley,
Giuseppe Festinese



BLOOD DRIVE
Wednesday, May 1
1:00 - 7:00 PM

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**The next meeting of the Library
Board of Trustees is scheduled,
in person, for Thursday,
May 23 at 10:00 AM**



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Centerport Garden Club Annual Plant Sale

Plants from Members' Gardens and Dropseed Native Nursery

Friday, May 10, 9:00 - 11:00 AM

In the Circular Driveway, While supplies last

The Annual Community Plant sale will be held outdoors in the Library's parking circle on Broadway. Plant advice available.