CUTCHOGUE NEW SUFFOLK FREE LIBRARY

OPEN FOR NEW IDEAS

Santa Visits the Library!
Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:30-11:30am
See page 12 for more details.



Winter 2026-2027
December
January
February

The mission of the Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library is to promote lifelong learning through the acquisition, organization and preservation of information and through offering services in an environment that will support the community's educational, cultural, recreational, and professional interests.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT



ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT
House of the Red Hart Ensemble
Sunday, December 6, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Celebrate the season with the House of the Red Hart Singers, an eight-member vocal ensemble performing beloved holiday favorites a cappella. Enjoy the warmth of their harmonies and join us for a festive holiday reception in the gallery immediately following the concert.



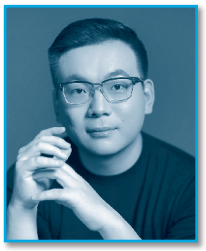
HOLIDAY HITS & STANDARDS
Saturday, December 19, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Join us for an afternoon of holiday music with pianist and vocalist Michael Vincent. Holiday refreshments will be served immediately following the concert.

FOREVER SIMON & GARFUNKEL
Sunday, January 3, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Back by popular demand, *Forever Simon & Garfunkel* celebrates the bestselling duo in rock n' roll history. With humor, soaring energy, charm, and laser precise harmony, performers will lead the audience on a concert journey through Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel's teenage roots, their early success as a groovy folk act, and their global dominance as hit-makers. Enjoy a meet-the-artists reception following the concert.



OMEGA ENSEMBLE NEW ARTISTS CHAMBER MUSIC
Saturday, January 30, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Join us for a special afternoon of extraordinary music presented by Omega Ensemble, featuring violinist Koshiro Takeuchi and pianist Nianyi Huang. Experience the artistry and expressive beauty of live chamber music in an intimate setting. Following the performance, guests are invited to meet the artists and enjoy light refreshments in the Art Gallery.





GENE CASEY COUNTRY
Sunday, February 14, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Get ready for an afternoon of great music with Gene Casey as he digs into his favorite folk, country, and blues tunes, along with his own original songs. Pete Crugnale joins him on string bass for this special performance. Stay after the show for a meet-the-artists reception in the art gallery, featuring a taste of country hospitality with homemade chili, cornbread, and our special Gene Casey Country Day cake!



THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY 2027 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Win prizes, have fun, and raise money for Library Programs & Services!

Suggested Donation(s): 1 for $5, 6 for $20, or 40 for $100

Purchase raffle tickets October through the end of December to be entered into the raffle. There are 31 chances to win through the month of January. Raffle tickets and calendars will be available at the Front Desk of the Library. Thank you to our Local Businesses for your generous support.

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Open Sundays
1:00-5:00pm
11/1 – 3/21

Library Closings:

Christmas Eve Thursday, December 24 ~ **Christmas Day** Friday, December 25
New Year's Eve Thursday, Dec. 31 - Closed @ 1pm ~ **New Year's Day** Friday, Jan. 1
MLK Jr. Day Monday, Jan. 18 ~ **Presidents' Day** Monday, Feb. 15

HOLIDAY POP UP SALE
Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:00am-1:00pm
See back page for more details.

ADULT PROGRAMS

CLASSES AND SEMINARS

ESTATE PLANNING 101
Tuesday, January 26, 6:30pm
Registration required. A basic estate plan typically involves four documents: A Last Will and Testament, Power of Attorney, Health Care Proxy, and a Living Will. Learn about these four foundational documents with Erik J. McKenna, Esq., attorney and educator. Please feel free to bring your questions.

FREE TAX PREPARATION WITH AARP TAX-AIDE
Wednesdays, February 3-April 14, 1:00-3:00pm
Registration required. Need help preparing your taxes? The AARP Tax-Aide Program will offer free tax preparation assistance on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring a photo ID, Social Security card(s) or statements, last year's tax return (if available), and all current tax forms. Call the library for information about appointments and availability.

DRIVER SAFETY COURSE
Thursday, February 25, 9:30am-3:30pm
Registration required. Fee: $35 (non-refundable) NY state DMV approved. 10% off auto insurance and up to 4 points on your license. Class run by *Empire Safety Council*. Contact your insurance company for individual savings.

BOATING SAFETY COURSE
Saturday, February 27, 8:00am-5:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $50 (non-refundable).
See page 15 for full description.

GUIDED HIKES ON THE EAST END



Meet at location. Registration required.

PROSSER PINES NATURE PRESERVE (Middle Island)
Tuesday, December 8, 2:00pm • Registration required.
The Prosser Pines County Park offers a peaceful hike through the pine forest. As you hike this easy-to-navigate trail, you'll be immersed in the towering trees, rich foliage, and open fields. Meet at Park: 67 Yaphank Middle Island Rd, Middle Island, NY 11953.

LAUREL LAKE PRESERVE HIKE (Laurel)
Tuesday, January 5, 2:00pm • Registration required.
Laurel Lake Preserve is the largest preserve in the Town of Southold and features a 30-acre kettle hole lake formed more than 10,000 years ago. Hike the trails surrounding Laurel Lake, there is an abundance of wildlife within a hardwood forest dominated by oaks, hickories, beeches, and maples. Meet at Preserve: 5501 Main Road, Laurel.

DOWNS FARM FULL MOON HIKE (Cutchogue)
Saturday, February 20, 4:30pm
Registration required. Fee: $5 (non-refundable)
Group for the East End will be giving a guided full moon twilight walk at Downs Farm Preserve. Learn about different native plants, birds and animal species that inhabit this beautiful hiking trail in Cutchogue. Meet at Downs Farm: 23800 Main Rd, Cutchogue.

WALKING TOUR OF DIKE SYSTEM (Cutchogue)
Monday, February 22, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $10 (non-refundable)
Long Island's East End farms operate within a unique micro-climate that balances soil and water. Join us at Salt Air Farm in Cutchogue to walk the longest dike system on our beautiful East End, created in the 1940s. Along the way, learn from farmer Prudence Wickham Heston how this unique system works, why it is important to their farm, and the challenges (and joys) of farming in a seaside environment. Meet at Salt Air Farm: 1535 New Suffolk Rd, Cutchogue. Dress appropriately for a 2.5 mile hike.

WHAT'S COOKING?

Class fees are non-refundable

CHEF ROB'S HOLIDAY GATHERINGS SOUP & DIP
Tuesday, December 15, 6:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $15
Holiday Gatherings never tasted so good with Chef Rob! Start with a savory antipasto cheese dip served with crackers and a classic french onion soup with chicken and topped with melted cheese. Caramelized onions, beef broth and white wine makes an outstanding sauce. Samples served.

CHEF JOSHUA'S HOMEMADE FOCACCIA
Sunday, January 31, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $15
Chef Joshua will show you how to make no knead Focaccia. Each attendee will make their own bread to take home to bake. Chef Josh is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America and private chef in the Hamptons.

BLIZZARD MELT CHOCOLATE CHIP SCONES
Sunday, January 17, 2:00pm • Registration required. Fee: $15
Make Blizzard Melt in your mouth Chocolate Chip scones. If you are craving Brownies, you must try this new Scones recipe with a snow shower of powdered sugar. Everyone makes 8 large scones ready to take home and bake. Bring a box grater, whisk, large and medium bowl, baking tray, and spatula.

JUDY CUCINA: HOMEMADE CAVATELLI



Sunday, February 28, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $15
Discover the joy of making fresh semolina pasta with Judy Cucina! Learn how to prepare homemade dough and shape your own cavatelli into delicious little shells. Judy will provide wooden boards and cavatelli combs for everyone to use to create beautifully embossed semolina pasta. This hands-on class is a fun way to explore the art of traditional pasta making. Everyone will leave with a container of freshly made cavatelli to cook and enjoy at home. Please bring a mixing bowl and cutting board. Buon appetito!

HOLIDAY PET PHOTOS

Sunday, November 29, 1:30-3:00pm

Registration required. Material fee: $10 (non-refundable)
Join photographer, Judy McCleery of The Puparazzi Pet Photography, to take holiday photos of your pet at the library in front of a winter scene with Santa. Receive a printed and digital copy.



KARAOKE FOR ADULTS

Saturday, January 23, 2:00-3:00pm

Registration required.
Ready to sing your heart out? Join us for a fun and lively karaoke program for adults! Whether you love to take center stage or prefer to sing along from your seat, everyone is welcome. Choose your favorite songs, enjoy the music, and share some laughs with fellow music lovers. No experience or singing talent required—just bring your enthusiasm and get ready for a great time!

LECTURES AND SEMINARS

DESIGN TRENDS: WHAT'S IN, WHAT'S OUT & WHAT'S TIMELESS

Saturday, January 9, 2:00pm

Registration required.
Join Amanda Giuliano, Principal Designer at Nicolette's for the Home in Southold, for an engaging discussion about current trends in interior design. With over 16 years of experience, Amanda will explore what's trending, what's fading, and which design elements stand the test of time. Discover how to incorporate fresh ideas into your home while making thoughtful choices that reflect your personal style. This session will also set the stage for a follow-up program exploring the process of home renovation, from initial planning to bringing your vision to life.

PROJECT RISE WITH PECONIC BAYKEEPER

Wednesday, January 13, 2:00pm

Registration required.
Learn about Project R.I.S.E (Recording Inundation Surrounding the Estuary), a new innovative community science and outreach initiative led by Peconic Baykeeper and funded through the Peconic Estuary Partnership in support of their Comprehensive Conservation Management Plan. The goal of this project is to engage the public and raise awareness about the present and future impacts of climate change/sea level rise in the Peconic Estuary. This program currently includes 15 coastal sites around the Peconic Estuary hosted by 9 site partners with an initial funding timeline of 5 years. They will discuss erosion and the overarching issues that exacerbate these things.

WINTER SEED SOWING WORKSHOP

Saturday, February 13, 2:00pm

Registration required.
Cornell Master Gardeners Deb Kimmelman and Linda L. Carlson will introduce participants to winter sowing, an effective technique for gardeners who do not have a greenhouse or cold frame and who want to grow hardy annuals, herbs, and perennials. This is a hands-on workshop: potting soil and seeds will be provided, but each participant should bring one clean, gallon-size milk jug. This event is co-sponsored with the North Fork Suffolk Alliance for Pollinators (NFSAP). No experience necessary!

HEALTH & WELLNESS SEMINARS

These programs are sponsored by East End Libraries & Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

FOOD AS MEDICINE: EATING HEALTHY IN THE NEW YEAR! *VIA ZOOM*

Thursday, January 21, 12:00pm Registration required.
What you eat can have a powerful impact on how you feel. Join Paula Montagna, MS, RD, CDN, CNSC, Director of Clinical Nutrition at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, to explore practical Food as Medicine approaches that can help boost energy, support wellness, and create a foundation for better health in the new year.

HEART HEALTH FOR WOMEN *VIA ZOOM*

Thursday, February 11, 12:00pm • Registration required.
The most common heart attack symptom in women is some type of pain, pressure or discomfort in the chest. However, the pain is not always severe or characterized as a pain. Sometimes it presents as shortness of breath, indigestion, palpitations, neck, shoulder, jaw, or back pain. Associated symptoms may be unusual nausea, vomiting, sweating, lightheadedness, or unusual fatigue.

FINANCIAL WELLNESS

THREE ESSENTIAL FAMILY CONVERSATIONS ABOUT AGING *VIA ZOOM*

Wednesday, January 13, 1:00pm • Registration required.
Public health expert and award-winning journalist Saskia Siderow with the *Aging Almanac* will talk about the three essential conversations families should have as they plan for old age: money, housing and healthcare. Take away tips for the key decision and planning points, essential legal documents, common pitfalls, and conversation starters for these difficult topics.

CAREGIVING IN THE SANDWICH GENERATION *VIA ZOOM*

Wednesday, February 10, 1:00pm • Registration required.
Public health expert and award-winning journalist Saskia Siderow with Aging Almanac will take a look at how family caregivers provide the bulk of America's long-term care, often while raising children, and the strain that it places on their lives, with recommendations for sharing the load, how to be an effective medical advocate, and ways for caregivers to protect their own health and well-being.

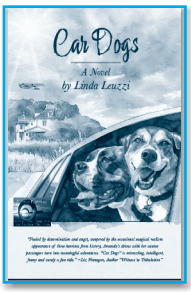
ARE YOU TURNING 65?

Saturday, February 13, 12:00pm • Registration required.
Do you know the ins and outs of Medicare, and what you need to do in order to avoid penalties and costly errors? Attend this educational seminar and find out how you can minimize your out-of-pocket costs and maximize your coverage.

ADULT PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON PAGE 4

AUTHOR TALKS

AUTHOR EVENT: LINDA LEUZZI



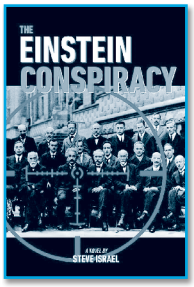
Car Dogs

Sunday, December 13, 2:00pm

Registration required.

What if the most important journey of your life began with a simple drive… and two lovable dogs? Meet Amanda Caminett, a dreamer, a future filmmaker, and a teenager whose life is about to change in ways she never imagined. After one too many mishaps (including a microwave disaster!), Amanda's parents give her an unusual assignment: take the family dogs, Bridget and Lucky, for daily drives and write about what she discovers along the way. What starts as punishment becomes an extraordinary adventure. Books available for signing.

AUTHOR EVENT: STEVE ISRAEL



The Einstein Conspiracy

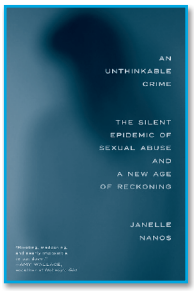
Thursday, February 4, 2:00pm

Registration required.

In this gripping historical thriller, FBI agents race to stop a Nazi operative from abducting Albert Einstein, whom Hitler believes holds the key to building the atomic bomb. Set in a chilling America where Nazi influence threatens from within, Steve Israel's novel blends suspense, historical intrigue, and a haunting look at a dark chapter in American history. Steve Israel served in the U.S. Congress from 2001 to 2017 and is the founder of Theodore's Books, an independent bookstore in Oyster Bay, New York. He directs Cornell University's Institute of Politics and Global Affairs and is the author of three novels, including *The Einstein Conspiracy*, *Global War on Morris*, and *Big Guns*. Books available for signing.

AUTHOR EVENT: JANELLO NANOS *VIA ZOOM*

An Unthinkable Crime: The Silent Epidemic of Sexual Abuse and a New Age of Reckoning



Friday, February 12, 6:00pm

Registration required.

Join us for a compelling author event with Janello Nanos, senior staff writer for The Boston Globe. Nanos will discuss *An Unthinkable Crime: The Silent Epidemic of Sexual Abuse and a New Age of Reckoning*, exploring the issue of sexual abuse and the growing movement toward accountability and change. A Pulitzer Prize finalist in 2023, Nanos has received multiple awards for her journalism, including her reporting on trauma and other challenging subjects. This virtual event offers an opportunity to hear from an accomplished journalist whose work brings important and often difficult stories to light. *Sponsored by East End Libraries.*

AUTHOR EVENT: HEATHER AIMEE O'NEILL



The Irish Goodbye

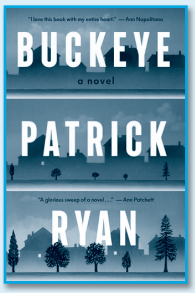
Sunday, February 21, 2:00pm

Registration required.

Join author Heather Aimee O'Neill for a reading and conversation about *The Irish Goodbye*, a poignant and witty novel about three Irish American sisters who return to their Long Island hometown, where tense family dinners, ghosts from the past, and long-held secrets await. Filled with biting humor and heartfelt moments, the novel explores family, home, and the complicated bonds between sisters. *The Irish Goodbye* was selected for Jenna Bush Hager's Read with Jenna book club and is the Long Island Reads selection for 2027. The Author Talk will be recorded for an episode of the library's podcast, *For Your Information*. Following the author conversation, enjoy an audience Q&A and book signing.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

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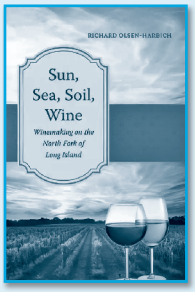
***Buckeye* by Patrick Ryan**

Tuesday, December 15, 10:00-11:00am

Registration required.

Welcome all fiction lovers! Books are available one month prior to the discussion date. Led by veteran librarian, Gretchen Browne. Book available at the front desk one month prior to the discussion date.

BOOKED & RESERVED @ *COREY CREEK TAP ROOM*



Thursday, February 25, 3:00pm

Registration required. Fee: $10 (non-refundable)

Join us for our Traveling Book Discussion! You know Jul Fedele, Wine & Spirit Education Trust Diploma Candidate, from our popular library wine tastings. Now she's taking the conversation on the road to some of the North Fork's favorite destinations, where we'll explore books, food, wine, travel, and culture together. We'll discuss *Sun, Sea, Soil, Wine: Winemaking on the North Fork of Long Island* by Richard Olsen-Harbich at Corey Creek Tap Room. Enjoy an engaging book discussion, learn about wine from Jul, and spend a relaxing afternoon surrounded by beautiful vineyard views and great company. Book available at the front desk one month prior to the discussion date.

BUS TRIP

NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN HOLIDAY TRAIN SHOW

Wednesday, December 9
9:00am Depart King Kullen Cutchogue
4:00pm Depart NYBG

Registration required.
Fee: $60 (non-refundable)

Join us on a trip to the New York Botanical Garden's Holiday Train Show. Be transported to a winter wonderland as model trains zip through an enchanting display of more than 175 landmarks including the Statue of Liberty, Brooklyn Bridge, and Rockefeller Center, each delightfully re-created from natural materials-birch bark, lotus pods, acorns, and cinnamon sticks. Eat lunch on your own in the Pine Tree Café or Hudson Garden Grill located on premise. Tickets include round trip charter to NYBG and All Garden Pass Admission including tram and tour of the Holiday Train Show.

EXERCISE & MEDITATION CLASSES *All exercise classes are non-refundable*

MONDAY MEDITATION
Mondays, December 7, January 11 & February 8, 6:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $10 per session
Join us for a guided meditation that goes beyond relaxation, helping dissolve inner barriers and unlock our potential for lasting happiness. Explore practical tools to cultivate a peaceful, flexible, and compassionate mind, even through life's challenges and uncertainties. Led by Carl Timpone & Megan Frey.

RESTORATIVE CHAIR YOGA (Mondays)

Mondays, January 4-April 12, 11:00am-12:00pm
(no classes 1/18 or in February)
Registration required. Fee: $80 (10 classes)
Yoga engages your mind, body, and spirit, helping to increase balance, flexibility, strength, and stamina while decreasing stress, muscle tension, and blood pressure. Bring a yoga mat and towel. Instructor: Megan Bowles.

DANCING WITH PARKINSONS' OR LIMITED MOBILITY
Tuesdays, December 8-February 23,
(no class 12/22, 12/29) 11:00-11:45am
Registration required. Fee: $80 (10 classes)
While this class is specifically designed for individuals with Parkinson's, anyone with limited physical mobility is welcome. This 45-minute class offers a fun and enjoyable way to stay active, improve movement, and support overall health and well-being.

PARKINSONS' SUPPORT GROUP
Thursdays, December 10-February 25,
(no meetings 12/24 & 12/31) 1:00-2:00pm
Registration required.
Join us at the Library for a supportive and welcoming group for individuals living with Parkinson's disease and their caregivers. Connect with others who understand the challenges of Parkinson's, share experiences, exchange helpful resources, and find encouragement in a friendly, understanding environment.

TAP DANCING CLASS
Tuesdays, January 5-February 9, 12:15-1:15pm
Registration required. Fee: $48 (6 classes)

Celebrate rhythm, movement, and musical storytelling in this joyful adult tap class designed for dancers of all experience levels, including those who are brand new to tap. Guided by East End tap professional Anita Boyer, students will explore the foundations and rich history of tap dance while building core technique, tap vocabulary, balance, coordination, and musicality in a supportive, encouraging environment. Tap shoes needed. Tap shoes may be available for sale at the class, please inquire in advance.

STANDING CHAIR YOGA SESSION 1 (Wednesdays)
Wednesdays, December 2-16, 11:00am
Registration required. Fee: $24 (3 classes)
Gentle yoga will help increase balance, strength and a sense of well-being and calm. We integrate breath work with gentle stretches without the stress of having to get up and down off the floor. Please bring a yoga mat and a small blanket or towel. Instructor: Judy Arnone.

STANDING CHAIR YOGA SESSION 2 (Wednesdays)
Wednesdays, January 6-April 7 (no classes in February)
Registration required. Fee: $80 (10 classes)
Gentle yoga will help increase balance, strength and a sense of well-being and calm. We integrate breath work with gentle stretches without the stress of having to get up and down off the floor. Please bring a yoga mat and a small blanket or towel. Instructor: Megan Bowles.

HULA AND POLYNESIAN DANCE
Thursdays, January 14-February 11, 10:00-11:00am
Registration required. Fee: $40 (5 classes)
Learn the art of ancient and modern Hula, in the spirit of Aloha! This beginner-friendly series introduces the graceful movements and rich traditions of Hawaiian and Polynesian dance. All ages and abilities are welcome, no prior dance experience is needed. Connect with rhythm, culture, and community in this joyful Hula workshop series.

MORNING YOGA WITH DALIA
Fridays, January 8-February 26, 9:45-10:45am
Registration required. Fee: $64 (8 classes)
Participants will learn and practice simple yoga exercises. Bring a yoga mat and water to each class. Instructor: Dalia Gorman.

BALANCE AND MOBILITY YOGA - MOVE WITH CONFIDENCE
Fridays, January 8-February 26, 11:00am
Registration required. Fee: $64 (8 classes)
Improve balance, flexibility, and mobility through gentle movements, mindful stretching, and breathing techniques. This beginner-friendly class helps build strength, stability, and confidence while reducing stiffness and supporting overall well-being. Open to all fitness levels, with chairs and modifications available as needed. Instructor: Dalia Gorman.

ZUMBA® GOLD
Saturdays, January 9-February 13, 9:45am
(No class on 1/23)
Registration required. Fee: $40 (5 classes)
Zumba Gold modifies the moves and pacing to suit the needs of the active mature participant or beginner. Zesty Latin music, easy-to-follow moves. Instructor: Colleen Clark.

WINE TASTING WITH JUL FEDELE
Thursday, February 11, 4:00pm

Time to warm up with some full-bodied wines! Join Wine & Spirit Education Trust Diploma Candidate, Jul Fedele, in a carefully curated tasting of robust reds and complex white wines. Tasting includes a light pairing of artisanal cheeses.

WINTER KNITTING, CROCHETING & BEADING GROUP
Thursday, December 3-February 25,
12:30-3:30pm (no group 12/24 & 12/31)
Registration required. Space limited.
Informal knitting, crocheting and beading jewelry group meets to make their own creations. Must bring your own materials. Beginners and new members are welcome.

ARTS & CRAFTS

All classes are non-refundable



LUXURY HOLIDAY CANDLE MAKING

Tuesday, December 1, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $20.
Create a one-of-a-kind luxury candle in this fun, hands-on workshop! Using 100% soy wax and non-toxic, pet-safe fragrance oils, you'll hand-pour your own custom-scented candle to take home. The workshop is led by Loide DiPippa, owner of a popular artisanal candle shop in Riverhead, who will guide you through the candle-making process and help you create a scent that's uniquely yours.

FRESH EVERGREEN & DRIED FLOWER WREATH with Diana



2 Sessions: Saturday, December 5, 10:00am & 1:00pm
Registration required for one session only.
Material fee: $18.
In our annual wreath workshop, create a beautiful fresh evergreen and dried flower wreath personalized by you for your home. Instructor: Diana Conklin.

CHARCUTERIE PLATE DECOUPAGE WORKSHOP

Wednesday, December 16, 6:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $20.
Get creative with the "Krafting-Duo" in this fun, hands-on workshop! Learn the art of decoupage as you transform an ordinary plate into a beautiful, decorative charcuterie piece. Explore creative designs, patterns, and techniques to make a unique creation to enjoy at home or give as a thoughtful gift.

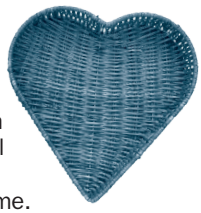
NORTH FORK BARN PAINTING WORKSHOP

Friday, January 22, 1:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $15.
Join us at the library for a fun and creative painting workshop led by instructor Diane Alec Smith! Capture the charm of the North Fork as you paint a classic local barn, inspired by the area's beautiful rural landscapes. Whether you're an experienced artist or picking up a paintbrush for the first time, this workshop offers a wonderful opportunity to explore your creativity. Each attendee will create a painting to take home.

PRINTMAKING INTRODUCTION: BOTANICALS ON OLD BOOK PAGES

Friday, January 29, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $15.
Discover the magic of printmaking! In this playful workshop we'll experiment with monotype - or unique - prints creating positive and negative forms and compositions onto old book pages. No previous art experience needed. Local artist Andrea Cote runs Starwheel Press & Projects, a printmaking studio in Hampton Bays.

HEART BASKET WEAVING WORKSHOP



Wednesday, February 3, 4:30-7:30pm
Registration required.
Fee: $30.
Discover the art of basket weaving and unleash your creativity! In this hands-on workshop, you'll learn how to transform simple material into a beautiful, one-of-a-kind basket you can take home. Ms. Losquadro has been weaving for 30 years and is a member of the Basket Weavers Guild of Eastern Long Island.

PAINT YOUR OWN CHOCOLATE BAR

Saturday, February 6, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $15.
This is not a typical "painting class." Your canvas is made of delicious chocolate that you will enjoy and savor. Our Chef Chocolatier, Ursula XVII of 17 Disset Chocolate will teach you to "paint" on chocolates. You'll mix your own edible paint colors for a personal touch.

DRAWING WORKSHOP - EVERYBODY DRAW

Friday, February 26, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Fee: $15.
Explore techniques for drawing from life in this workshop for all levels. Line, value, and gesture will be taught and personal expression encouraged. Local artist Andrea Cote teaches at Suffolk Community College and Parrish Art Museum. All supplies will be provided but bring along your favorite materials.



LIVE ART CLASSES WITH JOYCE RAIMONDO *VIA ZOOM*
THE POLLOCK-KRASNER CENTER IN EAST HAMPTON

PLASTER, POLLOCK, AND MORE ART *VIA ZOOM*

Thursday, December 17, 3:00pm
Registration required.
Discover how Jackson Pollock, George Segal, and other modern artists used plaster to create sculptures, casts, and textured paintings. Joyce Raimondo will demonstrate how to use plaster gauze to create body casts and sculpture. Observe or have these supplies on hand: plaster gauze, petroleum jelly (for body cast), scissors, bucket of water, objects or wire for armature.



FEELING INTO ART *VIA ZOOM*

Thursday, January 14, 3:00pm
Registration required.
Discover how Jackson Pollock and other artists express their emotions with paint. Following a virtual tour of Pollock's barn studio, get your feelings out as you create your own Pollock inspired drip painting.

VALENTINES ART FROM THE HEART *VIA ZOOM*

Thursday, February 4, 3:00pm
How do famous twentieth century artists Jim Dine, Keith Haring, Lee Krasner, and others creatively paint hearts? Create a painting using bold colors, shapes, and lines transforming heart imagery into a work of art.

NORTH FORK PRIVATE GUIDED TOURS

All classes are non-refundable

HOLIDAY BED & BREAKFAST TOUR

Wednesday, December 2
Reservation required. Fee: $10.
Tour Schedule:
2:00pm: *Saninno Bed & Breakfast,* 15975 County Rd 48, Cutchogue
3:00pm: *Blue Iris Bed & Breakfast,* 1100 Skunk Lane, Cutchogue
Celebrate the magic of the holiday season with a special Holiday Bed & Breakfast Tour! Visit two beautifully decorated bed and breakfasts, each dressed up to welcome holiday guests. Enjoy the festive atmosphere and delicious refreshments at each stop. Meet at each location at the time provided.

DISCOVER THE FUN OF PICKLEBALL



Tuesday, January 12, 2:00-4:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $25.
Looking for a new way to stay active and have fun this season? Join us at Box Pickleball, a nearby indoor court, and learn all about the fast-growing sport that's taking the country by storm! Whether you're a complete beginner or already hooked on the game, Box Pickleball offers a friendly environment to learn the rules, practice your swing, and meet fellow players. No experience (or paddle) required! Meet at Box Pickleball: 605 Old County Road, Riverhead.

BEHIND THE SCENES AT BRAUN SEAFOOD MARKET

Wednesday, January 20, 2:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $10.



Join us for an exclusive behind-the-scenes private tour of Braun Seafood Market! Get an inside look at the day-to-day operations, discover what it takes to keep a seafood market running smoothly, and learn about the process that brings fresh seafood from the water to the market. General Manager Keith Reda will guide us through the inner workings of the business, sharing his knowledge, experience, and insights into the seafood industry. Meet at Braun Seafood Market: 30840 Main Road, Cutchogue.

TOUR OF THE NEWLY RENOVATED CUTCHOGUE FIREHOUSE

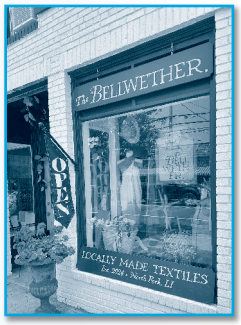
Saturday, January 23, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Join us for a special behind-the-scenes tour of the newly renovated Cutchogue Firehouse! Learn about the renovation, explore the updated facilities, and discover how the firehouse serves our local community. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet members of the fire department and gain a greater appreciation for the work they do to help keep us safe. Meet at the Cutchogue Firehouse: 260 New Suffolk Road, Cutchogue.

WINE TASTING AT MAIN & MILL HOUSE



Thursday, January 28, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Fee: $10.
Join us for a special private tour at Mill & Main House. Enjoy a guided tasting featuring a flight of five wines while learning more about each selection and the art of wine tasting. Enjoy an afternoon of great wine, good company, and a unique local experience! Meet at Winery: 1291 Main Road, Jamesport.

BELLWETHER TEXTILE SHOP



Thursday, February 18, 2:00pm
Registration required.
Space limited.
Join us for a weaving demonstration and learn how handwoven textiles are made. We'll take you from warping to fiber selection and show how to weave with a four-harness wooden floor loom demonstration. Meet at Store: 53800 Main Road, Southold.

TECHNOLOGY PROGRAMS

See page 8 for one-on-one tech help information.

ALL ABOUT PASSWORDS

Thursday, January 21, 6:00-7:00pm
Registration required. Passwords are inescapable, and we all have too many to keep track of. Learn how to manage your many passwords, what are passkeys and 2FA methods...and maybe even get rid of passwords altogether (for some accounts).

SCAMS IN THE AI AGE

Thursday, February 4, 6:00-7:00pm
Registration required. The internet is full of misinformation and scams. How can you even tell what's real? We'll go over strategies that you can use to fact-check and identify scams, including AI-generated content.

SAVE THE DATE - REPAIR CAFÉ - FIX YOUR BROKEN ITEMS!

Saturday, April 10, 11:00am-2:00pm
Registration preferred, but walk-ins are welcome. Spring cleaning is in full swing, and maybe you have something that needs a fix to be good as new. Bring your broken items, and our volunteers will help repair them! Available repairs will depend upon the skillset of our volunteers.

REPAIR CAFE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



Saturday, April 10, 10:30am-2:00pm
Registration required. Are you good at fixing things? Or do you have knife-sharpening skills? Are you an avid sewer? You can help your neighbors and the environment by volunteering for our Repair Cafe! Please register online or call the library to sign up as a volunteer. Community service hours will be awarded for participation.

Historical Council Events

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DECEMBER

Last Weekend of the Christmas Pop-up Gift Shop
At the Carriage House
Friday, November 13 – Sunday, December 6
11am-6pm Friday; 10am-5pm Sat/Sun
Village Green

Tree & Menorah Lighting
Saturday, December 5, 3:30-6:00pm
Dickens theme, come in Victorian Costume
Caroling & Santa visit
Village Green

JANUARY

Iconography of the Grave
Sunday, January 24, 2:00pm
Presented by **Amy Folk** Southold Town Historian
Community Room, Library

FEBRUARY

The Lives of the Enslaved of Cutchogue
Commemorating Black History Month
Sunday, February 7, 2:00pm
Presented by **Mark MacNish**, Executive Director CNSHC&M
Community Room, Library

FREE LIBRARY SERVICES

LIBRARY APP!

APPLE ANDROID

Register for programs, search our collection, manage your account, access your library card, use self-checkout and more. Scan the QR code to download the app, or search "Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Lib" in the app store. If you need assistance, please call or visit the Library.

AMERICAN FLAG COLLECTION

Drop off tattered, retired American flags in the lobby. All flags are brought to the American Legion for proper discard.

DIGITAL DOWNLOADS - *FREE*

Comics Plus – Read digital comic books
Flipster – Read digital magazines
Hoopla – E-Books, Audiobooks and Streaming
Kanopy – Stream movies and shows
Libby – E-books and Audiobooks
More resources available through our website!

ENGLISH LESSONS - GRATIS

Aprende o mejora tu inglés • Learn or improve your English
Please register 631-734-6360.

FOOD PANTRY

Open 24/7 in front of the Library, give what you can, take what you need. Accepting non-perishable food donations. *Thank you to all who donate food to help maintain the Library Food Pantry.*

GETSETUP! *New Online Resource*

Access live and on-demand classes, designed for and taught by older adults, to enhance skills and foster social connections. Access on our website: cutchoguelibrary.org/research.

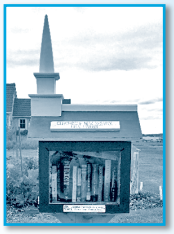
HOMEBOUND SERVICE

If you are unable to come to the library, we can bring the items to you. Receive library items through the mail. For details or to sign up, call the library at 631-734-6360.

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Need something for your home, an event, or more and don't want to buy it? Visit our website for a full listing of all the unique items available for check out with your library card.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY



Enjoy free books. Located at New Suffolk Beach, Nassau Point Causeway, and Pequash Beach.

LOCAL HISTORY

Curious about Historical Research? Using Library tools to search history can be a mystery. Learn how to effectively use library databases such as Ancestry, the Suffolk Times Obituary Index, and Historic Suffolk Newspapers. To schedule an appointment, please contact Mariella Ostroski at 631-734-6360.

NEWSLETTERS

Spanish and Large Print newsletters available in the Library or mailed upon request.

NOTARY PUBLIC SERVICES



Please call for availability. Walk-ins welcome.

PODCAST – *FOR YOUR INFORMATION!*

We interview local historians, artists, authors, and highlight what makes the Cutchogue-New Suffolk community special. Listen for free on cutchoguelibrary.org/podcast, Spotify, or YouTube. *Generously sponsored by the H.W. Wilson Foundation.*

TALKING BOOKS PROGRAM for the Visually Impaired



Listen to FREE books, magazines, newspapers, or NEWSLINE which covers local newspapers. Applications can be mailed or picked up at the Library.

TECH APPOINTMENTS



Wednesdays, 9:30am-1:00pm
Call to make a 30-minute appointment. Receive one-on-one tech help and troubleshooting. We do not offer hardware repair, at home assistance or help with cybersecurity issues.

PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN

All Abilities Welcome

THE GIVING TREE



Help keep our community warm this winter! Donate new or gently used hats, scarves, mittens, and gloves—homemade or store-bought—and help fill our Giving Tree with warmth for neighbors in need. Donations may be dropped off in the Children's Room.



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY!

Dedicated to inspiring a lifelong love of reading, this program provides FREE books to children from birth to age five who reside in Cutchogue or New Suffolk. Participants will be mailed one new book per month at their reading level to inspire reading and build their home library. Made possible through funding from Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the Friends of the Library. The program was inspired by Dolly's father, who was unable to read or write. In 1995, Dolly founded the Imagination Library to share the joy of books with children in her home county. Today, her vision has grown to reach five countries, gifting over 2 million free books every month to children around the world—helping young readers discover the magic of stories, one book at a time. *Proudly sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*

1,000 BOOKS READ BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Help your child build a love of reading, one book at a time! After reading every 100 books, visit the library to take a fun milestone photo and track your child's progress. Sign up at the library and receive program materials – it's easy and fun to do! Prize awarded for participants who complete the program.



CHECK OUT OUR NEW STEAM ACTIVITY KITS!

- **Coding Critters & Coding Book – Pre-K**
- **Let's Go Code Activity Set – Ages 5 and up**
- **Magnetic Tile Set**
- **New LEGO Pokémon SMART Play: Training House with Pikachu 72164**

MITTEN MATCH SCAVENGER HUNT



December-February

All ages. No registration. The mittens have lost their matches! Stop by the Children's Room to find all the hidden mittens and earn a small prize for completing the hunt.

LISTENING CENTER!

NEW!

Discover a new way to enjoy the library! Tucked away by the series collection, our new Listening Center is a cozy space where kids can relax and enjoy stories, music and library-created content using our Toniebox and Yoto Player.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS CONTINUED ON PAGE 10

Please be advised that we will hold your child's spot in our programs until 10 minutes after the starting time, children on the waiting list will then be accepted. Thank you for your understanding.

TOTS, TOYS & TALES
Tuesdays, December 1-February 23, 9:30-10:30am
Ages 0-36 months with parent/caregiver.
Registration required.
Join Ms. Emily for playtime, stories, songs and bubbles. A great time to meet and have fun with your best friends.
Special Date: January 19: *Toddler Music & Movement* with Jeannie Pendergrass – enjoy music, games, scarf paly, hula hoops & bubbles!

READING TUTORING for SPANISH SPEAKING CHILDREN

Tuesdays, December 1-February 23, 5:00-6:00pm
Grades 1-5. Please call the library at 631-734-6360 to register your child for 20-minute Reading English Tutoring lessons with Honor Reynolds. Honor is an experienced English Language Tutor that helps the learner develop language and vocabulary through their reading. She also discusses the text being read by the students to promote reading comprehension. Knowledgeable and patient, Honor will benefit the child's English reading skills.

WHIMSICAL WEDNESDAYS
Wednesdays, December 2-February 24, 10:00-10:45am (no class 12/30*)
Ages 18 months-5 years. Please register.
Join Ms. Christine each Wednesday for stories, songs, scarf play, flannel board and a craft. **No class 12/30, families are encouraged to attend the Noon Years Eve celebration instead!*

Pokémon Club
Fridays, December 4, January 22 & February 5, 5:00-6:00pm
Grades 3-8. Registration required.
Learn and play the Pokémon Trading Card Game (TCG), enjoy crafts, share your card collections, and more! Club meets monthly and is led by Ms. Christine. *Sponsored by The Pokémon Company International, ALA and ALSC. Trading is only allowed on designated trade nights. Dates will be announced in advance.*

MUSICAL STORYTIME
Mondays, December 7, January 4 & February 1, 10:00-10:30am
Ages 2-4. Please register.
This program is designed for children and accompanying adults. Enjoy a program of stories, songs, movement and musical fun! Sing, dance and play simple instruments in this interactive program, that helps build literacy skills. Please plan to participate in this musical story time to help your child.

READING TUTORING SESSIONS
Wednesdays, December 9, 23, January 6, 20, February 3 & 17, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades K-4. Please call the library at 631-734-6360 to register your child for a 20-minute reading tutoring session. Eileen Quinn, a retired Special Education Teacher will offer one-on-one reading comprehension and offer immediate positive feedback to increase reading performance.

READING TO CEILI THE THERAPY DOG
Wednesdays, December 9, January 6 & February 3, 5:00-6:00pm

Grades K & up. Please call the library at 631-734-6360 to register for a 15-minute reading session with Ceili, our loveable golden-doodle therapy dog. Each date requires separate registration. Bring your favorite book from home or choose one from our shelves.

WINTER STORYTIME YOGA *with Mary Hasel*
Mondays, December 14, January 11 & February 8, 10:00-10:45am
Ages 2-5. Please register.
Listen to seasonal books while bending, stretching, balancing and learning basic yoga poses correlating with the story. Learn the benefits of yoga for the young developing child. Please bring your own yoga mat or towel.

LOOK UP! A NIGHT OF STARGAZING
Session 1: Wednesday, December 16, 6:00-7:00pm
Session 2: Wednesday, January 6, 6:00-7:00pm
Grades 2-5, parent attendance required. Please register for each session separately.

Join Ms. Joan for an out-of-this-world evening of stargazing! We'll use our Unistellar Odyssey telescope to explore the night sky and get a closer look at distant stars, planets and other celestial wonders.
Did you know? Our library was one of just four libraries in the United States selected by NASA @ My Library to receive a Unistellar Odyssey telescope through a special grant. The telescope was donated to our library so that our community can explore the wonders of the universe together!

LEGO CLUB
Thursdays, December 17, January 14 & February 18, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades 1-4. Please register.
Join Ms. Emily to build your own Lego creations. Your creation will be on display in the library for two weeks.

PLEASE LET US KNOW IN ADVANCE IF YOU OR YOUR CHILD NEEDS ANY SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS DUE TO A DISABILITY OR FOOD ALLERGY.

ASK ABOUT BORROWING A FAMILY PASS
See back page for more details

PAJAMARAMA!

Fridays, 6:00-7:00pm
Ages 3-8. Please register.
December 18: *The Night Before the Snow Day* by Natasha Wing
January 15: *Bear Snores On* by Karma Wilson
February 19: *Ten Ways to Hear Snow* by Cathy Camper
Join Ms. Emily for stories, to make a craft and play games. Please wear your pajamas and bring along your favorite stuffed animal.







NOON YEAR'S EVE CELEBRATION

Wednesday, December 30, 11:00am-12:00pm
Ages 18 months-10 years.
Registration required.
Ring in the New Year early with our Noon Year's Eve Party for kids! Join us for a fun-filled celebration with a countdown and balloon drop at noon, festive crafts and special treats to enjoy. Perfect for the whole family.

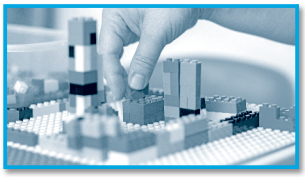


ROYAL TEA PARTY

Saturday, January 9, 11:00am-12:00pm
Ages 3-8. Registration required.
You are hereby invited to a Royal Tea Party with our very special guest, Cinderella! Come dressed in your finest attire as we enjoy stories, royal crafts, delightful treats and a visit from a special princess!

CONSTRUCTION ZONE

Saturday, January 23, 10:00-10:45am
Ages 2-4 with parent/caregiver.
Please register.
Calling all little builders! Put on your hard hats as we enjoy a story and build with all types of blocks and bricks.



VALENTINE RICE KRISPIE TREATS & COTTON CANDY MILKSHAKES

Friday, February 12, 4:00-5:00pm
Grades 2-5. Please register.
Join Ms. Emily to create Heart Shaped Rice Krispie Treats and Cotton Candy Milkshakes! Did you know that the first Rice Krispie Treats were made in 1939, by two Kellogg's home-economists, Mildred Day and Malitta Jensen. The modern milkshake was created in 1922 by Ivar "pop" Coulson, who was an employee at a Walgreens Drugstore in Chicago.

KIDS YOGA



Wednesday, February 17, 11:15am-12:00pm
Ages 6-9. Registration required.
Explore yoga and mindfulness through movement, breathing, games, stories and music. Kids will have fun while building skills that promote relaxation, connection and well-being. Led by Ms. Christine. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

VIDEO GAMING FUN!

Thursday, February 18, 1:00-2:00pm
Grades 3 & 4. Please register.
Let's-a-go! Pick a station and jump into the action with *Super Smash Bros.*, *Mario Kart 8 Deluxe* and *Nex Playground*.

MUSIC PRODUCING Jr.



Wednesday, February 24, 4:30-5:30pm
Grades 3 & 4. Please register.
Joan Ms. Joan and learn the fundamentals of digital music production. Participants will explore recording, editing, mixing and sampling using music production software. Create beats, record original sounds and discover how modern music is made.
No experience necessary.

COMICS + GRAPHIC NOVELS



Friday, February 26, 5:00-6:00pm
Grades 3-5. Registration required.
We'll read a graphic novel, comic or other selection, then come together for games, creative activities and more. Pick up your copy of this month's selection beginning 1/26: *Super Mario Adventures*, a collection of comics originally published in *Nintendo Power* magazine in 1992-93.

BRILLIANT BABY BAGS

Does your household have a new baby birth to 6 months? The library offers Brilliant Baby Bags to our newest, youngest community members.
Sponsored by the Jr. Friends of the Library.



FAMILY EVENTS

FAMILY PLACE LIBRARY
Our Family Place Library offers a welcoming space for families with young children to play, learn, explore, and connect. Join us for engaging activities, programs, and opportunities that support early learning and family development.

Celebrating 23 Years of Service – Mignon Osmer

After 23 wonderful years of dedicated service to our community, our Youth Services Librarian, Mignon Osmer is retiring. For more than two decades, she has been a familiar and welcoming presence in the lives of countless children, parents, grandparents, caregivers, and families. Through Storytimes, programs, recommendations, conversations, and countless everyday moments, she has helped generations of families discover the joy of the library and feel that they truly belong here.

Mignon always offered our community exciting, and creative programs – Pajamarama, Whimsical Wednesday's, Bubblemania, Flyswatter Painting, Parachute Play, Food Fun, Legomania, and countless more! She has decorated the Children's Room seasonally to create an atmosphere to remember, and make people feel the library is their home away from home. She could always be seen dressed up for events, in PJ's for Pajamarama, costumes for Halloween, and running around the Library during the welcome craze of Summer Events.



Being a Children's Librarian is ingrained in Mignon, who can sing dozens of Children's rhymes and songs off the top of her head, do the chicken dance, and the dinosaur stomp, read an age-old book and make it feel brand new, and entertain our youth because at the core of it, Mignon has the warm, trusting, and loving heart of our children – which is why the children of our community love her so very much.

23 years is an incredible legacy. The children she welcomed years ago have grown up, returned with children of their own, and continued the tradition of making the library part of their lives.

We thank Mignon for everything, and wish her all the best of luck on her next journey. For now "good bye friend, it's time to say good bye" – queue the bubbles!

Please be sure to stop by the Children's Room to meet Ms. Emily as she starts as the new Head of Youth Services.



SANTA VISITS THE LIBRARY!

Saturday, December 12, 10:30-11:30am

For families. No registration.

Santa will arrive by firetruck at approximately 10:30am. Stop by the library to pick up a number for your place in line. He'll listen to each child's special holiday wish, perfect for a family photo and a cherished holiday memory! *Sponsored by the North Fork Chamber of Commerce.*

GINGERBREAD HOUSE WORKSHOP

Saturday, December 12, 1:00pm

For families. Please call the library at 631-734-6360 to register your family for the Annual Gingerbread Workshop. We will provide one house per family, icing, various candies and wrap your creation in a beautiful holiday package to take home.



WINTER BREAK DROP-IN FUN

Saturday, February 13-Sunday, February 21 (closed 2/15)

All ages. No registration.

Visit us during February break for some indoor fun! Enjoy sticker crafts, oversized games like Tetris Tumble, Giant Connect Four, and our Mitten Match Scavenger Hunt.

FAMILY FLICK & POPCORN!



Friday, February 19, 3:30-5:30pm

Please register each family member separately. Children under age 10 must be accompanied by an adult or caregiver. Join us for a fun family movie featuring *The Angry Birds Movie 3*, the latest adventure with everyone's favorite feathered friends! Get ready for laughs, friendship, and plenty of bird-brained fun. Refreshments will be served. *Join Pajamarama directly following the movie, see page 11.*

YETI STORYTIME

Saturday, February 27, 10:00-11:00am

Grades Pre-K -2. Registration required.

Yeti for some winter fun? Listen to stories, paint your own Yeti and end with games inspired by this legendary creature. Led by Ms. Christine.



DOWNLOAD THE LIBRARY APP TODAY TO STAY CONNECTED!

BOOKS & BUCKS TEEN RAFFLE

Book lovers and spenders will love this basket. Guess how many items are in a jar for a chance to win some teen books and gift cards to your favorite places! Stop in the Teen room to make your guess. Best of luck!

TWEENS & TEENS:

CREATE A 3D PRINTED GYRO FIDGET

Thursday, December 3, 6:00-7:30pm

Design your very own gyro fidget spinner toy using Tinkercad, then have your design 3D printed at the library! Please bring a laptop or Google Chrome Book as we have limited supply.

TEEN GINGERBREAD HOUSE PARTY

Friday, December 11, 4:00-5:00pm



Join the fun as we decorate gingerbread houses, drink hot chocolate, and listen to festive music. A perfect time to gather with friends and prepare for the holidays. Vote for your favorite. The winner will receive a prize.

VIDEO GAMING HANGOUT: NEW YEAR'S EVE EDITION

Wednesday, December 30, 3:00-4:00pm

Get ready for the holiday as we game with friends decked out in party hats and eat confetti cupcakes! Play Mario Kart Deluxe, Super Smash Bros., and our interactive Nex Playground! Or try our new Pico Park or Overcooked games to join the fun. A perfect time to spend together during the school break.

TEEN CHESS CLUB

Mondays, January 4, 11 & 25, 4:00-5:00pm



Please register for each class separately. Start the new year and learn how to play chess with friends and peers and improve your game. Chess for all levels - beginners welcome.

MELTED SNOWMAN TRUFFLE COOKIES

Thursday, January 7, 6:00-7:00pm

Turn simple ingredients into adorable melted snowmen! Then decorate these delicious truffle cookies with melted chocolate and fun toppings to create your own wintery masterpieces. They are almost too cute to eat…almost!



TWEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH JENNIFER!

Sunday, January 10, 1:00-3:00pm

Grades 5-6

Join Dungeon Master Jennifer for an all-new adventure as you set off on quests filled with magic, monsters, treasure, and unexpected twists. Find or create a unique character, make epic choices, and work through a new journey. New to D&D or a seasoned adventurer? Everyone is welcome. Roll the dice and let the adventure begin!

VISIBLE MENDING: GIVE YOUR CLOTHES A SECOND LIFE!

Wednesday, January 13, 6:00-7:00pm

Have a hole in a favorite sweater or pair of jeans? Don't throw it away—give it a little love! Join Ms. Joan to learn the art of visible mending, a creative and sustainable way to repair and personalize your clothes. We'll practice a few simple techniques that you can take home and use on your own favorite garments. Come mend, create, and discover a fun way to make your clothes last longer!

TEEN IMPROV HOUR

Friday, February 5, 4:00-5:00pm



Join friends, try some improv games, and get creative. We'll play around with making up silly scenes, characters, and dialogue on the spot in a relaxed, supportive environment. No acting experience required but lots of laughter expected! Program led by local Mattituck High School student Charlie.

SNOW DOG CINEMA: *TOGO*, PG

Saturday, February 6, 12:00-2:00pm



This winter, join us for a special showing of *Togo* (PG)! Based on a true story, this inspiring adventure follows a courageous sled dog and his owner and their incredible journey of determination, friendship, and bravery. Come cozy up, enjoy some snacks, and watch a story you won't want to miss!

APPETIZER ALL STARS!

Tuesday, February 9, 6:00-7:00pm

Get ready for the Super Bowl weekend by creating some seriously delicious game-day appetizers! Make a variety of fun, easy-to-share savory treats perfect for any party. Your friends and tastebuds will thank you!

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TWEENS & TEENS CONTINUED

SKATE & SIP @ GDC ROLLER SKATE RINK, GREENPORT

Tuesday, February 16, 1:00-3:00pm
Location: 102 3rd Street, Greenport
School's out! Join us for an afternoon of roller skating to your favorite tunes and sipping warm hot chocolate! Meet us at the Greenport American Legion Skate Rink for a private library skating event with friends. Roller skate rental is included or bring your own. Additional drinks and snacks available for purchase. Let's roll!

VIDEO GAMING HANGOUT

Thursday, February 18, 12:00-1:00pm
It's mid winter recess! Join friends to play Mario Kart Deluxe, Super Smash Bros., and our interactive game, Nex Playground. Try our newest cooperative game called Pico Park or Overcooked to have fun working together. Any game you play, this hangout is a fun time with friends.

CUPCAKES & JUNIOR FRIENDS MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00-6:45pm
Join The Junior Friends of the Library! New members are always welcome to be part of our vibrant group of young library advocates. This is a great opportunity to connect with fellow supporters, get involved in future fundraising opportunities, and learn about upcoming events and initiatives. Enjoy cupcakes and find out how you can make a difference at the library! We look forward to seeing you there!
One hour of community service is earned for this program.

BOOK CHAT & CHEW

Thursday, February 25, 6:00-7:00pm
BOOK AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP:
Monday, February 1



Join us for an exciting book discussion led by our local tween, Arden, as we discuss the book *The Doughnut Fix* by Jessie Janowitz. In this book, Tristan's family moves to Petersville, a town with no bagels, restaurants, or movie theaters! When he discovers the legendary chocolate cream doughnuts are no longer being made, Tristan decides to bring them back by starting his own doughnut stand. But, running a business proves harder than he expected, and Tristan may have bitten off more than he can chew! Games, decorating doughnuts, and a sweet prize will be had at this program. Read the book and enjoy a deliciously fun evening with friends.

TEENS CARE

Each teen will receive 1 hour of COMMUNITY SERVICE credit for each activity that you participate in unless otherwise noted. Thank you for making an impactful difference in our communities. Please send any requests to Kristie Korade at Teens@cnsfl.org.

BLIZZARD BAGS COMMUNITY SERVICE TAKE & MAKE KIT

December through February
This winter, give a person in need some items to help during cold winter days. Pick up a blizzard bag kit at the library. Please add some items to your bag from the list of suggested items. Next, decorate the included small card and bag with markers, stickers, ribbon or anything you wish and return to the library. Blizzard bags will be donated to Maureen's Haven. Each bag earns one hour of community service.

HOME-BAKED GIFTS OF KINDNESS

December through February
Do you enjoy baking to make someone's day great? Share your delicious home-baked items to donate to our library pantry and earn 3 hours of community service. Home-baked cookies, brownies, or bars must be individually packaged in Ziplock bags. Smaller items may have 2 or 3 items per bag depending on size. *10 individual bags or more earns 3 hours of community service.*

JR. FRIENDS HOLIDAY BAKE SALE

Saturday, December 12, 10:00am-1:00pm
Sign up to bake for the sale, or sign up to volunteer by contacting the library at 631-734-6360, or emailing teens@cnsfl.org. Donated baked goods should be individually packaged ready for sale. 10 individual bags or more earns 3 hours of community service.

NO-SEW GIVING HAT

Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:00pm
See page 15

STRESS BUSTERS & COPING SKILLS WORKSHOP

Thursday, January 28, 6:00-7:00pm
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CUPCAKES & JUNIOR FRIENDS MEETING

Tuesday, February 23, 6:00-6:45pm
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KANOPY FILM REVIEWS

Love to watch movies? Check out our streaming platform, watch a film of your choice, and review a film for community service. Each review earns 3 hours of community service. Stop in the Teen room to pick up a copy of the review outline form or email Kristie at Teens@cnsfl.org to receive a copy.

BOOK REVIEWS

Read a Teen book from our collection (physical or online), complete a book review form, and help teen readers find something great to read. A book review form can be found in the Teen section of the library or you can email Kristie at Teens@cnsfl.org to receive one. Each book review form earns 4 hours of community service.

TEEN PROGRAMS

Grades 7-12
Please register

NO-SEW GIVING HAT



Tuesday, January 19, 6:00-7:00pm

Give back to others while creating cozy no-sew hats for those in need! Turn soft fleece into warm, handmade hats to donate to Maureen's Haven. Make a difference, one hat at a time. If time allows, create one for yourself! *One hour of community service is earned for this program.*

STRESS BUSTERS & COPING SKILLS WORKSHOP

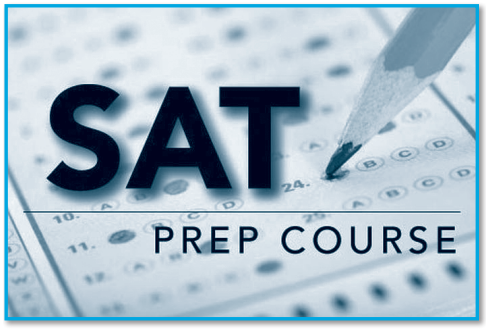
Thursday, January 28, 6:00-7:00pm



This interactive workshop will help students learn about coping skills and the importance of managing stress in healthy ways. Students will explore healthy versus unhealthy coping strategies, practice different coping skills, and learn practical stress-management techniques. Worksheets with information and activities will be provided, along with an interactive activity to help students identify strategies they can use in everyday life. *One hour of community service is earned for this program*.

SAT PREP CLASSES

Sundays, January 31, Feb 7, 21, & 28, 1:00-3:00pm
LOCATION: Cutchogue Library
Program Fee: $150
Please note: The class requires a minimum of 10 registrants to run.



Learn proven skills and strategies to help improve your score on the March 6 SAT! This comprehensive SAT preparation course is taught by experienced, certified teachers with more than 20 years of SAT preparation experience. The program is specifically designed for the Digital SAT and will cover Math, Reading, Writing, test-taking strategies, time management, and essential content. Students will receive course materials and practice problems to reinforce the skills covered in class. Please bring a graphing calculator. Open to ALL high school students.

VICTORIAN PUZZLE CARDS

Wednesday, February 3, 6:00-7:00pm

Step back in time and get creative! Teens will design and make their own Victorian-inspired puzzle cards, combining beautiful vintage imagery, clever puzzles, and their own artistic flair. Learn about the fascinating tradition of Victorian puzzle cards while creating a one-of-a-kind card to take home. No artistic experience necessary—just bring your imagination and patience to learn something new!

BOATING SAFETY COURSE

Saturday, February 27, 8:00am-5:00pm
Registration required. Fee: $50 (non-refundable).
Ages 11 and up.
An 8-hour US Coast-Guard Auxiliary Course

If you are ages 11 or older and looking to jet ski, use a wave runner, or operate a boat this class is for you! This course will teach the boating safety skills required to meet the new NYS requirement of Brianna's Law that requires operators of mechanically propelled vessels, including jet skis, to complete a boating safety course. This course is mandatory for NYS boaters. There is a written and skills evaluation for this program for certification.

TEEN DUNGEONS & DRAGONS WITH JENNIFER!

Sunday, February 28, 1:00-4:00pm
Grades 7-12

Join Dungeon Master Jennifer for an all-new adventure as you set off on quests filled with magic, monsters, treasure, and unexpected twists. Find or create a unique character, make epic choices, and work through a new journey. New to D&D or a seasoned adventurer? Everyone is welcome. Roll the dice and let the adventure begin!



News From FRIENDS of the CUTCHOGUE NEW SUFFOLK LIBRARY

Friends' News

Join the Friends of the Library

Friends Meetings: Mondays, Dec. 14, Jan. 11 & Feb. 8 @ 2:00pm
Meetings held in person at the library.
New Members Always Welcome!

Family Passes Available

FREE PASSES

Reserve the following passes online at www.cutchoguelibrary.org

- 9/11 Memorial Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End
- The Frick Collection
- Guggenheim Museum
- MoMA
- Parrish Art Museum
- Quogue Wildlife Refuge (permits free entry to regular events; special events excluded)
- American Museum of Natural History (Free, Quantities Limited, Call or ask at the Info Desk)

Discount Codes available through the library (call or ask at the Front Desk):

- CM Performing Arts
- Gateway Theatre
- Manes Theatre
- Suffolk Theatre
- Theatre Three
- Wildlife Conservation Society (visit website for full listing of locations & code)
- Peconic Ice Rink

Reduced price tickets:

- Long Island Aquarium

Discount codes are available for all; Passes for Cutchogue New Suffolk cardholders.

Sponsored by the generous support of the Friends of the Library.

2027 CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

See Front Page for more details on how to participate in the calendar raffle fundraiser.

ACOUSTIC JAM SESSIONS

Fridays, Dec. 18, Jan. 29 & Feb. 19, 5:30-7:30pm

This ever popular event is free and open to all. Bring your instruments, tapping feet and listening ears! Participants of all ages, styles of acoustic music, levels of ability along with audience members will find a warm welcome. Come, enjoy the fun and leave with a smile. Please note the unusual dates for December and February. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Library.*



JANUARY – APRIL 9

ABOUT FACE



Portraiture is an enigmatic practice. What does a portrait convey about its subject? What is their relationship to the artist? The Upstairs gallery is pleased to announce a group exhibition of local artists who explore multiple aspects of portraiture.

Opening Reception: Friday, January 15, 5:00-7:00pm

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Sales provide additional income to fund programs. Applications for exhibits can be obtained at the circulation desk.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

See Page 9 for more information.



BRILLIANT BABY BAGS

Does your household have a new baby birth to 6 months? The library offers Brilliant Baby Bags to our newest, youngest community members. *Sponsored by the Jr. Friends of the Library.*



HOLIDAY POP UP SALE

Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:00am-1:00pm

This holiday season, skip the trip to Riverhead and shop local! Discover a delightful selection of festive decorations, wrapping paper, cards, and so much more. Interested in volunteering? Please sign up at the Information Desk. Your support makes our community shine! *See Page 14 for information on how you can get involved in the holiday bake sale, which runs the duration of the Pop Up Sale and is sponsored by the Jr. Friends.*

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Dec. 21, Jan. 25 & Feb. 22
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