



MastiCon the Fourth
Saturday, May 4, 12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.

No registration required, unless indicated for individual programs.
 Welcome to 2024's MastiCon at the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library!
 Enjoy your love for all things anime, cosplay, manga and comics.
All ages welcome. While supplies last.



Game Master Games

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Calling all gamers. Join Game Master Games to play a variety of tabletop games. **Open to all.**

Artist Alley

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Browse local artists and writers and purchase merchandise ranging from art prints, buttons, commissioned pieces, bags and much more!



Cosplay Contest

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
 Dress up in support of your favorite fandom and show off your costume at our Cosplay Contest. There will be a gift card for the winner of each age category. Space is limited, sign up with our QR code on the day of the event. Winners will be announced at 3:00 p.m.

TARDIS Replica

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Come and take pictures with this replica of the TARDIS from Doctor Who!

Special Guests

12:00 – 4:00 p.m.
 Ham Radio Club, Mando Mercs, TESLA, Saber Guild and many more!



Home Blood Pressure Kits Available to Loan

High blood pressure, or hypertension, affects millions of people worldwide and is a leading risk factor for cardiovascular diseases. Unfortunately, many individuals are unaware of their blood pressure status or lack access to monitoring devices.



In partnership with the American Heart Association, Stony Brook Medicine, and the Public Libraries of Suffolk County, your community library now has blood pressure monitors available for loan. Library cardholders can borrow a blood pressure monitor kit from either of our branches for 4 weeks, and each kit comes with a free resource packet to keep, including a blood pressure self-monitoring journal. Check one out at the front desk!

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.



Spring into Action for Literacy



The Community Family Literacy Project, Inc. (CFLP) provides classes and events that help improve and enhance literacy skills in our community. Education empowers individuals, families, and communities! CFLP provides English, Citizenship, and Family Literacy classes, books & resources at community events, *Reach Out and Read* books to the SunRiver Health Center, WFHS senior scholarships, Citizenship scholarships, monthly *Laundromat Literacy* outreach, and more.

Our *Annual Appeal* fundraising campaign is underway. Donations towards literacy efforts in our community are welcome and very much appreciated! For more information, and to donate online, visit: <https://www.communitylibrary.org/departments/literacy/support-literacy/>

*Community Family Literacy Project, Inc. is a 501(c)3 registered charity, ID#11-3527596. Donations are tax deductible to extent allowable.



Help Keep Brookhaven Beautiful!

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins Saturday, May 4.

Join the Literacy Department and participate in the Town of Brookhaven's Community Cleanup.



Join a group to clean an assigned site around our community, or feel free to pick up supplies and clean a site you have in mind.

Meet at the Mastic Beach Branch at 8:45 a.m. for supplies. Garbage pickers (while supplies last, must be returned) event t-shirts, Certificates of Participation, garbage bags, disposable gloves, and a snack will be provided. Dress appropriately for walking near wooded areas and bring your own work gloves if you'd like. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Open to all!



EXCITING CONSTRUCTION UPDATES:

Main Library Building Progressing Towards Fall Completion

As the seasons change, so does the landscape of our treasured Main Library at 407 William Floyd Parkway in Shirley. With summer approaching, our community's anticipation intensifies for the grand opening of the renovated Main Library building slated for this fall. We're excited to share the latest developments in the construction process, marking significant milestones towards creating a modern, welcoming space for all.



Exterior Enhancements: Setting the Stage for Arrival

The transformation of our library's exterior is well underway, with essential site work scheduled to start in May. This includes the installation of new curbs and sidewalks, laying the foundation for a more accessible and inviting entrance to our community's hub of knowledge and connection.

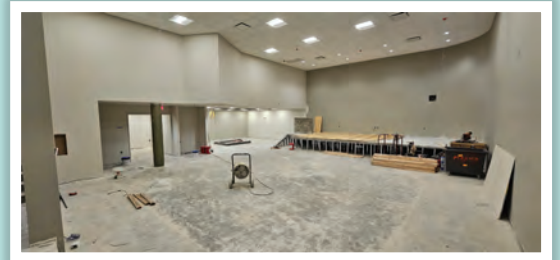


Interior Progress:

Crafting Spaces for Innovation and Engagement

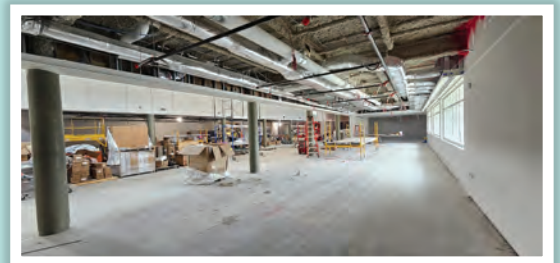
Inside the library, every corner is buzzing with activity as we move closer to completing various areas designed to cater to all age groups and interests.

- **Teen Area:** The ceilings are nearly complete, setting the stage for a dynamic and inclusive environment where our community's youth can explore, learn, and connect.
- **Flooring Initiatives:** Beginning shortly, we will start laying down the new flooring, transforming the space with a fresh and contemporary look.
- **Adult Area:** Installation of ceilings is in progress, promising a sophisticated and serene space for reading, research, and relaxation.
- **Children's Area:** With the ceilings completed, we're now focusing on integrating mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems, ensuring a safe and stimulating environment for our youngest patrons.
- **Circulation and Lobby Areas:** Currently being painted, these areas will soon welcome visitors with a bright and warm atmosphere, with ceiling installations to follow.
- **Stage Area:** Flooring installation has just begun, paving the way for community performances and events that will enrich our library experience.
- **Business Office:** Preparations are complete for the flooring installation, ensuring a functional and efficient workspace for our dedicated staff.
- **Restrooms:** All toilet fixtures are installed, marking another step towards offering fully modernized facilities for our patrons.



Stay Connected and Involved

We encourage our community members to stay engaged with the library's transformation by visiting our website at <https://buildinginfo.communitylibrary.org>. Here, you can find the latest construction photos and updates, allowing you to witness the progress firsthand.



A Heartfelt Thank You

Your enthusiasm and support, as we undertake this ambitious project, mean everything to us. The Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library is more than just a building; it's a symbol of our community's commitment to growth, learning, and togetherness. As we inch closer to our grand opening this fall, we're filled with gratitude for your patience and excitement. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach the grand unveiling of our library — a beacon of knowledge, community, and connection for generations to come.



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.

Monday, May 6 through Sunday, May 12 is Children's Book Week!

Keep your eyes peeled for real live book characters walking around the library throughout the week.



PARENTING

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.**

BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

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

Messy Meetups

Wednesdays,
May 1, 8, 15 & 22
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Ages 18 months-5 years with an adult.



Mother's Day Mugs

Wednesday, May 8, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Please note, paint will be used to create handprints.
Dress for mess! Ages birth-4 years with an adult.



Baby Playdate

Fridays,
May 3, 17, & 31
11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Fridays, May, 10 & 24
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, May 6, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Monday, May 20, 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.



Babies Book Club

Tuesday, May 14, 10:00 – 10:30 a.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Share stories, sing songs and enjoy free play and social time! Each child will go home with a free book.
Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Guinea Pig Playtime

Friday, May 24, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.
Join us for some fun stories and playtime with live guinea pigs! Ages 2-5 with an adult.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, May 28, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Enjoy tons of wiggles and giggles while moving and grooving together! Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, May 28, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.
Experience music by dancing and creating music with drums, tambourines, maracas and more! Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

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.

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, May 2, 9 & 16

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.

Chess Club

Monday, May 6, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Tuesday, May 21, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 3-6.

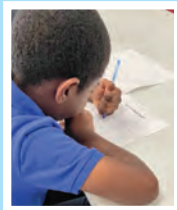
Learn How to Write Cursive

Tuesdays,

May 7, 14, 21, & 28

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch. Grades 3-6.



Mother's Day Mugs

Tuesday, May 7, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Please note, paint will be used to create handprints. Dress for mess!

Grades K-5.

Guided Meditation for Kids

Wednesdays, May 8 & 22

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades K-6.

Curiously Creative Candles: Make a Mother's Day Candle

Thursday, May 9, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Join Curiously Creative Candles to construct and bring home your very own Mother's Day themed candle with colored and scented wax! Grades 1-6.



Keys, Strings, and Drumming Things!

Friday, May 10, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Jam together on a variety of drum and percussion instruments. No musical experience required. Grades 1-6.

Lego Club

Monday, May 13

6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-6.



Beginner D&D

Tuesday, May 14

6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 4-6.



Code Club

Wednesday, May 15, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 2-6.

World Bee Day

Paper Mosaic & Pollinator Ball

Monday, May 20, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Monday, May 20, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades K-6.

Giant UNO Fun

Tuesday, May 21

7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 3-6.



Turtle Time Art

Thursday, May 23

5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-6.



Tiara Making

Friday, May 24, 4:15 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Grades 3-6.

Paper Airplane Flying Challenge

Saturday, May 25, 3:30 – 4:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Grades K-6.

Bookworm Book Club: Guts

Friday, May 31

4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

For May we will be reading *Guts* by

Raina Telgemeier.

Pick up the book at

CRS starting

May 1st.

Grades 4-6.



FAMILIES

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

Cosplay 101

Wednesday,

May 1

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

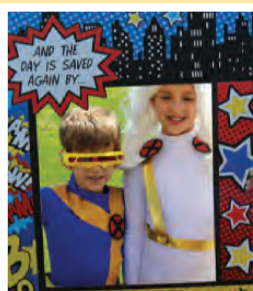
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Drop-in.

No registration required.

Explore cosplay materials and

get tips and tricks about creating your own cosplay. Families.



Playdough Drop-in

Friday, May 17

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Saturday, May 25
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in.

No registration required.

Families with children grade 6 or younger.

Petra Puppets

Presents *Friends on Board All Together*

Saturday, May 18

1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

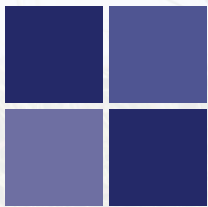
Registration begins Saturday, May 4.

Join us for the zany and fun live puppet show *Friends on Board All Together!* Five friends in one van, all together?

They need to learn about kindness, compassion and... loud snoring! Kids in the audience help Nugget the

Wonder Chicken and the rest of the cast learn to get along with Steve in the funniest ways possible. But please do not bring Guacamole - it makes the chicken crazy! Families with children Grade Pre-K-6.





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

International Harry Potter Day

Thursday, May 2, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration is open.

Celebrate International Harry Potter Day with us. We will drink Butter Beer and make our own magical Perler Bead creations! Take a quiz and find out which “house” you belong to!

Kahoot Trivia - Virtual Mondays, May 6, 20, 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.



Pokémon Card Exchange

Friday, May 10, 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/26.

Bring some cards of your own to exchange with other teens. One pack of Pokémon sampling pack trading cards will be provided to each registered teen. For grades 6 through 12.

D&D

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins 4/30.

Tuesday, May 28, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins 5/14.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

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.



Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Saturday, May 18, 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 5/4.

Think you got what it takes to be the ultimate Smash Bros. champion? The overall winner earns themselves a \$20 Nintendo eShop Card!

Retro Gaming

Friday, May 24, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 5/10.

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



Jackbox Games & Pizza

Friday, May 31, 5:45 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 5/17.

Sign up to play games Jackbox Games and eat pizza!



Your Library Loves to Help

OMU

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29
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, May 8, 15, 22, 29
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.

Entertainment

Anime & Superheroes

Mondays, May 6 and 20, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 4/22.

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

Pizza and a Movie

Friday, May 10
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/26.

Sign up to watch *Strange World* and eat pizza!



Pop Culture Club

Thursday, May 30, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 5/16.

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



Inclusive Program

Teen Enrichment: Visit with a Therapy Dog

Thursday, May 2, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration is open.

Sign up to enjoy the comfort of a therapy dog 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

Perler Beads

Thursdays, May 2, 16, 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, May 3, 17, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Wednesdays, May 8, 22, 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.



Wire Wrapped Rings

Thursday, May 9

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 4/25.

Come craft your own wire wrapped crystal rings.

Choose your crystal bead and learn how to make a beautiful piece of jewelry that you can keep for yourself or give as a gift.



Positive Affirmation Paintings

Tuesday, May 14, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 4/30.

May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Join Ms. Maria and make a fun painting to give you positive vibes!

Mixed Media Collage

Monday, May 20, 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 5/6.

Join Ms. Melissa and learn how to arrange and adhere a wide range of materials to create unique wall hangings and magnets!

Computers & Technology

3D Pens Workshop

Tuesday, May 21, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 5/7. Learn to draw in 3D!



Eats

Doughnut Bakery

Monday, May 13, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Wednesday, May 15, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 4/29.

Try your hand at the mini doughnut maker! We will supply the ingredients to bake, glaze and decorate!



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

Color-A-Smile

Throughout May

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins 4/17.

Pick up a packet of “Color-A-Smile” coloring sheets from the Moriches branch anytime in May. Color all 8 pages at home to earn 2 hours of community service. Return the pages any Thursday between 1 and 9 pm to the Moriches branch. The program date is May 31, but you can register and pick up your packet throughout the month.

Rock Painting

Wednesday, May 8, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins 5/1.

Wednesday, May 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins 5/15.

Held at our Moriches branch.

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 hour of community service will be awarded.



Operation Gratitude Cards

Tuesday, May 23, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 5/16.

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



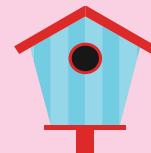
Build a Bird House

Tuesday, May 28, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins 5/21.

Build a wooden bird house with Ms. Maria for our local birds. One hour of community service will be awarded.



Teens Read

Battle of the Books Interest Meeting

Wednesday, May 1, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

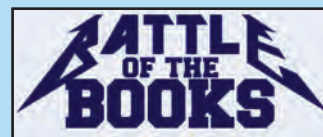
Held at our Moriches branch.

Monday, May 6, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration is open.

Do you have an interest in reading and trivia? Battle of the Books is a county-wide competition for teens entering grades 6 through 9. We will compete with other Suffolk County libraries in August. Attend this meeting for more information.



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.

Connect with Nature



Plant Swap

Saturday, May 18, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

No registration necessary. Open to all.

Bring along your surplus seeds, seedlings, cuttings, or potted plants to swap with fellow enthusiasts at our annual Plant Swap. All plants and seeds must be healthy, pest-free and labeled. Plants can be in soil or rooted cuttings in water (please only bring pots that you are willing to part with)! Bring your own bags and/or containers to carry your new green friends home. All greenery and seeds can be dropped off and swapped starting at 10:30 a.m.

Rewilding with Pesky Wildlife

Tuesday, May 21, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, May 7.

Join Rewild Long Island for a discussion of balanced ecosystems, why deer, rabbits, voles, ticks and mosquitoes can become problematic, and what tips and tricks you can use in your garden to get the system back in balance.



Everyone Loves a Story

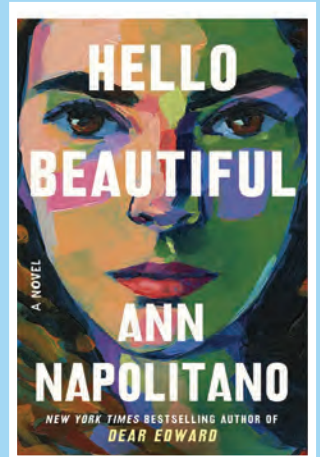
Book Discussion of *Hello Beautiful* by Ann Napolitano

Thursday, May 30, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, April 25.

William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him. So, it's a relief when his skill on the basketball court earns him a scholarship to college, far away from his childhood home. He soon meets Julia Padavano, a spirited and ambitious young woman who surprises William with her appreciation of his quiet steadiness. With Julia comes her family; she is inseparable from her three younger sisters. Happily, the Padavano's fold Julia's new boyfriend into their loving, chaotic household. But then darkness from William's past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future, but the sisters' unshakeable loyalty to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations.



Copies of the book will be available for pick-up at our Moriches branch starting Thursday, April 25.

Writing

Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, May 9, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Thursday, April 25.

Express yourself in a safe and friendly environment with Anne Kelly-Edmunds during this monthly creative writing workshop. Create all types of original works in a supportive space.



On the Road

Hidden Cemeteries of Brookhaven: Colonel Josiah Smith Cemetery

Monday, May 13, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Held at the Colonel Josiah Smith Cemetery.

Registration begins Wednesday, April 24.

Join local history librarian Brad Shupe on a visit to The Colonel Josiah Smith Private Cemetery in East Moriches, located at approximately 37 Paquatuck Ave. Mr. Shupe will provide a brief history regarding Revolutionary War hero Colonel Josiah Smith.



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.**

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursdays, May 2 and 16, 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, May 4, 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.*



Home Buyer Mortgage Workshop

Monday, May 6, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 1.

Join a panel of experts in all areas of home buying to get your questions answered. Topics to be discussed are how to get started with your first house purchase, what factors the banks are looking for to preapprove a borrower, what programs are available for first time homebuyers, and what determines a monthly mortgage payment amount. Bring your questions! English/Spanish.

Taller de Hipotecas para Compradores de Casa

Lunes, 6 de mayo, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

En la Sucursal de Moriches.

La inscripción comienza el 1 de mayo.

Únase a un panel de expertos en todas las áreas de la compra de casa para obtener respuestas a sus preguntas. Los temas que se discutirán son: cómo empezar con su primera compra de casa, los factores que los bancos están buscando para preaprobar un prestatario, los programas que están disponibles para la compra de la primera casa, lo que determina el importe mensual de la cuota hipotecaria. ¡Traiga sus preguntas! Inglés/Español.

Defensive Driving

Tuesday, May 7 and Wednesday, May 8, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Monday, April 29.

This six-hour defensive driving course is presented by Repola Insurance Agency and approved by the NYS DMV. Register for the class, and then pay the instructor at the first class. Fee: \$35.00 payable by cash, money order or check (payable to Repola Insurance Agency). **Open to all.**

Social Worker Assistance

Wednesdays, May 8, 15, 22, 29, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Social Worker Alex can help with locating resources for housing, financial assistance, familial/custodial issues, substance abuse programs and much more. Patrons are permitted to make 2 appointments in a 4-week period. *Appointments required.*

Open to all.

Help with Everyday Problems

Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28

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. *Appointments required.* **Open to all.**



HIICAP Medicare Assistance

Wednesday, May 15, 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, May 16, 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.**



Paralegal Assistance: Immigration

Monday, May 20, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 1.

Do you need help understanding immigration law? Paralegal, Elizabeth, can help navigate current laws regarding TPS/DACA and citizenship. Call 631-399-1511 extension 2002 for an appointment. **Open to all.**

Asistencia Paralegal

Lunes, 20 de mayo, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

En la Sucursal de Moriches.

La inscripción comienza el 1 de mayo.

¿Necesita ayuda para entender las leyes de inmigración? La paralegal, Elizabeth, puede ayudarle a navegar por las leyes corrientes sobre: TPS, DACA y ciudadanía. Para una cita llame al 631-399-1511 extensión 2002.

Maximizing your Social Security Benefits in Retirement

Tuesday, May 21, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 30.

Financial planner, Wes Triani, LUTCF, FSS will be educating our residents on the various options available when considering Social Security Benefits in partnership with other retirement benefits. Other topics discussed will be spousal, divorce and disability aspects of Social Security.



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.

Spring Garland
Tuesday, May 7, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.
Drop-in to create bright colored spring garland.



Embroidery Hoop Organizer
Tuesday, May 28, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Held at our **Moriches branch**.
Drop-in to create a hanging organizer using an embroidery hoop.

Crochet and Knit
Wednesdays, May 1 and 15
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. Bring your own
4-ply yarn and appropriate crochet
hooks or knitting needles. **Open to all.**



Learn the Art of Quilting
Wednesday, May 8, 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. **Open to all.**

Bee Happy Decor Set
Thursday, May 9
7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Held at our **Moriches branch**.
Registration begins
Thursday, May 2.
Join craft instructor Laurie
and learn how to create this
adorable 3-piece Bee themed set.
Materials fee: \$10.00 (non-refundable).



Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday, May 14, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Held at our **Mastic Beach branch**.

Registration begins Friday, April 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.



Mosaic Butterfly Panel

Wednesday, May 15
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins
Friday, April 26.

Join Long Island Mosaic Artist Gabriella Grama for a fun and creative experience making a 9" Butterfly mosaic panel. Butterflies are thought to represent change, transformation, and hope. Under the guidance of the instructor, you will paint the butterfly in your choice of colors; use traditional and safety glass to mosaic the panel, and finally learn to grout your project. Materials fee: \$14.00 (non-refundable). A materials kit will not be provided for no-shows.



Beginner Painting: USA Sign

Thursday, May 23, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

Registration begins Monday, May 13.

Join painting instructor Linda and learn how to paint this patriotic USA sign. Brushes and paint will be supplied by the instructor. Materials fee: \$12.00 (non-refundable).

Boating Safety Course

Saturday, May 18, 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Held at our **Moriches branch**.

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



Inclusive Services

**Adult Enrichment:
Visit with a Therapy Dog**
Thursday, May 2, 4:45 – 5:45 p.m.
Held at our Moriches branch.

Register now.

Sign up to enjoy the comfort of a therapy dog with Ms. Currao (Special Education teacher at WFHS), Nick Nappi (Program manager) and your friends. This program is for individuals with special needs who are 18 years and older.



Friendly Italian Conversation
Thursdays, May 2, 9, 16, 7:00 – 8:45 p.m.
Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration is open.

Call the Literacy Department x2002 to register. 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.

Computers & Technology

**Tinkering with Tinkercad:
Personalized Keychains**
Tuesday, May 14, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 30.

Join us to learn how to create your own personalized 3D printed keychain on Tinkercad. Tinkercad is a free, easy-to-use app for 3D design, electronics, and coding. Limit to one keychain per registrant.



Budgeting With Excel
Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 1.

Summer is right around the corner, and it's time to think about taking a well-deserved vacation. Learn how you can use Microsoft Excel to create a budget spreadsheet to help plan your trip while keeping your finances in check.



The World of Augmented Reality
Wednesday, May 29, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Wednesday, May 15.

Augmented Reality (AR) is becoming more commonplace in our everyday world, from gaming and education to shopping and product marketing. Learn about AR and how it's being used, and then use the Overly app to make an AR work of your own to take with you.



Take Care of Yourself

Relax with Yoga
Tuesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Held at the Mastic Recreation Center.

Registration begins Tuesday, April 30.

Certified Yoga instructor, Krista will offer a practice with beginners in mind or anyone looking to find some extra room to breathe and decompress.

With a focus on breath awareness, connecting breath and movement, and creating length and strength in the body. Modifications will be suggested for different abilities. Helpful props: yoga mat or nonslip surface, chair for support if needed, strap (belt), cushion, and a blanket.



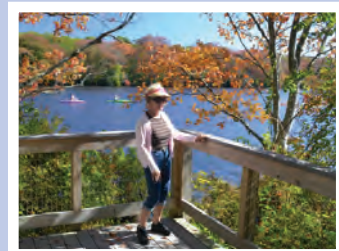
**Start Your Day
the Right Way
Walking Club**

Tuesdays,
May 14, 21, 28
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Held at Wertheim
National Wildlife
Refuge.

Registration begins Thursday, May 2.

Improve your health and relax with friends on 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 outdoors. **Open to all.**



Coin and Stamp Appraisal
Saturday, May 18, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Held at our Mastic Beach branch.

Registration begins Friday, May 3.

Do you think you have rare or valuable stamps or coins in your collection? Come find out with stamp and coin expert Frank McAlonan.



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Thursday, May 2, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches branch.

Drop-in, no registration required.

Calling all gamers. Join Game Master Games to play a variety of tabletop games. **Families of all ages.**



Baby Goods Drive

Wednesday, May 1 – Friday, May 31

Drop of new or gently used baby goods at either library branch during the month of May. Items will be donated to local organizations.



Download our app! Search MMSCL in the app store on your smartphone or mobile device to begin installation.



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Moriches 11955

Mastic Beach Branch
369 Neighborhood Road
Mastic Beach 11951

Herkimer Computer Lab
15 Herkimer Street
Mastic 11950

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