PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY

Passport Acceptance Facility Grand Opening

In cooperation with the U.S. Department of State, starting October 1, The Smithtown Library will begin service as a “one-stop” passport services center at our Smithtown Main Building. Simply call (631) 360-2480 ext. 192 or email passport@smithlib.org to set up a personal appointment to come in and review the application one-on-one with a member of the library staff. Passport Acceptance appointment hours will be Mondays 3:00-7:00pm, Tuesdays 10:00am-3:00pm and Wednesdays 3:00-7:00pm.

This service is open to all New York State residents and fees are fixed by the U.S. Department of State.

Applications must include proof of citizenship, proof of identity and be accompanied by a passport photo. Applicants can have a photo taken at the Library if needed.

Please visit our website for more information and the list of fees.

2018 Friends of The Smithtown Library Scholarship

On Thursday, July 12 the Friends of The Smithtown Library, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the Library, awarded its 10th annual scholarship at the second concert of the Dennis Cannataro Family Summer Concert Series. This scholarship is awarded annually to graduating Smithtown Library cardholders. The first place scholarship was presented to Sarah Adamo; second place was presented to Kiersten Seltzer. The Friends, along with The Smithtown Library congratulate these two young women on this award and wish them much success in their future endeavors.

Pictured (left to right): Friends President Anthony Monteleone, Sarah Adamo, Kiersten Seltzer, Friends Scholarship Chair Agatha Monteleone and Librarian Will Salas.

Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament

On Wednesday, August 1 the Library hosted our 3rd Annual Smithtown Library Rock-Paper-Scissors Tournament. Fun was had by all!

Our winners were: 4th Place Taylor Ramjit, 3rd Place Sidney Padmanaban, 2nd Place Matthew Blumberg and Champion Emma Ryan.
A Message from the Library Director

We’ve just wrapped up our Summer Reading Programs and are delighted to report that over 3,165 adults, young adults and children participated in this summer’s activities. The 22nd Annual Suffolk County Battle of the Books was held on Saturday, August 11 at Stony Brook University. The Battle of the Books is a county-wide competition where teams answer trivia questions on eight different titles and score points for every correct answer. Congratulations to the Battle of the Books teams from our Commack and Smithtown Main Buildings for winning Best Sportsmanship awards and to our Commack Building’s team for winning the Team Choice award. It was another successful year for the teens that participated in this year’s Battle.

Our Summer Concert Series continues to draw big crowds; this July and August over 20,600 people attended the seven concerts. We thank Legislator Robert Trotta for securing an omnibus grant from Suffolk County to make this year’s Summer Concerts possible.

Did you know that The Smithtown Library has a special local history collection located at our Smithtown Main Building? The Richard H. Handley Collection of Long Island Americana, or Long Island Room as it is more commonly known, is comprised of materials that relate to the settlement, history and culture of Long Island with an emphasis on Smithtown and the surrounding region. The collection, dating back to the 1600s, includes historical documents, local family and business records, scrapbooks, manuscripts, rare books, maps, atlases, photographs, postcards, newspapers, posters and other similar items. These materials as well as a variety of secondary sources, are available to library patrons and outside researchers, both in-person by appointment and through the Long Island Room’s website. In addition, the Long Island Room facilitates a broad range of outreach efforts that include an annual program series and exhibit, oral history recordings and coordinated digitization projects with other local organizations. For more information visit the Long Island Room tab on the Library’s website.

Please mark your calendars for this year’s Trunk or Treat festivities that are being held on Friday, October 26 at 4:30pm, in the parking lot at our Smithtown Main Building. We will have several decorated cars set up with goodies to hand out to trick-or-treaters. If you would like to volunteer to decorate your trunk, please contact the Children’s Department at the Smithtown Main Building by Friday, October 19. It is certain to be a fun time for all.

During the months of July and August, our Smithtown Main and Commack Buildings underwent safety improvement construction projects. At Smithtown, we made repairs to our parking lot, sidewalk and steel grates located on the east side of the building. We also resolved water drainage issues by installing a dry well and sump pump at the bottom of the building’s stairwell. At our Commack Building, we made concrete repairs to our two emergency egress stairwells and in a few weeks we will begin a parking lot construction project. Preliminary work has begun for the installation of a backup generator at our Nesconset and Kings Park Buildings. The generators will allow the buildings to stay open during local power emergencies, providing a safe haven for the community and will be a part of the local emergency response plan.

We hope you will visit your Library often to take full advantage of all we have available for you and please remember to come out to vote on Tuesday, October 9.

Robert Lusak
Library Director

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAMS

Commack - Too Cool For A Name
Kings Park - The Incredibooks
Smithtown - The Smithtown Book Thieves - We’ve Been Framed!
Library Trustee Candidate Information
Library Trustees are elected to serve a three (3) year term from January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2021. There are six (6) candidates running for two (2) positions. The candidates are:
- Louis S. Frontario
- Annette Galarza
- Joseph Gregurich
- James Hornef
- John C. Martins
- Theresa M. Stabile
Candidate biographies are available on our website at www.smithlib.org.

Who Can Vote?
Residents of the Smithtown Special Library District who are registered with the Suffolk County Board of Elections can vote at any of the Library’s four buildings. Please note that if you do not vote at your assigned building based on your street address, you will vote by paper ballot, not by machine.

Voter Registration
Voter registration forms can be obtained through the Suffolk County Board of Elections, your local post office, or you may pick up a form at any building of The Smithtown Library. The completed form must be returned to the Suffolk County Board of Elections, not to the Library. For voter eligibility requirements, please contact the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

Absentee Voting
To vote absentee, voters must submit a Smithtown Library Absentee Ballot Application to the Clerk of the Election. Applications are available at all four buildings.

For more details on the Library’s Budget Vote and Trustee Election, please visit the Library’s website at www.smithlib.org or call our Administration Office at (631) 360-2489.

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2017-2018 Suffolk County Tax Levy

http://www.smithtownny.gov/documentcenter/view/2539
**THE SMITHTOWN LIBRARY**

**A YEAR IN REVIEW**

*THESE FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE 2017 OPERATING YEAR*

**PUBLIC DEVICES**

- **Computers**: 76
- **Printers**: 5
- **Scanners**: 4

**Visits**

- **Total**: 499,818
  - In-person: 347,080
  - Website:

**Questions Answered**

- **Total**: 148,964

**Social Media**

- Likes: 1,413
- Comments: 687
- Shares: 788

**Wi-Fi Logins**

- **Total**: 47,133

**NEW IN 2017**

- All Buildings open at 9:30am Monday–Friday
- Library of Things Smittown Main Building open until 9:00pm on Fridays

**Annual Service Hours at 4 Buildings**

- Total: 12,609

**Library of Things**

- Hotspots: 31
- Media Conversion Kits: 5

**Programs and Events**

- **Adult**: 1,617
  - YA: 455
  - Child: 1,532

**Program Attendance**

- **Adult**: 17,784
  - YA: 6,004
  - Child: 36,765

**Long Island Room**

- **Inquiries**: 2,579
  - from 22 states and Canada

**Library Board of Trustees**

- Gerard J. Cairns • President
- Anita Dowd-Neufeld • Vice President
- Brianna Baker-Stines • Trustee
- Louis S. Frontario • Trustee
- John C. Martins • Trustee
- Joseph A. Vallone • Trustee
- William Zimmerman • Trustee
- Robert Lusak • Director
- Patricia Thomson • Assistant Director

**Smithtown Main Building**

1 North Country Road
Smithtown, NY 11787

**Commmack Building**

3 Indian Head Road
Commmack, NY 11725

**Kings Park Building**

1 Church Street
Kings Park, NY 11754

**Nesconset Building & Administration / Business Office**

148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, NY 11767

**PATENT AND TRADEMARK RESOURCE CENTER**

- **Participants**: 168 Adult 314 YA 2,265 Child
- Summer Concert Attendees: 15,250
- Summer Reading Program Attendees: 1,413

**Items Added to Collection**

- Total: 33,447

**Library of Things**

- 3D Printer: 3,783
- Items Printed: 766

**3D Printer**

- Total: 465

**Documents Notarized**

- Total: 58%

**In-the-Summer**

- Hotspots: 31
- Summer Concert Attendees: 15,250
- Museum Passes: 158
- Patrons made appointments: 448
- 5,123 New Cardholders

**Long Island’s Largest Library**

- Serving the Communities of Smithtown:
  - Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset
  - Nissequogue • Saint James • Smithtown • Village of the Branch