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BUDGET INCREASE ESTIMATED AT ONLY \$2.67 PER MONTH FOR AVERAGE HOME

Proposed Operating Budget Tax Levy 2024-2025	Annual Library Tax for Average Home (estimated)	Increase from 2023-24 for Average Home (estimated)
\$11,806,500	\$710	\$32 annually

Dear Library Patrons:

In a world that feels ever-changing, one constant remains: our dedication to serving you, the heart of our community. We've navigated the challenges of our times, including persistent inflationary increases over the past three years and other economic pressures which have had a significant effect on the library. Despite it all, our commitment to providing top-quality library services is unwavering.

This year, we face the necessary step of proposing a 4.76 percent estimated tax increase, a decision not made lightly but with careful consideration for the future of our library and its patrons.

This increase, though above the state tax cap of 2 percent, translates to just \$32 estimated annually or a modest \$2.67 per month for the average household assessed at \$1,995. To put this in perspective, the increase is less than last year's inflationary food cost increase of 5.8 percent.*

Central to our budget this year is the need to fairly compensate our staff, especially part-time custodians and part-time library clerks, roles crucial to our operation yet challenging to fill and retain. By adjusting these salaries, we aim not only to attract and retain dedicated employees but also to adapt to the state's minimum wage increase, ensuring our library remains a place of opportunity and growth.

Importantly, this proposed budget is totally separate from our capital building project, which continues to progress with the opening of our main library in Shirley anticipated this fall. Funded primarily by a previously approved bond, this project reflects our commitment to enhancing our facilities and making our community stronger, more resilient, and more connected than ever.

This year's proposed operating budget includes the costs associated with running three state-of-the-art facilities: the Main Library, set to open its doors in the third quarter of 2024, and our fully operational satellite branches in Moriches and Mastic Beach. This investment is vital not only for the maintenance and enhancement of our current services but also for ensuring that our newest addition — the Main Library — will meet the high standards of excellent service and accessibility you've come to expect from us.

We understand that any increase in taxes is significant and want to assure you that this decision was reached with the utmost care and consideration for the impact on our community. We are here to answer your questions, provide clarity, and discuss any concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

*Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture



TUESDAY, APRIL 2
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
at the
Mastic Beach Satellite Branch,
369 Neighborhood Road

DID YOU KNOW? Out of the last EIGHT years, the Community Library has only increased its operating budget twice.

Annual Trustee Election

A five member board of trustees elected by the public governs the library. There are two terms up for election: April 2, 2024-June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029. The candidate receiving the most votes will assume the seat with the term of July 1, 2024-June 30, 2029.

Trustee incumbents Joseph Maiorana and Chris Ricciardi are running unopposed.

IMPROVING LOCAL NEIGHBORHOODS!

**FOR COMPLETE BUDGET INFORMATION VISIT
WWW.COMMUNITYLIBRARY.ORG**

Use your mobile phone or tablet's camera
to scan the QR Code to use this

ONLINE TAX CALCULATOR



**ENTER YOUR HOME'S ASSESSED
VALUATION, FOUND ON YOUR MOST
RECENT PROPERTY TAX STATEMENT,
TO SEE A PERSONALIZED ESTIMATE
OF WHAT YOUR LIBRARY TAX
WOULD BE.**

You can also visit the Town of Brookhaven
Assessor's Office sample tax bill for help
understanding your statement:
<https://tinyurl.com/mpswxmh>



Construction at the Main Library at 407 William Floyd Parkway continues to progress month by month, with much of the exterior work finished including siding and windows.



Work on the interior finishes of the Main Library will continue through the spring and summer, with an anticipated opening day in the fall of 2024!

OUR NEW BRANCHES ARE THRIVING

BRANCH STATISTICS FOR JULY 2023 - JANUARY 2024

**MASTIC BEACH BRANCH
46,999 visits**

**MORICHES BRANCH
37,661 visits**

- 84,660 patron visits to our branches.
- Patrons borrowed 134,497 items.
- We offered 1,322 programs that generated attendance of 16,481.
- We offered 33 online programs that generated attendance of 128.
- We offered 719 literacy classes that generated attendance of 7,237.
- Another 687 attended online literacy classes.
- We saw 63,450 visits to our website.

Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library
 FY 2024-2025
 Operating Budget (PROPOSED)

	<u>2023-2024</u>	<u>2024-2025</u>
Employee Salaries		
Professional	\$ 2,213,481	\$ 2,713,871
Clerical	\$ 1,154,198	\$ 1,808,451
Page	\$ 243,643	\$ 471,012
Custodial	\$ 255,731	\$ 595,190
Security	\$ 334,241	\$ 470,232
Employee Insurances & Benefits	\$ 1,139,015	\$ 1,310,488
NYS Retirement - Mandatory Contribution	\$ 389,332	\$ 498,198
Payroll Taxes	\$ 310,000	\$ 403,325
 Materials and Programs		
Books & Periodicals	\$ 283,150	\$ 283,150
Recordings & Videos	\$ 171,150	\$ 171,150
Electronic Resources	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
Programs (Adult, Teen, Childrens & Literacy)	\$ 237,650	\$ 272,650
 Library Operations		
Equipment & Equipment Maintenance	\$ 1,108,760	\$ 544,290
Telecommunications	\$ 65,000	\$ 78,830
Printing & Postage	\$ 143,090	\$ 200,500
Supplies	\$ 61,362	\$ 85,000
Contracts - SCLS	\$ 85,263	\$ 78,750
Insurance	\$ 90,000	\$ 90,000
Professional Fees	\$ 289,195	\$ 289,195
Administrative	\$ 107,000	\$ 96,000
Facilities	\$ 1,300,920	\$ 209,050
 Debt Service		
Bond Referendum	\$ 1,483,194	\$ 1,482,168
 TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	<u>\$ 11,540,375</u>	<u>\$ 12,226,500</u>
 Less: Anticipated Income	\$ 270,000	\$ 420,000
(Contract Revenue, Fines, State Aid, etc.)		
TOTAL TAX LEVY	<u>\$ 11,270,375</u>	<u>\$ 11,806,500</u>

Voting will take place on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, 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 \$35.61 per \$100 of assessed valuation, which equates to an estimated annual levy of \$710 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.

Children & Parents

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Children's Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2016 for the Moriches Branch or Ext. 1030 for the Mastic Beach Branch.

Crafts-To-Go

Crafts-To-Go can be picked up at open library locations. One craft per child, per visit please.

ALL IN-PERSON PROGRAMS ARE OFFERED IN-PERSON ONLY. SUPPLIES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP.

MAKE SURE TO CHECK OUR ONLINE PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR PROGRAM DETAILS.

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

BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

Registration begins one week prior to each session unless otherwise noted.

Baby Games

Monday, April 1, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, April 15, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

Babies Book Club

Tuesday, April 2, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Kidnastics

Tuesday, April 2, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Please wear comfortable clothing, sneakers and be ready to move!

Ages 2-4 years old with an adult.

Baby Playdate

Fridays, April 5 & 19

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our

Moriches branch.

Fridays, April 12 & 26

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic

Beach branch.

Please note this is an unstructured meet up.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Dandelion Delights

Friday, April 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Ages 18 months-5 years.

Little Creators Art Studio

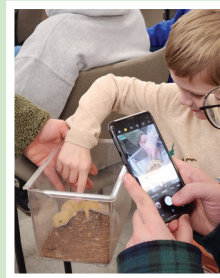
Tuesday, April 9

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Ages 18 months-5 years with

an adult.



Pigeon Storytime

Wednesday, April 10, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Ages 2-5 with an adult.

Messy Meetups

Wednesdays, April 10 & 17

10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

Zumbini

Friday, April 19, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Ages birth-4 years old with an adult.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Birth to 23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, April 23, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

2-5 years with an adult.



ON THE ROAD



Family Roller Skating Night @ Gr8skates

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins Thursday, April 4.

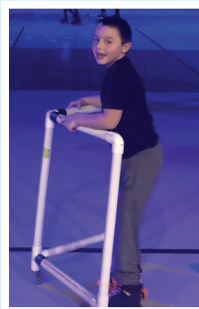
Join your friends and neighbors at the GR8SKATES roller rink! Register each family member for free admission and skate rental

(only those registered will be able to enter the building). Concessions and arcade games are available for purchase. 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.

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

Register each person separately with their own library card. Limited availability. Registration for this program is by phone or in-person only.



PARENTING



Parent Cafe -

The First Five Years

Wednesdays, April 3, 10 & 17, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 27.

The First 5 Years: Join us for a different topic each week in caring for and feeding yourself and your child. Childcare available if requested. **Parents.**

PASTA - Parenting the Second Time Around

Mondays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 and June 3, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Monday, April 1.

Get information and resources to navigate the challenges of raising your grandchildren and relatives. Childcare available if requested. **Grandparents/ Caregivers.**

Positive Parenting - VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 & June 4, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 23.

Learn how to set healthy boundaries and discipline without punishment. This program is designed for both mandated (certificate included) and non-mandated parents and will be presented through Zoom. **Parents.**

SCHOOL-AGE

These programs are for the registered children only. Adults and siblings must remain outside of the program space. Registration begins one week prior to each session unless otherwise noted.



Lego Club Afternoon

Monday, April 1, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-6.

Learn How to Write Cursive

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23 & May 7, 14, 21, & 28, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Please note this program is designed as an eight-week course to learn cursive.

Grades 3-6.

Tail-Waggin' and Readin' Fun!

Mondays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Tuesdays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Drop-In. No registration required.

Entering grades K-6.

Homework Club

Thursdays, April 4, 11, and 18
5:00 – 5:30 p.m. - Grades K-3.

5:30 – 6:00 p.m. - Grades 4-6.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Please bring one assignment per child per session.

Dandelion Delights

Friday, April 5, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades K-6.

Chess Club

Monday, April 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 3-6.



Tissue Paper Flower Craft

Tuesday, April 9, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades K-6.

Siblings Day Celebration

Wednesday, April 10, 5:45 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch. Grades 1-6.

Guided Meditation for Kids

Wednesdays, April 10 & 24, 7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch. Grades K-6.

Mushroom Mania Art

Tuesday, April 16, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch. Grades K-6.

Beginner D&D

Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 4-6.

Spring Bingo!

Thursday, April 18

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades 1-6.



Taylor Swift Party

Friday, April 19, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Grades 3-5.

Music Makers

Monday, April 22, 2:00 – 2:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Tuesday, April 23, 12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades K-6.

Jellybean Exploration

Monday, April 22

12:00 – 12:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Tuesday, April 23, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades K-6.



Kids Movie Night

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Movie to be announced. This program is for registered patrons only. Attendees are expected to stay in the room for the duration of the movie aside for bathroom breaks. Grades 1-5.

Creation Station

Wednesday, April 24, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-6.

Origami Spring

Thursday, April 25

12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades 2-5.



Bookworm Book Club: Pepper Page Saves the Universe

Friday, April 26, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Pick up the book at Circulation starting April 1st. Grades 4-6.



Art Teacher Amy: Bunny in a Basket

Monday, April 29

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic

Recreation Center.

Grades 1-6.



FAMILIES

Registration begins one week prior to each session unless otherwise noted.

Spring Fling

Tuesday, April 2, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Come by for springtime drop-in crafts, activities, and fun for all! Families with children grade 6 or younger.

It's Tragic: A Keepsake Book, Grief Healing Aide for All Ages Local Author Book Meet + Greet + Discussion

Saturday, April 6, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register one child to represent the family.

Books will be available for purchase and signing. See program calendar for more information.

Families with children Grade 6 or younger.

The Rainbow Fish - Children's Theater

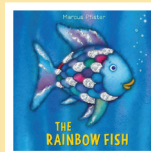
Saturday, April 13

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Register each child separately.

Join the magical world of the deep blue sea, and experience a theatrical retelling of the, *The Rainbow Fish*, with its message of friendship and belonging, performed in partnership with the Teen Department! Families with children Grades K-4.



Spring Break Activities

Wednesday, April 24 & Friday, April 26

10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Thursday, April 25, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in, No registration required.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.

Family Gaming

Friday, April 26, 4:00 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register one child to represent the family.

Families with children grades K-6.

Your Heart's Voice: Local Author Book Reading and Meet + Greet

Saturday, April 27, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register one child to represent the family. Books will be available for purchase and signing. See program calendar for more information. Families with children Grade 6 or younger.



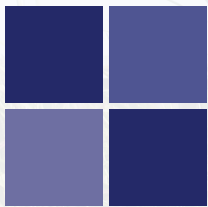
Character Story Hour

Tuesday, April 30, 5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Register one child to represent the family.

Jedi, Princesses and Video game characters will come visit the library to read a story and take pictures! Families with at least one child in Grade 6 or younger.



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 Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2015 for the Moriches Branch or Ext. 1029 for the Mastic Beach Branch.

Fun and Games

Kahoot Trivia - Virtual
Mondays, April 1, 15, 29
3:00 p.m.



Head on over to our Discord or Instagram and test your knowledge of various trivia topics! You have until Friday to participate.

Retro Gaming

Monday, April 8, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Wednesday, April 10, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 3/25.

Pretend it is the arcade days with some retro NES games on the Nintendo Switch!

Eat snacks and try to get the highest score!



D&D

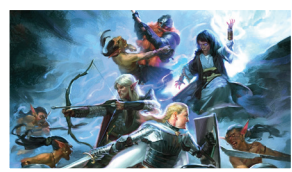
Tuesdays, April 9, 23

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 3/26.

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.



Uno Tournament

Thursday, April 11, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 3/28.

Do you have what it takes to be the winner of our Uno Tournament? The winner will receive a prize!



Jackbox Games & Pizza

Friday, April 19, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/5.

Sign up to play games Jackbox Games and eat pizza!



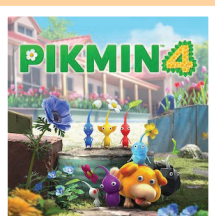
Pikmin 4 Dandori Battle Tournament

Wednesday, April 24, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/10.

Come celebrate Earth Day by competing in our Pikmin 4 Tournament! The overall winner earns a \$20 Nintendo eShop card!



Entertainment

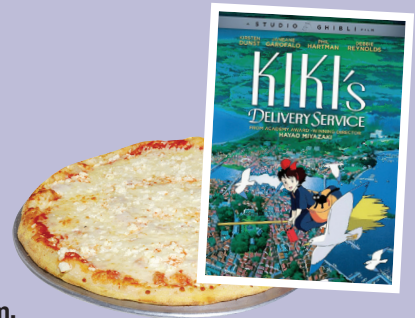
Pizza and a Movie

Friday, April 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 3/22.

Sign-up to watch Kiki's Delivery Service and eat pizza!



Anime & Superheroes

Mondays, April 8, 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 3/25.

Japanese cartoons, a few Marvel moments, snacks and plenty of awesomeness. Register for each session.

Pop Culture Club

Thursday, April 18, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/4.

Join Mr. Casper for a watch party! Watch a variety of current movies/series and stay for a discussion over pizza.



Your Library Loves to Help

OMU

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

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.

Let's Talk

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

This is a drop-in program.

A unique program where teens get to pick topics that are of concern to them that will be discussed among their peers in a judgement free and open atmosphere. They will have the chance to learn about topics that interest them and are important to teens. Snacks will be served for all attendees.

Inclusive Program

Teen Enrichment: Pizza & Poetry

Thursday, April 4, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration is open.

Sign up to eat pizza and enjoy poetry with William Floyd H.S. superstar Nick Nappi, Ms. Currao (WFHS Special Education teacher) and other friends. This is an inclusive program for those that are 6th through 12th grade.



Community service is for students in grades 6 through 12. Teens must have an MMSCL library card in good standing.

Reading Buddies

Mondays, throughout the school year, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.
Held at William Floyd High School.

Teens in grades 8–12 read with younger children during the Library’s ENL classes at William Floyd High School on Monday nights. Potential volunteers must fill out an application. Applications can be picked up in the Teen Department of the Mastic Beach or Moriches Branch. Two hours of community service is available each Monday night. This is an on-going program.

Hersheys for Heroes

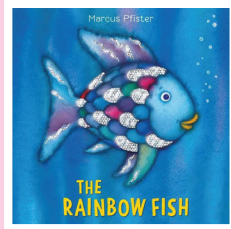
Monday, April 1, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.
Registration begins 3/25.

Sign up with a friend to make thank you cards, and pack treat bags for EMS volunteers. One hour of community service will be awarded.

Rainbow Fish: Theater for Young Audiences

Mondays, April 1 & 8, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.
Wednesdays, April 3 & 17, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Monday, April 15, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Friday, April 19, 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Act with puppets in our production of the classic book *Rainbow Fish* for the Children’s Department!



Extraordinary Earth Sculpture

Wednesday, April 3, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration begins 3/27.
Wednesday, April 17, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. Registration begins 4/10.
Held at our Moriches branch.

Join students from all over the world and help us create a marine life sculpture from plastic materials that would be headed for the landfill. Our art will be posted on the Students Rebuild website and will contribute to an environmental organization. Earn up to three hours of community service.

Seed Counting

Wednesday, April 10, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration begins 4/3.
Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Registration begins 4/17.
Held at our Moriches branch.

Help us restock our Seed Library by filling envelopes with seeds for patrons to plant at home. One hour of community service will be awarded.

Feed our Local Birds

Thursday, April 11, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration begins 4/4.
Thursday, April 18, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration begins 4/11.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Monday, April 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration begins 4/15.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.
Wednesday, April 24, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Registration begins 4/17.
Held at our Moriches branch.

Make a bird feeder to hang outside. One hour of community service will be awarded.

Think Globally, Act Locally

Monday, April 22, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.
Registration begins 4/15.

Happy Earth Day! Attend a presentation by the Mastic Beach Conservancy to learn about the ecology of our beautiful waterfront and how this group of local volunteers is working to preserve it. One hour of community service will be awarded.



Operation Gratitude Cards

Tuesday, April 30, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.
Registration begins 4/23.

Write a card and send your gratitude to veterans and first responders. One hour of community service will be awarded.



Arts and Crafts

Perler Beads

Thursdays,
April 4, 18
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held at our



Mastic Beach branch.

This is a drop-in program.

Make a fun perler bead craft of any design that you would like!

Art Club

Fridays, April 5, 19, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

This is a drop-in program.

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

Mystical Tree Painting

Monday, April 15, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/1.

Paint a mystical tree silhouette against a starry sky with Ms. Melissa.

Origami Pikmin & Flowers

Tuesday, April 23
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Wednesday, April 24
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/9.

Come celebrate Earth Day by folding adorable Pikmin and a variety of beautiful paper flowers!



Eats



Spring Cookie Decorating

Thursday, April 18, 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 4/4.

Come decorate spring-themed cookies with your friends at the library!

Adults

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Adult Information Desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2014 for the Moriches Branch or Ext. 1028 for the Mastic Beach Branch.

Home Improvement Series: Your Home's Interior

Saturday, April 27, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Saturday, March 23.

Join Brian from KL Home Inspections to discover the types of materials that comprise the interior of your home and the importance of maintaining them. Please bring your questions and photos.

Woodworking Workshop: Build a Bird Feeder

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 10.

Give the birds a tasty place to snack with this



DIY bird feeder. At this woodworking workshop with Michele Chiamonte, each participant will build their own bird feeder using eco-friendly and

sustainable American hardwoods. Materials fee: \$20.00 (non-refundable) Must have a MMSCL library card to register.

Connect with Nature

How to be a Birder... Anywhere

Wednesday, April 24, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, April 11.

Learn about the hobby of bird watching, not only in your backyard but anywhere else you may go. Dianne Taggart, long time birder, will present a program on how to bird in the field, how to enjoy the birds in your own backyard and what birds you may see.



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 **Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World** by Christian Cooper.

Book Discussion of Better Living through Birding

Thursday, April 25, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

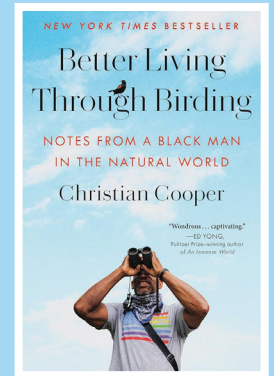
Registration begins Thursday, March 28.

The Long Island Reads 2024 selection is **Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World** by Christian Cooper.

It is the true story of a man on a pilgrimage to communities and regions sacred to him. Christian Cooper migrates through life between racism, homophobia, and the beauty he sees through his binoculars. Set in New York City and around the world, this story reminds everyone about self-acceptance and to be proud of who you are. A limited number of complimentary copies will be provided to MMSCL cardholders who are registered for the April book discussion.



LONG ISLAND READS
One Island—One Book



Titanic Tea

Saturday, April 13,
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our
Moriches branch.

Registration begins
Monday, April 1.

The elegance of afternoon tea and the allure of the world's most famous ship come together, deliciously, in this program from Margaret M. Johnson. Author of fourteen cookbooks, including *Teatime in Ireland* and her latest, *Delicious Ireland*, Johnson weaves history and Titanic lore into a formal three-course menu that includes sandwiches and savories, scones and tea breads, and decadent sweets, many based on period recipes. A sparkling beverage will be served. Patrons should bring their own teacup and saucer.



Radio Waves, Communications, and the Eclipse

Monday, April 8, 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop in at the Moriches Branch of the Library anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. to meet Ham Radio Operators and explore how a solar eclipse affects radio communication. Gain insights into the unique challenges and opportunities presented by the solar eclipse and learn how radio enthusiasts adapt their techniques to maintain effective communication. All ages welcome, no registration necessary. Please note: this program is weather dependent.



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 a SCORE business mentor for one-to-one help. To register, please call the Adult Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 1028 or 2014. **Open to all.**

Social Worker Assistance

Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register now.

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

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursdays, April 4 and 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register now.

The Family and Children's Association is hosting a monthly support group for persons who care for someone with dementia or memory loss. The support group provides caregivers with emotional and social support, as well as educational materials to assist with caring for their loved ones. This group is for spouses, children, or any other family members or friends who are caring for someone with memory loss. **Open to all.**



Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register for a one-on-one session with our seasoned Career Counselor for students and professionals to help with resumes, cover letters, interview etiquette, job searching techniques, and career transition advice! *For MMSCL cardholders only. Appointments required.*



Help with Everyday Problems

**Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30
12:00 – 3:00 p.m.**

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register now.

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.



Job Readiness Workshop

Wednesday, April 10, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Monday, April 1.

Join Alonzo Cook from the Suffolk County Department of Labor to help you find the job you want. In this workshop learn about topics such as updating your resume and practicing your interview skills. **Open to all.**

ABC's of Medicare

Tuesday, April 16, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, March 28.

Join Medicare Specialist Kiersten to learn about lowering your prescription costs, Medicare health insurance options and how to maximize your entitlements. Get all your questions answered in this informative seminar with a healthcare professional.



HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Wednesday, April 17, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register now.

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 18, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

No registration required.

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.**



Senior Advocate

**Friday, April 26
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

No registration 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. **Open to all.**



Check Out our New Seed Library

Located at our Moriches Library Branch

Our seed library is a collection of open-pollinated and heirloom seeds that you can take home to plant. Our collection of seeds will change seasonally, and some seeds will only be available during specific times.

MMSCL cardholders may obtain 4 seed packets per month. Each packet is labeled with basic directions on how to plant the seeds. You are not required to save and return seeds.

For more information contact the reference desk at 631-399-1511 Ext. 2014 or email clingg@communitylibrary.org



Fun and Games

Board Game Night

Thursday, April 4, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.

Attention all tabletop game enthusiasts! Come join Games Master Games for a night filled with board action.



Arts and Crafts

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

DROP-INS

No registration necessary. While supplies last.

Bird Seed Ornaments

Tuesday, April 9, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

Drop-in to make a bird seed ornament to feed the birds in your yard.



Garden Markers

Tuesday, April 23, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Drop-in to create a set of garden markers.



Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 26.

Join local artist Jennifer Lucas to learn the basics of sketching and drawing using colored pencils. Materials needed for class: A set of 24 Prismacolor colored pencils (either Premier or Scholar), Prismacolor colorless blender pencil, a plastic eraser, a hand sharpener and a Strathmore colored pencil paper pad. **Open to all.**



Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesday, April 10

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Register now.

All levels of experience are welcome to join the group.

Our instructors

Gloria and Sandy can assist you with an existing project or get you started on a new one.



Mason Jar Wall Hanging

Wednesday, April 10

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins

Wednesday, April 3.

Join craft instructor Laurie and

learn how to make this pretty floral wall hanging.

Materials fee: \$10.00

(non-refundable).

Beginner Wet Felting: Trinket Bowl

Monday, April 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins Friday, April 5.

Join Anne to learn all about wet felting and create a beautiful and unique trinket bowl using the wet felting technique.

Wet felting turns animal fibers, such as wool, into a non-woven fabric through a combination of hot water, soap and agitation. Please bring a regular sized bath towel from home.

Material fee:

\$5.00 (non-refundable).

Due to the type of instruction, there will be no take home kits.



Crochet and Knit

Wednesdays, April 3 and 17, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Register now.

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.**

Mosaic House Key Holder

Wednesday, April 3, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins Monday, March 25.

Join Long Island Mosaic Artist Gabriella Grama for a fun and creative mosaic experience. Whether you are a seasoned mosaic enthusiast or a beginner, this workshop is perfect for all skill levels. Customize your very own mosaic key holder in the charming shape of a house. All materials will be provided as well as grouting for the project. Materials fee \$12.00 (non-refundable).



Beginner Painting: Daffodil Wall Hanging

Saturday, April 6

10:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins

Thursday, March 28.

Join painting instructor Linda and learn how to paint this pretty daffodil wall hanging on a 5" x 7" suede board. Brushes and paint will be supplied by the instructor. Materials fee: \$7.00 (non-refundable).



Driving

5 Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, April 6, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Held at the **Mastic Recreation Center**.

Registration ongoing.

This is the required course for people who want to schedule their road test. Must be 16 or older. **Register and pay in advance in the Literacy Trailer, Mastic Beach.** Course fee is \$60, payable by cash; nonrefundable. A valid NYS Learner's Permit will be required on the day of the class. Pack a light lunch or snack. Course is presented by All Suffolk Auto. Out-of-district patrons are welcome, if space allows.



Defensive Driving in Spanish

Saturday, April 13, 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. Course is presented by Empire Safety Council and approved by the NYS DMV. Bring a brown bag lunch or snack. **Open to all.**

Inclusive Services

Adult Enrichment:

Pizza & Poetry

Thursday, April 4, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Register now.

Join Ms. Currao (Special Education teacher at WFHS), Nick Nappi (Program manager) and your friends for a poetry and pizza party. This is an inclusive program for those 18 years and older.



Friendly Italian Conversation

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, May 2, 9, 16, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Thursday, March 21.

Welcome! Join Ms. Antonella for our new program, Friendly Italian Conversation. Hope to see you! Benvenuti! Siete invitati a partecipare ad un programma nuovo: imparare l'Italiano con la Prof.ssa Antonella, Ti aspettiamo! Learn basic conversational Italian in a relaxed setting; all levels are welcome. Bring a notebook and pen to class.

Take Care of Yourself

Start Your Day the Right Way Walking Club

Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 30

9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at Terrell River County Park.

Registration begins Monday, March 25.

Improve your health and look for signs of spring with a walk at Terrell River County Park. We will meet in the parking lot and will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m.

Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes for unpredictable weather and rugged trails. **Open to all.**



Community Outreach Health Bus

Friday, April 19, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

No registration required.

A Catholic Health Services Nurse will be administering a variety of medical screening services such as blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose to the public. Insurance is not required and there are no fees for the services. **Open to all.**



Chess Lessons

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Register now.

Come learn chess strategies with instructor Marina.

All experience levels are welcomed.



In the Kitchen

Mediterranean Cooking: Spinach Pies

Thursday, April 18, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Monday, April 8.

Chef Naela returns with a menu that includes vegan spinach pies with sauteed onions, Za'atar flatbread with olive oil and hummus, Middle Eastern salad and Baklava.



Computers & Technology

Going Paperless

Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 26.

Are you sick of paper clutter? Want to learn ways to keep all your important paperwork all in one, safe space? Join us to learn about the pros of going paperless. In this class, participants will discover all the ways you can digitize and organize your paperwork, receipts, bills, and documents.



Design Your Own Reusable Shopping Bag

Wednesday, April 24

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins

Wednesday, April 10.

In honor of Earth Day, we'll be using our Cricut machine to design and decorate our own reusable shopping bags. One bag and all necessary supplies will be provided for each attendee.

Paint a Planter

Tuesday, April 30, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 16.

Join us to paint a planter! No art skills are necessary. Using stencils cut by our Cricut machine to help guide you, participants will paint a terracotta planter pot to perfection. Supplies will be provided, limited to one planter per registrant.

Apps for Plant Lovers

Wednesday, April 17, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 3.

Gardening season is right around the corner, so let's learn how technology can help maximize your plant-growing potential. We'll identify apps to assist with every stage of planting, from organizing your garden to identifying plants and resolving their individual health issues.

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Solar Eclipse Watch Party Monday, April 8, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Monday, April 1.

Join us at either Community Library branch to witness the total solar eclipse on April 8th. The eclipse's peak, showcasing the Moon's shadow at its strongest, will occur at 3:26 p.m. — an incredible sight not to be missed! We'll provide registered patrons with NASA-approved eclipse glasses for a safe and enjoyable viewing experience. Gather with us for this remarkable celestial event! And enjoy some eclipse crafts and activities for the kids. **All Ages Welcome.**

Poetry Walk at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge

Saturday, April 27
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
and 2:00 – 3:30 p.m.

**(Rain location: the
Moriches branch)**

Drop-In. No registration required.

Join us in celebration of the 60th anniversary of the Fire Island National Seashore. Meet up at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge for a Poetry Walk featuring poems from the community. This family friendly event is co-hosted by the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library, the National Park Service, and Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge. **All Ages Welcome.**



MastiCon IV

Saturday, May 4
12:00 – 4:00 p.m.

*Save the date for
our fourth annual
MastiCon!*

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. 1001.



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