





MORICHES COMMUNITY LIBRARY

at the Library

Adults

Sunday Concert: Island Winds Chamber Ensemble Sunday, December 14 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Monday, December 1.

Get into the festive spirit with an enchanting afternoon of holiday music! Join us for a special Holiday Concert presented by the Island Winds Chamber Ensemble. This talented group of local wind musicians will delight audiences of all ages with seasonal favorites, classical gems, and a touch of winter magic. Open to all.

Sunday Afternoon Jazz & Chat, Holiday Edition: The Lovebirds

Sunday, December 21 1:30 - 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

No registration.

Drop by the library for an afternoon of jazzy holiday classics, featuring the talented Lovebirds, bringing swing, soul and festive cheer for the season. Relax in a casual atmosphere as the band plays all the holiday favorites, perfect for tapping your toes, humming along or just soaking in the music. Refreshments will be served. Open to all.

Children

Holiday Houses

Thursday, December 11 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. OR 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. OR 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, December 4 for all sessions. Register one child to represent the family. Register for only ONE session.

Children and their families are invited to join us for our annual Holiday Gingerbread House celebration! Each family will complete one gingerbread house. All materials and goodies are provided but feel free to bring additional candy/ icing. Families with at least one child Grade 5 or younger.



Mitten Tree Winter Drive November 17 - December 19

Held at our Main Building. Donate new or hand-made hats, gloves, scarves, and socks for those in need. All sizes will be accepted. All ages may donate.







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, ext. 1030 for the Mastic Beach Branch or ext. 2028 for the Main Building.

Crafts-To-Go can be picked up at all 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.

NAME OUR FROSTY FRIEND Held at our Main Building. Drop-in. No registration required. Our snowman is back for another winter season and he still needs a name! We need your coolest ideas! December 2-8: Come to the library and write down your most creative, family-friendly name suggestions for our frosty friend. December 9-15: Come back and vote for your favorite name from our top picks! On Tuesday, December 16, the name with the most votes will become our Snowman's official name and earn a special spot in library history! One entry or vote per child per day. Children in Grade 5 and younger.

Vote Now: Children's Book Besties

Tuesday, December 16, 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Drop-in. No registration required.

We're celebrating the joy of reading with a friend! Cast your vote for the

Best Book Besties and find out who makes the ultimate pair of book characters. Then grab your reading buddy and spend time reading a book



together this break! Children in Grade 5 and younger.

PARENTING

Positive Parenting - VIRTUAL

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27, February 3 & 10, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Registration begins Tuesday, December 23.

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.**

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

New resources presented each month, stop by to ask questions and see what they have to offer.

Information Table organizations/businesses/ groups are presented to the community for information purposes only - selected Information Table participants are not endorsed by the Community Library.

Parents for Megan's Law Wednesday, December 3 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.



Held at our Main Building.

Drop-in.

No registration required.

The Crime Victims Center helps people stay safe and teaches kids and families how to get help if someone ever makes them feel uncomfortable. We also visit schools to talk with students about setting boundaries, making safe choices, and knowing who to turn to if something doesn't feel right. **Parents.**

Calling All Collectors!

Do you have a special collection of items or art that you would like to showcase (LEGOs, dolls, cars, etc.)? We have a new display case in our department that would love to house your items under lock and key for one month. Everyone in the community can view your collection all month long. Call the Children's reference desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 2027 or email kidscollections@communitylibrary.org to find out more information and to book your month. *Collections are subject to department approval. Children Grade 5 and younger.

BABIES / PRESCHOOL & PARENTS

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

Parent/Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, November 11, 18, 25 & December 2, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration required for

Registration required for each separate session.

Join us for a fun and interactive parent/ toddler workshop! These engaging sessions are designed to encourage early learning through play and activities that foster bonding and developmental growth for both parents and toddlers.

Ages 12-35 months with an adult.

Little Creators Art Studio & Storytime

Wednesday, December 3 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Be prepared for very messy play. Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Preschool Playdate

Wednesday, December 3 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Wednesday, December 10 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at our

Mastic Beach Branch.
Registration required for each separate session.
Please note this is an unstructured playtime.

Ages 3-5 years with an adult.

Babies Bonding:

Handprint Calendar - December Thursdays, December 4, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Please dress for a mess and bring a blanket for story time.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult. No older siblings.

Baby Playdate

Fridays, December 5, 19 & January 2 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Friday, December 12, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Friday, December 26, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration required for each separate session.

Please note this is an unstructured playtime. **Ages birth-18 months with an adult. No older siblings.**

Toddler Playdate

Fridays, December 5, 19 & January 2 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch. Fridays, December 12 & 26 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration required for each separate session.
Please note this is an unstructured playtime.

Ages 19 months-3 years with an adult. No older siblings.

Baby Games

Monday, December 8 10:30 – 11:15 a.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Monday, December 22

10:30 - 11:15 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration required for each separate session.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

Snowflake Painting

Wednesday, December 10 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.



Early Literacy - Winter!

Monday, December 15, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m. Held at our Main Building.

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, December 16, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Held at our Main Building. Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Messy Meetups

Wednesday, December 17 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Dress for mess and weather. These activities require close supervision by an adult. Ages 2-5 years with an adult.



Noon Year's Eve Party

Tuesday, December 30, 11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Zumbini Winter Fun!

Monday, January 5, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Held at our Main Building.

Start the New Year with some Zumbini Fun! Kick off January with music, movement, and bubbles!

Ages birth-4 years with an adult.

FAMILIES

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 Main Building.

Drop-in. No registration required. Families with at least one child Grade 5 and younger.

Family Connect: Family Art Night

Wednesday, December 3 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.Drop-in. No registration required.

Please note this is an unstructured meetup. Families with at least one child Grade 5 and younger.

Holiday Houses

Thursday, December 11, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. OR 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, December 13, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. OR 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, December 4 for all sessions. Register one child to represent the family. Register for only ONE session. See front cover for details.

Name That Holiday Tune!

Thursday, December 18, 7:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Register one person to represent the family.

Hear short clips from winter and holiday songs (classic and modern) and see who can name them fastest! Play solo or in teams. Snacks and

small prizes included!

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Families with at least one child Grade 5 and younger.



SCHOOL AGE

These programs are for 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

Monday, December 1, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Drop-in. No registration required. Grades K-5.



Create Your Own Snow Globe

Wednesday, December 3 5:00 - 5:30 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades K-3.

Football Mason Jars

Thursday, December 4, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades 2-5.

Snow Dough

Friday, December 5, 4:30 - 5:15 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades 2-5.

Chess Club

Monday, December 8, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades 3-5.

Junior Slime Makers

Monday, December 8, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch. Grades K-2.



Paper Gingerbread Man Craft

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Grades K-5.

STEAM Club: Simple Coding

Wednesday, December 10 4:30 - 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Grades 1-5.

Grinch Party

Wednesday, December 10 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades K-5.

Jingle Bells

Monday, December 15, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades K-5.

Guided Meditation for Kids

Monday, December 15, 7:00 - 7:30 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Grades 2-5.

Le Petite Picassos: **Cozy Cocoa Painting**

Tuesday, December 16, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Create a colorful and festive hot chocolate painting on canvas with acrylic paint and collage materials as well as fun mixed media props. Grades 1-5.

Minecraft **Builders**

Wednesday. **December 17** 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Held at our

Main Building. Prior knowledge of Minecraft for PC is required.

Grades 1-5.



Curiously Creative Holiday Candles Wednesday, December 17, 4:45 - 5:45 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Grades 1-5.

Polar Express Pajama Party Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 - 6:45 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Grades K-5.

Crafty Thursdays: Drop In & Create!

Thursday, December 18 5:15 - 6:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Drop-in. No registration required. Grades K-5.

Happy Birthday, William Floyd! Thursday, December 18, 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Grades K-5.



Popsicle Stick Tree Ornament

Monday, **December 22** 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building. Grades K-2.



Candy Cane Slime

Monday, December 22, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch. Grades 3-5.

Beginner D&D

Tuesday, December 23 6:00 - 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch. Grades 3-5.

Bookworm Book Club: Pokémon

Adventures 1 Friday, December 26

4:30 - 5:00 p.m. Held at our

Mastic Beach Branch.

Grades 3-5. Pick up the book at the front desk at our Main Building starting December 1.

"Snowball" Bowling Monday,

December 29 11:00 - 11:45 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Please note: We will not be using real snow. Grades K-3.

Stargazing Adventures: StarLab Planetarium

Monday, December 29 2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Grades K-3.

Slime That You Can Eat

Monday, January 5 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Held at our

Mastic Beach Branch.

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies. Grades 3-5.













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,





Fun and Games

Pin Pals

Earn a pin each time you attend a teen program! You can also trade pins with teen staff while in the library. Use them to decorate your backpack or anything you want!

Switch Game Time Wednesday, December 3

5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins on 11/19. Hang out and play Super Smash Bros, Mario Kart, Mario Party, or Switch Sports.

D&D

Monday, December 8 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. Registration begins

ext. 1029 for the Mastic Beach Branch or ext. 2025 for the Main Building.

on 11/24.

Monday, December 22 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Registration begins on 12/8.

Held at our

Mastic Beach Branch.

Join Charlie, super-cool Teen Services librarian and your friends for a unique, custommade D&D adventure! Character sheets and dice will be provided.

Retro Gaming

Friday, December 12, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins on 11/28.

Wednesday, December 17, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 12/3.

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

Mystery Video Game Tournament

Saturday, December 20, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins on 12/6.

Your Library Loves to Help

to use with your library card. All levels are welcome.

Conversational English/Spanish

Held at our Main Building.

Registration is open.

Saturday, December 13, 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

Think you're a video game master? Put your skills to the test, as you won't know which game you're playing until you arrive for the tournament! The overall winner earns themselves a \$20 Nintendo eShop Card!

Entertainment

Home Alone on a Loop

Tuesday, December 23 3:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

This is a drop-in program. Drop-in, eat popcorn and watch the Christmas classic, Home Alone on a loop!



Theater

Theater for Young Audiences Info. Meeting Wednesday,

December 10 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 11/19.

Meet up to get information and ask questions about performing in our production of the classic story of Peter Pan for the children's department! Rehearsals will count as community service.



Learn and practice your English/Spanish grammar and vocabulary through

conversations. We'll also learn about free library databases that are available

Gingerbread Houses Saturday, December 6 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Registration begins on 11/22. Decorate your own gingerbread house to take home.

Teens Read

Advanced Battle of the Books

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16 Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Registration is open.

Do you have an interest in reading and trivia? Advanced Battle

of the Books is a



county-wide competition for teens in grades 9 through 12. We will compete against other Suffolk County libraries in the Spring.

Teen Writers

Wednesday, December 17, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins on 12/3.

Grab a prompt, write a story, and share with the group or keep it for yourself.

Inclusive Program

Teen Enrichment: Christmas Karaoke

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 11/18.

Sign up to sing Christmas karaoke and cheer on your friends with Ms. Currao (William Floyd High School Special Education teacher) and other friends from the library. Enrichment is a distinctive program designed for those with special needs.

Arts and Crafts

Soap-Maker Workshop Monday, December 1 4:00 - 5:00 pm Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins on 11/24. Sign up to make colorful, scented soaps to give as holiday gifts or to pamper yourself!

Art Club Wednesdays. December 3, 10, 17 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. This is a drop-in program. Draw, paint, sketch and explore art with Mr. Casper.

Boston Tea Party Paper Crafts Thursday, December 4 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 11/20. Celebrate the 252nd anniversary of the Boston Tea Party with tea-stained crafts!

Design an Apron in the Makerspace Monday, December 8 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Registration begins on 11/24.

Make it for you. For a friend. For someone you love. Learn to sublimate a design onto an apron in the Makerspace! Great for chefs, bakers, and artists

Winter Wood Ornament Monday, December 8 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins on 11/24. Join Ms. Melissa to craft a festive winter-themed decoration or

Christmas ornament on a real wood slice.

Yarn Bracelets

Wednesday, December 10 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins on 11/26. Create the bracelet of your dreams using an array of colorful yarn.

DIY Wreaths

Thursday, December 11 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Registration begins on 11/26.

Create your own evergreen wreath!

DIY Sharpie Mugs Tuesday, December 16 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch. Registration begins on 12/2.

Decorate a mug to keep or give as a gift.

Teen Wrap & Yap Thursday, December 18 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building. Registration begins on 12/4. Bring gifts to wrap and decorate your wrapping paper and gift bags.

Sublimate a Mug in the Makerspace Monday, December 29 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 12/15. Make one for yourself, a friend, or someone you love. A mug for all seasons — fill it with hot cocoa, tea, or use it as a cute pen or pencil holder!

New Year, New Goals Tuesday, December 30 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 12/16. Decorate a jar and fill it with all your goals and manifestations for the upcoming year!

Snowflake Keychains Tuesday, January 6 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 12/22. Use diamond art painting kits to make a sparkly snowflake keychain.



David Villegas attends William Floyd High School. He enjoys eating and drawing... always.





Community service is for students in grades 6 through 12 that need the hours for religious studies, honor society, or graduation. Teens must have a MMS library card in good standing.

Color A Smile

Throughout December.

Held at our Moriches Branch. Held at our Main Building.

Registration is open.

Pick up a packet of "Color A Smile" coloring sheets from the Moriches branch or Main building

anytime in December. Color all

8 pages at home to earn 2 hours of community service. Return the pages on 12/4, 12/11, or 12/18 between 1:00 and 9:00 p.m. to the Moriches branch or Main building

Reading Buddies

Mondays & Tuesdays, 7:00 - 8:45 p.m.

Held at William Floyd High School.

Teens in grades 8 through 12 read with younger children during the Library's ENL classes. Potential volunteers must fill out an application before attending. Applications can be picked up in the Teen Department in any library building. Two hours of community service will be given for each session. This is an on-going program.

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Wednesday, December 3, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins on 11/26.

Wednesday, December 10, 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Registration begins on 12/3.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Earn one hour of community service by designing cheerful holiday cards for hospitalized kids.

Teen Advisory Board Meeting Thursday, December 4, 4:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 11/26.

Improve the library and earn community service hours by sharing your opinions!

No-Sew Scarves

Tuesday, December 9, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 11/25.

Make scarves that will be donated and earn one hour of community service.

Snowflakes for Seniors

Friday, December 12, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on 11/28.

Make cards and crafts for seniors in our community and earn one hour of community service.

Rock Painting

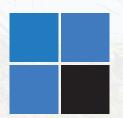
Monday, December 15, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration begins on 12/8.

Monday, December 22, 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Registration begins on 12/15.



Use paints, dotting tools, and paint markers to create original designs for your garden or flower pots, or to add to our community service rock garden. Earn one hour of community service.





Adults

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PLEASE CHECK OUR ONLINE PROGRAM CALENDAR FOR PROGRAM LOCATIONS. SOME PROGRAM LOCATIONS MAY CHANGE.

Virtual Author Talks

Virtual Author Talk with Sue Hincenbergs

Tuesday, December 2 2:00 p.m.

Buckle up for a wild ride and join us as we sit down for an online chat with debut author Sue Hincenbergs to discuss her novel The Retirement Plan, in which murder is the name of the game.



Virtual Author Talk with Paula J. Johnson

Tuesday, December 9 2:00 p.m.

Join us for a conversation that's sure to warm your heart (and make your stomach rumble), as we delve into the legacy of cooking icon Julia Child with





Smithsonian curator and public historian Paula J. Johnson, author of Julia Child's Kitchen: The Design, Tools, Stories, and Legacy of an Iconic Space.

Home Improvement: The Site Your House Sits On Saturday, December 6, 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, November 25.

Learn to protect your property from the ground up with Brian. Gain the confidence to make cost-effective home repairs and prevent future problems by understanding how the land beneath your home affects its structure. Learn about proper drainage, landscaping, and the impact of groundwater, as well as best practices for installing retaining walls and cement. Open to all.

Cooking

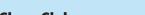
Sabor Dominicano: A Taste of the Island Thursday, December 11 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

corazón. Fee of \$5. non-refundable.

Registration begins

Tuesday, November 25. Step into Elisa's kitchen and experience the rich, comforting flavors of the Dominican Republic. In this demonstration, Elisa will prepare a full traditional Dominican meal. Fluffy white rice, creamy stewed beans, tender pollo guisado, and perfectly fried maduros. She will finish on a sweet note with a yummy Dominican cheesecake that's sure to win your heart. You'll watch every step of the cooking process, learn the secrets behind each dish, and enjoy a full tasting at the end. Come hungry and leave inspired. Sabor Dominicano is more than a class, it's a celebration of culture, flavor, and



Fun and Games

Chess Club

Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, 5:00 - 8:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

No registration.

Join us to play some chess. You bring the skills, we provide the space. Feel free to bring your own chess set, if desired. Open to all.

Holiday Trivia

Thursday, December 4, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 26.

Join us for a jolly game of holiday-themed trivia and test your knowledge of all things merry and bright. Whether you come with friends or on your own, we'll make sure you're part of a team. Prizes and fun guaranteed! Open to all.

Learn to Play Mah Jong Fridays, December 5, 12, 19 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Friday, November 28. Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik to learn

the game that has fascinated people for so many years with its strategies, sequences, and combinations. This class will introduce you to the tiles, and basic moves of this ancient game.



Thursday, December 18, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

No registration.

Join the AstroNots for a night of astronomy! Bring your own telescope

or look through ours. Through the telescope you will observe galaxies, nebulae, star clusters, and planets while learning how these spectacular objects form and evolve in the universe. Dress warmly and bring a lawn chair! Drop-in program. Open to all.

Murder Mystery at the Ugly Sweater Holiday Party Thursday, December 18, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, December 11. There's been a murder at the ugly sweater office holiday party, and we need your help to solve it! Uncover clues, question fellow suspects, and crack the case! Wear your favorite festive holiday sweater to blend in with the other suspects!

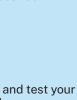


Dungeon & Dragons

Saturday, December 20, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Registration begins Friday, December 12.

Held at our Main Building.

Attention Adventurers! Join the party and begin a brand-new campaign with Dungeon Master Eric!









Homebound Library Service

Homebound is a free service offered to MMSCL district residents who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent illness or disability, or for individuals who are frail and elderly and don't have transportation.

Materials made available to homebound patrons are large and regular print books, DVDs (movies or educational), books on CD, and magazines. Library materials are delivered free of charge.

To get started, call 631-399-1511, ext. 1016 to inquire further about this special outreach program.

Book Club Kits

Available to check out at our Moriches Branch.

Start your own book club with our new Book Club Kits! Each kit includes regular and large-print books, an audiobook, and discussion guides.

Ask our reference department about which titles are available to check out today!



Museum Passes

Available to check-out at our Main Building.

Check out our free museum passes and see all the amazing things Long Island has to offer! Patrons need a valid, unexpired, adult MMSCL card with fines not exceeding \$25.00 to reserve a museum pass. Patrons must present their library card and proper identification (ID) when visiting a venue or museum. The ID must match the name on the Museum Pass.

Take Care of Yourself

Senior Fit Chair Workout

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, November 25.
Come to this workout using a ball for strength training and to improve posture, flexibility, and mobility. There will be a warm-up first, a ball incorporated into the workout, and a cooldown at the end.

Guided Meditation and Reiki Healing

Thursday, December 4, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
(Registration begins Wednesday, November 26)
Thursday, December 18, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
(Registration begins Thursday, December 11)
Held at our Main Building.
De-stress and relax at this
Guided Meditation and Reiki

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healing session with Reiki healer
Michele. Bring a blanket or yoga
mat if you'd like. **Open to all.**

Everyone Loves a Story

Book Discussion:

The Husbands by Holly Gramazio

Thursday, December 18, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on Thursday, November 20. Join us in our Book Discussion of The Husbands by Holly Gramazio! A "Read with Jenna" favorite, this book follows Lauren, a refined Londoner, who is greeted by the door by her husband, Michael.

There's a big problem though – she's not married. She's never seen Michael before in her life. Yet, according to her friends and the photos on her wall, they'd been together for years. Michael then miraculously disappears inside her house, and a new man emerges in her attic replacing Michael. This mystery posits Lauren to question: If swapping lives is as easy as changing a lightbulb, how do you know you've taken the right path? Pickup of The Husbands will be available **November 20** at our Customer Resource Services Desk.

What's On Your Nightstand?

Thursday, December 11, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Held at Sunsets at Senix Restaurant,
50 Senix Avenue, Center Moriches
Registration begins Tuesday, December 2.
Deciding what to read next? Join us for a
discussion about books at Sunsets at Senix! There
is no assigned reading; chat about what you are
currently reading, what you want to read, or your
most favorite book of all time. Snacks will be

provided. Wine and beer will be available for purchase. Open to all.



Inclusive Services

Adult Enrichment: Christmas Karaoke

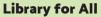
Tuesday, December 9 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, November 18.

Sign up to sing Christmas karaoke

and cheer on your friends with Ms. Currao (William Floyd High School Special Education teacher), Nick Nappi (program managers) and other friends from the library. Enrichment is a distinctive program designed for those with special needs who are 18 and older.



Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 2.

Designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs. All parents, facilitators, and/ or guardians please stay for the duration of the program. If you require any special accommodation, please be sure to let us know. Board games, coloring, magnet tiles, and puzzles are provided. **Open to all.**

Winter Movie Night: Home Alone Monday, December 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Monday, December 8. Enjoy a movie night featuring the movie, Home Alone. This program is designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs. All parents, facilitators, and/or guardians please stay for the duration of the program. If you require any special accommodation, please be sure to let us know. **Open to all.**



Your Library Loves to Help

NY State Health Insurance Navigator

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 17, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Need Health Insurance? A bilingual (English/Spanish) NY State of Health Navigator will be available to assist in enrolling for health insurance through the New York State of Health Marketplace. No registration required. **Open to all.**

Heartsaver CPR/AED Certification Course

Thursday, December 4, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

OR Friday, December 19, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Monday, November 24.

In this class, you will learn the basics of performing CPR and use an automated external defibrillator (AED) from trained EMS staff. You will receive a student manual and an ecard from the American Heart Association after completion. Program fee: \$30.00 (non-refundable).

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group Thursdays, December 4, 18, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, November 21.
The Family and Children's Association is hosting a monthly support group for persons who care for someone with dementia or memory loss, which 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. *Please register for both sessions if you would like to attend both.* **Open to all.**

Gathering Grounds Support Group

Fridays, December 5, 12, 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Join us for a warmup with a cup of coffee. This program provides a space to meet in a group setting with our Social Work Intern. If you need something, we can help you find it! **Open to all.**

Job and Career Counseling

Saturday, December 6 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch. Register now.

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.

Community Resource Fair

Saturday, December 13, 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

A variety of local organizations will be on hand to share information, answer questions, and connect you with helpful resources. Whether you're looking for support with health, wellness, or budgeting, this is a great opportunity to explore what's available in our community. **Open to all.**

Estate and Elder Law Workshop

Monday, December 15, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Friday, November 28.

Join attorney and licensed social worker Kathleen Rose for a presentation on probate, Medicaid tips, planning for the future and avoiding caregiver stress disorder. Elder law, Medicaid planning, estate planning, wills and trusts, probate and administration of estates will be discussed. Ms. Rose brings a unique blend of experiences and a fresh perspective. Her combination of legal experience and compassion helps bring solutions along with comfort to

seniors in times of need and crisis. **Open to all.**Catholic Health Community Health Bus

Wednesday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Free Health Screenings and Flu Vaccinations: Catholic Health brings screening services directly to the community. Through their mobile outreach bus they provide flu vaccinations, blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings. Open to all. No appointments necessary. Insurance is not required and there are no fees.

HIICAP

Wednesday, December 17, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Monday, November 24.

A HIICAP counselor from RSVP can assist you with Medicare and health insurance questions, review Medicare Part D plans and



more. Appointments are required. Open to all.

Social Work Assistance

The library will be providing social work assistance by Social Work interns from Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare. They can help connect individuals, parents and families to services and appropriate resources for housing, financial assistance, food benefits; complete forms and applications and more. Appointments are required. **Open to all.**

Meet with Anne:

Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 26, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 17, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thursdays, December 4, 11, 18, 2:00 – 6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 18, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Meet with Chiara:

Fridays, December 5, 12, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 – 6:00 p.m. Saturday, December 6, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Meet with Allen (Bilingual-Spanish Speaker): Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Saturdays, December 6, 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Meet with Tia:

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, December 3, 10, 9:00 – 2:00 p.m. Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Library Services for the Homebound The Homebound Books-by-Mail program is a mail delivery service for district residents unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent disability, prolonged illness, extended convalescence, or advanced age. *Please call 631-399-1511, x1016 to learn more.*

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.

Crochet & Knit

Wednesdays, December 3, 17, 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Thursday, November 20.

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. Please register for both sessions if you would like to attend both. **Open to all.**

Ceramic Gingerbread House Workshop

Part 1. Monday, December 8, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Part 2. Monday, December 15, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. or 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on Monday, December 1.

Please only register for one session.

In this two-part workshop, you'll learn basic clay hand-building techniques to construct your very own personalized ceramic gingerbread house. In part 2, after the piece is fired, you'll return to paint and decorate your unique creation. Materials will be provided. Materials fee of \$10, non-refundable, no kits.

Vintage Crafts: Springerle Cookies

Monday, December 8, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Monday, November 24.

Pictures pressed into dough with a wooden mold and baked into cookies or holiday ornaments, Springerle cookies (and Christmas trees) are a cultural legacy from German immigrants, including Hessian soldiers. Hired by Great Britain in 1776 to help defeat American rebels, at least 5,000 of the 30,000 Hessians chose to stay here instead, gifting us with rich Christmas traditions. Diane Schwindt shares Springerle molds, lore, and more so you can make your own. Open to all. Materials fee of \$10, non-refundable, no kits.

Letter to Santa: Christmas Wall Decor

Monday, December 8, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins on Friday, November 28. Join Laurie and create this unique Christmas wall decoration made out of a padded mailing envelope. It's a great way to reuse and up cycle. But this envelope that is headed Santa's way is brand new and waiting for you to add vinyl and holiday

florals to make a one-of-a-kind piece of holiday decor. This piece is approximately 9"x11". **Materials fee of \$12, non-refundable.**

Beginner Sketching and Drawing with Colored Pencils

Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 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, December 10, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, November 21.

Explore the world of quilting! All levels of experience are welcome to join the group. Instructors Gloria and Sandra can assist you with an existing project or get you started on a new one!

DIY Holiday Sugar Scrub

Wednesday, December 10, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, December 3. Create your own festive, scented sugar scrubs perfect for gifting or self-care. **Open to all.**

Needle Felted Garlands

Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Mastic Beach Branch.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 2.
Join Anne to create needle felted holiday garlands, a perfect decoration for the winter season. If you have a felting needle pad from a previous class, please bring it with you. New participants in the class will receive the supplies needed.

Materials fee of \$5, non-refundable, no kits.



Woodworking Workshop: Decorative Sled Wednesday, December 10, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 26. Get into the holiday spirit while learning basic woodworking skills! In this hands-on workshop, participants will build and assemble a charming decorative sled — perfect for displaying indoors or on the porch. All materials and tools will be provided. No prior woodworking experience is needed — just bring your creativity! Materials fee of \$25 (non-refundable) Must have an MMSCL card to register.

Learn How to Sew

Friday, December 12, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, November 28.
Join Elizabeth to learn how to use a sewing machine and about the tools necessary to start sewing. Participants will learn how to thread a machine, wind a bobbin, change a needle, learn about stitch length, and will get to practice sewing on a machine. Sewing machines will be provided for each registrant.

Holiday Paper Poinsettias

Monday, December 15, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Thursday, December 4. Join Casey Cunningham to make Holiday Poinsettias out of paper. Materials fee of \$15, non-refundable. Planter is included.



Mugs and Hugs

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 - 7:15 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Wednesday, December 3.
Create your own painted ceramic mug while exploring themes of gratitude, self-compassion and social connection and learning new ways to care for yourself emotionally! Presented by Christine Szaraz with Stony Brook University Healing Arts.

The Art of Candle Making

Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Friday, December 5. Join Chrissy to make your own candle! Learn the history

of candle making and then create your own colorful scented candle. We will be using recycled candle wax and embellishments. Materials fee of \$5, non-refundable, no kits.

Makerspace Programs

Craft Kits

In addition to our fantastic Makerspace craft programs, for the month of December, we will also be offering various ornaments and items for sublimation as sweet gifts or mementos for the holidays! Come by during our drop-in hours to create yours! While supplies last. Cost varies by kit.

Etched Glass Ornament

Session 1: Wednesday, December 3, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Session 2: Wednesday, December 3, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Session 3: Wednesday, December 3, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Wednesday, November 26. In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to craft a beautifully etched glass ornament using a Cricut stencil. Create a timeless keepsake or a thoughtful handmade gift that captures the sparkle of the holidays. Must have an MMSCL card to register. *Please register for 1 session only!

Sublimation Winter Slates

Session 1: Thursday, December 4, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Session 2: Thursday, December 4, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Held at the Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, November 28. Bring in your own winter or family photo to create your own sublimated slate. Register for one session only!

Laser Engraved Charcuterie Boards

Session 1: Thursday, December 11 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Session 2: Thursday, December 11 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at the Main Building. Registration begins Thursday, December 4.

Design and create your own wood charcuterie board using Canva. Patrons are welcome to bring in their own wood boards or use one supplied by us. Register for one session only!

Laser Engraved Tumblers

Session 1: Thursday, December 18 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Session 2: Thursday, December 18 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at the Main Building.

Registration begins Thursday, December 11. Design and create your own tumbler using Canva. Patrons are welcome to bring in their own tumblers or use one supplied by us. Tumblers must be metal and powder coated.

Register for one session only!





Held at our Main Building.

Movies

Saturday Matinees

Held at the Main Building. Registration begins Monday, December 1.

Die Hard December 6, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.

It's a Wonderful Life December 20, 2:00 - 4:30 p.m.



Computers & Technology

Creating with Canva: Holiday Cards

Tuesday, December 9, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Friday, November 28.

Join us to create your own personalized holiday cards with Canva, to be printed at the end of class. Experience with Canva or having attended our beginner Canva classes is recommended for this program. Materials will be provided. Limit one greeting card per registrant.

Canva

Recipe Writing with Word

Tuesday, December 16, 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins Tuesday, December 2. Ready to take your Word skills to the next level? Let's digitize some of those famous family recipes! In this class, participants will apply basic word functions and skills to transform your handwritten recipes into a polished document. Basic knowledge of Word, and/or having taken

Ask a Librarian: Tech Help Drop-In

one of our Word classes is required for this class.

Friday, December 26, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Held at our Main Building.

No registration.

Stop by for technology assistance during this program. A Technology Librarian will be available to help you answer questions about your devices, including but not limited to smartphones, laptops, computers, tablets/ Kindle.

Lectures

Financial Literacy Workshop Tuesday, December 9, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Held at our Main Building.

Registration begins on Monday, December 1. Join Margaret Boucaud Hall of Primerica to learn the basics of investing and explore why the current financial climate presents a unique opportunity. This program will blend essential financial education with interactive games, where participants can earn points to win prizes.

Bring Nature to Your Plate: Grow Your Own Edible Native Plants

Thursday, December 18, 3:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch.

Registration begins Thursday, December 4.

Learn about edible Long Island native plants that will thrive in your yard and provide you with a delicious and healthy harvest.

Writing

Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursday, December 11 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

Held at our Moriches Branch. Registration begins

Tuesday, November 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.



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Art

Exhibition: "Trees and Roses" Month of December

Held at our Main Building.

MMSCL employee Dave Prevete's journey

to one of America's most important rose gardens resulted in an exquisite photographic essay that we are showcasing this month. Plus, his tree sculptures shaped with wire are a beautiful contribution to a month of holiday trees.



Held at our Moriches Branch. Many patrons know Jo Ann Henn as

MMSCL's popular GED instructor. However, this fiber artist and creator of

"Heartfelt Expressions": Personalized

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

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