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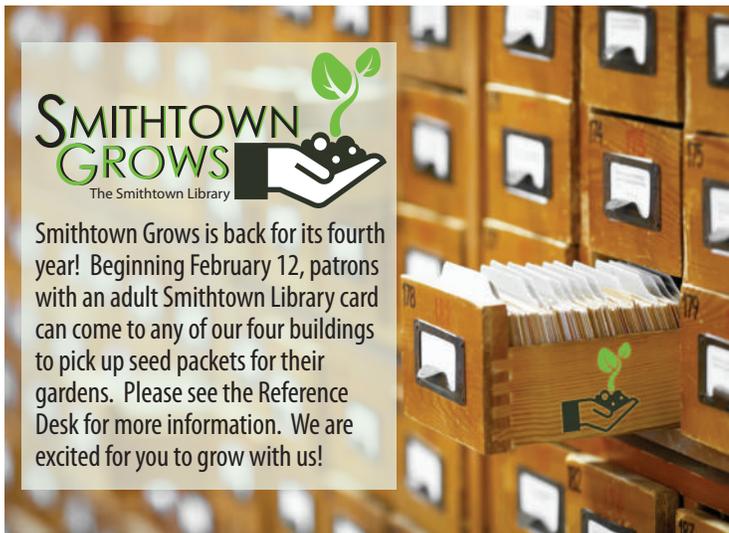
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MARCH IS NATIONAL READING MONTH!



March is **National Reading Month**, a celebration that encourages reading for all ages and promotes reading as a key feature for learning, social and professional development. Reading is one of the best habits to develop; it strengthens the mental muscles, helps to improve comprehension and analytical abilities, increases imagination and boosts memory.

Celebrate with us! We encourage you to use this month as an opportunity to encourage reading every day and to foster a love for books amongst each other and the children of our community.



SMITHTOWN GROWS
The Smithtown Library

Smithtown Grows is back for its fourth year! Beginning February 12, patrons with an adult Smithtown Library card can come to any of our four buildings to pick up seed packets for their gardens. Please see the Reference Desk for more information. We are excited for you to grow with us!





COGNITIVE CARE KIT

Cognitive Care Kits are now available! These kits are a great resource for individuals living with all forms of cognitive loss. Stop by the Reference Desk of any of our library buildings to pick up your free activity kit. These kits are assembled with the help of our teen volunteers.

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Long Island's Largest Library - Serving the Communities of Smithtown:
Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset
Nissequoque • Saint James • Smithtown • Village of the Branch

CHILDREN

Registration is required for these programs unless otherwise indicated • All program fees are non-refundable • Register online at www.smithlib.org

Children's Program Registration Information

In person, online and telephone registration begins at 9:30am for **Commack on Wednesday, February 28, Kings Park on Friday, February 23, Nesconset on Tuesday, March 5 and Smithtown on Friday, March 1.**

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated. Check the Library's calendar or contact your local Children's Department for availability. A complete list is also available on the Library's website at www.smithlib.org. Please note: each child must have his/her own Library card to register for programs. Priority is given to Smithtown residents for program registration. Children's programs are created with the needs, abilities and interests of the age groups listed. To make programs enjoyable for the children and their caregivers. Please register for programs that correspond with the child's age. Programs that include food may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

C = Commack Building **N** = Nesconset Building
K = Kings Park Building **S** = Smithtown Building



LearnLab Program

Baby Bounce

C-Tuesday, March 26 • 10:30-11:00am
(Birth-11 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a program especially for babies. There will be songs, props and most of all, fun. No older siblings, please.

Baby Playground

K-Wednesday, March 20 • 11:00-11:45am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy free-play and language-based activities with other babies in a relaxed, friendly environment.

Baby's First Storytime

N-Monday, March 25 • 10:00-10:45am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Introduce your little one to the Library for the first time. Enjoy simple songs, fingerplays and stories, just for baby. Stay and play afterwards and meet your neighbors.



Baby Bop

S-Wednesday, March 27 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for an upbeat baby program featuring stories, songs and open play.

Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Saturday, March 9 • 10:30-11:00am

C-Saturday, March 23 • 10:30-11:00am

K-Saturday, March 9 • 10:00-10:30am

K-Monday, March 25 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Saturday, March 9 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Wednesday, March 20 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Monday, April 1 • 10:00-10:30am

S-Tuesday, March 5 • 10:00-10:30am

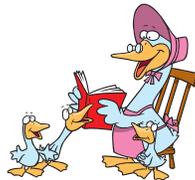
S-Thursday, March 14 • 4:00-4:30pm

S-Wednesday, April 3 • 10:00-10:30am

S-Saturday, April 6 • 10:00-10:30am

(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy a traditional time of nursery rhymes and songs for baby.



Toddler Tales

K-Tuesday, March 5 • 10:30-11:00am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a fun-filled storytime with songs, rhymes and fingerplays to help build early literacy skills.

Wonderful Ones

N-Wednesday, March 13 • 10:30-11:15am

S-Thursday, April 4 • 10:00-10:45am

(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

This action-packed program engages little ones in language-based activities; includes free play, stories and fun.

Story Tots

C-Tuesday, March 19 • 10:30-11:00am

(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

Unplug and unwind with your little ones. Engage in stories, fingerplays, rhymes and musical activities.

Young at Art

N-Friday, March 8 • 10:30-11:00am

S-Monday, March 4 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Explore and discover art with your toddler through hands-on activities and fine motor fun. Children will take home their own masterpieces. Dress to make a mess.



Tot Tunes

K-Saturday, March 2 • 10:30-11:00am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and dancing in this musical program.

Toddler Music Makers

S-Wednesday, March 6 • 10:00-10:30am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for singing, dancing and imaginative play with musical props in this upbeat program.

Lil' Athletes

C-Wednesday, March 13 • 10:00-10:45am
(23-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Get your kiddo moving with instructors from Lil' Athletes who will lead them in a fun obstacle course that will help their gross motor skills.

Time for Twos

C-Friday, March 29 • 10:00-10:45am

K-Monday, April 1 • 10:30-11:15am

N-Tuesday, March 26 • 9:45-10:30am

S-Tuesday, April 2 • 10:00-10:45am

(24-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy building social skills in a relaxed, friendly environment; includes free play, songs, stories and a craft.

Art Starts

N-Thursday, March 21 • 11:00-11:45am

S-Thursday, March 7 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Different crafts encourage children's hand-eye coordination and gross and fine motor skills development; includes storytime. Dress to make a mess.

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Library Playdate

C-Tuesday, March 19 • 2:30-3:15pm

K-Thursday, March 7 • 10:30-11:15am

N-Monday, March 11 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Seize the play and keep the mess at our place. Meet other children and families while playing with toys and creating an art project.

Me and My Grandparent

C-Wednesday, March 27 • 10:30-11:15am
(2-4 years with grandparent(s))

Join us for this special program created especially for grandparents and their grandchildren. Enjoy spending time together playing, making a craft and listening to stories and songs.

Shamrock Shake

S-Wednesday, March 13 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

It's your lucky day - celebrate St. Patrick's Day and join us for stories and crafts.

Chameleon Colors

N-Thursday, March 14 • 11:00-11:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Listen to colorful stories and mix some paint during a fun storytime and craft. Dress to make a mess.

Rockin' Shamrocks

N-Friday, March 15 • 10:30-11:15am OR
2:30-3:15pm

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Get your green on and join us for special St. Patrick's Day stories, songs and crafts with your little shamrock.



Construction Zone

S-Monday, March 25 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Put on hard hats and bring your little construction workers to build with all types of blocks.

Terrific Threes

S-Tuesday, March 26 • 10:00-10:45am
(36-47 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy free play, stories, crafts and circle time.

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

C-Wednesday, March 6 • 3:00-3:30pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with a reading of *Put Me in the Zoo* and make your very own leopard puppet to take home.



Read, Sing and Play

C-Friday, March 8 • 10:00-10:30am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join Miss Wendy for some funny stories, songs, silly dancing and games.

Growing Shamrocks

S-Saturday, March 9 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a festive storytime followed by a hands-on activity where kids can grow their own shamrocks, bringing a touch of luck to their gardens.



Leprechaun Playdate

K-Wednesday, March 11 • 10:30-11:15am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Mischief and play is the leprechaun's way. Join us for a leprechaun theme playdate with crafts and hidden treasures. Costumes are welcomed!

Stories & STEAM - All About Green

S-Tuesday, March 12 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Let's explore the color green through stories and a variety of STEAM activities! Dress to make a mess.

Lil' Athlete Multi Sports Fun

C-Wednesday, March 13 • 11:00-11:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Lil' Athletes will be here to teach us some basic soccer and baseball skills.

Mini Makers

K-Monday, March 18 • 4:00-4:45pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Discover and explore STEAM concepts through play with other little learners. Dress to make a mess.

Marching into Music

C-Wednesday, March 20 • 10:00-10:30am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle to the beat.

Preschool Dance Party

N-Friday, March 22 • 2:30-3:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Move and groove to the beat. Put on your dancing shoes for an afternoon of music and movement fun.

On the Go

C-Friday, March 22 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Use your imagination as you have fun playing with trains, trucks, cars and other things that go.

Storytime Safari

N-Saturday, March 23 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Wild characters abound when you open a book. Treat your mind to an adventure with stories and an art project.

Splendid Safari

K-Saturday, March 23 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Travel the savannah with us as we read about African animal adventures and do a creative craft.

All Aboard at the Library

K-Tuesday, March 26 • 10:30-11:15am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

If you love trains, then hop aboard and join us for this fun-filled adventure. We will have a short storytime and then we will play with plenty of trains.



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Spring Surprise

K-Tuesday, March 26 • 3:00-3:30pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us as we read an assortment of spring stories with Miss Sharon and then do a surprise spring craft.

Once Upon an Author

N-Friday, March 29 • 11:00-11:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us as we spotlight a favorite children's author. We will read their stories and create a special project based on one of their books. Dress to make a mess.

Interactive Storytime

S-Thursday, April 4 • 2:30-3:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

No need to sit still during this storytime! Join us for an engaging afternoon as we tap, wiggle, shake and dance our way through stories. All abilities are welcome in this inclusive and inviting program.

Pajama Storytime

K-Wednesday, March 6 • 7:00-7:30pm
(3-6 years with parent/caregiver)

Want to come to the Library in your pajamas? Join us for stories and songs and bring a favorite stuffed animal if you'd like!



STEAM Buddies

K-Monday, March 4 • 4:15-5:00pm
(4-7 years)

Team up with a teen volunteer for hands-on fun as we create, experiment and learn. Dress to make a mess.

Emoji Planters

S-Thursday, March 28 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)

There's so much to smile about! Good vibes abound in this storytime with tales about attitudes of gratitude while we paint a cheery planter. Dress to make a mess.



All About 3D Printing

S-Friday, March 29 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)

Join us in our LearnLab to learn the basics of 3D printing and design in this hands-on workshop! We'll learn how 3D printers work and how to create 3D designs, then we'll use what we learned to make our own 3D printed creations.

Gnome Homes

S-Saturday, March 30 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)

Go big or go gnome - join us for tales and build a gnome home for garden friends.

Brilliant Birds

K-Tuesday, March 12 • 4:15-4:45pm
(5-8 years)

Welcome spring with bird stories and enjoy creating a beautiful bird craft.

Little Seed Starters

K-Tuesday, March 19 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-8 years)

Say hello to spring! Work with a teen volunteer to make your own seed starter to grow a plant or vegetable.



Windy Day

K-Thursday, March 21 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

Whatever the weather, March is usually windy! We'll read stories about windy day activities and make a kite craft.

Radical Rainbows

K-Monday, March 25 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

Enjoy colorful stories as we make a rainbow suncatcher.

Little Game Buddies

N-Friday, March 29 • 3:15-4:00pm
(5-9 years)

If you love playing board games, then this program is for you. Children will be paired with teen buddies for an afternoon of playing some favorite board games.

Catch a Leprechaun

N-Saturday, March 16 • 3:00-3:45pm
(5-10 years)

Join us at the end of the rainbow for St. Patrick's Day stories and decorate your very own leprechaun trap. Dress to make a mess.



Make It Monday

S-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm
(5-12 years)

Come to the Children's Craft Room during these hours to tinker, build and play with a variety of STEAM challenges, toys and projects. No registration required.

LEGO® League

C-Wednesday, March 27 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-12 years)

Calling all master builders. Bring your imaginations to this block party and construct your own creations using our collection of LEGO® bricks.

Chess and Checkers Buddies

S-Thursday, March 28 • 3:00-3:45pm
(5-12 years)

It's time for a board meeting; play chess and checkers with our teen volunteers. A great opportunity to learn a new game or practice a favorite.

Robo Challenge

C-Monday, March 11 • 4:15-5:00pm
(6-10 years)

Prepare to code, conquer and explore. Children will be paired with a teen volunteer to engage in coding challenges.

Girl Power

K-Thursday, March 28 • 3:30-4:15pm
(6-11 years)

Celebrate Women's History Month with stories of amazing women in history and make a craft.

Happy Pi Day

K-Wednesday, March 13 • 4:15-4:45pm
(6-12 years)

Join in the infinite fun of Pi Day with a story and craft. A small snack will be served.

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St. Patrick's Day Bingo

C-Friday, March 15 • 4:15-4:45pm

(6-12 years)

Join us for St. Patrick's Day themed bingo where lucky winners will get to pick a prize from the Pot of Gold!

LUCKY

Lucky Cakes

S-Friday, March 15 • 6:30-7:15pm

(6-12 years)

Wear your green and join us for Irish folktales and create a snack fit for a leprechaun.

Fun with Folding

N-Thursday, March 28 • 3:00-3:45pm

(6-12 years)

Learn the art of origami by creating simple folding designs.

Taste Test Challenge

S-Monday, April 1 • 2:30-3:15pm

(6-12 years)

Can you identify different cookies just by taste? Can you taste the difference between different candies? Put your taste buds to the test and compete to see who can identify the most snacks by taste alone.



DIY Stickers

S-Wednesday, March 6 • 5:00-5:45pm

S-Monday, March 11 • 6:30-7:15pm

(7-12 years)

Create your own custom stickers in the LearnLab using Cricut® Design Space!

Spy Squad

S-Saturday, March 16 • 10:00-10:45am

(7-12 years)

Calling all spies in training! Learn how to be a masterclass spy with games, crafts and activities at the Library.

DIY Dollhouse Dolls

K-Saturday, March 16 • 11:00-11:45am

(7-12 years)

Make your own wooden dollhouse family inspired by the ones at the Library!

Cricut Crafts - 3D Flowers

S-Wednesday, March 27 • 5:00-5:45pm

(7-12 years)

Tour the LearnLab and learn all about our makerspace, then create a 3D flower bouquet using materials prepared by the Cricut® cutting machine!

Laser Engraved Jewelry

S-Wednesday, March 13 • 5:00-5:45pm

(8-12 years)

Join us in the LearnLab to design jewelry charms to be cut and engraved with our Glowforge laser! Keep it for yourself or give it as a gift to someone you love.

DIY Library Tote Bags

S-Saturday, March 23 • 10:00-11:00am

(8-12 years)

Learn how to use infusible ink with the Cricut® EasyPress in the LearnLab. We'll draw and color our own custom designs, then iron them onto canvas tote bags that are perfect for carrying library books home!

Rainbow Button Painting

N-Saturday, March 23 • 11:45am-12:30pm

(8-12 years)

Enjoy relaxing painting time by designing a rainbow button mixed-media project.

Creation Station

C-Saturday, March 2 • 10:00-3:00pm

K-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

N-Saturday, March 16 • 10:00am-3:00pm

S-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

(Families)

Are you looking for something to do on Saturday? Come to the Library during these hours and complete some cool crafts. *No registration required.*

Create and Celebrate - Women's History Month

S-Friday, March 29 • 3:00-7:00pm

(Families)

March is Women's History Month! Stop by the Children's Craft Room during these hours to celebrate with crafts and activities while you learn all about some influential people. *No registration required.*



MARCH BOOKMARK
CONTEST WINNER
ELLIE K.
GRADE 5
MT. PLEASANT
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

TEEN SCENE

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Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **March** programs began on **Monday, February 12**. **April** program registration begins **Monday, March 11**. Registration is required unless otherwise noted. Programs that require fees can be paid in person by credit card, cash, check or money order to The Smithtown Library. Credit card payments are also accepted through our online payment system. If paying in cash, please bring exact change only. Program fees are non-refundable and non-transferable. Teen Services programs are open to those in grades 6-12 (up to age 18) unless otherwise noted. When registering online, please indicate name and grade in the note field. Check the Library's calendar or contact the Library for availability. Programs that include food may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

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LearnLab Program

Teen Take and Make - Lucky Pretzels Kings Park Building

Use a little leprechaun magic and decorate chocolate covered pretzels just in time for **St. Patrick's Day!** Kits will be available at the Kings Park Building beginning March 11 and must be picked up by March 30.



Marvel Movie Night

S-Friday, March 1 • 6:00-8:30pm

The Marvels

PG-13, runtime 105 minutes.

Join us to watch a movie. Pizza and popcorn will be provided.



Retro Game Time

N-Saturday, March 2 • 3:00-4:00pm

Kick it old school with an afternoon of retro video and board games. Pizza and snacks will be provided.

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, March 4 • 6:00-8:00pm

Join us for a round of this classic role-playing game! Perfect for players of all skill levels, this campaign will introduce you to the game and its rules while you play. Dice and snacks will be provided.



Teen Detectives Society

K-Tuesday, March 5 • 7:00-8:00pm

Grab your notebook and put on your Sherlock Holmes hat- there's a mystery to be solved! You'll work with other detectives to solve an English Victorian era mystery.

Bottle Cap Crafting

S-Wednesday, March 6 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create magnets, necklaces and keychains using magazines, comic books and bottle caps.

Washi Tape Shamrock Art

N-Thursday, March 14 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create your own framed shamrock using festive washi tape.



Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, March 20 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join us to discuss manga, watch anime and enjoy Japanese snacks.

Springtime Shadow Box

S-Saturday, March 23 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Spring is in the LearnLab! Create a colorful floral shadow box to display for the season.



Handmade Cricut Cards

S-Wednesday, March 27 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join us in the LearnLab to use the Cricut® Joy cutting machine and create custom greeting cards you can use all year!

Volunteer Opportunities

EACH TEEN WILL RECEIVE
COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR
THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS.

STEAM Buddies Volunteers

K-Monday, March 4 • 4:00-5:00pm

Team up with a child for hands-on fun as we create, experiment and learn. Dress to make a mess.

Helping Paws

N-Tuesday, March 5 • 7:00-8:00pm

Help our less fortunate furry friends and make toys and supplies for shelter animals.



Computer Build-a-Thon Volunteers

**C-Wednesday, March 6 • 6:30-8:30pm OR
Wednesday, March 27 • 6:30-8:30pm**

Have you ever wondered how to build a computer? In this hands-on program, teens will first learn about how the different components work together to create a functioning machine. After, teens will aid Library staff in building brand new computers from scratch.

Bulletin Board Builders

S-Thursday, March 7 • 4:30-5:30pm

Assist our Young Adult and Adult Reference Departments and prepare the materials needed for our seasonal bulletin boards.

Robo Challenge Volunteers

C-Monday, March 11 • 4:00-5:00pm

Come assist a younger child with robot coding challenges.

Bookmark Volunteers

S-Tuesday, March 12 • 4:30-5:30pm

N-Tuesday, March 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

C-Monday, March 25 • 4:30-5:30pm

Teen volunteers are needed to design and make bookmarks.

Bookmarks will be sent to patrons who are enjoying The Smithtown Library's Homebound Mail Service.



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ADULTS

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Decorate to Donate Volunteers

K-Tuesday, March 12 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join us to make seasonal decorations that will be donated to local nursing homes.

Notes and Totes Volunteers

N-Wednesday, March 13 • 4:00-5:00pm

Let's decorate note cards and tote bags for patrons in local group homes to use when they visit the Library.

Seed Starters Volunteers

K-Tuesday, March 19 • 4:00-5:00pm

Say hello to spring! Help a child make their own seed starter that will one day grow into a plant or vegetable.

Library Decorating Volunteers

K-Tuesday, March 26 • 7:00-8:00pm

Help get our Library ready for spring by making decorations for our community to enjoy.



Game Buddies Volunteers

K-Wednesday, March 27 • 4:00-5:00pm

N-Friday, March 29 • 3:00-4:00pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.

Chess and Checkers Buddies Volunteers

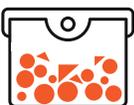
S-Thursday, March 28 • 2:45-3:45pm

Teach younger children how to play chess and checkers. You do not have to be an expert to volunteer but knowledge of the rules is required.



Teen Volunteer Opportunity in a Box

Can't fit our volunteer opportunities into your schedule? The Smithtown Library now offers one-hour volunteer sessions by appointment! Teens can spend time at the Library working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community. Teens may schedule up to two time slots per month. For more information or to schedule a session, contact any Reference Desk.



Adult Program Information

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LearnLab Program



Zoom

Take and Make - Clay Pot Carrot

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create this whimsical spring decoration. A hot glue gun is also



required for this project. *Online and in person registration begins on March 1 and ends on March 15. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning March 20. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*

Take and Make - Robin's Egg Vase

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create a spring vase with faux gypsophila flowers.

Online and in person registration begins on March 7 and ends on March 21. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning March 25. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.



Commack

Game Day

Wednesdays • 12:00-2:30pm

We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *No registration required.*

An Old Fashioned Irish Sing-Along

Saturday, March 9 • 1:00-2:00pm

Sing along with Kevin Westley to your favorite Irish-American songs to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day**. Kevin will sing *Danny Boy*, *When Irish Eyes Are Smiling*, *an Irish Lullaby*, *McNamara's Band* and more!



Unlocking Joyful Memories for Dementia Patients

Monday, March 11 • 10:00-11:00am

Dementia is a debilitating condition that robs patients of their memories and leaves them feeling lost and alone. However, innovative activities offer a ray of hope for dementia patients, allowing them to rediscover joy and connection. Learn innovative activities for dementia patients with educators from **Willing Hearts Helpful Hands**.

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, March 12 • 10:00am, 10:45am, 11:30am OR 12:15pm

Register for an appointment to meet individually with a Suffolk County **RSVP** (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) volunteer from **HIICAP** (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) to answer questions and provide information specific to your own needs regarding your Medicare health insurances and benefits, Medicare Savings Programs and EPIC.

All Abilities Shamrocks

Thursday, March 14 • 10:00-11:00am

Decorate a shamrock to celebrate **St. Patrick's Day**. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on February 28.*



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Commack Continued

The Art of Setting Healthy Boundaries

Thursday, March 14 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join Frances Wozniak, LCSW as she guides you in defining healthy boundaries, teaches the essential skills of setting healthy boundaries, how to communicate your boundaries in an emotionally safe way and understanding the value in setting healthy boundaries.

Defensive Driving

Monday, March 18 • 9:30am-4:30pm

Telephone, online and in person registration begins two months prior to program date. Open to all adult drivers regardless of age. Please bring your license to class. Must have a library card to register; one registration per library card. *Please note: cash payment only is due to the instructor at the beginning of class.* Fee: \$30.00 per person.

Medicare Basics

Friday, March 22 • 11:00am-12:00pm

An educator from RSVP Suffolk will give an overview of Medicare to help you better understand the system and the options available. Ideal for those new to Medicare.

Women of the CIA

Tuesday, March 26 • 2:00-3:00pm

Celebrate Women's History Month with Stony Brook University professor emeritus Lester Paldy as he discusses how pioneering women overcame obstacles to become valued members of the Agency team, paving the way for more equitable treatment of CIA women officers today.



Kings Park Game Day

Mondays • 12:30-2:30pm

We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *No registration required.*

Kings Park Continued

A Matter of Balance

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5, 12 & 19 • 10:00am-12:00pm

This evidence-based program for older adults emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Participants will learn to reduce fall risks at home, set goals for increasing activity and exercise to increase strength and balance. Sponsored by Suffolk County RSVP. *Please note: weeks 1 and 2 are informational on how to prevent falls; exercises will be incorporated in weeks 3-8.*

Bunny Trio

Thursday, March 7 • 6:00-8:30pm

Paint these three standing bunnies perfect to decorate for the spring. Fee: \$15.00 per person.



One-On-One Genealogy Research

Saturday, March 9 • 11:00am, 12:00 OR 1:00pm

Having trouble with your family tree? Register for a one-hour session with genealogist April Earle for individual assistance in your genealogy research. *This program occurs monthly; patrons may register for one session every six months.*

Listening to Your Legs - Raising Awareness of Arterial and Venous Disease

Thursday, March 14 • 10:00-11:00am

Do your legs feel sluggish or appear swollen? Or, perhaps, you are experiencing pain in your legs without obvious cause for discomfort. These could be signs of vascular disease. Join Stony Brook Medicine's Department of Vascular and Endovascular Surgery to learn about vascular disease and ways to take steps toward improving your vascular health.

Career Counseling

Thursday, March 14 • 4:00, 4:45, 5:30 OR 6:15pm

Career advisor Richard Gluck, will assist you one-on-one with your resume, give direction on a new career path and help you navigate the ever-changing world of job searching.

Kings Park Continued

The New York City Irish Immigrants

Thursdays, March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 & 25 • 12:30-2:30pm

Tom O'Reilly, Ph.D. Irish Historian, Ancient Order of Hibernians, Smithtown, will discuss the influx of Irish Immigration to New York City in the 1850s in this six-part series. Listen as he outlines the progress and setbacks of this group from corrupt Tammy Hall to the election of an Irish American as President of the United States of America.

All Abilities Game Day

Thursday, March 28 • 10:00-11:00am

Join us in playing some fun games. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on February 28.*

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Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *No registration required.*

Beginner Mah Jongg

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 & 9 • 11:00am-1:00pm

Learn to play American Mah Jongg following the National Mah Jongg League rules with Nancy Esposito. Experience the excitement of learning this historic game that is now popular with adults of all ages! Mah Jongg sets will be available for use during class and instructional materials will be provided. Fee: \$10.00 per person.



All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, March 6 • 9:30am-12:00pm

Maleficent

Rated PG; runtime 97 minutes.

Join us for our sensory friendly movie. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on February 28.*

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Nesconset Continued

Evening Yoga

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 7:00-8:00pm

In this open level yoga class, we will be connecting breath to movement as we flow from one pose into the next. Build strength, increase flexibility, improve balance and release stress through yoga asana (poses), breath work and meditation practice. Variations and modifications will be offered throughout to cater to student's needs. Please bring your own yoga mat. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, March 7 • 12:00pm, 12:45pm, 1:30pm OR 2:15pm

Register for an appointment to meet individually with a Suffolk County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) volunteer from HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) to answer questions and provide information specific to your own needs regarding your Medicare health insurances and benefits, Medicare Savings Programs and EPIC.

Reading Food Labels

Tuesday, March 12 • 2:00-3:00pm

Dive into the intricacies of grocery store shopping and food labels with Registered



Dietitian, **Alaina Hoschke** of The Bristol Assisted Living. Learn to understand ingredients, identify additives and how to spot hidden sugars, unhealthy fats and other components that might affect your health. Leave with the skills necessary to make healthier and more mindful choices while grocery shopping, fostering a better relationship with food and nutrition.

Morning Bingo for Adults

Monday, March 18 • 10:00-11:30am

Join us for a morning of action-packed bingo excitement. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

Nesconset Continued

Laughs at the Library

Saturday, March 23 • 2:00-3:00pm

Join **Mark Brier** for an afternoon of good, clean comedy fun! Mark has been entertaining audiences since 1977 and was voted Best Comedian of Long Island 2023.



All Abilities Ceramic Bird Feeder

Tuesday, March 26 • 6:00-7:00pm

Celebrate spring by decorating a cute bird feeder. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on February 28.*

All Abilities Bingo

Wednesday, March 27 • 10:00-11:00am

Join us for our non-competitive, slow paced bingo. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on February 28.*

Digestive Health - Colon Cancer Awareness and Prevention

Wednesday, March 27 • 1:00-2:00pm

Please join St. Catherine of Siena Hospital expert gastroenterologist, **Kanika Kaur MD**, as she discusses the most up-to-date guidelines on colon cancer screening, options for colon cancer screening and prevention of cancer through dietary and lifestyle habits.

Smithtown Art Group

Tuesdays • 12:00-2:15pm

Fulfill your passion for art. Bring your supplies and work on your current project while you share ideas and learn new techniques from others in a relaxed atmosphere. *Please note: there will be no meeting on March 19. No registration required.*

Game Night

Thursdays • 6:30-8:30pm

We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *Please note: there will be no meeting on March 21. No registration required.*

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Game Day

Fridays • 11:00am-1:30pm

We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *Please note: there will be no meeting on March 22. No registration required.*

Film and Discussion

Friday, March 1 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Joyann Cirigliano** of the Four Harbors Audubon Society for a viewing and discussion of *Dancing with the Birds*.



Mouse Maker Monday

Monday, March 4 • 3:30-4:30pm

Join us in the LearnLab for a session of Disney-inspired crafting for adults utilizing the Cricut® Maker! We will be designing custom name keychains.



Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, March 5 • 7:00-8:30pm

Meet with our local group to share ideas and get feedback on your latest writing efforts. *No registration required.*

How to Help Your Loved One with Dementia Enjoy Mealtime Again

Thursday, March 7 • 1:00-2:00pm

Mealtime can be a challenging and stressful time for caregivers of loved ones with Alzheimer's and other forms of dementia. However, there are ways to make mealtime an enjoyable experience for both the caregiver and their loved one with dementia. Presented by educators from **Willing Hearts Helpful Hands**.

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, March 12 • 6:00-7:00pm

Join us for our noncompetitive, slow-paced bingo. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on February 28.*

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The Women of Ireland from the Ancient Celts to the Current Day

Wednesday, March 13 • 7:00-8:00pm

In celebration of Women's History Month and Irish American Heritage Month, Kevin Westley will discuss the women of Ireland including Celtic War Goddess Morrigan, Queen Maeve, The Pirate Queen - Gráinne Ní Mháille (Grace O'Malley), the women of Cumann na mBan and many more.

Ms. New York Senior America

Thursday, March 14 • 2:00-3:00pm

Be entertained as Ms. New York Senior America presents a talent showcase featuring The Seasoned Steppers, a precision dance line, plus singers, dancers and comedienne.

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Wednesday, March 20 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Visit the traveling community outreach bus in our parking lot courtesy of Catholic Health Services. This outreach program provides free blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings along with patient education and referrals as needed; first come, first served. *No registration required.*

Home Layered Shadow Box

Wednesday, March 20 • 7:00-8:30pm

Make a colorful, layered paper design to add to your home decor! A brief presentation on our Cricut® Maker will be provided during the program. *Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



DNA and Famous Murder Cases

Tuesday, March 26 • 7:00-8:30pm

Retired forensic science educator, Linda Maria Frank outlines how DNA analysis was used and misused in the trials of O.J. Simpson, Sam Sheppard, the Boston Strangler and in the Laci and Conner Petersen murders.

Bingo Night for Adults

Friday, March 29 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join us for an evening of action-packed bingo excitement. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

Financial Literacy Series

Presented by Financial Advisor Johnson Uwamanzu-Nna from Edward Jones Investments. *Please note: the March 18 Focus on Fixed Income* will be held at the Nesconset Building. Please register for each topic separately.*

Foundations of Investing

Monday, March 4 • 7:00-8:00pm

Smithtown Building

Learn about the basic features of stocks, bonds and mutual funds and understand the importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation and the influence of inflation on your long-term goals.

Stocks - The Nuts and Bolts

Monday, March 11 • 7:00-8:00pm

Smithtown Building

Stocks may play a major role as investors try to reach their long-term financial goals. Evaluate how this type of investment may fit into an overall strategy. We will look at common versus preferred stock, dividends, investment strategy and different ways to own stock.



Focus on Fixed Income*

Monday, March 18 • 7:00-8:00pm

Nesconset Building

Fixed income investments such as bonds can help you reach your financial goals. Learn about bond characteristics, the relationship between interest rates and bond prices, tax advantages of municipal bonds and how bonds may help investors weather fluctuating markets.



Retirement by Design

Monday, March 25 • 7:00-8:00pm

Smithtown Building

Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, learn investment strategies to help design the retirement you want. We will also discuss how you can add flexibility to your strategy to help handle unexpected events and keep your strategy on track.

Virtual

Adventurers of an Eclipse Chaser

Wednesday, March 27 • 7:00-8:00pm

To witness a total eclipse of the sun is a privilege that comes to a few people. Once seen, however, it is a phenomenon never to be forgotten. Meteorologist Joe Rao



details the interesting, funny and poignant occurrences that he has experienced as he chased 13 eclipses around the globe, by land, sea and air. *This program will take place via Zoom. A link to join the Zoom program will be sent to the email address associated with your library card the day before the program.*

Bus Trip - Green-Wood Cemetery and Industry City

Saturday, May 18 • 7:15am-6:00pm

Leaves from the Smithtown Building

Join us for a trip to the Green-Wood Cemetery and Industry City in Brooklyn. Enjoy a guided trolley tour to explore the Cemetery's historic landscape and most fascinating permanent residents. If you have never been to Green-Wood, this is your opportunity to discover its 478 acres of art, history and nature! You will tread where George Washington and his troops fought in the Battle of Brooklyn, visit the grave of one of America's greatest artists and more. After the Cemetery we will head over to Industry City where you will have time for lunch on your own and to explore this one-stop destination of experiences, eateries, events and everything in between. Meet at the Smithtown Building



Parking lot at 7:15am to board the bus. We will depart Brooklyn at 4:00pm to return home. *Registration begins on March 4 at 9:30am for Smithtown Library cardholders. Registration for non-Smithtown Library cardholders begins on March 19 at 9:30am. Fee: \$70.00 per person includes admission and tour of the cemetery, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.*



ADULTS

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MOVIES at the Library

Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, March 7 • 1:30pm

The Holdovers

Rated R; runtime 133 minutes.

• Thursday, March 14 • 1:30pm

Gran Turismo

Rated PG-13; runtime 134 minutes.

• Thursday, March 21 • 1:30pm

Ride the Eagle

Rated NR; runtime 88 minutes.

• Thursday, March 28 • 1:30pm

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Rated PG-13; runtime 154 minutes.

Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, March 1 • 2:15pm

The Hunger Games: The Ballad of Song Birds & Snakes

Rated PG-13; runtime 157 minutes.

• Friday, March 8 • 2:15pm

Hypnotic

Rated R; runtime 93 minutes.

• Friday, March 15 • 2:15pm

Miranda's Victim

Rated PG-13; runtime 127 minutes.

• Friday, March 22 • 2:15pm

Dumb Money

Rated R; runtime 105 minutes.

• Friday, March 29 • 2:15pm

Far Haven

Rated NR; runtime 102 minutes.

Smithtown

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, March 1 • 2:00pm

The Lesson

Rated R; runtime 103 minutes.

• Friday, March 8 • 2:00pm

The Holdovers

Rated R; runtime 133 minutes.

• Friday, March 15 • 2:00pm

Past Lives

Rated PG-13; runtime 105 minutes.

• Friday, March 29 • 2:00pm

Scrapper

Rated NR; runtime 84 minutes.

Friday Night Movie

• Friday, March 8 • 6:15pm

The Holdovers

Rated R; runtime 133 minutes.

Please note: there is no movie on Friday, March 22.



Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, March 20 • 1:00pm

Priscilla

Rated R; runtime 110 minutes.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of their respective buildings. Book discussion groups denoted with an asterisk (*) will take place both in person as well as on Zoom. Login information for Zoom, if applicable, will be sent to the email address associated with your library card on the day of the event.

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Commack Book Discussion Group*

Monday, March 11 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post by Allison Pataki

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 12 • 11:00am-12:00pm

The Soulmate by Sally Hepworth

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Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 26 • 2:00-3:00pm

Dear Edward by Ann Napolitano

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Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 28 • 7:00-8:00pm

The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi

Smithtown

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, March 4 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Barkley: A Biography by Timothy Bella

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group*

Wednesday, March 13 • 2:30-3:30pm

The Maid by Nita Prose

Smithtown Continued

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 28 • 10:45am-12:45pm

Nobody Gets Out Alive: Stories by Leigh Newman

Kings Park & Nesconset

All Abilities Book Club

This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. Contact Christine Alexander (631) 360-2480 ext. 224 for more information about the Club including upcoming dates and times.



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Kings Park, New York 11754
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SUNDAY CLOSED

*The Library will be closed:
Sunday, March 31 for Easter Sunday.*

On Exhibit
Do you have an exhibit you would like to share with your community? We would love to hear from you. Please call:
Gina Ferreira
(631) 360-2480 ext. 235

Commack
Community Room
Michael John
View landscapes by a local artist.

Nesconset
Display Case
Carole Palmer
View a collection of decorative handmade ornaments.

Smithtown
Community Room
Janine Manheim
View replicas of hand-made icons using only traditional medieval techniques. Janine's original icons can be found in locations in South Korea, across the USA and in Europe.



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, March 19 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the
Commack Building
The public is welcome.

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