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OPERATING BUDGET RISE HELD TO 1.4%

2022-2023 Operating Budget	Proposed 2023-2024 Operating Budget	Amount Increase	Percent Increase	Average Cost Per Household
\$10,613,000	\$10,761,499	\$148,499	1.4 %	78¢ per month

Dear Library Patrons:

Our community's families and individuals face challenging financial decisions in these times of historically high inflation. In January, the inflation rate was 6.4 percent. It has forced us to take measures to tighten our budget at the library the same way you've had to tighten your budgets at home. We were able to reduce costs and increase efficiencies that have enabled us to limit the increase in our operating budget next year to only 1.4 percent – well below the state's 2 percent tax cap. This has been no easy feat, as we face rising expenses in such essential areas as books, media, IT databases, supplies, utility costs, and contractual obligations for staff.

Amid these challenges, we're committed to maintaining the quality and accessibility of library services for the entire breadth of our community. We recognize our important role in providing vital resources and programs that support lifelong learning and community engagement. We'll continue to seek ways to operate within our means while preserving the high standards our patrons expect and deserve.

We appreciate the ongoing support of our community and remain committed to being responsible stewards of public funds. Together, we can navigate these challenging times and emerge stronger on the other side.

Please note that in addition to the operating budget, state law requires our budget to include the principal and interest of bond payments already approved by voters in December 2019 for the two new satellite branch libraries in Mastic Beach and Moriches, and for the main building in Shirley.

Sincerely,
THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DID YOU KNOW?

Over the last seven years, the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library has increased its operating budget **just once**.

2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023	2023-2024*
0%	0%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	1.4%

*proposed



TUESDAY, APRIL 4
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
at the
Mastic Beach Satellite Branch,
369 Neighborhood Road

Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Voter Registration at the Library:
Tuesday, March 28, 9:00am to 9:00pm

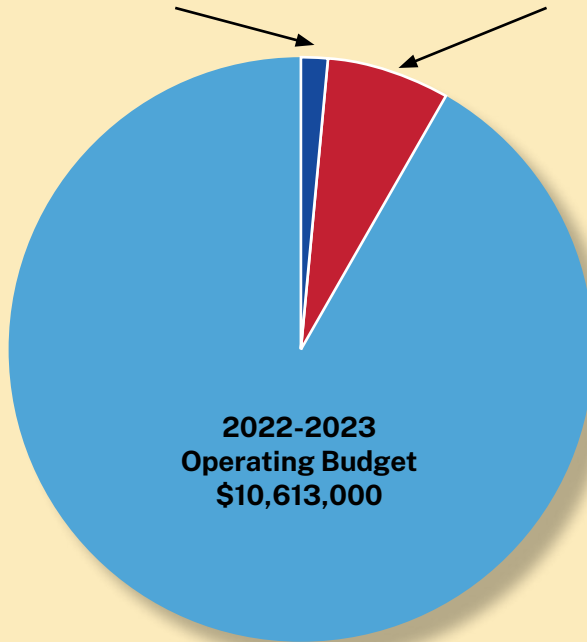
The library is governed by a five-member board of trustees, elected by the voters of the district. One trustee is elected each year for a five-year term. In order to vote you must be: (1) 18 years of age or older, (2) a U.S. citizen, (3) a resident of the district for at least 30 days, and (4) registered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

OPENING NEW DOORS TO LEARNING!

The public is voting on a **\$148,499** operating budget increase which is **1.4%** higher than last year.

Proposed 1.4% Operating Budget Increase Subject to Voter Approval
\$148,499

Previously Approved Bond Payments
\$778,876



Construction of the new Moriches satellite branch is complete. Books, supplies, and furniture have been moved in. The town has issued its Certificate of Occupancy. We are awaiting final land division approval from the school district.



The Mastic Beach satellite branch opened its doors on January 14. The beautiful, new 7,000-square-foot building has been a welcome addition to downtown Mastic Beach.

1.4% Will Continue to Provide...

- Lending of books and media
- Programming for infants, toddlers, school-age children, and teens
- Arts and crafts workshops
- Parenting workshops
- Technology classes
- Movies
- Career counseling
- Job search and resume help
- Field trips
- Home improvement workshops
- Help with government assistance
- Social work referrals
- College planning
- Medicare/Medicaid assistance
- Access to computers and internet
- Printing, scanning, faxing, and photocopying
- Reference and research assistance
- Homework help for students
- Speaking engagements by authors
- Meeting and study rooms
- Yoga classes
- Assistance with genealogy and local history research
- Language learning resources
- Access to online databases, including academic journals and newspapers
- Special collections, such as rare books and manuscripts
- Reader's advisory services to help patrons find books that match their interests and reading level

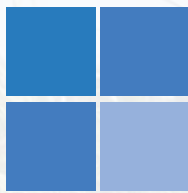
Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library
 FY 2023-2024
 Operating Budget (PROPOSED)

	<u>2023-2024</u>
Employee Salaries	
Professional	\$ 2,213,481
Clerical	\$ 1,154,198
Page	\$ 243,643
Custodial	\$ 255,731
Security	\$ 334,241
Employee Insurances & Benefits	\$ 1,139,015
NYS Retirement - Mandatory Contribution	\$ 389,332
Payroll Taxes	\$ 310,000
Materials and Programs	
Books & Periodicals	\$ 283,150
Recordings & Videos	\$ 171,150
Electronic Resources	\$ 75,000
Programs (Adult, Teen, Childrens & Literacy)	\$ 237,650
Library Operations	
Equipment & Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,108,760
Telecommunications	\$ 65,000
Printing & Postage	\$ 143,090
Supplies	\$ 61,362
Contracts - SCLS	\$ 85,263
Insurance	\$ 90,000
Professional Fees	\$ 289,195
Administrative	\$ 107,000
Facilities	\$ 1,300,920
Principal & Interest	
Bond Referendum (Previous Year)	\$ 704,318
OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 10,761,499
Principal & Interest	
Bond Referendum (This Year)	\$ 778,876
Less: Anticipated Income	\$ 270,000
(Contract Revenue, Fines, State Aid, etc.)	
TOTAL TAX LEVY	<u><u>\$ 11,270,375</u></u>

Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 4, 2023, from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Mastic Beach Branch of 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 \$34.06 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to an estimated annual levy of \$680 for an average household (based on an assessed valuation of \$1,995).

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. 1001.



In the News - Library Awarded Grants

The Long Island YOUR HOMETOWN PAPER SINCE 1871
ADVANCE

longislandadvance.net **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2023** \$1.00

Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library awarded Environmental Grant

Legis. James Mazzarella (R-Mastic) recently joined with Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library president Joe Majorana, trustee Joseph Furnari, and director Kerri Rosalia, along with deputy county executive Peter Scully and Suffolk County commissioner of economic development Sarah Lansdale, to present a \$168,900 grant to be used to replace the existing wastewater system at the main branch of the library with a new Innovative/Alternative wastewater treatment system.

"Improving and preserving water quality is of critical importance to every resident in Suffolk County and across Long Island, and this grant will help us move forward with that goal," said Mazzarella. "I want to thank my colleagues in the legislature and partners in Suffolk County government for making this possible."

Mazzarella sponsored legislation that made this grant possible, and it will be utilized to replace the existing wastewater system at the main branch of the library on William Floyd Parkway with a new Innovative/Alternative wastewater treatment system. The funding will offset the cost of this new system for the taxpayers within the library district while replacing an outdated septic system with an environmentally friendly alternative that removes nitrogen from wastewater before it is discharged.

"The library is extremely appreciative of the continued support of Suffolk County," said Majorana. "Together with our municipal partners, the board of trustees and administration are committed to delivering library services in an environmentally friendly manner. I want to add a special thank you to former library trustee, Legis. Jim Mazzarella, for supporting our grant application."

"We want to thank former library board president and Suffolk County Legis. Mazzarella for his ongoing support of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library," stated Rosalia. "Thank you to members of the legislature who voted to help fund our I/A system through this grant, helping to protect our water quality in the tri-hamlet community. Our library facilities will be more sustainable as a result of your support."

Innovative/Alternative (IA) septic systems are designed to prevent excess nutrients such as nitrogen from entering aquifers, estuaries, and waterways. As the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library is located within a waterfront community situated on the Mastic/Shirley Peninsula, it is important to the library trustees that modern technology be utilized to make the main branch environmentally friendly. Enhanced IA septic system designs have shown great promise for removing much of the nitrogen in wastewater before it enters surrounding groundwater, and surface waters. Preliminary design for the new system to be installed is expected to reduce approximately 450 pounds per year of nitrogen loading into our groundwater. In addition to this, both the Mastic Beach Branch and the Moriches Branch have been built utilizing similar nitrogen reducing technology.

Grant funding is vital due to the high number of properties on the Mastic/Shirley Peninsula operating on cesspools, which do little to mitigate the flow of nitrogen into groundwater. In January 2019, residents of the community overwhelmingly approved the construction of the Forge River Watershed Sewer District.

In addition to this initiative, in 2020 the Suffolk County Legislature expanded the scope of the Water Quality Protection and Restoration Program to include the area known as the Forge River Watershed. This expansion made it possible for the library to apply for competitive environmental grants for clean water initiative projects such as these.

"Long Island is surrounded by water. We swim, surf, boat, and fish in it, aside from just simply enjoying being near it," said Mazzarella. "We must all take responsibility to protect our drinking water and reduce pollution in our local waters to simply safeguard our way of life." ■

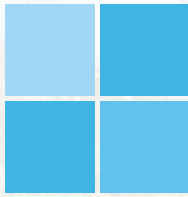


Courtesy photo

Main Library: Construction Update

The fire spraying work on all the lower levels is complete. The preparation and fireproof spraying lath work will continue at the roof and mezzanine levels until the end of March. All remedial concrete work is complete. Masonry work started this week which includes two new elevator shafts (remedial work), waterproofing of the foundation and raising of the perimeter brick shelf. Steel in fabrication is complete and the installation has started and will continue for the two months. Plumbing and electrical underground work will be starting next week. Rough and exterior carpentry work has been awarded and will start in March. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing shop and coordination drawings are in the works with all trades. Bid proposals on drywall, insulation and acoustics as well as aluminum storefront doors and glazing came in, and we expect proposals for the interior glass partitions and roof removal and replacement from state contract vendors in the next few weeks.





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.

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.

Spring Break Fest @ Mastic Beach Branch

Tuesday, April 4

No registration required. Families with children birth-grade 6.
Hang out all day for springtime activities for all.

9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. - Vote in Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. - Drop-in Spring Crafts and Activities

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. - Music by Anne O'Rourke

3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Decorate Flower Pots

5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Balloon Twisting by Thoroughly Modern Lilly

5:00 – 7:00 p.m. - Seashore Safari Touch Tank

BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

Messy Meetups Inside and Out

Wednesdays, April 5, 19, 26, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. (no session April 12)

Registration begins Wednesday, March 29.

Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Guinea Pig Playtime

Saturday, April 8, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, April 1.

Children 2-4 years with an adult.



Tummy Time Painting

Friday, April 14, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 7.

Children birth-pre-walking with an adult. (No older siblings)

Little Creators Art Studio

Monday, April 17, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 10.

Children 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Zumbini

Tuesday, April 18, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 11.

Children birth-4 years with an adult.

Bluey Party

Monday, April 24, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 17.

Children 2-4 years 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. Grades K-6.

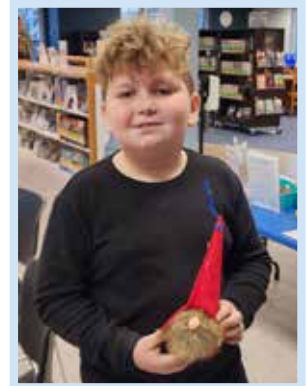
Guinea Pig Playtime

Saturday, April 8

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, April 1.

Grades K-3.



You're a Poet, I Know It

Tuesday, April 11

5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 4.

Grades 3-6.

Earth Day Suncatchers

Saturday, April 15

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, April 8.

Grades K-3.



Code Club

Wednesday, April 19, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 12. Grades 3-6.

Junie B. Jones Shenanigans

Friday, April 21, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Registration begins Friday, April 14. Grades 2-4.

Paper Bag Tree Craft

Monday, April 24, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 17. Grades 2-4.

Bookworms Book Club: *The Lightning Thief*

Thursday, April 27, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Registration and book pickup begin Saturday, April 1.

Grades 4-6.

FAMILIES

Geologist Exploration

Sunday, April 2, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Families with at least one child grade K-6.

Decorative Flower Pots

Tuesday, April 4, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Drop-in, no registration required.

While supplies last.

Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.

Dandelion Delights

Wednesday, April 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. OR 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 29.

Register each child. You may only sign up for 1 session.

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

Family Connect

Wednesday, April 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Drop-in, no registration required.

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

Spring Break Week Drop-In Activities

Thursday, April 6, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. AND

Friday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Families with at least one child grade 6 or younger.



Unicorns 101

Monday, April 10, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Monday, April 3.

Register each child.

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

Creation Station

Wednesdays, April 12, 19 and 26

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Drop-in, no registration is required.

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

Mushroom Mania

Sunday, April 16, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Registration begins Sunday, April 9.

Register one child to represent each family.

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

Spring Playdough Drop-In

Thursday, April 20, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. AND

Tuesday, April 25, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Families with at least one child in grade 6 or younger.

Jellybean Exploration

Saturday, April 22

12:00 – 12:45 p.m. OR 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, April 15.

Register each child. You may only register for 1 session.

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

Messy Meetups at MMSCL!



PARENTING

Positive Parenting VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9 and 16

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 28.

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 A Second Time Around)

Monday, April 24

6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins

Monday, April 17.

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.**



ON THE ROAD

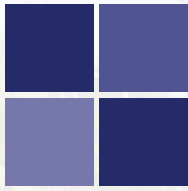
Messy Meetups @ Southaven Park

Saturday, April 15, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Registration begins Saturday, April 8.

Families with at least one child 2-6 years.





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.

Fun and Games

Kahoot Trivia- Virtual Mondays, April 3 and 17 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Registration is not required. Head on over to our Discord and test your knowledge of various trivia topics!



D&D

Tuesdays, April 4 and 18 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration is open.

Held at our **Mastic Beach location.**

Play with Ms. Chelsea and your friends in an epic table-top adventure full of magic, puzzles and more. Characters and dice will be provided. Register for each session.



Puzzle Night! - Virtual Thursdays, April 6 and 20 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.



Board Games and Pizza Friday, April 7 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration is open.

Held at our **Mastic Beach location.**

Sign up to play games like Uno, Bamboozled, and Heads Up and eat pizza!



Gaming Café Tuesday, April 11 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is a drop-in program.

Held at our **Moriches location.**

Play board games and Jackbox games while hanging out with your friends!



Your Library Loves to Help

OMU - Open Minded Unity

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach location.**

This is a drop-in program.

A place where any teen can come down to discuss any topic they want in a judge-free atmosphere, where they will feel accepted and appreciated for the differences that make them unique. It is a place where teens can speak about what is on their minds and any troubles that they come across in their lives as teens.

Entertainment

Pop Culture Club

Thursdays,
April 6, 13, 27
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach location.**

Registration is open.

Join Mr. Casper each week for a watch party!

Watch a variety of current movies/series and stay for discussion over pizza.



Inclusive Program

Pizza & Poetry

Thursday, April 13, 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at the **Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration is open.

Read your favorite poem or something you wrote! This program will include Nick Nappi (program manager) and Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher) and your friends from school! This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th grade and up. 15 Herkimer St, Mastic.



Decorate Springtime Cookies

Thursday, April 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at the **Mastic Recreation Center.**

Registration is open.

Decorate sugar cookies with Nick Nappi (program manager) and Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher) and your friends from school! This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th grade and up. 15 Herkimer St, Mastic.



Arts and Crafts

Manicure Monday

Monday, April 3, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at the 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.



Get Crafty

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

This is a drop-in program.

Drop-in to make assorted crafts with Ms. Erica every Tuesday.

April 4- Shrinky Dinks

April 11- Pet Portrait Painting

April 18- Animal Cracker Plush

April 25- Ceramic Painting



Art Club

Wednesdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Fridays, April 7, 14, 21, 28

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches location.

This is a drop-in program.

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

Beading Club

Thursdays, April 6, 13, 20 and 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at the

Mastic Beach Branch.

This is a drop-in program.

Stop in and make jewelry and keychains using assorted beads every Thursday!



Earth Day Seed Sowing

Monday, April 17, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Celebrate Earth Day with us by creating a mini greenhouse from recycled containers. Plant flower or vegetable seeds to get an early start on summer growing.

Paint Night

Friday, April 21, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 22.

Paint with your friends during this fun paint tutorial.

Crochet and Knitting Circle

Tuesday, April 25, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

This is a drop-in program.

Crocheters, knitters, and yarn crafters! Bring your own yarn project and work on it with Ms. Erica. This is not an instructional program. For grades 6 through 12 only.



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 - Virtual

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 - Virtual

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

Rock Painting

Monday, April 3

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at the

Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration is open.

Use paints, dotting tools, and paint markers to create original designs for your garden or flower pots, or to spread some love in the community. One community service hour is available.



Color a Smile

Tuesday, April 4, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Held at our Moriches location.

Registration begins

Tuesday, March 21.

OR

Thursday, April 13, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 28.

Sign-up to color pre-printed coloring sheets That will be donated to Color A Smile. For grades 6 through 12. One hour of community service will be given.



Response Presentation

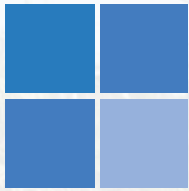
Monday, April 24, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Monday, April 10.

Attend a presentation about Suffolk County's Response Crisis Center and earn one hour of community service. This program discusses Response as a resource, warning signs of suicide, barriers to reaching out and coping tools.





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.

ALL-IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

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



Home Improvement Series

Interior/Exterior Painting

Saturday, April 22, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, March 11.

In the hands-on workshop with Brian Schnee, you will learn the difference between water-based paints, alkyd-based paints and primers; how to prepare and prime all the surfaces of your home prior to finishing; how to treat and cover both mold and mildew; and how to select the correct tools for your project.

Woodworking Workshop: Build a Plant Stand

**Monday, April 17
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.**

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Monday, March 27.

Learn to build your own decorative plant stand at this woodworking workshop with Little Miss Workbench. All projects are made using eco-friendly and sustainable American hardwoods. Must have an MMSCCL library card to register. Materials fee: \$15.00 (non-refundable).



Everyone Loves a Story

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 *A Speck in the Sea* by John Aldridge and Anthony Sosinski.



Long Island Reads

Book Discussion of *A Speck in the Sea*

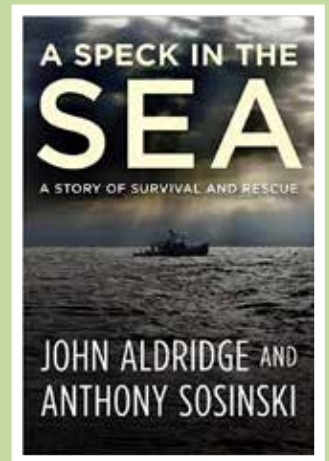
Thursday, April 20, 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Thursday, March 30.

Two veteran sailors who co-own and operate a Montauk lobster boat recount the 2013 harrowing search-and-rescue mission for co-author John Aldridge; describing how his partner, their families the local fishing community and the US Coast Guard in three states mobilized an unprecedented and ultimately successful operation.

A limited number of complimentary copies will be available to registered MMSCCL card holders and can be picked up at the Adult Reference Desk at our Mastic Beach Branch.



Friendly Spanish Conversation

**Thursdays, April 13, 20, 27,
May 4, 11, 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Thursday, March 30.

Bienvenido a la clase "Friendly Spanish Conversation" con la profesora Ms. Josmary. Learn basic conversational Spanish in a relaxed setting. You may participate in this course even if you have taken it before. All levels are welcome!



Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, April 13, 2:15 – 4:15 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Thursday, March 30

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.



Boating Safety Course

Saturday, April 29
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

**Held at the Mastic
Recreation Center.**

This Boating Safety Course offered by the US Coast Guard Auxiliary is an introductory course that fulfills Federal and NY State requirements to operate a personal watercraft and recreational vessel on NY waterways for ages 10 years and older. Upon completion you will receive a Boating Safety Certificate. There is \$50 fee for the 8-hour course which includes a Boat America study guide that will be mailed prior to the course. *Open to all.*

To register online: <http://www.uscgaux.info/content.php?unit=014-18-06&category=boating-class-registration> or via email to Jamie Bedell at jbmedped@gmail.com, or via PayPal to jbmedped@sbcglobal.net, or by check made out to **USCG Auxiliary 18-06** and send to: Jamie Bedell, 3 Washington Drive, Hampton Bays, NY 11946



Inclusive Services

Enrichment

Thursday, April 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Pizza & Poetry

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Thursday, April 27, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Spring Cookie Decorating

**Held at the Mastic
Recreation Center.**

Registration is open.

Join your friends, including Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education Teacher), and Nick Nappi, program manager. This is an inclusive program for those 18 years and older.



Driving

5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, April 15, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Registration ongoing.

This is the required course for people who want to schedule their road test. Must be 17 or older. **Register and pay in advance in the Literacy Trailer, Mastic Beach.** Course fee is \$60, payable by cash; non refundable. A valid NYS Learner's Permit will be required on the day of the class. Pack a light lunch or snack as needed. Course is presented by All Suffolk Auto. Class at Mastic Recreation Center. Out-of-district patrons are welcome, if space allows.

Defensive Driving in Spanish

Saturday, April 29, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration ongoing.

Join us for a six-hour course, presented in Spanish, for drivers of cars and motorcycles to save 10% on auto insurance and reduce up to 4 points from their driver's license. **Register, and pay in advance, in the Literacy Trailer, Mastic Beach.** \$35 non-refundable fee is payable by cash, money order, or check. Course is presented by Empire Safety Council and approved by the NYS DMV. Bring a brown bag lunch or snack as needed. Class at Mastic Recreation Center. Open to all.

Curso de Manejo Defensivo en Español

Sábado, 29 de abril, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Clase en Mastic Recreation Center.

La registraci3n est1 abierta.

Acompa1enos en un curso de 6 horas en Espa1ol para conductores de todo tipo de autom3viles y motocicletas. Ahorrar1 10 % en la aseguranza de auto y le reduce hasta 4 puntos de su record en su licencia de conducir. **Registraci3n es en la oficina de Alfabetizaci3n.** Costo \$28. Pagar1 es en efectivo, giro postal, o cheque a (Empire Safety Council). El pago es no reembolsable y se realiza al momento de la registraci3n. El curso es aprobado por NYS DMV. Traiga su almuerzo ligero. Clase en Mastic Recreation Center. Abierto a todos.

Computer Basics

Wednesday, April 26, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 12.

This workshop will cover 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.



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.

Crochet and Knit

Wednesday, April 5 and 19, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Friday, March 24.

All skill levels are welcome! Crochet/Knit instructor Corrine can assist you with an existing project or help you get started on a new one. No formal instruction will be given but general knowledge will be shared. Bring your own 4 ply yarn and appropriate crochet hooks or knitting needles. *Open to all!*



Your Library Loves to Help

Help with Everyday Problems

Tuesdays, April 11, 18, 25, 12:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at the 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, April 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at the 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, April 15

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at the 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.*



HIICAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance

Wednesday, April 19, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at the 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, April 20, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Held at the 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.*



Identity Theft and Scams

Saturday, April 22

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Monday, April 3.

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.*



Senior Advocate

Thursday, April 27, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

No appointment required.

A representative from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will meet one-on-one to discuss different benefits and programs available to senior residents. The Advocate is available on a walk-in basis.

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 a SCORE business mentor for one-to-one help. To register, please call the Library at 631-399-1511. *Open to all.*

Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, April 12

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Register now.

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



Beginner Sketching and Drawing

Tuesday, April 18, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins

Monday, March 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:

Bird Feather Wall Hanging

Thursday, April 20, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Friday, April 7.

Join painting instructor Linda O'Connell and learn how to paint this pretty bird feather wall hanging. Materials fee: \$5.00 (non-refundable)



Mosaic Dragonfly

Saturday, April 22, 1:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 5.

Join Long Island Mosaic artist Gabriella Grama and create a beautiful 9" Round Dragonfly mosaic using crushed glass and mosaic tile. Create a unique piece with colors of your choice. This does not require grouting. Materials fee: \$12.00 (non-refundable).

Note: Materials kit will not be provided if you miss the class.



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COMING SOON! The new Friends of the Library committee is planning an introductory meeting. Join us to help provide additional programs and support for our community library. Check the library website for updates.

Earth Day: Pollinator Garden DIY Drop-in

Saturday, April 22, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

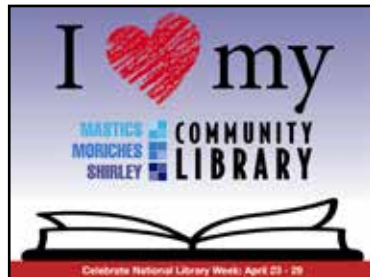
**Held at the Mastic
Recreation Center.**

No registration necessary. This Earth Day learn to help pollinators in your own backyard. Craft your own bee bath for your backyard garden, learn about native plants, and plant seeds. **Open to all, while supplies last.**



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK - GET YOUR FREE YARD SIGN!

It's National Library week in April - show your library some love with our new yard sign. 1 per household, while supplies last, for cardholders only. Pick yours up at Mastic Beach Branch and display it proudly through March and April!



MastiCon III

Saturday May 6
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Save the date for
our third annual
MastiCon!



Cosplay Club

Tuesdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center. Meet other cosplayers in our community as we get ready for MastiCon. We will be hosting workshops to help bring your costume to life from concepts to finishing touches. Bring your own materials, projects and questions. There will be a Cricut and sewing machine to help you on your journey bringing your favorite characters to life. All are welcome, from beginners who are still working on concepts to experienced cosplayers trying to fine tune their work.



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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. 1001.

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