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February is National Library Lovers Month

All February long, we celebrate **National Library Lovers Month** - a reminder of the many ways libraries support, inspire and connect our community. Whether you're borrowing books, attending programs, using technology, or simply enjoying a quiet place to be, your Library is here for you every day.

Take Your Child to the Library Day - February 7

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 Childrens section on that date and then enjoy the rest of February's programs.



Smithtown Grows

Smithtown Grows is back for its sixth year! Beginning February 9, patrons with an adult Smithtown Library card can come to any of our four buildings to pick up seed packets for their gardens. Please see the Reference Desk for more information. We are excited for you to grow with us!



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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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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, January 28, Kings Park on Friday, January 30, Nesconset on Tuesday, February 3**. Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise indicated. Check the Library's calendar or contact your local Children's Department for availability. *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 Love

C-Wednesday, February 11 • 10:00-10:45am
(Birth-11 months with parent/caregiver)
Bring your babes and we will create a keepsake using their actual handprints or footprints. We will provide one item for you to print on but feel free to bring your own items such as a t-shirt or tote bag. Dress to make a mess. No older siblings, please.

Baby Playground

C-Friday, February 27 • 10:00-10:45am
N-Thursday, February 26 • 11:00-11:45am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy free play and language-based activities with other babies in a relaxed, friendly environment.

Babygarten

N-Monday, March 2 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)
Connect with your little one through story, song and play.

Baby Bookworms

K-Monday, February 23 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy stories, songs and play time with other babies.



Baby Be Mine

N-Monday, February 9 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-23 months with parent/caregiver)
Dress in your Valentine's Day best and join us for snuggly stories, songs and fingerplays. Stay to play afterwards and make an adorable Valentine's Day keepsake using your baby's footprint.



Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Wednesday, February 4 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Saturday, February 14 • 10:00-10:30am
C-Wednesday, February 25 • 10:00-10:30am
C-Saturday, February 28 • 10:00-10:30am
K-Monday, February 9 • 4:00-4:30pm
K-Thursday, February 19 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Saturday, February 28 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Thursday, February 5 • 2:30-3:00pm
N-Friday, February 20 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Wednesday, February 25 • 4:00-4:30pm
N-Friday, February 27 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Saturday, February 28 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy a traditional time of nursery rhymes and songs for baby.

Sing-A-Long with Meghan VK

N-Wednesday, February 18 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Clap, sing and dance along with professional musician Meghan VK as she plays classical nursery rhymes and children's songs on her guitar.

Story Tots

C-Friday, February 6 • 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.

Wonderful Ones

C-Saturday, February 21 • 10:00-10:45am
K-Wednesday, February 4 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Thursday, February 26 • 2:30-3:15pm
N-Tuesday, March 3 • 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.

Little Explorers

N-Wednesday, February 4 • 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.

Musical Tots

N-Friday, February 6 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)
Share the world of music with your child and bond through singing, dancing and playing. This interactive music and movement class will incorporate favorite songs and fingerplays with the use of musical instruments and props.

Rockin' Tots

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

Rock and Rhyme

N-Thursday, February 26 • 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.

Tot Tunes

C-Tuesday, February 3 • 10:00-10:30am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy songs, fingerplays, stories and dancing in this musical program.

Toddler Tales

K-Friday, February 20 • 10:30-11:15am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Make friends while building early literacy skills with songs, stories, crafts and play.

Messy Makers

N-Wednesday, February 25 • 2:30-3:15pm
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Create and make masterpieces with your toddler as we explore art through a variety of hands-on projects and activities. Dress to make a mess.



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Time for Twos

C-Thursday, February 5 • 10:30-11:15am
C-Monday, February 9 • 2:30-3:15pm
K-Tuesday, February 3 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Tuesday, February 24 • 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.

Library Playdate

K-Friday, February 6 • 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.

Valentine's Day Tea Party

N-Wednesday, February 11 • 10:30-11:15am
OR 2:30-3:15pm
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Hugs, kisses and Valentine wishes; feel the love with your little sweetheart at our special celebration. Dress your very best and join us for crafts, stories and a special Valentine's Day tea party. A small snack will be served. Please register for one session.

Art Starts

C-Thursday, February 12 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Thursday, February 12 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Different crafts encourage children's eye-hand coordination and gross and fine motor skills development; includes storytime. Dress to make a mess.

Construction Zone

C-Thursday, February 19 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Friday, February 27 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Thursday, February 12 • 2:30-3:15pm
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Put on your hard hats and bring your little construction workers to build with all types of blocks.

Sing, Shake and Wiggle

N-Friday, February 13 • 10:00-10:30am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Get the wiggles out as we sing, shimmy and dance along to the beat for a morning filled with music and movement.

Penguin Pals

K-Tuesday, February 17 • 10:30-11:00am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Read and do a craft with us about friendly little penguins who love to play on the ice.

Winter Watercolors

C-Tuesday, February 24 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Explore the magic of winter as we read chilly stories and create cool watercolor art. Dress to make a mess.

Sensory Starts

K-Tuesday, February 24 • 11:00-11:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Different sensory stations encourage exploration, coordination, dexterity and intellectual growth while stimulating the senses.

Be My Valentine

N-Thursday, February 5 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Make a variety of art projects and valentines to give to the special people in your life. Dress to make a mess.

Hibernation Station

N-Saturday, Friday 21 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Stay cozy this winter with stories and crafts all about hibernation.

Teddy Bear Clinic

N-Friday, February 6 • 2:30-3:15pm
(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 stuffie to make sure they are in tip-top shape.

Imagination Station

C-Saturday, February 7 • 10:30-11:15am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Grab your imagination and join us for role-playing fun at the Library! Kids can step into grown-up jobs and play pretend.



All Aboard at the Library

K-Monday, February 9 • 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.

A Whole Llama Love

N-Tuesday, February 10 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us for wooly heartwarming stories, songs and a llamazing art project.



Clifford's Valentine

N-Tuesday, February 10 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
We love Clifford. Join us for some fun Clifford stories and crafts.

Yeti For Valentine's Day

K-Friday, February 13 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Get "yeti" for Valentine's Day as we read loving tales and make an adorable yeti heart ornament.



Family Time Valentine's

C-Saturday, February 14 • 11:00-11:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Bring your grownup and create valentines together from a variety of craft supplies. Dress to make a mess.

Snowman Surprise

K-Thursday, February 19 • 3:30-4:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us as we read an assortment of winter stories with Miss Sharon and then do a surprise winter craft.

Dinosaur Stomp

K-Wednesday, February 25 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Play, create, and explore with all kinds of dinosaurs in this fun storytime.

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Preschool Dance Party

N-Thursday, February 26 • 2:30-3:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Just Ducky

C-Friday, February 27 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Did you know that ducks can cook, fly kites and hog the remote? Join us for some wacky duck tales sure to make you go quackers with laughter! Create a duck magnet to take home.

Sensory Storytime

N-Tuesday, March 3 • 3:00-3:45pm
(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.

Pajama Storytime

C-Monday, February 9 • 7:00-7:30pm
(3-6 years with parent/caregiver)

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



The Kissing Hand

C-Tuesday, February 10 • 4:30-5:15pm
(4-7 years with parent/caregiver)

Let's celebrate Valentine's Day with the most loving tale - *The Kissing*

Hand by Audrey Penn. After reading the story, we'll create our own Chester Raccoon crafts.

Magic Watercolor Snowflake Art

N-Thursday, February 19 • 3:00-3:45pm
(5-7 years)

Listen to snowy stories and create a magical watercolor and salt winter masterpiece.

Stuffed Animal Pet Show

C-Friday, February 20 • 2:30-3:15pm
(5-7 years)

Show off your favorite stuffed animal in our fun and fuzzy pet show! We'll read stories, parade our plush pals, make accessories and more. Every stuffed friend is a winner at the Library!

Little Game Buddies

N-Wednesday, February 18 • 4:00-4:45pm
(5-9 years)

If you love playing board games, this program is for you. Children will be paired with a teen buddy to play some of their favorite games.

Library Scavenger Hunt

K-Friday, February 20 • 12:15-1:00pm
(5-9 years)

Gather your mystery solving gear and find clues that will lead to a treasure.

Toasty Tales

C-Wednesday, February 18 • 10:30-11:15am
(5-10 years)

Come in from the cold and warm up with some toasty tales shared around our virtual crackling fireplace.



Make It Monday

N-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm

S-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.*

Pokemon Paint Party

N-Thursday, February 19 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-12 years)

Gotta catch 'em all! Choose your starter, then create a one-of-a-kind **Pokemon**-inspired painting. Dress to make a mess.

LEGO® League

C-Tuesday, February 24 • 4:30-5:15pm

K-Wednesday, February 18 • 4:00-4:45pm

N-Friday, February 20 • 3:00-3:45pm
(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!



Nick the Balloonatic

N-Friday, February 20 • 6:30-7:30pm
(5-12 years with parent/caregiver)

Join award-winning balloon artist **Nick the Balloonatic** and learn about the history of balloons with a comedic twist. With more than 30 years of experience in balloon artistry, Nick has twisted balloons all over the world. At this event, he will interact with participants - all while sculpting balloons, laughing, joking and making everyone feel special.



Chess and Checkers Buddies

N-Saturday, February 28 • 3:30-4:15pm
(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.

Our Feathered Friends

C-Thursday, February 12 • 4:15-5:15pm
(6-10 years)

Join the Four Harbors Audubon Society to learn about birds native to Long Island and then pair up with a teen buddy to create bird feeders from recycled materials.

Jumpstart to Spring

K-Tuesday, February 24 • 4:15-5:00pm
(6-10 years)

Let's shake up the chill of winter and welcome in the warmth of spring in this interactive seasonal celebration. Gardening and crafting will be included. Dress to make a mess.

Super STEAM

K-Tuesday, February 17 • 2:30-3:15pm
(6-11 years)

Celebrate **Black History Month** by learning about trailblazers in the fields of science, technology, engineering, art and math, while completing hands-on activities related to each field.



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Art Like Alma

N-Tuesday, February 17 • 10:00-10:45am

(6-12 years)

Explore color and shape when we read *Ablaze with Color: The Story of Painter Alma Thomas* by by Jeanne Walker Harvey and Loveis Wise and create a colorful abstract masterpiece. Dress to make a mess.



Mixed Media Winter Art

N-Tuesday, February 17 • 3:00-3:45pm

(6-12 years)

Join us for some relaxing painting time. We will use different materials to create a winter masterpiece.

K-Pop Party

C-Wednesday, February 18 • 3:30-4:15pm

(6-12 years)

Who's your bias? Join us for a library party with games, crafts and snacks to celebrate K-Pop! Dress to make a mess.



Fun with Folding

N-Saturday, February 21 • 11:30am-12:15pm
(6-12 years)

Learn the art of origami by creating simple folding designs.

Cricut Crafts - Owl Be Your Valentine

K-Wednesday, February 4 • 4:30-5:15pm
(7-12 years)

Learn all about the Cricut cutting machine while making a 3D owl basket to take home a sweet Valentine treat.

Game Squad

C-Tuesday, February 17 • 2:45-3:30pm

(7-12 years)

Put on your game face and team up against our teen volunteers when we play supersized games and Nintendo Switch™.

DIY Tiny Bookshelf

K-Saturday, February 14 • 10:30-11:15am
(8-12 years)

Fill a pocket-sized bookshelf with miniatures of your favorite reads.

Bad Art Night

C-Tuesday, February 17 • 4:30-5:15pm

(8-12 years with parent/caregiver)

Do you have what it takes to make the worst art possible? We'll use various mediums and have a ridiculously fun time!

Candy Wars

C-Thursday, February 19 • 6:30-7:30pm

(8-12 years)

Join us for a sweet challenge where you'll have access to all sorts of colorful candies and edible decorations. The clock is ticking, and you'll be racing to create a one-of-a-kind masterpiece. Only one person will be crowned the Ultimate Candy Champion, but everyone gets to take home their delicious creations.



DIY Door Hangers

K-Saturday, February 21 • 10:30-11:15am
(8-12 years)

Customize a wooden door hanger using scorch art and paint pens! Dress to make a mess.

Winter Window Clings

C-Thursday, February 26 • 4:30-5:15pm
(8-12 years)

Spruce up your windows with snowflakes that won't melt! Use puffy paint to create window cling snowflakes or whatever design you think up! Dress to make a mess.

Kindness Rocks

C-Saturday, February 28 • 11:00-11:45am
(8-12 years)

Get ready for Random Acts of Kindness Day by decorating rocks with positive sayings that you can take home and place inside or outside for others to read! Dress to make a mess.

Creation Station

C-Saturday, February 7 • 10:00am-3:00pm

K-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

N-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

S-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm

(Families)

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

Create and Celebrate - Black History Month

C-Saturday, February 21 • 10:00-2:00pm

K-Thursday, February 5 • 3:00-7:00pm

N-Friday, February 27 • 2:00-5:30pm

S-Friday, February 20 • 2:00-5:30pm

(Families)

February is Black History Month! Stop by the Children's Room during these hours to celebrate with crafts and activities while you learn all about some influential people. **No registration required.**

Cricut Cards - Valentine's Day

K-Thursday, February 12 • 3:00-7:00pm

S-Friday, February 6 • 2:00-5:30pm

(Families)

Join us in the Children's Room during these hours to create some extra special valentines, prepared with makerspace technology! **No registration required.**



Winter Wonderland Carnival

K-Saturday, February 7 • 11:00-

11:45am OR 11:45am-12:30pm

(Families)

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

Valentine's Day with Charlie Brown

C-Wednesday, February 11 • 4:30-5:15pm
(Families)

Join us as we watch *Be My Valentine, Charlie Brown* and make a bear-y special Valentine craft to bring home.

Create and Celebrate – Lunar New Year

C-Saturday, February 14 • 10:00-2:00pm

K-Tuesday, February 17 • 11:00am-3:00pm

N-Friday, February 13 • 2:00-5:30pm

S-Friday, February 13 • 2:00-5:30pm

(Families)

Happy Year of the Horse! 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.**



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FEbruary Bookmark Contest Winner
Olivia M.
GRADE 5
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Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **February** programs began on **Monday, January 12**. March program registration begins **Monday, February 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 - Pawfect Pet Frame

Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make a picture frame for your adorable pet! *Kits will be available at the building of your choice beginning February 2 and must be picked up by February 13.*



Teen Take and Make - Valentine's Day Pretzels

Kings Park Building

Create the all-time classic combo of salty and sweet and share it with someone special this Valentine's Day. *Kits will be available at the Kings Park Building beginning February 9 and must be picked up by February 27.*



Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, February 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.

Hello Love Wood Sign

N-Wednesday, February 4 • 7:00-8:00pm

Welcome Valentine's Day with a lovely wooden sign.



Heart-Felt Valentines

C-Saturday, February 7 • 3:00-4:00pm

Create custom valentines using simple sewing stitches and felt.



Tie-Dye Heart Cookies

N-Friday, February 13 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join Fanny Cakes to decorate cookies for Valentine's Day!

Valentine's Day Donut Party

N-Saturday, February 14 • 3:15-4:15pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day by decorating donuts that will bring joy to your heart and stomach.



Dinner Cupcakes

K-Tuesday, February 17 • 7:00-8:00pm

Is it dinner or dessert? Who says it can't be both?! Make cupcakes that look like your favorite dinner dishes.

Teen Escape Room

K-Wednesday, February 18 • 2:00-3:00pm

Think you have what it takes to break the code and escape? Join your fellow teens to find out!

Funfetti Cookies

C-Wednesday, February 18 • 6:30-7:30pm

Join Pastry Chef Judy and make delicious funfetti cookies to enjoy.

Teen Paint Night

N-Thursday, February 19 • 4:30-6:00pm

Join Art Teacher Amy for a fun paint night.



Dream Big Fabric Hoop

K-Thursday, February 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create an embroidery hoop perfect to hang in any space.

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Craft, Chat and Chill

N-Friday, February 20 • 4:30-5:30pm

Relax, socialize and craft at the Library. Unleash your creativity and spark up a conversation with our Library Social Work interns. They will be here to talk all things teen! Free books, crafts and snacks will be provided.

Monster of the Week

N-Friday, February 20 • 6:00-8:00pm

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.

Cross Stitch Basics

K-Tuesday, February 24 • 7:00-8:00pm

We'll learn the basics of cross stitch and work on creating a fun design. Everyone will take home all of the materials you need to finish your project.

Gnome Place Like Home

N-Tuesday, February 24 • 7:00-8:00pm

Paint a gnome that comes with detachable decorations for every season.

Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, February 25 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

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

Seed Sorting Volunteers

N-Monday, February 2 • 4:00-5:00pm

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



Bookmark Volunteers

N-Tuesday, February 3 • 4:00-5:00pm

C-Wednesday, February 4 • 7:00-8:00pm

Teen volunteers are needed to design and make bookmarks for Smithtown Library patrons.

Black History Quilt Volunteers

C-Tuesday, February 3 • 4:30-5:30pm

February is Black History Month. Join us to create a community quilt to celebrate the lives of influential people in the African American community.

Winter Wonderland Carnival Volunteers

K-Saturday, February 7 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Help young children with games and activities at our Winter Wonderland Carnival. Teens must stay for the entire program to receive community service hours.

Random Acts of Kindness Volunteers

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

February 17 is National Random Acts of Kindness Day. Help make a difference in someone's day by creating notes that will be scattered throughout the Library.

Our Feathered Friends Volunteers

C-Thursday, February 12 • 4:15-5:15pm

Join the Four Harbors Audubon Society to learn about birds native to Long Island and build bird feeders from recycled materials with younger children. Between February 13 and February 17, use your feeder to count and identify birds at home. The data you collect will be part of the Great Backyard Bird Count, an initiative to track bird populations. Community service will only be awarded to teens who attend the program and return a completed bird count tally sheet to the Library by February 20.



Birthday Bundle Bag Volunteers

N-Thursday, February 12 • 7:00-8:00pm

Make bags full of birthday goodies for patrons of our Children's Department to enjoy.

Game Squad Volunteers

C-Tuesday, February 17 • 2:30-3:30pm

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

K-Pop Party Volunteers

C-Wednesday, February 18 • 3:15-4:15pm

Help assist the Children's Department run a library party for younger children to celebrate K-Pop!

Game Buddies Volunteers

N-Wednesday, February 18 • 3:45-4:45pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.

Sew Cute Volunteers

C-Friday, February 20 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Learn the basics of sewing as you create small plush animals to donate to local children's hospitals.



Library Scavenger Hunt Volunteers

K-Friday, February 20 • 12:00-1:00pm

Gather your mystery solving gear and help young children find clues that will lead them to a surprise!

Decorate to Donate Volunteers

C-Monday, February 23 • 4:30-5:30pm

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

Paws for a Cause

N-Thursday, February 26 • 4:00-5:00pm

Decorate accessories shelter pets can wear to promote their adoption.

Chess and Checkers Buddies Volunteers

N-Saturday, February 28 • 3:15-4:15pm

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.

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.



ADULTS

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

Adult Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for all programs is required and begins one month prior to the program date 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. Check the Library's calendar or contact the Library for availability. Out of district residents should call the Library for program availability. Programs that include food may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Take and Make - Lemon Mint Tallow Balm Stick

Take home a bag filled with the supplies to make a stick of soothing grass-fed tallow balm for dry skin. *Online and in person registration begins on February 3 and ends on February 17. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning February 20. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



Take and Make - Lucky Framed Sign

Take home a bag filled with the supplies to paint a festive St. Patrick's Day decoration. *Online and in person registration begins on February 10 and ends on February 24. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning February 27. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



Commack Game Day

Wednesdays • 12:00-2:30pm

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

Open Knit and Crochet

Tuesday, February 3 • 1:00-3:00pm

Join our local group and enjoy a friendly and informal get-together. Beginner and experienced crafters are welcome to knit and crochet with other enthusiasts. Guidance available for knitting beginners.

Commack Continued

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, February 3 • 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 January 28.*

How To Speak and Understand Gen Alpha

Thursday, February 5 • 7:00-8:30pm

Don't know what your tweens and teens are saying? Join Margaux DelGuidice-Calemmo as she defines the new terminology that tweens and teens are using and explains the differences between Gen Alpha and Gen Z. Learn about the dangers and risks for Gen Alpha, including the dark side of emoji communication.

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, February 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 HIIACAP (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.

Barre(less) Barre

Tuesdays, February 10, 17, 24 & March 3 • 7:00-8:00pm

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. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Game Night

Thursday, February 12 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, February 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.*



Commack Continued

Defensive Driving

Friday, February 13 • 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.*

Neo-Classical Piano Music with Christopher Kull

Saturday, February 14 • 2:00-3:00pm

Christopher Kull will dazzle you with a live performance of neo-classical piano music.

Coin and Stamp Appraisal

Saturday, February 21 • 12:00-3:00pm

Frank McAlonan will help patrons to assign a value to their stamp and coin collections. Register for a fifteen-minute appointment to ask individual, specific questions.

Celebrating Black American Artists

Monday, February 23 • 2:00-3:30pm

Art is a need to express. And a culture that has shunned and ignored Black artists did not stop them from creating outstanding, thoughtful, provocative art. Black art may be political, rooted in identity, about race, social justice, or a means of personal expression. There is no one definition of Black Art, but through various media and styles, unique perspectives and experiences, we will explore several important Black American artists. Celebrate Black History Month and 250 years of American history with artist and professor Chris Vivas.



Art Group

Tuesday, February 24 • 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.*

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Commack Continued

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Thursday, February 26 • 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 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.*

Achieving Homeownership

Wednesday, February 4 • 6:00-7:00pm

Jonathan Gordon from Community Development Long Island (CDLI) will discuss the steps needed to become ready to buy a home and the many assistance programs available to buyers who complete homebuyer education including down payment assistance, closing cost assistance, and help with home repairs and renovations.



All Abilities Ceramic Hearts

Thursday, February 5 • 10:00-11:00am

Paint this cute little heart to give to someone or keep yourself this **Valentine's** season. 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 January 28.*

Paint it Forward

Friday, February 6 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Learn about the importance of mental health awareness, checking in and the impact of compassion and empathy on our mindset. At the end of this workshop, participants should be able to 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 the wellness specialists from **YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support**.

Kings Park Continued

Year of the Horse - Shell Craft

Wednesday, February 11 • 7:00-8:30pm

Create a stunning seashell horse relief sculpture using Qwick Craft self-hardening sand. Guided by artist Anna Chan, you'll craft a beautiful coastal-inspired piece symbolizing strength, vitality and good fortune for the **Lunar New Year**. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



Puzzlepalooza - Presidents' Day Edition

Saturday, February 21 • 2:15-4:45pm

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



Practical Caregiving Tips for the Winter

Tuesday, February 24 • 1:00-2:00pm

Winter can present unique challenges for caregivers and those they support, especially older adults and people living with dementia. This session focuses on practical, easy-to-apply strategies to promote safety, comfort and well-being during the colder months. Topics include preventing falls and managing winter hazards, maintaining warmth and proper nutrition, supporting hydration and physical activity indoors, addressing seasonal mood changes and preparing for winter emergencies. Presented by the **Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center of Long Island**.

Pictionary Game Night

Wednesday, February 25 • 6:30-8:30pm

Come have a blast and play the classic game of Pictionary. Break into teams and let the fun begin!

Nesconset Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

Fridays • 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

Burial Sites of Important People

Monday, February 2 • 7:00-8:15pm

Celebrating 250 years of American history, Historian **Robert von Bernewitz** will discuss the various historic cemeteries, types of burial sites and noteworthy people who are buried on Long Island. Burial sites of important people from Long Island who served in the armed forces during the Revolutionary War and other major wars will also be discussed. Find out where **Mae West, Jackie Robinson, Jackson Pollock, William Sydney Mount** and **Teddy Roosevelt** are laid to rest. Learn about the oldest burial ground in New York State and the Long Island location of the largest cemetery in the country.



Morning Bingo for Adults

Tuesday, February 3 • 10:00-11:30am

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

Art Group

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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.*

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, February 3 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

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Nesconset Continued

Game Night

Thursday, February 5 • 6:30-8:30pm

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Operation Medicine Cabinet

Saturday, February 7 • 10:00am-12:00pm

The Suffolk County Police Department will host **Operation Medicine Cabinet**, a program for proper prescription drug disposal in the lobby of the Nesconset Building. Please remove pills from packages and place in resealable bags for collection; no syringes, auto-injectors or liquids will be accepted. *No registration required.*

Silver Sneakers

Saturdays, February 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 2:00-2:45pm

Laura Grubert will lead seated and standing low impact exercises with hand weights (optional) and a handheld ball. Please bring water and optional light hand weights to class. Fee: \$12.00 per person.

Introduction to Beekeeping

Monday, February 9 • 7:00-8:00pm

Discover the amazing world of honey bees and what it takes to become a beekeeper! Learn about the bees' role in agriculture, life inside the hive, basic equipment, hive setup, seasonal care and how honey is collected and processed. Perfect for anyone curious about bees or interested in starting their own hive. Presented by **Alexander Forrisi** of Wild Blossom Apiaries.



Cheddar and Broccoli Soup with Chef Rob

Tuesday, February 10 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Chef Rob** as he demonstrates how to make an extra sharp cheddar and broccoli soup and a brownie in a mug. Taste the delicious soup after the demonstration and take home the brownie for dessert. Please bring a mug to take your brownie home to bake. Fee: \$10.00 per person.

Board Of Elections - Introducing New Voting Machines

Tuesday, February 10th, 10:00am- 8:00pm

The Suffolk County Board of Elections will be at the Library to introduce new voting machines that will be used for the first time at the upcoming local primaries in June. Drop in to learn about the machines and test them out to prepare for the upcoming elections. *No registration required.*

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All Abilities Bingo

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Travel Club

Wednesday, February 18 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join travel enthusiasts **Pat Summers** and **Cliff Miller** as they lead a discussion on travel to near and far places. Learn from others about travel tips and tricks as you prepare for your next vacation or write your travel bucket list.

Bingo Night for Adults

Thursday, February 19 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

All Abilities Seed Starters

Monday, February 23 • 10:00-11:00am

Help us plant our new hydroponic system made possible by the **Friends of The Smithtown Library**. The produce we grow will be donated to local food pantries. 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 January 28.*



St. Patrick's Day Doormat

Monday, February 23 • 6:00-8:30pm

Join us to create this festive doormat to welcome guests into your home. Fee: \$12.00 per person.

Nesconset Continued

Vietnam - 50 Years Later

Friday, February 27 • 7:00-8:45pm

The consequences of the Vietnam War were transformative for the US military. Fifty years after the end of the Vietnam War, **Eric Farina**, Director of Veterans Services at Farmingdale College, will discuss its effects on our foreign policy and armed forces as to the way they are deployed and fight.

Coming in March

Morning Bingo for Adults

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Defensive Driving

Saturday, March 7 • 9:30am-4:30pm

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Bus Trip - Philadelphia Flower Show

Tuesday, March 3

Depart Nesconset Building 7:45am

Depart Philadelphia 4:30pm



Join us for a trip to the 2026 Philadelphia Flower Show - **Rooted: Origins of American Gardening**. Gardens aren't just made; they're passed down through generations, carried across oceans, lifetimes, and lands. The 2026 PHS Philadelphia Flower Show celebrates the stories that ground us in gardening. Enjoy lunch on your own at the Flower Show or at the Reading Terminal Market. Meet at the Nesconset Building parking lot at 7:45am to board the bus. We will depart the Flower Show at 4:30pm to return home. *Registration is ongoing.* Fee: \$97.00 per person includes ticket to show, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.





Movies at the Library



Registration began on January 2.

Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, February 5 • 1:30pm

Eleanor the Great

Rated PG-13; runtime 98 minutes.

• Thursday, February 12 • 1:30pm

CODA

Rated PG-13; runtime 111 minutes.

• Thursday, February 19 • 1:30pm

The Last Showgirl

Rated R; runtime 89 minutes.

• Thursday, February 26 • 1:30pm

Love, Brooklyn

Rated NR; runtime 97 minutes.



Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, February 6 • 2:15pm

• Friday, February 13 • 2:15pm

One Battle After Another

Rated R; runtime 162 minutes.

• Friday, February 20 • 2:15pm

Good Fortune

Rated R; runtime 97 minutes.

• Friday, February 27 • 2:15pm

Eleanor the Great

Rated PG-13; runtime 98 minutes



Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, February 18 • 1:00pm

A Big Bold Beautiful Journey

Rated R; runtime 109 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, February 13 • 2:00pm

Little Women (2019)

Rated PG; runtime 135 minutes.

• Friday, February 27 • 2:00pm

Soul

Rated PG; runtime 100 minutes.



Book Discussion Groups

Login information for Zoom, if applicable, will be sent to the email address associated with your library card on the day of the event.

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Commack Book Discussion Group*

Monday, February 9 • 12:00-1:00pm

James by Percival Everett

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

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

The Busyboby Book Club by Freya Sampson

Nesconset

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, February 2 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Jimmy Breslin: The Man Who Told the Truth by Richard Esposito

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, February 4 • 2:30-3:30pm

The Lost Book Shop by Evie Woods

Nesconset Continued

Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 19 • 11:15am-1:15pm

The Dilemma by B.A. Paris

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, February 26 • 7:00-8:00pm

How to Read a Book by Monica Wood

Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

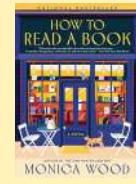
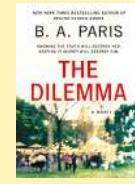
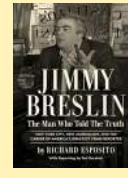
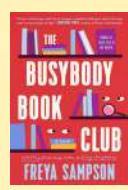
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Have You Seen Luis Velez by Catherine Ryan Hyde

Nesconset Continued

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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Long Island Room
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1 North Country Road
Smithtown, New York 11787
MONDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
WEDNESDAY 9:30am-9:00pm
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FRIDAY 9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY 9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY CLOSED

The first and second floors are
open with limited services.
Check the Library's website for the
most up-to-date information.

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3 Indian Head Road
Commack, New York 11725
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SUNDAY 1:00-5:00pm
(Sept-May)

Kings Park Building
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Kings Park, New York 11754
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148 Smithtown Boulevard
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SUNDAY 1:00-5:00pm
(Sept-May)

*The Library will be closed:
Sunday, February 15 & Monday, February 16
in observance of Presidents' 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

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

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Nesconset Display Case

Black History Month

Black History Month is celebrated in February each year. It is a special time to honor the many people who have helped and are continuing to help shape the world we are living in. Teens learned about notable African American people and created a collaboration quilt celebrating the culture and achievements.



Weather/Emergency Closing Information

For weather closings/delayed openings
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- Telephone: (631) 360-2480
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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.

 Assistive Listening Device available: a portable listening device is shared among all four Library buildings and is available for use during Library programs. The device must be reserved in advance by contacting a Reference Librarian in any Library building.

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