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Race to discover the possibilities at your library during National Library Week April 7 - 13!

Libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills and focus on what matters most. Find your crew at library programs, lectures and book clubs. Enjoy the scenic route through the stacks to find your new favorite story or take a virtual detour and see all the resources your library offers online.

Visit the Reference Desk at any of our four buildings and tell us about a book that revs your engine to be entered into a raffle.

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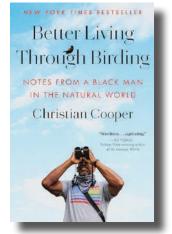


LONG ISLAND READS One Island-One Book

The 2024 Long Island Reads selection is Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World by Christian Cooper Long Island Reads is an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss one book.

Meet the author Sunday, April 21 at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Library at 2:00pm. Free tickets will be available April 1. Go to longislandreads.wordpress.com for more information.

Check out the Adult section for numerous programs related to this title.





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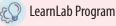
Long Island's Largest Library - Serving the Communities of Smithtown: Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset Nissequogue • Saint James • Smithtown • Village of the Branch

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Children's Program Registration Information In person, online and telephone registration begins at 9:30am for Commack on Wednesday, March 27, Kings Park on Friday, March 29, Nesconset on Tuesday, April 2 and Smithtown on Friday, April 5.

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 alleraies.

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Baby Playground

C-Wednesday, April 17 • 10:30-11:15am N-Tuesday, April 30 • 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.

Babygarten

S-Monday, April 29 • 10:00-10:45am (Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver) Connect with your little one through story, song and play.

C-Wednesday, April 3 • 10:00-10:30am C-Saturday, April 20 • 11:00-11:30am **C**-Tuesday, April 30 • 10:30-11:00am K-Wednesday, April 10 • 3:00-3:30pm K-Saturday, April 27 • 10:30-11:00am N-Friday, April 12 • 10:30-11:00am N-Saturday, April 20 • 10:00-10:30am N-Thursday, May 2 • 10:30-11:00am

Wonderful Ones

C-Tuesday, April 2 • 11:00-11:45am K-Wednesday, April 17 • 11:00-11:45am N-Monday, April 15 • 10:00-10:45am S-Wednesday, May 1 • 10:00-10:45am (12-23 months with parent/careaiver) This action-packed program engages little ones in language-based activities; includes free play, stories and fun.

Story Tots

C-Wednesday, April 10 • 10:00-10:30am (12-23 months with parent/careaiver) Unplug and unwind with your little ones. Engage in stories, fingerplays, rhymes and musical activities.

Rockin' Tots

K-Wednesday, April 3 • 10:30-11:00am (12-30 months with parent/caregiver) Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing in an engaging and social atmosphere.

Musical Tots

N-Friday, April 5 • 10:30-11:00am (12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Share the world of music with your child and bond through singing, dancing and playing. This interactive music and movement class

will incorporate favorite songs and fingerplays with the use of musical instruments and props.

Tot Tunes

S-Monday, April 15 • 10:00-10:30am (18-35 months with parent/caregiver) Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and dancing in this musical program.

Nursery Rhyme Time

S-Tuesday, April 9 • 10:00-10:30am S-Thursday, April 11 • 4:00-4:30pm S-Saturday, April 20 • 10:00-10:30am S-Thursday, April 25 • 10:00-10:30am (Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver) Enjoy a traditional time of nursery rhymes and songs for baby.



Parachute Play

S-Wednesday, April 17 • 10:00-10:30am (18-35 months with parent/caregiver) Come to the Library for some colorful parachute fun! There will be movement, music and bubbles.

Time for Twos

C-Saturday, April 6 • 11:00-11:45am K-Monday, April 29 • 3:00-3:45pm N-Thursday, April 18 • 11:00-11:45am S-Tuesday, April 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.

Bee Kind

K-Tuesday, April 16 • 10:30-11:15am (2-3 years with parent/caregiver) Enjoy stories and songs about buzzing bees and make a craft to share with someone special.



Art Starts

C-Tuesday, April 16 • 11:00-11:45am K-Tuesday, April 2 • 3:00-3:45pm (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.

Construction Zone

N-Thursday, April 4 • 10:30-11:15am (2-4 years with parent/caregiver) Put on hard hats and bring your little construction workers to build with all types of blocks.

Ocean Cleanup Storytime

EARTH DAY S-Tuesday, April 16 • 10:00-10:45am 💒 (2-4 years with parent/caregiver) Celebrate Earth Day and learn how we can keep our oceans clean with stories and a recycled craft.

It's Raining, It's Pouring

N-Tuesday, April 16 • 10:30-11:15am (2-4 years with parent/caregiver) Hold on to your umbrellas for April showers fun. Listen to stories, make crafts and wear your rain boots to sing, dance and splash in this rainy day storytime.

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Fine Motor Fun

5-Thursday, April 18 • 10:00-10:45am (2-4 years with parent/caregiver) Give your muscles a workout with crafts and activities that help develop fine motor skills. Dress to make a mess.

Ducks and Bunnies

N-Friday, April 19 • 11:00-11:45am (*2-4 years with parent/caregiver*) Join us for some spring stories and create an adorable duck and bunny craft.

Library Playdate

S-Thursday, May 2 • 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.

Terrific Threes

C-Friday, April 19 • 10:00-10:45am (36-47 months with parent/caregiver) Enjoy free play, stories, crafts and circle time.

Read, Sing and Play

C-Monday, April 1 • 10:00-10:30am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Join Miss Wendy for some funny stories, songs, silly dancing and games.

Very Hungry Caterpillar

C-Wednesday, April 3 • 3:30-4:00pm (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Enjoy a reading of Eric Carle's The Very Hungry Caterpillar and make a caterpillar craft of your very own!

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K-Thursday, April 4 • 10:30-11:00am (*3-5 years with parent/caregiver*) Hop to it with friendly frogs and make a croaking good craft.

Character Bingo

Friendly Frogs

C-Monday, April 8 • 10:00-10:30am (**3-5 years with parent/caregiver**) Let's celebrate **National Library Week** by playing a fun version of bingo featuring some of our favorite book and cartoon characters.

Zany Zoo

K-Monday, April 8 • 10:30-11:00am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Read stories with us about different zoo animals and create an amazing craft.

Fun with Play Dough

K-Thursday, April 11 • 10:30-11:15am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Enjoy our play dough playsets and meeting new friends.

Plant a Tiny Seed

N-Saturday, April 13 • 9:45-10:30am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) There is magic in a tiny seed, and in every flowerpot, magic can grow. Listen to stories and paint a flowerpot to plant your very own tiny seed.

Storytime Surprise

K-Saturday, April 13 • 3:00-3:30pm (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Join us as we read an assortment of stories with Miss Sharon and then do a surprise craft.

Pigeon Palooza

S-Wednesday, April 24 • 10:00-10:45am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Everyone loves Pigeon! Join us to see what that silly bird is up to as we read these fun Mo Willems stories. We'll also make our very own Pigeon to take home!

Preschool Dance Party

N-Friday, April 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.

How Does Your Garden Grow?

S-Saturday, April 27 • 10:00-10:45am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Learn how plants grow from seeds to flowers, then plant your own seed to take home and grow. Dress to make a mess.

Sensory Storytime

N-Monday, April 29 • 10:00-10:45am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Enjoy a hands-on approach to learning through

exploring our sensory activities and participate in a storytime. The enthusiasm in this program is palpable.

Lei Day

S-Wednesday, May 1 • 2:30-3:15pm (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Spread the aloha cheer - celebrate the Hawaiian holiday Lei Day with stories and create a floral work of art.

Jump & Play

K-Tuesday, April 30 • 10:30-11:15am (3-5 years with parent/caregiver) Meet new friends at the Library and work on social skills with our fun playground toys.

Earth Day

K-Saturday, April 20 • 11:00-11:45am (4-6 years with parent/caregiver) Celebrate Earth Day with this interactive outdoors program. Siblings are welcome. In case of rain, this program will meet in the Community Room. Dress to make a mess.

Sensory Sandbox

K-Saturday, April 27 • 3:00-3:45pm (4-6 years with parent/caregiver) Love play dough? Try building masterpieces with kinetic sand!

Little Craft Buddies

C-Saturday, May 4 • 11:15-12:00pm (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.

Science Heroes - Saving Earth Together N-Tuesday, April 23 • 3:00-3:45pm (4-12 years with parent/caregiver)

Science and stories collide in this fun, interactive S.T.E.M. program. Join us on an adventure about Professor Noble and the Science Heroes,



who must save their town - and the planet - from a super-polluting mastermind. The audience helps the performer act out the tale, as we use the events in the story to discover and explore several exciting science concepts - like Newton's laws of motion, air pressure, chemical reactions and more.

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Storytime for the Birds

C-Monday, April 8 • 4:15-5:00pm (5-7 years)

Join us for a storytime that's for the birds! Celebrate our feathered friends with stories all about birds and create a paper birdhouse to bring home.

Underneath the Poet-Tree

S-Monday, April 22 • 2:30-3:15pm (5-7 years)

April is **National Poetry Month**. Gather underneath our "poet-tree" to read poems, then we'll create our own with some fun activities.

Reading is Magical

N-Saturday, April 27 • 10:00-10:45am (5-7 years)

Join us for a morning storytime full of magic. After the stories you'll create your own unique reading wand to bring the magic home.

Buzzworthy Bees

S-Saturday, May 4 • 10:00-10:45am (5-7 years)

Bees make the world go round! Buzz over to the Library to learn about nature's hardest workers as we explore stories, activities and a craft.

Nature Buddies

C-Friday, April 26 • 3:15-4:00pm (5-8 years)

Pair up with a teen buddy to enjoy eco-friendly projects and activities. This program will be held outside. In case of rain this program will be held in the Community Room. Dress to make a mess.

Cricut Buddies

K-Tuesday, April 9 • 4:15-5:00pm (*5-9 years*) Learn about the Cricut[®] machine and work with a teen volunteer to bring your creation to life.

Pollinator Project

K-Wednesday, April 17 • 4:15-5:00pm (5-9 years)

Get ready to celebrate **Earth Day** by working with a teen volunteer to make a project to help pollinators.



It's a Mystery

K-Wednesday, April 24 • 10:30-11:15am (*5-9 years*) Calling all detectives! See if you can solve these mysteries and make a fun craft.

Cricut Crafts - Spring Stencil Art 🚱

S-Wednesday, April 17 • 5:00-5:45pm

(5-10 years)

Spring into the LearnLab for a tour of our makerspace, then create a stencil art masterpiece with the Cricut[®] cutting machine! We'll go over the basics of the Cricut[®] and introduce techniques on how to use it to amplify your art. 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-Monday, April 1 • 4:15-5:00pm N-Thursday, April 25 • 11:00-11:45am (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-Tuesday, April 23 • *11:00-11:45am* (*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.

Earth Day Windsocks

N-Thursday, April 11 • 4:30-5:15pm (6-8 years) Let's celebrate **Earth Day**. Listen to a story about Earth Day and create a paper windsock craft.

Baking Buddies

N-Wednesday, April 24 • 11:45am-12:30pm (6-10 years) Ready, set, bake! Make a delicious treat with help from a teen volunteer.

Library Fun Fest

K-Thursday, April 11 • 5:00-5:45pm (6-12 years) Celebrate National Library Week with games, prizes and fun! A small snack will be served.

Truffula Tree Treats

S-Tuesday, April 23 • 3:00-3:45pm (6-12 years) Speak for the trees this Earth Day. Celebrate with a reading of Dr. Seuss's The Lorax and create a snack fit for a bar-ba-loot.

Game Squad

S-Thursday, April 25 • 2:30-3:15pm (6-12 years)

Put on your game face and team up against our teen volunteers when we play supersized games, Nintendo[®] Switch and craft the afternoon away.

Laser Engraved Keychains 🚱

S-Wednesday, April 10 • 5:00-5:45pm (7-12 years)

Bring your creativity to the LearnLab and make your own custom keychain! We will cover the basics of laser engraving and do a live demonstration with the Glowforge.

DIY Buttons 🊱

S-Monday, April 29 • 6:30-7:15pm (7-12 years)

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

Titanic Escape Room

K-Saturday, April 6 • 3:00-3:45pm

(8-12 years) Come aboard the Titanic for an interactive program of puzzles and clues to escape the sinking ship.



DIY Bookmarks

C-Friday, April 12 • 4:15-5:00pm (8-12 years) Celebrate National Library Week by making your very own bookmark to use when reading!



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Lego[®] Letterpress

S-Saturday, April 13 • 10:00-11:15am (8-12 years)

Celebrate National Card and Letter Writing Month with a fun art making event. Combine the fun of building with LEGO® bricks and the art of printmaking to create your own pixel art stationary. Dress to make a mess.

Hello Spring

C-Monday, April 15 • 4:15-5:00pm (8-12 years) Create bright, happy flowers and celebrate all things spring!

The Force is Strong with 3D Printing

S-Monday, April 15 • 6:30-7:15pm (8-12 years) Long ago in a LearnLab far, far away... discover the wonders of 3D printing in this Star Wars-

the wonders of 3D printing in this Star Warsthemed workshop!

Canvas Creations

N-Saturday, April 20 • 11:30am-12:15pm (8-12 years)

Come down to the Library to create your own work of art on canvas using paint and painter's tape. Dress to make a mess.

DIY Tiny Bookshelf

K-Wednesday, April 24 • 2:00-2:30pm (*8-12 years*) Fill a pocket-sized bookshelf with miniatures of your favorite reads.

Brain Teaser Blitz 🕢

S-Wednesday, April 24 • 2:30-3:15pm (8-12 years)

Challenge your mind and explore our makerspace in this fun-filled program! We'll play with puzzles, brain teasers and games that were all made using technology in the LearnLab.

Cherry Blossom Tree Art

N-Thursday, April 25 • 3:00-3:45pm (8-12 years)

Listen to stories and learn all about these beautiful Japanese flowers. Create a cherry blossom-themed art project using different painting tools and your imagination. Dress to make a mess.

Kids in the Kitchen - Soft Pretzels

C-Monday, April 22 • 11:00-12:00pm (9-12 years)

There's nothing better than a soft, hot pretzel. Learn how to make pretzel dough, shape them and bring them home to bake!

Creation Station

C-Saturday, April 6 • 10:00am-3:00pm K-Saturdays • 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 - Autism Awareness Month

S-Friday, April 12 • 3:00-7:00pm (Families)

April is **Autism Awareness 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.

Family Bingo

C-Tuesday, April 23 • 2:30-3:15pm

(Families)

Come to the Library to enjoy bingo card fun. Sure to be fun for the whole family!

Someone Special Keepsakes

S-Friday, April 26 • 6:30-7:15pm (Families)

Create extra special keepsakes with the help of our LearnLab! Learn about some of the cool things you can do in our makerspace while creating wonderful gifts for a special person in your life, all prepared with technology from the LearnLab. Dress to make a mess.

Make and Mingle

S-Wednesday, May 1 • 6:30-7:30pm

(Families with children ages 6-17 years) Join in the fun as we craft and build friendships in an inclusive family environment. This program is geared towards families with children 17 years and younger with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs.





April Bookmark Contest Winner John S. Grade 3 Accompsett Elementary School



TEEN SCENE

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Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for April programs began on Monday, March 11. May program registration begins Monday, April 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. **C** = Commack Building **N** = Nesconset Building K = Kings Park Building S = Smithtown Building

📿 LearnLab Program

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, April 1 • 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.

DIY Tissue Paper Coasters

N-Tuesday, April 2 • 7:00-8:00pm Use tissue paper and mod podge to create colorful coasters.

Switch it Up!

S-Wednesday, April 3 • 7:00-8:00pm Let's battle on the Nintendo Switch[™] while enjoying snacks, board games and crafts.

Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, April 17 • 7:00-8:30pm Join us to discuss manga, watch anime and enjoy Japanese snacks.

Library Laser Tag

N-Friday, April 19 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join in the fun as we compete in a video game tournament, enjoy some snacks and battle it out in our after-hours Laser Tag competition throughout the Library. All participants will need to complete a permission slip before the program begins.

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Quality Time Cricut Creations ญ

S-Monday, April 22 • 11:30am-12:30pm Teens, grab your grown-up and meet us in the LearnLab! We will be working together to create spring tumblers that you can customize for yourself or give as a gift. *You do not need to register a parent for this program.*

Wall Photo Holder

K-Tuesday, April 23 • 7:00-8:00pm Use a mish-mosh of craft supplies to make a stylish photo holder that shows off all of your favorite pics.

Teen Detectives Society

K-Wednesday, April 24 • 3:30-4:30pm 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.

Caricatures and Cartooning

S-Wednesday, April 24 • 6:30-7:30pm Join comic artist, **Tom Duffy,** as he teaches some drawing techniques and creates one-of-a-kind caricatures for each participant.

Cricut Custom Keychains

C-Wednesday, April 24 • 7:00-8:30pm Design and engrave your own custom acrylic keychain using the Cricut[®] cutting machine!

Paint and Chill

K-Thursday, April 25 • 3:30-4:30pm Kick back and hang out with your friends as you paint whatever you can imagine. Snacks will be provided.

Laser Cut Floral Bunnies 🕼

S-Friday, April 26 • 12:15-1:30pm Assemble and paint a laser cut bunny for the spring season. A demonstration of the Library's Glowforge will be incorporated in the program.

Escape Room

N-Friday, April 26 • 4:00-5:00pm

Find hidden objects, figure out clues and solve puzzles to see if you and your friends have what it takes to escape.

Decoupage Mason Jars

N-Monday, April 29 • 4:00-5:00pm Join us as we decoupage mason jars using beautiful paper napkins.

Volunteer Opportunities Each teen WILL receive COMMUNITY SERVICE CREDIT FOR THE FOLLOWING PROGRAMS.

Cricut Buddies Volunteers

K-Tuesday, April 9 • 4:00-5:00pm Learn about the Cricut[®] machine and help a child bring their creation to life.

Bookmark Volunteers

S-Tuesday, April 9 • 4:30-5:30pm N-Monday, April 22 • 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.

Green Teens Volunteers

C-Wednesday, April 10 • 3:30-4:30pm Help aid local food pantries by planting, tending and harvesting vegetables in the Library's garden bed. Meet us in the lobby to head out to the garden together. In the event of rain, this program will be held in the Community Room.

Cheer Cards Volunteers

K-Monday, April 15 • 4:00-5:00pm Make colorful and compassionate cards for Send A Smile Today[™]. Send Today

Pollinator Project Volunteers

K-Wednesday, April 17 • 4:00-5:00pm Let's help the bees! Learn how to make bee hotels that will help protect them during the seasons.

Community Wash Kits

S-Wednesday, April 17 • 7:00-8:00pm Help your community by making wash kits to donate to local shelters.

Bulletin Board Builders

N-Thursday, April 18 • 7:15-8:15pm Assist our Young Adult and Adult Reference Departments and prepare the materials needed for our seasonal bulletin boards.



TEEN SCENE

ADULTS

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Painted Bookends Volunteers

C-Monday, April 22 • 4:30-5:30pm Celebrate **National Library Week** by painting bookends. After they're painted and sealed, the bookends will go back on the shelves to hold up books with a new sense of style.

Chess and Checkers Buddies Volunteers

S-Tuesday, April 23 • 10:45-11:45am 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.

Baking Buddies Volunteers

N-Wednesday, April 24 • *11:30am-12:30pm* Help an elementary school student prepare a baked good.



Game Squad Volunteers

S-Thursday, April 25 • 2:15-3:15pm Put on your game face and team up and play our younger patrons in supersized games and the Nintendo Switch[™].

Nature Buddies Volunteers

C-Friday, April 26 • 3:00-4:00pm

Enjoy the great outdoors by helping children with eco-friendly projects and activities. This program will be held outside. In case of rain, this program will be held in the Community Room.

Decorate to Donate Volunteers

C-Monday, April 29 • 4:30-5:30pm Join us to make seasonal decorations that will be donated to local nursing homes.

Cognitive Care Kits Volunteers

K-Tuesday, April 30 • 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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Take and Make - Magnesium Lotion

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to whip up a calming and moisturizing magnesium lotion. An electric mixer is also required for this project. Online and in person registration begins on April 1



and ends on April 15. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning April 19. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.

Take and Make - Crystal Teacup Bird Feeder

Take home a bag filled with supplies needed to create an adorable feeder for your feathered



friends. Online and in person registration begins on April 11 and ends on April 25. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning April 29. 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.*

Commack Continued OPR Suicide Prevention

Tuesday, April 2 • 7:00-8:00pm

QPR stands for Question, Persuade and Refer - the three simple steps anyone can learn to save a life from suicide. Just like people trained in CPR save thousands of lives a year, people trained in QPR learn how to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. Presented by **The Neighborhood House of Long Island**.

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, April 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.

Zumba

Tuesdays, April • 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 7:00-8:00pm Dance to get fit with Zumba instructor **Laura Grubert**. Zumba is an aerobic workout designed for everyone. *Fee: \$12.00 per person*.

Buenos Aires Adventure

Wednesday, April 10 • 7:00-8:30pm Join Patricia Summers as she explores beautiful Buenos Aires, Argentina, "the Paris of South America." Take a tango lesson, learn how to really do up a BBQ, visit the opera house and learn all about the fascinating history of a city built by immigrants from Europe who claim parts of it for their own to this day.

Turning a Love of Comics Into a Lifetime of Work

Saturday, April 13 • 2:00-3:00pm Join Glenn Greenberg for a discussion of the history of the comic-book industry and the evolution of comics. Learn how the industry has survived and is now fueling some of Hollywood's biggest blockbusters. Glenn will discuss how he started out as a fan and eventually landed a job at Marvel as a writer and editor, working on some of their most popular characters and how that led to freelance work in entertainment journalism which includes coverage of comics and comic-related properties.

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Commack Continued Goal Setting and Action Plans

Monday, April 15 • 1:00-2:00pm

Did you know that we are twice as likely to achieve our goals if we write them down? In this workshop you will identify the achievable short and long term goals you set for yourself both personally and professionally. You'll further develop those goals with simple tools and strategies and walk away with a solid action plan.

All Abilities Ceramic Sun

Thursday, April 18 • 10:00-11:00am Decorate a ceramic sun to welcome the warmer weather. 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 March 27*.

Retirement Planning for Boomers

Tuesday, April 23 • 11:00am-12:30pm Wealth Manager and Retirement Plan Specialist Jonathan Roth from Cetera Investors will discuss retirement planning for boomers. Learn about claiming Social Security benefits, Medicare and managing health care expenses, tax planning strategies through the four stages of retirement and income in retirement - strategies to help you match your assets with your income needs.

Kings Park Game Day

Mondays • 12:30-2:30pm

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The Solar Eclipse - What You Need to Know

Tuesday, April 2 • 11:00am-12:00pm Helene Link Robinson returns to discuss what is behind this celestial phenomenon. Through hands-on activities and discussion, you will go home with information to add to your understanding of what is actually happening. On April 8 we will have a front-row seat to a spectacular solar eclipse right here in New York. Solar eclipse glasses will be available for those that attend.



Kings Park Continued How To Be A Birder Anywhere Saturday, April 6 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Learn about the hobby of bird watching, not only in your backyard but anywhere else you may go. **Dianne Taggart**, long time Ll

birder, will present a program on how to bird in the field, how to enjoy the birds in your own backyard and what birds you may see.

Pictionary Game Night

Monday, April 8 • 6:30-8:30pm Come have a blast and play the classic game of Pictionary. Break into teams and let the fun begin!

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Thursday, April 11 • 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.*

Spring is so Delish with Chef Rob

Monday, April 22 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Chef Rob Scott** as he teaches you how to prepare a spring bolognese sauce with fresh tomato, carrot and basil topped with freshly grated parmesan cheese over pasta. Also on the menu is a baked feta



cheese with garlicky tomatoes and capers served with warm bread. Everyone will taste these delicious dishes and receive recipes to make them at home. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, April 25 • 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 March 27*.

Kings Park Continued Away We Grow

Monday, April 29 • 7:00-8:00pm Join educators from YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support for a seed-planting workshop. Engaging in gardening activities has been associated with mental health benefits, including reduced stress and increased overall well-being. Learn how gardening can be beneficial to your mental health while planting seeds in biodegradable pots that you can take home.

Nesconset Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

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Discover How Respite Can Be a Lifeline

Wednesday, April 3 • 11:00am-12:00pm Are you looking to ease the burden of caring for a loved one? Respite care is a flexible service that can be tailored to meet the unique needs of each individual and family. Whether you need a few hours each week or a weekend away, respite care providers can step in and provide the assistance you need. Discover how respite care can be a lifeline! Presented by educators from Willing Hearts Helpful Hands.

Home Sweet Home Doormat

Wednesday, April 3 • 6:30-8:30pm Create a hand-painted coir doormat for your entryway. Fee: \$13.00 per person.



One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, April 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.

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Nesconset Continued Morning Bingo for Adults

Monday, April 8 • 10:00-11:30am Join us for a morning of action-packed bingo excitement. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.



All Abilities Sensory Movie Wednesday, April 10 • 9:30am-12:00pm Maleficent: Mistress of Evil

Rated PG; runtime 118 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 March 27.

All Abilities Game Day

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One-On-One Genealogy Research

Saturday, April 13 • 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.

Nesconset Continued **A Trust or Will - Which is Right for You?** *Thursday, April 18 • 1:00-2:00pm*

Join estate planning & elder law attorney **Amy C. Raupp** as she discusses the pros and cons of establishing a living trust and provides information about wills, trusts, powers of attorney, healthcare proxies and living wills. Learn how to protect your assets and preserve your heritage.



Pinstripes and Tales - Curious Stories the Yankees Told Me

Wednesday, April 24 • 7:00-8:15pm Join us for this entertaining and informative presentation with author Bill Schulman, a former writer

for various New York Yankee publications. Mr. Schulman will share a completely new series of humorous stories and anecdotes of his interactions with former players as well as a general discussion of Yankee history. This delightful program is a must-see for baseball fans in general and Yankee fans in particular.

All Abilities Wooden Flower Tuesday, April 30 • 6:00-7:00pm

Paint a sunny flower to brighten up your space. 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 March 27*.

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. *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.*

Smithtown Continued Game Day

Fridays • 11:00am-1:30pm

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Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, April 2 • 7:00-8:30pm Meet with our local group to share ideas and get feedback on your latest writing efforts. *No registration required.*

Monogrammed Tote Bags 🚱

Wednesday, April 3 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join us in the LearnLab as we use Cricut[®] Design Space to create personalized tote bags for any occasion. When registering, please indicate your initials. *Fee: \$5.00 per person.*

Career Counseling

Thursday, April 4 • 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.

Serve Your Best Dip Ever

Thursday, April 4 • 6:30-8:30pm Join the Long Island Dip Company as they teach you how to make 3 best-selling dips: the fan-favorite Buffalo Chicken Dip, Mexican Street Corn - so fresh and clean, then the ultimate in meatiness, the Tailgater - a beanless chili dip that's all meats

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and cheese. Get ready to taste some ooey, gooey deliciousness! *Fee: \$5.00 per person.*





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Smithtown Continued Film and Discussion

Friday, April 5 • 6:30-8:30pm Join Joyann Cirigliano of the Four Harbors Audubon Society for a viewing and discussion of Racing Extinction.

Chairobics and Strength

Mondays, April 8, 15, 22 & 29 • 10:30-11:15am Join **Debbie Krzyminski** from Fitness Figures with exercises for strength, balance, aerobics and flexibility that can be done seated or standing. Fee: \$12.00 per person.

Understanding Credit Scores and Reports

Tuesday, April 9 • 11:00am-12:00pm Join Mujen Engelman and Eugene Ingenito from M&T Bank for an informative presentation on credit. Learn about how credit is measured and the impact it can have on your financial goals.

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, April 9 • 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 March 27.

Create Your Own Stickers 🖏

Saturday, April 13 • 11:00am-12:30pm Join us in the LearnLab for a creative morning decorating and printing custom stickers. A hands-on demonstration of Cricut[®] Design Space will be included in this program.

Defensive Driving

Mondays, April 15 & 22 • 5:30-8:30pm 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.

Sunflower Shell Mosaic



Join artist Anna Chan as she teaches you how to make a beautiful sunflower mosaic using seashells. Fee: \$15.00 per person.

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The ABC's of Hauntings, Spirits & Ghosts Friday, April 19 • 7:00-8:30pm

People from all walks of life have been telling tales of encountering spirits and ghosts for thousands of years. Maria D'Andrea returns to discuss ghosts wandering the halls of old houses and hotels and will share the meaning of these events.

Smart DriverTek

Wednesday, April 24 • 1:00-2:30pm Join a representative from AARP and stay up to date with the latest safety technology in your current or future car. Learn all about what new technologies are available, how they work and how they can improve your peace of mind on the road.



Bingo Night for Adults

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How to Protect Yourself Against Financial Fraud

Saturday, April 27 • 11:30am-12:30pm SUNY Old Westbury Masters in Forensic Accounting students along with professional Certified Fraud Examiners will provide guidance and best practices to mitigate the risk of financial fraud. Current fraud schemes including phishing, imposter scams, romance scams and more will be covered and valuable preventative measures to help detect and prevent potential fraud will be discussed.

History of the Brookhaven National Laboratory Site

Tuesday, April 30 • 7:00-8:00pm Join Timothy Green for a discussion of the History of the Brookhaven National Laboratory site. See how the land has been used over the years with historical maps and aerial photos showing the changes. Some history of the Laboratory itself will be included.

Bus Trip - Green-Wood Cemetery and Industry City

Saturday, May 18 • 7:15am-6:00pm 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 is* ongoing. Fee: \$70.00 per person includes admission and tour of the cemetery, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.



Scholarship Opportunity

The Friends of The Smithtown Library recognizes the role and contribution of libraries in the



lives of young people. For this reason, the Friends wish to offer scholarships to graduating high school students from the Smithtown area so that they may continue to access informational material as they pursue a degree from an institution of higher learning. For more information, contact Mr. Salas at (631) 360-2480 x128.

Smithtown Grows is back for its fourth year! 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 at any Smithtown Library Building for more information. We are excited for you to grow with us!

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& Movies at the Library 🚟

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Thursday Movie of the Week • Thursday, April 4 • 1:30pm Priscilla Rated R; runtime 113 minutes. • Thursday, April 11 • 1:30pm Ferrari

Rated R; runtime 130 minutes.

• Thursday, April 18 • 1:30pm Next Goal Wins Rated PG-13; runtime 104 minutes.

• Thursday, April 25 • 1:30pm The Color Purple (2023) Rated PG-13; runtime 141 minutes.



Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week • Friday, April 5 • 2:15pm Oppenheimer Rated R; runtime 181 minutes. • Friday, April 12 • 2:15pm

Next Goal Wins Rated PG-13; runtime 104 minutes.

• Friday, April 19 • 2:15pm The Color Purple (2023) Rated PG-13; runtime 141 minutes.

• Friday, April 26 • 2:15pm Ferrari Rated R; runtime 130 minutes.

Nesconset New Movie Matinee • Wednesday, April 17 • 1:00pm Wonka (2023) Rated PG; runtime 117 minutes.

Smithtown Friday Movie Matinee • Friday, April 5 • 2:00pm What Happens Later

Rated R; runtime 103 minutes. • Friday, April 12 • 2:00pm The Color Purple (2023)

Rated PG-13; runtime 141 minutes.

• Friday, April 19 • 2:00pm Ferrari Rated R; runtime 130 minutes.

• Friday, April 26 • 2:00pm My Sailor, My Love Rated NR; runtime 103 minutes.

Friday Night Movie • *Friday, April* 12 • 6:15pm *The Color Purple (2023) Rated PG-13; runtime 141 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, April 8 • 12:00-1:00pm Hang the Moon by Jeannette Walls

Kings Park Killer Reads Book Discussion Group Tuesday, April 9 • 11:00am-12:00pm What Have We Done by Alex Finlay

Nesconset Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group Tuesday, April 16 • 2:00-3:00pm The One Hundred Years of Lenni and Margot by Marianne Cronin

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group Thursday, April 25 • 7:00-8:00pm Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

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Sports Pages Book Discussion Group Monday, April 1 • 10:30am-12:30pm Chasing the Thrill by Daniel Barbarisi

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group* Wednesday, April 10 • 2:30-3:30pm Poppy Redfern and the Midnight Murders by Tessa Arlen

Smithtown Book Discussion Group Thursday, April 18 • 10:45am-12:45pm Raven Black by Ann Cleeves

Historical Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 18 • 2:30-3:30pm The Greater Journey: Americans in Paris by David G. McCullough

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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On Exhibit Do you have an exhibit you would like to

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Board of Trustees Meeting Tuesday, April 16 • 6:30pm Community Room at the **Kings Park Building** The public is welcome.

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Kings Park Community Room Michael John View landscapes by a local artist.

Nesconset Display Case **Gina Vigliarolo** View a collection of dried flower arrangements.

Smithtown Community Room Works in Ink View Chinese brushwork watercolor by Kathleen Deyo.

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Greetings from Long Island!

Each year locals and tourists alike take advantage of and enjoy the many points of interest that Long Island has to offer. Known for its famous historic sites, beautiful coastal



beaches, entertaining amusement parks, iconic roadside attractions and world-renowned wineries, the region is considered one of New York's top travel destinations. Learn about the history of some of the Island's most well-known amusements and attractions through the materials assembled for this year's Long Island Room exhibit, on view through December 2024.

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