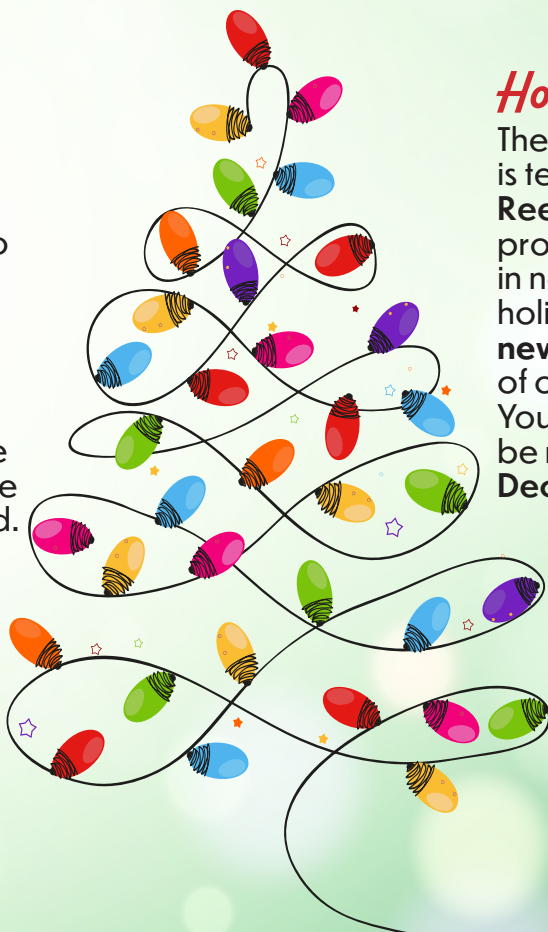


## *Holiday Tree Lighting* *Friday, December 5 • 6:00-7:30pm* *Nesconset Building*

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

### *Mitten Tree*

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



### *Holiday Toy Collection*

The Smithtown 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** gifts at any of our four library buildings. Your generous donation must be received by **Wednesday, December 10.**



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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 26, Kings Park on Friday, November 28, Nesconset on Tuesday, December 2**. 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  
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## Baby Playground

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

**K-Friday, December 19 • 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 Signs and Songs

**N-Wednesday, December 10 • 11:00-11:45am**

*(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)*

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



## Baby Band

**C-Monday, December 1 • 10:30-11:00am**

*(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)*

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

## Baby Playdate

**N-Tuesday, January 6 • 2:30-3:15pm**

*(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)*

Visit the Library for a playdate just for baby! Meet other babies while enjoying free play and songs.

## Nursery Rhyme Time

**C-Friday, December 12 • 10:30-11:00am**

**C-Monday, December 15 • 10:30-11:00am**

**C-Friday, December 19 • 10:30-11:00am**

**C-Saturday, December 27 • 11:00-11:30am**

**K-Wednesday, December 3 • 4:00-4:30pm**

**K-Thursday, December 11 • 10:30-11:00am**

**K-Saturday, December 20 • 10:30-11:00am**

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

**N-Monday, December 8 • 10:00-10:30am**

**N-Thursday, December 11 • 4:00-4:30pm**

**N-Friday, December 19 • 10:00-10:30am**

**N-Saturday, December 20 • 10:00-10:30am**

**N-Monday, December 22 • 10:00-10:30am**

*(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)*

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



## Wonderful Ones

**C-Friday, December 5 • 10:30-11:15am**

**K-Tuesday, December 23 • 10:30-11:15am**

**N-Friday, December 12 • 2:30-3:15pm**

**N-Tuesday, January 6 • 10:30-11:15am**

*(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)*

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

## Story Tots

**C-Monday, December 8 • 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.

## Rock and Rhyme

**N-Thursday, December 4 • 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.

## Musical Tots

**N-Friday, December 5 • 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.

## Little Explorers

**N-Wednesday, December 10 • 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.

## Tiny Tot Storytime

**K-Wednesday, December 17 • 10:30-11:00am**  
*(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)*

Join us for stories, songs and activities designed for little ones.

## Tot Tunes

**C-Wednesday, December 17 • 10:30-11:00am**

**K-Friday, December 26 • 10:30-11:00am**

*(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)*

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

## Time for Twos

**C-Thursday, December 11 • 10:30-11:15am**

**K-Wednesday, December 10 • 10:30-11:15am**

**N-Thursday, December 11 • 11:30am-12:15pm**

*(24-35 months with parent/caregiver)*

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

## Art Starts

**K-Tuesday, December 2 • 10:30-11:15am**

*(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.

## Yuletide Crafts

**K-Thursday, December 4 • 10:30-11:15am**

*(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)*

Celebrate the winter solstice through creative nature theme ornament crafts. This is perfect for little nature or bird watching enthusiasts.

## Drama with Your Mama

**C-Friday, December 5 • 2:30-3:15pm**

*(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)*

Enjoy live music, storytelling and imaginative play in this introduction to acting!



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## Construction Zone

**N-Tuesday, December 9 • 3:00-3:45pm**  
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

## Sing, Shake and Wiggle

**N-Friday, December 12 • 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.

## Holiday Happenings

**K-Friday, December 12 • 10:30-11:00am**  
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Read December holiday stories with us and make an adorable plate craft of paper cookies!

## Snow Happy

**N-Saturday, December 13 • 11:00-11:45am**  
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

## Library Playdate

**C-Thursday, December 18 • 10:30-11:15am**  
**K-Tuesday, December 16 • 2:30-3:15pm**  
(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.

## Let It Snow

**N-Tuesday, December 16 • 3:00-3:45pm**  
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

## Winter Whimsy

**N-Thursday, December 18 • 2:30-3:15pm**  
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Capture the glittering beauty of the season when we create a masterpiece using puffy snow paint. Dress to make a mess.

## Zumbini

**C-Saturday, December 20 • 10:00-10:45am**  
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Get ready for fun! Zumbini uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills and emotional development for children.

## Hedgehog Cuties

**C-Monday, December 1 • 6:30-7:00pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Let's roll into a prickly good time with a hedgehog story and a cute craft!



## The Mitten

**N-Wednesday, December 3 • 2:30-3:15pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for Jan Brett's story, *The Mitten* and make a mitten craft to re-tell the story at home.

## Gingerbread Tales

**K-Friday, December 5 • 10:30-11:00am**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Catch up with the *Gingerbread Man* as we run through some stories and seasonal crafts.

## Storytime Surprise

**K-Monday, December 8 • 4:00-4:30pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

## Stories and STEAM - Hibernation

**C-Tuesday, December 9 • 2:30-3:15pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Winter is on its way which means some animals are gearing up to take a long nap. Learn all about hibernation through stories and different STEAM activities. Dress to make a mess.

## Kindness Kids

**N-Thursday, December 11 • 2:30-3:15pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Throw kindness around like confetti. Join us for crafts, read-alouds and songs all about getting along.



## Preschool Dance Party

**N-Monday, December 15 • 3:30-4:00pm**  
(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.

## Snow Dough

**C-Tuesday, December 16 • 10:30-11:15am**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Come to the Library to make your own snow dough, a DIY play dough that looks like snow! Turn your snow dough into a snowman, snowflake or a sensory-friendly wintery friend!

## Mini Makers

**K-Monday, December 22 • 4:00-4:45pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

## Mindful Moments

**N-Tuesday, December 23 • 11:30am-12:15pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Center your little one with stories, movement activities and a calm down craft.

## Noon Year's Eve

**N-Saturday, December 27 • 11:45am-12:30pm**  
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a special noon year's eve party. Listen to stories, create festive crafts and celebrate as we count down to noon and welcome the New Year.



## Warm and Cozy Storytime

**N-Monday, December 29 • 10:00-10:45am**  
(3-5 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.

## Sensory Storytime

**N-Monday, January 5 • 10:30-11:15am**  
(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.

## Family Gingerbread House Decorating

**C-Saturday, December 13 • 11:00-12:00pm**

**K-Saturday, December 6 • 11:00am-12:00pm**  
3:00-4:00pm

**N-Friday, December 19 • 6:00-7:00pm OR 7:15-8:15pm**

**N-Saturday, December 20 • 3:00-4:00pm**  
(Families with children ages 3-12)

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.





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## Family Bingo

**N-Saturday, January 3 • 10:00-10:45am OR 3:00-3:45pm**

*(Families with children ages 3-12)*

Grab the fam and head to the Library to enjoy a few friendly rounds of bingo. *Please register one spot per family. When registering online, please indicate in the note field how many family members will be attending.*

## Winter Slime Buddies

**N-Saturday, December 6 • 3:15-4:00pm (5-7 years)**

Do you love winter? Do you love slime? Pair up with a teen buddy and create your own winter slime! Dress to make a mess.



## Igloo Engineering Challenge

**N-Tuesday, December 30 • 3:00-3:45pm (5-7 years)**

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



## Little Givers

**C-Monday, December 8 • 4:15-5:00pm (5-8 years)**

Pair up with a teen buddy and create homemade gifts for the special people in your life.



## Cardboard Creation Buddies

**C-Tuesday, December 30 • 3:15-4:00pm (5-8 years)**

With the help of teen buddies create your own cardboard creations using kid-safe tools and your imagination.

## New Year's Wishes

**K-Saturday, December 27 • 10:30-11:00am (5-9 years)**

Count down with us as we read, make a New Year's craft and celebrate 2026!



## Bingo Buddies

**K-Monday, December 29 • 3:15-4:00pm (5-9 years)**

Play bingo with teen volunteers for the chance to win fun prizes!

## Little Game Buddies

**N-Monday, December 29 • 3:45-4:30pm (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.

## 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.*

## LEGO® League

**C-Friday, December 26 • 3:30-4:15pm**

**N-Friday, January 2 • 3:00-3:45pm (5-12 years)**

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

## Cricut Crafts - Build Your Own Snowman

**K-Saturday, December 13 • 10:30-11:15am (6-10 years)**

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



## Baking Buddies

**N-Tuesday, December 23 • 4:15-5:00pm (6-10 years)**

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

## Resist Watercolor Mitten Bunting

**C-Thursday, December 4 • 4:30-5:15pm (6-12 years)**

Learn about resist painting and create an adorable mitten bunting, perfect for welcoming winter!

## Water Bottle Snowmen

**C-Thursday, December 18 • 4:30-5:15pm (6-12 years)**

Upcycle a plastic water bottle into a cute snowman winter decoration!

## DIY Gift Pouches

**C-Saturday, December 20 • 12:00-12:30pm (6-12 years)**

Craft a one-of-a-kind gift pouch, perfect for gifting a small trinket!

## Gingerbread Jam

**N-Friday, December 26 • 2:30-3:15pm (6-12 years)**

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



## Uke Buddies

**C-Friday, January 2 • 3:15-4:00pm (6-12 years)**

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

## Space Rocks

**K-Monday, December 15 • 4:30-5:00pm (7-12 years)**

Compete to see who knows the most about the solar system and make an out-of-this-world space bracelet.

## Scorch Art Gingerbread Friends

**K-Wednesday, December 10 • 4:30-5:15pm (8-12 years)**

Create your own wooden gingerbread man decoration using scorch art! Dress to make a mess.

## Sweet Tooth Storytime

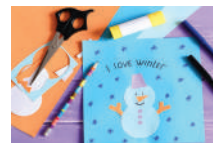
**C-Friday, December 12 • 4:30-5:15pm (8-12 years)**

Lollipops, ice cream and chocolate galore! Can you think of anything more amazing than sweet treats? Enjoy some surgery stories and a treat while creating a beaded candy cane to celebrate all things sweet.

## Mixed Media Winter Collage

**N-Saturday, December 27 • 10:00-10:45am (8-12 years)**

Let's celebrate winter by using various art supplies to create a beautiful collage.



# CHILDREN

# TEEN SCENE

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## Clay Pot Penguins

**C-Tuesday, December 30 • 10:30-11:15am**  
(8-12 years)

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



## Candy House Workshop

**C-Monday, December 29 • 2:30-3:30pm**  
(9-12 years)

Let creativity run wild! Children will receive a pre-built chocolate house and a treasure trove of toppings to create their edible masterpiece.

## Creation Station

**C-Saturday, December 6 • 10:00-3:00pm**

**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.*

## Cricut Cards - Holiday Cards

**K-Monday, December 8 • 3:00-7:00pm**

**N-Friday, December 12 • 3:00-7:00pm**  
(Families)

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

## Bluey Long Dog Hunt

**K-Monday, December 29 • 9:30am-12:00pm**  
(Families)

Visit the Children's Room during these hours for a **Bluey**-themed scavenger hunt! Choose your difficulty, then search for hidden long dogs around the room. Earn a prize for finding them all. *No registration required.*

## Bluey Bash

**K-Monday, December 29 • 10:00-10:30am OR 10:30-11:00am**  
(Families)

For real life! Everybody loves Bluey, including the Library! Join us for games, activities, crafts and a visit from our favorite blue heeler.



DECEMBER BOOKMARK  
Contest Winner

CHLOE L.  
GRADE 4  
SAWMILL INTERMEDIATE  
SCHOOL

## Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **December** programs began on **Monday, November 10**. **January 2026** program registration begins **Monday, December 8**. 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 Candle

Oh the weather outside is delightful! Make a sweet smelling candle that will remind you of your favorite cold weather drink. *Kits will be available at the Kings Park Building beginning December 8 and must be picked up by December 30.*



## Teen Take and Make - Gingerbread Houses

**Nesconset Building**

Create your very own gingerbread house using a variety of candies and icings. Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make this delicious holiday house. *Kits will be available at the Nesconset Building beginning December 9 and must be picked up by December 15.*



## Constellation Art

**K-Tuesday, December 2 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Air, fire, water and earth signs alike will love making this cosmic piece of art.



# TEEN SCENE

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## Homemade Holidays

**C-Saturday, December 6 • 3:00-4:00pm**

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



## Mystery Crafternoon

**N-Monday, December 8 • 4:00-5:00pm**

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

## Dungeons and Dragons

**C-Monday, December 8 • 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.

## Winter Embroidery Hoop

**K-Wednesday, December 10 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Create a winter hoop wreath to display all season!

## Teen Trivia - Disney Edition

**N-Tuesday, December 16 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Grab your friends and find out how much you really know about Disney. Snacks will be provided.



## Anime and Manga Club

**C-Wednesday, December 17 • 7:00-8:30pm**

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

## Chocolate Crafts

**K-Thursday, December 18 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Make fun and tasty crafts out of art supplies and chocolate! You'll bring home masterpieces to look at and enjoy for dessert.

## STEM Saturdays

**N-Saturday, December 20 • 11:30am-12:30pm**

Explore STEM in a fun and practical way using common household materials. This program will build STEM understanding, application and incorporation into everyday life.

## Let It Snow Shadowbox

**N-Monday, December 22 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Create a winter wonderland shadow box to enjoy for the season!



## Hot Cocoa Bombs

**C-Monday, December 29 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Join chocolatier **Melinda Space** as she guides us in the creation of hot cocoa bombs. Once complete, bring home your delicious treats and enjoy with family and friends.



## Teen Detectives Society

**K-Tuesday, December 30 • 2:00-3:00pm**

There's a mystery to be solved! You'll work with other detectives to decipher clues and riddles before the clock runs out.

## Retro Game Night

**N-Tuesday, December 30 • 7:00-8:00pm**

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

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

## Decorate to Donate Volunteers

**C-Monday, December 1 • 4:30-5:30pm**

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

## Teen Scene Decorating Volunteers

**K-Thursday, December 4 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Help get the Teen Room ready for the winter.

## Slime Buddies Volunteers

**N-Saturday, December 6 • 3:00-4:00pm**

Pair up with a younger buddy to help them create winter slime.

## Little Givers Volunteers

**C-Monday, December 8 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Pair up with a younger child to help them make gifts for someone special in their life.

## Candy Cane Gram Volunteers

**K-Tuesday, December 9 • 4:30-5:30pm**

Send warm wishes to people in your community with heartfelt notes and candy canes!



## Puzzle Swap Volunteers

**N-Friday, December 12 • 4:30-6:00pm**

Help the Library sort and arrange puzzles for our December puzzle swap!

## Bookmark Volunteers

**C-Monday, December 15 • 4:30-5:30pm**

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

## Community Wash Kits

**N-Wednesday, December 17 • 7:00-8:00pm**

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

## Bags of Love

**N-Thursday, December 18 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Decorate tote bags filled with some much needed items and create cards for foster children.

## Baking Buddies Volunteers

**N-Tuesday, December 23 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Help an elementary school-aged student prepare a baked good.

## Bingo Buddies Volunteers

**K-Monday, December 29 • 3:00-4:00pm**

Pair up with a child and play some bingo! Teen volunteers will also take turns running the bingo games.

## Game Buddies Volunteers

**N-Monday, December 29 • 3:30-4:30pm**

Play fun board games with a younger child.

## Operation Santa Paws

**N-Tuesday, December 30 • 10:30-11:30am**

Operation Santa Paws encourages animal lovers to share the gift of giving at shelters everywhere during the month of December. Join us as we make catnip treats, dog bandanas and fleece blankets for The Smithtown Animal Shelter.



## Cardboard Creations Volunteers

**C-Tuesday, December 30 • 3:00-4:00pm**

Help younger children craft their own cardboard creations by using kid-safe tools and lots of imagination.



# ADULTS

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## Adult Program Information

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## 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 2 and ends on December 16. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning December 19. Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



## Take and Make - Holiday Cheer Stuffed Cookies

Take home a kit from A Mano Bakery to make six, 1/4 pound stuffed cookies! *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 beginning December 22. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



## Take and Make - Buffalo Wing Hot Sauce

Just add butter! Take home a bag filled with the supplies to make a jar of hot sauce for your football season hot wings! *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 beginning January 2. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



## Commack Intermediate Mah Jongg

*Mondays, December 1, 8, 15 & 22 • 1:30-3:30pm*

Do you already know the basic rules of Mah Jongg but want to hone your skills and strategies? Do you want to improve your ability to pick a good hand or do you just want more practice playing with others? This class is for you! Join Nancy Esposito to learn how to improve your game. Please bring your 2025 National Mah Jongg League card. Sets will be provided for use during class. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



## How Can AI Help You?

*Tuesday, December 2 • 7:00-8:00pm*

Join Christian Dalzell for a general how-to session with practical tips for adults who are interested in learning how to use AI such as ChatGPT for their benefit.

## 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.*

## Commack Continued Open Knit and Crochet

*Tuesday, December 2 • 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.



## All Abilities Bingo

*Wednesday, December 3 • 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 26.*

## Dance Fitness

*Thursdays, December 4, 11 & 18 • 7:00-8:00pm*

Dance to get fit with Annmarie Rigoroso. Learn to incorporate fitness movements into dancing. Benefits include bone and muscle strength, cardiovascular health, agility and coordination while having fun. *Fee: \$9.00 per person.*



## Recharge & Refresh - Parent Break Time Workshop

*Saturday, December 6 • 1:30-2:30pm*

Offering parents a chance to recharge while addressing important topics including mental health, parent guilt and parent burnout through open discussions and a fun interactive diamond art activity to help reduce stress and encourage relaxation. Presented by the wellness specialists from YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support.

## One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

*Tuesday, December 9 • 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.

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## Commack Continued

### Barristers Chicken Chasseur with Chef Rob Scott

**Wednesday, December 10 • 6:30-8:30pm**

Join **Chef Rob Scott** as he teaches you how to prepare barristers chicken chasseur, a popular French dish. After the demonstration, everyone will make a super-sized holiday sprinkle cookie to take home and bake. Recipes will be available to take home. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



### Ceramic Snow Pile

**Monday, December 15 • 6:00-8:30pm**

Join **Rosemarie Attard** as she shows you how to paint this adorable pile of snowmen using the dry brush and other techniques. *Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



### Veterans Benefits Assistance

**Tuesday, December 16 • 12:00-3:00pm**

A representative from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be available to assist veterans submit disability claims and widows/widowers of deceased veterans apply for benefits. Please bring DD214s and any other relevant service documents.

### All Abilities Bingo Night

**Tuesday, December 16 • 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 November 26.*

### Art Group

**Tuesday, December 23 • 12:00-2:15pm**

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



## Commack Continued

### Pictionary Game Day

**Tuesday, December 30 • 12:30-2:30pm**

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



### 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.*

### Catholic Health Services Health Screening

**Tuesday, December 2 • 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. Regular flu vaccines (18+) and the senior dose will also be available. First come, first served. *No registration required.*

### Cold Stun Sea Turtle Patrol Training

**Friday, December 5 • 12:00-1:00pm**

Cold stunning is the number one cause of sea turtle fatality in New York. This is why **New York Marine Rescue Center** needs your help! The sooner these animals are found and reported to NYMRC, the higher chance of survival. Attend a lecture to learn how you can get involved and become a cold stun patroller for the New York Marine Rescue Center. NYMRC are the primary responders for sick or injured sea turtles and marine mammals in New York.



### Game Night

**Thursday, December 11 • 6:30-8:30pm**

**Thursday, December 18 • 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.*

## Kings Park Continued

### Estate Planning and Elder Care Workshop

**Tuesday, December 9 • 1:00-2:30pm**

Join attorney and licensed social worker **Kathleen Rose** for a presentation on probate, Medicaid tips, planning for the future and avoiding caregiver stress disorder. Elder law, Medicaid planning, estate planning, wills and trusts, probate and administration of estates will be discussed. Ms. Rose brings a unique blend of experiences and fresh perspective. Her combination of legal experience and compassion helps bring solutions along with comfort to seniors in times of need and crisis.



### Puzzlepalooza - Holiday Edition

**Thursday, December 11 • 2:00-4:30pm**

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

### European Holiday Markets with the Savvy Sightseer

**Wednesday, December 17 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Call it Marché de Noël, Weihnachtsmarkt, Kerstmarkt or plain old Christmas Market, holiday vendors take up residence in towns all over the world during the holiday season. Take a tour with the **Savvy Sightseer** to visit some of the best in Europe.



### All Abilities Game Day

**Thursday, December 18 • 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 26.*



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## Kings Park Continued

### Puzzle Swap

**Saturday, December 20 • 11:30am-2:30pm**

Tired of doing the same puzzles over and over? Come to our puzzle swap and exchange your gently used puzzle for a new-to-you gently used puzzle. If you don't have a puzzle to swap, but want a puzzle to try, come on down and take your pick. We will have a community puzzle in the room to work on as well. Puzzles can also be donated ahead of time at any of our library buildings. *All ages welcome; children with adult supervision. No registration required.*



### Paint it Forward

**Friday, December 26 • 12:00-1:00pm**

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.

## Coming in January

### Defensive Driving

**Wednesday, January 7 • 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.*



## 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

### Holiday Porch Leaner

**Monday, December 1 • 6:00-8:30pm**

Paint a festive sign to decorate your porch this holiday season. Upon registration, please indicate which design you would like to paint:

**Christmas or Hanukkah.**

*Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



### Chair Yoga

**Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16 & 23 • 10:30-11:30am**

Enjoy the mobility, vitality, and peace of mind that a regular yoga practice can provide while feeling fully supported in a chair. There will not be floor work! We will alternate standing poses with seated poses, then end the class with relaxation. Modifications will be offered for those who need to sit. No props necessary. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*



### Art Group

**Tuesday, December 2 • 12:00-2:15pm**

**Tuesday, December 9 • 12:00-2:15pm**

**Tuesday, December 16 • 12:00-2:15pm**

**Tuesday, December 30 • 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.*

### Adult Writers Group

**Tuesday, December 2 • 7:00-8:30pm**

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



### Morning Bingo for Adults

**Wednesday, December 3 • 10:00-11:30am**

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

## Nesconset Continued

### Agents, Trustees and Executors - What You Need to Know

**Wednesday, December 3 • 1:00-2:00pm**

Do you have questions on the responsibilities of agents, trustees or executors when it comes to your estate plan? Join **Brittni Sullivan** from Burner Prudenti Law as she discusses these important roles in estate planning and the duties involved for those appointed.

### One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

**Thursday, December 4 • 12:00pm, 12:45pm, 1:30pm OR 2:15pm**

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

### Game Night

**Thursday, December 4 • 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.*

### Defensive Driving

**Tuesday, December 9 & Wednesday, December 10 • 5:00-8:30pm**

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

### All Abilities Gingerbread House

**Thursday, December 11 • 10:00-11:00am**

Decorate a delicious gingerbread house from **Fanny Cakes bakery**. You will have your choice of a variety of candies and go home with your own decorated gingerbread house. Please note: This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on November 26.*



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## Nesconset Continued

### Hands-Only CPR

Thursday, December 11 • 7:00-8:00pm

Ryan O'Reilly BSEd, NRP, CCP, CIC, Trauma Program Manager from St. Catherine of Siena Hospital's Emergency Department, will review CPR for adults, children and infants. When to utilize the technique and how to perform the skill. In addition, instructions will be provided on "Stop the Bleed" in case of an emergency.

### Bingo Night for Adults

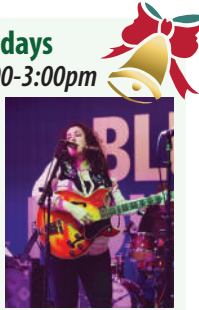
Friday, December 12 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

### Rockin' Around the Holidays

Saturday, December 13 • 2:00-3:00pm

Nina et Cetera will perform classic holiday tunes in 21st century fashion. Including songs by Johnny Cash, Elvis, Brenda Lee, Ray Charles, Fats Domino, Chuck Berry and many others!



### All Abilities Seed Starters

Monday, December 15 • 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 required, registration begins on November 26.

### All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, December 17 • 9:30am-12:00pm

*The Muppet Christmas Carol*

Rated PG; runtime 85 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 26.



## Nesconset Continued

### Holiday Floral Design

Wednesday, December 17 • 4:30-6:30pm

Learn how to harvest materials from your own backyard to create a small holiday-themed floral arrangement with Rita Gallegos. All materials and decorations will be provided, but feel free to bring extra small-scale decorations to enhance your arrangement. Bring your own scissors and/or clippers and gloves (if you need them). Bow making will be demonstrated. If you wish to try your hand at making a bow, bring a roll of bow ribbon. Fee: \$10.00 per person.



### Guided Harp Meditation

Monday, December 29 • 7:00-8:00pm

Destress after the holidays and join Liz Teplin as she leads you in a guided meditation while playing soothing music on the harp.



## Coming in January

### Bingo Night for Adults

Wednesday, January 7 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

### Adult Bingo Afternoon

Tuesday, January 20 • 3:00-4:30pm

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

### Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Thursday, January 22 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Visit the traveling community outreach bus in our parking lot courtesy of Catholic Health Services. This outreach program provides free blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings along with patient education and referrals as needed. Regular flu vaccines (18+) and the senior dose will also be available. First come, first served. No registration required.



## A LETTER FROM THE Director

### Season's Greetings,

On behalf of the Library Board and staff, I wish each and every one of you a joyous holiday season and all good wishes for a happy and healthy 2026.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to thank all who help us give back to our community by contributing to one of our holiday collections highlighted on the front page of this newsletter. It never fails to warm my heart to see our community come together in this way.

Sincerely,

Robert Lusak  
Library Director





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## Movies at the Library

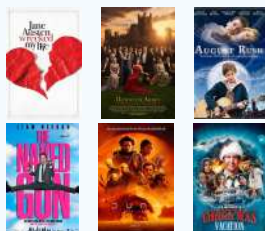


Registration began on November 1.

### Commack

#### Thursday Movie of the Week

- Thursday, December 4 • 1:30pm  
*The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*  
Rated NR; runtime 90 minutes.
- Thursday, December 11 • 1:30pm  
*Jane Austen Wrecked My Life*  
Rated R; runtime 98 minutes.
- Thursday, December 18 • 1:30pm  
*August Rush*  
Rated PG-13; runtime 113 minutes



### Kings Park

#### Friday Movie of the Week

- Friday, December 5 • 2:15pm  
*F1: The Movie*  
Rated PG-13; runtime 155 minutes.
- Friday, December 12 • 2:15pm  
*Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale*  
Rated PG; runtime 143 minutes.
- Friday, December 19 • 2:15pm  
*The Last Showgirl*  
Rated R; runtime 85 minutes.
- Friday, Friday, December 26 • 2:15pm  
*The Naked Gun*  
Rated PG-13; runtime 85 minutes.

### Nesconset

#### New Movie Matinee

- Wednesday, December 17 • 1:00pm  
*The Naked Gun*  
Rated PG-13; runtime 85 minutes.

#### Friday Movie Matinee

- Friday, December 5 • 2:00pm  
*Dune: Part Two*  
Rated PG-13; runtime 166 minutes.
- Friday, December 19 • 2:00pm  
*National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation*  
Rated PG-13; runtime 97 minutes.



## Book Discussion Groups

Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of their respective buildings. Book discussion group 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 8 • 12:00-1:00pm  
*The Ministry of Time: A Novel* by Kaliane Bradley

### Kings Park

#### Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

- Tuesday, December 9 • 11:00am-12:00pm  
*The Most Wonderful Crime of the Year*  
by Ally Carter

### Nesconset

#### Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

- Monday, December 1 • 10:30am-12:30pm  
*The Wide Wide Sea* by Hampton Sides

#### Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group

- Wednesday, December 10 • 2:30-3:30pm  
*The Eyre Affair* by Jasper Fforde

### Nesconset Continued

#### Smittown Book Discussion Group

- Thursday, December 18 • 10:45am-12:45pm  
*The Day the World Came to Town* by Jim DeFede

#### Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

- Thursday, December 18 • 7:00-8:00pm  
*The Life Impossible* by Matt Haig

#### Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

- Tuesday, December 23 • 2:00-3:00pm  
*The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis

### 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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**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 first and second floors are opened  
with limited services.  
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**Commack Building**  
3 Indian Head Road  
Commack, New York 11725

**MONDAY** 9:30am-9:00pm  
**TUESDAY** 9:30am-9:00pm  
**WEDNESDAY** 9:30am-9:00pm  
**THURSDAY** 9:30am-9:00pm  
**FRIDAY** 9:30am-6:00pm  
**SATURDAY** 9:30am-5:00pm  
**SUNDAY** 1:00-5:00pm  
(Sept-May)

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

**MONDAY** 9:30am-9:00pm  
**TUESDAY** 9:30am-9:00pm  
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**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-9:00pm  
**SATURDAY** 9:30am-5:00pm  
**SUNDAY** 1:00-5:00pm  
(Sept-May)

*The Library will be closed:*

*Wednesday, December 24 • Christmas Eve & Thursday, December 25 • Christmas Day  
Wednesday, December 31 • New Year's Eve & Thursday, 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.*

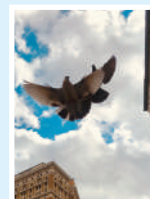
Please call:  
Gina Ferreira  
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**Kings Park**  
**Community Room**  
**Kings Park Photo Club**  
Works by members of the local Kings Park  
Photo Club will be on display.



**Nesconset**  
**Display Case**  
**Abstract Art & Photography**  
View a collection of original works by a  
local family.

**Community Room**  
**Nature, Urban Life &  
Self Reflection**  
View works by Bill  
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**Board of Trustees Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 16 • 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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