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Long Island's Largest Library - Serving the Communities of Smithtown:
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CHILDREN

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

Children's Program Registration Information

In person, online and telephone registration begins at **9:30am** for **Commack on Tuesday, December 30, Kings Park on Friday, December 26, Nesconset on Tuesday, January 6.** 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 Bounce

C-Saturday, January 10 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-11 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Baby's First Storytime

N-Tuesday, January 20 • 10:00-10:45am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Baby Playground

K-Tuesday, January 20 • 3:00-3:45pm
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Baby Band

C-Friday, January 16 • 2:30-3:00pm
(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for an afternoon of fingerplays, instruments, music and movement for even the littlest rockers.

Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Saturday, January 3 • 11:00-11:30am
C-Friday, January 9 • 10:00-10:30am
C-Tuesday, January 20 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Wednesday, January 21 • 3:00-3:30pm
K-Monday, January 5 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Wednesday, January 14 • 4:00-4:30pm
K-Saturday, January 24 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Thursday, January 29 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Thursday, January 8 • 2:30-3:00pm
N-Tuesday, January 13 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Friday, January 16 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Saturday, January 17 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Friday, January 23 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Wonderful Ones

C-Wednesday, January 7 • 10:30-11:15am
C-Wednesday, January 14 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Tuesday, January 13 • 2:30-3:15pm
N-Thursday, January 22 • 2:30-3:15pm
N-Tuesday, January 27 • 10:00-10:45am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Story Tots

C-Friday, January 23 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

Unplug and unwind with your little ones. Engage in stories, fingerplays, rhymes and musical activities.

Rockin' Tots

C-Monday, January 5 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Young at Art

K-Thursday, January 8 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Friday, January 9 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Thursday, January 22 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Tiny Tot Storytime

K-Tuesday, January 27 • 10:30-11:00am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Paint Pals

K-Tuesday, January 20 • 10:00-10:45am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Let's have a paint party! Little ones will paint and play the morning away. Dress to make a mess.

Move and Groove

N-Friday, January 30 • 10:00-10:30am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Tot Tunes

K-Monday, February 2 • 10:30-11:00am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Time for Twos

C-Friday, January 16 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Saturday, January 31 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Wednesday, January 21 • 11:30am-12:15pm
N-Friday, January 30 • 2:30-3:15pm
(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

C-Tuesday, January 6 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Saturday, January 3 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Wednesday, January 28 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Different crafts encourage children's hand-eye coordination and gross and fine motor skills development; includes storytime. Dress to make a mess.

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Construction Zone
***C*-Thursday, January 22 • 10:30-11:15am**
***K*-Tuesday, January 6 • 10:00-10:45am**
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Put on your hard hats and bring your little construction workers to build with all types of blocks.

Bubbles, Bubbles, Everywhere
***N*-Wednesday, January 7 • 10:00-10:45am**
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for stories and crafts all about BUBBLES! We will blow bubbles, pop bubbles and even dance in bubbles.

Library Playdate
***C*-Saturday, January 24 • 10:30-11:15am**
***K*-Monday, January 12 • 10:30-11:15am**
***N*-Monday, January 12 • 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.

Play and Bloom
***N*-Tuesday, January 13 • 11:00-11:45am**
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Gather, play and grow! Participate in an open-ended, self-directed playtime and explore our creative art stations. *No registration required.*

Fine Motor Fun
***N*-Wednesday, January 14 • 2:30-3:15pm**
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Give your muscles a workout with crafts and activities that help develop fine motor skills. Dress to make a mess.

Jammin' with Miss Jessie
***C*-Wednesday, January 21 • 10:00-10:30am**
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Get your jam on and explore instruments of all kinds while playing along with **Miss Jessie**. We'll also read a musical story.

Cold and Cozy
***K*-Monday, January 26 • 10:30-11:00am**
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
We will read tales about hibernation and see how some of our animal friends stay warm in the winter.

Winter Whimsy
***N*-Monday, February 2 • 10:00-10:45am**
(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.

Mini Makers
***K*-Tuesday, January 6 • 3:30-4:15pm**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Discover and explore STEAM concepts through play with other little learners. Dress to make a mess.

Storytime Safari
***N*-Saturday, January 10 • 10:00-10:45am**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Wild characters abound when you open a book. Treat your mind to an adventure with stories and an art project.

Once Upon a Storytime
***N*-Tuesday, January 13 • 2:30-3:15pm**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us as we spotlight a favorite fairy tale. We will revisit classic stories and create a coordinating craft or special project. Dress to make a mess.

Playdough Playtime
***C*-Thursday, January 15 • 10:30-11:00am**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy some quality time with your little one while creating fun play dough creations!

Pigeon Palooza
***K*-Thursday, January 15 • 2:30-3:15pm**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Pigeon loves the Library! Let's listen to some Pigeon stories and make some matching crafts. Dress to make a mess.

Fun with Play Dough
***K*-Friday, January 16 • 10:30-11:15am**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy our play dough playsets and meeting new friends.

Preschool Dance Party
***N*-Friday, January 16 • 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.

S is for Snowman
***N*-Thursday, January 22 • 11:00-11:45am**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us for some snowy stories and a fun snowman craft.

Winter Hedgehog
***K*-Thursday, January 22 • 3:30-4:00pm**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy stories about this favorite woodland animal and make a prickly hedgehog snowflake craft.

Dress the Snowman
***C*-Friday, January 23 • 2:30-3:15pm**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Hear stories all about fun adventures in the snow and dress a paper snowman that will endure any weather!

Stories & STEAM - Snowmen
***C*-Tuesday, January 27 • 2:30-3:15pm**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us for silly snowman stories and explore a variety of snowy crafts and STEAM activities. Dress to make a mess!

Animals in Winter
***N*-Thursday, January 29 • 10:00-10:45am**
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Learn about what animals do in winter, then explore a variety of crafts and activities at different stations. Dress to make a mess.

Snowy Night
***N*-Thursday, January 15 • 4:15-5:00pm**
(5-7 years)
Let's get cozy and enjoy some snowy stories and creative crafts.

Sweater Weather
***C*-Tuesday, January 20 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(5-7 years)
Wear your favorite sweater and cozy up for some winter tales followed by some adorable crafts.

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Snowy Pinecone Owls
***N*-Saturday, January 24 • 10:00-10:45am**
(5-7 years)
The snowy owl lives in the Arctic where it's even colder than how it feels today. Enjoy stories about this wintertime friend and use a pinecone to create a "hoot" of a craft. Dress to make a mess.

Snowy Mountain Scene
***N*-Friday, January 30 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(5-7 years)
Enjoy wintertime stories and create your own mixed media snowy mountain project.

Snoopy and Friends

***K*-Thursday, January 8 • 4:15-4:45pm**
(5-8 years)
Join the whole gang as we read humorous adventures and make crafts starring **Snoopy** and **Woodstock**.

Zoo-tastic
***C*-Wednesday, January 14 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(5-8 years)
Giraffes, zebras and gorillas galore! Let your imagination roar as we explore all kinds of animals found in the zoo. Create your own zoo animal to take home.

Robot Buddies
***K*-Wednesday, January 21 • 4:15-5:00pm**
(5-9 years)
Learn to code using different robots. Children will be paired with teens for a rewarding experience.

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.*

Chess and Checkers Buddies
***C*-Monday, January 12 • 4:15-5:00pm**
(5-12 years)
It's time for a board meeting; play chess and checkers with our teen volunteers. A great opportunity to learn a new game or practice a favorite.

LEGO® Together
***C*-Saturday, January 31 • 10:30-11:15am**
(5-12 years with parent/caregiver)
Build creative LEGO® creations with your family!

Pet Turtles
***C*-Tuesday, January 6 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(6-9 years with parent/caregiver)
Make your own turtle-y awesome pet turtle! Use your creative skills to craft up the cutest little turtle and we'll read all about them.

DIY Dragon Eggs
***C*-Tuesday, January 13 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(6-9 years)
Have you ever wanted to own your very own dragon egg? Dig through the dragon's treasure and create your own sparkly, treasure-filled dragon egg!

Snow Delicious
***K*-Tuesday, January 13 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(6-10 years)
Enjoy winter stories and make a yummy treat to take home.

Cricut Crafts - Winter Stencil Art
***K*-Wednesday, January 28 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(6-10 years)
Warm up at the Library and create a stencil art masterpiece with the Cricut cutting machine! Dress to make a mess.

Bouncing Penguins
***C*-Saturday, January 17 • 10:30-11:15am**
(6-12 years)
Celebrate **Penguin Awareness Day** by crafting a bouncing penguin and listening to a fun story.

Mosaic Winter Wreath
***C*-Monday, January 5 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(8-12 years)
Welcome the season of winter with a sparkling mosaic sign perfect for decorating! Enjoy some seasonal stories while crafting.

Infusible Ink Coasters
***K*-Saturday, January 10 • 10:30-11:30am**
(8-12 years)
Learn how to use infusible ink with the Cricut EasyPress! We'll draw and color our own custom designs, then iron them onto coasters.

Bluey & Stitch Perler Beads

***K*-Saturday, January 17 • 10:30-11:15am**
(8-12 years)
Make perler bead figures of our favorite blue dog and alien "dog" and pick them up at the Library beginning January 20.

Snow Dough
***N*-Saturday, January 24 • 11:30am-12:15pm**
(8-12 years)
There is no need to bundle up to play with this snow. Make your own snow dough and bring the outside in.

Creation Station
***C*-Saturday, January 3 • 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.*

Cozy Campfire Tales
***K*-Saturday, January 31 • 2:30-3:15pm**
(Families)
Come to the Library on a wintery afternoon for cozy storytimes by our fireless campfire.

Mozart for Munchkins

***N*-Saturday, February 7 • 10:30-11:30am**
(Families)
Celebrate **Take Your Child to the Library Day** by participating in an interactive family concert. Clap, sing and dance as **Mozart for Munchkins** creates a relaxed and engaging environment where families can experience and enjoy the wonders of jazz, classical, bluegrass and more.

CHILDREN TEEN SCENE

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January Bookmark Contest Winner
Maggie A.
Grade 1
Mt. Pleasant Elementary School

Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **January** programs began on **Monday, December 8**. **February** program registration begins **Monday, January 12**. 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 - Melted Snowman Ornament

Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make this adorable snowman ornament. *Kits will be available at the building of your choice beginning January 5 and must be picked up by January 16.*

Vinyl Vibes and Bestie Ties

***N*-Friday, January 2 • 5:30-7:00pm**

Start the new year off with your bestie and a new hoodie. Design and create a custom sweatshirt to match with your BFF!

Dungeons and Dragons

***C*-Monday, January 5 • 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.

Vibrant Vision Boards

***K*-Tuesday, January 13 • 7:00-8:00pm**

New year, new goals. Design a vision board that will inspire you to stick to your goals and aspirations.

Teen Bingo Night

***N*-Tuesday, January 13 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Come for a night of bingo at the Library. Prizes and snacks will be provided.

Make Your Own Stickers

***C*-Wednesday, January 14 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Join us to learn about the Cricut cutting machine, then use Cricut Design Space to create your own custom stickers.

Teen Snowy Social

***N*-Friday, January 16 • 7:00-8:30pm**

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

Monster of the Week

***K*-Tuesday, January 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.

Anime and Manga Club

***C*-Wednesday, January 21 • 7:00-8:30pm**

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

Awful Art Afternoon

***N*-Thursday, January 22 • 4:00-5:00pm**

Calling all bad artists! Join us as we unleash our creativity and make ridiculous artwork using various mediums.

Beaded Succulents

***K*-Thursday, January 22 • 7:00-8:00pm**

Looking for a low-maintenance plant that never needs watering? This adorable beaded plant is the perfect combination of crafty and cute!

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Cocoa and Games

K-Tuesday, January 27 • 7:00-8:00pm
Come in from the cold and enjoy some hot cocoa as you play board games with friends.

Hot Cocoa Mugs

N-Wednesday, January 28 • 4:00-5:00pm
Celebrate the best beverage of the season! Decorate a mug to bring home and enjoy with a hot chocolate packet.

Volunteer Opportunities

Each teen will receive community service credit for the following programs.

Uke Buddies Volunteers

C-Friday, January 2 • 3:00-4:00pm
Strum the afternoon away and pair up with our young patrons to help them learn the beginner basics of the ukulele. A brief instructional overview will be given at the start of the program.

Birthday Bundle Bag Volunteers

C-Wednesday, January 7 • 7:00-8:00pm
Make bags full of birthday goodies for patrons of our Children's Department to enjoy.

Take and Bake Dog Treat Volunteers

N-Thursday, January 8 • 6:30-7:15pm
Help feed our furry friends at the **Smithtown Animal Shelter**. We will prepare all ingredients for dog treats at the Library and you will take them home to bake.

The Crayon Initiative Volunteers

C-Saturday, January 10 • 3:00-4:00pm

We are collaborating with **The Crayon Initiative** to give children in hospitals free crayons to express themselves through art. Join us as we sort, peel and package crayons for this great cause.

Chess and Checkers Buddies Volunteers

C-Monday, January 12 • 4:00-5:00pm
Teach younger children how to play chess and checkers. You do not have to be an expert to volunteer but knowledge of the rules is required.

Craft Kits for Kids Volunteers

K-Monday, January 12 • 4:00-5:00pm
Assist our Children's Department by assembling craft kits for kids.

Seed Sorting Volunteers

N- Wednesday, January 14 • 4:00-5:00pm
K-Thursday, January 15 • 4:00-5:00pm
C-Monday, January 26 • 4:30-5:30pm
N-Tuesday, January 27 • 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-Saturday, January 17 • 3:00-4:00pm
Teen volunteers are needed to design and make bookmarks for Smithtown Library patrons.

Robot Buddies Volunteers

K-Wednesday, January 21 • 4:00-5:00pm
Help a younger child code robots.

Community Warmth Kits Volunteers

K-Monday, January 26 • 4:00-5:00pm
Assemble warmth kits that will go to local shelters and community organizations.

Kennel Comforts Volunteers

C-Wednesday, January 28 • 7:00-8:00pm
Help make no-sew fleece blankets and pet toys that will be donated to local animal shelters to keep cats and dogs warm and happy.

Candy Gram Volunteers

K-Thursday, January 29 • 7:00-8:00pm
Create burlap treat bags for residents at our local senior center! We will decorate, create and stuff the bags with sweets in time for **Valentine's Day**.

Teen Volunteer Opportunity in a Box

Can't fit our volunteer opportunities into your schedule? The Smithtown Library now offers one-hour volunteer sessions by appointment! Teens can spend time at the Library working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community. Teens may schedule up to two time slots per month. For more information or to schedule a session, contact any Reference Desk.

Adult Program Information

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Take and Make - Wood Slice Snowman

Take home a bag filled with the supplies to make a stand up winter decoration! Online and in person registration begins on January 2 and ends on January 16. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning January 20. *Fee: $10.00 per person.*

Take and Make - Puzzle Heart Wreath

Take home a bag filled with the supplies to make this Valentine's Day decoration for your home. A hot glue gun may also be required to complete this project. Online and in person registration begins on January 9 and ends on January 23. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning January 27. *Fee: $10.00 per person.*

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Commack

Puzzlepalooza - Times Square Edition
Friday, January 2 • 12:00-2:30pm
Get ready for a puzzle competition! Break into teams and compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle of Times Square in two and a half hours. The first team to finish the puzzle will receive a prize. Come by yourself or with friends.

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.*

Art Group
Tuesday, January 6 • 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.*

Remember Liss - A New American Founding Figure
Tuesday, January 6 • 7:00-8:00pm
Join historian and author **Claire Bellerjeau** as she discusses the discovery of a new founding figure named Elizabeth, or **Liss**. Liss was enslaved by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay whose most famous member was Robert Townsend aka "Culper, Jr.", George Washington's lead spy in Manhattan during the Revolutionary War. Her re-enslavement in Manhattan and later Charleston and her complex struggle for freedom gives new insight into the country's founding era, through the eyes of an enslaved Black woman seeking liberty in a country fighting for its own. *Books will be available for purchase and signing*.

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance
Tuesday, January 13 • 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.

Commack Continued

Game Night
Thursday, January 8 • 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, January 15 • 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, January 22 • 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.*

Valentine's Day Sign
Monday, January 12 • 6:15-8:45pm
Be mine! Paint a festive sign to decorate your front door for the season of love. *Fee: $15.00 per person.*

Thinking of Starting a Small Business?
Tuesday, January 13 • 7:00-8:00pm
Get practical and experienced advice on how to start and grow your business. If you're already an owner, you'll benefit from this workshop led by **Zev Asch**, a four-decade expert on small business.

Open Knit and Crochet
Tuesday, January 20 • 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 Night
Tuesday, January 20 • 6:00-7:00pm
Join us for our noncompetitive, slow-paced bingo. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on December 30.*

Commack Continued

Fake News Detective - Spot Lies Before They Fool You
Wednesday, January 21 • 5:30-6:30pm
The internet is full of misleading headlines and clickbait. In this eye-opening workshop, you'll discover fact-checking tools, strategies for evaluating sources and ways to recognize fake news before you hit "share." Sharpen your critical thinking and become a savvy online sleuth with **Lindsay Citrano**.

Marketing - The Lifeblood of Small Business
Tuesday, January 27 • 7:00-8:00pm
Join **Zev Asch**, a four-decade expert on small business for a practical workshop by a career marketer and learn how to market your business in the 21st century and the booming age of AI.

Suffolk County Water Authority - Water Talk
Thursday, January 29 • 6:00-7:30pm
Join the **Suffolk County Water Authority** panel of experts to discuss how, what and why they do what they do at SCWA. Learn about where the water comes from, how and why testing is performed, water conservation and what the SCWA has been working on in the area. A question and answer period will follow the talk.

Coming in February
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.*

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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.*

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Evening Yoga
Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21 & 28 • 7:00-8:00pm

In this open level yoga class, we will be connecting breath to movement as we flow from one pose into the next. Build strength, increase flexibility, improve balance, and release stress through yoga asana (poses), breath work, and meditation practice. Variations and modifications will be offered throughout to cater to student's needs. Bring your own yoga mat. *Fee: $12.00 per person.*

Beginner Canasta
Fridays, January, 9, 23 & 30 • 10:00am-12:00pm
Join instructor **Jacqui Palatnik** to learn the card game that has fascinated people for so many years with its strategies, sequences and combinations. *Fee: $20.00 per person. Please note: there is no class on January 16.*

Sourdough 101
Saturday, January 10 • 2:00-3:00pm

Learn the basics of sourdough with **A Mano Baking Company**. Carefully craft your own starter and be ready to go home to begin your sourdough journey. Learn the basics such as feeding, shaping, technique and you'll even get to taste! *Fee: $12.00 per person.*

Kings Park Continued

HPV and Cancer - Know the Facts

Thursday, January 15 • 11:00-11:45am
January is **Cervical Cancer Awareness Month**. Join Health Educators from **Stony Brook Cancer Center** for an informative workshop designed to increase awareness about the Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and the cancers related to it, including cervical cancer. We will be discussing what HPV is, risk factors and the importance of early detection and lifestyle changes that may help reduce your risk.

Boost Your Immunity and Seasonal Wellness
Wednesday, January 21 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Stay healthy year-round with holistic approaches to strengthening the immune system. **Dr. Rotondi** from Acupuncture Wellness Services shares acupuncture insights and lifestyle tips to reduce seasonal illness and improve resilience.

All Abilities Winter Hat Penguins
Thursday, January 22 • 10:00-11:00am
It's winter! Paint a cute penguin who is dressed for the 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 December 30.*

Health Literacy - Be Prepared
Monday, January 26 • 6:30-7:30pm
According to the CDC, nearly nine out of 10 adults in the United States struggle with health literacy. Join health educators from **Stony Brook Cancer Center** to learn how to improve your ability to find, understand and use information and services to make well-informed health-related decisions.

Art Group
Tuesday, January 27 • 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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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.*

Estate Planning and Elder Care Workshop
Monday, January 5 • 6:30-8:00pm
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.

Adult Writers Group
Tuesday, January 6 • 7:00-8:30pm
Meet with our local group to share ideas and get feedback on your latest writing efforts. *No registration required.*

Bingo Night for Adults
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.

All Abilities Bingo
Thursday, January 8 • 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 December 30.*

ADULTS

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One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, January 8 • 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.

All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, January 14 • 9:30am-12:00pm

How to Train Your Dragon

Rated PG; runtime 125 minutes.

Join us for our sensory friendly movie. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on December 30.*

Willie Mosconi and the Great Game of Pocket Billiards

Thursday, January 15 • 7:00-8:00pm

Willie "Mr. Pocket Billiards" Mosconi was an American professional pool player and is widely considered one of the greatest pool players of all time. This presentation will introduce the audience to the game of 14.1 Continuous, also known as straight pool. Through a long fascination with the game, **Eddie Sierra** will offer an engaging, informative, and visual presentation, as he dips you into the life and play of Willie Mosconi and a cast of supporting characters.

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Art Group

Tuesday, January 20 • 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 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.

All Abilities Seed Starters

Wednesday, January 21 • 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 December 30.*

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.*

Chair Boxing

Thursday, January 22 • 1:00-2:00pm

You've tried chair yoga, now try chair boxing! Join **Jonathan Arroyo** for this moderate but effective hybrid chair boxing fitness class. Learn simple boxing-inspired movements that build strength, coordination and energy. No experience reuired, all gloves and equipment will be provided.

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2D Wool Felting - Winter Scene

Friday, January 23 • 6:00-8:30pm

Join **Bonnie Schwartz** as she teaches you this felting technique also known as "painting with wool". Using 100% Merino wool and special felting needles, learn to push the wool and interlock the fibers into a piece of white fabric to "paint" your picture. This art technique is very popular in Scotland and New Zealand and is gaining popularity in the U. S. *Fee: $15.00 per person.*

Hearing Loss and You

Tuesday, January 27 • 12:00-1:00pm

Olivia Bologna, Au.D, CCC-A, FAAA from Earworks Audiology will discuss how to recognize hearing loss in ourselves and in loved ones, effective communication strategies for individuals with hearing loss, the connection between hearing loss and cognitive decline and hearing loss and tinnitus (ringing in the ears) treatment options.

Pictionary Game Night

Wednesday, January 28 • 6:30-8:30pm

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

Game Night

Thursday, January 29 • 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.*

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Digital Photography 101

Saturday, January 31 • 11:00am-12:30pm

Learn the basics of photography with **Mark Burkhalter**. Find out what those buttons and numbers mean on that camera of yours that you have been too intimidated to touch. Learn the importance and usage of ISO, f-stop and shutter speed while learning how to take a photo and make it the best it can be!

Coming in February

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 that 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.

Bingo Night for Adults

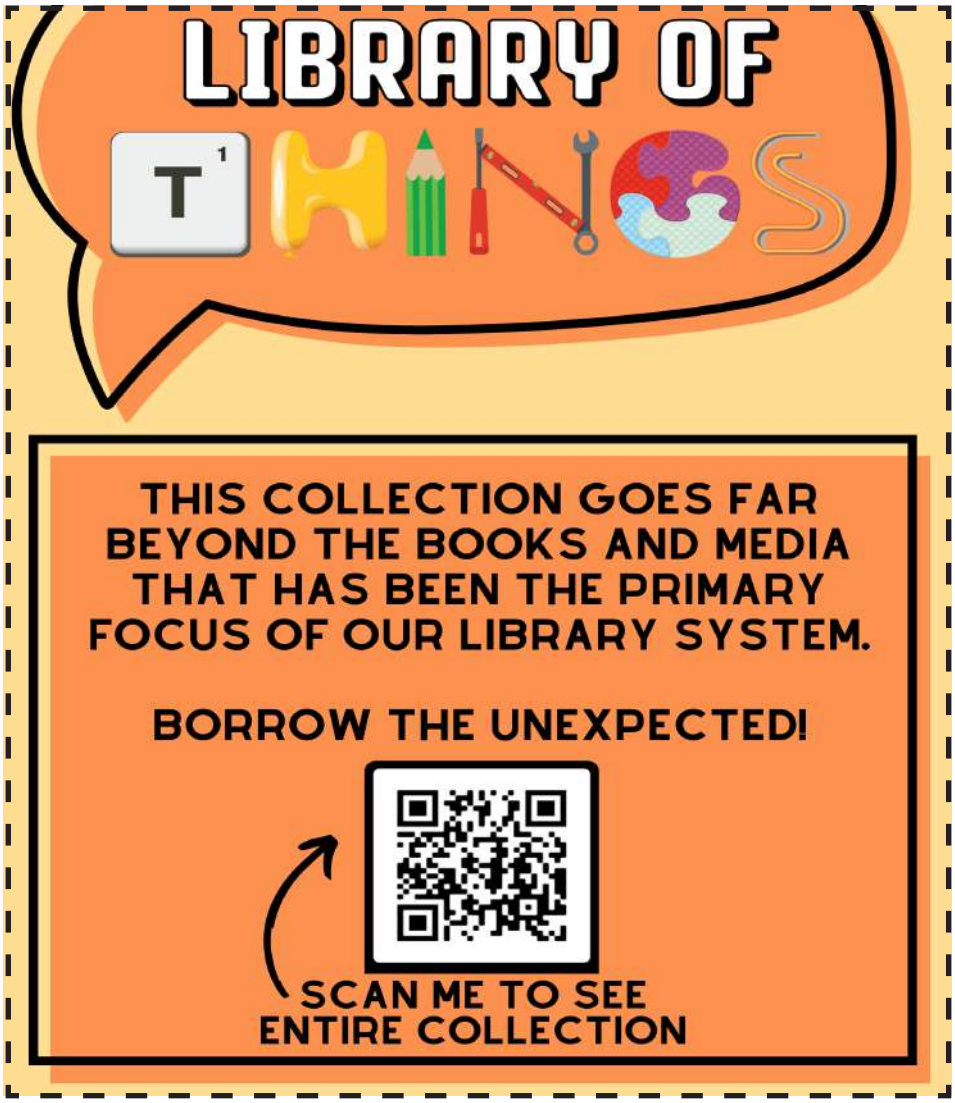
Thursday, February 19 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Bus Trip - Philadelphia Flower Show

Tuesday, March 4
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 7:45 AM to board the bus. We will depart the Flower Show at 4:30 PM to return home. *Registration begins on January 2 for Smithtown Library cardholders. Registration for non-Smithtown Library cardholders begins on January 9. Fee: $97.00 per person includes ticket to show, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.*



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Movies at the Library

Registration began on December 1.

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Thursday Movie of the Week

- ***Thursday, January 8 • 1:30pm***
  Superman
  Rated PG-13; runtime 129 minutes.
- ***Thursday, January 15 • 1:30pm***
  The Naked Gun
  Rated PG-13; runtime 111 minutes.
- ***Thursday, January 22 • 1:30pm***
  Materialists
  Rated R; runtime 116 minutes.
- ***Thursday, January 29 • 1:30pm***
  Freakier Friday
  Rated PG; runtime 111 minutes.

Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

- ***Friday, January 2 • 2:15pm***
  Caught Stealing
  Rated R; runtime 107 minutes.
- ***Friday, January 9 • 2:15pm***
  Small Things Like These
  Rated PG; runtime 143 minutes.
- ***Friday, January 16 • 2:15pm***
  Anemone
  Rated R; runtime 125 minutes.
- ***Friday, January 23 • 2:15pm***
  The Roses
  Rated R; runtime 105 minutes.
- ***Friday, January 30 • 2:15pm***
  The Long Walk
  Rated R; runtime 108 minutes.

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New Movie Matinee

- ***Wednesday, January 28 • 1:00pm***
  Good Fortune
  Rated R; runtime 97 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee

- ***Friday, January 9 • 2:00pm***
  Pulp Fiction
  Rated R; runtime 154 minutes.
- ***Friday, January 23 • 2:00pm***
  Fight Club
  Rated R; runtime 139 minutes.

Friday Night Movie

- ***Friday, January 30 • 6:15pm***
  Watchmen: Chapter 1
  Rated R; runtime 84 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.

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Commack Book Discussion Group*

Monday, January 12 • 12:00-1:00pm
The Blue Hour by **Paula Hawkins**

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 13 • 11:00am-12:00pm
The Last Session by **Julia Bartz**

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Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, January 5 • 10:30am-12:30pm
The Boys of Riverside by **Thomas Fuller**

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 7 • 2:30-3:30pm
Small Mercies by **Dennis Lehane**

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Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 15 • 10:45am-12:45pm
Did you Ever Have a Family by **Bill Clegg**

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 22 • 7:00-8:00pm
The Phoenix Crown by **Katie Quinn** and **Janie Chang**

Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, January 27 • 2:00-3:00pm
Good Dirt by **Charmaine Wilkerson**

Historical Non-fiction Book Discussion Group

Thursday, January 29 • 2:30-3:30pm
The Cause: The American Revolution and Its Discontents, 1773-1783 by **Joseph J. Ellis**.

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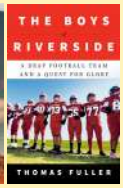
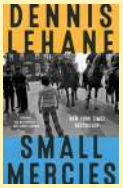
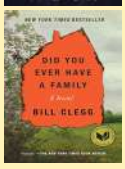
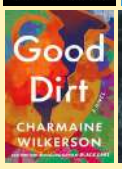
All Abilities Book Club

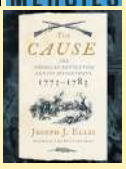
This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Contact Christine Alexander (631) 360-2480 ext. 224 for more information about the Club including upcoming dates and times.*











Smithtown Building
Long Island Room
Patent and Trademark Resource Center & Passport Acceptance Facility

1 North Country Road
Smithtown, New York 11787

MONDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
WEDNESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
THURSDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
FRIDAY	9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY	9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

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Commack Building

3 Indian Head Road
Commack, New York 11725

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FRIDAY	9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY	9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY (Sept-May)	1:00-5:00pm

Kings Park Building

1 Church Street
Kings Park, New York 11754

MONDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
WEDNESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
THURSDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
FRIDAY	9:30am-6:00pm
SATURDAY	9:30am-5:00pm
SUNDAY	CLOSED

Nesconset Building, Administration/ Business Office

148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, New York 11767

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WEDNESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
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SUNDAY (Sept-May)	1:00-5:00pm

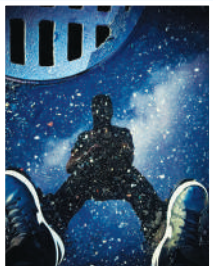
The Library will be closed:
Wednesday, December 31 • New Year's Eve & Thursday, January 1 • New Year's Day
Sunday & Monday, January 18 & 19 • Martin Luther King Day

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

Nesconset
Community Room
Nature, Urban Life & Self Reflection
View works by **Bill Loerch**



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, January 20 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the
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The public is welcome.

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

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