

A message from the Director

We miss you! Due to the public health emergency the library facility closed to the public in the middle of March. We worked hard to ramp up our services and switched over to providing programs, materials, and services digitally. Although we were already well versed in all things digital, the crisis accelerated our move into the online programming space. Phasing our re-opening plans we began curbside pick-up of materials in mid-June and re-opened the library, with limitations, on July 6th. Please come visit us. We are open for in-person grab-and-go materials, short computer use appointments, reference services, museum passes and more. Visits should be limited to 30 minutes per person and masks are required.



The future likely holds a hybrid library service model of in-person collections, programs, and services, as well as an expansion of online programs, instruction, and digital collections that meet your expectations for a modern public library. The convenience of curbside pickup has been popular with our residents so we are committed to continuing it indefinitely. Our e-newsletters have been very popular as well and will continue to be sent out to everyone who has an email address in their library record. Our staff has embraced video and we expect them to continue to utilize YouTube, Facebook, and other social media channels to showcase library products and more!

We are excited to share our building project news with you. Our design team has been meeting weekly since early spring working on the conceptual plans for the branch facility projects. We are close to moving into the design document phase on both the Moriches and Mastic Beach branches (civil, engineering, mechanical, etc.). Once design documents are complete they will be submitted to New York State Education Department for review and approval. We are requesting an expedited review. We are still on track to begin construction in early 2021. We are beginning to look at the conceptual plans for the main building now working toward developing design documents later this year.

At our main facility we have signed an agreement to lease the small parking lot in front of the building at no annual cost. Leasing the parking lot will afford the library to opportunity to better maintain it, and a paving/restriping project is being explored. It is an important part of our main library facility improvement project.

If you have questions about the project or library services in general please email me at krosalia@communitylibrary.org

Kerri Rosalia

New Safety Measures for COVID

To keep patrons and staff safe as we reopen in stages, the library has put in place new safety procedures. We are following NYS and local government executive orders and health guidelines to make your library experience as safe as possible. This includes:



- All visitors must wear a mask during your time at the library
- Returned items quarantined for 72 hours
- Temperature checks at the entrance with our special digital touchless kiosk
- Time limits for visits – the amount of visitors in the building at one time is monitored
- Plexiglass guards for service desks so visitors and staff can interact safely
- Social distance markers on the floors
- Seating and toys removed for safety
- Increased sanitizing of all areas, especially high touch surfaces
- Better air filtration and increased fresh air intake for our HVAC system.



We are now answering calls, dial 631-399-1511 to s



Book Cover Doubles

When we're not putting together book pickups for curbside delivery or Facebook and Zoom programs, we like to have some fun with Book Cover Art. Some of our staff members took on the #bookcoverdouble challenge. This involves taking a favorite book cover and trying to re-stage it yourself. You can dress up, enlist your friends and family, or just find a cool location that looks just like the book cover. We post our best ones on Instagram here <https://www.instagram.com/mmscommunitylibrary/> so follow us and keep an eye out for new ones weekly. ■



Craft Kits and Book Bundles to Go for Children & Teens

Crafts-To-Go will be offered ongoing as part of the way that you can participate in Summer With Us library activities.

There will be a different theme each week to enjoy throughout the summer. Crafts-To-Go can be picked up in the Children's Dept. when you visit the library or requested by phone (631-399-1511 ext. 262) for curbside pick-up. **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!**

Book and Activity Bundles
One bundle for the week, per child, by grade level.

Reserve your bundle beginning Friday, July 17, on our web site program calendar (see links), by calling 631-399-1511 ext. 262, or by visiting us in person. You will be notified when the book bundle is ready for curbside pickup. Limited supplies, **WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!** Past bundles have included -

Eric Carle Book & Activities Bundle. *Entering grades K-3*

Ladybug Girl Book & Activities Bundle. *Entering grades 1-2*

Superhero Book & Activities Bundle. *Entering grades 4-6*

Pick up a Teen Crafting Kit to Go

Are you missing your perler bead crafts on Tuesdays? Come pick up a perler bead kit you can make at home. We have three patterns to choose from: A Crab, An Octopus or a Fish! Each week we will have a different kit you can pick up. Share your creations on Instagram with us! ■



YOUR LIBRARY CARD CAN HELP YOU GROW... ANYWHERE

If you belong to our community, our online library card belongs to you. It's fast and easy to sign up for a new one, or to renew a card that you already have – even if you don't remember the barcode number!

3 ways to get your library card:

- Go to search.livebrary.com/selfreg and fill out the online form. Within 24 hours, you'll get an email from us offering an 'upgrade' to the MMSCL online card, or reminding you of your library card barcode.
- Email us: circulation@communitylibrary.org with your name, address, and phone number. We'll reply within 24 hours.
- Call us: 631-399-1511 x2 to tell us your name, address, and phone number. If you have to leave a message, we'll call you back within 24 hours. ■



Curbside Pickup Available

Do you miss the feel of a library book? You'll be happy to hear that curbside pickup is now available! Request items online or by calling us at 631-399-1511. When your items are ready, you'll be able to schedule a pickup. Please only show up for your scheduled pickup time.

When your items are ready for pickup, you will receive a phone call from the library. Once you verify that you want the items, the staff member will check out your materials and place them into a bag with your receipt.

When you arrive at the library for your scheduled pickup time, look for the designated signs for curbside (cars) and sidewalk (walkers) and wait at the appropriate location. Then follow the instructions on the sign. Please maintain social distance from others as you wait, and do not approach staff members as they deliver your items. ■



Carmen's Mill Historical Marker

On Tuesday, June 30th 2020, Brad C. Shupe, local history librarian and Richard Oldham attended the installation of our newest historical marker in remembrance of the Carman's Mill. The sign was installed just West of the Carman's River Canoe and Kayak business on the North side of Montauk Hwy. The restoration was made possible in part by a grant from the William M. Pomeroy Foundation.

In the Spring of 1781, Samuel Carman Sr. became a part ownership of the mills along the lower Carman's River and later opened a store, tavern and Inn. Over the course of the next century the Carman family became quite wealthy and influential, and, by the mid-1800s, owned much of the land on the west side of Carman's River. The Carman's River (known prior as the Connecticut River) was named for Hannah Carman, daughter of Samuel Carman, by her husband, William "Point Billy" Smith of the Tangier Smith Family who claimed ownership of the waterway. ■



Weekly Social Media Programs for Teens



<https://www.instagram.com/mmsclteens/>
<https://www.tiktok.com/@mmsclteens>
<https://www.twitch.tv/mmsclteens/>
<https://discord.com/invite/Hc2SrNC>

If you love online life, you'll want to join your friends and our librarians weekly for these activities. Watch our Facebook page for info or just DM the teen department on Instagram for codes to get online and have fun with us. Get the weekly codes to enter these programs by messaging us on Instagram or email us at:

Trivia Tuesdays – We meet online using Kahoot. Answer the trivia questions of the week, maybe you can be the champion!

Mario Kart Tuesdays – We race from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Tuesdays!

Let's Talk Wednesdays – From 6:00- 7:00 p.m. join Mr. Casper and Ms. Sam online to chat about whatever is on your mind. Join us on Zoom. Message us to get the meeting ID code.

Jackbox Games – Join your Teen librarians to play these hysterical games! Join on Zoom or via **Twitch.tv/mmsclteens**

Virtual Game On - Do you miss Game on? It's not exactly the same, but join us for virtual Game On every Friday. We can play *Uno*, *Jackbox Games*, *Mario Kart*, *Super Smash* or *Fortnite*! Send us a DM on **instagram** to let us know what you want to play and we'll give you the code for our weekly Zoom call. ■

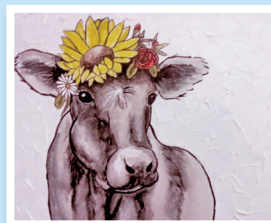
Artists of the Week Featured Online

They say every cloud has a silver lining. Since we have been closed, we invited patrons to share their artwork with us in our weekly email newsletter. The enews gets sent out to over 10,000 emails on our mailing list. We're thrilled that many library members have been contributing to this feature. There are artists working in all different mediums out there! We are still inviting our local artists to share what you have been working on with us. Do you draw, paint, craft or take photographs? We want to see them! Share your creativity and email a copy of your artwork to librarian Catherine at cgorden@communitylibrary.org.

Pictured are some of our recent community artists:



Agnes Dunphy – Wall Quilt



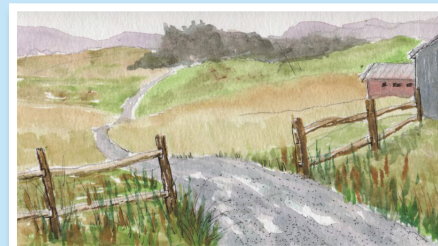
Amanda Camps – Sunflower



Barbara Galliera – Wineglass



Li Guo – Painted Shell



CA Taylor – Watercolor Sketch

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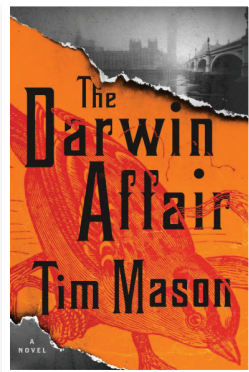
Novel Bunch Book Club Pick for August: *The Darwin Affair*

This August, the Community Library is joining libraries worldwide in reading the historical fiction thriller *The Darwin Affair* during **Big Library Read**, the world's largest digital book club.



From August 3-17, library patrons can borrow and read (or listen to) Tim Mason's "intellectually stimulating and viscerally exciting" *The Darwin Affair* from any of our digital book collections – Libby, Overdrive or Hoopla - with a valid library card and no waiting.

The Darwin Affair takes place in London, June 1860. When an assassination attempt is made on Queen Victoria, and a petty thief is gruesomely murdered moments later—and only a block away—Chief Detective Inspector Charles Field quickly surmises that these crimes are connected to an even more sinister plot. Soon, Field's investigation exposes a shocking conspiracy in which the publication of Charles Darwin's controversial *On the Origin of Species* sets off a string of murders, arson, kidnapping, and the pursuit of a madman named the Chorister. As he edges closer to the Chorister, Field uncovers dark secrets that were meant to remain hidden forever. "Careful research, a driving plot, wry wit, and compelling characters make this a most entertaining read." (Kirkus Reviews)



This month we will host a live virtual book discussion using Zoom on Tuesday, August 18 at 7pm. Register here: <https://mms.evanced.info/signup/Calendar>.

We will also continue the conversation online in our Facebook group the week of August 24. Join us at www.facebook.com/groups/MMSCSLNovelBunch/.

Assemblyman DeStephano Donates Hand Sanitizer

Before the library opened again to the public on July 6th for in person visits, Assemblyman Joe DeStephano secured a case of over 30 gallons of NYS Clean hand sanitizer for library staff and patrons to use. Supplies like hand sanitizer, paper towels, and cleaning wipes have been hard to purchase during the pandemic, and are still in limited supply. We are very thankful for his donation to help keep our patrons safe as we reopen. Pictured left to right: Librarian Steve Burg, Head of Digital & Building Operations, Director Kerri Rosalia, Trustee Nany Marks, Assemblyman DeStephano, and Assistant Director Tara D'Amato.



WE ARE NOW ANSWERING CALLS, DIAL 631-399-1511 TO SPEAK WITH LIBRARY STAFF

The Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open and the public is always invited to attend. If you have any questions about any library matter, please call the Library Director, Kerri Rosalia, at 631-399-1511, x413.

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All programs are available to Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders and require advanced registration, unless otherwise indicated. Please have your library card available when you register. The Library is glad to provide reasonable accommodations for patrons with special needs. Please call us at least two weeks prior to the program to make arrangements. Photographs, footage and names of patrons attending library programs may be used for publicity. Please inform us if you do not want information about you and your family used for such publicity.