



COMMUNITY LIBRARY NEWS

Special Events

Sunday Concert: Tal Naccarato

Sunday, January 11, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Explore the unique style of Italo 'Tal' Naccarato, a musician who blends Rock, Blues, and Americana Roots with a classical guitar-inspired "bluesy swing."

Sunday Concert: Denice Given Band

Sunday, February 15, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Get out of the cold and warm your soul with the feel good, upbeat music of the Denice Given Band.

Friday Evening Jazz and Chat:

Billy Blues and Oskar Trotta

Friday, February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Join us after the library closes for a relaxing night of great jazz from Billy Blues and Oskar Trotta.

The Life of William Floyd

Sunday, February 22, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join The Tri-Hamlet Group for a special presentation on the Founding Father, William Floyd.

Announcements

Library Program registration is CHANGING

Registration opens in ALL buildings on the following schedule. After opening day, registration will continue until programs are full. The fastest way to register is online, go to <https://Mmscl.librarycalendar.com/events/month> and have your barcode or library card ready.

- Children's programs open registration on 12/29
- Teen programs open registration on 12/26
- Adult programs open registration on 12/30
- Virtual/On the Road programs open registration on 1/2/26

Newsletter 2026 Schedule

The library's newsletter will now be printed and mailed every other month (6x year). To get the most current info about library events, you can also

1. Visit the library's website at www.Communitylibrary.org
2. Parents, stop by the Children's or Teens area in any branch to get a printed monthly program calendar.
3. Sign up for our weekly enewsletter to get weekly emailed news, using your phone camera to activate this QR code



All Abilities Fair

Saturday, February 28, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Join us for our **All Abilities Fair**, a special event dedicated to showcasing resources and support services available to individuals with differing abilities in our community. Meet Paralympian Wrestler Rohan Murphy, who will deliver an inspiring motivational message! Explore resource tables, interact with K-9 companions, and enjoy sensory activities and arts and crafts, and more. This event is open to all ages.

**Cover Programs Will be Held at
Our Main Building and are Open to All.**

**STOP BY
OUR 3 LOCATIONS**

MAIN BUILDING

407 William Floyd Parkway, Shirley 11967

MORICHES BRANCH

201 Montauk Highway, Moriches 11955

MASTIC BEACH BRANCH

369 Neighborhood Rd, Mastic Beach 11951

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.



Registration for all Children's Programs in this Newsletter begins on Monday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m.

PROGRAM REGISTRANTS MUST ARRIVE WITHIN 10 MINUTES OF THE START OF EACH PROGRAM OR THEIR RESERVATION WILL BE FORFEITED. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR EACH CLASS UNLESS IT IS PART OF A SERIES OR OTHERWISE NOTED.

MAIN BUILDING

BABIES/PRESCHOOL

Baby Playdate

Fridays, January 2, 16 & 30,
February 6 & 20, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Please note this is an unstructured playtime.

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

Zumbini Winter Fun!

Monday, January 5, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Ages birth-4 years with an adult.

Toddler Playdate

Fridays, January 9 & 23, February 13 & 27,
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Please note this is an unstructured playtime. **Ages 19 months-3 years with an adult. No older siblings.**

Baby Games

Mondays, January 12 & February 9,
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.
Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

A Time for Kids: Snow Babies!

Saturday, January 31, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

A Time for Kids: Snowman Fun!

Saturday, January 31, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Ages 19 months-5 years with an adult.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, February 3, 10:00 – 10:45 a.m.
Birth-23 months with an adult.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, February 3, 11:00 – 11:45 a.m.
Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Move and Groove Bus!

Tuesday, February 17, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Ages 2-4 years with an adult.



Toddler Techno Party

Wednesday, February 18, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Ages 18 months-3 years with an adult.

SCHOOL-AGE

School age programs are for registered children only. Adults and siblings must remain outside of the program space.

LEGO Club

Mondays, January 5 & February 2,
4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Grades K-5.

Learn How to Write in Cursive

Tuesdays, January & February,
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
We will not meet on 2/17.
Grades 3-5.

New Year's Resolution Jars

Thursday, January 8, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Grades 2-5.

Chess Club

Mondays, January 12 & February 23,
5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Grades 3-5.

STEAM Club

Wednesday, January 14, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
Merge Cube
Wednesday, February 11, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.
3D Printed Fidget Clicker
Grades 3-5.

New Year, New Gear: Sublimation Pencil Cases

Wednesday, January 14, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
Grades K-5.

Kindness Counts: A Bullying Prevention Program with SCPD

Thursday, January 15, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Register one child in Grade 1-5 to represent both the child and their accompanying adult/caregiver.
Grades 1-5 with an adult.

Stone Soup

Wednesday, January 21, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.
Grades K-5.

Sonic's Pixel Dash

Friday, January 23, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Grades K-5.

DIY Snowflake Decoration

Monday, January 26, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Grades K-2.

Art Teacher Amy: Polar Bear Sledding

Wednesday, January 28, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Grades 1-5.

Prediction Station: Will the Groundhog See His Shadow?

Thursday, January 29,
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Children in Grade 5 and younger.

Puzzle Palooza

Friday, January 30, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Grades 2-5.

Super Bowl Team Spirit Lanterns

Thursday, February 5, 6:30 – 7:15 p.m.
Grades 2-5.

Super Bowl Saturday Kick-Off Party!

Saturday, February 7, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Grades 1-5.

Paper Lantern Craft

Monday, February 9, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Grades K-2.

Cupid's Workshop

Tuesday, February 10, 4:45 – 5:30 p.m.
Grades 3-5.

Pop-Tarts Hearts

Wednesday, February 11, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.
Grades K-5.

Candy Heart Science

Friday, February 13, 4:30 – 5:15 p.m.
Grades 2-5.

Move and Groove Bus!

Tuesday, February 17, 11:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
Grades K-2.

Winter Wonderland

Tuesday, February 17, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.
Grades K-5.

Snow Day Sips

Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies. Grades K-3.

Vote Now: Dynamic Duos

Thursday, February 19,
9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Children in Grade 5 and younger.

Le Petite Picassos:

Picasso Self-Portraits

Thursday, February 19, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Grades 1-5.

Balloon Bonanza! A Balloon Twisting Workshop for Kids

Friday, February 20, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Grades 2-5.



PARENTS

Community Connect Table: New York Therapy Placement Services

Wednesday, January 7,
11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Drop-in. No registration required.
Information on and assistance with
applying for or renewing your healthcare
coverage.

Community Connect Table: William Floyd School District

Wednesday, February 4,
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Drop-in. No registration required.
An opportunity to ask questions and get
information from district administrators.

TALK. CONNECT. PROTECT. Guiding Good Choices -- Series

Thursdays, February 26,
March 5, 12, 19 & 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Join us for a free, evidence-based
program that empowers parents of
children ages 9-14 to build strong, positive
relationships with their children, prevent
risky behaviors and connect with a
supportive community of fellow parents
who understand the journey.

FAMILIES

Blizzard of Creations: Play-Doh

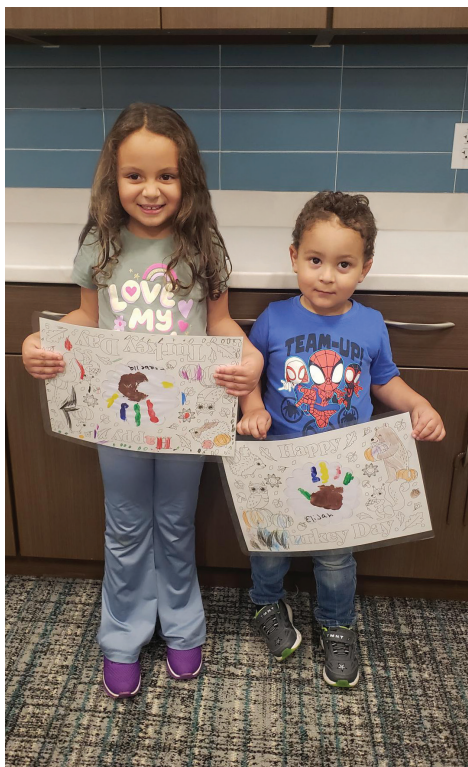
Saturday, January 3, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Families with children Grade 5 and
younger.

Tail-Waggin' and Readin' Fun!

Mondays, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Families with children Grade 5 and
younger.

Family Connect: Family Art Night

Wednesdays, January 7 & February 4,
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Drop-in. No registration required.
Families with children Grade 5 and
younger.



Calling All Collectors!

Do you have a special collection you want to
show off (LEGOS, dolls, etc.)? We have a new
display case and would love to show off your
collection for one month under lock and key.
Call the Children's Reference Desk at
631-399-1511 ext. 2027 or email
kidscollections@communitylibrary.org
to find out more or share your collection.
Children in Grade 5 or younger, please.

MASTIC BEACH BRANCH

BABIES/PRESCHOOL

Baby Playdate

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10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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No older siblings.

Toddler Playdate

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February 6 & 20, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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playtime.

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

Preschool Playdate

Wednesdays, January 14 & February 11,
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please note this is an unstructured
playtime.

Ages 3-5 years with an adult.

Babies Bonding: Monthly Milestones

Thursdays, January 8 & February 19,
6:00 – 6:45 p.m.

Please dress for a mess as we will be
using paint. You may bring a blanket for
story time and any photos you would like
to add.

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

Dragon Tales

Thursday, January 15, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Love Bug – Storytime and Craft

Thursday, February 12, 5:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

SCHOOL-AGE

Slime That You Can Eat

Monday, January 5, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Grades 3-5.

Beginner D&D

Tuesdays, January 13 & February 10,
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5.



The Crystal Lab

Thursday, January 22, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

In this hands-on STEAM adventure, kids
will create their own dazzling rock geodes
and grow real crystals to take home.

Grades K-3.

Junior Slime Makers:

Unwind with Lavender Slime

Monday, January 26, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grades K-2.

Bookworm Book Club

Friday, January 30, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Minecraft Out of Order by Josh Hicks

Friday, February 27, 4:30 – 5:00 p.m.

Pokémon: Scarlet & Violet, Vol. 1

by Hidenori Kusaka

Pick up each book at the front desk at our
main building starting the first of each
month.

Grades 3-5.

Hats Off to Presidents - Storytime and Craft



Thursday, February 5, 6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades K-5.

Valen-Slime Time!

Monday, February 9, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5.

Slime That You Can Eat: Cherry Jell-O

Monday, February 23, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

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

Grades K-2.

Pokémon Day

Friday, February 27, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades 1-5.



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MORICHES BRANCH

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Baby Playdate

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10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

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Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

No older siblings.

Messy Meetups

Wednesdays, January 7 & February 25,
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Dress for mess and weather. These activities require close supervision by an adult.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

Preschool Playdate

Wednesdays, January 7 & February 4,
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Please note this is an unstructured playtime.

Ages 3-5 years with an adult.

Baby Games

Mondays, January 26 & February 2,
10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Ages birth-18 months with an adult.

Early Literacy

Monday, January 12, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Colors

Monday, February 23, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Valentine's Day

Ages birth-23 months with an adult.

Little Creators

Art Studio & Storytime

Wednesdays, January 21 &
February 11, 11:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Be prepared for very messy play.

Ages 2-5 years with an adult.

SCHOOL-AGE

3D Ice-Skating Craft

Tuesday, January 20,
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades K-5.

Guided Meditation for Kids

Monday, January 26,
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 25,
7:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Grades 2-5.

Crafty Thursdays:

Drop-in & Create!

Thursdays, January 29 & February 12,
5:15 – 6:00 p.m.

Drop-in. No registration required.

Grades K-5.

Can You Break Out?

Saturday, January 31, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.

Monday, February 23, 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades 3-5.

Paper Crown Craft

Tuesday, February 24,
6:00 – 6:30 p.m.

Grades K-5.



VIRTUAL

Positive Parenting – Series

Special registration –

See online calendar for more information

Session 1: Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27,
February 3 & 10, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Session 2: Tuesdays, February 17 & 24,
March 3, 10, 17 & 24, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

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.**

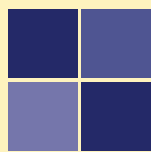
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Guiding Good Choices -- Series

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February 5, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

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Teens

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



Unless otherwise noted, all programs are for teens in grades 6 through 12.

Registration for all programs, other than community service, begins on Friday, December 26.

Stay connected and follow us on Instagram: @mmsclteens



MAIN BUILDING

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!

Survive the Oregon Trail

Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 – 6:45 p.m.
You've been transported back to 1848 and must work as a team to traverse the Oregon Trail video game.

Retro Gaming

Wednesday, January 21,
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday, February 18,
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Pretend it is the arcade days with some retro NES games on the Nintendo Switch.



Teen World Record Challenge

Friday, February 13, 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.
Do you have what it takes to break a world record?

Minecraft Escape Room

Tuesday, February 24, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

YOUR LIBRARY LOVES TO HELP

Learn English/Spanish/ Aprender Inglés/Español

Mondays, January 12 & 26,
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Mondays, February 9 & 23,
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Learn and practice English/Spanish grammar/vocabulary.
Aprende y practica tu gramática y vocabulario en inglés/español.

Letter Writing

Thursday, February 12, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Learn how to address an envelope and write letters on beautiful stationery.

Adulting 101: Budgeting and Piggy Bank Decorating

Thursday, February 19, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Learn how to budget your money and decorate a piggy bank to take home.

TEENS READ

Advanced Battle of the Books

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27
Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
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.
Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24
Thursdays, February 5, 12, 19, 26
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

INCLUSIVE PROGRAM

Teen Enrichment

Thursday, January 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Enrichment is a distinctive program designed for those with special needs.

EATS

Oreo Taste Test

Thursday, January 15, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Try and rate different Oreo flavors.

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Snowflake Keychains

Tuesday, January 6, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Use diamond art painting kits to make a sparkly snowflake keychain.

Art Club

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28
Wednesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25
6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
This is a drop-in program.
Draw, paint, sketch and explore art with Mr. Casper.



New Year Vision Boards

Thursday, January 8, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Create a vision board for 2026!

Beading Club

Tuesday, January 20, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 3, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Make jewelry and keychains using assorted beads.

Skateboard Deck Painting

Thursday, January 22, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Decorate your own skateboard deck!

Makerspace DIY Tote Bag

Monday, January 26, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Personalize a tote bag with positivity using words and pictures for 2026!

Makerspace DIY Socks

Monday, February 9, 4:30 – 6:00 p.m.
Design a pair of socks in the Makerspace! Keep them or give them away!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

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 January and February.

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 January or February. Color all 8 pages at home to earn 2 hours of community service. Return the pages on any Thursday between 1 and 9 pm 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 ongoing program.

Mood Book Boards

Friday, January 16, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Create a book mood board to display in the Teen Department and earn one hour of community service.

Valentines for Seniors

Thursday, February 5, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Make cards for senior citizens to earn one hour of community service.

MASTIC BEACH BRANCH

FUN AND GAMES

Star Wars RPG

Monday, January 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Adventure across a galaxy far, far away in this stellar tabletop game!

Retro Gaming

Friday, January 16, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Friday, February 13, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

D&D

Monday, January 26, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Monday, February 23, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Pokémon Day!

Friday, February 27, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Watch "Pokémon Presents", play games and bring your own cards to exchange and show off. One pack of Pokémon sampling pack trading cards will be provided to each registered teen.

Marvel Multiverse RPG

Monday, February 9, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Play as your favorite Marvel superhero in this action-packed tabletop game!

ENTERTAINMENT

Manga Book Club & Anime Watch Party

Wednesday, January 28, 4:15 – 5:15 p.m.

Read *My Hero Academia 1* by Kohei Horikoshi at home, then enjoy snacks and crafts as we watch episodes from the anime adaptation!

TEENS READ & WRITE

Teen Writers

Wednesday, January 14, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Frosty Winter Frame

Monday, January 26, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Create a winter-themed picture for your favorite 4x6 photo. Bring a few photos with you to design a frame that fits your photo.

Valentine Trinket Box

Monday, February 9, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Paint and decorate a heart-shaped wooden trinket box just in time for Valentine's Day!

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Rock Painting

Mondays, January 5, February 2,

4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

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.



Make Cat & Dog Toys

Wednesday, January 21, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Make cat and dog toys that will be donated to the Brookhaven Animal Shelter.

MORICHES BRANCH

FUN AND GAMES

Mystery Video Game Tournament

Saturday, January 24

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 21

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

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

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Wednesday, January 7 or 14

5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Sign up to create bookmarks that will be donated to our homebound patrons. Earn one hour of community service.

Have a Heart Food Drive Help

Wednesday, February 25, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Earn one hour of community service by helping to sort and pack food donations.

EATS

Breakfast for Dinner

Wednesday, February 18, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

If you like pancakes with warm maple syrup, come with a friend and enjoy breakfast for dinner!

MAKERSPACE HOURS

Drop in during these hours to design, create and innovate! Explore 3D printers, crafting supplies, laser engraver and more. Need guidance on materials or interested in an one-on-one appointment? Call Adult reference. Makerspace is open to all!

Mornings

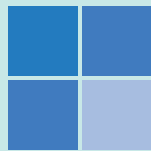
Tuesday, Friday & Saturday
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Afternoons

Monday & Wednesday
1:30 – 4:30 p.m.

Evenings

Tuesday & Thursday
5:30 – 8:30 p.m.



Adults

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Adult Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 2014 for the Moriches Branch, ext. 1028 for the Mastic Beach Branch or ext. 2024 for the Main Building.



Registration for Adult Programs held at the Main Library, Moriches Branch, and Mastic Beach Branch begins Tuesday, December 30 at 9:00 a.m. Registration for Adult Programs held Off-Site/On-the-Road begins Friday, January 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Visit www.communitylibrary.org to find more detailed program information.

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

MAIN BUILDING

Core and More

Saturdays, January 3, 10, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

This is an intense, 45-minute workout class intended for intermediate exercisers.

Saturday Matinee Movie

Saturdays, January 3, 17, February 7, 21, 2:00 – 4:30 p.m.

On January 3 we will be showing *The Holdovers*. January 17 movie is *Castaway*. On February 7 we will be showing *27 Dresses*. February 21 movie is *Sleepless in Seattle*.

Total Body Workout

Monday, January 5, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

This is an intense, 45-minute workout class intended for intermediate exercisers.

Relax With Yoga

Mondays, January 5, 12, 26, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Please bring your own yoga mat.

Senior Fit Chair Workout

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27,

February 3, 10, 17, 24, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Thursdays, January 15, 22, 29,

February 5, 12, 19, 26, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Jam Session

Tuesday, January 6, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to all.

Chess Club

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29,

February 5, 12, 19, 26, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Open to all.

Coin & Stamp Appraisal

Saturday, January 10,

1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Open to all.

Youth Enrichment Services (YES) Table

Sunday, January 11,

February 8, 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.

Open to all.

Sunday Concert: Tal Naccarato

Sunday, January 11,

1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Open to all.

Sunday Concert: Denice Given Band

Sunday, February 15, 1:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Open to all.

Friday Evening Jazz and Chat: Billy Blues and Oskar Trotta

Friday, February 20, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Open to all.

Defensive Driving

Monday, January 12 &

Tuesday, January 13, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

OR Wednesday, February 18 &

Thursday, February 19, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m.

\$35 Payment due at first class to the instructor. Checks, money orders or cash acceptable. Checks, money orders should be made payable to Repola Insurance Agency.

Snowman Shelf-Sitter

Tuesday,

January 13,

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Materials fee of \$12, non-refundable.



Sunday Concert: Tal Naccarato



Learn the Art of Quilting

Wednesdays, January 14, February 11,

1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Book Discussion

Thursday, January 15, February 19,

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

January's book discussion will be *The Art Thief* by Michael Finkel. February's book discussion will be *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt.

Winter Bingo

Thursday, January 15, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Open to all.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group

Thursdays, January 15, February 5, 19,

6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Open to all.

Community Development Long Island

Friday, January 16, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Home Improvement Workshops

Saturdays, January 17, February 21,

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

January's workshop Brian Schnee will present *Your Home's Exterior*. February's workshop will be on *Your Home's Interior*.

**Planning for the Next Generation:
Securing Assets for your Future**

Wednesday, January 21, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Open to all.

**New Year, New Moves:
Beginner Hustle Class**

Thursday, January 22, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

**Family and Children's Association
Informational Tabling**

Thursday, January 22, 10:00 – 2:00 p.m.

Bereavement Support Group

Saturdays, January 24, February 21,
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Snow-Covered Evergreen Painting

Tuesday, January 27,
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. and 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
*Register for one session only.
Materials fee of \$6.50, non-refundable,
no kits.*

Eating Healthy on a Budget

Thursday, January 29, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Open Mic

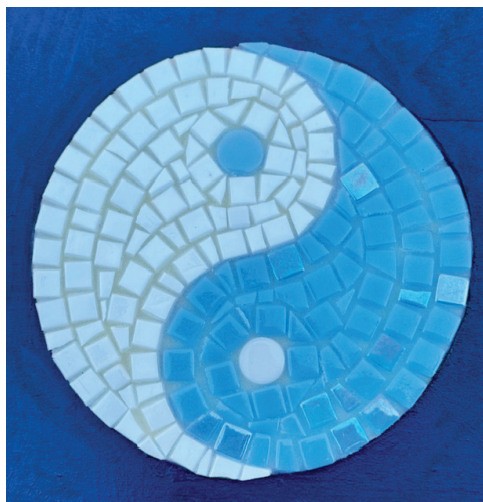
Thursdays, January 29, February 26,
6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Sign-up begins at 5:45 p.m. Open to all.

**Sazón y Corazón:
Healthy Latin Flavors**

Sunday, February 8, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Fee of \$3, non-refundable.

"You Complete Me"

Yin and Yang Mosaic
Tuesday, February 10, 6:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Materials Fee of \$15, non-refundable.



Chocolate Chip Cookies

Tuesday, February 10, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
*Patrons are required to bring their own
mixing bowl and utensil of their choice.*

Guided Meditation and Reiki

Tuesdays, February 17 and 24,
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Open to all.

The Art of Candle Making

Friday, February 13, 1:30 – 2:30 p.m.
Materials fee of \$5, non-refundable, no kits.

The Life of William Floyd

Sunday, February 22, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
See cover for details.

Catholic Health

Community Health Bus

Tuesday, February 24, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Open to all.

Music Bingo

Wednesday, February 25, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Open to all.

MASTIC BEACH BRANCH

Social Work Intern: Meet with Tia

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27,
February 3, 10, 17, 24,
10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28,
February 4, 11, 18, 25,
9:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Gathering Grounds Support Group

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29,
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Open to all.

**Generate your Birth Chart
with Astro-Seek**

Thursday, January 8, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Learn to Save a Life:
Free Narcan Training**

Monday, January 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
In partnership with St. Andrews church,
join us for a hands-on Narcan (naloxone)
training designed to give you the skills to
respond to an opioid overdose.

Financial Literacy Workshop

Tuesday, January 13, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Open to all.

HIICAP

Wednesdays, January 21, February 18,
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.
Open to all, but please register.

**Family and Children's Association
Informational Tabling**

Wednesday, January 21,
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

AI Art with Google Gemini

Thursday, January 29, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

AI Writing with Google Gemini

Thursday, February 12, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.

MORICHES BRANCH

Book Club Kits

Start your own book club with our new
Book Club Kits! Ask our reference
department about which titles and
formats are available to check out today!

Job and Career Counseling

Saturdays, January 3, February 7,
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

New Year Celebration

Monday, January 5, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Let's celebrate the previous year!
Designed for adults with sensory issues,
those on the autism spectrum, or those
who have other specific needs.

Catholic Health

Community Health Bus

Wednesday, January 7, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Open to all.

Crochet & Knit

Wednesdays, January 7, 21, February 4,
1:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Open to all.

Creative Writer's Workshop

Thursdays, January 8, February 12,
2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**Social Work Intern:
Meet with Chiara**

Fridays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6,
13, 20, 27, 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
and 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31,
February 7, 14, 21, 28,
9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Learn to Play Chess

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31,
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Needle Felted Program

Mondays, January 12, February 9,
6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
January's session,
participants will
make 2026
Penguins.
February's
session,
participants
will make
Felted Soaps.
All materials,
including soap,
are included. *Materials fee of \$4,
non-refundable, no kits.*



**Beginner Sketching and Drawing
with Colored Pencils**

Tuesdays, January 13, February 10,
6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
*See our online program calendar for a list
of materials needed for this class.*



Adults Continued



Astronomy Star Party

Thursdays, January 15, February 19,
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

No registration required.

Library for All

Tuesdays, January 20, February 17,
10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs.

Mystery of Sea Pottery

Tuesday, January 20,
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Presented by *Tumbled by the Sea*, this workshop teaches participants to identify the age and type of ceramic shards, and includes a bonus bag of pottery and sea glass.



Smartphone Crash Course

Thursday, January 22, 12:00 – 1:00 p.m.
Open to all.

First Time Homebuyer Informational Session

Monday, January 26, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Open to all.

Valentine Pop-Up

Tuesday, January 27, 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Materials fee of \$10.

A Mariner's Life (Colonial life in Maritime America)

Wednesday, January 28, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Cultural historian Diane Schwindt presents a look into 18th-century sailing life.



Valentine Decorating

Monday, February 9, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Create and decorate Valentines for family and friends! Designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs.

Heart Shaped Jewelry Box Craft

Wednesday, February 11, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Valentine Wall Hanging

Wednesday, February 11, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Materials fee of \$12, non-refundable.

Jam Session

Thursday, February 12, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Open to all.

Historic Schoolhouses of Long Island

Wednesday, February 25,
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Architectural historian Zach Studenroth will describe the evolution of one-room schoolhouses in Nassau and Suffolk counties.



A History of Chocolate in the American Colonies

Thursday, February 26, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Culinary historian Diane Schwindt explains how 18th-century American colonists transformed imported cacao beans into a popular hot chocolate beverage we know today.



ON THE ROAD

What's On Your Nightstand?

Thursday, January 8, February 5,
6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

Held at *Sunsets at*

Senix Restaurant; 50 Senix Avenue,
Center Moriches, NY 11934.

Open to all.

Seal Walk at Cupsogue Beach

Saturday,
January 17,
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Held at

Cupsogue Beach;
975 Dune Rd,

Westhampton Beach, NY 11978

See our online program calendar for restrictions and terms.



Art of Reading Book Club

Thursday, February 19, 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Held at *Moriches Field Brewing Co.*;

1 Wilcox Ave, Center Moriches, NY 11934

This month, we will be reading and discussing *We Need Your Art: Stop Messing Around and Make Something* by Amie McNee.

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS

Every month, you can participate in a live video-feed author talk and discussion! With speakers ranging from bestselling fiction writers to historians, scientists, medical experts and even cookbook authors, there's something for everyone. Visit <https://libraryc.org/communitylibrary/upcoming> to see all the upcoming speakers and to register. All you need is a smartphone, computer, or tablet.

A highlight of this month's online talks is:

Swashbuckling Heroines and High Seas Adventures with Novelist Vanessa Riley

Thursday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.

Award-Winning Author of *Island Queen* and *Murder in Westminster*



MAKERSPACE

Ink it Over: DIY Tattoo Studio

Wednesday, January 21, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Open to all.

Custom Hologram Signs

Thursday, January 15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Hidden Hearts Sublimation Pillowcase

Session 1: Tuesday, February 3
11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Register for one session only.

Sublimation Sweetheart Slates

Thursday, February 12, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Register for programs three easy ways: in person, online at www.communitylibrary.org or contact the Adult Reference Desk at 631-399-1511 ext. 2014 for the Moriches Branch, ext. 1028 for the Mastic Beach Branch or ext. 2024 for the Main Building.

ART GALLERY DISPLAYS

MAIN BUILDING

JANUARY

Exhibition: "Wild Seas"

Artist Peter Russo, inspired by the landscape of the Moriches Inlet, presents his portraits of the North Atlantic waters.



Exhibition: "Washed Ashore"

Cathy Drees of **Tumbled by the Sea** will transform our showcase into a vignette of wind-whipped waters, with plenty of sea glass and pottery "floating ashore."

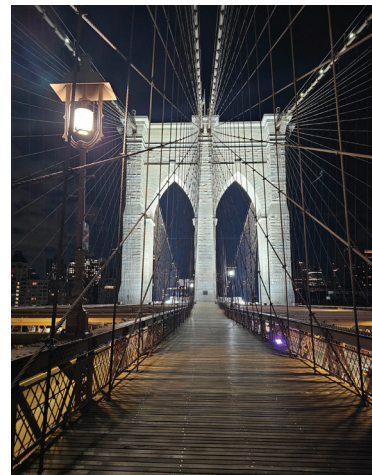
FEBRUARY

Exhibition: "Urban Fiction"

We dedicate our showcase exhibit this month to the stories, authors, and characters that give this genre of fiction its rich vibrancy and contemporary vibe.

Exhibition: "David Bradshaw, Brooklyn Ready"

Bradshaw will showcase a selection of photos from his publication "Brooklyn Ready."

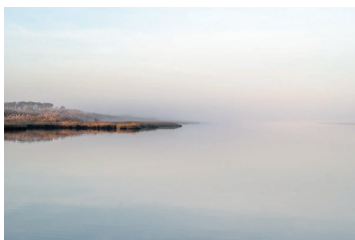


MORICHES BRANCH

JANUARY

Exhibition: "Seasons" Whitney Bell

Her camera documents the stark beauty of still winter landscapes. Buds bursting through ice assert the cycle of life, launching a new season.



FEBRUARY

Exhibition: "David Bradshaw, Journey to Egypt"

Bradshaw will showcase a selection of photos from his recent sojourn to Egypt.

Exhibition: "Statuary"

Jeannie Baker shares statuary and 3-D figures her mother collected as she traveled the globe.

ADULT REFERENCE SERVICES

Showcase Your Talent: Community Art Exhibit!

Interested in displaying your work in our new Library Art Exhibit? We invite all artists to share their work with our community. To showcase your art or unique collection, please complete the request form by visiting this link <https://forms.office.com/r/FnkWnDhem> or scanning the QR Code below. We look forward to seeing your submissions!



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.**

Museum Passes

Passes that are not "print-on-demand" are available for 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.

Social Work Assistance

The Library provides free social work assistance from Stony Brook University interns to connect individuals and families with resources for housing, financial aid, food benefits, and help with applications. **Call or check our online program calendar for available appointment times and locations.**

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Have a Heart Food Drive

Month of February

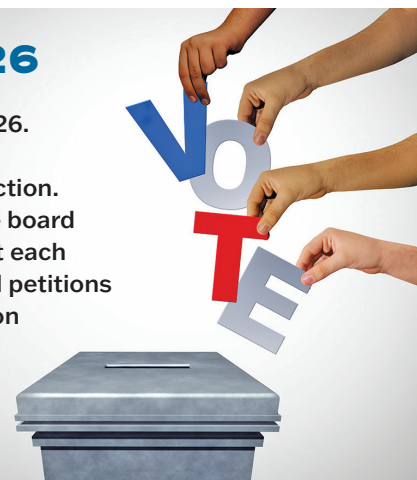
The library will be collecting non-expired, nonperishable food items to replenish local food pantries. Donations will be accepted at each library location.



Library Budget Vote 2026

The vote will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 2026. 5 trustees govern your library, each serves a 5 year term. One trustee seat is up for re-election. Petitions to nominate a trustee to run for the board will be available on the library website, and at each branch on Tuesday, February 3rd. Completed petitions are due back to the library's business office on Monday, March 16th.

Voter registration will take place in the Main Library on Tuesday, April 7th.



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The Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open and the public is always invited to attend. If you have any questions about any library matter, please call the Library Director, Lonna Castro, at 631-399-1511, ext. 1001.



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407 William Floyd Parkway
Shirley 11967

Moriches Branch
201 Montauk Highway
Moriches 11955

Mastic Beach Branch
369 Neighborhood Road
Mastic Beach 11951

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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Friday: 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.*

*September 13, 2025 through June 7, 2026



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All programs are available to Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders and require advanced registration, unless otherwise indicated. Please have your library card available when you register. The Library is glad to provide reasonable accommodations for patrons with special needs. Please call us at least two weeks prior to the program to make arrangements. Photographs, footage and names of patrons attending library programs may be used for publicity. Please inform us if you do not want information about you and your family used for such publicity.



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