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LIKE PUZZLE PIECES, EVERY SERVICE, PROGRAM AND RESOURCE IN THE LIBRARY CONNECTS TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY, INSPIRE LEARNING AND SUPPORT GROWTH.

FROM BOOKS AND TECHNOLOGY TO PROGRAMS AND SPACES, YOUR LIBRARY IS MORE THAN JUST BOOKS; THEY ARE VITAL, IRREPLACEABLE HUBS WHERE KNOWLEDGE, CREATIVITY AND CONNECTION COME TOGETHER.

*THESE FIGURES ARE BASED ON THE 2024 OPERATING YEAR.

Collection
1,158,068 PHYSICAL ITEMS BORROWED

Flipster, Libby, hoopla, freegal, kanopy

388,856 DIGITAL DOWNLOADS

Most Popular Item

Services
SOCIAL WORK INTERN HELPED 85 PATRONS

5,848 DOCUMENTS NOTARIZED

PTRC USED 165 TIMES

PASSPORT ACCEPTANCE FACILITY USED BY 1,290

Most Popular "Thing"

Knowledge
107,855 QUESTIONS ANSWERED

MUSEUMS VISITED 2,214 TIMES

Old Westbury Gardens Most Popular Pass

What's New
FDLP DESIGNATION

27,133 NEW ITEMS

5,085 NEW PATRONS

Community
SUMMER READING 2,843 PARTICIPANTS

SCHOOL VISITS 47

NURSING HOME VISITS 59

Connections
4,487 f

2,133

1,776 X

417,644 WEBSITE VISITS

Programs
5 Concerts ATTENDED BY 6,000

54,384 PROGRAM PARTICIPANTS OF ALL AGES

Extras
11,203 LIBRARY OF THINGS CHECK-OUTS

SMITHTOWN GROWS

8,317 SEED PACKS

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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, September 24, Kings Park on Friday, September 26, Nesconset on Tuesday, October 7.** 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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Baby Playground

C-Friday, October 17 • 10:00-10:45am
K-Wednesday, October 22 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Friday, October 17 • 2:30-3:15pm
(Birth-12 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Nursery Rhyme Time

C-Tuesday, October 7 • 10:30-11:00am
C-Saturday, October 11 • 10:00-10:30am
C-Monday, October 20 • 10:00-10:30am
C- Wednesday, October 22 • 3:00-3:30pm
K-Wednesday, October 1 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Saturday, October 11 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Monday, November 3 • 4:00-4:30pm
N-Thursday, October 9 • 2:30-3:00pm
N-Saturday, October 18 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Friday, October 24 • 10:00-10:30am
N-Wednesday, October 29 • 4:00-4:30pm
N-Thursday, October 30 • 10:00-10:30am
(Birth-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Peek-a-Boo

N-Monday, October 20 • 10:00-10:45am
C-Tuesday, October 28 • 10:30-11:15am
(Birth-23 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy **Halloween** stories, fingerplays, songs and crafts with your little one. Feel free to bring them in their Halloween costume.

Wonderful Ones

C-Friday, October 3 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Friday, October 10 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Thursday, October 9 • 10:30am-11:15am
N-Wednesday, October 22 • 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.

Story Tots

C-Friday, October 10 • 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.

Tiny Tot Storytime

K-Tuesday, October 7 • 10:30-11:00am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Little Explorers

N-Wednesday, October 8 • 10:00-10:30am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Explore your senses through stories and songs, then continue the fun with hands-on art projects and sensory activities. Dress to make a mess.

Musical Tots

N-Friday, October 10 • 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.

Do-Re-Mi & Me

K-Thursday, October 23 • 10:30-11:15am
(12-30 months with parent/caregiver)

Enjoy music, movement and stories in this engaging program, designed to support early communication and build confidence while having fun together.

Rock and Rhyme

N-Wednesday, October 29 • 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.

Gourd Times

N-Thursday, October 30 • 11:00-11:45am
(12-35 months with parent/caregiver)

Autumn is for pumpkin spice and everything nice. Celebrate the cool breeze and autumn leaves with your little pumpkin. Dress to make a mess.

Tot Tunes

C-Wednesday, October 29 • 10:30-11:00am
K-Friday, October 24 • 10:30-11:00am
(18-35 months with parent/caregiver)

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

Time for Twos

C-Wednesday, October 15 • 10:30-11:15am
K- Friday, October 17 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Friday, October 10 • 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.

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Art Starts
K-Thursday, October 9 • 3:00-3:45pm
(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.

Library Playdate
K-Friday, October 3 • 10:30-11:15am
(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.

Sing, Shake and Wiggle
N-Friday, October 17 • 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.

Construction Zone
C-Friday, October 24 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Wednesday, October 29 • 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.

Sensory Starts
K-Monday, October 27 • 10:30-11:15am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Different sensory stations encourage exploration, coordination, dexterity and intellectual growth while stimulating the senses.

Monster Jam

C-Monday, October 27 • 10:30-11:15am
(2-4 years with parent/caregiver)
Even monsters love to jam! Move, groove and dance like a monster as we explore songs, stories and crafts featuring our not-so-scary friends.

Spooktacular Stories
N-Wednesday, October 22 • 10:00-10:45am
(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Celebrate **Halloween** with a variety of crafts and art projects. Dress to make a mess.

Boo Bash
C-Thursday, October 30 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Saturday, October 25 • 10:30-11:15am
K-Friday, October 31 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Monday, October 27 • 10:30-11:15am
N-Tuesday, October 28 • 10:00-10:45am
N-Tuesday, October 28 • 11:15am-12:00pm
N-Thursday, October 30 • 2:30-3:15pm
(2-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Boo! It's time for a **Halloween** Parade! Join us as we share silly Halloween stories, make fun crafts and then trick-or-treat our way through the Library in a fabulous parade. Don't forget to wear your costume.

Storytime Surprise
K-Thursday, October 2 • 3:30-4:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us as we read an assortment of stories with **Miss Sharon** and then do a surprise craft.

Fall Friends
K-Saturday, October 4 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Watch the leaves fall after we make a fall critter magnet and read autumn stories.

Little Blue Truck Craft and Storytime
C-Monday, October 6 • 10:30-11:00am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Beep! Beep! Beep! says **Little Blue Truck**. Come listen to a story all about me and make your own blue truck craft to take home.

Autumn Harvest
K-Wednesday, October 8 • 3:30-4:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Help **Miss Laura** sort through summer's harvest and get your hands dirty preparing for the next spring's crop. In case of inclement weather, this program will meet in the Community Room.

Let's Get Spooky
N-Saturday, October 11 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Cold wind is blowing, leaves are falling. Come kick off the **Halloween** season with stories, songs and spooky sensory activities.

Pumpkin Apple Stamps
C-Saturday, October 11 • 11:00-11:30am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Turn regular apples into stamps to create silly Jack-o-Lanterns! Dress to make a mess.

Punk Farm
K-Thursday, October 16 • 2:30-3:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)

Hey, ho, let's go. Get revved up and ready to go while we read *Punk Farm* by **Jarrett Krosoczka** and create barnyard crafts that will pulsate to the back beat.

Sensory Storytime
N-Tuesday, October 21 • 3:00-3:45pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Enjoy a hands-on approach to learning through exploring our sensory activities and participate in a storytime. The enthusiasm in this program is palpable.

Room on the Broom
N-Thursday, October 23 • 11:30am-12:15pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Join us for the story *Room on the Broom* by **Julia Donaldson** and make a fun **Halloween** craft.

Go Batty at the Library
C-Tuesday, October 28 • 3:00-3:45pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Usher in fall with a storytime that is sure to make you batty! Join us for some stories about bats and make a simple bat craft to take home.

Jump & Play
K-Thursday, October 30 • 10:30-11:15am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Meet new friends at the Library and work on social skills with our fun playground toys.

Storytime Safari
N-Saturday, November 1 • 10:00-10:45am
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Wild characters abound when you open a book. Treat your mind to an adventure with stories and an art project.

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Preschool Dance Party
N-Monday, November 3 • 3:30-4:00pm
(3-5 years with parent/caregiver)
Move and groove to the beat. Put on your dancing shoes for an afternoon of music and movement fun.

Tails of a Hero
N-Friday, November 7 • 6:30-7:15pm
(For families with children 3-12 years old)

Celebrate **Veterans Day** with a reading of ***Bubba the Combat Cat*** by **Maryanne Bounaparte**, the story of an American soldier and her feline friend. Make a work of art that gives a round of 'a-paws' to our heroes at home and abroad.

Little Craft Buddies
C-Wednesday, October 8 • 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 a craft for the child to take home.

Construction Buddies
K-Wednesday, October 15 • 4:15-5:00pm
(4-7 years)
Work with a teen volunteer to complete challenges using all types of blocks and materials.

Creepy Carrots
C-Thursday, October 2 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-7 years)
Let's read the hit story, ***Creepy Carrots*** by **Aaron Reynolds**, then DIY all different kinds of creepy carrots! Who can make the creepiest?

Cats and Bats
N-Saturday, October 18 • 11:30am-12:15pm
(5-7 years)
Celebrate spooky season with stories and a craft featuring eerie cats and creepy bats.

Thankful Placemats
N-Monday, October 20 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)
Help local soup kitchens get ready for **Thanksgiving** when you decorate placemats with a teen buddy.

Spooky Science Buddies
K-Tuesday, October 21 • 4:15-5:00pm
(5-9 years)
Enjoy a **Halloween** twist on an innovative program which pairs teens and children to work with simple but awesome projects that explore science, engineering and math. Dress to make a mess.

Make It Monday
N-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm
S-Mondays • 6:30-8:30pm
(5-12 years)
Come to the Children's Room during these hours to tinker, build and play with a variety of STEAM challenges, toys and projects. *No registration required.*

LEGO® League
C-Thursday, October 9 • 4:30-5:15pm
(5-12 years)

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

Chess and Checkers Buddies
N-Monday, November 3 • 4:45-5:30pm
(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.

Pet Ghost Jars
C-Thursday, October 30 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-11 years)
Let's celebrate the spooky season by making your very own pet ghost! DIY a pet ghost in a jar that really glows!

Monster Doughnuts
N-Saturday, October 11 • 3:00-3:45pm
(6-12 years)

Listen to not-so-scary stories and create adorable monster doughnuts that are fun to make and delicious to eat.

Hanging Bat Picture
N-Thursday, October 16 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-12 years)
Join us for a frighteningly fun time. We will be using mixed media to create a bat painting perfect for the fall season.

Cricut Crafts - Haunted Houses
K-Tuesday, October 28 • 4:30-5:15pm
(6-12 years)
Join us at the Library for a skeleFUN time while we learn about the Cricut cutting machine and make a spooky 3D haunted house to take home!

Scare the Crow
K-Monday, October 20 • 4:30-5:00pm
(7-10 years)
Let's read autumn tales and make a seasonal scarecrow craft.

DIY Clothespin People
K-Wednesday, October 29 • 5:00-5:45pm
(7-12 years)
Whip up your own wooden clothespin people (also known as peg dolls).

Fall Puffy Paint Window Clings
C-Thursday, October 16 • 4:30-5:15pm
(8-12 years)
Turn regular puffy paint into spooky window clings! Dress to make a mess.

Halloween Haunted Houses
C-Saturday, October 18 • 10:30-11:15am
(8-12 years)

Get ready for some sweet and spooky fun! Join us to decorate gingerbread houses with **Halloween**-themed candies, frosting, and more. Let your imagination run wild as you create a haunted house masterpiece to take home.

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TEEN SCENE

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Trick-or-Treat Totes

***K*-Saturday, October 18 • 10:30-11:30am**
(8-12 years)

Learn how to use infusible ink with the Cricut EasyPress. We'll draw and color our own custom designs, then iron them onto canvas tote bags that are perfect for collecting candy on **Halloween**!

Sugar Skulls

***C*-Monday, October 20 • 6:30-7:15pm**
(8-12 years)

Come down to the Library to learn all about the traditional Mexican holiday of **Dia De Los Muertos** and design your own sugar skull.

Creation Station

***C*-Saturday, October 4 • 10:00-3:00pm**
***K*-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm**
***N*-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm**
***S*-Saturdays • 10:00am-3:00pm**
(Families)

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

Monster Mash

***N*-Friday, October 24 • 6:30-7:30pm**
(Families)

Join us for a **Halloween** party filled with crafts and games, then trick-or-treat through the Library in a **Halloween** parade! Don't forget to wear your costume.

Charlie Brown and the Great Pumpkin

***C*-Monday, October 27 • 4:30-5:15pm**
(Families)

Join us for a family viewing of *It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown* and make a Peanuts® character picture frame to take home.

Haunt-o-ween Fest

***K*-Saturday, November 1 • 2:30-3:30pm**
(Families)

Keep the **Halloween** celebration going with a glow-in-the-dark party! There will be gentle spooks, thrills and plenty of fun.

October Bookmark Contest Winner
Charlene C.
Grade 5
St. James Elementary School

Teen Services Program Information

In person, online and telephone registration for **October** programs began on **Monday, September 8. November** program registration begins **Tuesday, October 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 - Autumn Peach Bath Salts

Fall is in the air! Take home a kit with everything you need to create your own relaxing bath salts. *Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning October 1. When registering online, please indicate pick up building.*

Dungeons and Dragons

***C*-Monday, October 6 • 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.

Teen Detectives Society

***K*-Tuesday, October 7 • 7:00-8:00pm**

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

TEEN SCENE

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Teen Writer's Corner
N-Thursday, October 9 • 4:30-5:15pm
Middle school and high school students are able to bring in papers they are working on in school or even personal work to exchange constructive peer feedback from teen volunteers. This student-led program provides a relaxed, supportive space where writers can improve their skills and build confidence.

Clothespin Pumpkin Wreath
C-Thursday, October 9 • 7:00-8:00pm
Craft and create a simple wreath using clothespins and paint.

Boo-tiful Ghost Sign
C-Wednesday, October 15 • 7:00-8:00pm
Create a cute, not-so-spooky painted wood sign.

Boo-Fest 2025

N-Friday, October 17 • 7:00-8:30pm
Celebrate **Halloween** with your Teen Librarians at this spooktacular fright fest! There will be snacks, games and ghoulishly delightful crafts. Dress in costume (school appropriate). It's going to be a scary good time!

Halloween Baking Championship
N-Tuesday, October 21 • 7:00-8:00pm
Use your baking skills and imagination to decorate a ghoulishly good treat.

Tie Dye Treat Bags
N-Thursday, October 23 • 4:30-5:30pm
Trick or treat with a fun tie dye tote!

STEM Saturdays
N-Saturday, October 25 • 11:30am-12:30pm
Join us on Saturdays to explore STEM in a fun and practical way using common household materials. This program will build STEM understanding, application, and incorporation into everyday life.

Fall Leaf Garland
N-Saturday, October 25 • 3:00-4:00pm
Decorate a garland to add fall-themed flair to any room.

TBR Book Crew
N-Tuesday, October 28 • 6:30-7:30pm
Is your "To Be Read" list getting out of control? Knock one off with us at the TBR Crew Book Club. Join your Teen Librarians and counselors from the Youth Bureau for a night of reading, discussion, food and friends!

Teen Halloween Paint Night

K-Tuesday, October 28 • 7:00-8:00pm
Let's embrace the spooky season with a **Halloween** inspired paint night!

Anime and Manga Club
C-Wednesday, October 29 • 7:00-8:30pm
Join us to discuss manga, watch anime and enjoy Japanese snacks.

Haunted Escape Room
N-Thursday, October 30 • 4:00-5:00pm
Work together using clues and puzzles to try to get yourself out of some spooky situations.

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

Game Buddies Volunteers
N-Thursday, October 2 • 4:00-5:00pm
Play fun board games with a younger child.

Fall Festival Volunteers
N-Saturday, October 4 • 10:30am-12:30pm

Join us on our lawn for a morning of volunteering. You will assist younger patrons with games, crafts and a petting zoo.

Craft Buddies Volunteers
C-Wednesday, October 8 • 4:00-5:00pm
Spend an afternoon paired with a younger child for some craft projects. We will be using art materials. Dress to make a mess.

Haunted House Decorating Volunteers
K-Wednesday, October 8 • 6:00-8:00pm
Help our Children's Department with creating a haunted house that little ghouls and goblins will enjoy.

Construction Buddies Volunteers
K-Wednesday, October 15 • 4:00-5:00pm
Help a child complete building challenges with all the types of toys and materials you can think of!

Bookmark Volunteers
N-Wednesday, October 15 • 4:00-5:00pm
Teen volunteers are needed to design and make bookmarks for Smithtown Library patrons.

Birthday Bundle Bag Volunteers

C-Monday, October 20 • 4:30-5:30pm
Make bags full of birthday goodies for patrons of our Children's Department to enjoy.

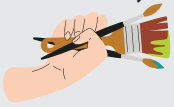
Spooky Science Buddies Volunteers
K-Tuesday, October 21 • 4:00-5:00pm
Help little mad scientists with super spooky science experiments, just in time for **Halloween**!

Monster Mash Volunteers
N-Friday, October 24 • 6:00-7:30pm

Help the Children's Department set up and run a Halloween party for younger children.

Community Wash Kits
K-Monday, October 27 • 4:00-5:00pm
Help your community by making wash kits to donate to local shelters.

Pass the Painting Community Project
N-Monday, October 27 • 6:30-8:00pm
Join our collaborative art activity where you will take turns adding to a shared canvas, creating a unique and unexpected art piece through collective creativity!



ADULTS

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Adult Program Information

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Take and Make - Haunted Gingerbread House for Adults

Take home a **Halloween**-themed gingerbread house baked by **Fanny Cakes** bakery along with a variety of candies and icing to decorate for some spooky fun! *Online and in person registration begins on October 1 and ends on October 15. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning October 17. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: $10.00 per person.*

Take and Make - Pie Garland

Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to make a whimsical decoration for the **Thanksgiving** season. A hot glue gun is required for this project. *Online and in person registration begins on October 16 and ends on October 30. Supply bags can be picked up from the building of your choice beginning November 3. When registering online, please indicate pick up building. Fee: $7.00 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.*

Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera

Wednesday, October 1 • 3:00-4:30pm

In celebration of **Hispanic Heritage Month**, join artist and professor **Chris Vivas** as he discusses two of Mexico's most iconic and revolutionary artists who helped define an era. Discover their tumultuous history, murals, Mexican identity, political ideals, expression, and the social change that stemmed from their artistic achievements.

Chairobics and Strength

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17 & 24 • 2:30-3:15pm

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.*

Defensive Driving

Saturday, October 4 • 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.*

Open Knit and Crochet

Tuesday, October 7 • 1:00-3:00pm

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

Commack Continued

Intro to Libby

Tuesday, October 7 • 3:30-4:30pm

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.

Travel Club

Wednesday, October 8 • 7:00-8:00pm

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

Game Night

Thursday, October 2 • 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, October 16 • 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.*

Demystifying Clinical Trials

Friday, October 17 • 11:30am-12:30pm

Join health educators from **Stony Brook Cancer Center** to learn about clinical trials. Clinical trials can be great treatment options, but many people find them intimidating. We will be discussing research, clinical trials and addressing common myths.

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, October 21 • 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.

ADULTS

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Commack Continued

Unleash Your Intuition

Tuesday, October 21 • 7:00-8:30pm

We are all born with the gift of intuition - an inner compass that connects us to higher wisdom. In this transformative workshop, the Budapest Psychic, **Rev. Maria D'Andrea**, will show you how to awaken and strengthen your intuitive abilities to guide you in love, health, career and beyond. Learn to trust your inner voice and make empowered choices through intuitive awareness.

Pictionary Game Day

Saturday, October 25 • 2:30-4:30pm

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

Veterans Benefits Assistance

Monday, October 27 • 12:00-3:00pm

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

Welcome Home

Monday, October 27 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join us to paint this modern welcome sign that can be used all year long! *Fee: $12.00 per person.*

Art Group

Tuesday, October 28 • 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.*

All Abilities Bingo Night

Tuesday, October 28 • 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 September 24.*

Commack Continued

Catholic Health Services Health Screening

Thursday, October 30 • 10:00am-2:00pm

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

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 Fire Beneath the Ash - Legends of Ireland's Endurance Lecture Series

Thursdays, October 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 • 12:30-2:00pm

Ireland's history is a tale of survival and spirit. The ancient clans shaped its early life with loyalty and pride. Then came Cromwell-the curse-bringing ruin and exile. The Penal Laws tried to break the faith, but the people held firm. Irish monks preserved knowledge in dark times. The Wild Geese fought abroad, still Irish at heart. And the Travelers, ever free, kept the old ways alive. These are the quiet fires that never died. Join historian **Tom O'Reilly** for this lecture series.

All Abilities Game Day

Monday, October 6 • 10:00am-11:00am

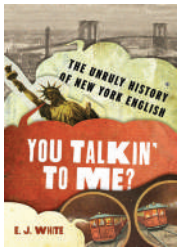
Join us in playing some fun games. This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum or those who have other specific needs. *Registration begins on September 24.*

Kings Park Continued

You Talkin' to Me?- The Unruly History of New York English

Monday, October 6 • 7:00-8:30pm

Long Island Room



Explore the hidden history of English in New York City-a history that encompasses social class, immigration, culture, economics and, of course, real estate, with **Elyse Graham** (E.J. White), professor of English at Stony Brook University, language historian and author of several books, including *You Talkin' to Me?: The Unruly History of New York English*. Come for the little-known facts (C-3PO was originally written to have a New York accent; "confidence man" started in reference to a specific New York City criminal) and stay for explanations of the "g" in "Lawn Guyland," why New Yorkers drop their r's, and what Midwesterners don't understand about "New York Nice."

All Abilities Bingo

Thursday, October 9 • 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 September 24.*

Angel Hair Pancakes with Chef Rob

Thursday, October 9 • 6:30-8:30pm

Join **Chef Rob Scott** as he demonstrates how to prepare delicious prosciutto and baby spinach angel hair pancakes filled with mozzarella and parmesan cheese served with a cannellini bean and fennel salad. A tasting will follow the demonstration and copies of the recipes will be available to take home. *Fee: $10.00 per person.*

ADULTS

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Kings Park Continued

Retirement - Making Your Money Last

Wednesday, October 15 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join **Kyle Hauptman** from Edward Jones to discover how to keep your financial strategy from veering off course when life throws you a curveball. We'll discuss risks you may not be aware of, strategies or tools for addressing those risks and life changes that may require you to review your strategy. Though you can't predict the unexpected, you can prepare for it.

All Abilities Zombie Planters

Thursday, October 16 • 10:00-11:00am

Paint these spooky little zombie head planters to add some creepy cute style to your space. 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 September 24.*

Coyotes in Kings Park

Saturday, October 18 • 12:00-1:00pm

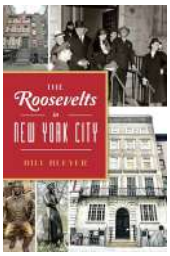
The long-awaited arrival of coyotes on Long Island has begun and have now been spotted in Kings Park. They are being monitored closely and some amazing stories are emerging. Hear the latest and learn how to coexist with coyotes with the **Long Island Coyote Study Group**, including the Wild Dog Foundation, Seatuck, Turtleback Farm, Hofstra and the Long Island Science Museum.

Kings Park Continued

The Roosevelts in New York City

Monday, October 20 • 7:00- 8:30pm

Long Island Room



Join former *Newsday* staff writer and local history author **Bill Bleyer** as he discusses his new book *The Roosevelts in New York City*. Learn about the Theodore Roosevelt Birthplace, where the future president grew up with three siblings and doting parents and first became interested in nature and public service. Also hear the story of Roosevelt House, the twin townhouse built by Sara Roosevelt for her son Franklin and his wife Eleanor and where the three lived until FDR and Eleanor moved into the White House.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Tuesday, October 21 • 2:30-3:30pm

October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. A specialist from Huntington Hospital will educate attendees about breast cancer, including its risks, symptoms and the importance of early detection through screening.

Crime Scene Clean-Up

Wednesday, October 22 • 6:30-8:00pm

Scott Vogel from Emergiclean will discuss the process of removing blood, bodily fluids and other potentially infectious materials from a crime scene after law enforcement has collected evidence.

Game Night

Thursday, October 23 • 6:30-8:30pm

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

Kings Park Continued

Creating Your Estate Plan

Wednesday, October 29 • 7:00-8:00pm

Kyle Hauptman from Edward Jones will discuss basic steps of planning your estate, including the importance of wills, trusts, beneficiary designations and other methods to handle your estate according to your goals.

The Gravestones of Early Long Island

Thursday, October 30 • 7:00-8:30pm

The colonial and early national gravestones of New England and the Middle States are widely recognized as prime examples of American folk and vernacular art. Emblazoned with powerful iconography expressing cultural and religious attitudes towards death, resurrection and sometimes lineage and status, they are among the most accessible, but often overlooked, colonial artifacts in the area. **Richard Welch** will explore symbols, sources, carvers and stylistic evolution and the cultural and religious attitudes which they expressed.

Coming in November

Defensive Driving

Wednesday, November 12 • 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.*

ADULTS

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Nesconset

Game Day
Mondays • 12:00-3:00pm
Fridays • 11:00am-1:30pm
We provide the space, tables, chairs and a variety of games. Meet friends here or make new ones. *No registration required.*

Dance Fitness
Wednesdays, October 1, 8, 15 & 22 • 7:30-8:30pm
Dance to get fit with **Annmarie Rigoroso**. Learn to incorporate fitness movements into dancing. Benefits include bone and muscle strength, cardiovascular health, agility and coordination while having fun. *Fee: $12.00 per class.*

Spooky Spider Shell Craft
Thursday, October 2 • 7:00-8:30pm
Join acclaimed mixed media artist **Anna Chan** for a spooky-good time crafting your own creepy crawler using black sand and seashells! Put your coastal twist on Halloween and take home a handmade haunting. *Fee: $10.00 per person.*

Job Fair
Thursday, October 2 • 10:00am-12:00pm
The Suffolk County Department of Labor and the Library present this opportunity for job seekers to connect with employers. Bring your resume and dress for success.

All Abilities Native Pollinator Garden Planting
Thursday, October 2 • 10:00am-1:00pm
The Smithtown Library has been awarded a pollinator garden from the **Long Island Native Plant Initiative's** grant program. Help us plant these wonderful native plants that will create a beautiful garden that will support the local pollinators. Dress to get dirty. 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 September 24.* Rain date: Wednesday, October 8.

Nesconset Continued

One-On-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance
Thursday, October 2 • 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.

Bingo Night for Adults
Friday, October 3 • 7:00-8:30pm
Join us for an evening of action-packed bingo excitement. Refreshments will be provided and prizes will be awarded.

The Piccirilli Brothers - Master Stone Carvers
Saturday, October 4 • 2:00-4:00pm
The **Piccirilli Brothers** were renowned master carvers of marble, who lived and worked in The Bronx after emigrating to the United States from Italy in 1888. They were six brothers who were commissioned to create sculptures throughout the five boroughs of New York City. They have left a lasting mark on New York as well as Washington, D.C. A Powerpoint presentation will highlight their works and will be narrated by **Tom Bandise**, Past President of the Dr. Vincenzo Sellaro Lodge #2319, Order Sons and Daughters of Italy in America.

Nesconset Continued

Art Group
Tuesday, October 7 • 12:00-2:15pm
Tuesday, October 21 • 12:00-2:15pm
Fulfill your passion for art. Bring your supplies and work on your current project while you share ideas and learn new techniques from others in a relaxed atmosphere. *No registration required.*

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

Palliative and Hospice Care
Wednesday, October 8 • 11:00am-12:00pm
Join **Visiting Nurse Service & Hospice of Suffolk** for a discussion of palliative care and hospice care. Palliative care helps to ease suffering from pain and stress associated with chronic illness. Hospice care, reserved for terminally ill patients for whom curative treatment is no longer available, emphasizes pain control, symptom management and supportive counseling. This discussion will be led by **Andrea Cowles**, Director of Intake & Service Development; **Connie Alexander**, Hospice Director of Patient Services; and **Christine Calise**, Assistant Director of Hospice Social Work.

Game Night
Thursday, October 9 • 6:30-8:30pm
Thursday, October 30 • 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.*

All Abilities Sensory Movie
Wednesday, October 15 • 9:30am-12:00pm
Scooby-Doo
Rated PG; runtime 86 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 September 24.*

ADULTS

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Nesconset Continued

The Day Trippers - Beatles Cover Band

Saturday, October 18 • 2:00-4:00pm

If you love the **Beatles**, then don't miss the captivating live concert from **The Day Trippers**, a Long Island Beatles cover band. This dynamic group will entertain you with an afternoon of the greatest iconic rock and pop songs ever written!

Morning Bingo for Adults

Tuesday, October 21 • 10:00-11:30am

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

Memory on the Road - Navigating Dementia and Driving

Wednesday, October 22 • 12:00-1:30pm

Memory on the road is a critical topic, especially when it comes to those who are navigating dementia and driving. Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia can lead to memory loss, disorientation, and confusion, which can make driving challenging and potentially dangerous. **Jennifer Roth** from Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands will discuss the importance of identifying the signs of dementia early on and taking appropriate measures to ensure that individuals with dementia can safely navigate the road.

All Abilities Spider Cookies

Thursday, October 23 • 10:00-11:00am

Decorate cookies to look like spiders and gobble them up! 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. Please note: This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies. *Registration begins on September 24.*

Nesconset Continued

Senior Scam Prevention

Tuesday, October 28 • 3:30-4:30pm

Representatives from the **Suffolk County District Attorney's Office** will explain how to identify scams and avoid becoming a victim yourself. Presented in conjunction with **Legislator Leslie Kennedy**.

Puzzlepalooza - Halloween Edition

Friday, October 31 • 6:00-8:30pm

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

Coming in November

Morning Bingo for Adults

Thursday, November 6 • 10:00-11:30am

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

Bingo Night for Adults

Thursday, November 13 • 7:00-8:30pm

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

Smithtown

One-Stop Recycling

Saturday, October 4 • 10:00am-1:00pm

The Smithtown Library, **Legislator Leslie Kennedy's** office and the **Suffolk County Sheriff's** Office invite you to finish your fall decluttering in the Smithtown Building parking lot. **Storage Quarters** will provide shredding of personal papers and documents, E-waste removal will be provided by **E-Green Recycling** and the **Suffolk County Sheriff's Office** will host Shed the Meds proper prescription drug disposal.

SMITHTOWN UNDERGROUND'S 31 DAYS OF HALLOWEEN MOVIE CHALLENGE

Join us as we count down the days of October with Smithtown Underground's 31 Days of Halloween Movie Challenge. Watch movies to complete challenges and receive raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes! Stop by any Adult Reference Desk to sign up beginning September 22 and receive the list of challenges.

Train Trip – 'Twas the Night Before by Cirque du Soleil

Saturday, December 6 • 8:28am

Take the train to the **Theater at Madison Square** for the limited run showing of *'Twas the Night Before* by **Cirque du Soleil.** Memorable lines from this cherished classic inspired Cirque's story about a jaded young girl who rediscovers the magic of the holidays. 'Twas the Night Before . . . features thrilling acrobatics, lovable characters - and a soundtrack including holiday classics re-invented by Cirque du Soleil. After the show stay in the city and return on the train of your choice or be escorted back to Penn Station for the next available train home. *Registration for Smithtown Library cardholders begins on October 1 at 9:30am. Registration for non-Smithtown Library cardholders begins on October 29 at 9:30am. Fee: $89.00 per person includes round-trip train fare from Smithtown and ticket to the show.*

ADULTS

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The Great Give Back is a community service initiative created by the **Suffolk County Public Library Directors Association** and the **Suffolk Cooperative Library System** to provide a day of opportunities for the patrons of Long Island libraries to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences.

Children

The Great Give Back

All Buildings

Wednesday, October 1- Friday, October 31

Families are invited to join in **The Great Giveback**. This year the Children's Department will be collecting birthday party supplies, which will be donated to **Branches Long Island**, an organization that helps families in need. Items such as paper plates, plastic or paper cups, napkins, birthday candles, cake mix and frosting can be brought to any building between October 1 and October 31.

The Great Give Back - Birthday Cards

C-Saturday, October 18 • 10:00am-3:00pm
K-Saturday, October 18 • 10:00am-3:00pm
N-Saturday, October 18 • 10:00am-3:00pm
S-Saturday, October 18 • 10:00am-3:00pm
(Families)

Send a smile to a senior! Stop by the Children's Department during these hours to create birthday cards for local seniors, which will be donated to the **Town of Smithtown's Senior Citizens Department**. *No registration required.*

Teens

The Great Give Back - Warming Kits Volunteers

K-Thursday, October 16 • 4:00-5:00pm

Join us to make warming kits that will be donated to the **Long Island Coalition for the Homeless.**

The Great Give Back - VolunTeen Fair

C-Saturday, October 18 • 2:30-4:30pm

Give back to our community by volunteering to spend an afternoon creating projects that will be donated to local organizations.

The Great Give Back - Give Back and Give Thanks

N-Monday, October 20 • 4:00-5:00pm

It's time for **The Great Give Back**. Help local soup kitchens get ready for **Thanksgiving** when you decorate placemats with a younger buddy.

Teens Continued

The Great Give Back - Computer Build-a-Thon Volunteers

C-Wednesday, October 22 • 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.

Adults

The Great Give Back - Take and Make - Bookmarks for Outreach

Do you want to give back and be crafty at the same time? Take home a bag filled with the supplies needed to decorate wooden bookmarks for the library's Senior Services Outreach. *Bags can be picked up from any Reference Desk on October 18 and finished bookmarks must be returned by October 31; supplies are available on a first come, first served basis.*

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Movies at the Library

Registration began on September 1.

Commack
Thursday Movie of the Week
- ***Thursday, October 2 • 1:30pm***
The Comeback Trail
Rated R; runtime 108 minutes.
- ***Thursday, October 9 • 1:30pm***
The Wedding Banquet
Rated R; runtime 103 minutes.
- ***Thursday, October 16 • 1:30pm***
The Ballad of Wallis Island
Rated PG-13; runtime 100 minutes.
- ***Thursday, October 23 • 1:30pm***
Finding Steve McQueen
Rated R; runtime 88 minutes.
- ***Thursday, October 30 • 1:30pm***
A Haunting in Venice
Rated PG-13; runtime 103 minutes.

Kings Park
Friday Movie of the Week
- ***Friday, October 3 • 2:15pm***
The Phoenician Scheme
Rated PG-13; runtime 101 minutes.
- ***Friday, October 10 • 2:15pm***
Sovereign
Rated R; runtime 102 minutes.
- ***Friday, October 17 • 2:15pm***
The Accountant 2
Rated R; runtime 132 minutes.
- ***Friday, October 24 • 2:15pm***
Riff Raff
Rated R; runtime 103 minutes.
- ***Friday, October 31 • 2:15pm***
The Rule of Jenny Pen
Rated R; runtime 103 minutes.

Nesconset
New Movie Matinee
- ***Wednesday, October 15 • 1:00pm***
Karate Kid: Legends
Rated PG-13; runtime 94 minutes.

Friday Movie Matinee
- ***Friday, October 3 • 2:00pm***
My Girl
Rated PG; runtime 102 minutes.
- ***Friday, October 24 • 2:00pm***
Dune (2021)
Rated PG-13; runtime 155 minutes.

Friday Night Movie
- ***Friday, October 10 • 6:15pm***
Beetlejuice Beetlejuice
Rated PG-13; runtime 104 minutes.

Book Discussion Groups

Copies of the books are available at the Circulation Desk of their respective buildings. Book discussion group denoted with an asterisk (*) will take place both in person as well as on Zoom. Login information for Zoom, if applicable, will be sent to the email address associated with your library card on the day of the event.

Commack
Commack Book Discussion Group*
Monday, October 20 • 12:00-1:00pm
Eddie Winston is Looking for Love by **Marianne Cronin**

Kings Park
Killer Reads Book Discussion Group
Tuesday, October 21 •11:00am-12:00pm
The New Couple in 5B by **Lisa Unger**

Nesconset
Sports Pages Book Discussion Group
Monday, October 6 •10:30am-12:30pm
Into Thin Air by **Jon Krakauer**

Clue - A Mystery Book Discussion Group
Wednesday, October 8 • 2:30-3:30pm
The Hitchcock Hotel by **Stephanie Wrobel**

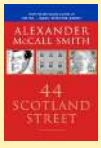
Nesconset Continued
Smithtown Book Discussion Group
Thursday, October 16 • 10:45am-12:45pm
44 Scotland Street by **Alexander McCall Smith**

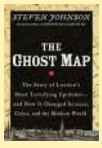
Historical Non-Fiction Book Discussion Group
Thursday, October 23 • 2:30-3:30pm
The Ghost Map: The Story of London's Most Terrifying Epidemic and How It Changed Science, Cities, and the Modern World by **Steven Johnson**

Night Owl Cafe Book Discussion Group
Thursday, October 23 • 7:00-8:00pm
Cabin Fever by **Michael Smith** and **Jonathan Franklin**

Nesconset Continued
Tea-rrific Reads Book Discussion Group
Tuesday, October 28 • 2:00-3:00pm
No Two Persons by **Erica Bauermeister**

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





2026 Budget Vote and Trustee Election
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 9:30am-9:00pm

Message to The Community

Since 1907, The Smithtown Library has been dedicated to providing outstanding services to our community. Implementing high quality, educational, informational, digital and cultural services and programming has always been our number one goal. The Library Board, Administration and staff take great care in maintaining modern facilities and beautifying our grounds. Our ongoing mission is to accomplish all of these things while being fiscally prudent with your tax dollars.

Robert Lusak
Library Director

Smithtown Special Library District
2026 Budget Summary

OVERALL BUDGET PROPOSAL	PROPOSED 2026
Total Budgeted Amount	**$17,731,372**
Property Tax	$ 16,922,943
Other Revenue	$ 808,429
Total Revenues & Appropriated Fund Balance	**$17,731,372**
Estimated Dollar Change in Annual Taxes	**$ 8.79**
Tax Levy Increase within NYS limit	**2.47%**
Salaries and Employee Benefits	$ 13,091,993
Library Materials and Programs	$ 1,301,500
Equipment and Other Capital Outlays	$ 137,500
Operation and Maintenance of Buildings	$ 818,500
Other Expenses (supplies, communications, internet, printing, postage, professional fees, etc.)	$ 835,254
Debt Service-Expansion Referendum Approved	$ 1,546,625
Total Expenditures	**$ 17,731,372**

CALCULATING YOUR TAX *

2026 Proposed Estimate Tax Rate per $1000 = $66.871

Example:

[$ 6,000 Home Assessed Value X $ 66.871 Tax rate per $1000 of assessed valuation] ÷ 1,000 = $ 401.23 Proposed Annual Library Tax

In the example above, an average house assessed at $6, 000 would pay an annual library tax of $401.23, an increase of $8.79 per year (73.2 ¢ per month.)

*based on the most recent data at time of printing

Library Trustee Candidate Information

There are three (3) seats, of a seven seat Board, up for election this year all with a three-year term beginning January 1, 2026 and ending December 31, 2028. The seats are currently held by Trustees Mildred Bernstein, Annette Galarza and Howard Knispel.
Additional information about the candidates can be found on the Library's website.

Who Can Vote?

Smithtown Special Library District residents who are registered to vote with the Suffolk County Board of Elections.

Voter Registration

New York State Voter registration forms can be obtained in-person or online through the Suffolk County Board of Elections, at a U.S. post office or at any Smithtown Library Building.

Voting by Absentee / Early Mail / Military Ballots

The Library's Absentee / Early Mail / Military Ballot Application may be obtained at the Reference Desks at any Smithtown Library building or online through the Library's website (www.smithlib.org.)

Where do I Vote?

In person voting takes place at the Commack, Kings Park, Nesconset and Smithtown Buildings of the Smithtown Special Library District on Tuesday, October 14 from 9:30am-9:00pm. Your polling site is determined by your home address and the Suffolk County election districts. Instructions on how to determine your polling site is available on our website.

Please visit the Library's website at www.smithlib.org or call our Administration office at (631) 360-2489 for more details.

2026 Budget Vote and Trustee Election
Tuesday, October 14, 2025 • 9:30am-9:00pm

Mensaje a la comunidad

Desde 1907, la Biblioteca de Smithtown se ha dedicado a brindar servicios sobresalientes a nuestra comunidad. La implementación de servicios y programación educativa, informativa digital y cultural de alta calidad siempre ha sido nuestro objetivo número uno. La Junta de la Biblioteca, la Administración y el personal tienen mucho cuidado en mantener las instalaciones modernas y embellecer nuestros terrenos. Nuestra misión continua es lograr todas estas cosas mientras somos fiscalmente prudentes con el dinero de sus impuestos.

Robert Lusak
Library Director

Smithtown Special Library District
Resumen del presupuesto para 2026

PRESUPUESTO GENERAL PROPUESTA	Propuesto 2026
Importe total presupuestado	**$ 17,731,372**
Impuesto sobre la Propiedad	$ 16,922,943
Otros Ingresos	$ 808,429
Ingresos totales y saldo del fondo apropiado	**$ 17,731,372**
Cambio Estimado en Dólares en Impuestos Anuales	**$ 8.79**
Aumento de los impuestos dentro del límite de NYS	**2.47%**
Sueldos y beneficios para empleados	$ 13,091,993
Materiales y programas de la biblioteca	$ 1,301,500
Equipamiento y otros gastos de capital	$ 137,500
Operación y Mantenimiento de Edificios	$ 818,500
Otros Gastos (suministros, comunicaciones, seguridad, impresión, franqueo, honorarios profesionales, etc.)	$ 835,254
Referéndum de expansión del servicio de la deuda aprobado	$ 1,546,625
Total de Gastos	**$ 17,731,372**

CÁLCULO DE SUS IMPUESTO *

Tasa de impuesto estimada propuesta para 2026 por cada $1000 = $66.871

Example:

[$ 6,000 Valor de tasación de la vivienda X $ 66.871 Tasa de impuesto por cada $1000 de valoración tasada] ÷ 1,000 = $ 401.23 Propuesta de impuesto anual para bibliotecas

En el ejemplo anterior, una casa promedio valuada en $6,000 pagaría un impuesto de biblioteca anual de $401,23, un aumento de $8,79 por año (73,2 ¢ por mes).

*Basado en los datos más recientes en el momento de la impresión

Información para candidatos a fideicomisarios de la biblioteca

Hay tres (3) puestos, de una Junta de siete puestos, en elección este año, todos con un mandato de tres años que comienza el 1 de enero de 2026 y finaliza el 31 de diciembre de 2028. Los puestos están actualmente ocupados por los fideicomisarios Mildred Bernstein, Annette Galarza y Howard Knispel.
Se puede encontrar información adicional sobre los candidatos en el sitio web de la Biblioteca.

¿Quién puede votar?

Residentes del Smithtown especial biblioteca distrito inscritos para votar en la Junta de elecciones del Condado de Suffolk.

Registro de votantes

Los formularios de registro de votantes del estado de Nueva York se pueden obtener en persona o en línea a través de la Junta Electoral del Condado de Suffolk, en una oficina de correos de EE. UU. o en cualquier edificio de la Biblioteca Smithtown.

Votación por Correo Ausente / Boletas Anticipadas / papeletas militares por Correo

La solicitud de voto en ausencia/por correo anticipado/militar de la biblioteca se puede obtener en los mostradores de referencia de cualquier edificio de la biblioteca de Smithtown o en línea a través del sitio web de la biblioteca (www.smithlib.org).

¿Dónde voto?

La votación presencial se realizará en los edificios Commack, Kings Park, Nesconset y Smithtown del Distrito de Bibliotecas Especiales de Smithtown el martes 14 de octubre, de 9:30 a. m. a 9:00 p. m. Su centro de votación se determinará según su domicilio y los distritos electorales del condado de Suffolk. Las instrucciones para determinar su centro de votación están disponibles en nuestro sitio web.

Visite el sitio web de la Biblioteca en www.smithlib.org o llame a nuestra oficina de administración al (631) 360-2489 para obtener más detalles.

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

1 North Country Road
Smithtown, New York 11787

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

First floor opened with limited services. Check the Library's website for the most up-to-date information.

Commack Building

3 Indian Head Road
Commack, New York 11725

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

Kings Park Building

1 Church Street
Kings Park, New York 11754

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

Nesconset Building, Administration/ Business Office

148 Smithtown Boulevard
Nesconset, New York 11767

MONDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
TUESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
WEDNESDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
THURSDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
FRIDAY	9:30am-9:00pm
SATURDAY	9:30am-5:00pm
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The Library will be closed on Sunday, October 12 and Monday, October 13 in observance of Columbus Day.

On Exhibit

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

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

Nesconset

Display Case
Italian-American Heritage Month
Items will be on display in celebration of Italian-American Hertitage Month.

Community Room
Italian-American Heritage Month
View a showcase of Italian-American Medal of Honor recipients.

Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 28 • 6:30pm
Community Room at the *Nesconset Building*
The public is welcome.

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