

January 2025



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Take Your Child to the Library Day Saturday, February 1



On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families. Take Your Child to the Library Day is the perfect time to discover some library magic. See what's happening in our Children's section. Enjoying playing instruments and singing songs, have fun making crafts and drinking cocoa, or win some LEGO®s! Look for these and other awesome adventures in our Children's section.



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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Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset
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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 Thursday, December 26, Kings Park on Friday, December 27, Nesconset on Tuesday, January 7**. 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-Saturday, January 11 • 10:30-11:00am
(Birth-11 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a program especially for babies. There will be songs, props and most of all, fun. No older siblings, please.



Baby Playground

K-Thursday, January 9 • 3:00-3:45pm
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Baby's First Storytime

N-Tuesday, January 28 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Introduce your little one to the Library for the first time. Enjoy simple songs, fingerplays and stories, just for baby. Stay and play afterwards and meet your neighbors.

Baby Band

K-Tuesday, January 21 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a morning of fingerplays, instruments, music and movement for even the littlest rockers.

Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Thursday, January 2 • 10:00-10:30am

C-Friday, January 10 • 11:00-11:30am

K-Saturday, January 18 • 10:30-11:00am

K-Friday, January 31 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Monday, January 13 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Wednesday, January 22 • 10:30-11:00am

N-Saturday, January 25 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Thursday, January 30 • 4:00-4:30pm
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Wonderful Ones

C-Thursday, January 9 • 10:00-10:45am

C-Monday, January 27 • 10:30-11:15am

K-Saturday, January 11 • 10:30-11:15am

N-Tuesday, January 14 • 10:30-11:15am
(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-Friday, January 31 • 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.

Rockin' Tots

K-Tuesday, January 7 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

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



Young at Art

K-Wednesday, January 22 • 10:00-10:30am

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

Explore and discover art with your toddler through hands-on activities and fine motor fun. Children will take home their own masterpieces. Dress to make a mess.



Toddler Music Makers

C-Wednesday, January 8 • 10:00-10:30am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for singing, dancing and imaginative play with musical props in this upbeat program.

Move and Groove

N-Thursday, January 16 • 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.

Tot Tunes

K-Wednesday, January 15 • 10:30-11:00am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and dancing in this musical program.

Time for Twos

C-Monday, January 13 • 2:30-3:15pm

C-Thursday, January 23 • 10:00-10:45am

K-Friday, January 24 • 11:00-11:45am

N-Wednesday, January 29 • 10:30-11:15am
(24-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy building social skills in a relaxed, friendly environment; includes free play, songs, stories and a craft.

Library Playdate

C-Friday, January 3 • 11:00-11:45am

N-Tuesday, January 21 • 10:30-11:15am
(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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Art Starts

C-Tuesday, January 7 • 11:00-11:45am

K-Thursday, January 2 • 11:00-11:45am

N-Friday, January 24 • 10:00-10:45am

(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.

The Snowy Day

N-Thursday, January 9 • 11:00-11:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us as we share the book *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and make a craft to go along with the story.

Jammin' with Miss Jessie

K-Tuesday, January 14 • 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.

Construction Zone

N-Friday, January 17 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Fine Motor Fun

C-Tuesday, January 28 • 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.

Snow Happy

N-Thursday, January 30 • 11:00-11:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a snowy storytime and chilly crafts all about snow and igloos.

Take Your Child to the Library Day Program

N-Saturday, February 1 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day!** Participate in a fun music class with stories, songs and hands-on instruments.



Fun with Play Dough

K-Friday, January 3 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy our play dough playsets and meeting new friends.

Relax-olotl

K-Wednesday, January 8 • 4:00-4:30pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Get mindful with exercises, a story and an axolotl craft.



Storytime Safari

N-Saturday, January 11 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Wild characters abound when you open a book. Treat your mind to an adventure with stories and an art project.

Winnie the Pooh Party

C-Thursday, January 16 • 4:30-5:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate **National Winnie the Pooh Day** with us! We'll read the classic story, play games and make Pooh party hats.



Preschool Dance Party

N-Friday, January 17 • 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.

Polar Bears

C-Saturday, January 18 • 11:00-11:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Come on down to the Library to learn about these amazing animals and create a very cute polar bear craft.

Stories & STEAM - Winter

N-Thursday, January 23 • 2:30-3:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Winter is here! Celebrate the chilly season with stories and STEAM activities. Dress to make a mess.

Twist and Shout

C-Friday, January 24 • 10:00-10:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Be prepared to move and groove in this interactive storytime.

Owl Aboard

C-Tuesday, January 21 • 11:00-11:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate winter as we read all about owls and make an owldorable craft. It will be a hoot!

Woodland Animals

K-Monday, January 27 • 11:00-11:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Read tales about nature and explore the forest with a craft.

Dress the Snowman

C-Tuesday, January 28 • 2:30-3:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Once Upon an Author

N-Friday, January 31 • 11:00-11:45am

(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.

Winter Sowing Seeds in Snow

N-Friday, January 10 • 6:30-7:15pm

(Families with children 3-12 years)

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where you'll learn how to grow beautiful plants outside during winter. By spring, your seeds will be sprouting into beautiful plants!



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Winter Wonderland Carnival

K-Saturday, February 1 • 11:00-11:45am OR 11:45am-12:30pm
(3-12 years with parent/caregiver)

Celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** and join us for seasonal fun, including games, crafts and cocoa! *Please register each child who will be attending.*



Little Craft Buddies

C-Wednesday, January 29 • 3:45-4:30pm
(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.

STEAM Buddies

K-Thursday, January 30 • 4:15-5:00pm
(4-7 years)

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

Out of this World

C-Wednesday, January 22 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-7 years)

Grab your space ship and fly right in for some alien fun! Make your own rocket creation to bring home.

Dragon Tales

N-Saturday, January 25 • 11:30am-12:15pm
(5-7 years)

Soar into storytime with daring dragons and creative crafts.



Indoor Snowball Fight

N-Saturday, February 1 • 2:30-3:15pm
(5-7 years)

Get ready for a flurry of fun with our indoor snowball fight, where we'll have a blast with storytime, crafting and a snowball toss - all without the cold!

Little Game Buddies

K-Tuesday, January 14 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

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

Cricut Crafts - Winter Stencil Art

N-Wednesday, January 22 • 5:00-5:45pm
(5-10 years)

Warm up at the Library and create a stencil art masterpiece 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.*

Chess and Checkers Buddies

C-Tuesday, January 21 • 4:15-5:00pm
(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.

LEGO® League

C-Friday, January 24 • 4:30-5:15pm
N-Wednesday, January 29 • 3:00-3:45pm
(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.

Snowflake Salt Painting

C-Saturday, January 4 • 11:00-11:45am
(6-10 years)

Create a one-of-a-kind snowflake using salt, glue and paint! Dress to make a mess.

Paper Bag Notebooks

C-Thursday, January 30 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-10 years)

Get crafty and upcycle a paper bag into the coolest notebook in class! Using everyday supplies, turn a regular brown paper bag into a notebook complete with a folder pocket and other embellishments.

Art Like Alma

N-Monday, February 3 • 4:30-5:30pm
(6-10 years)

Learn about **Alma Thomas** and her impact on African American art and culture. Create an art piece inspired by Alma's abstract work to place on display for the month of February.

Saturday Storytime

N-Saturday, January 18 • 10:30-11:15am
(6-12 years)

Join us for a Saturday morning filled with stories and a special art project.

Brain Twisters

K-Tuesday, January 21 • 5:00-5:45pm
(6-12 years)

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

Mixed Media Winter Birds

N-Friday, January 31 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-12 years)

Come in from the cold and enjoy creating a winter art project. We will be using different supplies to create winter bird paintings.



Scorch Art Snowmen

N-Saturday, January 11 • 2:30-3:15pm
(8-12 years)

Create your own wooden snowman 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 snowman even more unique! Dress to make a mess.

DIY Tumblers

N-Wednesday, January 15 • 5:00-5:45pm
(8-12 years)

Learn about the Cricut cutting machine and permanent vinyl while decorating your own tumbler cup with colorful decals.

Puffy Paint Window Clings

C-Thursday, January 23 • 4:30-5:15pm
(8-12 years)

Learn how to create your own window clings that are perfect for any time of the year. Dress to make a mess.



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Tween Tech

K-Saturday, January 25 • 11:00-11:45am

(8-12 years)

Explore and experiment with robots, coding, circuits and more.

Family Movie Matinee

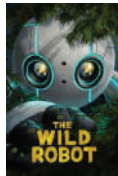
K-Thursday, January 2 • 3:00-4:45pm

(Families)

The Wild Robot

Rated PG; runtime 101 minutes.

Bring the family to the Library and enjoy a fun movie. A small snack will be served.



Creation Station

C-Saturday, January 4 • 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.*

Create and Celebrate - Lunar New Year

N-Friday, January 17 • 3:00-7:00pm

(Families)

Happy Year of the Snake! Stop by the Children's Room during these hours to learn about Lunar New Year traditions and celebrations with a variety of crafts and activities. *No registration required.*



Take Your Child to the Library Day

C-Saturday, February 1 • 10:00am-3:00pm

(Families)

Celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day with a fun guessing jar! Guess how many LEGOs are in the jar for a chance to win a mini LEGO building kit!



**JANUARY BOOKMARK
CONTEST WINNER**

**LUCILLE B.
GRADE 2**

**FORT SALONGA
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **January** programs began on **Monday, December 9**. **February** program registration begins **Monday, January 13**. 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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Advanced Battle of the Books

C-Wednesday, January 8 & February 26 • 4:00-5:00pm

N-Tuesday, January 14 & February 11 • 4:00-5:00pm

Advanced Battle of the Books is a countywide competition for teens in grades 9-12 who like to read and compete. This year's book titles are **A Good Girl's Guide to Murder** by Holly Jackson and **The Hunger Games** by Suzanne Collins. The competition will take place on **Saturday, March 1st** at **The Sachus Public Library**. Please plan to attend all 4 practice sessions.



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Teen Snowy Social

N-Friday, January 3 • 7:00-8:30pm

Stay warm and cozy this winter with an evening playing the Nintendo® Switch, eating pizza, competing in board games and enjoying hot cocoa.

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, January 6 • 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.

Book Folding Art

C-Thursday, January 9 • 7:00-8:00pm

Design a 3-dimensional work of art using a picture template and books!



DIY Phone Sockets

N-Tuesday, January 14 • 7:00-8:00pm

Decorate unique socket grips to make your phone stand out.

Boho Button Embroidery Hoop Clock

C-Wednesday, January 15 • 7:00-8:30pm

Get creative with an embroidery hoop as you learn basic sewing skills and create a working clock adorned with colorful wooden buttons.



Winter Pine Cone Planter

K-Thursday, January 16 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create a nature inspired planter for the winter season.

Monster of the Week

N-Friday, January 17 • 6:00-8:30pm

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.

DIY Journals

K-Tuesday, January 21 • 7:00-8:00pm

Make your own custom journal with craft supplies and keep track of all of the exciting things in the new year.

Valentine's Day Vase

N-Wednesday, January 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create a pretty, decoupage glass vase for Valentine's Day.



Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, January 22 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Mystery Crafternoon

N-Friday, January 24 • 4:00-5:00pm

What could it be? It's a mystery! Join in the fun as we craft and create surprise projects.

Clay Magnets

K-Tuesday, January 28 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create your own polymer clay magnets. Make them simple, trendy or quirky!

Macramé Gnomes

N-Wednesday, January 29 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn the basics of macramé and create adorable gnomes perfect for a Valentine's Day garland.



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

Bookmark Volunteers

N-Saturday, January 4 • 3:00-4:00pm

K-Monday, January 13 • 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.



Decorate to Donate Volunteers

C-Monday, January 6 • 4:30-5:30pm

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

Community Warmth Kits Volunteers

K-Tuesday, January 7 • 7:00-8:00pm

Assemble warmth kits that will go to local shelters and community organizations.

GlamourGals Volunteers

N-Saturday, January 11 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Join us for an informational meeting about GlamourGals. Each chapter is led by an all-volunteer leadership team that engages directly with senior centers and schedules activities in their local community. Our GlamourGals club will be meeting at local senior centers on Sunday, January 12 & 26 from 3:00-5:00pm. More details to follow.



Game Buddies Volunteers

K-Tuesday, January 14 • 4:00-5:00pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.

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Seed Sorting Volunteers

N-Wednesday, January 15 • 7:00-8:00pm

K-Thursday, January 23 • 4:00-5:00pm

C-Monday, January 27 • 4:30-5:30pm

N-Tuesday, January 28 • 7:00-8:00pm

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



Chess and Checkers Buddies Volunteers

C-Tuesday, January 21 • 4:00-5:00pm

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.

Craft Buddies Volunteers

C-Wednesday, January 29 • 3:30-4:30pm

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

STEAM Buddies Volunteers

K-Thursday, January 30 • 4:00-5:00pm

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



Teen Volunteer Opportunity in a Box

Can't fit our volunteer opportunities into your schedule? The Smithtown Library now offers one-hour volunteer sessions by appointment! Teens can spend time at the Library working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community.

Teens may schedule up to two time slots per month. For more information or to schedule a session, contact any Reference Desk.



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Take and Make - Snowman Vase

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create this cute winter decoration. *Online and in person registration begins on January 2 and ends on January 16. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning January 21. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$6.00 per person.*



Take and Make - Framed Heart Sign

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create this Valentine's Day sign. *Online and in person registration begins on January 10 and ends on January 24. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning January 27. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



Commack

Game Day

Wednesdays • 12:00-2:30pm

Friday, January 24 • 11:00am-1:30pm

Friday, January 31 • 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.*

Paint it Forward

Friday, January 3 • 3:00-4:00pm

Learn about the importance of mental health awareness, checking in and the impact of compassion and empathy on our mindset. Understand what mental check-ins are and become more aware of how small acts of kindness can create more positive and uplifting mental health outcomes by creating pieces of art that will be "paid forward". Presented by YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support.



One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, January 7 • 12:15pm, 1:00pm, 1:45pm OR 2:30pm

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

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, January 7 • 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 December 26.*

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Commack Continued

Setting Boundaries for Positive Mental Health

Friday, January 10 • 1:00-2:00pm

Jasmine Lucas from the Association for Mental Health and Wellness explores the different types of boundaries and how



to create personal and professional boundaries. This presentation dives into the many benefits of setting boundaries and how the lack of boundaries contributes to burnout.

Frozen Feathers - Winter Birds of Long Island

Saturday, January 11 • 1:00-2:00pm

Did you know that Long Island has almost as many birds in winter as in summer? Using photos and interesting, fun facts, Dianne Taggart, long-time Long Island birder, will tell us all about the Long Island birds of winter.



First Aid for Opioid Overdoses

Monday, January 13 • 6:30-8:30pm

Volunteers from the **Commack Volunteer Ambulance Corps** will teach you what to do in case of an opioid overdose. Everyone who attends will leave with a certificate card and NARCAN®.

Art Group

Tuesday, January 14 • 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.*

Commack Continued

The Three B's - Bob, Beatles and the Byrds - The Creation of Folk Rock

Tuesday, January 14 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join **Keith Crocker** as he traces the creation of the folk-rock movement by analyzing the influence of Bob Dylan on the Beatles and the Beatles' effect on the electronic sound of the Byrds. Dylan's introspective lyrics brought a mature subject matter to the forefront of the Beatles' writing, yet the Beatles' twangy guitar sound bounced back to the United States and gave an electrical undercurrent to the folk-fused music of the Byrds. Trace the power of inspiration via lyrical analysis and clips of each artist in action.



Game Night

Thursday, January 16 • 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.*

Veterans Benefits Assistance

Tuesday, January 21 • 12:30-3:30pm

A representative from **Disabled American Veterans** (DAV) will be available to assist veterans submit disability claims and widows/widowers of deceased veterans apply for benefits. Please bring DD214s and any other relevant service documents. *No registration required.*

Discover Your Focus Word for 2025

Tuesday, January 21 • 7:00-8:00pm

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



Commack Continued

Tortellini in Brodo with Judy's Cucina

Tuesday, January 28 • 6:30-8:30pm

Four cheese tortellini are the star of this traditional Italian soup that has origins in Emilia Romagna. Learn how to make these delicious and delicate cheese-filled pasta and enjoy a demonstration on how to make this comforting soup and try a tasty sample. Please bring a large mixing bowl, small mixing bowl, rubber spatula and cutting board. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



Kings Park Art Group

Tuesday, January 7 • 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.*

New Year, New Plan - Estate Planning Essentials for 2025

Wednesday, January 8 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Start 2025 off right with a resolution you can complete! Join **Brittni Sullivan** from Burner Prudenti Law to discuss the basic estate planning documents that everyone should have in place, including wills, advance directives and more. We will also discuss new changes in 2025 that could impact your estate plan and provide insight into whether you should be revisiting your existing plan under the current administration.

Game Day

Mondays • 12:30-2:30pm

Friday, January 10 • 11:00am-1:30pm

Friday, January 17 • 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.*

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Kings Park Continued

All Abilities Game Day

Thursday, January 9 • 10:00-11:00am

Join us in playing some fun games. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on December 26.*



Tai Chi

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 1:00-2:00pm

Join **Peter Landini** as he leads you in Tai Chi, a form of exercise that will help improve balance and coordination, reduce stress and calm the mind as you learn to move slowly and continuously through a series of gentle postures. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Game Night

Thursday, January 9 • 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.*

Puzzlepalooza - Lunar New Year Edition

Thursday, January 16 • 3:00-5:00pm

Get ready for a puzzle competition! Break into teams and compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle in 2 hours. The first team to finish the puzzle will receive a prize. Come by yourself or with friends.

Meditation and Discussion

Thursday, January 23 • 7:00-8:00pm

Are you looking to start meditating or improve your current meditation? 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.



Kings Park Continued

All Abilities Snowman

Thursday, January 30 • 10:00-11:00am

Paint a cute snowman so you can bring this chilly friend inside. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on December 26.*

Nesconset

Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

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

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, January 2 • 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, January 2 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, January 30 • 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.*

Dance Fitness

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3 • 7:00-8:00pm

Dance to get fit with **Anmarie Rigoroso**. *Please note: there will be no class on January 20. Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Morning Bingo for Adults

Monday, January 7 • 10:00-11:30am

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

Nesconset Continued

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, January 7 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Defensive Driving

Wednesday, January 8 • 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.*



Seashell Hummingbird Wall Art

Wednesday, January 8 • 6:30-8:00pm

Experience the joy of sand and seashell art with award-winning mix-media artist **Anna Chan**. Following her step-by-step instructions, you will create a beautiful hummingbird using multi-colored seashells and air dry sand. No prior experience is necessary, but you must be comfortable handling small objects. *Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



Health Literacy - Be Prepared

Thursday, January 14 • 1:00-2:00pm

According to the CDC, nearly nine out of 10 adults in the United States struggle with health literacy. Join health educators from **Stony Brook Cancer Center** to learn how to improve your ability to find, understand and use information and services to make well-informed health-related decisions.

ADULTS

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Nesconset Continued

All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, January 15 • 9:30am-12:00pm

Inside Out 2

Rated PG; runtime 96 minutes.

Join us for our sensory friendly movie. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. Registration begins on December 26.



Art Group

Tuesday, January 21 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, January 28 • 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.



Nesconset Continued

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Wednesday, January 22 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Visit the traveling community outreach bus in our parking lot courtesy of Catholic Health Services. This outreach program provides free blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings along with patient education and referrals as needed; first come, first served. No registration required.

All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, January 23 • 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 required, registration begins on December 26.



Bingo Night for Adults

Friday, January 24 • 7:00-8:30pm

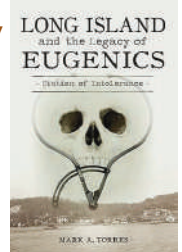
Join us for an evening of action-packed Bingo excitement. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

Nesconset Continued

Long Island and the Legacy of Eugenics

Saturday, January 25 • 1:00-2:00pm

Mark Torres, author of *Long Island and the Legacy of Eugenics: Station of Intolerance* will discuss the dark history of the eugenics program developed by the Eugenics Record Office in Cold Spring Harbor, New York during the early 20th century which spread throughout the nation and the world. Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Introduction to Zentangle

Friday, January 31 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn this meditative style of line drawing, one stroke at a time. Aimee Saccio will walk you through creating your very own Zentangle tile. No experience required. All materials will be supplied.



Bus Trip - Philadelphia Flower Show

Tuesday, March 4

Depart Kings Park Building 8:00am

Depart Philadelphia 4:30pm

Step into the Future of Gardening at the 2025 Philadelphia Flower Show! Gardens of Tomorrow invites you to explore the future through the eyes of visionary designers, expert gardeners and passionate green enthusiasts as they merge nature's brilliance with human ingenuity. Enjoy lunch on your own at the Flower Show or at the Reading Terminal Market. Meet at the Kings Park Building parking lot at 7:45am to board the bus. We will depart the Flower Show at 4:30pm to return home. Registration begins on January 2 for Smithtown Library cardholders. Registration for non-Smithtown Library cardholders begins on January 13. Fee: \$95.00 per person includes ticket to show, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.



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Movies at the Library



Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, January 2 • 1:30pm

The Throwback

Rated NR; runtime 102 minutes.

• Thursday, January 9 • 1:30pm

Twisters

Rated PG-13; runtime 123 minutes.

• Thursday, January 16 • 1:30pm

It Ends With Us

Rated PG-13; runtime 130 minutes.

• Thursday, January 23 • 1:30pm

The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare

Rated R; runtime 120 minutes.

• Thursday, January 30 • 1:30pm

The Upside

Rated PG-13; runtime 127 minutes.

Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, January 3 • 2:15pm

Out Come the Wolves

Rated R; runtime 87 minutes.

• Friday, January 10 • 2:15pm

The Critic

Rated NR; runtime 101 minutes.

• Friday, January 17 • 2:15pm

White Bird

Rated PG-13; runtime 121 minutes.

• Friday, January 24 • 2:15pm

Joker: Folie A Deux

Rated R; runtime 138 minutes.

• Friday, January 31 • 2:15pm

Between the Temples

Rated R; runtime 111 minutes.

Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, January 15 • 1:00pm

White Bird

Rated PG-13; runtime 121 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, January 3 • 2:00pm

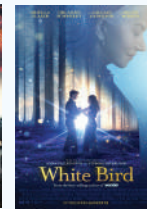
It Ends with Us

Rated PG-13; runtime 130 minutes.

• Friday, January 10 • 2:00pm

Twisters

Rated PG-13; runtime 123 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, January 13 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Spectacular by Fiona Davis

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 14 • 11:00am-12:00pm

How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin

Nesconset

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 6 • 10:30am-12:30pm

The Eagles of Heart Mountain: A True Story of Football, Incarceration, and Resistance in World War II America by Bradford Pearson

Nesconset Continued

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 8 • 2:30-3:30pm

City Under One Roof by Iris Yamashita

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 16 • 10:45am-12:45pm

The Hunter by Tana French

Historical Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 23 • 2:30-3:30pm

The Disappearing Spoon: And Other True Tales of Madness, Love, and the History of the World from the Periodic Table of the Elements by Sam Kean

Nesconset Continued

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 23 • 7:00-8:00pm

This Time Next Year by Sophie Cousens

Tea-rific Reads Book Discussion Group

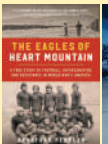
Tuesday, January 28 • 2:00-3:00pm

The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

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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available online!



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Smithtown Building
Long Island Room**

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Smithtown, New York 11787
MONDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
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
MONDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
WEDNESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
THURSDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
FRIDAY 9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY 9:30am-5:00pm
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(Sept-May)

Kings Park Building

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

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

148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, New York 11767
MONDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
WEDNESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
THURSDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
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*The Library will be closed:
Tuesday, December 31 • New Year's Eve & Tuesday, January 1 • New Year's Day
Sunday & Monday, January 19 & 20 • Martin Luther King Day*

In Exhibit

*Do you have an exhibit you
would like to share with
your community?
We would love to
hear from you.
Please call:
Gina Ferreira
(631) 360-2480 ext. 235*

**Kings Park
Community Room
Tim Votapka**

Landscape, floral, waterfront, field and forest photography.

**Nesconset
Display Case
Judy Wadsworth**

Get ready for winter with Judy's collection of snowmen.



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 21 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the
Nesconset Building
The public is welcome.

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