

December 2024



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Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 6 • 6:00-7:30pm

Nesconset Building

Meet on the front lawn as we listen to songs and light our holiday tree. Afterwards, join us inside for refreshments and photos with Santa. This event will also serve as a collection for the **Smithtown Emergency Food Pantry**. *No registration required.*



Holiday Toy Collection

The Library is teaming up with the **ReesSpecht Life Foundation** to provide toys to families in need on Long Island this holiday season. Please donate **NEW, UNWRAPPED** toys at any of our buildings. Your generous donation must be received by **Thursday, December 12**.



Mitten Tree

During the month of December, a **Mitten Tree** will be set up in each of our library buildings. Patrons who would like to donate new mittens, gloves, scarves and hats are welcome to bring them in to decorate our trees. We are accepting donations for all ages. At the end of the month, we will give all donations to those in need.



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
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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, November 27, Kings Park on Friday, November 29, Nesconset on Tuesday, December 3**. 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 Playground

C-Monday, December 2 • 10:00-10:45am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Baby Signs and Song

N-Thursday, January 2 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Sign, sing and play with your little one. Babies will be introduced to simple signs, engage in age appropriate games and learn new fingerplays.



Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Wednesday, December 11 • 10:00-10:30am

C-Tuesday, December 17 • 4:00-4:30pm

K-Thursday, December 5 • 10:00-10:30am

K-Wednesday, December 11 • 11:00-11:30am

K-Tuesday, December 17 • 10:30-11:00am

K-Saturday, December 21 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Saturday, December 7 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Monday, December 9 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Friday, December 13 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Thursday, December 19 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Friday, December 20 • 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, December 4 • 10:00-10:45am

C-Thursday, December 12 • 10:00-10:45am

N-Monday, December 16 • 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, December 16 • 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.



Toddler Tales

K-Thursday, December 26 • 2:30-3:00pm

(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Young at Art

N-Thursday, December 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 their own masterpieces. Dress to make a mess.

Rock and Rhyme

K-Friday, December 13 • 10:00-10:30am

(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Little rock and rollers will tap into their natural sense of rhythm through song, dance and use of musical instruments.

Little Explorers

C-Thursday, December 19 • 10:00-10:30am

(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Explore your senses through stories and songs, then continue the fun with hands-on art projects and sensory activities. Dress to make a mess.

Rockin' Tots

K-Monday, December 30 • 10:30-11:00am

(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing in an engaging and social atmosphere.

Move and Groove

K-Tuesday, December 3 • 10:00-10:30am

(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Shake your sillies out at the Library! Enjoy music, movement and bubbles as we sing, dance and move to the beat.

Parachute Storytime

N-Wednesday, December 11 • 10:00-10:30am

(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Come to the Library for some colorful parachute fun! There will be storytime, play and bubbles.

Lil' Athletes - Football Fun

C-Friday, December 13 • 10:00-10:45am

(23-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Get ready for fun as we learn how to play football with Lil' Athletes.



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Time for Twos

C-Monday, December 9 • 10:00-10:45am

C-Wednesday, December 18 • 10:00-10:45am

K-Wednesday, December 4 • 2:30-3:15pm

N-Friday, December 20 • 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-Tuesday, December 10 • 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 lesson filled with signing, songs and books.

Library Playdate

C-Thursday, December 5 • 11:00-11:45am

K-Monday, December 23 • 3:30-4:15pm

N-Monday, December 23 • 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.

Animal Extravaganza

K-Tuesday, December 10 • 3:30-4:00pm

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

See all of the different animals you can find as we read some fun animal tales and make an animal collage.

Alphabet Soup

K-Thursday, December 19 • 2:30-3:15pm

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Polar Bear Party

N-Monday, January 6 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Party it up polar bear style as we do crafts and read stories about our snow-loving friends. Dress to make a mess.



Noon Year's Eve

N-Saturday, December 28 • 11:15am-12:00pm

(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a special Noon Year's Eve Party! Listen to stories, create a festive party hat and celebrate as we count down to noon and welcome the New Year.

All Aboard at the Library

K-Thursday, December 5 • 11:00-11:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Cozy Cocoa Storytime

K-Thursday, December 12 • 2:30-3:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

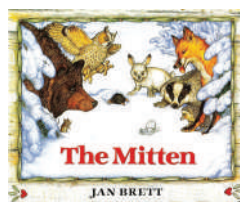
Snuggle up at the Library for some cozy stories, then enjoy some delicious hot cocoa while creating a cute craft.

The Mitten

N-Thursday, December 12 • 2:30-3:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

We will share *The Mitten* by Jan Brett and make a mitten craft to re-tell the story at home.



Lil' Athletes - Football Fun

C-Friday, December 13 • 11:00-11:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Get ready for fun as we learn how to play football with Lil' Athletes.

Animals in Winter

N-Tuesday, December 17 • 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.

Seasonal Storytime Surprise

K-Tuesday, December 17 • 3:00-3:30pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Storytime Safari

N-Thursday, December 19 • 2:30-3:15pm

(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.

Yuletide Playdate

K-Saturday, December 21 • 3:00-3:45pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate the winter solstice with snowfall fun, creative crafts and cozy tales by the yule log.

Teddy Bear Clinic

N-Monday, December 23 • 4:00-4:45pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

It's time for a check-up. Meet us in the exam room for stories and bring a favorite stuffer to make sure they are in tip-top shape.



Penguin Snow Globe

C-Saturday, December 28 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Get crafty with your toddler by making this sensory-friendly penguin snow globe using paper plates! Dress to make a mess.

Sensory Storytime

N-Friday, January 3 • 11:00-11:45am

(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.

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Family Gingerbread House Decorating

C-Saturday, December 14 • 11:00am-12:00pm

K-Saturday, December 7 • 2:30-3:30pm

**N-Friday, December 13 • 6:00-7:00pm OR
7:15-8:15pm**

**N-Friday, December 20 • 6:30-7:30pm
(3-12 years with parent/caregiver)**

Bring the family to the Library and decorate a gingerbread house provided by **Fanny Cakes**

bakery! Each family will receive one house to decorate together. *Please register for one spot per family.*



Silly Snowmen

**C-Saturday, December 7 • 10:30-11:00am
(4-7 years)**

Come to hear some snowmen stories and create a cool snowman craft.

Little Book Buddies

**C-Monday, December 9 • 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.

Snowflake Slime

**C-Friday, December 6 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-7 years)**

Do you love to play in the snow? Do you love slime? Come in and make your own snowflake slime to play with and take home! Dress to make a mess.



Snowy Night

**N-Saturday, December 14 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)**

Let's get cozy and enjoy some snowy stories and creative crafts.

Gingerbread Jam

**N-Saturday, December 28 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)**

Run, run, run to the Library as fast as you can for delicious stories and a sugary sweet treat.



Playful Penguins

**C-Wednesday, December 11 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-8 years)**

Waddle on in for some playful stories featuring our arctic penguin pals! Create your very playful penguin to take home.

Robot Buddies

**K-Monday, December 9 • 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

**N-Friday, December 27 • 3:15-4:00pm
(5-9 years)**

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

Cricut Crafts - Build Your Own Snowman

**N-Monday, December 16 • 6:30-7:15pm
(5-10 years)**

There's snow place like the Library! Create a snowman craft using stencils and shapes cut with the Cricut® cutting machine. Dress to make a mess.



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.*

LEGO® League

K-Wednesday, December 18 • 4:15-5:00pm

**N-Monday, December 30 • 10:30-11:15am
(5-12 years)**

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

Baking Buddies

**K-Wednesday, December 11 • 4:15-5:00pm
(6-10 years)**

Ready, set, bake! Make delicious treats with help from a teen buddy.



Melting Snowman

**C-Saturday, December 21 • 11:00-11:45am
(6-10 years)**

Create a snowman that's already melted by upcycling a cardboard tube, paper and twigs. This is one snowman that you can keep inside!

Origami Book Corners

**C-Monday, December 23 • 10:30-11:15am
(6-10 years)**

Learn how to use origami techniques to turn ordinary paper into cute corner bookmarks that you can take home and use in your favorite books.

Snowman Canvas Art

**N-Friday, December 20 • 4:30-5:30pm
(6-12 years)**

Create a winter decoration to enjoy for years to come. Budding artists will design a winter masterpiece using various painting techniques. Dress to make a mess.

Game Squad

**N-Monday, December 23 • 6:30-7:15pm
(6-12 years)**

Put on your game faces and team up against our teen volunteers when we play supersized games, Nintendo Switch™ and craft the evening away.

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Uke Buddies

N-Friday, December 27 • 11:30am-12:15pm

(6-12 years)

Strum the morning away while pairing up with a teen volunteer to learn the beginner basics of the ukulele. No experience needed! Instruments will be provided, but feel free to bring your own.

Charmed Creations

K-Thursday, December 5 • 3:00-3:45pm

(7-12 years)

Make customized shrinky dink charms for necklaces, bracelets, keychains and more.

DIY Mini Pies

K-Monday, December 23 • 5:00-5:45pm

(7-12 years)

Piece out with a miniature pie craft.

I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888

C-Thursday, December 12 • 4:30-5:00pm

(8-12 years)

Enjoy a brief book talk on *I Survived the Children's Blizzard, 1888* by Lauren Tarshis and then use your STEAM knowledge to design and build a blizzard proof structure out of marshmallows and toothpicks.



Scorch Art Gingerbread Friends

K-Saturday, December 14 • 10:00-10:45am

(8-12 years)

Create your own wooden gingerbread man decoration using scorch art! We'll draw our designs with scorch markers, then watch them burn into the wood. Paint it after to make your new friend even more unique! Dress to make a mess.

Welcome Winter

C-Wednesday, December 18 • 4:30-5:15pm

(8-12 years)

Welcome the season of winter with a sparkling mosaic sign perfect for decorating! Enjoy some seasonal stories while crafting.

Nature Pinch Pots

N-Saturday, December 21 • 10:00-10:45am

(8-12 years)

Come create nature inspired pinch pots using clay and dried flowers. Use it to hold trinkets and treasures or gift it to a loved one.

Clay Pot Penguins

K-Monday, December 30 • 3:00-3:45pm

(8-12 years)

As the weather gets colder, create your own adorable penguin from a terracotta pot to add a touch of winter whimsy to any room. Dress to make a mess.

Polar Bear Pond Clay Sculpture

C-Friday, December 27 • 11:00am-12:00pm

(9-12 years)

Join artist Doris Benter to create a cool looking clay polar bear playing on an icy pond with a penguin looking on.



Creation Station

C-Saturday, December 7 • 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 - Holiday Cards

N-Friday, December 13 • 3:00-7:00pm

(Families)

Join us in the Children's Room during these hours to create some extra special holiday cards. *No registration required.*

Rockin' New Year

C-Monday, December 30 • 11:15am-12:15pm

(Families)

Ring in 2025 at the Library! Join us to celebrate with crafts, games and snacks, then count down to noon and welcome the New Year!



DECEMBER BOOKMARK
CONTEST WINNER
TAYLOR S.
GRADE K
FORT SALONGA
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 **December** programs began on **Tuesday, November 12**. **January** program registration begins **Monday, December 9**. 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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Teen Take and Make - Candy Cane Candles

Create peppermint candles for the winter season. Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make these festive votives. *Kits will be available at the building of your choice beginning December 2 and must be picked up by December 13.*



Teen Take and Make - Gingerbread Houses

Nesconset Building

Create your very own gingerbread house using a variety of candies and icings. Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make this delicious holiday house. *Kits will be available at the Nesconset Building beginning December 10 and must be picked up by December 16.*

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, December 2 • 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.

Paint a Winter Scene

N-Wednesday, December 4 • 4:00-5:00pm

Join us as **Art Teacher Amy** shows us how to use watercolor paint and oil pastels to make a beautiful winter scene.

Winter Wood Décor

N-Thursday, December 5 • 3:45-4:45pm

Use wooden blocks to make snowmen and other winter related decorations.

Homemade Holidays

C-Saturday, December 7 • 3:00-4:00pm

Need a present for a friend or family member? Who doesn't like a homemade gift? Make and wrap your own holiday presents here at the Library!



Retro Game Time

N-Saturday, December 7 • 3:00-4:00pm

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

Hot Chocolate Hangout

K-Tuesday, December 10 • 7:00-8:00pm

It's cold outside! Come hang out at the Library with some friends and enjoy some hot chocolate. There will also be music, crafts and board games.



Mug Masterpieces

C-Wednesday, December 11 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join us learn how to infuse your own custom sublimation ink designs onto a ceramic mug, using the Cricut® Mug Press!

Teen Poetry for Well-Being

K-Thursday, December 12 • 4:00-5:00pm

This workshop, presented by the **Asian Youth Writing Alliance**, aims to help young writers express their emotions through poetry. Poetry can help us understand ourselves and our emotions on a deeper level as we write.

Monster of the Week

N-Saturday, December 14 • 2:00-4:30pm

Jump into the supernatural underbelly of our world with 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, December 18 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Wood Block Presents

C-Thursday, December 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join us as we turn wooden blocks into charming decorative presents for the season.

Winter Flowers

N-Saturday, December 21 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Let's celebrate the first day of winter and make a winter flower bouquet made out of sticks and cupcake liners.

Beat Saber Beatdown

N-Saturday, December 21 • 2:00-4:00pm

Slash music beats in a friendly competition at the Library. Join in the VR fun as we go head-to-head playing **Beat Saber**, while enjoying pizza and retro gaming.



Games and Goodies

C-Friday, December 27 • 3:30-4:30pm

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of board games and video games where you can challenge friends, show off your skills and enjoy tasty snacks.

Teen Paint Night

C-Monday, December 30 • 7:30-8:30pm

Paint a snowy masterpiece with step-by-step instructions from artist **Melissa O'Toole**.



ADULTS

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Volunteer Opportunities

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

Seed Sorting Volunteers

N-Wednesday, December 4 • 7:00-8:00pm

N-Thursday, December 12 • 4:00-5:00pm

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



Cards for Hospitalized Kids Volunteers

C-Wednesday, December 4 • 7:00-8:00pm

Make one-of-a-kind cards to brighten the day of a hospitalized child.

Book Buddies Volunteers

C-Monday, December 9 • 4:00-5:00pm

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

Robot Buddies Volunteers

K-Monday, December 9 • 4:00-5:00pm

Help a younger child code robots.

Library Decorating Volunteers

Monday, December 16 • 4:00-5:00pm

K-Make festive decorations that will adorn the Library this season.

Bookmark Volunteers

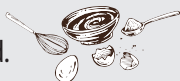
N-Tuesday, December 17 • 7:00-8:00pm

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.

Baking Buddies Volunteers

K-Wednesday, December 11 • 4:00-5:00pm

Help an elementary school student prepare a baked good.



Game Squad Volunteers

N-Monday, December 23 • 6:15-7:15pm

Put on your game face and team up and play with our younger patrons in oversized games and the Nintendo Switch™.

Uke Buddies Volunteers

N-Friday, December 27 • 11:15-12:15pm

Strum the night away and pair up with our young patrons to help them learn the beginner basics of the ukulele. A brief instructional overview will be given at the start of the program.

Game Buddies Volunteers

N-Friday, December 27 • 3:00-4:00pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.

Rockin' New Year Volunteers

C-Monday, December 30 • 11:00-12:30pm

Help the Children's Department ring in 2025 at the Library! Teens will assist younger children with crafts and games as we countdown to noon and welcome the **New Year!**

Coming Soon

Advanced Battle of the Books

A countywide competition for teens in grade 9 through grade 12 who like to read and compete. Meetings will run in person January-February 2025 with competition in early March.

Book titles are *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson and *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins.

For more information, email teens@smithlib.org.



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 - Holiday Putz Village

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to paint and decorate this traditional



holiday staple. A hot glue gun may be required to complete this project. *Online and in person registration begins on December 2 and ends on December 11. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning December 16. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

Take and Make - Gingerbread Houses for Adults

Take home a gingerbread house baked by



Fanny Cakes

bakery along with a variety

of candy and icing to decorate for some holiday fun! *Online and in person registration begins on December 5 and ends on December 16. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning December 19. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

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Take and Make - New Year's Trifle Dish

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create trifle dish to celebrate 2025. *Online and in person registration begins*



on December 2 and ends on December 11. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning December 16. When registering online, please indicate pick up building.

Take and Make - Fresh Mozzarella

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to make your own homemade fresh mozzarella, perfect for a holiday appetizer. You will need to supply one gallon of whole milk for this project.



Online and in person registration begins on December 11 and ends on December 20. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning December 23. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$5.00 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.*

Great Masters of the Italian Baroque - Bernini and Caravaggio

Tuesday, December 3 • 1:00-2:30pm

Following the High Renaissance of the sixteenth century, the Baroque period begins. **Sandra Palmer** focuses on two revolutionary and extraordinary artists, Bernini in sculpture and Caravaggio in painting.

House of the Red Hart - Holiday Songs

Saturday, December 7 • 1:30-2:30pm

This ensemble of eight performers will sing holiday favorites a cappella.



Commack Continued Barre(less) Barre

Mondays, December 9, 16 & 30 • 6:00-7:00pm

Join certified Barre instructor **Alana Bergen** for an energizing low-impact class that is designed to strengthen, tone and balance the entire body utilizing traditional barre movements without the barre. Barre class includes sculpting & toning exercises with an emphasis on the core, arms, glutes and thighs. Please bring a yoga mat to class. *Please note: there will be no class on December 23. Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, December 10 • 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.

Jane Austen 101

Tuesday, December 10 • 7:00-8:00pm

Have you always wanted to learn more about **Jane Austen**, but didn't know where to start? Join **Stephanie Reese** as she discusses the life of the author of *Pride and Prejudice* and see the legacy her writing has had on modern society. If you are already a fan, enjoy a night talking about one of your favorite authors.



Game Night

Thursday, December 12 • 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.*

Origins of Holiday Traditions

Friday, December 13 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join artist and professor **Chris Vivas** as he discusses the origins of many aspects of the most joyous time of year brought together from various cultures, religions and regions.

Commack Continued Meditation and Discussion

Tuesday, December 17 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join **Larry Price** from Kadampa Meditation Center for a guided meditation designed to help you discover tips for better meditation, through a daily practice. Discussion and Q&A will follow the meditation.

Building Credit and Debt Consolidation

Thursday, December 19 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Join **Jino Muckadackal** from M&T Bank as he discusses the importance of building credit and what to do when your debt gets hard to manage.

Defensive Driving

Friday, December 20 • 9:30am-4:30pm

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

Puzzle Palooza

Friday, December 27 • 1:00-2:30pm

Get ready for a puzzle competition! Break into teams of four and compete to finish a 300-piece puzzle in 90 minutes. The first team to finish the puzzle will receive a prize. Come by yourself or with friends.

Kings Park Game Day

Mondays • 12:30-2:30pm

Friday, December 13 • 11:00am-1:30pm

Friday, December 20 • 11:00am-1:30pm

Friday, December 27 • 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.*

Art Group

Tuesday, December 3 • 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.*

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

Kings Park Continued Anger Management

Friday, December 6 • 10:30-11:30am

Educators from YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support will discuss anger management and provide practical tips and strategies to help you maintain a peaceful environment and manage stress.



All Abilities Game Day

Monday, December 9 • 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 November 27.

Challenge Your Mind

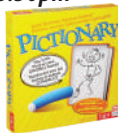
Tuesday, December 10 • 1:00-2:00pm

Give your brain a boost in this interactive activity where players will utilize their thinking, guessing and problem-solving skills. Participate in word games, fun facts and more with Rachelle Warren.

Pictionary Game Night

Wednesday, December 11 • 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

Wednesday, December 18 • 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.

Kings Park Continued Understanding and Preventing Elder Abuse

Wednesday, December 18 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Learn how to recognize the financial, physical and emotional signs of elder abuse and take action to protect yourself or a loved one with Uwe Ross and Haley Gordon of CarePatrol of East Long Island.

All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, December 19 • 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 November 27.



Bingo Night for Adults

Thursday, December 19 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

One-On-One Genealogy Research

Saturday, December 21 • 11:30am, 12:30pm OR 1:30pm

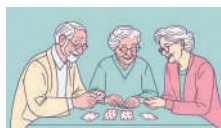
Having trouble with your family tree? Register for a one-hour session with genealogist April Earle for individual assistance in your genealogy research. This program occurs monthly; patrons may register for one session every six months.

Nesconset Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

Friday, December 6 • 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.



Nesconset Continued Intro to Woodworking

Monday, December 2 • 6:30-8:00pm

Learn the art of woodworking utilizing pocket holes and other joinery to create beautifully constructed furniture. No experience necessary. Bring your desire to learn and leave with a side table! Fee: \$20.00 per person.

Morning Bingo for Adults

Tuesday, December 3 • 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, December 3 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Financial Fraud

Wednesday, December 4 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Representatives from M&T Bank will discuss financial fraud and how to identify, prevent and combat the rise of fraud in today's world.

Chair Yoga

Thursdays, December 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, December 5 • 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.

ADULTS

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Nesconset Continued

Game Night

Thursday, December 5 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, December 26 • 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.*

Frosted Winter Welcome Sign

Monday, December 9 • 7:00-8:30pm

Welcome winter with us as we create an acrylic tabletop sign, using frosted vinyl seasonal elements. When registering, please include your family surname. *Fee: \$5.00 per person.*

Art Group

Tuesday, December 10 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, December 17 • 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 Puzzles

Tuesday, December 10 • 6:00-7:00pm

Create your own puzzles, the possibilities are endless! 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 November 27.*

All Abilities Gingerbread House

Thursday, December 12 • 10:00-11:00am

Decorate a delicious gingerbread house from **Fanny Cakes**.

Choose from a variety of candies and go home with your own decorated gingerbread house to share. Please note: This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies. 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 November 27.*



Nesconset Continued

Paint Night with Nicole

Thursday, December 12 • 7:00-8:30pm

Paint a festive snowman with step-by-step instructions from artist **Nicole Battaglia**. *Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



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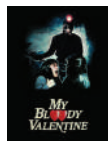
Saturday, December 14 • 11:30am-1:30pm

Learn the tools, features and settings included in the two most popular, easy-to-use and free photography editing applications, Snapseed and Lightleap. From overlays to healing, you learn it all with **Holly Hunt**.

Smithtown Underground's Haunted Holidays All-Nighter

Saturday, December 14 - Sunday, December 15 • 6:45pm-7:00am

Come celebrate a year's worth of holidays in a single night! Join us as we count down 2024 with seven "not so classic" holiday movies spanning the entire year. Popcorn, prizes and pizza at midnight! Raffles will be conducted throughout the night; you must be present to claim a prize. There will be no re-admittance into the building if you leave before the end of the program. This program is open to all adults as well as teens accompanied by an adult chaperone.



All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, December 18 • 9:30am-12:00pm

Dumbo

Rated PG; runtime 112 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 November 27.*

Mexican Holiday Dinner - Tamales

Wednesday, December 18 • 7:00-8:15pm

Join **Maria's Mexican Cooking** for a delightful cooking demonstration featuring a traditional dinner from the southern region of Mexico! Experience the vibrant flavors and rich cultural heritage as they guide you through the art of making tamales. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

Nesconset Continued

Begin the New Year with the Healing Power of Meditation

Monday, December 30 • 7:00-8:30pm

Meditation is an effective technique that helps to create more balance in our lives. Join **John Bednarik** to learn a simple meditation technique to reclaim your peace and incorporate more positivity and relaxation into your daily routine. Attendees will experience a powerful meditation technique and have their questions answered. This workshop will help you be better prepared to start the New Year with renewal and learn a fresh practice with a new approach.



A LETTER FROM THE
Director

Season's Greetings,

Each year during the holiday season, I like to thank all who help us give back to our community by contributing to one of our holiday collections highlighted on the front page of this newsletter.



It never fails to warm my heart to see our community come together in this way.

However, this year, I want to also express my sincerest gratitude to everyone who graciously donated directly to the Library after the catastrophic flooding at our Smithtown Building. Your donations will have a great impact as we continue to rebuild and restore what was lost.

On behalf of the Library Board and staff, I wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season and all good wishes for a happy and healthy 2025.

Robert Lusak

Robert Lusak
Library Director

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MOVIES at the Library

Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, December 5 • 1:30pm

Blinded by the Light

Rated PG-13; runtime 118 minutes.

• Thursday, December 12 • 1:30pm

Here Today

Rated PG-13; runtime 117 minutes.

• Thursday, December 19 • 1:30pm

Love Sarah

Rated NR; runtime 97 minutes

• Thursday, December 26 • 1:30pm

Little Miss Sunshine

Rated R; runtime 103 minutes



Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, December 6 • 2:15pm

Twisters

Rated PG-13; runtime 101 minutes.

• Friday, December 13 • 2:15pm

It Ends with Us

Rated PG-13; runtime 130 minutes.

• Friday, December 20 • 2:15pm

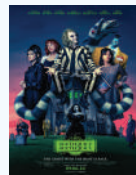
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice

Rated PG-13; runtime 104 minutes.

• Friday, December 27 • 2:15pm

Origins

Rated PG-13; runtime 140 minutes



Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, December 18 • 1:00pm

It Ends With Us

Rated PG-13; runtime 130 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, December 6 • 2:00pm

Thelma

Rated PG-13; runtime 98 minutes.

• Friday, December 13 • 2:00pm

Titanic: The Musical

Rated NR; runtime 145 minutes.

• Friday, December 20 • 2:00pm

Real Women Have Curves

Rated PG-13; runtime 90 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.

Commack

Commack Book Discussion Group*

Monday, December 9 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride.

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 10 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Kill for Me, Kill for You by Steve Cavanagh

Nesconset

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 2 • 10:30am-12:30pm

11/22/63 by Stephen King

Nesconset Continued

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group*

Wednesday, December 11 • 2:30-3:30pm

A Disappearance in Fiji by Nilima Rao

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Friday, December 13 • 11:30am-1:30pm

Eastbound by Maylis de Kerangal

Tea-rific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 17 • 2:00-3:00pm

The Matchmaker's Gift by Lynda Cohen Loigman

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Nesconset Continued

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

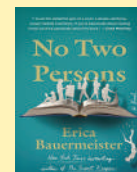
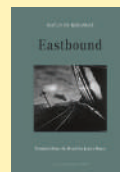
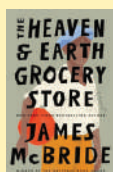
No Two Persons by Erica Bauermeister

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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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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(Sept-May)

Kings Park Building

1 Church Street
Kings Park, New York 11754
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FRIDAY 9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY 9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY CLOSED

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

148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, New York 11767
MONDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
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*The Library will be closed:
Tuesday, December 24 • Christmas Eve & Wednesday, December 25 • Christmas Day
Tuesday, December 31 • New Year's Eve & Wednesday, January 1 • New Year's 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

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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.

Nesconset

**Community Room
Art & Soul Studio-Master Artist Study**

The Homeschool Class at Art & Soul Studio has been studying different master artist's styles. They have been learning about Matisse, Picasso and a variety of other artists. This exhibit will display their artistic interpretation of these artists.



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, December 17 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the
Kings Park Building
The public is welcome.

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Program registration is on a first-come, first-served basis—a place in the program cannot be guaranteed. Dates, times, programs and locations are subject to change. All fees are non-refundable and non-transferable.



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.



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



The Library is glad to provide reasonable accommodations for patrons with special needs. Please call us two weeks prior to a program to make arrangements.



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