Register for programs in person, by telephone at 631-399-1511, or online at www.communitylibrary.org



MORICHES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Mastic Beach Branch Grand Opening



The Mastic Beach Satellite Branch on **Neighborhood Road opened on January** 14th to hundreds of excited patrons! Local elected officials, civic group members, school board members, plus fire and police department officials welcomed the community to 7,000 square feet of brand-new library space

on one level with ample parking, an outdoor program area, and a one-acre library park across the street. 369 Neighborhood Rd. is walkable, bikeable and a safe welcoming center for a vibrant downtown Mastic Beach.











Library Building Project Update

The Moriches Satellite Branch is nearly complete and features 7,000 square feet on one level with convenient parking and a huge outdoor yard for program space. We are busy moving in library materials and setting up the space for all the programs you enjoy. We are awaiting final fire inspections and CO-keep an eye out for a grand opening announcement sometime in February/March 2023.

Main Library Status - The Fire Spraying work in all of the lower levels just wrapped up last week. The prep and lath work will continue on the roof level for about another month. Most of the concrete work will be completed by the end of January (new elevator foundation/slab patch work in the community room/revised foundation at entrance/all remedial work from engineer). Steel will go into fabrication and we look to get a lot of that installed in February. Plumbing submittals are in with the engineer, once approved they will mobilize to complete their saw cutting and underground work in February. Exterior carpentry was recently bid out. Once awarded, this work should start end of February/beginning of March.

> For up to date information about the three-building bond project, please visit https://buildinginfo.communitylibrary.org/



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.

Make sure to check our online program calendar for program locations. Some program locations may change as our new branches begin to open.

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 at open library locations. One craft per child, per visit please.

PROGRAM REGISTRANTS MUST ARRIVE WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF THE START OF EACH PROGRAM OR THEIR RESERVATION WILL BE FORFEITED.

BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

Messy Meetups Inside and Out Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15 and 22 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Registration begins Wednesday, January 25. We're getting messy indoors and out this winter! Join us for child-led, creative playtime at the

library. Each week we will explore a different creative activity and some sensory play together. We will

spend time outside as well, so please be prepared for the weather! Have fun getting messy with your child and meeting other families. Dress for mess. These activities require close adult supervision by parent or guardian. Children 18 months-5 years with an adult. (Siblings 7 years and under are welcome to attend.)

Babies Boogie

Saturday, February 4, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Registration begins Saturday, January 28. Enjoy tons of wiggles and giggles while moving and grooving together! Children birth-23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango

Saturday, February 4, 11:00 - 11:45 a.m. Registration begins Saturday, January 28. This high energy creative music and movement program encourages children and their adult to experience music by dancing and creating music with drums, tambourines, maracas and more! Children 2-5 years with an adult.



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Little Creators Art Studio

Tuesday, February 7, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, January 31. Join us as we explore the world of unstructured 'process art,' where the goal is not to create something specific, but just to create! We'll paint, glue, sculpt, stamp and more. Be prepared for very messy play! Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Babies Book Club

Monday, February 27, 10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Registration begins Monday, February 20. Share stories, sing songs and enjoy a free

play and social time. Each child will go home with a free book to add to their own bookshelf. Children birth-23 months with an adult.

SCHOOLAGE / TWEEN

These programs are for the registered children only. Adults and siblings must remain outside of the program space.

Tail-Waggin' and Readin' Fun!

Tuesdays, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Drop in. No registration necessary. Children are invited to drop in and read their favorite book to a certified therapy dog. This activity helps strengthen reading skills while children gain confidence in reading out loud.

Grades K-6.

Birdseed Heart Cakes

Thursday, February 2, 5:00 - 5:45 p.m. Registration begins Thursday, January 26. Celebrate National Bird Feeding Month by making your own birdseed heart-shaped cakes



to hang from a branch. We'll combine birdseed, gelatin, corn syrup and flour in a heartshaped pan to make a special treat you can hang from a tree. Dress for mess! Grades 2-6.

Rosa Parks Day

Saturday, February 4, 1:00 - 1:45 p.m. Registration begins Saturday, January 28. Join Ms. Hillary in celebrating Rosa Parks' birthday and her contributions as an activist. Grades 1-4.

Heart Art

Wednesday, February 8, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, February 1. Spread the love and join Ms. Emily in making cards and art made out of hearts! Grades K-2.

FAMILIES

Chopstick Operation

Monday, February 6, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, January 30.

Enjoy playing the game Operation? Join Ms. Hillary for National Chopstick Day to learn to use chopsticks and test your abilities in moving objects from one location to another. **Families with at least one child in grades K-6.**

Battle of the Periodic

Tuesday, February 7, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 31.
Join Ms. Hillary for Periodic Table Day for a S.T.E.M. based family alternative to the traditional game Battleship. **Families with at least one child in grades 1-6.**



Valentine Playdough Drop-In Tuesday, February 14 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. No registration needed

No registration needed.
Drop in anytime to play!
Join us for some Valentinethemed scented playdough fun!
Make and decorate hearts or use
your imagination to create just
about anything. Families;
all ages welcome.

Random Acts of Kindness Day

Friday, February 17, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Registration begins Friday, February 10.

Join Ms. Hillary on Random Acts of Kindness Day to create positive messages and cards to spread kindness throughout the day.

Families with at least one child in grades K-6.

Great Backyard Bird Count @ Mastic Rec Center Saturday, February 18, 1:15 – 1:45 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, February 11.

Join Ms. Hillary to learn about the common local backyard birds



and resources to participate in the annual Great Backyard Bird Count occurring 2/17/23-2/20/23. Learn more here; https://www.birdcount.org/. Families.

Check the Back Cover for "Parents" and "On the Road" Programs

Judy Blume's Day Party

Sunday, February 12, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Sunday, February 5.
Join Ms. Hillary in celebrating Judy Blume's birthday with trivia and facts about Judy Blume and her books.

Grades 2-5.

You Have A Gnome In My Heart

Monday, February 13, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Registration begins Monday, February 6. Join Ms. Hillary to create a one-of-a-kind gnome made with love for yourself or to gift to a loved one. **Grades 3-6.**

Quogue Wildlife Refuge 'Meet the Animals' @ Mastic Rec Center

Saturday, February 18, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, February 11.

Come meet the animals of the Quogue Wildlife Refuge!

A variety of animals including a snake, turtle, bird, and insect will be presented. Participants will get a chance to meet these creatures up close and learn all about their personal histories and adaptations. Families with at least one child 4 years-grade 6.

Winter Break Week Drop-In Activities

Monday, February 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. and Tuesday, February 21, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

No registration needed. Drop in anytime to play! Ready to get out of the house? Join us at the Mastic Beach branch for some fun activities! We'll have playdough "invitation to play," bird



feeders to make and some other fun activities! Dress for mess!

All ages welcome: children under four will need close adult

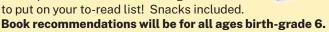
supervision.

Mr. B's Book Buffet

Friday, February 24, 4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

No registration required. Drop in anytime.

Come sample some great book
recommendations from Mr. Scott! Help
yourself to a display of popular new books
and also some unique older titles you may
not be familiar with. And come back for
seconds! Then whet your appetite with a
sneak peak of new books coming out in 2023
to put on your to-read list! Snacks included.



Tell a Fairytale Day

Sunday, February 26, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Sunday, February 19.

Join Ms. Hillary in celebrating Tell a Fairytale Day with crafts and activities influenced by some of our favorite fairytales. Make sure to check out a book to continue the joy of Tell a Fairytale Day at home. **Families with at least one child in grade 6 or younger.**

Dinosaur Day of Fun

Tuesday, February 21, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 14.

Join Mr. Chris and travel back to the time of the dinosaurs!

Make some crafts and learn lots of fun dino facts. **Grades 3-6.**

'Art Teacher Amy' Paint Program

Monday, February 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, February 20.

Paint a Polar Bear with Art Teacher Amy! Learn about these animals while we draw and color a polar bear with oil pastels and paint with watercolors. Step-by-step instruction. No experience necessary. **Grades 1-5.**



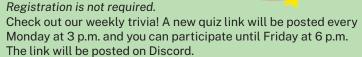
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Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Teen Services Desk at 631-399-1511.

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Fun and Games

Weekly Trivia - Virtual Mondays, February 6, 13, 27



Puzzle Night! - Virtual

Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Registration is not required.

Complete a virtual jigsaw puzzle every Thursday with Ms. Erica! The link to each week's puzzle will be posted in our discord

Tabletop Game Club

Tuesday, February 14 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach location.

Registration begins Sunday, January 15.

Sign up to play with Ms. Chelsea, Ms. Sam and your friends to play a variety of Tabletop Games including D&D and Magic the Gathering.

Roblox Club

Wednesday, February 15 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach location.

Registration begin Monday, January 16. Play Roblox and eat pizza with Ms. Sam and your friends!





Gaming Café

Tuesday, February 21 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach location.

This is a drop-in program. Play board games and Jackbox games while hanging out with your friends.



Inclusive Programs

Enrichment Board Games and Pizza

Thursday, February 9, 3:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Held at 15 Herkimer St., Mastic. Registration is open. Play board games and eat pizza with Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher) and Nick Nappi, program manager. This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th through 12th grade.

Karaoke, Cookies and Cocoa!

Thursday, February 16 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Held at 15 Herkimer St.. Mastic.

Registration begins Tuesday, January 17.



Sing your heart out, eat cookies and drink cocoa! Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher) will be here to facilitate the program. This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th

grade and up.

Your Library Loves to Help

Rainbow Soup

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach location. 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. Participate on discord if you cannot come in person.



Arts and Crafts

Art Club

Wednesdays, February 1 and 8 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Held at our Mastic** Beach location. Fridays, February 3

and 10 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Held at 15 Herkimer

St., Mastic. This is a drop-in program.

Draw, paint, sketch and explore art with Mr. Casper.



Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach location. This is a drop-in program. Drop-in to make assorted crafts with Ms. Erica every Tuesday.

Nail Art Club

Thursday, February 2 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach location.

This is a drop-in program. Drop in and paint your nails with Ms. Erica! Bring in your own polish or use what we have.





Crochet and Knitting Circle Tuesday, February 7 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **Held at our Mastic** Beach location.

This is a drop-in program. Work on a different project each month that will be donated to various

organizations. This is not an instructional program.

Pamper Yourself

Wednesdays, February 8 and 22, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach location.

This is a drop-in program.

Create your own spa-related goodies with Ms. Sam.



Cookie Decorating

Friday, February 17, 5:45 - 7:30 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach location.

Registration begins Wednesday, January 18. Use icing and sprinkles to decorate sugar cookies with your friends!





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.

Kindness Rocks

Earn one hour of community service once a month by decorating rocks and placing them around the community to spread joy.



Review a Library Service

Earn one hour of community service, once a month, by reviewing a library service.

Birthday Box Decorations

Saturday, February 18 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. OR 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach location.

Registration begins Thursday, February 2. Sign-up to help us create decorations so those in need can celebrate birthdays with some fun enhancements!





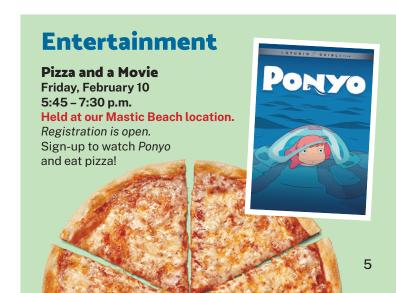
Color a Smile

Tuesday, February 28 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach location.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 14. Sign-up to color pre-printed coloring sheets that will be

donated to the Color a Smile organization. For grades 6 through 12. One hour of community service will be given.





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ALL-IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

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Home Improvement Series

Hands-On Wall/Ceiling Repair

Saturday, February 11 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Registration begins

Saturday, January 14.
Join Brian Schnee from Home
Improvement with TLC to learn the skills

to repair the interior walls and ceilings in your home. In this hands-on workshop you will learn how to repair holes, tape and spackle both tapered edge and butt edge walls, and repair plaster walls and ceilings.



Technology

Making Your Own Mobile AppWednesday, February 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Registration now open.

Wish you had an app for your brand or business but lack the coding knowledge or funds to outsource the job? This class will explore how to create a free basic app of your own for use on mobile devices. Please note that this virtual workshop requires an email address and internet access.



Google Forms for Game CreationWednesday, February 22, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom

Registration begins Wednesday, February 8.
It's not just for surveys! Learn how to use
Google Forms to create a basic chooseyour-own-adventure-style game for
entertainment or educational

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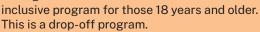


Enrichment

Thursday, February 9, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m. (Board Games & Pizza)

Thursday, February 16 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. (Karaoke, Cookies & Cocoa!)

Register now.
Join your friends, including
Ms. Currao (WFHS Special
Education Teacher) and
Nick Nappi, program
manager. This is an



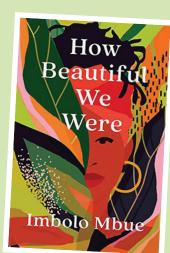


Everyone Loves a Story

Book Discussion of How Beautiful We Were

Thursday, February 16, 2:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Register now. Join us for a discussion of How Beautiful We Were by Imbolo Mbue. A young revolutionary risks everything to secure her people's freedom when her small African village is decimated by an American oil company that reneges on promises of reparation.



Your Library Loves to Help

Small Business Mentoring

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. To register, you must call the Library at 631-399-1511. *Open to All.*

Social Worker Assistance

Wednesdays, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Held at Mastic Beach Branch)

Social Worker Alex can help with locating resources for housing, financial assistance, familial/custodial issues, substance abuse programs and much more. *Appointments required*.

Help with Everyday Problems

Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m. (Held at Mastic Beach Branch)

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. *Appointments required*.

How to Improve Your Credit

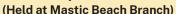
Saturday, February 11, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, January 23.

Credit is part of your financial power, but do you know how to access and read your credit report? Join Flushing Bank for this presentation on how to repair/improve your credit and build productive credit history.

HIICAP Medicare/ Medicaid Assistance

Wednesday, February 15 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.



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

Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, February 18, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(Held at Mastic Beach Branch)

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



GED Prep Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 28, March 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23, 28, 30, April 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. (Held at William Floyd High School in Room 146)

Registration begins Thursday, February 2.

Need help preparing for the General Educational Development Test known as GED? This class will help get you started. Focus will be on math and reading/writing. Fee: \$30 payable by credit

card or money order (made out to MMSCL). Payment is non-refundable. The class is intended for adults aged 18 and over. Open to all.



Craft Corner

Fee based programs are non-refundable. The instructor will provide a materials kit; unless otherwise noted (minus paints). Intended for adults 18 years and older.

Mosaic Heart Ornament

Tuesday, February 7, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Registration begins
Wednesday, January 25.
Join Long Island Mosaic artist
Gabriella Grama and create a beautiful
hanging heart ornament using a selection
of stained-glass beads of all shapes and sizes.

Materials fee: \$8 (non-refundable). **Note:** Materials kit will not be given out for this program.



Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, February 8 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Register now.

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 Sketching and Drawing

Tuesday, February 21, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Registration begins Friday, January 27.

Join art instructor Jennifer Lucas to learn the basics of sketching and drawing. Materials needed for class: HB, 2B and 4B pencils, a kneaded eraser, a small clear ruler and a sketchbook or sketchpad.

Beginner Painting: Leprechaun Plaque Thursday February 23

Thursday, February 23 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Registration begins
Thursday, February 9.
Join painting instructor
Linda O'Connell and learn
how to paint this adorable
leprechaun. Materials fee:
\$5.00 (non-refundable).



Creative Writer's Workshop Thursday, February 9 2:15 – 4:15 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, January 25. 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.

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HAVE A HEART FOOD DRIVE

For the month of February, the library will be collecting non-expired, nonperishable food items to replenish local food pantries. Donations will be accepted at all open locations.

PARENTING

Positive Parenting VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, February 28, March 7, 12, 21, 28 and April 4 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 14.

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 non-mandated parents. You must provide an email so the Zoom link can be emailed to you.

PASTA (Parenting the Second Time Around) VIRTUAL

Monday, February 27 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. Registration begins Monday, February 20. Get the information, support and resources you



need to navigate the challenges of raising your grandchild or relatives. You must provide an email so the Zoom link can be emailed to you. Grandparents/Caregivers raising grandchildren or other family members.

ON THE ROAD with Children & Parents

Messy Meetups @ Southaven Park

Saturday, February 11, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, February 4. Register one child 2-6 years to represent the family.

Come explore the "Forest School" trend with your family. Messy Meetups is an outdoor all-weather program designed to expose families to the concept of child-directed messy outdoor play, and to meet other families with young children who also love to be outside. See program calendar for location and additional program details. Families with at least one child 2-6 years.

Family Roller Skating Night @ GR8SKATES

Thursday, February 23, 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Must arrive by 6:00 p.m. or reservation will be forfeited. Registration begins Thursday, February 16.

Register each person separately with their own library card. Limited availability.

Join your friends and neighbors at the GR8SKATES Roller Rink! 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. All skaters must fill out an electronic waiver at arrival or prior on their website. 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 in grade 12 or younger. There must be at least one child/teen and at least one adult in

each family.

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.



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