

May 2025



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Friends' Garage Sale

Saturday, May 10

10:00am-3:00pm



Join us at our first Friends' Garage Sale - an outdoor market with yard sale items, books, crafts and more. The event will be in the library parking lot at the Nesconset Building.

Applications to rent a space will be accepted until April 25.

For more information about reserving a table, go to www.smithlib.org/about/friends. Raindate: May 17.



The Great Smithtown Cook Off

Show off your love of food and cooking during the month of May! Grab a bingo board from the Reference Desk at any of our library buildings beginning May 1 and complete any row of challenges for a chance to win a prize! Submit your bingo board to any Reference Desk by May 31. Open to Smithtown patrons only. *No registration required.*



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Long Island's Largest Library - Serving the Communities of Smithtown:
Commack • Fort Salonga • Hauppauge • Head of the Harbor • Kings Park • Nesconset
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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, April 30, Kings Park on Friday, April 25, Nesconset on Tuesday, May 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.*

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K = Kings Park Building **S** = Smithtown Building

Baby Bounce

C-Wednesday, May 14 • 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-Thursday, May 15 • 2:30-3:15pm
(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 Bop

K-Wednesday, May 28 • 10:30-11:00am
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

Join us for an upbeat baby program featuring stories, songs and open play.



Baby Band

C-Wednesday, May 28 • 10:30-11:00am
(Birth-18 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Tuesday, May 6 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Thursday, May 15 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Friday, May 23 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Saturday, May 24 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Saturday, May 3 • 10:00-10:30am
K-Monday, May 12 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Wednesday, May 21 • 3:30-4:00pm
K-Thursday, May 29 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Friday, May 9 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Wednesday, May 14 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Saturday, May 24 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Friday, May 30 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Tuesday, June 3 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy a traditional time of nursery rhymes and songs for baby.

Story Tots

C-Monday, May 5 • 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-Tuesday, May 13 • 2:30-3:15pm
C-Thursday, May 22 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Thursday, May 15 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Monday, May 12 • 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.



Rockin' Tots

C-Friday, May 16 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Friday, May 2 • 11:00-11:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)
Join us for stories, fingerplays, songs and dancing in an engaging and social atmosphere.

Young at Art

C-Wednesday, May 7 • 10:00-10:30am
K-Thursday, May 22 • 10:30-11:00am
N-Friday, May 16 • 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.

Toddler Tales

K-Friday, May 9 • 11:00-11:45am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Make friends while building early literacy skills with songs, stories, crafts and play.

Toddler Music Makers

K-Tuesday, May 13 • 10:00-10:30am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Join us for singing, dancing and imaginative play with musical props in this upbeat program.



Move and Groove

N-Friday, May 23 • 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.

Time for Twos

C-Tuesday, May 20 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Friday, May 23 • 11:00-11:45am
N-Tuesday, May 13 • 2:30-3:15pm
N-Thursday, May 29 • 10:00-10:45am
(24-35 months with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy building social skills in a relaxed, friendly environment; includes free play, songs, stories and a craft.

Goodnight Moon

N-Wednesday, May 28 • 2:30-3:15pm
(2-3 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us for the classic story *Goodnight Moon* and create a cozy craft to go along with the story.

Mommy & Me Playdate

K-Tuesday, May 6 • 10:30-11:15am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us for a special playdate to celebrate everything mom.

Art Starts

C-Friday, May 9 • 2:30-3:15pm
N-Thursday, May 22 • 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-Monday, May 12 • 10:30-11:15am

K-Friday, May 16 • 11:00-11:45am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

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

Library Playdate

N-Monday, May 19 • 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.

Jammin' with Miss Jessie

C-Monday, May 19 • 10:30-11:00am

(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.

Sign and STEM

K-Monday, May 19 • 10:30-11:15am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

This highly interactive, communication-focused class introduces young children to complex science concepts in a fun, engaging way with integrated sign language.

Flower Power

K-Tuesday, May 27 • 10:30-11:15am

(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)

Blossom in this creative program while making a variety of floral crafts; includes storytime. Dress to make a mess.



Fine Motor Fun

N-Thursday, May 29 • 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.

My Marvelous Mother

K-Thursday, May 1 • 10:30-11:00am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Read about special mothers of all kinds and then do a memorable mother craft to present to mom on her special day.



Cute as a Bug

C-Tuesday, May 6 • 2:30-3:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Buzz on over and get caught having fun with this storytime all about bugs! Create your own picture frame to display your cute picture.

Tiny Tots at Caleb Smith State Park Preserve

C-Wednesday, May 7 • 10:00-11:00am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us at Caleb Smith State Park Preserve for a special nature program. This fun and interactive program will let children explore the wonders of the outdoors, learn about local wildlife and discover the beauty of the park's natural habitats. *Please note: class will meet at the Caleb Smith State Park Preserve.*



Dragons Love Tacos

N-Wednesday, May 7 • 11:30am-12:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Dragons love tacos, and so do we - join us for a spicy storytime with taco-themed crafts.

Mother's Day Iced Tea Party

C-Saturday, May 10 • 11:00-11:30am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Come celebrate your mother, grandmother, aunt, sister or any special person in your life. Children will make a special craft and refreshments will be served.

Stories at Sweetbriar

N-Monday, May 12 • 2:30-3:00pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us at Sweetbriar Nature Center for stories and songs about forest animals, then meet some of the animals that live there! Please bring a picnic blanket to sit on. *Please note: this program will be held outdoors at Sweetbriar Nature Center. In case of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Center's Main House.*



Outdoor Classroom - Shower Curtain Painting

C-Tuesday, May 13 • 11:00-11:45am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Come paint outdoors with us on a clear shower curtain! Let out your inner Picasso and show off your skills while we have fun with paint, then use soapy sponges to wash it all off! Dress to make a mess. In case of inclement weather, this program will be cancelled.

Storytime Safari

N-Wednesday, May 14 • 11:00-11:45am

(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.

Bluey Beach Party

K-Wednesday, May 14 • 3:30-4:00pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

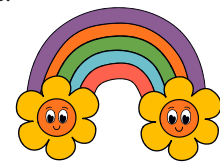
Bluey toys meet kinetic sand in a sensory bonanza!

A Rainbow of My Own

N-Saturday, May 17 • 11:30am-12:15pm

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

April showers bring May flowers - and colorful rainbows too. Join us for a bright storytime with cheery crafts.



Preschool Dance Party

N-Tuesday, May 20 • 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.

Outdoor Classroom - A Garden of Flowers

C-Wednesday, May 21 • 10:30-11:15am

(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Flowers are blooming all around. Join Miss Wendy in our outdoor classroom for stories and flowery crafts. Dress to make a mess. In case of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Community Room.

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Pete the Cat Storytime

N-Thursday, May 22 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Join us for a groovy storytime featuring **Pete the Cat** stories and crafts.



Sunshine and Rainbows

N-Wednesday, May 28 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

We are feelin' fine in the springtime sunshine. Join in the good vibes with stories, songs and colorful crafts.

T-Rex Tea Party

C-Saturday, May 31 • 3:00-3:45pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Who said dinos can't be dainty? Bring your finest manners and your fiercest roar to join us for a dinosaur tea party filled with stories, crafts and snacks.

Once Upon a Storytime

N-Monday, June 2 • 10:00-10:45am
(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.

Fun with Play Dough

K-Monday, June 2 • 10:30-11:15am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy our play dough playsets and meeting new friends.

Little Craft Buddies

K-Wednesday, May 7 • 4:15-5:00pm
(4-7 years)

Craft Buddies is a program in which a child is paired with a teen as they work to create crafts for the child to take home.

Down in the Dirt

N-Saturday, May 10 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)

Join us for stories about worms, spiders and other creatures that live in the garden, then make your own edible dirt cake garden from pudding, cookies and candy.



Ribbit Ribbit

C-Wednesday, May 28 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-7 years)

Grab a lily pad and warm up your ribbits! Join us for a very froggy storytime at the Library and make your own frog to take home.

Hooray for Birds

N-Saturday, May 31 • 10:00-10:45am
(5-7 years)

Birds of all feathers flock together for this fun storytime and craft.

STEAM Buddies

N-Thursday, May 15 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-8 years)

Team up with a teen volunteer for hands on fun as we create, experiment and learn. Dress to make a mess.

Little Game Buddies

K-Thursday, May 22 • 4:15-5:00pm
N-Monday, May 12 • 4:15-5:00pm
(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.

Outdoor Classroom - My First Garden

K-Saturday, May 17 • 10:30-11:15am
(5-9 years)

Flowers, vegetables and herbs, oh my! This interactive program invites your young farmer to grow their own garden! Parents/caregivers are welcome. In case of inclement weather, this program will meet in the Community Room.

LEGO® League

C-Saturday, May 3 • 3:00-3:45pm
K-Thursday, May 8 • 4:15-5:00pm
(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!

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.*

Clay Cactus

C-Tuesday, May 27 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-9 years)

Let's celebrate **National Cactus Day** by creating our own clay cacti planter. Get creative with this plant that you can keep forever.

Cricut Crafts - Mother's Day Garland

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

Celebrate this **Mother's Day** by creating a flower garland for a special grownup in your life using the Cricut cutting machine! Dress to make a mess.

Little Maker Buddies

C-Monday, May 12 • 4:15-5:00pm
(6-10 years)

Pair up with a teen volunteer to explore a variety of hands-on maker activities.

Star Spangled Stories

N-Friday, May 16 • 6:30-7:15pm
(6-10 years)

It's time to celebrate read, white and blue style. Join us for stories and create a work of art inspired by the stars and stripes. Dress to make a mess.

Huichol Style Yarn Art

C-Friday, May 16 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-12 years)

Learn all about an indigenous tribe in Mexico using a style of painting called Huichol that has the artist use swirled yarn instead of paint. Bring your creativity to make a one of a kind flower.



Spring Flower Vase

C-Thursday, May 22 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-12 years)

Spring has sprung! Come and make a unique vase perfect for those fresh flowers!

Narwhal and Jelly

N-Saturday, May 24 • 2:30-3:15pm
(6-12 years)

Have fun listening to a **Narwhal and Jelly** book and make some crafts featuring these silly characters.

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Mother's Day Delights

K-Tuesday, May 6 • 4:30-5:00pm
(7-10 years)

Show mom what she means to you as we create a special color wheel with loving descriptive words about your special mom.

DIY Mini Pies

K-Monday, June 2 • 6:30-7:15pm
(7-12 years)

Piece out with a miniature pie craft.

Tween Tech

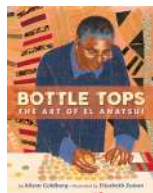
K-Saturday, May 10 • 11:00-11:45am
(8-12 years)

Explore and experiment with robots, coding, circuits and more.

Recycle and Recreate

N-Saturday, May 17 • 10:00-10:45am
(8-12 years)

Reduce, recycle and recreate when we learn about artist **El Anatsui**, who transformed bottle tops into works of art. Make your pieces of wearable art inspired by this sculptor.



Patriotic Beads

C-Friday, May 23 • 4:30-5:00pm
(8-12 years)

Get ready for Memorial Day with a fun and fashionable way to show your American pride!



Create your own beaded American flag pin perfect for wearing or handing out during your Memorial Day festivities.

Colorful Prints and Paints

K-Saturday, May 24 • 10:00-11:00am
(8-12 years)

Join us for this colorful and fun art workshop where we'll explore new techniques and materials to make beautiful works of art!

Scorch Art Keychains

K-Saturday, May 31 • 10:00-10:45am
(8-12 years)

Customize a wooden keychain using scorch art and paint pens. Dress to make a mess.

Creation Station

C-Saturday, May 3 • 10:00am-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.*

Cricut Cards - Mother's Day

K-Thursday, May 8 • 3:00-7:00pm

N-Friday, May 9 • 3:00-7:00pm
(Families)

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



Mermaid Parade

K-Tuesday, May 20 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Families)

Let's welcome summer with a Mermaid Parade of our own. Dress up in your best merfolk, sea creature, sailor costume OR wear a fun pool tube as you parade along the boardwalk. We'll enjoy a costume contest, storytime and some colorful chalk fun. *Please note: this class will meet at Sunken Meadow State Park, parking Field 1. Meet at the Main Courtyard, near the Nature Center. In case of inclement weather, this program will meet at the Kings Park Building.*

Create and Celebrate - AA & NHPI Heritage Month

N-Friday, May 23 • 3:00-7:00pm
(Families)

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month! Stop by the Library during these hours to celebrate with crafts and activities while you learn all about some influential people. *No registration required.*



**MAY Bookmark
Contest Winner**
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TEEN SCENE

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Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **May** programs began on **Monday, April 14**. **June** program registration begins **Monday, May 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 - Catnip Knot Volunteers

Celebrate **National Pet Month** by creating catnip fleece toys for local shelters. Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make these easy cat favorites! *Kits will be available at the building of your choice beginning May 5. Kits must be returned to any building by May 16.*



Teen Take and Make - Spring Floral Butterfly

Spring has sprung! Take home a kit with all of the supplies you need to make these beautiful spring signs! *Kits will be available at the building of your choice beginning May 5. Kits must be picked up by May 16.*



Regents Review

Prepare for this year's Regents Exams at your Library! Review materials will be given out at the class. *Registration begins April 21 for Smithtown Library cardholders. Registration will open to all, regardless of Library district, starting May 5. Please note: there are multiple sessions to choose from for some review classes. Fee: \$15.00 per person, per class. Check the Teen page on the Library's website for a full list of classes.*

Dungeons and Dragons

C-Monday, May 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.

Japanese Brush Painting

C-Wednesday, May 7 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join Ryu Shu Kan: Japanese Arts Center to learn about the history, tools and techniques of Sho-Do while creating your own works of art.

Watercolor Parrots

N-Thursday, May 8 • 4:30-5:45pm

Join Art Teacher Amy as she shows us how to paint this tropical bird just in time for summer.



Herringbone Canvas Art

K-Thursday, May 8 • 7:00-8:00pm

Create a decorative art piece using painters tape and a blank canvas.

Flower Mirrors

N-Saturday, May 10 • 3:00-4:00pm

Use floral accents to add spring flair to a mirror.

Button Bowls

K-Monday, May 12 • 4:00-5:00pm

Use common household items to make a one of a kind bowl.



Fingerprint Flower Pot

N-Tuesday, May 13 • 7:00-8:00pm

Get your hands dirty as we design a flower pot with our fingerprints and plant a spring flower for the season.

Vinyl Wall Art

C-Wednesday, May 14 • 7:00-8:30pm

Learn how to use Cricut Design Space and iron on vinyl to create a customized piece of art.

Grow Your Own Way Sign

K-Tuesday, May 20 • 7:00-8:00pm

Let's make a boho inspired sign that will bring good vibes and smiles.

Wooden Cat Decor

N-Tuesday, May 20 • 7:00-8:00pm

Celebrate **National Pet Month** by painting and decorating a pawstively adorable wooden cat. It will make for a purrfect decoration.



Anime and Manga Club

C-Wednesday, May 21 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Name That Movie

K-Tuesday, May 27 • 7:00-8:00pm

Think you know your movies? Compete against other teams to see how many movies you can identify from their famous one-liners.

Monster of the Week

N-Friday, May 30 • 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.

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

Community Wash Kits

K-Thursday, May 1 • 7:00-8:00pm

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

Decorate to Donate Volunteers

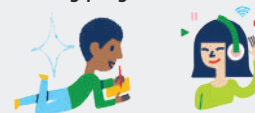
C-Monday, May 5 • 4:30-5:30pm

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

Sticker Designers Volunteers

K-Tuesday, May 6 • 7:00-8:00pm

Help the Teen Department design stickers for the Library that will be distributed during the Summer Reading program.



ADULTS

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Craft Buddies Volunteers

K-Wednesday, May 7 • 4:00-5:00pm

Spend an afternoon paired with a younger child for some arts and crafts projects. We will be using art materials; please dress appropriately.

Maker Buddies Volunteers

C-Monday, May 12 • 4:00-5:00pm

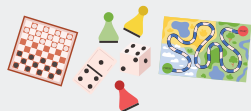
Assist a younger child with a variety of hands-on maker activities.

Game Buddies Volunteers

N-Monday, May 12 • 4:00-5:00pm

K-Thursday, May 22 • 4:00-5:00pm

Play fun board games with a younger child.



Bookmark Volunteers

K-Thursday, May 15 • 4:00-5:00pm

N-Thursday, May 29 • 4:00-5:00pm

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

STEAM Buddies Volunteers

N-Thursday, May 15 • 4:00-5:00pm

Team up with a child for hands-on fun as we create, experiment, and learn. Dress to make a mess.

Green Teens Volunteers

C-Monday, May 19 • 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 case of inclement weather, this program will be held in the Community Room.

The Crayon Initiative Volunteers

C-Thursday, May 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

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.

Take and Bake - Dog Treat Volunteers

N-Wednesday, May 28 • 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.

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Take and Make - Burlap & Button Flag Art

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to make this rustic and patriotic decoration.

Online and in person registration begins on May 1 and ends on May 15. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning May 19. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$8.00 per person.



Take and Make - Sunflower Coasters

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to create these coasters perfect to welcome the warm weather ahead. *Online and in person registration begins on May 7 and ends on May 21. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning May 23. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: \$5.00 per person.*



Commack

Game Day

Wednesdays • 12:00-2:30pm

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

Fresh Homemade Chorizo with Maria's Mexican Cooking

Thursday, May 1 • 7:00-8:15pm

Join **Chef Maria** as she demonstrates how to make fresh homemade chorizo using ground chicken, beef or pork. Everyone will get to taste the chorizo and copies of the recipe will be available. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

Beyond Cost - Choosing Your Ideal Retirement Location

Tuesday, May 6 • 7:30-8:30pm

In recognition of **Older Americans Month**, **Uwe Ross** of CarePatrol of East Long Island will discuss key factors including healthcare access, social opportunities and financial considerations to help seniors make informed retirement decisions.

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, May 6 • 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 April 30.*

Game Night

Thursday, May 8 • 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.*

The Art of Origami

Friday, May 9 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Celebrate **Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month** with **Gerard and Hiroko Senese** of Ryu Shu Kan: Japanese Arts Center as they introduce you to the popular art of paper folding which holds a special place in the hearts of the Japanese. The story of Sadako Sasaki and The Thousand Paper Cranes will be discussed briefly before you learn to fold your own paper crane.

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Louisa May Alcott

Saturday, May 10 • 2:00-3:00pm

Look more into the life of the American author **Louisa May Alcott** and the success of her novel *Little Women* as well as the legacy and impact it has left behind with professor and podcast host, **Stephanie Reese**.



One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, May 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.

Estate Planning and Elder Care Workshop

Tuesday, May 13 • 7:00-8:30pm

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 a perspective. Her combination of legal experience and compassion helps bring solutions along with comfort to seniors in times of need and crisis.

Hands-Only CPR and Choking Education

Monday, May 19 • 7:00-8:00pm

The **Commack Ambulance** Public CPR & Choking Course is designed for non-medical personnel who want the knowledge necessary to recognize and care for someone in cardiac arrest or who is choking. Community members will be able to learn how to give chest compressions and the Heimlich maneuver effectively during medical emergencies.

Commack Continued

Veterans Benefits Assistance

Tuesday, May 20 • 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.*

All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, May 29 • 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 April 30.*

Puzzlepalooza - Venice Edition

Thursday, May 29 • 6:30-8:30pm

Get ready for a puzzle competition! Break into teams and compete to finish a 500-piece puzzle of the Venice gondolas 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.*

Chairiobics and Strength

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 9:45-10:30am

Join **Debbie Krzyminski** from Fitness Figures with exercises for strength, balance, aerobics and flexibility that can be done seated or standing. *Fee: \$12.00 per person.*

Art Group

Tuesday, May 6 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, May 20 • 12:00-2:15pm

Tuesday, May 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.*

Kings Park Continued

Beginner Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4 & 11 • 12:00-2:00pm

Learn to play American Mah Jongg following the National Mah Jongg League rules with **Nancy Esposito**. Experience the excitement of learning this historic game that is now popular with adults of all ages! Mah Jongg sets will be available for use during class and instructional materials will be provided. *Fee: \$10.00 per person.*

Fire Island's Carrington Estate

Wednesday, May 7 • 7:00-8:30pm

Join **Christopher Verga** as he discusses the Carrington Estate which is located between Cherry Grove and Fire Island Pines and has been one of the cornerstones of culture and arts of Fire Island. Writers, such as **Truman Capote**, wrote the book *Breakfast at Tiffany's* while gathering inspiration in the surrounding communities. Other guests at the estate include **Lincoln Christie**, who is the founder of the New York City Ballet. Today the estate is in danger due to the elements of nature.



Operation Medicine Cabinet

Monday, May 12 • 11:00am-1:00pm

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

All Abilities Craft Fairy Doors

Wednesday, May 14 • 10:00-11:00am

Decorate a whimsical fairy door to add to your garden. 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 April 30.*

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Kings Park Continued

Sun Safety and Skin Cancer Awareness

Monday, May 12 • 7:00-8:00pm

Know the facts about skin cancer and how to protect yourself from the sun. A Health Educator from **Stony Brook Cancer Center** will provide an overview of what skin cancer is, what causes it, symptoms to look for and screening recommendations as well as sun safety tips.

New Tech, New Threats - Protecting Seniors from AI-Based Scams

Wednesday, May 21 • 10:00-11:00am

It is **Older Americans Month!** Join **Uwe Ross** of CarePatrol of East Long Island as he discusses practical strategies to safeguard against the rise of AI-driven scams targeting seniors and people of all ages.



Game Night

Thursday, May 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.*

Defensive Driving

Wednesday, May 28 & Thursday, May 29 • 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.*

Twinkle & Twine

Friday, May 30 • 12:00-1:00pm

Join the wellness specialists from **YES Community Mental Health Promotion & Support** for a creative workshop combining the art of crafting mason jar lanterns with meaningful mental health conversations. Relax, reflect, and light up your world for **Mental Health Awareness Month**.

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Game Day

Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm

Fridays • 11:00am-1:30pm

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Game Night

Thursday, May 1 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, May 15 • 6:30-8:30pm

Thursday, May 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.*

Remembering V-E Day 80 Years Later

Friday, May 2 • 7:00-8:30pm

WWII history expert **Keith Matturo** presents a detailed look at the various surrenders of German armed formations following the suicide of Adolf Hitler on April 30, 1945. The events leading up to the surrenders, the formal ceremonies, the subsequent surrenders of hold-out "fortresses" and the forced dissolution of the post-Hitler "caretaker" German government on May 23, 1945 will be discussed.



Nesconset Continued

Evening Yoga

Mondays, May 5, 12, 19 & June 2 • 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.*

Adult Writers Group

Tuesday, May 6 • 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, May 7 • 9:30-11:00am

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

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Wednesday, May 7 • 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.*

All Abilities Seed Starters

Thursday, May 8 • 10:00am-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 April 30.*

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Pallet Flag

Thursday, May 8 • 6:00-8:30pm

Bring some Americana decor into your home with this rustic decoration for your home or front door. Fee: \$15.00 per person.



Boku-Ga - Brush Painting

Wednesday, May 14 • 7:00-8:00pm

Learn the art of Boku-Ga with Gerard and Hiroko Senese of Ryu Shu Kan: Japanese Arts Center. Japanese brush painting is about distilling the essence of the subject into a handful of decisive strokes and expressing the beauty of the seasons. Celebrate Asian American, Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander Heritage Month as you use the whole body and mind as you create your brush strokes. Fee: \$12.00 per person.

All Abilities Gardening Club

Thursday, May 15 • 10:00-11:00am

Friday, May 23 • 10:00-11:00am

Wednesday, May 28 • 10:00-11:00am

Help us take care of our vegetable garden. 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 April 30.

SOLI - Vocal Music for a Spring Afternoon

Saturday, May 17 • 2:00-4:00pm

Join the Singers of Long Island for an afternoon of choral music. SOLI is a chamber choir of accomplished musicians from Suffolk County. The choir performs music from a wide variety of styles and cultures including madrigals, spirituals and jazz.



Nesconset Continued

All Abilities Sensory Movie

Wednesday, May 21 • 9:30am-12:00pm

Paddington

Rated PG; runtime 95 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 April 30.

Pictionary Game Night

Wednesday, May 21 • 6:30-8:30pm

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

Bingo Night for Adults

Friday, May 23 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Understanding the Presidency

Tuesday, May 27 • 7:00-8:30pm

"The executive Power shall be vested in a President of the United States of America." Created by Article II of the Constitution, much of the power of the presidency can be found in the actions of those who have occupied the office. James Coll, Adjunct professor of American and Constitutional History at Nassau Community College will analyze the intent of the Framers and the text of the supreme law of the land regarding the nation's chief executive.



Stay Safe - Recognizing and Preventing Senior Fraud

Wednesday, May 28 • 12:30-1:30pm

Join Uwe Ross of CarePatrol of East Long Island for Older Americans Month as he teaches you how to identify and avoid common scams targeting seniors today.

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 regardless of library district is ongoing. Fee: \$230.00 per person includes ticket to show, lunch, coach bus transportation and all gratuities.



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 April 1.

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Thursday Movie of the Week

• Thursday, May 1 • 1:30pm

Cabrini

Rated PG-13; runtime 142 minutes.

• Thursday, May 8 • 1:30pm

A Complete Unknown

Rated R; runtime 141 minutes.

• Thursday, May 15 • 1:30pm

Driveways

Rated NR; runtime 83 minutes.

• Thursday, May 22 • 1:30pm

The Outrun

Rated R; runtime 118 minutes.

• Thursday, May 29 • 1:30pm

You Gotta Believe

Rated PG; runtime 105 minutes.

Kings Park

Friday Movie of the Week

• Friday, May 2 • 2:15pm

Flight Risk

Rated R; runtime 91 minutes.

• Friday, May 9 • 2:15pm

Anora

Rated R; runtime 139 minutes.

• Friday, May 16 • 2:15pm

A Complete Unknown

Rated R; runtime 141 minutes.

• Friday, May 23 • 2:15pm

Sing Sing

Rated R; runtime 107 minutes.

• Friday, May 30 • 2:15pm

We Live in Time

Rated R; runtime 107 minutes.



Nesconset

New Movie Matinee

• Wednesday, May 21 • 1:00pm

Anora

Rated R; runtime 139 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee

• Friday, May 2 • 2:00pm

Conclave

Rated PG; runtime 120 minutes.

• Friday, May 23 • 2:00pm

September 5

Rated R; runtime 95 minutes.

Friday Night Movie

• Friday, May 9 • 6:15pm

One of Them Days

Rated R; 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.

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Commack Book Discussion Group*

Monday, May 12 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Change by Kirsten Miller

Kings Park

Killer Reads Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 13 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Darling Girls by Sally Hepworth

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Sports Pages Book Discussion Group

Monday, May 5 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Why We Love Baseball by Joe Posnanski

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group

Wednesday, May 14 • 2:30-3:30pm

How to Solve Your Own Murder by Kristen Perrin

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Smithtown Book Discussion Group

Thursday, May 15 • 10:45am-12:45pm

Prague Winter by Madeleine Albright

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group

Thursday, May 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

Real Americans by Rachel Khong

Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group

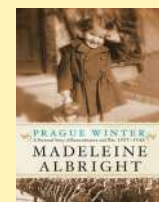
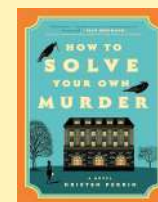
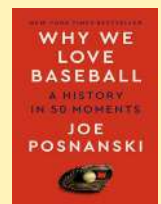
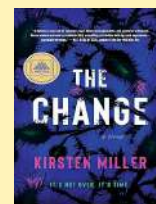
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Beyond that, the Sea by Laura Spence-Ash

Kings Park & Nesconset

All Abilities Book Club

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Sunday, May 18 is the last Sunday open until September 7.
The Library will be closed Sunday, May 11 in observance of Mother's Day
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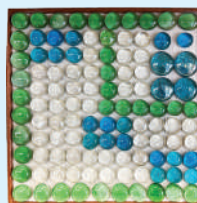
In Exhibit

Do you have an exhibit you
would like to share with
your community?
We would love to
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Please call:
Gina Ferreira
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Nesconset Display Case Marble Disc Art

View handmade pieces by
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Board of Trustees Meeting
Tuesday, May 20 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the
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The public is welcome.

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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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