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COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Get Ready for the Solar Eclipse!

Exhibit of Historic Solar Eclipse Photographs

On display from March 12 through April 10.

Held at our Moriches branch.

When photography debuted in the 19th century, it profoundly changed science. Impartial observation, critical to scientific method, was supported by photography, and as cameras "saw" the world differently, new worlds were revealed to scientists. In astronomy, solar eclipses provided the backdrop for groundbreaking discoveries such as helium and Albert Einstein's Theory of Relativity. **For all ages.**

Solar Eclipses: Past and Present

Thursday, March 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, March 7.

Eerily beautiful and ever-inspiring, solar eclipse events have profoundly shaped the way we view our world. In April, parts of New York State will experience total darkness, while 88% of Long Island will sit in shadow. What can we expect to see? Join William Francis Taylor, the Hamptons Observatory's Senior Educator, as he prepares us by sharing memorable solar eclipse experiences from the past. **For adults and teens 6th grade and up.**

Astronomy: Observe the Moon and the Planets

Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Friday, March 1.

Step into the past and the future with Astronomer Larry Gerstman. Learn about historic astronomy discoveries and about the upcoming Solar Eclipse. Step outside to use telescopes to observe the skies (**weather permitting**). Each registered participant will receive one pair of solar eclipse glasses for safely observing the April 8 solar eclipse. Must have a MMSCL Library Card to register. **For adults 18 and over.**



Solar Eclipse Glasses

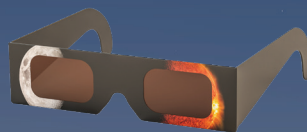
Registration begins Monday, March 4

Be prepared for the April 8th Solar Eclipse! Register to receive a complimentary pair of Solar Eclipse Glasses. To register, you must have an MMSCL Library Card. One pair of glasses per registration while supplies last. Be sure to pick up your glasses between March 25 and March 29 during the library's operating hours. Don't miss this opportunity to safely experience the solar eclipse.

Solar Eclipse Watch Party

Monday, April 8, 3:00 p.m.

Save the date for our Solar Eclipse Watch Party! Join us at either the Mastic Beach or Moriches Branch. Registration begins, April 1. Additional details will be in our April newsletter. **For all ages.**



2024-2025 LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION Tuesday April 2, 2024

Budget info webpage:



The library's 2024-2025 budget and trustee election will take place at the **Mastic Beach Branch only, 369 Neighborhood Road**, between the hours of 9:00 am to 9:00 pm.

Because the presidential primary also takes place on April 2, the Suffolk County Board of Elections has advised jurisdictions countywide that no voting machines would be available for use during the period from March 1 to May 1. As a result, the April 2 library vote will take place using paper ballots. Paper ballot voting is overseen by trained, certified poll workers from the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

NYS legislation effective January 1, 2024, allows for early voting for school district and library votes.

The following chart shows important dates for the library budget vote process:

TIMELINE FOR VOTE			
	Due Date		Location
Petitions for Nominating Available as of	Tuesday, February 6, 2024		Moriches and Mastic Beach Branches and Website
Applications for Absentee/Early Ballot Available as of	Wednesday, February 14, 2024		
Trustee Petitions Due Back	Monday, March 4, 2024	By 5:00 PM	Business Office 369 Neighborhood Rd.
Early voting applications accepted as of	Monday March 4, 2024		
Budget Available to Public	Tuesday, March 19, 2024		
Board Meeting/Budget Hearing	Monday, March 25, 2024		
Absentee/Early Ballot Requests Deadline <i>if Ballot is to be Mailed to Voter</i>	Tuesday, March 26, 2024	By 5:00 PM	Business Office 369 Neighborhood Rd.
Voter Registration In-Library	Tuesday, March 26, 2024		Mastic Beach Branch 369 Neighborhood Rd.
Absentee/Early Ballot Requests Deadline <i>if Ballot is to be Picked up In-Person</i>	Monday, April 1, 2024	By 5:00 PM	Business Office 369 Neighborhood Rd.
Vote (In-Person)	Tuesday, April 2, 2024	9 AM - 9PM	Mastic Beach Branch 369 Neighborhood Rd.

PROJECT UPDATE

Main Library Renovation: Ongoing Developments and Exciting Advances



Welcome to our latest update on the renovation of the Main Library. As we progress through the early months of the year, our anticipation grows with the completion of important milestones of this project. Our commitment to creating an innovative and inviting space for our community is reflected in the significant strides made in both the exterior and interior developments of the library.

Exterior Progress: Final Touches and Advanced Security

- **Siding and Trim Completion:** The final phases of siding and trim work are expected to conclude by the end of February, putting a finishing touch on the library's exterior aesthetics.
- **Security Enhancements:** With exterior camera installations reaching 90 percent completion, our library's security infrastructure is nearly in place, promising a safe environment for all visitors.
- **Final Exterior Adjustments:** March will see the completion of the exterior punchlist work, ensuring every detail meets our high standards.

Interior Advancements: From Aesthetic to Functional Spaces

- **Restroom Upgrades:** The installation of bathroom tiles is set to begin this month, marking another step towards the modernization of our facilities.
- **Warmth and Welcome:** The delivery and installation of the fireplace in the Adult Area this week will add a cozy, welcoming atmosphere to the library.
- **Lobby and Adult Area:** Ongoing work in the lobby includes framing and electrical rough-ins, while drywall work in the ground floor Adult Area progresses, shaping these central spaces into welcoming areas for our patrons.
- **Teen Space Enhancements:** Ceiling work in the Teen Area is underway, creating a vibrant and engaging environment for our younger visitors.
- **Community Room Transformation:** The community room and adjacent areas are receiving final touches with skim coating, followed by painting, ceiling installation, and finishing, promising an inviting space for events and gatherings.
- **Basement Innovations:** Work in the basement level is advancing with ceilings being closed up, paving the way for the flooring installation, ensuring a durable and attractive finish.



Stay Informed and Engaged

We invite you to witness the transformation journey of our library through the latest construction photos featured in this newsletter and further details available online at <https://buildinginfo.communitylibrary.org>.

Gratitude for Your Support

Your continued support and excitement fuel our progress towards completing a library that truly embodies the spirit and needs of the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley community. We are immensely grateful for your patience and enthusiasm as we approach the finishing line.

Look forward to more updates as we edge closer to the grand unveiling of a library later this year, destined to become a cornerstone of learning, community, and connection.

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

Baby Playdate

Friday, March, 1, 15, & 29
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Friday, March, 8 & 22,
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.



Baby Games

Monday, March 4, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, March 18, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Join Miss Kathy and other parents to share ideas and information as well as age appropriate play for all.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.



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

Messy Meetups

Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 6 for all sessions.

Dress for mess and weather. We get dirty and wet! These activities require close supervision by an adult. Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

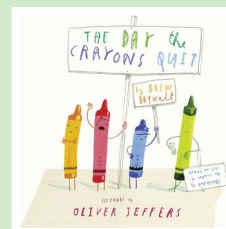
The Day the Crayons Quit

Wednesday, March 6

5:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Join us for a craft and reading of the story *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt. Ages 2-4 with an adult.



Color Exploration

Thursday, March 21, 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Celebrate color by exploring color mixtures for the first time with Ms. Hillary. Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Scribble Day

Wednesday, March 27

11:00 – 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Enjoy your child's journey with mark making while doodling together. Ages 2-5 years with an adult.



Little Creators Art Studio

Tuesday, March 5

10:00 – 10:45 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

We paint, glue, sculpt, stamp and more. Be prepared for very messy play. Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.

PARENTING

Parent Cafe – The First Five Years

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27, 12:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, February 28.

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. Light refreshments will be served.

Parents.

Positive Parenting

Tuesdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16 & 23, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

This is a Virtual Program.

Registration begins Tuesday, March 12.

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. Parents.

SCHOOL-AGE / TWEEN

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.

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.

Grades K-6.



Chess Club

Monday, March 4, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Tuesday, March 19, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 3-6.

Homework Club

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, and 28

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.

Le Petite Picassos:

Make a Dreamcatcher

Friday, March 8, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Grades 1-6.

Lego Club

Monday, March 11, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-6.

Beginner D&D

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Learn how to play this role playing game from Game Master Chris and continue the adventure! Grades 4-6.

Code Club

Wednesday, March 13, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Join Ms. Sam to learn basic coding and do STEAM activities! Grades K-6.

Green Earth Craft: Lucky Horseshoe

Thursday, March 14, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Come join Ms. Leslie from Green Earth Craft and make a fun Lucky Horseshoe Craft for St. Patty's Day! Grades 1-5.

Poetry Writing for Kids!

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Come join Mr. Scott for a poetry writing session about nature and the great outdoors. These poems will be on display at the Wertheim Wildlife Refuge, Saturday, April 27 during the National Parks Poetry Walk! Grades 2-6.

Leaping Frogs

Wednesday, March 20, 5:30 – 6:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Join Ms. Hillary in making origami jumping frogs to celebrate World Frog Day.

Grades K-6.

Dog Man: The Scarlet Shredder

Book Release Party

Thursday, March 21

6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Come join the celebration of the return of Dog Man in his latest graphic novel, *The Scarlet Shredder*! Join us for activities, games and crafts and take home your own copy of the book. Grades 3-6.



Art Teacher Amy:

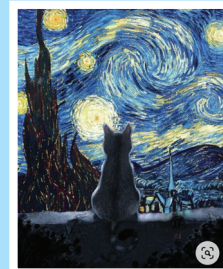
Van Gogh's Starry Night with a Cat!

Monday, March 25

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Learn about the artist and art, while we draw with oil pastels and watercolors. No experience necessary. Grades 1-6.



Watercolor Paper Egg Painting

Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades K-6.

Jeopardy! For Kids

Thursday, March 28, 7:00 – 7:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades 2-6.

Bookworm Book Club: New Kid

Friday, March 29, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

For March we will be reading *New Kid* by Jerry Craft. Pick up the book at Circulation starting March 1st. Grades 4-6.



FAMILIES

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

Read Across America Party!

Saturday, March 2, 1:00 – 1:45 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Register one child to represent the family. Families with children grade 6 or younger.

Mario Sunday Funday!

Sunday, March 10, 12:30 – 1:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-In. No registration required.

Celebrate one of your favorite gaming characters, Mario, on his official day with various crafts and activities. Please check program calendar for information and details. While supplies last. Families with children in grade 6 or younger.



Pillows and PJs Guided Meditation

Wednesdays, March 13, 27

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Register one child to represent the family. Come in comfy clothes to experience deep calm before sleep. Families with children in grades K-6.

Playdough Drop-in: Gnomes and Fairies

Tuesday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Thursday, March 21, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Drop-in. No registration needed.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.

Spring Fling

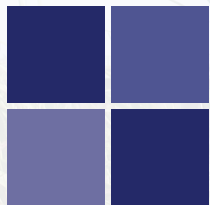
Tuesday, April 2, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

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.





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

Puzzle Night

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, March 11, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/21.

Work together to complete fun word games and quizzes including Wordle, Redactle, Sporcle, and anything else ending in -le! You might learn something new along the way!



Mario Kart 8 Deluxe Tournament

Sunday, March 10, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/22.

Come celebrate Mario Day by competing in our Mario Kart Tournament! The overall winner earns themselves a \$20 Nintendo eShop Card! For grades 6 through 12.

D&D

Tuesdays, March 12, 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/27.

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.



Retro Gaming

Wednesday, March 20, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, March 25, 7:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 3/6.

Pretend it is the arcade days with some retro NES games on the Nintendo Switch! Eat snacks and try to get the highest score!



Board Games & Pizza

Friday, March 22, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 3/8.

Sign up to play games like Uno, Bamboozled, and Heads Up or bring a device to play Jackbox Games and eat pizza!



Entertainment

Anime & Superheroes

Mondays, March 4, 18, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/19.

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

Pizza and a Movie

Friday, March 8, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/23.

Sign-up to watch *The Sea Beast* and eat pizza!



Pop Culture Club

Thursday, March 28, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 3/14.

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



Eats

Rainbow Shamrock Sugar Cookies

Wednesday, March 13, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Friday, March 15, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/28.

Decorate sugar cookies with shamrocks and beautiful rainbow patterned icing!



Breakfast for Dinner

Monday, March 25, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/26.

If you like pancakes with warm maple syrup, come and mix and flip a batch with us.



Inclusive Program

Teen Enrichment: Board Games

Thursday, March 7, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration is open.

Sign up to play board games 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.



Arts and Crafts

Art Club

Fridays, March 1, 15, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Wednesdays, March 6, 20, 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.



Perler Beads

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21, 28

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!



Mario Origami

Friday, March 8, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Sunday, March 10, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/23.

Come celebrate Mario Day by folding different characters and items from *Paper Mario: Origami King*.



Creative Printmaking

Monday, March 11, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/26.

Join Ms. Melissa to create original prints using hand-processed techniques. Design your own plates to produce relief prints and experiment with found objects to make unique mixed-media works!



Your Library Loves to Help

OMU

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 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, March 6, 13, 20, 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 opportunity to learn about topics that interest them and are important to teens in our current world. Snacks will be served for all attendees.



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

Poetry

Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Fire Island National Seashore by unlocking your creativity and earning an hour of community service! Share your love for nature through a captivating poem, expressing how the great outdoors inspires you. Submit your original work (less than 100 words) to poetry@communitylibrary.org by March 31 to be part of this unique opportunity. Winning submissions will be featured at a Poetry Walk in April, a family-friendly event co-hosted by the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library and the Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge.

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 are available each Monday night. This is an on-going program.

Rainbow Fish: Theater for Young Audiences

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/19.

Act with puppets in our production of the classic book *Rainbow Fish* for the children's department! Rehearsals will count as one and a half hours of community service each.



Winter Seed Sowing

Mondays, March 4, 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/19.

Create a mini greenhouse from recycled containers. Plant flower or vegetable seeds to get an early start on summer growing for our annual Plant Swap. One hour of community service will be awarded.

Operation Gratitude Cards

Wednesday, March 6, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 2/21.

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



Seed Counting

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/21.

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.

Make Decorations

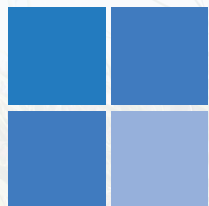
Thursdays, March 14, 21, 28, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 2/29.

Help us make decorations for the Teen Department and the Mastic Recreation Center. One hour of community service will be awarded. Register for each session.





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 Exterior

Saturday, March 23, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Saturday, February 24.

Learn the fundamentals of what supports your house and how cracks in various locations can be a sign for concern. Learn the most cost effective and efficient ways to make repairs. Please bring your questions and photos.

Everyone Loves a Story

Book Discussion of *The Island of Sea Women* by Lisa See

Thursday, March 28

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Thursday, February 22.

The Island of Sea Women offers up an evocative tale of two best friends whose bonds are both strengthened and tested over decades by forces beyond their control. Set largely on the remote Korean island of Jeju, the story follows Young-sook and Mi-ja, girls from strikingly different backgrounds who bond over their shared love of the sea. Working in their village's all-female diving collective, the two friends come of age in a community where gender roles are anything but typical. Here, women are the primary breadwinners, the heads of household in all but name, and yet, as Mi-ja and Young-sook come to realize, there are limits to their control that can prove devastating. Open to all. Copies of the book are available to pick up at our Moriches branch starting Thursday, February 22.



Meet the Author Event

Buried Long Island: History Set in Stone by Alyssa Gutierrez

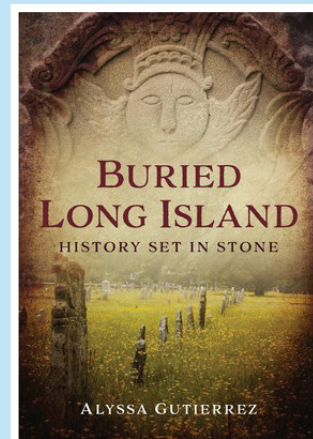
Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Wednesday, March 6.

Author Alyssa Gutierrez trekked through colonial-era graveyards from Manhasset to Montauk, uncovering burial sites for rich and poor. Her eye for detail gives readers a stylistic lexicon of headstone carving, while those interred under nameless field markers also get their due. Alyssa will share her fascinating research, imbued with great humor, compassion, and enthusiasm!



Connect with Nature

Falconry on Long Island

Saturday, March 30, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Monday, March 11.

Join Master Falconer Mario DiDomenico to learn about the history of falconry, falconry on Long Island and meet the birds used for this ancient sport. Bring all your questions!



Fun and Games

Board Game Night

Thursday, March 7, 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.



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 399-1511 ext. 1028 or 2014. **Open to all.**

Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, March 2

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, March 5, 12, 19, 26, 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.

GED Prep Class

Tuesdays and Thursdays, February 27, 29, March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28, April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at William Floyd High School.

Register now. Open to all.

Need help preparing for the General Educational Development Test known as GED? This program will help get you started. Focus will be on math and reading/writing. Fee: \$30 payable by credit card or money order (payable to MMSCL) only, no refunds. Class is for adults aged 18 and over.



Social Worker Assistance

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 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, March 7 and 21, 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.**



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

Thursday, March 21

10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

No appointments required.

A SNAP Program Coordinator from the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island can help individuals and families apply for SNAP. **Open to all.**



HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Wednesday, March 20, 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.**



In the Garden

Winter Seed Sowing

Tuesday, March 12

7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins

Monday, February 26.

Create a mini greenhouse from recycled containers with a Master Gardener. Plant flower or vegetable seeds to get an early start on summer growing. Patrons are encouraged to bring clean empty gallon-size water or milk containers.



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



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.

Wood Bead Carrots

Tuesday, March 5, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Drop-in to make cute decorative carrots using wood beads.

Rope Bunny Coasters

Tuesday, March 19

5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in to create adorable bunny coasters using nautical rope.

Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday, March 12, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 27.

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, March 13, 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.

Bunny Wall Hanging

Monday, March 18, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Monday, March 4.

Join craft instructor Laurie and learn how to make this cute bunny wall hanging.

Materials fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable)



Beginner Painting: Bunny Plaque

Thursday, March 14, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, February 29.

Join painting instructor Linda and learn how to paint this adorable bunny. Brushes and paint will be supplied by the instructor. Materials fee: \$8.00 (non-refundable).

Local Business History

Frank and Son's Bakery

Monday, March 11, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Friday, February 23.

Frank and Son's bakery will celebrate this March with THREE pastry holidays: St. Patrick's Day, St. Joseph's Day, and Easter. Come sample the sweetness and learn the venerable history! Mastic's pastry eminence Frank Visco opened this legendary bread and sweet spot in 1985. Granddaughter Alyssa Visco, the bakery's manager, will describe Frank's beginnings and what it takes to keep the business going.



Inclusive Services

Adult Enrichment: Board Games

Thursday, March 7, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Register now.

Join Ms. Currao (Special Education teacher at WFHS), Nick Nappi (Program manager) and your friends to play board games. This is an inclusive program for those 18 years and older.



Writing

Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, March 14, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 27.

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.

Poetry Contest

Please help us celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Fire Island National Seashore. Write a poem about how nature inspires you and submit it to poetry@communitylibrary.org. All poems must be original works about nature and must be less than 100 words in length. Poems must be received by March 31st. Winning submissions will be displayed at a Poetry Walk in April co-hosted by the Mastics-

Moriches-Shirley Community Library, the National Park Service, and Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge. This is a family friendly event.



Take Care of Yourself

Relax with Yoga

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins

Thursday, February 22.

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.



Start Your Day the Right Way Walking Club

Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge.

Registration begins Friday, March 1.

Improve your health and look for signs of spring with a walk at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge. We will meet at the Visitor Center and will leave promptly at 9:30 a.m. Please wear appropriate clothing and shoes for cold weather and rugged trails. Open to all.

Computers & Technology

Google Sites

Wednesday, March 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, February 21.

Showcase a passion or your achievements with a free website that requires zero coding knowledge. We'll learn how to build and maintain a website or virtual portfolio using Google Sites, part of the web-based Google Docs suite.



Technology and Happiness

Wednesday, March 20, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, March 6.

In honor of International Day of Happiness, we'll explore the ways our uses of technology impact our mental and physical health, and discuss some apps and technologies to avoid or embrace to promote overall well-being.

Internet Basics

Tuesday, March 5, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 20.

Join us to learn about the basics of navigating the World Wide Web. In this class, participants will learn how to search on the internet, how to find and get to websites, how to print from the Internet, and much more. Basic computer knowledge and understanding are recommended for this class.

Crafting with Cricut: Frosted Tumbler Glasses

Tuesday, March 12, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Tuesday, February 27.

Join us to create your own personalized tumbler drinking glasses. Learn how to navigate Cricut's Design Space and create a customized design for your glass, cut by our Cricut machine. Materials for this craft will be provided (limited to one per registrant).

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Prom Attire Drive

**Friday, March 1 –
Monday, March 25**

Donate gently used or new prom attire and accessories at either branch. If you are in need of prom attire, please join us to pick up items on Thursday, March 28 at the Mastic Beach branch from 5:00 – 8:30 p.m.



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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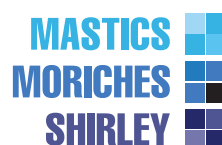
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