

December 2023



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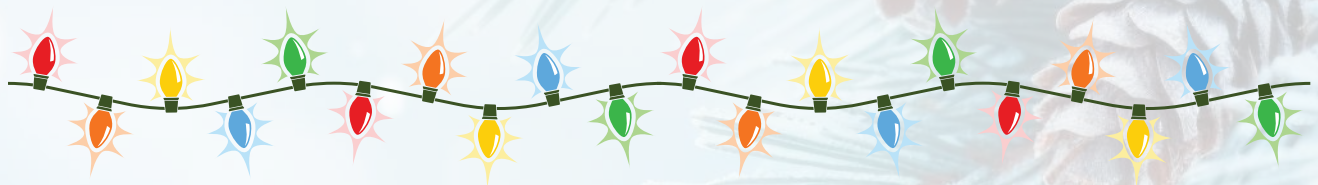
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Holiday Tree Lighting

Friday, December 1 • 6:00-7:30pm

Smithtown 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.*



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.



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 four buildings. Your generous donation must be received by Saturday, December 9.



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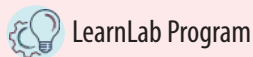
CHILDREN

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Children's Program Registration Information

In person, online and telephone registration begins at 9:30am for **Commack on Wednesday, November 29, Kings Park on Friday, November 24, Nesconset on Tuesday, December 5 and Smithtown on Monday, November 27.** 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.

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Baby Playground

C-Wednesday, December 13 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy free-play and language-based activities with other babies in a relaxed, friendly environment.

Baby Band

K-Saturday, December 9 • 10:30-11:00am
(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-Monday, December 18 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Saturday, December 23 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Friday, December 1 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Saturday, December 16 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Tuesday, January 2 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Saturday, December 9 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Tuesday, December 19 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Monday, December 4 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Thursday, December 14 • 4:00-4:30pm
S-Tuesday, December 19 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Wednesday, December 27 • 10:00-10:30am
S-Saturday, December 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-Tuesday, December 26 • 11:00-11:45am
K-Monday, December 11 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Friday, December 8 • 11:00-11:45am
S-Monday, December 11 • 10:00-10:45am
S-Thursday, December 21 • 4:00-4:45pm
(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 11 • 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 for Tots

S-Wednesday, December 20 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)
Bring your little walker or crawler to the Library for some colorful parachute fun! There will be movement, music and bubbles.

Rockin' Tots

K-Wednesday, December 27 • 10:30-11:00am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)
Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing in an engaging and social atmosphere.

Time for Twos

C-Monday, December 4 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Tuesday, December 12 • 3:00-3:45pm
N-Friday, December 22 • 11:00-11:45am
S-Thursday, December 7 • 10:00-10:45am
(24-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy building social skills in a relaxed, friendly environment; includes free play, songs, stories and a craft.

Things That Go

C-Friday, December 1 • 10:30-11:00am
(2-3 years with parent/caregiver)
Trains and planes and trucks, oh my! Have fun playing with all types of vehicles that go!

S is for Snowman

C-Thursday, December 14 • 11:00-11:30am
(2-3 years with parent/caregiver)
Listen to some silly snowman stories and create a fun snowman craft.

Art Starts

S-Tuesday, December 5 • 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.

Warm and Cozy Storytime

N-Friday, December 8 • 2:30-3:15pm
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Snuggle up, wear your pajamas and join us for stories and crafts to celebrate winter and all things cozy. Bring your favorite blanket or stuffed animal.



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Stuffed Animal Storytime

K-Monday, December 11 • 7:00-7:30pm

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Cuddle up with your favorite stuffed animal while listening to stories about other stuffie friends! We'll also make an adorable craft.

Snow Much Fun

S-Tuesday, December 12 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Come in from the cold to celebrate winter with a variety of crafts. Dress to make a mess.

Snow Happy

N-Tuesday, December 12 • 11:00-11:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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



Dinosaur Build and Storytime

S-Wednesday, December 13 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Construction Zone

K-Friday, December 15 • 10:30-11:15am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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



Create and Play

S-Friday, December 22 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us in our Children's Craft Room to play, meet other families and create a cute craft.

Family Gingerbread House Decorating

C-Saturday, December 16 • 11:00am-12:00pm

S-Friday, December 8 • 6:15-7:15pm OR

7:30-8:30pm

(Families with children ages 2-12 years)

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.*



Terrific Threes

K-Wednesday, December 20 • 3:00-3:45pm

(36-47 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy free play, stories, crafts and circle time.

Lil' Athletes - Multi Sports Fun

C-Tuesday, December 5 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Lil' Athletes will be here to teach us some basic soccer and baseball skills.

December Holidays

K-Friday, December 8 • 11:00-11:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Read stories about different December holidays and create a seasonal craft.

I'm the Gingerbread Man

C-Tuesday, December 12 • 3:30-4:00pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

You can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man.

Enjoy gingerbread man stories and then have fun decorating your own special gingerbread man craft.

Mini Makers

K-Wednesday, December 13 • 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.

Preschool Dance Party

N-Friday, December 15 • 2:30-3:00pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Move and groove to the beat. Put on your dancing shoes for an afternoon of music and movement fun.

Storytime Safari

N-Saturday, December 16 • 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.

Let It Snow

C-Saturday, December 16 • 3:30-4:00pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Brrrr! Stay warm inside while we read winter stories and make a snowy craft. Dress to make a mess.

Read, Sing and Play

C-Tuesday, December 19 • 3:00-3:30pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

All Aboard at the Library

K-Friday, December 22 • 10:30-11:15am

(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.

Winter Playdate

S-Saturday, December 23 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a winter celebration

to celebrate the New Year ahead.



Noon Year's Eve

N-Friday, December 29 • 11:15-12:00pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

P. Bear cordially invites you to his Noon Year's Eve Party! Join us for a reading of *P. Bear's New Year's Party* by Paul Owens Lewis, create a festive party hat and celebrate as we count down to noon and welcome the New Year.



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Storytime Surprise

K-Tuesday, January 2 • 3:00-3:30pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Wildlife Winter Ornaments

S-Saturday, December 16 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-7 years with parent/caregiver)

Trim your outdoor tree in festive and delicious decor for the winter solstice.



Join us as we create colorful garlands which help feed the wildlife in your own backyard.

Sensory Sandbox

K-Tuesday, December 26 • 11:00-11:45am
(4-6 years with parent/caregiver)

Love play dough? Try building masterpieces with kinetic sand!

Little Book Buddies

C-Wednesday, December 6 • 4:15-5:00pm
K-Monday, December 18 • 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.

Read, White and Blue

N-Friday, December 8 • 4:30-5:15pm
S-Monday, December 11 • 6:30-7:15pm
(5-7 years old)

Join Suffolk County Comptroller John and Legislator Leslie Kennedy for stories and a patriotic craft.

Snowy Day Collage Art

N-Tuesday, December 26 • 11:00-11:45am
(5-7 years)

Listen to *The Snowy Day* by Ezra Jack Keats and make a wonderful work of collage art based on the story. Dress to make a mess.

Natural Art

S-Thursday, December 28 • 3:00-3:45pm
(5-7 years)

There's snow place like the Library. Gather for stories and create an eclectic piece of decorative art using finds from the forest. Dress to make a mess.

Igloo Engineering Challenge

S-Friday, December 29 • 3:00-3:30pm
(5-7 years)

Learn about how igloos are built, then make your own from marshmallows and toothpicks.

Snowy Snacks

K-Thursday, December 7 • 3:00-3:45pm
(5-9 years)

Enjoy winter stories while we make delicious treats.

Winter Wonderland

K-Friday, December 29 • 11:00-11:45am
(5-9 years)

Get creative as we make winter-themed crafts using a variety of supplies. Dress to make a mess.

LEGO® League

S-Wednesday, December 13 • 5:00-5:45pm
S-Saturday, December 23 • 3:00-3:45pm
S-Friday, December 29 • 7:00-7:45pm
(5-10 years)

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

Cricut Crafts - Build Your Own Snowman

S-Friday, December 29 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-10 years)

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



Make It Monday

S-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm
(5-12 years)

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

Yeti Storytime

C-Monday, December 4 • 4:15-4:45pm
(6-8 years)

Join us for some silly yeti stories and fun crafts.

Slime Buddies

K-Thursday, December 14 • 4:15-5:00pm
(6-9 years)

Work with a teen buddy to make your own winter wonderland slime.

DIY Holiday Gifts

N-Saturday, December 16 • 11:45am-12:30pm
(6-12 years)

Create beautiful gifts for someone you love. We will even help you wrap them.



Gingerbread Jam

S-Tuesday, December 26 • 3:00-3:45pm
(6-12 years old)

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

Library Mystery Room

K-Thursday, December 28 • 3:00-3:45pm
(6-12 years)

Help solve a mystery at the Library. Work together as a group to find clues, solve puzzles and win prizes! A small snack will be served.

DIY Dollhouse Dolls

K-Saturday, December 2 • 3:00-3:45pm
(7-12 years)

Make your own wooden dollhouse dolls inspired by the ones at the Library! Dress to make a mess.

3D Printed Ornaments

S-Thursday, December 14 • 5:00-5:45pm
(7-12 years)

Join us in our LearnLab to learn the basics of 3D printing and design in this hands-on workshop! We'll learn how 3D printers work and how to create 3D designs, then we'll use what we learned to make some extra special ornaments.

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Ceramic Gingerbread Houses

N-Friday, December 22 • 4:30-5:30pm
(7-12 years)

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



DIY Buttons



S-Tuesday, December 26 • 10:00-10:45am
(7-12 years)

Get creative and design your own personalized pin-back buttons in the LearnLab!

Laser Engraved Ornaments



S-Thursday, December 7 • 5:00-5:45pm
(8-12 years)

Visit the LearnLab to design a custom ornament this holiday season! We'll learn the basics of laser engraving and do a live demonstration with the Glowforge.

Puzzle Showdown



S-Wednesday, December 27 • 3:00-3:45pm
(8-12 years)

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

Kick Like a Whisperette

S-Saturday, December 9 • 10:00-11:30am
(9-12 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.



Winter Fun

C-Friday, December 29 • 10:30-11:15am
(9-12 years)

Use your imagination while decorating a glass jar to look like a snowman or by creating a beautiful winter scene. Dress to make a mess.

Creation Station

C-Saturday, December 2 • 10:00am-3:00pm

K-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

S-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm
(Families)

Are you looking for something to do on Saturday? Come to the Library during these hours and complete some cool crafts. *No registration required.*

Cricut Cards - Holiday Cards

S-Friday, December 15 • 3:00-7:00pm
(Families)

Join us in the Children's Craft Room during these hours to create some extra special holiday cards, prepared with technology from our LearnLab! *No registration required.*

Family Movie Night

S-Friday, December 22 • 6:00-7:45pm
(Families)

Abominable

Rated PG; runtime 97 minutes.

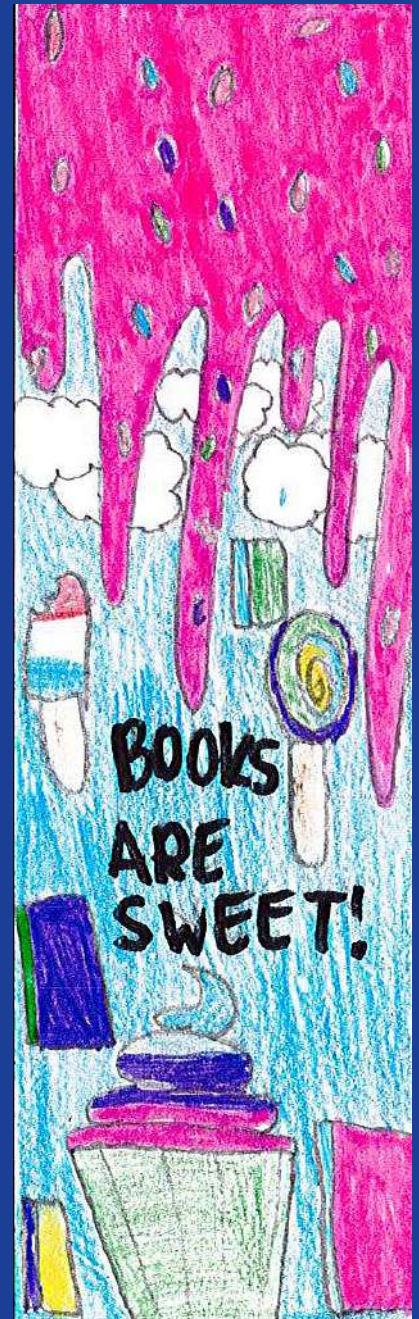
Watch our family-oriented feature film on the big screen.



Rockin' New Year

S-Thursday, December 28 • 11:15am-12:15pm
(Families)

Ring in 2024 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
Mila R.
GRADE 4
FOREST BROOK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

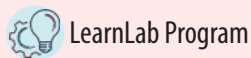
TEEN SCENE

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Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **December** programs began on **Monday, November 13**. **January** program registration begins **Monday, December 11**. 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 - Hot Cocoa Bombs Kings Park Building

Hot cocoa is the perfect treat on any chilly day. Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make these explosively delicious delights.



Kits will be available at the Kings Park Building beginning December 1 and must be picked up by December 15.

Teen Crafternoon

N-Saturday, December 9 • 2:30-3:30pm

Help us make room for 2024 by cleaning out and creating with our extra craft supplies!

Maker Monday

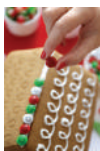
C-Monday, December 11 • 4:30-5:30pm

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

Gingerbread Houses for Teens

S-Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join in the fun as you create your very own gingerbread house using a variety of candies and icings.



Anime and Manga Club

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

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

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, December 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.

Snow Cones

N-Tuesday, December 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

Use sweet ingredients to make cake cones that resemble snow people.

Quality Time Cricut Creations



S-Wednesday, December 20 • 7:00-8:30pm

Teens grab your grown-up and meet us in the LearnLab! We will be working together to create monogrammed tassel keychains that you can customize for yourself, or give as a gift this holiday season. You do not need to register a parent for this program.

Winter Painting Workshop

N-Thursday, December 21 • 5:30-6:30pm

Join Art Teacher Amy as we paint a snowy cardinal piece for the first day of winter.

Teen Sketch and Stretch

S-Wednesday, December 27 • 6:30-7:30pm

Sketch and Stretch offers a unique program that combines art and yoga for teens. The program begins with yoga for focus and is followed by an art lesson. Each participant will leave with a completed mini canvas painting. Yoga mats will be provided.

Faux Stained Glass Art

C-Wednesday, December 27 • 7:00-8:00pm

Local artist Melissa Krummeck will show you how to make a beautiful piece of art that looks like stained glass.

Mosaic Votive

N-Thursday, December 28 • 3:00-4:00pm

Create a unique, mosaic luminary to light at night.

Wintertime Wooden Sign

S-Thursday, December 28 • 4:30-5:30pm

Baby its cold outside! Join Teresa, from Teresa's Spot for Art, as she works with you to create a fun wooden winter sign.

DIY New Year's Eve

N-Thursday, December 28 • 7:00-8:00pm

Get ready to ring in 2024! Join us as we make noisemakers and poppers to bring to your New Year's celebrations.

Shrinky Dink Shenanigans

C-Friday, December 29 • 3:30-4:30pm

Make some art and watch it shrink before your eyes into a magnet, keychain or necklace of your very own.

Teen Snowy Social

S-Friday, December 29 • 6:30-8:00pm

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

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

Cheer Cards Volunteers

K-Wednesday, December 6 • 4:00-5:00pm

Make colorful and compassionate cards for Send A Smile Today™.



Book Buddies Volunteers

C-Wednesday, December 6 • 4:00-5:00pm

K-Monday, December 18 • 4:00-5:00pm
Read to a younger book buddy. It is a rewarding experience that you won't want to miss.

Community Wash Kits

S-Wednesday, December 6 • 7:00-8:00pm

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

Teen Scene Decorating Volunteers

S-Friday, December 8 • 4:30-5:30pm

Help us decorate the Teen Scene for the winter season. We will paint beautiful window art using chalk paint and winter decorations. Dress to make a mess.

TEEN SCENE

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Bookmark Volunteers

K-Monday, December 11 • 4:00-5:00pm

N-Wednesday, December 20 • 6:30-7:30pm

Teen volunteers are needed to design and make bookmarks. Bookmarks will be sent to patrons who are enjoying the Library's Homebound Mail Service.

Slime Buddies Volunteers

K-Thursday, December 14 • 4:00-5:00pm

Work with a child to make some gooey winter wonderland slime.

Origami Art Volunteers

S-Tuesday, December 19 • 4:30-5:30pm

Create origami monster bookmarks to be handed out to children in our Library.

Seed Sorting Volunteers

N-Wednesday, December 27 • 2:30-3:30pm

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

Decorate to Donate Volunteers

C-Wednesday, December 27 • 3:30-4:30pm

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

Rockin' New Year Volunteers

S-Thursday, December 28 • 11:00-12:30pm

Help the Children's Department ring in 2024 at the Library! Teens will assist younger children with crafts and games as we countdown to noon and welcome the **New Year!**



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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LearnLab Program

Take and Make - Joy Embroidery Hoop

Take home a bag filled with the supplies

needed to create a festive hanging perfect for the holiday season. A hot glue gun is necessary to complete this

project. *Online and in person registration begins on December 1 and ends on December 12. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning December 15. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



Take and Make - Mango Habanero Hot Sauce

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed create two bottles

of your own sweet and very spicy hot sauce- keep one for yourself and give one away as a gift! *Online and in person registration begins on December 4 and ends on December 18. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice December 22. 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 6 and ends on December 13. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice December 18. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Limit one house per family. Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



Take and Make - Winter Pillow

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to stencil and design a decorative throw pillow. *Online and in person registration begins on December 15 and ends on December 29. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice January 4. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$10.00 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.*

Managing Money - A Caregiver's Guide to Finances

Monday, December 4 • 1:00-2:00pm

This interactive program offers information about how caregiving impacts finances, preparing for discussions about finances and steps to lower chances of financial abuse. You will also learn about legal and financial documents that should be put in place. Presented by the Alzheimer's Association of Long Island.

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Commack Continued

Natural Ways to Boost Your Immune System

Tuesday, December 5 • 1:00-2:00pm

Learn the top 5 ways to boost your immune system during this cold season.

Dr. Tania Williams will cover everything you need to do to make sure you stay healthy this winter, including the best nutrition and what you need to do to build up your immune system.



Chairobics and Strength

Fridays, December 8, 15 & 22 • 3:00-3:45pm

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.

Job Search Tips and Tricks

Monday, December 11 • 7:00-8:30pm

Need help with your job search? Do you ever wonder what hiring managers want? Join our career coach, Richard Gluck, for a lively discussion about ways to improve your job search results.

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, December 12 • 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.

Color in Art Part II

Tuesday, December 19 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join Chris Vivas as he delves further beyond the rainbow, exploring the history of colors, psychological use in art and color as symbolism.



We will discuss more artworks and the use of color in this continuing and exciting lecture!

Commack Continued

All Abilities Game Day

Thursday, December 21 • 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 November 29.

Smart DriverTek

Friday, December 29 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join a representative from AARP to learn how to utilize the latest high-tech safety features in your current car or future car, including blind spot warning, forward collision warning, lane departure and more.

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.

One-on-One Genealogy Research

Saturday, December 2 • 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 will occur monthly; patrons may register for one session every six months.

Navigating Long-Term Care - Demystifying the Medicaid Application Process

Thursday, December 7 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Navigating the intricacies of Medicaid can be daunting, whether you are seeking coverage or a caregiver advocating for a loved one. Cheryl Fratello, Esq and Carrie Arias, Esq will provide clear insights into the application process, eligibility criteria, required documentation and strategies to protect assets. From understanding income and asset limits to exploring various Medicaid programs available, they will empower you with the tools you need to make informed decisions for yourself or your family.

Kings Park Continued

Holiday Sing-Along

Saturday, December 9 • 2:00-3:00pm

Warm up for the holidays! Sing and dance along to seasonal favorites with Mary Peck.



All Abilities Glow in the Dark Star Mobile

Tuesday, December 12 • 6:00-7:00pm

Create a mobile that will bring a bit of the night sky into your home. 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 29.

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Monday, 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.

Marie Curie's Life and Work

Wednesday, December 27 • 7:00-8:00pm

A scientist and early pioneer of radioactivity, Marie Curie was the first woman to win a Nobel Prize and the first person and only woman to win the Nobel twice. Curie is also still the only person awarded a Nobel Prize in two different sciences: Physics (1903), which she shared with her husband Pierre Curie and Antoine Henri Becquerel and Chemistry (1911), for the discovery of polonium and radium. Edward Sierra will offer an engaging and informative presentation on the life and work of this early pioneer of radioactivity.



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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.*

Holiday Porch Leaner

Monday, December 4 • 6:00-8:00pm

Get in the holiday spirit by decorating a porch leaner to decorate the front of your home this December. Please provide holiday desired on leaner upon registration. *Fee: \$20.00 per person.*



Morning Bingo for Adults

Tuesday, December 5 • 10:00-11:30am

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

All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, December 6 • 9:30am-12:00pm

Mulan

Rated PG-13; runtime 115 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 29.*



All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, December 7 • 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 29.*



Nesconset Continued

The Wonders of Central Park

Wednesday, December 6 • 7:00-8:30pm

In the early 1850's wealthy New York merchants and landowners admired the public grounds of London and Paris. They argued that New York needed a comparable facility to establish its international reputation. Find out how Central Park was created and recently restored to the beautiful place it is today. Explore the many destinations that comprise the park with **Sheila Taub**.



One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, December 7 • 10:30am, 11:15am, 12:00pm, 12:45pm, 1:30pm, 2:15pm OR 3:00pm

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New Beginnings for 50 Plus

Thursday, December 14 • 4:00-5:30pm

If you are a divorced or widowed single, aged 50 plus who would like a new beginning, come and be inspired to make new friends and learn new skills towards reinventing yourself. Social worker and life coach **Marla Matthews** will lead the discussion.

Nesconset Continued

All Abilities Gingerbread House

Friday, December 15 • 10:00-11:00am

Decorate a delicious gingerbread house from **Fanny Cakes**. You will have your choice of a variety of candies and go home with your own decorated gingerbread house to share. 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 29.*

The Dedications

Saturday, December 16 • 2:00-4:00pm

Join the Dedications for an afternoon of 50s and 60s harmony, rock and roll, ballads and classic rock.



Reducing Stress Through Meditation this Holiday Season

Monday, December 18 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join **John Bednarik** as he discusses the extraordinary effect of meditation on reducing stress-related responses, improving concentration and enhancing clarity of thought and mental equilibrium. He will also present a simple, time-tested, ancient and effective meditation technique. There will be a short meditation sitting after this engaging and lively lecture.

Smithtown

Art Group

Tuesdays • 12:00-2:15pm

Fulfill your passion for art. Bring your supplies and work on your current project while you share ideas and learn new techniques from others in a relaxed atmosphere. *No registration required.*

ADULTS

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Smithtown Continued

Game Night

Thursdays • 6:30-8:30pm

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

Game Day

Fridays • 11:00am-1:30pm

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On-Your-Own Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, December 2 • 8:15am

Enjoy a day in the city with reduced-rate tickets via the LIRR and the Library! Register for the trip by Wednesday, November 22 and then pick up your ticket(s) at the Smithtown Building starting Monday, November 27. On the day of the train trip, all patrons must meet a staff member at the Smithtown Train Station and leave on the 8:47am train. Everyone must be in the first car together and transfer at Huntington. You will arrive at Penn Station at 10:28am and must return home on any train prior to midnight. Registration begins two months prior to train trip date. Those under 5 ride free, those under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. If the minimum requirement of 30 registrants is not met, The Smithtown Library reserves the right to cancel the trip. *Fee: \$10.50 per person.*

Defensive Driving

Wednesday, December 6 • 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.*

Scallop Shell Ornament

Saturday, December 9 • 12:30-2:30pm

Join artist **Anna Chan** as she teaches you how to make a beautiful sand and shell ornament. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*



Smithtown Continued

Advanced Excel

Tuesday, December 12 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join **Arooj Chaudhry** as she teaches you advanced Excel. You will learn how to create PivotTables to assess different aspects of the information and represent the information from the tables as line, bar and pie charts. *Prerequisite: intermediate Excel or equivalent knowledge.*

Seasonal Gift Card Holder



Wednesday, December 13 • 7:00-7:30pm OR 7:45-8:15pm

Join us in the LearnLab as we assemble gingerbread gift card holders for the winter season. A brief presentation on our Cricut Maker will be provided during the program.

Tasty Holiday Gatherings with Chef Rob Scott

Friday, December 15 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Chef Rob Scott** as he teaches you how to prepare rustic chicken meatballs in a rich lemon butter sauce and provolone artichoke dip to bring your holiday entertaining to the next level. Everyone will taste these delicious dishes and receive recipes to make them at home. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

Film and Discussion

Friday, December 15 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Joyann Cirigliano** of the Four Harbors Audubon Society for a viewing and discussion of *Snowbound: Animals of Winter*. See some of the world's most iconic snow animals and find out how they adapt to survive in sub-zero temperatures. Age appropriate for those in high school to retirees.

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, December 5 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Bingo Night for Adults

Thursday, December 14 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

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Zumba

Saturdays, December 16, 23 & 30 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Dance to get fit with Zumba Instructor **Laura Grubert**. Zumba is an aerobic workout designed for everyone. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

The Making of A Christmas Story

Thursday, December 21 • 7:00-8:00pm

"You'll shoot your eye out." Those were the words 9-year-old Ralphie heard from his mother, his teacher, and even Santa when he asked for a Red Ryder air rifle for **Christmas**. Join **Sal St. George** for the back story of the making of the beloved holiday movie which follows the exploits of young Ralphie.



A LETTER FROM THE Director

Season's Greetings,

The holiday season is a wonderful time to visit your Library. It is a place for the community to come together. It is a place to be creative. It is a place to learn. It is a place to enjoy and celebrate.

Thank you to all who will help us give back to our community by contributing to one of our holiday collections highlighted on the front page of this newsletter. Each year it is heartwarming to see our Town come together in this way.

As we prepare to turn the page on 2023 and begin a New Year, we would like to thank **Anita Dowd-Neufeld** and **Thomas Maher** for their dedicated service as Library Trustees. We wish both of them the best of luck.

On behalf of the Library Board and staff, I wish each of you a joyous holiday season and all good wishes for a happy and healthy 2024.



Robert Lusak
Robert Lusak
Library Director

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MOVIES at the Library

Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, December 7 • 1:30pm

Jules

Rated PG-13; runtime 90 minutes.

• Thursday, December 14 • 1:30pm

Golda

Rated PG-13; runtime 100 minutes.

• Thursday, December 21 • 1:30pm

Scrapper

Rated NR; runtime 84 minutes.

• Thursday, December 28 • 1:30pm

This Beautiful Fantastic

Rated PG; runtime 92 minutes.



Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, December 1 • 2:15pm

Barbie

Rated PG-13; runtime 114 minutes.

• Friday, December 8 • 2:15pm

Gran Turismo

Rated PG-13; runtime 134 minutes.

• Friday, December 15 • 2:15pm

The Kill Room

Rated R; runtime 97 minutes.

• Friday, December 22 • 2:15pm

The Miracle Club

Rated PG-13; runtime 91 minutes.

• Friday, December 29 • 2:15pm

The Road Dance

Rated NR; runtime 116 minutes.

Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, December 20 • 1:00pm

Barbie

Rated PG-13; runtime 114 minutes.

Smithtown

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, December 1 • 2:00pm

The Miracle Club

Rated PG-13; runtime 91 minutes.

• Friday, December 8 • 2:00pm

Barbie

Rated PG-13; runtime 114 minutes.

• Friday, December 15 • 2:00pm

Jules

Rated PG-13; runtime 90 minutes.

• Friday, December 22 • 2:00pm

5000 Blankets

Rated PG-13; runtime 105 minutes.

• Friday, December 29 • 2:00pm

Radio Days

Rated PG; runtime 88 minutes.

Friday Night Movie

• Friday, December 8 • 6:15pm

Barbie

Rated PG-13; runtime 114 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 11 • 12:00-1:00pm

This Time Tomorrow by Emma Straub

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group *

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

Nine Lives by Peter Swanson

Nesconset

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 21 • 7:00-8:00pm

Mad Honey by Jodi Picoult and Jennifer Finney Boylan

Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 26 • 2:00-3:00pm

The Secret Book of Flora Lee by Patti Callahan Henry

Smithtown

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, December 4 • 10:30am-12:30pm

The Last Folk Hero by Jeff Pearlman

Clue-A Mystery Book Discussion Group *

Wednesday, December 13 • 2:30-3:30pm

Murder in Season by Jessica Fletcher and Jon Land

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, December 21 • 10:45am-12:45pm

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng



All Abilities Book Club

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Long Island Room,
Patent and Trademark
Resource Center &
Passport Acceptance Facility**

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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
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SUNDAY 1:00-5:00pm
 (Sept-May)

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

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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**

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
FRIDAY 9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY 9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY CLOSED

*The Library will be closed:
 Sunday, December 24 • Christmas Eve & Monday, December 25 • Christmas Day
 Sunday, December 31 • New Year's Eve & Monday, January 1 • New Year's Day*

On 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
Kings Park Photography Club**
 View a collection of photography by members.



Infamous Long Island 2023 Long Island Room Exhibit

Through the years, Long Island has played host to its share of shocking crimes and scandals, tragic man-made disasters and controversial locations and communities. To illustrate this, the Long Island Room has assembled a collection of materials that will reveal the history behind some of Long Island's most infamous people, places and events. This exhibit will be on view through December 2023.

**Board of Trustees Meeting
December 19 • 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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