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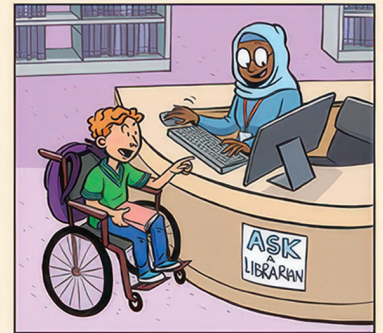
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Drawn to the Library

Celebrate National Library Week

Whatever draws you in, the Library has something for everyone!
Celebrate **National Library Week, April 6-12.**

What's the draw? Everything.
From young families stopping in for play and storytime, to students sketching out their next creative project, to seniors seeking tech help and everyone in between, libraries of all kinds help us connect the dots from one part of our journey to the next.
Visit the Reference Desk at any of our buildings, tell us what book draws you in and be entered into a raffle. Open to all.



LONG ISLAND READS One Island–One Book

Long Island Reads is an Island-wide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss one book.

Author **Jane L. Rosen**, recipient of the 2025 Long Island Reads Selection Award, will appear at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library on Sunday, April 6 at 2:00pm to discuss her book ***On Fire Island***. Free tickets will be available for the event on Saturday, March 1 via the Long Island Reads website (<https://longislandreads.wordpress.com>). The event will also be live-streamed. Please check the Long Island Reads website for more details.



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Long Island's Largest Library - Serving the Communities of Smithtown:
Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset
Nissequoque • Saint James • Smithtown • Village of the Branch

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 Wednesday, March 26, Kings Park on Friday, March 28, Nesconset on Tuesday, April 1**. 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 Playground

C-Tuesday, April 29 • 10:00-10:45am

K-Friday, April 18 • 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 Playdate

N-Thursday, May 1 • 10:00-10:45am

(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-Tuesday, April 1 • 10:30-11:00am

C-Monday, April 14 • 10:30-11:00am

C-Saturday, April 19 • 11:00-11:30am

C-Saturday, May 3 • 10:00-10:30am

K-Tuesday, April 1 • 10:00-10:30am

K-Saturday, April 12 • 10:00-10:30am

K-Thursday, April 24 • 10:30-11:00am

K-Monday, April 28 • 3:30-4:00pm



Once upon a time

Story Tots

C-Wednesday, April 2 • 10:00-10:30am

(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

Unplug and unwind with your little ones.

Engage in stories, fingerplays, rhymes and musical activities.

Wonderful Ones

C-Friday, April 18 • 10:30-11:15am

C-Wednesday, April 30 • 10:30-11:15am

K-Wednesday, April 2 • 11:00-11:45am

N-Monday, April 7 • 10:00-10:45am

N-Tuesday, May 6 • 2:30-3:15pm

(12-23 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Rock and Rhyme

N-Friday, April 11 • 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.

Tiny Tot Storytime

K-Wednesday, April 16 • 10:30-11:00am

(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Little Explorers

N-Thursday, April 24 • 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.

N-Tuesday, April 8 • 2:30-3:00pm

N-Saturday, April 12 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Friday, April 18 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Friday, April 25 • 10:00-10:30am

N-Saturday, May 3 • 10:00-10:30am

(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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



Musical Tots

N-Friday, May 2 • 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.



Tot Tunes

C-Friday, April 11 • 10:00-10:30am

K-Monday, April 7 • 10:30-11:00am

(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Parachute Storytime

K-Tuesday, April 22 • 10:00-10:30am

(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Come to the Library for some colorful parachute fun! There will be storytime, play and bubbles.

Time for Twos

C-Wednesday, April 16 • 10:30-11:15am

K-Wednesday, April 9 • 3:00-3:45pm

K-Tuesday, April 29 • 10:30-11:15am

N-Wednesday, April 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.

Count with Me

K-Friday, April 11 • 10:30-11:15am

(2-3 years with parent/caregiver)

Practice numbers and counting with stories, songs and a craft.



Sing, Shake and Wiggle

N-Friday, April 4 • 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.

Art Starts

C-Thursday, April 10 • 11:00-11:45am

K-Friday, April 4 • 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.

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Library Playdate

C-Monday, April 28 • 10:30-11:15am

K-Monday, April 14 • 3:30-4:15pm

(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.

Fabulous Foods

K-Monday, April 21 • 11:00-11:30am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Create your own fabulous meal out of paper as we read about all of the foods we like to eat.

Me and My Grandparent

C-Wednesday, April 23 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with Grandparent(s))

Join us for this special program created especially for grandparents and their grandchildren. Enjoy spending time together playing, making a craft and listening to stories and songs.

Construction Zone

N-Wednesday, April 23 • 2:30-3:15pm

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Chameleon Colors

N-Thursday, April 24 • 11:30am-12:15pm

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Listen to colorful stories and mix some paint during a fun storytime and craft. Dress to make a mess.

If You Give a Mouse a Storytime

C-Friday, April 25 • 10:00-10:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

It's a storytime takeover with our friend Mouse. Join us to read all about Mouse's shenanigans and create some cute crafts. Dress to make a mess.

Otterly Amazing Animals

K-Thursday, April 3 • 10:30-11:00am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Read stories about the amazing otter and then do a craft with us.



Bunny Bonanza

K-Saturday, April 5 • 10:00-10:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Hop to it as we read about baby animals in the spring and make a hopping bunny craft.

Character Bingo

C-Monday, April 7 • 10:00-10:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Let's celebrate National Library Week by playing a fun version of bingo featuring some of our favorite book and cartoon characters.

Dinosaur Build and Storytime

K-Wednesday, April 9 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

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

How Does Your Garden Grow?

N-Wednesday, April 9 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Learn how plants grow from seeds to flowers, then plant your own seed to take home and grow.

Bluey's Storytime Adventure

C-Saturday, April 12 • 11:00-11:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a fun-filled storytime where we'll read Bluey books and create crafts inspired by her playful world!



Outdoor Classroom - Hop to It

C-Tuesday, April 22 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Cornell Cooperative Extension will be hopping in for a fun storytime and craft. A special visitor will also be here! In case of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Community Room.

Books in the Barn

N-Friday, April 25 • 10:00-10:45am

N-Friday, May 2 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us in the newly refurbished barn on the property of the Smithtown Historical Society.

We'll listen to stories about farms, barns and animals, then visit with the chickens, bunnies, sheep, ponies and barn cats.

Please note: class will meet at the Smithtown Historical Society's Franklin O. Arthur Farm.



All Aboard at the Library

K-Friday, April 25 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

If you love trains, then hop aboard and join us for this fun-filled adventure. We will have a short storytime and then we will play with trains.

Ducks Like Rain

K-Saturday, April 26 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy some duck stories and have fun making a rainy day ducky craft.



Preschool Dance Party

N-Tuesday, April 29 • 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.

Lei Day

N-Wednesday, April 30 • 10:00-10:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Spread the Aloha cheer - celebrate the Hawaiian holiday Lei Day with stories and create a floral work of art.

Talking Hands – Sign Language Basics

K-Wednesday, April 30 • 3:00-3:30pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy classic stories and a craft while you learn sign language basics.

Sensory Storytime

N-Monday, May 5 • 10:00-10:45am

(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.

Little Book Buddies

K-Monday, April 7 • 4:15-5:00pm

(4-7 years)

Book Buddies is a program in which a child is paired with a teen for a rewarding reading experience.

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Jack and the Bean Stalk

C-Saturday April 26 • 11:00-11:45am
(4-7 years with parent/caregiver)

Learn the basics of gardening while creating your very own **Jack and the Bean Stalk** plant to take home and care for. Pole bean seeds will be used. Dress to make a mess.



April Showers Rain Sticks

C-Tuesday, April 29 • 4:15-5:00pm
(4-7 years with parent/caregiver)

Let's read all about rain in this storytime celebrating April showers bringing May flowers. Create and decorate your own rain stick that sounds like real rain.

All Smiles Here

N-Wednesday, April 16 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)

Peace begins with a smile - radiate good vibes with stories and create a garden planter that will grow positivity. Dress to make a mess.

Clay Creations

N-Thursday, April 17 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-7 years)

Let's make some fun crafts to take home using model magic and creativity.

Honeybee Storytime

C-Wednesday, April 23 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-7 years)

Join us for this buzzing storytime all about bees and make a beaded bee creation to take home.



Spring Marble Painting

C-Thursday, April 24 • 7:00-7:45pm
(5-7 years)

Spring into the new season with creativity by using marbles as your paintbrush to make artwork that will bring a pop of color to any space. Dress to make a mess.

Nature Buddies

C-Tuesday, April 15 • 11:15am-12:00pm
K-Wednesday, April 23 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-8 years)

Pair up with a teen buddy to enjoy eco-friendly projects and activities. Dress to make a mess. This program will be held outside. In case of rain, this program will be held in the Community Room.

DIY Kite

C-Thursday, May 1 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-8 years)

Let's go fly a kite and send it soaring! Make your own kite to celebrate the springtime!

Robot Buddies

K-Tuesday, April 15 • 2:15-3:00pm
(5-9 years)

Learn to code using different robots. Children will be paired with teens for a rewarding experience.



Little Game Buddies

C-Monday, April 28 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)

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

Cricut Crafts - Spring Stencil Art

K-Monday, April 21 • 6:30-7:15pm
(5-10 years)

Spring into the Library to create a stencil art masterpiece with the Cricut cutting machine! Dress to make a mess.

Make It Monday

N-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm
(5-12 years)

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

LEGO® League

C-Friday, April 25 • 4:30-5:15pm
N-Wednesday, April 16 • 4:00-4:45pm
(5-12 years)

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

Chess and Checkers Buddies

N-Monday, April 28 • 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.

Tinker Thinkers

N-Tuesday, April 29 • 6:30-7:15pm
(6-8 years)

Get inspired when we read *The Girl Who Thought in Pictures: The Story of Dr. Temple Grandin* by Julia Finley Mosca and experiment with science and engineering activities with the help of teen volunteers.

Outdoor Classroom - Kickin' Chemistry Science Experiments

C-Thursday, April 17 • 11:00-11:45am
(6-10 years)

Explore the exciting world of chemistry by working on several experiments and listening to a fun read aloud story.

Outdoor Classroom - Sink or Float Science Experiments

C-Friday, April 18 • 4:00-4:45pm
(6-10 years)

Why do some things float and others sink? Conduct some experiments and listen to a story that explains the world of buoyancy.

Flowers of Kindness

K-Saturday, April 19 • 11:00-11:45am
(6-11 years)

Make paper flower bouquets to share with the community and brighten someone's day.

Cinco de Mayo Piñatas

C-Friday, May 2 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-11 years)

Create your very own piñata in honor of **Cinco de Mayo**! Enjoy a story on how Mexico celebrates the holiday while your piñata dries.



Spring Trees

N-Monday, April 14 • 3:30-4:15pm
(6-12 years)

Enjoy some spring crafting with paint and paper curling. Paint a tree and add spring blossoms by creating flowers from curling paper. Dress to make a mess.

Giant Twister

N-Tuesday, April 15 • 3:00-3:45pm
(6-12 years)

Come get tangled up in knots with a supersized game of Twister!

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Uke Buddies

C-Wednesday, April 16 • 3:30-4:15pm
(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.

Swiftie Spring (Taylor's Version)

N-Friday, April 18 • 6:30-7:30pm
(6-12 years)

The Eras Tour is over... or is it? Grab your besties, dress up as your favorite era and come to the Library for this **Taylor Swift** party! Are you ready for it? Dress to make a mess.

Truffula Tree Treats

N-Saturday, April 19 • 11:00-11:45am
(6-12 years)

Speak for the trees this **Earth Day**. Celebrate with a reading of *The Lorax* by **Dr. Seuss** and create a snack fit for a Bar-ba-loot.



DIY Buttons

K-Thursday, April 17 • 10:30-11:15am
(7-12 years)

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

Infusible Ink Coasters

K-Saturday, April 5 • 11:00am-12:00pm
(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. Dress to make a mess.

Spring String Art

C-Monday, April 14 • 2:30-3:15pm
(8-12 years)

Create bright, happy flowers with string art and celebrate all things spring!

Mario Paint Party

N-Wednesday, April 16 • 11:30am-12:15pm
(8-12 years)

Wahoo! Choose a favorite **Super Mario** character and create a one-of-a-kind Mario-inspired painting. Dress to make a mess.



Titanic Escape Room

K-Wednesday, April 30 • 6:30-7:30pm
(8-12 years)

Come aboard the **Titanic** for an interactive program with clues, puzzles and games in order to escape one of the most famous ships to ever sink in the Atlantic.

Creation Station

C-Saturday, April 5 • 10:00-3:00pm
K-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm
N-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm
(Families)

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

Arbor Day Celebration

N-Saturday, April 26 • 11:00-12:00pm
(Families)

Join us and foresters from the **Department of Environment & Waterways** in celebrating **Arbor Day!** Pick up a free pollinator-friendly seedling, enjoy storytime and crafts and plant wildflower seeds around our new Arbor Day Tree. Stay for the demos on tree care, planting, pruning and expert consultations.



Family Bingo

N-Saturday, April 26 • 2:30-3:15pm
(Families)

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.*

Create and Celebrate - Autism Awareness Month

N-Friday, April 11 • 3:00-7:00pm
(Families)

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



**APRIL BOOKMARK
CONTEST WINNER**

CHLOE L.

GRADE 5

**PINES ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**

TEEN SCENE

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

Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **April** programs began on **Monday, March 10**. May program registration begins **Monday, April 14**. 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 - Just One More Page Sign

Add a fun sign to your reading nook! Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make this hanging wood sign. *Kits will be available at the building of your choice beginning April 1. Kits must be picked up by April 11.*



Teen Take and Make - Let's Plant a Garden Cupcakes

Unleash your inner baker and decorate garden-themed cupcakes. Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make these delicious desserts. *Kits will be available at the Nesconset Building beginning April 15. Kits must be picked up by April 19.*



Welcome Spring Wooden Sign

C-Thursdays, April 3 • 7:00-8:00pm

Welcome spring with a round colorful sign for the season.

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, April 7 • 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.

Block Letter Art

N-Tuesdays, April 8 • 4:00-5:00pm

Decorate the first letter of your name using various fabrics. *Please provide the letter you would like at the time of registration.*

Library Laser Tag

C-Friday, April 11 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join in the fun as we compete in a video game tournament, enjoy some snacks and battle it out in our after-hours laser tag competition throughout the Library. All participants will be emailed a permission slip to return to the Library before the class begins.



Brunch and Bingo

N-Monday, April 14 • 10:30-11:30am

Join us for a morning of bingo, bagels, prizes and fun!

Teen Trivia Night

N-Tuesday, April 15 • 7:00-8:00pm

Think you know pop culture and trivia? Come put your knowledge to the test! Join us for snacks, prizes and little-known facts.

Teen Escape Room

K-Wednesday, April 16 • 3:00-4:00pm

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

Image Transfer Votives

C-Wednesday, April 16 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn how to make and work with image transfers to create custom a custom candle votive.

DIY Statement Socks

N-Thursdays, April 17 • 2:30-3:30pm

Think of some silly puns to make a pair of statement socks! We will use Cricut software and the Cricut Heat Press to create a custom pair to wear.

Teen Craft and Chill

K-Thursdays, April 17 • 4:00-5:00pm

Enjoy an afternoon with your friends and make all the crafts you want. Snacks will be provided.



Framed Flowers

C-Thursdays, April 17 • 7:00-8:00pm

Use a colorful selection of dried flowers and arrange them in resin in a glass frame to create a beautiful keepsake to enjoy for years to come.

Spoon Swipe Floral Art

N-Monday, April 21 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn about paint pouring while mixing colors to create a simple flower using a spoon and toothpick!

Earth Day Tote Bags

N-Tuesday, April 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

Celebrate **Earth Day** by decorating reusable tote bags you can take home.

Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, April 23 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Monster of the Week

N-Friday, April 25 • 6:00-8:30pm

Jump into the supernatural underbelly of our world with tabletop role-playing game **Monster of the Week**! Create your character, fight monsters, cast spells, and work together to save the day with a group of fellow heroes.

It's All Games

K-Tuesday, April 29 • 7:00-8:00pm

Bring a friend and join us for all the games you can imagine! We'll have board games, Nintendo Switch tournaments and classic retro video games.

ADULTS

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Volunteer Opportunities

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

Computer Build-a-Thon Volunteers

C-Wednesday, April 2 • 6:00-8:00pm

Have you ever wondered how to build a computer? In this hands-on program, teens will first learn about how the different components work together to create a functioning machine. After, teens will aid library staff in building brand new computers from scratch.

Book Buddies Volunteers

K-Monday, April 7 • 4:00-5:00pm

Read to a younger book buddy. It is a rewarding experience that you won't want to miss.

Painted Bookends Volunteers

C-Wednesday, April 9 • 4:00-5:00pm

Celebrate **National Library Week** by painting bookends. After they're painted and sealed, the bookends will go back on the shelves to hold up books with a new sense of style.

Calming Kits for Kids Volunteers

K-Thursday, April 10 • 4:00-5:00pm

Make kits that contain calming sensory activities for children.

Bookmark Volunteers

N-Saturday, April 12 • 3:00-4:00pm

K-Monday, April 21 • 4:00-5:00pm

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

Green Teens Volunteers

C-Monday, April 14 • 4:30-5:30pm

Help aid local food pantries by planting, tending and harvesting vegetables in the Library's garden bed. Meet us in the lobby to head out to the garden together. In the event of rain, this program will be held in the Community Room.



Nature Buddies Volunteers

C-Tuesday, April 15 • 11:00am-12:00pm

K-Wednesday, April 23 • 4:00-5:00pm

Enjoy the great outdoors by helping children with eco-friendly projects and activities. This program will be held outside. In case of rain, this program will be held in the Community Room.

Robot Buddies Volunteers

K-Tuesday, April 15 • 2:00-3:00pm

Help a younger child code robots.

Uke Buddies Volunteers

C-Wednesday, April 16 • 3:15-4:15pm

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.

Swiftie Spring Volunteers

N-Friday, April 18 • 6:15-7:45pm

Join our younger Taylor Swift fans for a night of dress up, crafting and music. Volunteers, are you ready for it?

Paws for a Cause

N-Wednesday, April 23 • 4:00-5:00pm

Decorate accessories shelter pets can wear to promote their adoption.



Game Buddies Volunteers

C-Monday, April 28 • 4:00-5:00pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.

Chess and Checker Buddies Volunteers

N-Monday, April 28 • 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.

Tinker Thinkers Volunteers

N-Tuesday, April 29 • 6:15-7:15pm

Help younger children experiment with science and engineering activities with hands-on learning and fun.



Handmade Happiness Volunteers

N-Wednesday, April 30 • 6:30-7:30pm

Teen volunteers are needed to create and assemble craft kits for our local nursing homes and senior centers.

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Take and Make - Bookish Tote

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to make a bag perfect to carry your library books. *Online and in person registration begins on April 1 and ends on April 15. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning April 18. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



Take and Make - Cookie Cutter Bird Feeders

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to make three bird feeders. *Online and in person registration begins on April 9 and ends on April 23. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning April 28. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.*



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Commack Game Day

Wednesdays • 12:00-2:30pm

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

Inside the Suffolk County Crime Lab

Tuesday, April 1 • 4:00-5:30pm

Chief Constance Dinkel will take you behind the scenes of the Suffolk County Crime Laboratory. Learn about the types of evidence received and analyzed at the Lab and dispel misconceptions offered by the "CSI-Effect." Because of the subject matter, some slides will contain graphic images.



Barre(less) Barre

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15 & 29 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join certified Barre instructor Alana Bergen for an energizing low-impact class that is designed to strengthen, tone and balance the entire body utilizing traditional barre movements without the barre. Barre class includes sculpting & toning exercises with an emphasis on the core, arms, glutes and thighs. Please bring a yoga mat to class. *Please note: there will be no class on April 22. Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Art Group

Tuesday, April 1 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, April 22 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, April 29 • 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.*

Intro to Libby

Friday, April 4 • 3:00-4:00pm

Interested in accessing ebooks and audiobooks?

Join us for this introduction to Libby.

We will review the basic functions of this versatile app including borrowing and returning books, browsing the collection and managing holds.



Commack Continued

Defensive Driving

Saturday, April 5 • 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.*

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, April 8 • 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.

All Abilities Wooden Bird

Wednesday, April 9 • 10:00-11:00am

Decorate a beautiful bird for spring. 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 March 26.*

Finding Serenity in the Digital World

Wednesday, April 9 • 7:00-8:30pm

The speed and efficiency of tech gadgets makes it more challenging to live in sync with the rhythms of the natural world. Do you prefer, screen-light or sun/moon/starlight? The interiorization of technology means that as we internalize the energies and behaviors of the technology, which affects our nervous systems and mental processes. Many people are on edge, jittery and short-tempered. **Mankh** will discuss ways to help you balance your energies, maintain equilibrium and enhance your intuitive abilities so you can better manage your digital experiences and stay in relationship with earth and spirit energies.



Commack Continued

The Evan and James Band

Saturday, April 12 • 2:00-3:30pm

Join Christopher Evan & Andrew James, a duo from Long Island, as they perform a great selection of 50s, 60s & 70s hits.



Veterans Benefits Assistance

Tuesday, April 15 • 12:30-3:30pm

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

First Aid for Opioid Overdoses

Monday, April 21 • 6:30-8:30pm

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

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, April 22 • 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 March 26.*



All Abilities Game Day

Thursday, April 24 • 10:00am-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 March 26.*

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Protecting Assets - Should I Put My Home in a Trust?

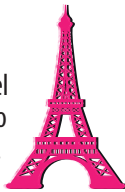
Friday, April 25 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Join **Brittini Sullivan, Esq.** of Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. as she discusses how to protect assets, including property and second homes, the ways to reduce and eliminate taxes and the importance of having a sound estate plan in place.

Puzzlepalooza - Paris Edition

Wednesday, April 30 • 6:15-8:30pm

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



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.*

The Irish War of Independence and Its Aftermath Discussion Series

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1 & 8 • 12:30-2:30pm

Join **Tom O'Reilly** for this six-week discussion series on the Irish War of Independence. Topics to be discussed include Introduction to the Conflict, The Easter Rising, Rise of Sinn Féin and the Dáil, The Anglo-Irish War, The Anglo-Irish Treaty and Civil War and the formation of the Irish Free State.



Bring Nature to Your Plate - Grow Your Own Edible Plants

Thursday, April 10 • 7:00-8:00pm

Kimberly Simmen of KMS Native Plants will discuss edible Long Island native plants that will thrive in your yard and provide you with a delicious and healthy harvest.

Kings Park Continued

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Monday, April 14 • 10:00am-2:00pm

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

Pictionary Game Night

Wednesday, April 16 • 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, April 17 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, April 24 • 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.*

Chef Rob's Asiago Cheese Bread and Seasonal Fruit and Ricotta

Tuesday, April 22 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Chef Rob Scott** as he demonstrates how to prepare seasonal fruit with ricotta cheese and a sweet drizzle. Then make a loaf of asiago cheese bread ready to take home and bake. Chef Rob will teach you step by step to make this into a loaf, scones, biscuits or twists sure to become a family favorite. Please bring a large bowl, box grater, mixing spoon and a cookie sheet. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*



Friends of the Family

Saturday, April 26 • 2:00-4:00pm

Former Brooklyn prosecutor, **Michael Vecchione** returns to take a look deep inside the most notorious case to rock the NYPD: the story of Louis Eppolito and Stephen Caracappa, the two police detectives who moonlighted as mob hitmen.

April Showers Bring May Flowers Craft

Monday, April 28 • 6:00-8:30pm

Create a hand-painted spring themed door decoration to welcome your guests this season. *Fee: \$15.00 per person.*



Kings Park Continued

All Abilities Bingo

Wednesday, April 30 • 10:00-11:00am

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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.*

Morning Bingo for Adults

Wednesday, April 2 • 10:00-11:30am

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

Special Needs Planning

Wednesday, April 2 • 7:00-8:30pm

April is **Autism Awareness Month**. Your special needs children may be entitled to millions of dollars in benefits throughout their lifetime. As they turn 18, learn how you can protect them with Trusts and proper estate and financial planning strategies. Brother and sister duo **Bernard J. Zimnoch, Esq.** will speak about legal considerations and Financial Advisor **Natalia M. Zimnoch** of Zimnoch Financial Group will discuss financial strategies surrounding the subject.



All Abilities Seed Starters

Thursday, April 3 • 10:00-11:00am

Thursday, April 10 • 10:00-11:00am

Monday, April 21 • 10:00-11:00am

Monday, April 28 • 10:00-11:00am

Join us as we grow the vegetables for our gardening program from seed. 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 March 26.*

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Nesconset Continued

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Thursday, April 3 • 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, April 3 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, April 10 • 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.*

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, April 1 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

A Matter of Balance

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 10:00am-12:00pm

This evidence-based program for older adults emphasizes practical strategies to manage falls. Participants will learn to reduce fall risks at home, set goals for increasing activity and exercise to increase strength and balance. Sponsored by **Suffolk County RSVP**. Please note: Weeks 1 and 2 are informational on how to prevent falls; exercises will be incorporated in weeks 3-8.

Grow With Me

Wednesday, April 9 • 12:00-1:00pm

Join the wellness specialists from **YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support** for an interactive seed-planting workshop! Gardening has been shown to offer many mental health benefits, including lowering stress, boosting mood, and enhancing overall well-being. During this session, you'll learn how gardening can support your mental health while planting seeds in biodegradable pots to take home and grow.

Nesconset Continued

Pysanky Egg Decorating

Monday, April 14 • 6:00-8:30pm

Learn 'Pysanky' the ancient Ukrainian art of egg decorating. This old-world craft has been used for centuries to decorate delicate eggshells with intricate designs and symbols using beeswax, kistka, eggs and dyes. **Chris Mulholland** of RissCraft will show you how to create your own authentic Ukrainian egg. Permanent dyes are used to decorate the eggs and they will stain fabric. Please wear appropriate attire. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*



Bingo Night for Adults

Thursday, April 17 • 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 Sensory Movie

Wednesday, April 23 • 9:30am-12:30pm

Wicked

Rated PG; runtime 160 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 March 26.*

Your Home's Insulation

Wednesday, April 23 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join **Brian Schnee** from KL Home Inspection Services LLC to discuss the importance and comfort of a home that is properly insulated to one that is not. Learn about different types of insulation, proper installation techniques, basement/crawlspace insulation, attic insulation, ventilation and much more.



12 Tips For Reducing Prescription Drug Costs

Wednesday, April 30 • 1:00-2:00pm

Kiersten Palma of RN4Medicare will provide you with tools to save money on prescription refills. These suggestions will be explained in detail to allow you to save money on the ever-rising price of prescription drugs.

Bus Trip - Wicked and Ellen's Stardust Diner

Saturday, July 26

Depart Kings Park Building 9:30am

Join us to see *Wicked* on Broadway. *Wicked* looks at what happened in the Land of Oz - but from a different angle. Before the show we will enjoy lunch at **Ellen's Stardust Diner**, home of the original world-famous singing waitstaff. *Meet at the Kings Park Building parking lot at 9:15am to board the bus. We will depart the Gershwin Theater immediately after the show to return home. Registration begins on March 24 for Smithtown Library cardholders. Registration for non-Smithtown Library cardholders begins on April 10. Fee: \$230.00 per person includes ticket to show, lunch, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.*



SAVE THE DATE!



Join us at our **Friends' Garage Sale** on Saturday, May 10. The Friends will be renting spaces where patrons will be able to sell their own garage sale items. For more information go to www.smithlib.org/about/friends.



Smithtown Grows is back for its fifth year! Patrons with an adult Smithtown Library card can come to any of our three buildings to pick up seed packets for their gardens. Please see the Reference Desk for more information. We're excited for you to grow with us!

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Movies at the Library



Registration began on March 1.

Commack

Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, April 3 • 1:30pm

Here

Rated PG-13; runtime 104 minutes.

• Thursday, April 10 • 1:30pm

Wicked

Rated PG; runtime 160 minutes.

• Thursday, April 17 • 1:30pm

The Old Oak

Rated NR; runtime 113 minutes.

• Thursday, April 24 • 1:30pm

Let Them All Talk

Rated R; runtime 113 minutes.

Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, April 4 • 2:15pm

The Order

Rated R; runtime 114 minutes.

• Friday, April 11 • 2:15pm

Juror #2

Rated PG-13; runtime 114 minutes.

• Friday, April 18 • 2:15pm

Wicked

Rated PG; runtime 160 minutes.

• Friday, April 25 • 2:15pm

September 5

Rated R; runtime 94 minutes.

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Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, April 4 • 2:00pm

I'll Be Right There

Rated TV-14; runtime 97 minutes.

• Friday, April 11 • 2:00pm

Saturday Night

Rated R; runtime 109 minutes.

• Friday, April 18 • 2:00pm

Enchanted April

Rated PG; runtime 95 minutes.

• Friday, April 25 • 2:00pm

You Gotta Believe

Rated PG; runtime 104 minutes.

Friday Night Movie

• Friday, April 11 • 6:15pm

Saturday Night

Rated R; runtime 109 minutes.



Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, April 16 • 1:00pm

Mufasa

Rated PG; runtime 120 minutes.

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS

Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of their respective buildings.

Book discussion groups denoted with an asterisk (*) will take place both in person as well as on Zoom. Login information for Zoom, if applicable, will be sent to the email address associated with your library card on the day of the event.

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Commack Book Discussion Group*

Monday, April 14 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Briar Club by Kate Quinn

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 8 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Middle of the Night by Riley Sager

Nesconset

Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, April 7 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Hellhound on His Trail: The Electrifying Account of the Largest Manhunt in American History by Hampton Sides

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, April 9 • 2:30-3:30pm

The Prophet by Michael Koryta

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Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 17 • 10:45am-12:45pm

The Most Beautiful Girl in Cuba by Chanel Cleeton

Tea-rific Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 22 • 2:00-3:00pm

The Collected Regrets of Clover by Mikki Brammer

Historical Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Thursday, April 24 • 2:30-3:30pm

Vanished Smile: The Mysterious Theft of Mona Lisa by R.A. Scotti

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, April 24 • 7:00-8:00pm

The Secret Keeper of Jaipur by Alka Joshi

Kings Park & Nesconset

All Abilities Book Club

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



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(Sept-May)

Kings Park Building
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**Nesconset Building,
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148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, New York 11767

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The Library will be closed Sunday, April 20
in observance of Easter Sunday.

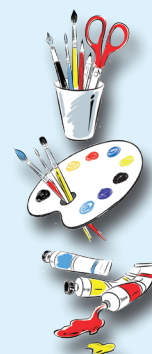


In Exhibit

Do you have an exhibit you
would like to share with
your community?
We would love to
hear from you.

Please call:
Gina Ferreira
(631) 360-2480 ext. 235

**Nesconset
Community Room**
Art & Soul Studio-Master Artist Study
View works by students of the studio.



Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, April 15 • 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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