

November 2024



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The Library is disappointed to announce that we are postponing **SmithCon 2024** that was to take place on Saturday, November 2 at our Smithtown Building until further notice. We look forward to hosting this fun-filled event in the future. Please keep an eye out on the Library's website and newsletter for a new date.

VETERANS TREE

During the month of November, a Veterans Tree will be set up at each building. Patrons who would like to donate items are welcome to bring them in to decorate our tree. At the end of the month, we will be donating these items to the **Long Island State Veterans Home**. Items accepted for donation include: adults-sized hats, gloves, scarves, sweatshirts, sweatpants, earphones, adult coloring books, small packages of crayons, crossword, word search books and magazines. *We cannot accept: toiletries, edible items and used items. For more information contact Community Relations at (631) 360-2480 x230.*



ONE-STOP RECYCLING

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 • 10:00AM-1:00PM
SEE PAGE 9 FOR DETAILS ABOUT THIS UPCOMING PROGRAM.

**PAPER SHREDDING
E-WASTE REMOVAL
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Help Support The Smithtown Library!

Friends of The Smithtown Library
Present An Evening with John Zollo
Friday, November 15 • 7:00-8:00pm
See page 10 for details.



Due to the storm that occurred during the early morning hours of August 19, which caused torrential flooding, our Smithtown Building suffered catastrophic damage to its lower level. Therefore, until further notice, our Smithtown Building will be closed while we continue to assess the damage and begin to rebuild. Our other three buildings remain open to assist our patrons. For updates, please visit the Library's website (www.smithlib.org).

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

CHILDREN

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

Children's Program Registration

Information In person, online and telephone registration begins at 9:30am for **Commack on Wednesday, October 30, Kings Park on Friday, October 25, Nesconset on Tuesday, November 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 allergies.

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

Baby Bounce

C-Friday, November 8 • 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, November 7 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Friday, November 15 • 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

K-Monday, November 25 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Connect with your little one through story, song and play.

Little Turkeys

C-Friday, November 29 • 11:00-11:30am
N-Tuesday, November 19 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-23 months with parent/caregiver)

There is so much to be thankful for! Join us for Thanksgiving stories and songs, then make a seasonal keepsake with your little one.



Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Saturday, November 9 • 10:00-10:30am
C-Monday, November 18 • 10:00-10:30am
K-Tuesday, November 5 • 10:00-10:30am
K-Friday, November 15 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Saturday, November 23 • 10:00-10:30am
K-Saturday, November 30 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Thursday, November 14 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Monday, November 18 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Wednesday, November 27 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Saturday, November 30 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Wonderful Ones

C-Wednesday, November 13 • 10:00-10:45am
K-Wednesday, November 27 • 11:00-11:45am
N-Thursday, November 21 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Monday, December 2 • 10:00-10:45am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Story Tots

C-Monday, November 25 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Parachute Playtime

C-Tuesday, November 26 • 10:30-11:00am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

Bring your littlest ones down to the Library for a fun-filled time of stories, songs, bubbles and parachute play!

Tot Tunes

K-Friday, November 8 • 10:30-11:00am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and dancing in this musical program.

Time for Twos

C-Tuesday, November 12 • 2:30-3:15pm
K-Wednesday, November 13 • 11:00-11:45am
N-Tuesday, November 12 • 10:00-10:45am
N-Friday, November 22 • 11:00-11:45am
(24-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy building social skills in a relaxed, friendly environment; includes free play, songs, stories and a craft.

Signing with Sara

N-Wednesday, November 13 • 10:30-11:15am
(2-3 years with parent/caregiver)
Signing with Sara provides an engaging opportunity with a Speech-Language Pathologist to learn American Sign Language. Join us for an interactive session filled with signing, songs and books.



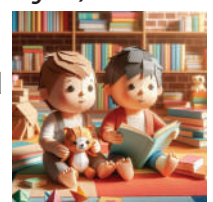
Construction Zone

K-Friday, November 1 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Wednesday, November 6 • 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.

Library Playdate

C-Thursday, November 7 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Friday, November 8 • 11:00-11:45am
(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.



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Alphabet Soup

*K-Thurs*day, November 14 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Cook up a helping of early literacy enrichment with stories, songs, play and creative art.



Sprouts and Friends

*C-Wed*nesday, November 20 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Join **Sprouts and Friends** as we play, learn and grow through music and movement.

Fine Motor Fun

*C-Thurs*day, November 21 • 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.

Art Starts

*C-Fri*day, November 22 • 4:00-4:45pm

*N-Thurs*day, November 21 • 2:30-3:15pm

(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.

Jammin' with Miss Jessie

*N-Tues*day, November 26 • 10:00-10:30am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Get your jam on and explore instruments of all kinds while playing along with Miss Jessie.

We'll also read a musical story.



Turkey Time

*N-Tues*day, November 19 • 3:00-3:45pm

(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Get into the holiday spirit with a variety of **Thanksgiving**-themed crafts and art projects. Dress to make a mess.

Terrific Threes

*K-Fri*day, November 22 • 11:00-11:45am

(36-47 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy free play, stories, crafts and circle time.

Birds of a Feather

*N-Satur*day, November 9 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a fine, feathered storytime featuring songs, stories and crafts all about birds. Dress to make a mess.

Falling Leaves

*N-Tues*day, November 12 • 2:30-3:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Listen to some fall stories and create a fun fall craft.



Dinosaur Stomp

*C-Fri*day, November 15 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

It's **DINO**ver! Let's celebrate with stories, crafts and giant sized dinosaurs!



Happy Harvest

*K-Wed*nesday, November 20 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

The harvest season is upon us! Join the celebration with delightful harvest stories and seed art activities.



Imagination Station

*C-Tues*day, November 27 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Exercise your imagination as we engage in dramatic play.

I Am Thankful

*K-Thurs*day, November 21 • 10:30-11:00am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy **Thanksgiving** stories and do a festive owl craft.



Scarecrow Storytime

*C-Fri*day, November 22 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

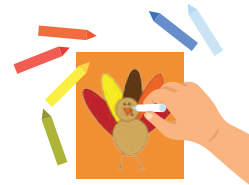
Celebrate all things fall with some stories and a scarecrow craft!

Pot Belly Turkeys

*C-Satur*day, November 23 • 10:30-11:00am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Come on down for a fun **Thanksgiving** story and create your very own turkey!



Once Upon an Author

*N-Mon*day, November 25 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Mini Makers

*K-Tues*day, November 26 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Dinosaur Build and Storytime

*N-Wed*nesday, December 4 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Gear up for a dinosaur build of epic proportions. Explore, find and build with our life-sized collection of foam bones to build a dinosaur taller than you!

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Pajama Storytime

K-Wednesday, November 6 • 6:30-7:00pm

(3-6 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Animal Interviews

K-Thursday, November 7 • 3:30-4:30pm

(3-6 years with parent/caregiver)

Meet and interact with some of the resident animals of Sweetbriar Nature Center, including reptiles, amphibians, mammals and birds. Learn about how each animal is unique and different.



Little Book Buddies

K-Thursday, November 14 • 4:15-5:00pm

(4-7 years)

Book Buddies is a program in which a child is paired with a teen for a rewarding reading experience.

Little Craft Buddies

K-Monday, November 25 • 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 crafts for the child to take home.

Fall Collage Art

N-Friday, November 8 • 4:30-5:15pm

(5-7 years)

Enjoy stories about the fall season and create a mixed-media art project.

Pawsitively Thankful

K-Tuesday, November 12 • 4:15-4:45pm

(5-7 years)

We will talk about what we are grateful for after we read **Thanksgiving** stories and make a craft.

Steam Buddies

C-Friday, November 15 • 4:15-5:00pm

(5-8 years)

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

Let's Have a Hoot

C-Friday, November 29 • 3:00-3:45pm

(5-8 years)

Turn your head, flap your wings and sing with a hoot in this storytime and craft all about owls.

Drum Circle

C-Saturday, November 16 • 10:30-11:00am

(5-10 years)

Engage in a rhythmic adventure as we explore the world of percussion. You will play different types of drums and rhythms from various cultures, in a fun and interactive drum circle jam session.

Cricut Crafts - Dinovember

N-Wednesday, November 27 • 3:00-3:45pm

(5-10 years)

Create a dinosaur-themed work of art while learning about the Cricut cutting machine.

Make It Monday

N-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm

(5-12 years)

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

Collaborative Creation - Book of Thanks

K-Saturday, November 9 • 3:00-3:45pm

(5-12 years)

Create and decorate a personalized chapter of a book of thanks that will be composited together and put on display in the Kings Park Building Children's Room for the holiday season.



Clay Creations

C-Friday, November 8 • 4:30-5:15pm

(6-10 years)

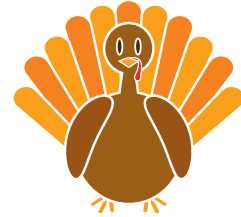
Bring your imagination and try out your sculpting skills as we make our very own clay creations to bring home!

Turkey Treats

N-Friday, November 15 • 5:30-6:15pm

(6-12 years)

Join us for a reading of some turkey tales and create an adorable treat to gobble up.



Fantastic Photo Bookmarks

N-Saturday, November 16 • 10:00-10:45pm

(6-12 years)

Wear your favorite outfit and have us take your picture in a funny pose – and we will turn it into your own bookmark.

Ceramic Gnome Homes

N-Monday, November 18 • 7:00-8:00pm

(6-12 years)

There's gnome place like the Library. Celebrate the fall season and use various painting techniques to decorate a ceramic mushroom home. Dress to make a mess.

Kitchen Scientists

N-Friday, November 22 • 4:30-5:15pm

(6-12 years)

Come learn about kitchen chemistry and make your own butter to take home and enjoy.



Thanksgiving Suncatchers

K-Saturday, November 23 • 3:00-3:30pm

(7-10 years)

Relax and paint a seasonal suncatcher to enjoy during the **Thanksgiving** holiday.

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Exploring Our Planet

K-Thursday, November 7 • 5:00-6:00pm

(7-11 years)

Sweetbriar Nature Center will be visiting with some of their ambassador animals. Join them for a journey around the world as we meet a dragon from Australia, a slithering snake from Africa, a mountain dweller from South America and more.



Kick Like a Whisperette

N-Saturday, November 23 • 11:00am-12:30pm

(8-12 years)

Come meet the **Whisperettes**, Smithtown West's own high school dance and kick team. You know them by their eye-high kicks, perfect timing and gold medals. Here's your chance to learn a kickline routine that rivals the one at Radio City. Please wear sneakers and bring a water bottle.



Creation Station

C-Saturday, November 2 • 10:00-3:00pm

K-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

N-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.*

Cricut Cards - Cards for Vets

N-Tuesday, November 5 • 10:00am-3:00pm

(Families)

Give back this **Veterans Day!** Join us in the Children's Room during these hours to create some extra special cards for local veterans. *No registration required.*

Thanksgiving Day Parade

N-Wednesday, November 13 • 6:00-7:00pm

N-Saturday, November 23 • 2:00-3:00pm

(Families)

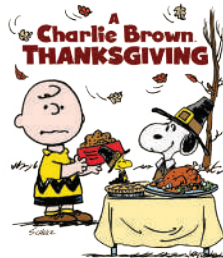
Join us for a heartwarming program where we'll recreate the iconic **Thanksgiving Day Parade** at local senior centers! We'll march with big balloons, perform simple songs and enjoy a festive storytime. *Please note: the November 13 session will be held at Whisper Woods of Smithtown. The November 23 session will be held at Sunrise Senior Living of Smithtown.*

Thanksgiving with Charlie Brown

C-Wednesday, November 20 • 4:30-5:15pm

(Families)

Join us as we watch *A Charlie Brown Thanksgiving*. Charlie Brown gets into hot water once again when Peppermint Patty invites herself and the other kids over for **Thanksgiving!** Make a turkey craft to take home.



Create and Celebrate - Native American Heritage Month

N-Friday, November 22 • 3:00-7:00pm

(Families)

November is **Native American Heritage Month!** Stop by the Library during these hours to celebrate with crafts and activities while you learn all about some influential people. *No registration required.*



**NOVEMBER BOOKMARK
Contest Winner**
COOPER G.
Grade 4
**SMITHTOWN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

TEEN SCENE

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

Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **November** programs began on **Tuesday, October 15**. **December** program registration begins **Tuesday, November 12**. 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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Autumn Vibes Wood Sign

N-Tuesday, November 5 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create a fun autumn decoration using Cricut Design Space and learn to transfer vinyl onto a wooden leaf sign.



Monster of the Week

N-Friday, November 8 • 6:00-8:30pm

Jump into the supernatural underbelly of our world with the tabletop role-playing game **Monster of the Week**! Create your character, fight monsters, cast spells and work together to save the day with a group of fellow heroes.

Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, November 13 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Fall Mason Jar Lanterns

N-Friday, November 15 • 4:00-5:00pm

Create a seasonal mason jar lantern that will brighten up any room.

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, November 18 • 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.

Name that Tune

N-Tuesday, November 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

Can you name a song after listening to it for only 10 seconds? Bring your friends and try to prove who has the best musical ear. Pizza and prizes will be provided.

Teen Tabletop Gaming

K-Tuesday, November 19 • 7:30-8:30pm

Board games galore! Bring your friends and play some of your favorite games. We will provide loads of awesome games, but you're welcome to bring your own too.

Thankful Wooden Sign

C-Wednesday, November 20 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn how to create a beautiful and personalized "Give Thanks" sign to brighten your home or share with loved ones.



Autumn Shadow Box

N-Thursday, November 21 • 4:00-5:00pm

Create an autumn-inspired shadow box to display just in time for **Thanksgiving**.

Zen Gardens

C-Tuesday, November 26 • 4:30-5:30pm

Craft and unwind as we build and decorate our own zen gardens for meditation and relaxation.

Acrylic Bookmarks

K-Tuesday, November 26 • 7:00-8:00pm

Use craft supplies to create a custom acrylic bookmark.

Volunteer Opportunities

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

Community Wash Kits

K-Monday, November 4 • 4:30-5:30pm

Help your community by making wash kits to donate to local shelters.

Victory Volunteers

K-Wednesday, November 6 • 4:00-5:00pm

Let's honor our veterans by assembling care kits that will be donated to **Operation Gratitude**.

Paws for a Cause

N-Wednesday, November 6 • 4:00-5:00pm

Celebrate **National Animal Shelter Appreciation Week** by decorating accessories shelter pets can wear to promote their adoption.

Cards for Veterans

N-Thursday, November 7 • 4:00-5:00pm

Celebrate **Veterans Day** by writing letters and decorating cards that will go to our local veterans.

Thanksgiving Parade Volunteers

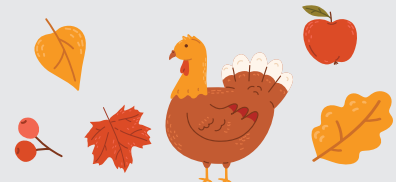
Wednesday, November 13 • 5:30-7:00pm

(Whisper Woods of Smithtown)

Saturday, November 23 • 1:30-3:00pm

(Sunrise Senior Living)

Join us for a heartwarming program where we will help direct and set up the iconic **Thanksgiving Day Parade** at local senior centers! Teens will help younger children march with balloons and decorations for a festive visit. *You will need to have transportation to and from Whisper Woods of Smithtown or Sunrise Senior Living. Each participant will be emailed a permission slip prior to the program.*



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Book Buddies Volunteers

K-Thursday, November 14 • 4:00-5:00pm

Read to a younger book buddy. It is a rewarding experience that you won't want to miss.

STEAM Buddies Volunteers

C-Friday, November 15 • 4:00-5:00pm

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

Birthday Bundle Bag Volunteers

K-Monday, November 18 • 4:00-5:00pm

Make bags full of birthday goodies for patrons of our to enjoy.



Bookmark Volunteers

C-Monday, November 18 • 4:30-5:30pm

N-Tuesday, November 26 • 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.

Craft Buddies Volunteers

K-Monday, November 25 • 4:00-5:00pm

Spend an afternoon paired with a younger child for some arts and crafts projects. We will be using art materials; please dress appropriately.

Decorate to Donate Volunteers

C-Monday, November 25 • 4:30-5:30pm

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



Teen Volunteer Opportunity in a Box

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

Adult Program Information

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Take and Make - Clay Pot Turkey

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create this Thanksgiving decoration. A hot glue gun is required to complete this project. *Online and in person registration begins on November 1 and ends on November 12. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning November 15. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$7.00 per person.*



Take and Make - Look What I Made

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create this adorable hanging, perfect for a holiday gift! A hot glue gun is required to complete this project. *Online and in person registration begins on November 7 and ends on November 21. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning November 25. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



Commack Game Day

Wednesdays • 12:00-2:30pm

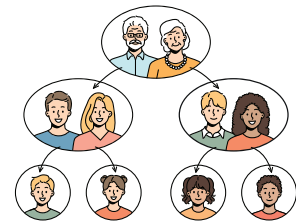
Friday, November 8 • 11:00am-1:30pm

We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *No registration required. Please note: there will be no Game Day on November 6.*

One-On-One Genealogy Research

Saturday, November 9 • 11:00am, 12:00pm 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.*



All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, November 14 • 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 October 30.*

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, November 26 • 11:30am, 12:15pm, 1:00pm OR 1:45pm

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.

ADULTS

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Commack Continued

Arabian Baked Chicken with Chef Naela

Tuesday, November 12 • 6:30-8:00pm

Join Chef Naela for a Mediterranean cooking demonstration and tasting. Learn how to make Arabian baked chicken with potatoes and tzatziki sauce with cucumbers and fresh garlic. Enjoy a Middle Eastern salad and semolina



coconut cake with sweet orange blossom syrup for dessert. Fee: \$10.00 per person.

Defensive Driving

Thursdays, November 14 & 21 • 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.

Plants for the Winter Garden

Friday, November 15 • 1:00-2:00pm

For many, the winter garden is beige, gray and brown. Award-winning, international garden writer and gardening coach Jessica Damiano will show you her favorite plants, including bloomers, that will turn your barren landscape



into a winter wonderland at a time when the only green in your neighbors' yards will be envy!

Reducing Nuclear Danger

Tuesday, November 19 • 1:00-2:00pm

Do conflicts in the Middle East and Ukraine pose the threat of a nuclear war? Join Lester Paldy, former CIA officer as he reviews measures that can be taken to reduce risks.

Commack Continued

Tribal Nations on Long Island

Monday, November 25 • 7:00-8:00pm

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, Christopher Verga returns to examine the tribal nations of pre and post-colonial Long Island. We will unpack the popular myths with the realities of indigenous Long Island societies. Through primary sources such as land records and early pictures, we will explore the complexities of colonial interaction with tribal nations and the present-day relics.



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.

Pilates

Saturdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 23 • 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.

Art Group

Tuesday, November 5 • 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.

Diabetes Tips and Tidbits

Thursday, November 7 • 1:00-2:00pm

Join Sabrena Reid, Registered Dietitian, for a discussion on nutrition and diabetes. Learn about carbohydrates and the role of protein foods on blood sugar control as well as how to balance a plate to meet your dietary needs.

Kings Park Continued

Medicare 101

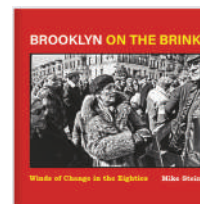
Wednesday, November 13 • 6:30-8:00pm

Join us for an overview of Medicare and the aging in process, how and when to enroll, and discover the various insurance options available to you. Some points that will be discussed are what Medicare is and who qualifies, how Medicare works with other insurance, Medicare Parts A, B, C, D and Supplemental policies, and how to decide what plan is best for you. We will also share information about the NYS EPIC program, The Extra Help Program, and The Medicare Savings Program. Information will be provided on the steps that need to be taken to be ready for the day that you are eligible for Medicare. 2024 open enrollment ends on December 7.

Brooklyn on the Brink

Thursday, November 14 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join photographer Mike Stein for an author talk and interactive slideshow on his new photo-documentary book, *Brooklyn on the Brink*. Learn about a changing Brooklyn in the 1980s, as seen through Mike's work as a local photojournalist in the "Brownstone Belt." Mike will also discuss photography then and now. Photos from the book and other printed ephemera will be on display in the glass case as you enter the Kings Park Building. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Feel My Heart - A Poetry Collection - Author Talk

Monday, November 18 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join first-time author Jim Gover as he reads selected poems from his new book, *Feel My Heart - A Poetry Collection*. Jim will also share where he got his inspiration for what he calls a mixed bag of poetry. Books will be available for purchase and signing.

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Kings Park Continued

All Abilities Dino Puzzles

Tuesday, November 19 • 6:00-7:00pm

Everyone loves dinosaurs! Paint these adorable little wooden dino puzzles. 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 October 30.*

Festive Ceramic Gnome

Wednesday, November 20 • 6:00-8:30pm

Rosemarie Attard returns to teach you how to paint this festive gnome in time to decorate your home for the season. *Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



Game Night

Thursday, November 21 • 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.*

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Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

Friday, November 1 • 11:00am-1:30pm

Friday, November 29 • 11:00am-1:30pm

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

Chairobics and Strength

Fridays, November 1, 8, 15 & 22 • 2:30-3:15pm

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.*



Nesconset Continued

One-Stop Recycling

Saturday, November 2 • 10:00am-1:00pm

The Smithtown Library, Legislator Leslie Kennedy's office and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office invite you to finish your fall decluttering in the Nesconset Building parking lot. **Storage Quarters** will provide shredding of personal papers and documents, E-waste removal will be provided by **E-Green Recycling** and the Sheriff's Office will be available for prescription drug disposal. *No registration required.*



Fall Welcome Sign

Monday, November 4 • 3:30-4:40pm

Create a wooden "Welcome" sign with seasonal fall elements. *Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



Morning Bingo for Adults

Tuesday, November 5 • 10:00-11:30am

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

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, November 5 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Medicare Changes 2025

Wednesday, November 6 • 1:00-2:30pm

Gracemarie Horan-Luce of Senior Health Plan Specialists tells you everything you need to know about Medicare, open enrollment and changes in Medicare for 2025. Learn about Parts A, B, C and D, IRMAA (Income related adjustment amount), prescription drug plans, Medicare Advantage and Medigap, financial assistance programs, what you don't get and more.

Nesconset Continued

Hot Flashes and Night Sweats (Vasomotor Symptoms)

Wednesday, November 6 • 6:30-7:30pm

Hot flashes and night sweats affect 80% of women and can cause insomnia, decreased memory and concentration, brain fog and mood changes. They can last seven to ten years. **Dr. Frank Bonura**, Director, Menopausal Health & Osteoporosis Program at St. Catherine of Siena Hospital will discuss causes and treatments, including the use of bio-identical hormone therapy and non-hormonal therapy for women who choose not to use hormonal therapy or those who can't due to a history of breast cancer or cardiovascular disease.

All Abilities Game Day

Thursday, November 7 • 10:00am-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 October 30.*

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

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

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

Game Night

Thursday, November 7 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, November 14 • 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.*



ADULTS

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Nesconset Continued

What is Artificial Intelligence and How Will it Affect Me?

Wednesday, November 13 • 12:00-1:00pm

There has been a lot of buzz around AI lately. What is this latest technology craze really about? Does AI live up to the hype, how can it help me in my daily life? How does it work and what are the risks? Join a SeniorNet educator for this easy-to-understand presentation to demystify AI and better understand its relevance to you.

Art Group

Tuesday, November 19 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, November 26 • 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.*

All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, November 20 • 9:30am-12:00pm

Lyle, Lyle Crocodile

Rated PG; runtime 106 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 October 30.*

Family Flowers Chalkboard Sign

Wednesday, November 20 • 7:00-8:30pm

Create a personalized sign for your family, with vinyl birth month flowers representing each family member. When registering, please include the names of your family members and the months they were born. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*



Nesconset Continued

Bingo Night for Adults

Friday, November 22 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Stories Behind the Songs with Mariel Pacific

Saturday, November 23 • 2:00-3:00pm

Many songs have a story behind them, whether from musicals, movies or every day songs on the radio. Sometimes an unknown background of a song gives it a whole new meaning to the listener. Join Mariel Pacific as she shares the stories behind the songs as she sings and plays the piano.



All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, November 26 • 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 October 30.*

Brushes and Bliss - Painting for Peace of Mind

Wednesday, November 27 • 12:00-1:00pm

Painting has amazing benefits for your mind. It helps you express emotions, lowers stress, and makes you more mindful. Whether you're a beginner or a pro, our workshop offers a welcoming space to boost your creativity and improve your mental well-being. Let's paint our way to a happier, healthier you! Join our painting workshop for a calming and uplifting experience! Presented by educators from YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support.



Nesconset Continued



FRIENDS

The Smithtown Library

Friends of The Smithtown Library Present An Evening with John Zollo

Friday, November 15 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join us for a special evening of musical entertainment, refreshments and community in support of The Smithtown Library. Your support will help with the rebuild of the Library's Smithtown Building. *In person registration only. Fee: \$20.00 per person. (Cash or check only made payable to the Friends of The Smithtown Library)*



Bus Trip - New York Botanical Garden Holiday Train Show and Arthur Avenue

Saturday, December 14 • 8:15am

Departs from the Nesconset Building

Join us on a trip to the New York Botanical Garden's Holiday Train Show. Be transported to a winter wonderland as model trains zip through an enchanting display of more than 175 landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge and Rockefeller Center, each delightfully re-created from natural materials-birch bark, lotus pods, acorns and cinnamon sticks. After the show, we head to Arthur Avenue for lunch on your own and time to shop. *Registration is on going. Fee: \$80.00 per person includes coach bus transportation, ticket to the show and all gratuities.*



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MOVIES at the Library

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Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, November 7 • 1:30pm

Unsung Hero

Rated PG; runtime 114 minutes.

• Thursday, November 14 • 1:30pm

Hard Miles

Rated PG-13; runtime 110 minutes.

• Thursday, November 21 • 1:30pm

Thelma

Rated PG-13; runtime 97 minutes.



Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, November 1 • 2:15pm

Long Legs

Rated R; runtime 101 minutes.

• Friday, November 8 • 2:15pm

Thelma

Rated PG-13; runtime 97 minutes.

• Friday, November 15 • 2:15pm

Trap

Rated PG-13; runtime 110 minutes.

• Friday, November 22 • 2:15pm

The Boy in the Woods

Rated NR; runtime 100 minutes.

• Friday, November 29 • 2:15pm

A Quiet Place: Day One

Rated PG-13; runtime 99 minutes.

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New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, November 20 • 1:00pm

Inside Out 2

Rated PG; runtime 97 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, November 29 • 2:00pm

Hachi: A Dog's Tale

Rated G; runtime 93 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, November 18 • 12:00-1:00pm

Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 12 • 11:00am-12:00pm

The Only One Left by Riley Sager

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Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Thursday, November 4 • 10:30am-12:30pm

The Wingmen: The Unlikely, Unusual, Unbreakable Friendship Between John Glenn and Ted Williams by Adam Lazarus

Nesconset Continued

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group*

Wednesday, November 13 • 2:30-3:30pm

I Have Some Questions for You by Rebecca Makkai

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, November 21 • 11:45am-1:45pm

How to Know a Person: The Art of Seeing Others Deeply and Being Deeply Seen by David Brooks

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, November 21 • 7:00-8:00pm

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

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Tea-rific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 26 • 2:00-3:00pm

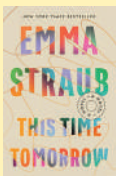
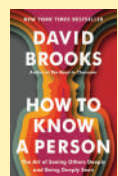
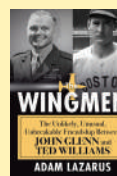
Happiness Falls by Angie Kim

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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WEDNESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
THURSDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
FRIDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
SATURDAY 9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY 1:00-5:00pm
(Sept-May)

Commack Building

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

**Nesconset Building,
Administration/
Business Office,
Patent and Trademark
Resource Center &
Passport Acceptance Facility**

148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, New York 11767

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(Sept-May)

*The Library will be closed
Monday, November 11 in observance of Veterans Day
and Thursday, November 28 in observance of Thanksgiving.*



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

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**Community Room
Art Group**

View oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel, colored
pencil and mixed media works by the
talented artists of The Smithtown Library's
Art Group.



Kings Park

**Display Case
Mike Stein**

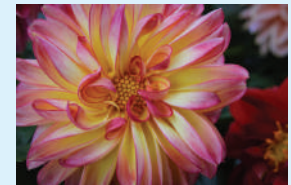
View his collection of photos of 1980s
Brooklyn photographs.



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**Community Room
Tim Votapka**

Landscape, floral, waterfront, field and forest
photography.



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

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The Library cannot accept bills larger than \$20.00 in payment for overdue items or program registration. Thank you for your cooperation.



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