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Trustee Election/Vote at the Library

**Vote is
Tuesday, April 5,
9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.**

Voter Registration at the
Library: Tuesday, March
29, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The library is governed by
a five-member board of
trustees, elected by the
voters of the district.
One trustee is elected
each year for a five-year
term. In order to vote you
must be: (1) 18 years of
age or older, (2) a U.S.
citizen, (3) a resident of
the district for at least
30 days, and (4) registered
to vote.

DEAR LIBRARY PATRONS:

The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library will hold a budget vote and trustee election on Tuesday, April 5.

The proposed \$10,795,000 operating budget for the 2022-2023 fiscal year includes a modest 2.4 percent tax increase which stays within the NYS tax cap.

"The library district has demonstrated an ongoing commitment to fiscal responsibility," said Joseph A. Maiorana, President of the library Board of Trustees. "The increase reflected in our proposed operating budget represents only the second tax increase over the past seven years."

"The library board has an admirable record of holding the line on taxes and spending," commented Library Director Kerri Rosalia. "This proposed budget reflects the importance we place on financial prudence."

Library patronage has been high, even through the pandemic. It has historically had one of the highest usage rates among all libraries throughout Suffolk County.

Mr. Maiorana attributed the rise in operating expenses to increasing fixed costs associated with IT databases, books, media, utilities, and contractual employee obligations. The library has also sustained increased expenses associated with COVID-19 prevention and maintenance. The proposed library budget also reflects our commitment to continuous improvement of library services for our community.

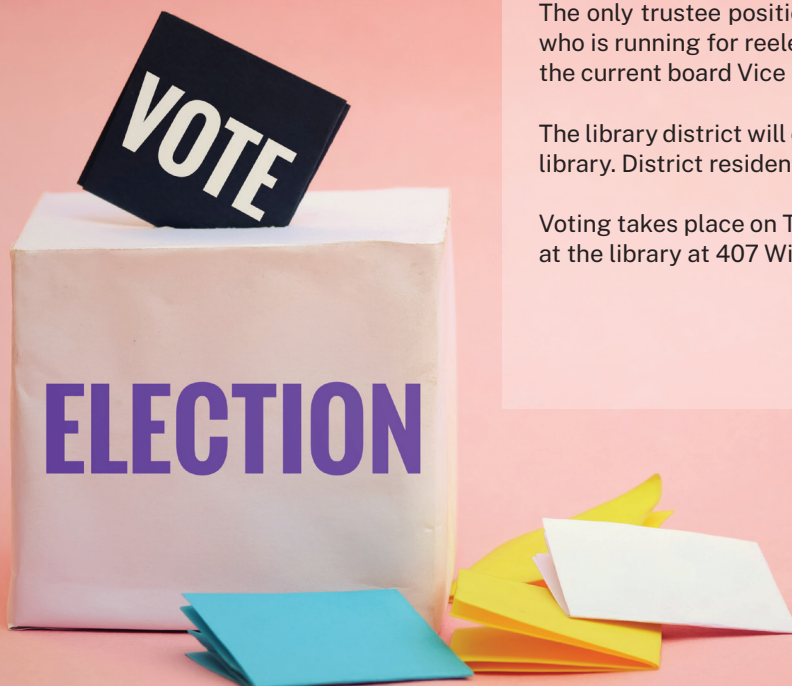
The renovation of both facilities has been proceeding on schedule and under budget, with completion of both satellite facilities anticipated for this coming summer and fall. At that time, the main library at 407 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley will be closed for renovations for an estimated 18-24 months. During that time, library services will be provided by the two newly opened satellite branches.

The only trustee position up for a vote on April 5 is the seat held by Wendy Gross, who is running for reelection. Ms. Gross, who has served on the board since 2012, is the current board Vice President.

The library district will conduct a budget hearing on March 28, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. the library. District residents are encouraged to attend.

Voting takes place on Tuesday, April 5 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. at the library at 407 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley.

Sincerely,
The Board of Trustees

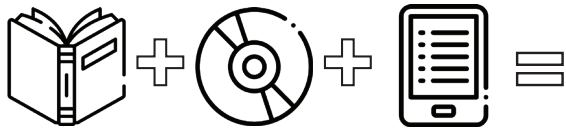


Book Sale for Literacy

Saturday, April 9 & Sunday, April 10
See Back Cover for Details

2021 AT A GLANCE

Books & Materials



TOTAL CIRCULATION

338,306

Print checkouts
236,863

Digital checkouts
101,433

eBook checkouts =
44,197

Holds placed =
9,624

Most popular
digital magazine =
People

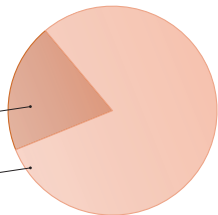


Total Items in Our Collection =

521,186

94,768 print items

412,827 eBooks



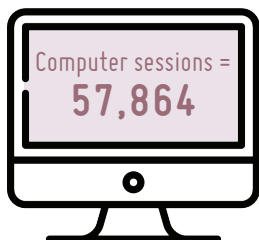
Movies streamed =
6,787

Museum pass uses =
350



Computer Usage

Wifi users
18,191



Website visits
155,814

People & Programs

Total library
cardholders
26,671

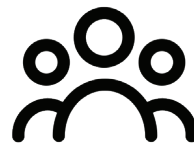


Total new
library cards
2,069

Total reference
questions =
11,737



Sessions of
one-on-one
tech help
from librarians =
101



Total visitors

152,216

In-person
program
attendance
19,616

Virtual
program
attendance
6,151

Total views of
online-only
sessions
58,391

Children's program
attendance
12,937

540
sessions

Teen program
attendance
1,456

398
sessions

Literacy class
attendance
5,690

713
sessions

Adult class
attendance
4,648

525
sessions



Early literacy
program
attendance
6,347

Children's
summer
program
attendance
6,862

Study/
Meeting
Rooms booked
327

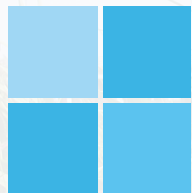
Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library
FY 2022-2023
Operating Budget (DRAFT)

	<u>2021-2022</u>	<u>2022-2023</u>
Employee Salaries		
Professional	\$ 1,993,126	\$ 2,005,223
Clerical	\$ 1,061,438	\$ 967,970
Page	\$ 343,980	\$ 279,999
Custodial	\$ 281,938	\$ 234,594
Security	\$ 202,013	\$ 211,955
Employee Insurances & Benefits	\$ 926,350	\$ 963,154
NYS Retirement - Mandatory Contribution	\$ 638,156	\$ 402,521
Payroll Taxes	\$ 300,000	\$ 280,000
Materials and Programs		
Books & Periodicals	\$ 283,700	\$ 283,150
Recordings & Videos	\$ 171,150	\$ 171,150
Electronic Resources	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Programs (Adult, Teen, Childrens & Literacy)	\$ 329,650	\$ 210,650
Library Operations		
Equipment & Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,164,250	\$ 1,867,650
Telecommunications	\$ 57,500	\$ 65,000
Printing & Postage	\$ 134,500	\$ 133,091
Supplies	\$ 57,000	\$ 61,362
Contracts - SCLS	\$ 91,000	\$ 89,348
Insurance	\$ 75,000	\$ 85,000
Professional Fees	\$ 248,795	\$ 296,345
Administrative	\$ 122,750	\$ 107,000
Facilities	\$ 1,270,704	\$ 1,300,920
Debt Service		
Bond Referendum	\$ 725,000	\$ 703,918
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$ 10,553,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,795,000</u>
Less: Anticipated Income (Contract Revenue, Fines, State Aid, etc.)	\$ 250,000	\$ 245,000
TOTAL TAX LEVY	<u>\$ 10,303,000</u>	<u>\$ 10,550,000</u>

Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 5, 2022, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Community Library. In order to vote, you must be: (1) 18 years of age or older, (2) a citizen of the U.S., (3) a resident of the district for at least 30 days, and (4) registered to vote.

The estimated tax rate associated with the proposed operating budget is \$31.94 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to an estimated annual levy of \$798.50 for an average household (based on an assessed valuation of \$2,500).

A five member Board of Trustees elected by the voters of the district governs the Library. If you have any questions about this proposed budget, please contact Kerri Rosalia, Library Director at (631) 399-1511 ext. 200.



Children & Parents

For more descriptions of children and family events, go to www.communitylibrary.org and click on the Programs button or call 631-399-1511, x260.

All grab and go kits are one kit per registered child/family while supplies last.

All in-person programs are offered in-person only, supplies will not be available for pickup.

Crafts-To-Go Crafts-To-Go can be picked up in the Children's Dept. or requested by phone (631-399-1511 ext. 262) for curbside pick-up. One craft per child, per visit please.

BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

Spanish for Kids: Preschool
Saturday, April 2, 9:45 – 10:30 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 19.
Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Babies Boogie
Tuesday, April 5, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, March 29. Register the child only.
Babies birth-23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango
Tuesday, April 5, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, March 29. Register the child only.
Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Babies Book Bundle
GRAB AND GO KIT
Registration and pickup begin Monday, April 11.
Come in and pick up a grab and go fun bag for your baby.
Ages birth-23 months.

Preschool Book Bundle
GRAB AND GO KIT
Registration and pickup begin Monday, April 11.
Come in and pick up a grab and go fun bag for your child. Ages 2-5 years.

Little Creators Art Studio
Monday, April 11
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Registration begins Monday, April 4. Register only the child. Register siblings separately.
Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult. (One adult per child due to space restrictions.)

Invitation to Play:
Playdough, Chicks & Eggs
Thursday, April 14, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
OR Monday, April 25, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Registration begins Thursday, April 7.
Register for only ONE session.
Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult. (One adult per child due to space restrictions.)



Sensory Play
Tuesday, April 12
11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, April 5.
Sensory play for 2-3 year olds with an adult.

The Tale of Peter Rabbit
Crafting Fun
Wednesday, April 13
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Registration begins Wednesday, April 6.
Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Parent-Toddler Playtime
Thursdays, April 14, 21, and 28
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 7.
Toddlers 12-35 months with an adult.

Can You Build a Zoo?
Saturday, April 30
1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, April 23.
Ages 3-5 years with an adult.



SCHOOLAGE / TWEEN

Spanish for Kids: School Age
Saturday, April 2, 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 19.
Ages 6-10 years.

Tail-Waggin' and Readin' Fun!
Tuesdays, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration necessary.
Children are invited to drop in and read their favorite book to a certified therapy dog. Grades K-6.

Painting With Peeps
Friday, April 8
4:45 – 5:45 p.m.
Registration begins Friday, April 1.
Grades 3-7.



Adopt a Paper-Pet
Friday, April 8, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.
Registration begins Friday, April 1.
Grades K-2.

National Pet Day Storytime
Monday, April 11, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, April 4.
Grades K-2.

Playdough Adventure: Chicks!
Thursday, April 14, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Registration begins Thursday, April 7.
Grades K-2.

Mario Kart Grand Prix
Saturday, April 16, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, April 9.
Grades 4-6.

Rabbids Invasion:
Rabbid of the Sea Storytime
Wednesday, April 20, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Registration begins Wednesday, April 13.
Grades 2-3.



Earth Day Program:
May the Force Be Recycled

Friday, April 22, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Registration begins Friday, April 15.
Grades 1-5.

'In Pursuit of Trivia' -
Game Night for Kids & Parents
Thursday, April 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration begins Thursday, April 21.
Register each child attending.
Grades 2-6 with their adults.
(No siblings outside of age range.)



FAMILIES

Library Treasure Hunt

Friday, April 1, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Registration begins Friday, March 25.
Register each child attending.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-6.

Bad Art Challenge

Saturday, April 2, 1:00 – 1:30 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, March 26.
Register each child attending.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-6.



Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies!

Sunday, April 3, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m. OR
2:00 – 2:45 p.m. OR 3:00 – 3:45 p.m.
Registration begins Sunday, March 27.
Register each child attending.
Register for only ONE session.
Families with at least one child 18 months-grade 6.

National Dandelion Day

Tuesday, April 5,
4:00 – 4:45 p.m. OR 5:00 – 5:45 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, March 29.
Register each child attending.
Only register for ONE session.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-6.

Family Connect

Wednesday, April 6, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Drop in. No registration necessary.
Enjoy family time together.
We will have a special craft available.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-7.

All Things Unicorn

Saturday, April 9
12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, April 2.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-6.



Unwind for Bedtime

Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, April 5.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-6.

Olivia Makes Memories

Tuesday, April 19, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
OR 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, April 12.
Register 1 child to represent the family.
Register for only ONE session. Families with at least one child in grades K-6.

National Jellybean Day

Exploration
Friday, April 22
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. OR
4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Registration begins Friday, April 15.
Register each child attending. You may only register for ONE session.
Families with at least one child in grades PreK-6.

LEGO Challenge

Saturday, April 23
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, April 16.
Register 1 child to represent the family.
Families with at least one child in grades K-6.



Cooking Together with Chef Rob

Tuesday, April 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, April 19.
Families with at least one child grade 7 and younger.

ON THE ROAD

Messy Meetups @ Southaven Park

SERIES

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Registration begins Wednesday, March 30.
Register each child attending.

SINGLE SESSION

Saturday, April 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Registration begins Saturday, April 2.

See website calendar for meeting place and program details. **Children ages 2-5 years with an adult.** (Siblings 7 years and under are welcome to attend.)

Family Roller Skating Night @

Gr8Skates

Thursday, April 7
5:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Must arrive by 6:00 p.m. or reservation will be forfeited. Registration begins Thursday, March 31. **Register each person separately with their own library card. Limited availability.** Join your friends and neighbors at the brand new Gr8skates Roller Rink right across the street! Register each family member for free admission and skate rental (**only those registered will be able to enter the building**). Concessions and arcade games are available for purchase. PVC skate trainers are \$5 each and while supplies last. Please note: All children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. All skaters must sign a waiver at arrival. Helmets for young children are optional and are not provided. The smallest skate size available is a youth 10 boys. No roller blades are allowed at Gr8skates. **Families with at least one child grade 7 and younger.**



Day of the Mushroom @

Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, April 16, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Registration begins Saturday, April 9.
Register 1 child to represent the family.
Families with at least one child grade 7 and younger.

Ice Skating @ The Rinx

Wednesday, April 20, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Must arrive by 6:30 p.m. or reservation will be forfeited. Registration begins Wednesday, April 13.
Meet your friends and neighbors for Ice Skating at The Rinx at Hidden Pond Park, 260 Terry Road, Hauppauge. Register each family member separately for free admission and skate rental (**only those registered will be able to enter the building**). Helmets and gloves recommended but not provided. **Families with at least one child grade 7 and younger.**



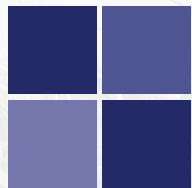
PARENTING

Positive Parenting VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26,
May 3 and 10, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins Tuesday, March 22.
Learn how to set healthy boundaries, discipline without punishment and treat your children with respect so that they will respect you. Sessions designed for both mandated (certificate included) and nonmandated parents. You must provide an email so the Zoom link can be emailed to you.

PASTA (Parenting A Second Time Around)

Monday, April 25, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Registration begins Monday, April 18.
If you need childcare, you must register the child also. (Ages 3+)
Grandparent/Caregiver support group. Get the information, support and resources you need to navigate the challenges of raising your grandchild or relatives. **Grandparents/Caregivers raising grandchildren or other family members.**



Teens

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens in grades 6 through 12.

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Teen Services Desk at 631-399-1511, x365.

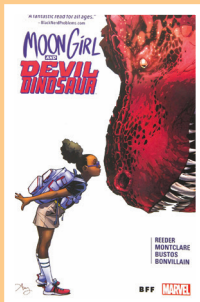
Teens Read

Snacks and Stories

Wednesday, April 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Read *Moon Girl and Devil Dinosaur* by Amy Reeder and Brandon Montclare, then come to the Teen Department for a book discussion with Ms. Sam. Snacks will be served. Copies of the book can be checked out at the circulation desk or downloaded from Hoopla.



Entertainment

Pizza and a Movie - Turning Red

Friday, April 1

5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Come watch Pixar's new movie, *Turning Red*, and eat pizza!



Anime & Superheroes

Monday, April 25, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, March 26.

Japanese cartoons, pizza, a few Marvel Universe moments, plenty of awesomeness.

Nora Getchell



Artist
of the
Month

Your Library Loves to Help

Guidance with Ms. Joseph

Mondays, April 4, 11, 25, 3:00 – 4:00 or 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins 30 days before each date.

Ms. Joseph, a William Floyd High School guidance counselor, is here to help teens with job and college applications, planning your future, interview prep, and resume help.

Rainbow Soup

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

However you identify, whatever your personal pronouns, you are invited to be a part of this program. Mr. Alex, a social worker, will be here to help answer questions and offer guidance.

Teen Advisory Group

Tuesday, April 26, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Join Ms. Sam and Ms. Erica for our new Teen Advisory Group! Help the Teen Services librarians come up with new events, services and programs! We will have pizza, drinks and might even create TikToks.

3D Print Workshop

Monday, April 25, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Hang out with Mr. Keith and Ms. Sam to learn the basics of 3D modeling with Tinkercad.



Fun and Games

Puzzle Night!

Thursdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Eat snacks and work on a cool jigsaw puzzle with Ms. Erica.

Gaming Café

Tuesday, April 12, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Join Ms. Sam and Ms. Erica to play board games or Jackbox Games, drink tea or hot chocolate, and eat snacks!

Minecraft

Wednesday, April 13, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Play Minecraft Edu with Ms. Sam!

Mario Kart & Super Smash Brothers Tournament

Friday, April 15, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Register now.

Sign up to participate in our Mario Kart 8 and Super Smash Brothers Ultimate tournaments. A grand prize for the winner!

D&D

Tuesday, April 19

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Play with Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Sam



and your friends in an epic tabletop adventure full of magic, puzzles and more. Characters and dice will be provided.

Game On

Friday, April 22

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins

Wednesday, March 23.

Play Jackbox games, board games or use the Nintendo Switch.

Bingo Night!

Friday, April 29

5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Registration begins

Wednesday, March 30.

Sign up for a fun night of Bingo, snacks, and awesome prizes!

Arts and Crafts

Teen Art Exhibit

Friday, April 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Community teen artists will be displaying their work at this reception. All are invited.



Crochet/Knitting Circle

Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Register now.

Crocheters, knitters, and yarn crafters! Bring in your own yarn project and work on it with us. This is not an instructional program. It is for those who already know how to crochet or knit. For grades 6 through 12 only.

Makerspace Workshop

Thursdays, April 14 and 28

3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins 30 days before each date.

Use our Cricut, sewing machine and heat press. Bring your own materials or use what we have available. Ms. Erica will be here to assist you with your projects!



Get Crafty Tuesdays, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

These are drop-in program while supplies last.

April 5 - Shrinky Dinks

Turn your own artwork into cool charms for jewelry, keychains, or pins.

April 12 - Beading Workshop

Make beaded necklaces, bracelets, keychains, or whatever else you like.

April 19 - Cross Stitching

Learn how to make a mini cross stitch art piece to hang in your room.



April 26 - Stained Glass Suncatchers

Make a faux-stained glass suncatcher using glass paint.

Crafting with Mr. Keith: Perler Beads

Mondays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Hang out with Mr. Keith and create art with our perler beads.

Illustrators Workshop

Fridays, April 1, 15, 22, 29, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Draw, paint, sketch, and explore art with Mr. Casper and other library artists.

Art Club

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Draw something new or work on something old in the Teen Department.

Pamper Yourself

Wednesdays, April 6 and 20

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

These are drop-in programs.

Hang out with Ms. Sam in the Teen Department to create spa goodies (while supplies last).

April 6 - Marble Soap

April 20 - Body Spray



Teens in grades 6 through 12, who would like to have their artwork displayed in the library and at a possible future art show at the library, can drop off their work in the Teen Department for Mr. Casper. They can also email photos of their work to tcasper@communitylibrary.org. Please list first and last name in email or on the back of the artwork.



Community service is for students in grades 6 through 12 who need to fulfill hours for religious studies, honor society or graduation. Teens must have an MMSCL library card in good standing.

Reading Buddies

Tuesdays through May 17, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Register now.

Teens in grades 8-12 read together with younger children during the Library's ENL classes at William Floyd High School on Tuesday nights. Two hours of community service will be given for each night. Call the Teen Department if you would like to begin community service in March.



Bookmarks for the Homebound

Tuesday, April 5, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 22.

Sign up to create bookmarks that will be sent to our homebound patrons. One hour of community service will be given.

Color a Smile - Pick Up

Wednesday, April 20

Registration begins Thursday, April 7.

Sign up to color pre-made coloring sheets that will be sent to various organizations to spread cheer! Pick up a kit April 20 through April 26 and bring back the finished sheets by May 4 to receive your one hour of community service.



Decorate the Department

Saturday, April 2, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. OR 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, March 19.

Sign up to make decorations that will be used in the Teen Department. One hour of community service will be given.

Community Service by Appointment

Schedule an appointment with us for community service. Appointments must be scheduled 24 hours in advance and walk-ins are not available. Two appointments are available per person each month, but no more than one per week. If you do not show up for your appointment, you cannot reschedule.

Review a Library Service Earn 1 hour of community service once a month by reviewing a library service.

Review a Book Earn 2 hours of community service once a month by reading and reviewing a new book.

Enrichment

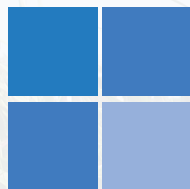
Pizza & Poetry

Thursday, April 7, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Register now.

Eat pizza and listen to funny poetry with Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education teacher) and other friends. This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th through 12th grade. This is a drop-off program.





Adults

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Adult Information Desk at 631-399-1511, x240.

In the Kitchen

Cooking with Chef Rob

Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Registration begins

Wednesday, April 13.

Join Chef Rob and make a

Cinnamon Swirl Chocolate Chip Bread to take home and bake. Please bring a small, medium and large mixing bowl, a whisk, a 9" x 5" loaf pan, and rubber spatula to class.



Take Care of Yourself

Relax with Yoga

Tuesdays,

April 12 & 26

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

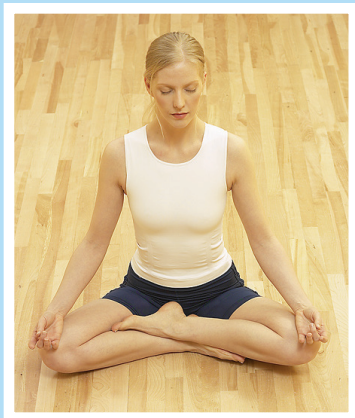
In Person

Registration begins

Tuesday, April 5.

Join certified yoga instructor Krista for a gentle yoga practice with beginners in mind or anyone looking to find some extra room to breathe and decompress.

Please bring a yoga mat. Helpful props to bring are blocks, a strap or blanket.



Community Health Bus

Thursday, April 21, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

No registration required.

Community health outreach program will provide free blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index, and glucose screenings; along with patient preventative health education and referrals as needed. Health screenings are free and will be administered by a Catholic Health registered nurse. No appointments are necessary. Insurance is not required. Open to all 18 years and older.

Inclusive Services

Adult Enrichment: Pizza and Poetry

Thursday, April 7, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, March 25.

Join Ms. Currao, a Special Education teacher from WFHS and your friends for some yummy pizza and listen to a reading of some silly poetry. This is an inclusive program for those 18 and older. Sign up with your library card. This 8 is a drop-off program.

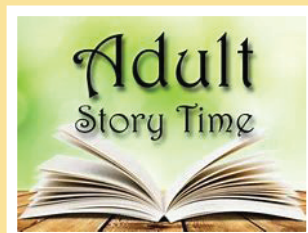
Everyone Loves a Story

Adult Storytime

Friday, April 22, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 8.

Celebrate National Poetry Month with librarian Debbi Gallucci as she reads some of her favorite poetry by Robert Frost, Theodore Roethke, William Shakespeare, Emily Dickinson and Lord Byron. Open to all.



Long Island Reads – One Island, One Book

Long Island Reads began in 2002 and is an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss the selected book. This year's book is *The Living and the Lost* by Ellen Feldman. The author is an Amagansett, Long Island resident and a 2009 Guggenheim fellow.



Long Island Reads

Book Discussion of

The Living and the Lost

Tuesday, April 19, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

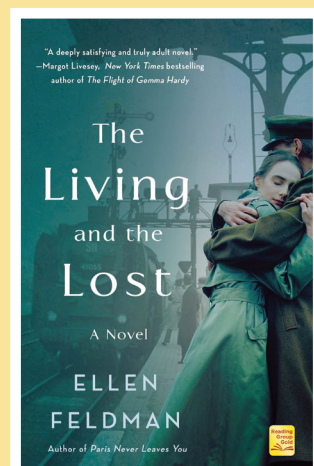
Via Zoom

Thursday, April 28, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

In person

Registration begins Monday, March 21.

Join us in person or online via Zoom for the Long Island Reads book discussion of *The Living and the Lost* by Ellen Feldman. After finding refuge from the Nazis in America, a brother and sister return to their native Germany in 1945, as the Allied occupation begins. Mostly set in a bombed-out, black-market-driven, postwar Berlin, the story explores the lasting damage of a culture of hatred while delivering a riveting look at the time leading up to the building of the Berlin Wall. A limited number of complimentary copies will be available to registered MMSCL card holders. Books can be picked up at the Adult Services Information Desk. This title is available in both eBook and audiobook formats on Overdrive.



Poetry Slam

Wednesday, April 27, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 8.

Calling all poets and poetry lovers! April is National Poetry Month, and we invite you to celebrate the joy, expressiveness and pure delight of poetry at the library's Poetry Slam. Share your own creation or read a poem by your favorite poet. Each participant will be able to read one poem of their choosing. Open to all.

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Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, April 14
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins
Monday, March 28.

Express yourself in a safe and friendly environment with Anne Kelly-Edmunds during this monthly creative writing workshop. Create all types of original works in a supportive space.



In-Person Friendly Spanish Conversation

Thursdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 7.

Learn basic conversational Spanish in a relaxed setting. All levels are welcome! ¡Todos los niveles son bienvenidos!

Protect Yourself from Financial Exploitation: Part One

Saturday, April 23, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Learn the ways to recognize, respond to and reduce the risk of identity theft and scams targeting older adults.

Also learn how to be financially prepared for disasters and other unexpected life events. Presented by Flushing Bank. Open to all.



Defensive Driving

Saturday, April 23

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

MMSCL card holder registration begins Monday, April 11.

\$35 per person. Cash, check or money order payable in class to instructor. Checks/money orders made out to: Repola Insurance Agency.



AHA First Aid Training



Saturday, April 30, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 4.

Join EMTs from the Suffolk County Department of Health EMS Division in this 4-hour basic First Aid training course.

An e-certificate will be given at a fee of \$20 per patron. Cash or

check payable to Suffolk County EMS will be accepted at the time of the course.



Craft Corner

Fee based programs are non-refundable. The instructor will provide a materials kit (minus paint) with instructions. Intended for adults 18 years and older.

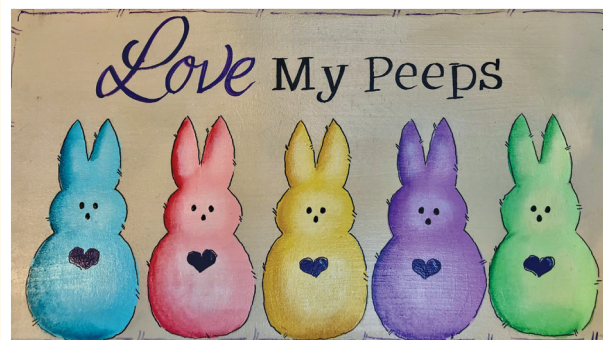


Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, April 13, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 30.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group. Our instructors can assist you with an existing project or get you started on a new one.



Beginner Painting

Thursday, April 14, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 29.

Join painting instructor Linda O'Connell and create a cute Love My Peeps sign. All materials supplied by instructor. Materials fee: \$5.00 per person.

Cricut Crafters' Club

Thursday, April 21, 6:45 – 8:45 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 7.

Our new Cricut Crafters' Club is the ideal place to share ideas with other Cricut users, work on an existing project or get help learning new techniques. Bring your questions, any completed projects to share for Show-n-Tell or ideas for potential projects, BYO machine or use the library's Cricut.

Drop-In Crafts

No registration required.
While supplies last.

Clothes Pin Carrots

Tuesday, April 12, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Spring Welcome Plaque

Tuesday, April 26, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.



Your Library Loves to Help

Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Get help with resumes, job searches, interviewing techniques and explore career options with our Career Counselor. *For MMSCL cardholders only. Appointments required.*

Help with Everyday Problems

Tuesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

A Case Manager from Colonial Youth and Family Services can assist patrons with issues relating to housing, insurance, food stamps, emergency services, and other advocacy resources and referrals.

Social Worker at the Library

Wednesdays, April 6, 13, 20, 27, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Social Worker Alex can assist those who are struggling with locating resources for housing, financial assistance, familial / custodial issues, substance abuse programs, and mental health provider.

Small Business Mentoring

Mondays, April 11 and 25, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Via Zoom

Do you want to open your own business and are not sure where to start? Are you a business owner who needs advice? Meet with SCORE Business Mentors for one-on-one help via Zoom. *Open to all. Appointments are required.*



Operation Medicine Cabinet & Caitlyn's Vision

**Wednesday, April 13
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

No registration required.

A police officer from the 7th precinct will be on hand for a collection of unused or expired medications. Eyeglasses, sunglasses and cases will also be collected for an organization called *Caitlyn's Vision*. The glasses will be refurbished by an ophthalmologist and given to people in need at no cost.



Financing a College Education

Saturday, April 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (in English)

Saturday, April 30, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (in Spanish)

Registration begins Monday, March 28.

Learn the “real” costs involved in the college search, admission, and financial aid process such as fees for college prep and applications; how to make campus visits worthwhile and cost-effective; and learn the financial aid process and alternative ways to finance a college education. Presented by Associate Director of Admissions at St. Joseph's College. *Open to all.*

Financiamiento de una Educación Universitaria

Sábado, 16 de abril, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (en inglés)

Sábado, 30 de abril, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (en español)

La registración comienza el 28 de marzo.

Conozca los costos “reales” involucrados en la búsqueda de universidades, la admisión y el proceso de ayuda financiera. Unos ejemplos son las tarifas de preparación para la universidad y las solicitudes, cómo sacar provecho de las visitas al campus y hacerlas más efectivas; y aprender el proceso de ayuda financiera y formas alternativas de financiar una educación universitaria. Presentado por el Director Asociado de Admisiones en St. Joseph's College. El programa es en la biblioteca. *Taller abierto para todos.*

HIICAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance

Wednesday, April 20, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. In Person
(Appointments are required)

A trained HIICAP counselor from RSVP can assist you with Medicare and health insurance questions, reviewing Medicare Part D plans and more.



Technology

Cutting the Cord: Alternatives to Cable

Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins

Wednesday, March 30.

Tired of paying so much for cable TV? Join us for a lecture-style class during which we will go over cheaper alternatives to cable, such as Sling, Netflix, Hulu and more.

Computer Basics: Part 1

Wednesday, April 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Herkimer Lab

This workshop will start with the very basics of computer use by exploring the terminology and functions of the various physical components. Participants will practice using a mouse, saving and accessing files, and opening email and the internet. Computer Basics: Part 2 will delve deeper into email and internet use.

Computer Basics: Part 2

Wednesday, April 27, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Herkimer Lab

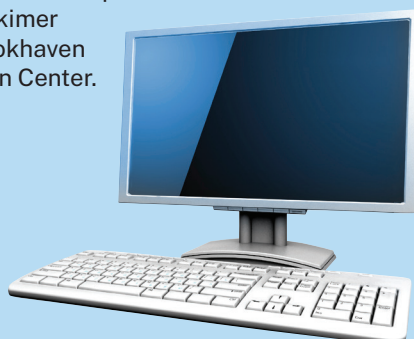
This workshop will explore popular internet uses, as well as composing and managing emails, all while keeping security in mind. Those unfamiliar with computers are encouraged to take Computer Basics: Part 1.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Monday, April 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, March 28.

Learn to open, create and edit a simple table using Microsoft Excel 2013. Basic keyboarding and mouse skills are required. To be held in-person at Herkimer Brookhaven Town Center.



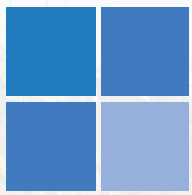
Afternoon Movie: Belfast

Thursday, April 21, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 11.

Belfast (PG-13) is a poignant story of love, laughter and loss in one boy's childhood, amid the music and social tumult of the late 1960s in Ireland.





Library Branches - Construction Update

Work is moving along on the Neighborhood Road and Moriches Library branches. We expect to be finished with both this summer and fall of 2022. Our staff is excited to be planning the move to these new facilities over the next few months. Each new branch will provide 7,000 sq. ft. of space, new technology, ample parking and outdoor spaces for programs. We can't wait to be a part of your local neighborhoods and look forward to offering some great programs and services once we settle in. Keep up with the building project online at: <https://buildinginfo.communitylibrary.org/>

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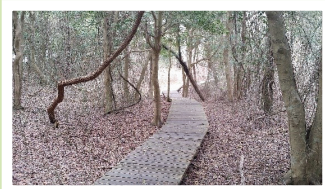
Connect with Nature

Explore Fire Island's Sunken Forest

Wednesday, April 13

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Via Zoom

Join a National Park Ranger on a virtual visit to the Sunken Forest, a globally rare maritime holly forest, and be inspired to visit in person. Learn about the geology, plants and animals that make the Sunken Forest unique, and the challenges it faces today. Geared for adults and families. Open to all.



Plant Swap

Saturday, April 30, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Rain Date: Sunday, May 1, 12:30 – 1:30 p.m.

Swap your extra garden or house plants, cuttings, seedlings or seeds at our first Plant Swap. All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free and labeled.

Plants can be in soil or rooted cuttings in water (please only bring pots that you are willing to part with).

Bring your own bags and/or containers to carry your new green friends home.

All greenery and seeds can be dropped off and swapped starting at 10:00 a.m.

No registration necessary.



Book Sale for Literacy

To benefit *Community Family Literacy Project, Inc.*

Saturday, April 9,
10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 10,
12:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Visit our book sale and browse a selection of materials for the whole family.

Hardcover books, \$1
Paperback books, 2 for \$1
DVDs, 2 for \$1 • CDs, 10 for \$1

Special Offer: Fill a *Community Family Literacy Project* tote bag with books for \$12

For more information, call 631-399-1511 x215.
Use of hand-held barcode scanners is not permitted.



Technology Center - Open Computer Lab

Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Located in the Mastic Recreation Center at 15 Herkimer Street, our Technology Center features 23 desktop computers, high-speed internet access and printing capability. During these hours, a library staff member can be reached at 631-657-3743.

Download our app! Search MMSCL in the app store on your smartphone or mobile device to begin installation.

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, ext. 200.

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