



BUSY AT NEIGHBORHOOD ROAD BRANCH

There was a tremendous response from the community for our grand opening. We have lots of feedback from Mastic Beach residents who are grateful to be within walking distance of a library. In just the first week at Mastic Beach, we checked out 996 books, movies, and other library items. 138 people signed up for new library cards -117 of them at the Mastic Beach satellite! In addition, we renewed another 488 patrons' library cards. Children's and teen programs are very popular.

Library Building Project Update _

Moriches Branch: We passed the fire marshall inspection on January 16, which was the final step required for us to obtain a certificate of occupancy. Work continues on finalizing the land division. We have moved furniture and collections into the building in February and work continues on low-voltage electrical systems like security cameras and access key card panels for nonpublic areas. We will schedule our grand opening and ribbon-cutting event at this branch as soon as we have a final land division filed with Suffolk County.





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Main Library: The lower levels fire spraying work is complete. The preparation and lath work will continue at the roof level for

about another month. Much of the concrete work was completed including a new elevator foundation, slab patch work in the community room, revised foundation at the entrance, and all remedial work from our engineer. Steel is in fabrication and will start to be installed mid-February. Exterior carpentry was recently bid and should start at the end of February/beginning of March. PSEG representatives toured all three library sites and now have the information necessary for their energy efficiency grants with a decision forthcoming shortly.

Please go to https://buildinginfo.communitylibrary.org/ for the most current info about the project.

LIBRARY BUDGET & TRUSTEE ELECTION DATES

Complete information including legal notice can be found at https://www.communitylibrary.org/about-us/board-meetings/budget-trustee-vote/ Trustee election and budget vote: Tuesday, April 4th, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. Nominating petition for Trustee due: Monday March 6th Military ballot requests: Due March 10th for ballot to be mailed Budget hearing: Monday, March 27th, at 7:00 p.m. Voter registration: Tuesday, March 28th, 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Applications for absentee ballots available now & must be received back by 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 28th for the ballot to be mailed to the voter.

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, March 1, 8, 15 and 22, 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Registration begins Wednesday, February 22. We're getting messy indoors and out this winter! Check program

calendar for more program details. Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Little Creators Art Studio

Tuesday, March 7, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Registration begins Tuesday, February 28. Join us as we explore the world of unstructured 'process art'. Be prepared for very messy play! Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Interactive Storytime

Friday, March 10, 1:30 - 2:00 p.m. Registration begins Friday, March 3. Join Ms. Emily in reading Open Very Carefully: A Book with Bite to encourage participation in storytime! Ages 2-5 years with an adult.



Babies Boogie

Friday, March 17, 10:00 - 10:45 a.m. Registration begins Friday, March 10. Come join Ms. Nicole for tons of wiggles and giggles while moving and grooving together! Children birth-23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango

Friday, March 17, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Registration begins Friday, March 10.

Come join Ms. Nicole for her high energy creative music and movement program. Children 2-5 years with an adult.

My First Colors

Tuesday, March 21, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, March 14. Celebrate color by exploring color mixtures for the first time. Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Scribble Day

Monday, March 27, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Registration begins Monday, March 20. Start your child's journey with mark making by celebrating Scribble Day with Ms. Hillary. Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

FAMILIES

Exploring Sounds Wednesday, March 1, 5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, February 22. Join library staff in exploring sound and the benefits of music during World Music Therapy Day. Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.

Family Gaming

Friday, March 3, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m.

No registration required. Stop in the department to unplug with library staff. We will be playing various board games and puzzles for no-screen family time fun! Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.

Springtime Drop-In Activities

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Drop-in, no registration necessary. Join Miss Cathy for some fun Springtime activities! Dress for mess! Families with at least one child grade 6 and younger.

Playdough Drop-in

Tuesday, March 28, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. AND Thursday, March 30, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. No registration required.

Join your friends at the library for some playdough fun! This month we'll explore with gnomes and animals. This program utilizes small parts; young children will require close adult supervision. Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.



Crayon Fun! Friday, March 31, 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Registration begins Friday, March 24. Stop in the department to color and explore crayon techniques with Ms. Hillary. Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.

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SCHOOLAGE / TWEEN

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

Dr. Seuss Day

Thursday, March 2, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. OR 5:30 – 6:15 p.m. Registration begins Thursday, February 23. Make and test The Cat in the Hat measuring tools with library staff. Grades K-3.

St. Patty's Day 'Feeling Lucky Crafty Canvas' Saturday, March 4, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, February 25. Come join Ms. Leslie from Green Earth Craft to make a Crafty Canvas design for St. Patrick's Day! It combines painting, paper punchers and gold coins. **Grades 2-6.**

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 to a



certified therapy dog. This activity helps strengthen reading skills while children gain confidence in reading out loud. **Grades K-6.**

Doodle Drawing

Wednesday, March 8 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, March 1. Put pencil to paper and let your creativity flow with this drawing and coloring activity! Grades 3-6.

Lucky Shamrock Planter

Friday, March 10, 5:00 – 5:45 p.m. *Registration begins Friday, March 3.* Plant your own magical Shamrocks just in time for St. Patrick's Day! **Grades K-6.**





Leprechaun Trap Craft

Tuesday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, March 7. Capture a Leprechaun on St. Patrick's Day by crafting and decorating your very own Leprechaun Trap! **Grades 1-3.**

Leaping Frogs

Monday, March 20, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m. Registration begins Monday, March 13. Join Ms. Hillary in making origami jumping frogs to celebrate World Frog Day. Grades 2-6.

Lego Club (Spring Special)

Tuesday, March 21, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. No registration required. Master Builders! Craft some spring themed Lego creations at this month's Lego Club. Grades 3-6.

Art Teacher Amy; Paint a Leprechaun

Monday, March 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Registration begins Monday, March 20. Paint a watercolor Leprechaun with Art Teacher Amy! Step-by-step instruction. No experience necessary. **Grades 1-5.**

International Mermaid Day

Wednesday, March 29, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, March 22. Celebrate International Mermaid Day with a mermaid-themed story and activity! Grades K-2.

Dog Man: 'Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea' Release Party

Thursday, March 30, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m. Registration begins Thursday, March 23. Dog Man is back! Celebrate the new release of *Dog Man: Twenty Thousand Fleas Under the Sea.* You will get your own copy of the new book to take home and enjoy. **Grades 3-6.**



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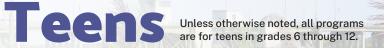


Get your child's library card and go to www.abcmouse. com/blho-checkout to create their account and get started.

PARENTING

PASTA (Parenting the Second Time Around) Monday, March 27 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Registration begins Monday, March 20. *If you need childcare, you must register the child or children

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.**



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

Fun and Games

Puzzle Night! - Virtual

Thursdays, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 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.

Gaming Café

Tuesday, March 7, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

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

Jackbox Games Friday, March 10, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch. Registration is not required. Play Jackbox games and eat pizza with your friends.



and more. Characters and dice will be provided. Register for each session.

Bingo

Friday, March 17, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch. Registration begins Sunday, February 19. Sign-up for a fun night of Bingo and awesome prizes!





Karaoke

Friday, March 24, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch. Registration begins Wednesday, February 22. Sign up to sing your heart out to your favorite songs!



Inclusive Program

Pizza and a Movie Thursday, March 16 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Registration begins Tuesday, February 14. Watch Matilda the Musical and eat pizza with Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher) and your friends from school! This is an inclusive



program for those that are 6th grade and up.

Your Library Loves to Help

Rainbow Soup

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

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.

6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

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Registration is open. Play with Ms. Chelsea and your friends in an epic table-top adventure full of magic, puzzles

Tuesdays, March 14 and 28

Arts and Crafts

Art Club

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch. Fridays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center. This is a drop-in program. Draw, paint, sketch and explore art with Mr. Casper.

Get Crafty

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



4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

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.

Cricut Crafts

Monday, March 27 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Saturday, February 25. Sign up to design your own plastic tumbler cup using our Cricut machine. For teens in grades 6 through 12 only.

Crochet and Knitting Circle

Tuesday, March 28, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

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.











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.



Operation Gratitude: Greeting Cards Wednesday, March 29, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at Mastic Beach Branch. Or

Thursday, March 30, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 15. Sign-up to decorate cards that will be sent to Operation Gratitude. For grades 6 through 12. One hour of community service will be given.



Entertainment

Pizza and a Movie Friday, March 3 5:45 – 7:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch. Registration is open. Sign-up to watch Detective Pikachu and eat pizza!







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ALL-IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

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Home Improvement Series

Hands-On Wall/Ceiling Repair

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



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.



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.*

Take Care of Yourself

Relax with Yoga Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Registration begins Tuesday, February 28. This yoga practice is guided from a chair and mat to provide options and variations



for accessibility. You will be encouraged to move at your own pace and in a way that is kind to your body. This class is intended for beginners or anyone looking to find extra room to breathe and decompress.

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Montauk Highway: From Urban Streets to Atlantic Dunes

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m. Registration begins Saturday, February 25. The Eco-Photo Explorers group will examine the rich history of this route, from colonial times to present day pop culture. Audiences are bound to be entertained, enlightened and come away feeling a sense of nostalgia for how Long Islanders once lived.

Inclusive Services

Enrichment: Pizza and a Movie

Thursday, March 16, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center.

Register now. Join your friends, including Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher), and Nick Nappi, program manager. Enjoy some pizza while watching the movie, Matilda the Musical. This is an inclusive program for those 18 years and older. This is a drop-off program.



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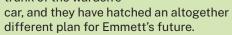
Everyone Loves a Story

Book Discussion of The Lincoln Highway Thursday, March 30, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

Register now.

In June of 1954, 18-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the juvenile work farm where he has just served fifteen months for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon

by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother, Billy, and head to California where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's



Copies of the book are available to pick up starting February 21 at the Mastic Beach Branch located at 369 Neighborhood Road in Mastic Beach.

Your Library Loves to Help

Help with Everyday Problems

Tuesdays, March 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.*

Social Worker Assistance

Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 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.*

Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, March 11 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.

Planning for College

Saturday, March 11, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Thursday, February 23.

College education is a huge investment. Students, parents, and adults returning to college are welcome to join us at this finance class sponsored by Flushing Bank to learn how to determine which student loans are best for their needs.

HIICAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance

Wednesday, March 15, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

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

Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Thursday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

A SNAP Program Coordinator from the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island can help individuals and families apply for SNAP. No appointment required. Open to all.

First Time Homebuyer's Seminar Monday, March 20 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Registration begins Monday, March 6. A Mortgage Loan Officer



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from *Teacher's Federal Credit Union* will present a seminar geared to the first-time homebuyer on how to navigate the entire mortgage process. Open to all.

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.

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.

Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, March 8, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Register now.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group. Our instructors can assist you with an existing project.

Mosaic Tea Light Candle Holder Tuesday, March 14 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Registration begins Monday, February 27. Join Long Island Mosaic artist Gabriella



Grama in making a votive holder. For this project you will use a variety of stained-glass stripes and nuggets, and your flare and creativity to complete a sparkly, cheerful candle holder. Materials fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable). **Note:** Materials kit will not be given out for this program.

Intermediate Painting: Easter Bunny Sign

Thursday, March 16, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Friday, March 3. Join painting instructor Linda and create this adorable Easter bunny sign. Materials needed for class: Shaders #6, #10, and #12, 10/0 liner, assorted dry brushes, #2 rigger, #2 filbert, scissors. Materials fee: \$18.00.



Beginner Sketching and Drawing Tuesday, March 21, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 28.



ruler and a sketchbook or sketchpad.

Spring Craft Wednesday, April 5, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Registration begins

Monday, March 20. Join craft instructor Laurie and learn how to make a mixed media project using an 8" x 8" canvas, paint, ribbons, and paper. Learn how to make a messy bow and create paper roses. Materials fee: \$10.00.



Tap into your inner creativity

with art instructor Jennifer

Lucas as your guide. The

beginner level sketching and drawing techniques.

HB, 2B and 4B pencils, a

Materials needed for class:

kneaded eraser, a small clear

class focus will be on

MARTICS COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Library locations:

15 Herkimer Street Mastic, NY 11950 (tech lab/programs)

369 Neighborhood Road Mastic Beach, NY 11951

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Vendors Needed

We are looking for artists and vendors to participate in Masti Con on May 6, 2023. If interested, you must complete and return the vendor application by April 3. Space is limited, applications will be reviewed on a first come first serve basis. For more information about the event or to receive a copy of the application email cgorden@communitylibrary.org or squinn@communitylibrary.org.

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Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, March 9, 2:15 - 4:15 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center. Registration begins Friday, February 24. 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.



Microsoft 365

Wednesday, March 15, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Registration begins Wednesday, March 1. Learn the basics of Microsoft 365, such as sending and receiving emails in Outlook, managing your calendar, utilizing cloud storage in your OneDrive, and video conferencing with Teams.



Connect with Nature

Seal Walk / Beach Monitoring Saturday, April 1, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Registration begins Monday, March 6. Bundle up, grab your binoculars and meet us at Cupsogue Beach County Park in Westhampton. The Atlantic Marine Conservation Society scientists will guide us on an interactive, educational seal survey. Must be a MMSCL Cardholder to register.

Pet Safety in the Home Tuesday, March 21, 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Held at Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Monday, February 27.

Join an emergency medical provider and educator of 30+ years and learn how to safeguard and protect your pets against poisonous



emergencies in the home, workplace and outdoor environment. This seminar will include a highly interactive display featuring over 50 common household pet hazards.

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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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.

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