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Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday,
February 3



On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families. Take Your Child to the Library Day is the perfect time to discover some library magic. See what's happening on page 5. Listen to a live performance or some exciting stories, make a craft or get a prize! Look for these and other fabulous, fun programs in our Children's section. 

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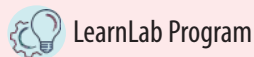
CHILDREN

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, December 27**, **Kings Park on Friday, December 29**, **Nesconset on Tuesday, January 2** and **Smithtown on Tuesday, December 26**. 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



Baby Bounce

C-Monday, January 29 • 10:00-10:30am
(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-Thursday, January 11 • 10:30-11:15am
(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-Friday, February 2 • 10:30-11:15am
(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 Playdate

S-Wednesday, January 24 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)
Visit the Library for a playdate just for baby! Meet other babies while enjoying free play and songs.

Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Saturday, January 6 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Wednesday, January 10 • 3:00-3:30pm
K-Tuesday, January 16 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Saturday, January 27 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Saturday, January 13 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Friday, January 19 • 10:30-11:00am
S-Saturday, January 6 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Wednesday, January 10 • 4:00-4:30pm
S-Saturday, January 13 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Thursday, January 18 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Monday, January 22 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Wednesday, January 31 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy a traditional time of nursery rhymes and songs for baby.

Sensory Winter WonderArt

K-Wednesday, January 31 • 11:00-11:45am
(Birth-3 years with parent/caregiver)
All hands on play for winter-themed creations that are perfect for sensory-curious babies and toddlers! Dress to make a mess.



Story Tots

C-Wednesday, January 17 • 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.

Wonderful Ones

C-Tuesday, January 16 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Thursday, January 18 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Tuesday, January 9 • 10:30-11:15am
S-Thursday, January 11 • 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.

Rock and Rhyme

S-Thursday, January 4 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)
Little rock and rollers will tap into their nature sense of rhythm through song, dance and use of musical instruments.

Young at Art

N-Friday, January 5 • 10:30-11:00am
(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-Friday, January 12 • 10:30-11:00am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and dancing in this musical program. Siblings are welcome.

Toddler Music Makers

S-Wednesday, January 17 • 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.

Time for Twos

C-Monday, January 8 • 10:00-10:45am
K-Friday, January 26 • 11:00-11:45am
N-Wednesday, January 24 • 11:00-11:45am
S-Tuesday, January 30 • 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.

If You're Happy and You Know It

K-Tuesday, January 30 • 10:30-11:15am
(2-3 years with parent/caregiver)
Get ready to clap your hands, stomp your feet and shout hooray as we read stories to make you smile.



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Art Starts

K-Monday, January 8 • 11:00-11:45am

N-Tuesday, January 23 • 10:30-11:15am

S-Wednesday, January 3 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Library Playdate

C-Friday, January 12 • 10:30-11:15am OR
2:30-3:15pm

K-Wednesday, January 17 • 3:00-3:45pm

N-Tuesday, January 30 • 11:00-11:45am

S-Tuesday, January 16 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Seize the play and keep the mess at our place. Join us for an informal playdate – meet other children and families while playing with toys and creating an art project.



Bubbles, Bubbles Everywhere

N-Monday, January 22 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

It may be cold outside, but we'll bring the fun inside the Library. Join us for stories and crafts all about bubbles! We will blow bubbles, pop bubbles and even dance in bubbles.

Construction Zone

S-Saturday, January 27 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Hibernation Station

N-Monday, January 29 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Let's celebrate winter with stories about hibernating animals and crafts.



Winter Whimsy

S-Monday, January 29 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Capture the glittering beauty of the season when we create a masterpiece using puffy snow paint.



Terrific Threes

S-Thursday, January 25 • 10:00-10:45am
(36-47 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy free play, stories, crafts and circle time.

Whimsical Winter

K-Friday, January 5 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Get on your hat and gloves and join us at the Library for a winter storytime and craft.

Campfire Stories - Winter Tales

K-Wednesday, January 10 • 11:00-11:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

While winter is at its coldest, storytime is at its coziest. Join us for a winter-themed storytime with all things comfy and cozy.

Jump and Play

K-Saturday, January 13 • 3:00-3:45pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Meet new friends at the Library and work on social skills with our fun playground toys.

Play Palooza

C-Tuesday, January 16 • 3:15-4:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Be ready to explore, play and build together.

Winter Wonderland

S-Thursday, January 18 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy some snowy stories, then paint your own winter scenes. Dress to make a mess.

Arctic Adventures

K-Friday, January 19 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy reading about our favorite arctic animal friends and make a cool craft.

Dress the Snowman

C-Friday, January 19 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Hear stories all about fun adventures in the snow and dress a paper snowman that will endure any weather!

Amazing Polar Bears

C-Saturday, January 20 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Come learn about these amazing animals and create a very cute polar bear craft.

Fun with Play Dough

K-Monday, January 22 • 10:30-11:15am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy our play dough playsets and meeting new friends.

Animals in Winter

S-Tuesday, January 23 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Learn about what animals do in the winter, then explore a variety of crafts and activities at different stations. Dress to make a mess.



Mini Makers

K-Tuesday, January 23 • 3:30-4:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Preschool Dance Party

N-Friday, January 26 • 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.

Storytime Safari

N-Saturday, January 27 • 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.

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Read, Sing and Play

C-Tuesday, January 30 • 11:00-11:30am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Pete the Cat Storytime

N-Wednesday, January 31 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

We're rocking in our school shoes during this storytime. Enjoy a groovy afternoon at the Library with Pete the Cat stories and crafts.

Glittering Snow Globes

S-Saturday, January 20 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-6 years with parent/caregiver)

Make your own real snow globe to take home. You can stay nice and cozy as you shake up your own winter storm.



Little Craft Buddies

K-Monday, January 29 • 4:15-5:00pm
(4-7 years)

Craft Buddies is a program in which a child is paired with a teen as they work to create a craft for the child to take home.

All About 3D Printing

S-Thursday, January 4 • 5:00-5:45pm
(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.

Snowy Pinecone Owls

N-Friday, January 12 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-7 years)

The snow owl lives in the Arctic, where it's even colder than how it feels today. Enjoy stories about this wintertime friend and use a pinecone to



create a "hoot" of a craft. Dress to make a mess.

Toasty Tales

C-Wednesday, January 17 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-7 years)

Come in from the cold and warm up with some toasty tales shared around our virtual crackling fireplace. Create your own winter scene wreath to bring home.

Winter Watercolors

C-Friday, January 5 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-8 years)

Enjoy an afternoon of winter tales and create your very own winter watercolor painting! Dress to make a mess.

Packing Peanut Party

K-Tuesday, January 9 • 4:15-4:45pm
(5-8 years)

Get carried away making squishy sculptures and other art with this unconventional recycled material.

Robot Buddies

K-Thursday, January 18 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

Learn to code using different robots. Children will be paired with teens for a rewarding experience.

Little Game Buddies

C-Monday, January 22 • 4:15-5:00pm
(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.

Penguin Palooza

K-Monday, January 22 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

Learn interesting facts about these flightless birds while making a cute craft.

Rock On

K-Wednesday, January 31 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

Enjoy musical stories while decorating instruments to create a concert of your own.

LEGO® League

N-Saturday, January 27 • 11:30-12:15pm

S-Friday, January 12 • 7:00-7:45pm
(5-10 years)

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

Cricut Crafts - Snowman Pops

S-Monday, January 22 • 7:00-7:45pm
(5-10 years)

Tour the LearnLab and learn all about our makerspace, then create an adorable snowman lollipop holder made using the Cricut® cutting machine!

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.

Snowy Trees

N-Friday, January 26 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-12 years)

Welcome winter with a fun painting project. Create different snowy tree crafts.

Ozobots 101

K-Saturday, January 6 • 3:00-3:30pm OR
3:45-4:15pm
(7-12 years)

Coding meets creativity in this introduction to Ozobots, small robots that can see colors and follow lines.



DIY Buttons

S-Thursday, January 11 • 5:00-5:45pm
(7-12 years)

Tour the LearnLab and learn all about our makerspace, then get creative and design your own personalized pin-back buttons!

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Brain Twisters

K-Thursday, January 25 • 5:00-5:45pm
(7-12 years)

Challenge your brain with riddles, puzzles and games to win prizes.

DIY Stickers

S-Thursday, January 25 • 5:00-5:45pm

S-Monday, January 29 • 6:00-6:45pm
(7-12 years)

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

Flashy Fish Tales

C-Friday, January 26 • 4:15-5:00pm
(8-12 years)

Hear some splashy tales about fish and make your own CD inspired fish to take home.

Puzzle Showdown

S-Thursday, February 1 • 5:00-5:45pm
(8-12 years)

Join us in the LearnLab to play with puzzles, brain teasers and games that were made with technology in the room. Challenge your mind and explore our makerspace in this fun-filled program!

Creation Station

C-Saturday, January 6 • 10:00-3:00pm

K-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

N-Saturday, January 13 • 10:00am-4:00pm

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 - Lunar New Year

S-Friday, February 2 • 3:00-7:00pm

(Families)

Happy Year of the Dragon! Stop by the Children's Craft Room during these hours

to learn about **Lunar New Year** traditions and celebrations with a variety of crafts and activities. *No registration required.*



Take Your Child to the Library Day

We FLY Together Music

N-Saturday, February 3 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** with Miss Krysta!

Fly high as she plays live acoustic music to your child's favorite traditional songs in a modern, fast-paced performance. This engaging class is interactive, educational and fun for the whole family. *Registration begins January 2.*



Storytime Surprise

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

It's **Take Your Child to the Library Day!** Join us as we read an assortment of stories with Miss Sharon and then do a surprise craft. *Registration begins January 26.*

Take Your Child to the Library Day

C-Saturday, February 3 • 2:00-4:00pm
(3-12 years)

Celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** by visiting the Children's Department and selecting a prize from the treasure chest. *No registration required.*

Join the Band

S-Saturday, February 3 • 10:00-10:45am
(Families)

Celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** with the BenAnna Band! Join us for a concert for the whole family featuring this high energy musical duo that will have kids and adults singing, dancing and playing along. *Registration begins December 26.*



January Bookmark Contest Winner
PENELOPE A.
GRADE 1
Mt. Pleasant Elementary School

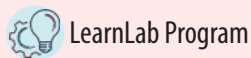
TEEN SCENE

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Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **January** programs began on **Monday, December 11**. **February** program registration begins **Monday, January 8**. 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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Wood Block Snowman

S-Wednesday, January 3 • 7:00-8:00pm

Paint and design your own snowman perfect for the winter season.



Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, January 8 • 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.

Game On!

K-Tuesday, January 9 • 7:00-8:00pm

Get together to play board games and tournaments on the Nintendo Switch®. Snacks will be provided.



Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, January 17 • 7:00-8:30pm

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



Laser Engraved Bookmarks

S-Wednesday, January 17 • 7:00-8:30pm

Bring your creativity to the LearnLab and design your own bookmarks! Learn the basics of laser engraving and watch a live demonstration on the Library's Glowforge.



Abstract Paint Night

N-Thursday, January 18 • 7:00-8:00pm

Let's have fun and experiment with different painting techniques and tools. No artistic skills necessary!

Retro Game Time

N-Saturday, January 20 • 3:00-4:00pm

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

Maker Monday

C-Monday, January 29 • 4:30-5:30pm

Start the week off with some hands-on creativity! Explore different maker techniques and materials each month.

Clay Pot Snowman

N-Monday, January 29 • 4:30-5:30pm

Create your own clay pot snowman to display throughout the winter season.

Marble Mugs

K-Tuesday, January 30 • 7:00-8:00pm

Use fun techniques to make one of a kind and vibrant mug!

Switch it Up!

S-Wednesday, January 31 • 7:00-8:30pm

Let's battle on the Nintendo Switch™ while enjoying snacks, board games and crafts.

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

Decorate to Donate Volunteers

C-Monday, January 8 • 4:30-5:30pm

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

Bookmark Volunteers

K-Monday, January 8 • 4:00-5:00pm

S-Tuesday, January 23 • 4:30-5:30pm

N-Thursday, January 25 • 4:00-5:00pm

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.

The Crayon Initiative Volunteers

S-Thursday, January 11 • 4:30-5:30pm

We are collaborating with The Crayon Initiative to give children in hospitals free crayons to express themselves through art. Join us as we sort, peel and package crayons for this great cause.



Cognitive Care Kits Volunteers

K-Tuesday, January 16 • 7:00-8:00pm

Assemble activity kits for those with memory impairment. Kits will contain word puzzles and light craft activities.

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Seed Sorting Volunteers

N-Tuesday, January 16 • 7:00-8:00pm

Help the Library prepare for our upcoming seed program by assisting with sorting and labeling seeds into packets.

Robot Buddies Volunteers

K-Thursday, January 18 • 4:00-5:00pm

Help a younger child code robots.

Totes to Fill a Table

S-Saturday, January 20 • 2:30-3:30pm

Design and decorate reusable tote bags to donate to the **Smithtown Food Pantry** for local families to use and share.

Game Buddies Volunteers

C-Monday, January 22 • 4:00-5:00pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.

Kennel Comforts Volunteers

C-Wednesday, January 24 • 7:00-8:00pm

Help make no-sew fleece blankets that will be donated to local animal shelters to keep cats and dogs warm and comfortable.



Craft Buddies Volunteers

K-Monday, January 29 • 4:00-5:00pm

Spend an afternoon paired with a younger child for some arts and crafts projects. We will be using art materials. Dress to make a mess.

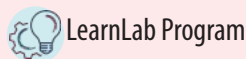
Teen Volunteer Opportunity in a Box

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.



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Take and Make - Block Snowman

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create a cute standing snowman. A hot glue gun is necessary to



complete this project. *Online and in person registration begins on January 4 and ends on January 18. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning January 22. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*

Take and Make - Snowy Votive Holder

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create this wintery decoration.



A hot glue gun is necessary to complete this project. *Online and in person registration begins on January 11 and ends on January 25. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning January 29. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$7.00 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.*

Career Counseling

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

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.

One-On-One Genealogy Research

Saturday, January 6 • 12:00, 1:00 OR 2:00pm

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 will occur monthly; patrons may register for one session every six months.*



One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, January 9 • 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 Bingo Night

Tuesday, January 9 • 6:00-7:00pm

Join us for our non-competitive, slow paced bingo night. 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 December 27.*

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Commack Continued

Electrifying Your Home

Saturday, January 13 • 10:00-11:00am

Join us for a presentation and discussion on electrification; what it is and how to achieve it in your home. Rewiring America volunteer **Jim Bernabeo** will share how households such as yours can electrify and take advantage of the significant financial incentives offered through the 2022 Inflation Reduction Act (IRA).

Intro to Libby

Friday, January 19 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Interested in accessing ebooks and audiobooks? Join us for this introduction to Libby. We will review the basic functions of this versatile app including borrowing and returning books, browsing the collection and managing holds.

Maximizing Your Social Security Benefit

Tuesday, January 23 • 6:30-8:00pm

Wes H. Triani, LUTCF, FSS, facilitates this interactive workshop educating you on the various choices you're given when considering to take Social Security benefits. Spousal and divorce aspects of Social Security will also be discussed.

This House Again!

Wednesday, January 31 • 6:00-8:30pm

Amazon addicts unite! Paint this funny front door sign to give your delivery driver a laugh. *Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



Coming in February

Chocolate Banana Snickerdoodle Bread with Chef Rob Scott

Thursday, February 1 • 6:30-8:30pm

Chef Rob will bring back his very popular Chocolate Banana Snickerdoodle Bread perfect for Valentine's Day or anytime of the year. For this hands-on class, please bring a 9x5 loaf pan, 2 large bowls, a rubber spatula and a small bowl. This is a very large loaf. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

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.*

Genealogy 101

Thursday, January 4 • 7:00-8:15pm

Learn how to get started in your genealogical research. **April Earle** will share with us her best tips for staying organized and searching databases like Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. We will look at the significance of census records, the importance of seeing the actual vital record document and uncover important details hidden in plain sight on passenger lists.

Pilates

Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Pilates is an accessible way to build overall strength for better posture, balance and flexibility. This class is for beginners and offers low-impact flexibility, strength and endurance movements. Please bring a mat and water to the class. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Inside the CIA

Thursday, January 11 • 7:00-8:00pm

Take a look at what goes on inside one of our nation's most secret organizations with former CIA agent and Stony Brook University professor emeritus **Lester Paldy**. It's not like the movies.

Defensive Driving

Wednesdays, January 17 & 24 • 5:30-8:30pm

Telephone, online and in person registration begins two months prior to program date. Classes are open to Smithtown Library cardholders only until one week prior to the program, when, space permitting, all individuals regardless of library district are welcome to register. 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.*

Kings Park Continued

Retirement Planning

Thursday, January 25 • 7:00-8:30pm

How confident are you about having a comfortable retirement? If you are a little worried, you are



not alone! **Marcela McCaffrey** will provide tips and explain what you should consider when planning for retirement.

All Abilities Game Day

Monday, January 29 • 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 December 27.*

Discover Your Focus Word for 2024

Monday, January 29 • 7:00-8:00pm

In this program, you will have the opportunity to find your unique word for the New Year by participating in four different fun and interactive exercises. Find out about the benefits and clarity that one word can bring to your life with life coaches **Patricia Scully** and **Linda Mazza**.



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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.*

HPV and Cervical Cancer - Know the Facts

Wednesday, January 3 • 7:00-7:45pm

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month. Join Health Educators from Stony Brook Cancer Center to learn about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and the cancers it causes. HPV infection can cause 6 different cancers. We will be discussing the causes of HPV, how to prevent it and the screenings available.

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Nesconset Continued

Chair Yoga

Fridays, January 5, 12, 19 & 26 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Join **Donna Landini** for this gentle form of yoga that is performed sitting in a chair or standing and using the chair for support. Chair yoga is a relaxing fitness class, perfect for beginners and seniors. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, January 4 • 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.

Forever Young - A Science-based Way to Aging Well

Tuesday, January 9 • 7:00-8:30pm

Aging is a privilege, not a life sentence. It is up to us to do the daily things necessary to make sure our bodies are a temple and not a prison. Learn the scientific ways on how to live strong and healthy and the best way to age well with **Dr. Livia Valle**.

All Abilities Game Day

Wednesday, January 10 • 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 December 27.*

All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, January 17 • 9:30am-12:00pm

The Princess Bride

Rated PG; runtime 98 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 December 27.*

Nesconset Continued

Tutankhamun - Still an Enduring Power

Friday, January 19 • 1:00-2:30pm

One hundred years ago, British archaeologist Howard Carter unearthed a legend and today we are still piecing together new revelations. Who was this boy king, why is he so famous and what are the mysteries and superstitions surrounding him? To celebrate and learn about the young warrior king, join **Dr. Sandra Palmer** on an extraordinary journey back to ancient Egypt.



Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Monday, January 22 • 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 flu shots, patient education and referrals as needed; first come, first served. *No registration required.*

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Thursday, January 25 • 1:00-2:00pm

At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health. These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy as we age and possibly delay the onset of cognitive decline. Presented by the **Alzheimer's Association of Long Island**.



All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, January 25 • 10:00-11:00am

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 December 27.*

Nesconset Continued

The Sweet Side of Ireland

Saturday, January 27 • 2:00-3:15pm

Join local cookbook author **Margaret M. Johnson** for a delightful program that includes a



discussion of the transformation of Irish food from traditional breads and puddings to modern desserts with examples (and samples) from her cookbooks. The program includes tips for traveling to Ireland, tea and Irish sweets. Ms. Johnson's cookbooks will be available for sale and signing. Patrons should bring their own teacup and saucer. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Coming in February

Morning Bingo for Adults

Tuesday, February 6 • 10:00-11:30am

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

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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. *No registration required.*

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, January 2 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Game Day

Fridays • 11:00am-1:30pm

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All Abilities Snowmen

Thursday, January 4 • 10:00-11:00am

Do you wanna build a snowman? Paint this cute little snowman that will live forever inside your home no matter how hot it is. 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 December 27.

Film and Discussion

Friday, January 5 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Joyann Cirigliano** of the Four Harbors Audubon Society for a viewing and discussion of *Wings of Life* an intimate and unprecedented look at butterflies, hummingbirds, bees, bats and the flowers that need them.

The Power Grid - Storms, Challenges and the Future

Monday, January 8 • 7:00-8:00pm

Award-winning columnist and adjunct professor **Richard Murdocco** returns to discuss the power grid. Find out why you lose power when the wind blows, how we can rebuild and what challenges Long Island faces in the years ahead.

Hot Cocoa Wood Sign

Wednesday, January 10 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join us in the LearnLab for a hands-on demonstration of our Glowforge and create a laser cut hot cocoa sign that is perfect for the winter season. Fee: \$10.00 per person.



The Civil Rights Movement on Long Island

Wednesday, January 17 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join **Christopher Verga** as he examines Long Island as a battleground for the Civil Rights Movement. The shadow of slavery has bequeathed a racial caste system which can be seen through time with the resurgence of the Ku Klux Klan and refusing homes to Black people in developments such as Levittown. Find out how local groups fought to break racial barriers.

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Raising Healthy Kids The Holistic Way

Monday, January 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn the top 3 things to do to make sure you are raising your children the most holistic way possible with **Dr. Sabrina Caliendo**. Discover what you as a parent or guardian can do to make sure your kids heal fast and stay healthy. This workshop will transform the way you raise your kids!



Ms. New York Senior America

Monday, January 29 • 2:30-3:30pm

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.

Custom To-Go Iced Coffee Cups

Saturday, January 20 • 11:00am-12:30pm

Create a one-of-a-kind coffee cup in our LearnLab. Choose a wrap design and add custom elements. A guided Cricut® Design Space tutorial will be provided. Fee: \$5.00 per person.



Financial Basics

Wednesday, January 24 • 7:00-8:00pm

Financial Advisor **Robert Martino** will present an introduction to finances including goal setting and financial planning. Mr. Martino will touch on the basics of budgeting, managing debt and credit, investing and saving, as well as the importance of establishing good habits for the future.

Bingo Night for Adults

Friday, January 26 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Bus Trip

Philadelphia Flower Show - United By Flowers

Saturday, March 2 • 7:45am

United by Flowers is a celebration of the community that blooms each Spring at the annual Philadelphia Flower Show - a moment when hundreds of thousands from the region, East Coast and the world share in a week-long magnification of the transformative power of gardening. Enjoy lunch on your own at the Flower Show or at the Reading Terminal Market. Meet at the Kings Park Building parking lot at 7:45am to board the bus. We will depart the Flower Show at 4:30pm to return home. Registration begins on January 2, 2024 for Smithtown Library cardholders. Registration for non-Smithtown Library cardholders begins on, January 15. Fee: \$85.00 per person includes ticket to show, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.



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MOVIES at the Library

Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, January 4 • 1:30pm

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3

Rated PG-13; runtime 92 minutes.

• Thursday, January 11 • 1:30pm

The Miracle Club

Rated PG-13; runtime 91 minutes.

• Thursday, January 18 • 1:30pm

Barbie

Rated PG-13; runtime 114 minutes.

• Thursday, January 25 • 1:30pm

Past Lives

Rated PG-13; runtime 105 minutes.

Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, January 5 • 2:15pm

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Rated PG-13; runtime 154 minutes.

• Friday, January 12 • 2:15pm

What Happens Later

Rated R; runtime 100 minutes.

• Friday, January 19 • 2:15pm

Oppenheimer

Rated R; runtime 181 minutes.

• Friday, January 26 • 2:15pm

The Creator

Rated PG-13; runtime 133 minutes.

Smithtown

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, January 5 • 2:00pm

Gran Turismo

Rated PG-13; runtime 134 minutes.

• Friday, January 12 • 2:00pm

Oppenheimer

Rated R; runtime 181 minutes.

• Friday, January 19 • 2:00pm

What's Love Got to Do with It

Rated PG-13; runtime 108 minutes.

• Friday, January 26 • 2:00pm

A Haunting in Venice

Rated PG-13; runtime 103 minutes.

Friday Night Movie

• Friday, January 12 • 5:30pm

Oppenheimer

Rated R; runtime 181 minutes.

*Please note: earlier start time.



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New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, January 17 • 1:00pm

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

Rated PG-13; runtime 154 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, January 8 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Nature of Fragile Things by Susan

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Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 9 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Daisy Darker by Alice Feeney

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Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 23 • 2:00-3:00pm

The Paris Daughter by Kristin Harmel

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 25 • 7:00-8:00pm

The Music Shop by Rachel Joyce

Smithtown

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 8 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Wake Up With Purpose! by Sister Jean

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group*

Wednesday, January 10 • 2:30-3:30pm

The Language of the Dead by Stephen Kelly

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 18 • 10:45am-12:45pm

My Beloved World by Sonia Sotomayor

Historical Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 25 • 10:30am-12:30pm

OR 2:30-3:30pm

Lost in Shangri-La: A True Story of Survival, Adventure, and the Most Incredible Rescue Mission of World War II by Mitchell Zuckoff

All Abilities Book Club

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TUESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
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FRIDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
SATURDAY 9:30am-5:00pm
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3 Indian Head Road
Commack, New York 11725

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Kings Park Building
1 Church Street
Kings Park, New York 11754

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SUNDAY CLOSED

*The Library will be closed:
Sunday, December 31 • New Year's Eve & Monday, January 1 • New Year's Day
Sunday & Monday, January 14 & 15 • Martin Luther King Day*

In 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

**Nesconset
Display Case**

Museum of Cups

View an exhibit of cups found at
desks of Nesconset Building staff.



**Smithtown
Community Room**

Melissa Maiello

View large scale charcoal drawings by artist
and art educator Melissa Maiello.



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 16 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the
Smithtown Building
The public is welcome.

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Library staff may take photographs or video recordings at Library programs for use in publicity. This includes use in our Newsletter, website and social media. Please inform us if you do not want photos or videos taken of you or your child.



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