

MCPL WINTER 2024-25 QUARTERLY

NEWS & PROGRAMS AT MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY



THE MUSEUM CORNER'S JOURNEY THROUGH WONDERLAND EXHIBIT

In the nearly 160 years since its first publication, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* has resonated with generations of readers. Alice is the heroine of her own story. Into a world very unlike her own, Alice presses forward with playfulness, curiosity, and open mindedness, growing into her sense of self along the way.

Visitors to our newest Museum Corner exhibit, **Journey through Wonderland**, based on Lewis Carroll's famous tale, will find themselves immersed in a most curious adventure. Attend a Victorian tea party and learn how to set a proper table, learn how to play chess on our giant board, experience optical illusions and learn how to tell time with the white rabbit. Dress up as the book characters and then get creative, writing and illustrating your own nonsense tales, poems and puns.

The *Journey through Wonderland* exhibit will open in February, 2025 and is presented with support from the Middle Country Library Foundation.

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**VETERANS
PARKING
SPACES**
NOW AVAILABLE AT
CENTEREACH AND SELDEN

BAGELS & BOOKS: LOCAL AUTHOR SHOWCASE

Join us at the Centereach building on Saturday, January 25th from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and meet authors from the Long Island area. Enjoy bagels, readings and conversations with great authors. Adult, children's, and teen authors from a variety of genres will share their experiences and books. Books will be available for purchase and autographing. Visit authors with your Local Author Passport and enter a raffle to win a prize! Are you a local author interested in participating? Fill out the application form at tinyurl.com/MCPLBagelsAndBooks.



Join us to see Broadway's biggest blockbuster

Wicked

Saturday, April 26th at 2:00 p.m.
Bus to NYC & rear orchestra ticket: \$165
See page 8 for more information.



PROGRAM CATALOG:

- ADULTS/SENIORS 4 - 8
- TEEN SERVICES 9 - 11
- CHILDREN & FAMILIES 12 - 17

REGISTRATION: CHILDREN & TEENS - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12TH
ADULTS - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13TH

DAZZLING LIGHTS: A POP-UP EXHIBIT

SATURDAY, MARCH 29TH AND
SUNDAY, MARCH 30TH
1:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. SELDEN

Join us in the Selden building during the last weekend of March to experience an innovative, immersive environment featuring local historic photos, artwork and animations. Upon entering the space, you will experience dazzling visuals that utilize site-specific projection mapping, video, and light.



The creative duo Eric Hurnyak and Michael Zinn have brought us this marvelous exhibit consisting of projection mapped rooms with stunning 360 visuals and interactive elements.

TEENS CREATE @ MCPL ART SHOW

Calling all teen artists! Do you draw, paint, have an interest in photography, or like to write? Submit an original piece of your artwork to be displayed at our teen art exhibit in the Teen Resource Center at Selden starting March 11th. The following types of work will be accepted: original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories, and poetry. An artist registration form, along with guidelines, is available online or at any reference desk and must be submitted with your artwork. All submissions are due between February 10th-14th, 2025. See page 9 for more information.



**LET'S GO
RANGERS!**

Join us as the New York Rangers take on the Calgary Flames and then stay after the game to take a picture on the ice!
Tuesday, March 18th at 7:00 p.m.
Madison Square Garden
See page 8 for more information.

RAILROAD MUSEUM OF LONG ISLAND DISPLAY AND CLINIC

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15TH 10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH 1:30 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.
CENTERREACH

Stop by to enjoy model train layouts with operating trains set up by representatives from the Railroad Museum of Long Island who will be on hand to answer your questions. If you have a toy train that is not operating well, bring it with you and have it checked over by their knowledgeable volunteers.



BUSINESS NETWORKING OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21ST
8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. CENTERREACH



The library's Miller Business Center understands the importance of networking for business success. Entrepreneurs, business owners, and professionals can greatly benefit from joining local business organizations. Don't miss the chance to connect with these groups at the Business Networking Open House. For more details, visit tinyurl.com/BNOH2025. Open to everyone, no registration required.

FIND YOUR NEXT CHAPTER @ MCPL! PROGRAMS AND EVENTS FOR RETIRES AND OLDER ADULTS

Are you looking to make new connections, try new things and live your best life? You may find all of the things you're looking for here at the library! Whether you want to make new friends at craft or cooking programs, have weekly fun at Friday Films@1 or challenge yourself at one of our many exercise programs like PACE, you'll find all of that and more. Start your search in the Senior Programs section on page 7 and don't forget to join us at Ring in the New Year to welcome 2025 with live music from the Precisions on January 10th at 2:00 p.m. at the Selden building.



Winter Reading Club Yeti, Set, READ!

For children birth-5th grade

Are you Yeti for winter reading? Complete 4 hours of reading and receive a prize!

Program will run from December 12th-March 1st



LITERACY TUTORS HELP CHANGE LIVES!



Literacy tutors are incredible people who help students improve their life skills and strengthen their families and communities through literacy. The key to being a successful tutor is empathy and the patience to work one-on-one with an adult learner determined to be a better reader, writer, or speaker of the English language. To volunteer, please contact Literacy Suffolk directly at <https://literacysuffolk.org/tutors-testers/> or call them at 631-286-1649. If you have questions, you may also call librarians Amber Gagliardi at 631-585-9393 ext. 274 or Gilda Ramos at 631-585-9393 ext. 248.

AFTER-SCHOOL SUCCESS: STUDY PALS AND MATH BUDDIES

The **Study Pals** program, beginning January 14th, will build homework and reading skills among school-age children. Students will be paired one-on-one with a teen mentor for each session. **Math Buddies**, beginning on February 13th and March 13th, is an innovative program that pairs teens with children in 1st and 2nd grade to assist them with math games. For more information, please see page 16-17.

Teen volunteers are needed to learn mentoring skills and how to integrate library resources into the learning experience. Interested teens must attend pre-training, will receive community service hours, and have a chance to win a special prize. For more information please see page 10-11.

The After-school Success program is supported with funding from the TD Charitable Foundation.



 **Charitable Foundation**

ATTENDING PROGRAMS

- A valid MCPL library card for each patron (adults, children and teens) is required at time of registration.
- Register online at www.mcplibrary.org, in person at Centereach and Selden, or by calling 631-585-9393.
- Program fees must be paid at the time of registration. Payment for online or phone registrations are due within three days or the registration will be cancelled.
Program fees are non-refundable.
- Out-of-District patrons with a valid card from their home library may attend programs designated with a (*). Based on availability, registration for these Adult programs begins Monday, December 23rd (except where noted).
- For the most up-to-date registration and program information please visit www.mcplibrary.org/calendar or call 631-585-9393.
- Please let us know if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

VITA: Free In-Person Tax Preparation

VITA offers free in-person tax preparation for low-to-moderate income individuals.

Registration begins in-person or via phone on January 27th.

Provided by Bethpage Federal Credit Union

ADULTS/SENIORS

Adult programs are for patrons aged 14+.

Please see online catalog for program descriptions.

Arts & Crafts

Cause for Paws: 4 Leaf Clover Cat Toy (A733)

Tuesday, March 4 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Ceramic Snowman (A740)

Materials Fee: \$5

Tuesday, February 18 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm **OR** 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden
OR Wednesday, February 19 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm **OR** 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Crafts, Coffee & Conversation (A814)

Thursdays, January 9, February 13 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Crochet Group (A778)*

Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, March 18
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Crochet: Winter Wear (A776)

Thursdays, January 16, 23, 30, February 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Golden Ratio: In Nature and Art (A777)

Thursday, March 20 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Hello Winter Snowflake Sign (A827)

Friday, January 3 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm **OR** 5:00pm - 6:00pm
OR 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Introduction to Watercolor Painting (A839)

Thursdays, February 20, 27, March 6, 13 | 3:00pm - 5:00pm
OR 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Loads of Luck St. Patrick's Day Sign (A817)

Materials Fee: \$15

Saturday, March 1 | 11:00am - 12:30pm **OR** 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Selden

Love You to Pieces Valentine's Day Craft (A826)

Thursdays, January 23, February 6 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm
OR 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Mindful Art (A852)

Monday, January 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm **OR**
Tuesday, January 14 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Paint Night: Love and Blossoms (A829)

Materials Fee: \$15

Wednesday, February 5 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Quilting Instructional: Garden Hopping (A792)

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk for materials list.
Tuesdays, January 21, February 11, 25, **AND** March 18
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Quilting Sew n' Sews (A793)

Basic sewing skills required.

Wednesdays, January 15, February 5, March 5
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Sewing 101 (A813)

Saturdays, January 11, 18 | 11:00am - 12:30pm
OR 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Selden

Stained Glass: Winter Penguins (A734)

Materials Fee: \$25

Tuesday, January 28 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden
OR Wednesday, January 29 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Winter Mitten Craft (A739)

Tuesday, January 28 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach
OR Saturday, February 1 | 11:00am - 12:30pm **OR** 1:30pm - 3:00pm
OR Tuesday, February 4 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Winter String Art (A751)

Monday, January 13 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden
OR Tuesday, January 14 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

See bestselling authors talk about their work from the comfort of your home. Visit www.libraryc.org/mcplibrary to register for upcoming talks.

Book Discussions & Writing

Afternoon Book Discussion (A802)*

January: *Year in Provence* by Peter Mayle

February: *The Heaven & Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

March: *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams

Thursdays, January 16, February 13, March 20
2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Bagels & Books: Local Author Showcase (J847)*

Come meet local authors and talk to them about their books!
Saturday, January 25 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Books and Banter Book Talk (A842)*

Let's talk about what you're reading!

Thursday, March 20 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Elevate Your Shelf Book Discussion (A742)*

Join us to read self-help and personal development titles.

February: *Atlas of the Heart* by Brené Brown

Tuesday, February 11 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

History Buffs Book Club (A800)*

Join us for a lively discussion of historical books, events, and eras.

January: *The Six: The Untold Story of America's First Women Astronauts* by Loren Grush. **March:** *The Wager: A Tale of Shipwreck, Mutiny and Murder* by David Grann

Tuesdays, January 28, March 11 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Literacy Suffolk Virtual Training (A0855) *

Register at tinyurl.com/RemoteJan2025

Mondays, January 6, 13 **AND** Wednesdays, January 8, 15
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Zoom

Tea with a Literacy Suffolk Tutor (A729) *

Wednesday, December 18 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Write Your Own Hallmark Romance Novel (A849) *

Wednesday, February 5 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Writers' Group (A779) *

Wednesdays, January 8, February 12, March 12
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach



SECURITY GUARD TRAINING
8 Hour Pre-Assignment and
16 Hour On-The-Job courses
Coming in 2025!
For more information, please visit
programs.mcplibrary.org

Business & Careers

Visit www.millerbusinesscenter.org for the most up-to-date list of upcoming business programs.

AI Strategies for Small Business Owners (A851) *

Tuesday, January 14 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Career Opportunities in Offshore Wind (A843) *

Wednesday, January 15 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Finding Financial Aid (A0854) *

Wednesday, January 29 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Zoom

One-on-One Financial Counseling (A770)

Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 4
Appointments at 6:00pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm | Centereach

Starting a Food Truck Business (A848) *

Thursday, January 30 | 9:00am - 10:00am | Centereach

Stony Brook Hospital Job Fair (A560) *

Wednesday, February 12 | 12:00pm - 5:00pm | Centereach

Student Debt Repayment (A0853) *

Wednesday, February 26 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Zoom

Citizenship & ESOL & Literacy

The Literacy Office is open to assist patrons with limited literacy or English proficiency needing help accessing library services and programs. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 274 or ext. 248.

Career and School Counseling for ESOL Students (A766)

Wednesdays, January 8, February 5, March 12
Appointments at 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm | Selden
Wednesdays, January 15, 22 February 12, 26, March 19, 26
Appointments at 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm | Centereach

Citizenship Preparation (A768) *

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26 March 5, 12
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

English Class: Basic (A804) *

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden
Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
10:00am - 11:30am **OR** 12:00pm - 1:30pm | Centereach

English Class: Intermediate (A806) *

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden
Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1, 8
10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

English Conversation Group (A767) *

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24
10:30am - 11:30am | Selden **OR**
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, 12
6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Literacy Suffolk Virtual Training (A0855) *

Mondays, January 6, 13 **AND** Wednesdays, January 8, 15
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Zoom

Literacy Bingo Night (A828) *

Join other Literacy students for a fun night of Bingo!
Friday, January 31 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A807) *

For Spanish-speaking women and their families.
Saturdays, January 11, February 8, March 8
12:30pm - 2:00pm | Centereach
Wednesdays, January 29, February 26, March 26
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Simple Writing Skills for ESOL (A831) *

Saturdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15
12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Computers & Technology

Navigating the Digital World: A Workshop Series for Older Adults

Email Basics (A730)

Friday, April 11 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

OR

Tuesday, April 15 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Online Security (A731)

Friday, April 18 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

OR

Tuesday, April 22 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Video Conferencing 101 (A732)

Thursday, March 13 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Selden

OR

Tuesday, March 18 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Computer Basics (A786)

Thursday, February 6 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden
AND/OR Monday, March 10 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Excel: Introduction (A788)

Tuesday, January 21 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Excel: Formulas I (A789)

Tuesday, March 11 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Excel: Working with Data (A787)

Tuesday, February 11 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Intro to 3D Printing (A745)

Thursday, March 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Laser Engraved Photo Frame Magnet (A747) Intermediate computer skills required.

Wednesday, February 26 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach
Thursday, February 27 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm
OR 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Sublimation Coasters (A746)

Materials Fee: \$5

Thursday, March 13 | 3:30pm - 5:00pm

OR 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Cooking

Chillin' & Grillin' (A821)

Learn how to make Mexican-style meatballs and chipotle sauce with Chef Maria.

Saturdays, March 15 OR March 22 | 12:00pm - 1:30pm | Centereach

Local Eats: Vegetable Soups (A811)

Thursday, January 16 OR Wednesday, January 22

6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Middle Eastern Cuisine (A823)

Tuesday, February 25 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm

OR 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Roasted Tomato Soup & Homemade Rolls (A772)

With Linda Doomes

Monday, January 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm

OR 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Defensive Driving & Pre-Licensing*

AARP Smart Driver (A819)*

Program Fee: \$25 for AARP Members/ \$30 for Non-Members by check or money order on the day of class. Please make check payable to AARP.

Saturday, January 11 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden OR

Wednesday, February 12 AND Thursday, February 13

10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden OR

Wednesday, March 12 AND Thursday, March 13

10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden

Defensive Driving (A803)*

Program Fee: \$25 / \$22 for students with High School ID by check or money order on the day of class. Please make check payable to NYSTA, Inc.

Saturday, January 18 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden OR

Monday, January 27 AND Tuesday, January 28

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden OR

Saturday, February 15 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden OR

Wednesday, February 26 AND Thursday, February 27

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden OR

Saturday, March 15 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden OR

Wednesday, March 26 AND Thursday, March 27

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Defensive Driving: En Español (A833)*

Program Fee: \$30 by check/ money order on the day of class. Please make check payable to NYSTA, Inc.

Monday, January 6 AND Tuesday, January 7 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A783)*

Program Fee: \$55 in CASH on day of class

Saturdays, January 18 OR February 15 OR March 15

10:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Games

Family Chess Club (A798)*

Fridays | 5:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Fun and Games (A797)*

Wednesdays | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Mah-Jongg Club (A796)*

Tuesdays | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Peace by Piece (A743)*

Relax and work on a puzzle with us!

Tuesday, January 21 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

OR Tuesday, March 25 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

To Catch a Killer: Mystery Game Night (A741)

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Trivia Night (A790)

Friday, March 21 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Play a variety of sudoku, crossword, and other word games with

hoopla Puzzle Palace BingePass

www.hoopladigital.com/browse/binge

Gardening

Seed Exchange & Spring Celebration (A822)*

Thursday, March 20 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Bringing the Woodland Home: Shade Gardening with Native Plants (A835)*

Thursday, March 13 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Grow Your Own: Microgreens! (A825)

Saturday, February 15 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Selden

Seed Sorting Party (A845)*

Thursday, March 6 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Unveiling the Power of Native Plants: A Beginner's Guide (A834)*

Thursday, January 30 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Genealogy

Genealogy Research Assistance

Request an appointment at www.tinyurl.com/MCPLgenealogyappt.

Health & Wellness

Ask a Dietitian (A339)*

Fridays, January 17, March 21 | 11:30am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Friday, February 21 | 11:30am - 1:00pm | Selden

Back and Neck Pain (A759)*

Friday, March 21 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Breast Cancer: Know the Facts (A735)*

Wednesday, March 5 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Demystifying Clinical Trials (A736)*

Tuesday, February 4 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Free Flu Shot Clinic (A614)*

No registration necessary.

Tuesday, December 10 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Centereach - Parking Lot

OR Monday, December 16 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Selden - Parking Lot

Long Island Blood Services Blood Drive (A799)*

Call 1-800-933-2566 to make an appointment. Walk-ins welcome.

Monday, January 6 | 1:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Sound Healing (A850)

Wednesday, February 12 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Stony Brook Healthy Libraries (HeLP) (A769)*

Tuesdays, February 25, March 11 | 10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden

OR Tuesdays, February 11, April 1 | 2:00pm - 4:30pm | Selden

Understanding Neurodegenerative Diseases (A856)*

Monday, March 10 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Exercise Classes

Koga Lite (A816)

Fridays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 21, 28
10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Yoga (A818)

Saturdays, January 4, 11, 18, March 8, 15, 22
10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

Zumba (A815)

Mondays, January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24
7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

History & Heritage

The Baltimore Plot: The Mission to Save President-Elect, Abraham Lincoln (A760)*

Tuesday, March 4 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

A Day at the Races: History of Belmont (A764)*

Tuesday, February 25 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Homicide is My Business – A Hitman's Quest for Honor (A737)

Wednesday, February 12 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

The Jews of Alexandria (A752)*

Thursday, January 30 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

The Moon Landing: A History in Artifacts (A0756)*

Presented by Teasel Muir-Harmony, curator of the Apollo collection at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum.

Wednesday, February 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Zoom

Sagamore Hill: Theodore Roosevelt's Summer White House (A757)*

Thursday, January 16 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Unsung Heroes: Segregated Military Units (A754)*

Thursday, February 20 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Women in the CIA (A753)*

Tuesday, March 18 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Women in Space: Contributions of Female Astronauts at NASA (A0791)*

Presented by Ansley Browns, NASA manager in the International Space Station Program Office at the Johnson Space Center.

Wednesday, March 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Zoom

Interests & Lifestyle

Chocolat & Emily in Paris: A Sweet Journey through France! (A812)*

Explore these stories while tasting French chocolates.

Tuesday, January 7 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Guided Nature Hike: Hubbard County Park (A773)

Meet us for a 2.5 mile hike! Bring binoculars for wildlife viewing.

Wednesday, March 5 | 10:00am - 11:30am

OR 12:00pm - 1:30pm | Offsite



Feed your curiosity with
The Great Courses collection
available on hoopla BingePass!

www.hoopladigital.com/browse/binge

Let's Dance Salsa, Bachata and Merengue (A830)

Friday, March 28 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Library for All (A840)

This program is designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other similar needs.

Wednesdays, February 12, March 26 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Selden

Long Island Waterfowl: (A774)*

Saturday, February 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Me Time: A Fun Friday Series

Join us starting at 6:30pm for coffee, conversation and music.

Structured programs will start at 7pm.

Disco Bingo (A808)

Friday, January 24 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

LEGO Night (A809)

Friday, February 7 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Tunes & Chocolate Tastings (A810)

Friday, March 7 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Railroad Museum of Long Island (J846)*

Drop in to see model trains and train layouts!

Saturday, February 15 | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Centereach

Sunday, February 16 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Salt Air Farm Hike (A836)

Program Fee: \$5

Meet us at Salt Air Farm in Cutchogue and dress appropriately for a 2.5 mile hike on uneven terrain.

Wednesday, February 12 | 11:00am - 12:30pm | Offsite

Soul Line Dance (A765)

Fridays, January 10, 17, February 21, 28 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Tails and Trails Walk (A738)

Learn a quick dog training tip and go on a dog-friendly walk at Frank Melville Memorial Park.

Saturday, January 25 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Offsite

Performances

Live at MCPL: Legendary Ladies (A761)

Sunday, March 23 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL: The Jacksons: An American Dream Come True (A824)

Sunday, February 23 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL: The Warp and Weft of American Music (A820)

Sunday, January 26 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Senior Programs

Bingo (A763)*

Fridays, February 14, March 14 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Friday Films @1 (A801)

Fridays, in January, February and March. Except January 10
1:00pm | Selden

Island Harvest's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (A284)*

For eligible seniors only. Seniors can contact Island Harvest at 631-873-4775 to determine eligibility.

Wednesdays, January 15, February 19, March 19
10:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach Parking Lot

PACE: People with Arthritis Can Exercise (A0805)

Tuesdays, December 17, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25 **AND** March 11 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Selden **OR** Zoom

Ring in the New Year: 2025 (A758)

Friday, January 10 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Senior Advocate (A781)*

Dates subject to change, please call the reference desk to confirm.
Mondays, January 27, March 31 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm | Centereach

Senior Connections (A780)*

Fridays, January 3, 17, February 7, 21 March 7, 21
11:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

AND Fridays, January 10, 24, February 14, 28, March 14, 28
11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Taxes in Retirement (A784)*

Wednesday, March 26 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Topical Tuesdays @ 2: Reverse Mortgages (A755)*

Tuesday, March 4 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Wills and Trusts (A762)*

Wednesday, March 12 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Support Services

Community Legal Help (A785)*

Free limited legal advice and assistance is available. Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome. Please call 631-822-3272 to make an appointment.

Thursdays, January 9, 16, February 6, 13, 20
March 6, 13, 20 | 2:00pm - 5:00pm | Centereach

Emergency Preparedness (A837)*

Presented by the Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management (OEM).

Monday, January 27 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

HIICAP Medicare Counseling (A841)*

Fridays, January 10, 24, February 7, 21, March 7, 21
Phone appointments at 11:00am, 11:30am, 12:00pm, 12:30pm

Introduction to Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project (A795)*

Thursday, January 16 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J852)*

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van will be in the parking lot to distribute a three day food supply. No identification required.

Thursdays, January 16, February 13, March 13
11:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach-Parking Lot

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (A771)*

Mondays, January 6, February 3, March 3 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

Veterans Benefits Assistance (A794)*

Wednesdays, January 15, February 19, March 19
9:30am - 1:30pm | Centereach
AND Wednesdays, February 5, March 5 | 9:30am - 1:30pm | Selden

What is 211 Long Island and How Can It Help Me? (A838)*

Fridays, January 17, February 21, March 21
10:00am - 11:00am | Selden

Widowhood...The Journey Continues (A782)

Thursdays, January 23, February 27, March 27
2:00pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Trips & Travel

Armchair Travel to Oslo (A832)

Wednesday, March 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Disney Cruise Line Tips & Tricks (A750)

Thursday, February 27 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Disney World Tips & Tricks (A749)

Thursday, January 30 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Let's Go Rangers! (A844)

Program Fee: \$104

Join us at the New York Rangers game and then stay after to take a picture on the ice! Patrons may register themselves and one guest. Digital tickets will be emailed to patrons the day before the game and must be scanned from a mobile device upon arrival at MSG.

A non-refundable payment of \$104 per person by cash/check/charge to MCPL is due within 3 days of registration.

Transportation is not included, but see **Ride the Rails (A744)** to purchase discount train tickets.

Tuesday, March 18 | 7:00pm | Offsite

Ride the Rails to NYC – Discounted LIRR Tickets (A744)*

Program Fee: \$10.75

Tuesday, March 18 | 3:20pm | Offsite

Visiting National Parks: (A775)*

Learn how to plan a perfect National Park trip with locals Bill and Caleb, who have visited over 270.


Tuesday, January 14 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Wicked on Broadway (A748)

Program Fee: \$165

Join us to see *Wicked* on Broadway! Buses will depart the Centereach parking lot at 9:30am. There will be time for lunch on your own before the 2pm show. Seats are located in the rear orchestra. Patrons may register themselves and one guest. **A non-refundable payment of \$165 per person can be made by cash, check, or charge. Patrons may pay no later than Monday, January 13th.**

Saturday, April 26 | 9:30am - 7:30pm | Centereach



Book Club
IN A BAG

Calling all book clubs!

Check out our *Book Club in a Bag* Collection!
Each bag includes 10 paperback books (and Large Print & Audio when possible), discussion materials, and a sign out sheet so you keep track of each book.
All bags can be borrowed for up to 6 weeks.
Reserve your bag today!

TEEN SERVICES

All programs for teens in 6th - 12th grade unless otherwise noted.
For detailed program descriptions, please visit us online.

Reading Clubs

100 Books Before Graduation (T488)

Participating teens are challenged to read 100 books before graduating high school! Every 10 books read will earn a free book, and when the challenge is completed teens will receive a final prize and their name on the Underground Wall of Fame! Sign-up today by visiting: 100books.mcplibrary.org or call 631-585-9393 ext. 595.

Arts/Crafts/Cooking

Act Out! Stop Motion (T919)

Mondays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:15pm - 8:45pm | Centereach

Assemblage Art (T905)

Create a sculptural collage from random objects and cast-off pieces of wood. Then unify the piece with white gesso. Look at the work of artist Louise Nevelson, who was known for her abstract sculptures made from street "throw-aways."

Tuesday, January 7 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Bead Crafting Hangout (T928)

Wednesday, February 12 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Crafting & Trivia - K-Pop Edition! (T899)

Tuesday, January 14 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Diamond Art Coasters (T920)

Wednesday, January 29 **OR** Wednesday, March 19 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

DIY Stained Glass Art (T918)

Monday, January 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Selden

Donut Bouquet (T898)

Create a three-donut bouquet! Coat donuts in vanilla, milk chocolate and sprinkles.

Tuesday, February 11

5:30pm - 6:30pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Galaxy Jars (T907)

Wednesday, February 26 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Holiday Flower Fairies (T912)

Thursday, February 27 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Let's Make Pasta (T930)

Learn how to make your own pasta by kneading and shaping dough, then take home to cook! Please bring a plastic bowl and cutting board to class.

Thursday, January 16 **OR** March 26 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Magnetized Masterpieces (T897)

For teens in 6th - 8th grade

Start the new year by adding a touch of style to your locker with custom magnetic canvases!

Thursday, January 2 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Paint to Music (T896)

Explore how music inspired the paintings of famous African American artists. Then paint to music to create your own art. Learn and create with museum educator, Tami Wood.

Wednesday, February 5 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Painted Winter Pinecone Trees (T926)

Mondays, January 13 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach



Stencil Art (T917)

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Teen Artists: Connect & Create (T929)

Bring your favorite sketchbook and/or art supplies, choose a prompt (or not), and draw your heart out. The goal is to try different mediums of art each session, focusing on drawing, timed challenges, and sharing aloud the art we create. Silliness and collaboration are encouraged!

Tuesdays, January 7, February 4 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception (T940)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade and their families

Join us for the opening of MCPL's teen art show! This exhibit will highlight the work of MCPL teen artists. All ages are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 11 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Submissions (T941)

Do you draw, paint, have an interest in photography, or like to write? Submit an original piece of your artwork to be displayed at our teen art exhibit starting in March. The following types of work will be accepted: original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories, and poetry. An artist registration form, along with guidelines, is available online or at any reference desk and must be submitted with your artwork. All submissions are due between February 10th - February 14th. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Jackman at 631-585-9393 ext. 271 or Angela Perrone at ext. 276.

UNDERGROUND MEDIA STUDIO

FOR TEENS IN 8TH - 12TH GRADE

VISIT THE UNDERGROUND IN CENTEREACH TO EXPLORE THE MEDIA STUDIO WITH YOUR MIDDLE COUNTRY LIBRARY CARD!



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FOR MORE INFORMATION AND A FULL LIST OF STUDIO EQUIPMENT



We're All Mad Here (T921)

What's your favorite 'Alice in Wonderland' quote? Create a wall hanging with stamps, markers and bronze trinkets!

Tuesday, February 18 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden



Women's History Month: Gift Box (T922)

Participants create their very own gift box highlighting Women's History Month using various items and materials.

Wednesday, March 12 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Books/Films/Writing

Advanced Division Battle of the Books (T945)

For teens in 9th - 12th grade

Do you love to read? Become part of the Advanced Battle of the Books team and compete against other libraries for the trophy on March 1st! This year's books are *The Hunger Games* by Suzanne Collins and *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder* by Holly Jackson.

Tuesdays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25

5:30pm - 6:30pm | Selden

Saturday, March 1 | Time TBD | Offsite - Sachem Public Library

Bagels & Books: Local Author Showcase (J847) *

Open to all

Come meet local authors and talk to them about their books! Books will represent all age groups.

Saturday, January 25 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Let's Go to the Movies! (T914)

Let's meet at PJ Cinemas in Port Jefferson Station to see the new release of *Captain America: Brave New World* (PG-13). Movie starts at 9:30AM; please arrive by 9:15AM. You will receive a small popcorn and drink. Movie title is subject to change due to theater. A signed permission slip is required and will be available online or at any reference desk.

Saturday, February 15 | 9:15am | Offsite - PJ Cinemas

Teen Writers Café (T934)

Tuesdays, January 21, February 18, March 18

6:45pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Tell Us About It Book Club (T913)

Join a group of teens who love to read! Talk about what books you love or what you didn't like so much. Get some recommendations from other readers.

Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, March 11 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm | Selden

College/Careers

Career & College Counseling Services *

Looking for a job? Interested in a career? Need help with the college admissions process? Meet one-on-one or virtually with a counselor. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133.

This confidential service is by appointment only.

SAT Prep Workshop (T944)

For teens in 11th - 12th grade

This workshop is designed for high school juniors and seniors preparing to take the SAT exam. Students will need *The Official Digital SAT Study Guide* published by The College Board. If you need to purchase the book, it will be available for \$26.60 and will be distributed on the first day of class. Non-refundable payments will be accepted in cash, check or charge. Checks should be made payable to Middle Country Public Library. Students should bring a notebook and calculator to class. There will not be class during winter break week.

Thursdays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

OR

Saturdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, March 1

10:00am - 12:30pm | Selden

Community Service

Visit <https://www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service/> for a complete list of teen community service opportunities.

Buddy Programs

Buddy Training (T924)

Let's buddy up with some kids and have fun! You must attend Buddy Training in order to volunteer in any of our Buddy programs.

Choose One Date.

Tuesday, January 21 | 5:00pm - 5:45pm | Centereach

OR

Tuesday, February 25 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Selden

OR

Wednesday, March 26 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

For the following programs you must have completed Buddy Training to volunteer:

Art Buddies (T908)

Thursdays, January 23, 30 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Book Buddies (T909)

Wednesdays, March 5, 12 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

STEM Buddies (T925)

Mondays, February 17, 24 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Crochet for a Cause (T895)

Join instructor Miss Lisa to make crochet projects that we will donate to various local organizations. Everyone from beginner to experienced are welcome. All supplies will be provided. You must attend three out of five sessions in order to obtain community service hours.

Mondays, January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24

6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Math Buddies (T942)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Help younger buddies with math games and activities. You must have completed Math Buddies training to volunteer.

Thursdays, February 13, 27, March 6 **AND/OR**

Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27

6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Math Buddies Training (T943)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Math Buddies is a volunteer program where teens are paired with younger buddies to practice math skills and play math games together. Volunteers must attend Math Buddies training first.

Monday, February 3 **OR** Thursday, February 6

6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Study Pals (T939)

For teens in 9th - 12th grade

Volunteer and provide support, assistance, and encouragement to children in Kindergarten through 5th grade who need extra help with their homework or skill building. If you would like to be a volunteer, you must attend the Study Pals training first.

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25

6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Study Pals Training (T936)

For teens in 9th - 12th grade

For teens that are interested in volunteering at the Study Pals program. You must first attend this training session in order to volunteer.

Monday, January 6 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Teens Tech 4 Good - Sewn by You Pet Bandanas (T911)

Earn community service hours by sewing bandanas for shelter dogs. No sewing experience necessary!

Wednesday, March 12 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Teen Volunteer Clubs

To join, fill out an online application available at www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service. After filling out the form, a librarian will contact you regarding your application.

Green Teens (T935)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade



Discuss environmental issues, work on eco-friendly projects and receive community service credit for participating.

Media Teens (T937)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Get community service for helping promote library events and clubs by making videos and taking awesome pictures! We'll meet each month to discuss which events and clubs to promote and how!

The Mutt Club (T946)



For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved! The Mutt Club will meet monthly, where members will be able to help animals in a variety of ways.

Teen Advisory Council (T910)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Members plan and implement library programs, and provide input on teen services at MCPL.

Driving/Pre-Licensing

Pre-Licensing Class (A783) *

For teens in 11th - 12th grade

Students will learn the basic rules of the road, safe driving principles, defensive driving skills, and other factors, which affect driving. Bring your permit and a **Program Fee: \$55 in CASH on day of class.**

Saturdays, January 18 **OR** February 15 **OR** March 15
10:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Friday Night Teen Programs (T906)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade.

Please pre-register for each date you plan on attending.

Bingo (T906)

Fridays, January 3, February 7, March 7 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Challenge Night (T906)

Fridays, January 24, February 28, March 28 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Computer Drop-in (T906)

Enjoy time on the computers or iPads on your own or with a friend. The Library's Internet policy is applicable to all participants.

Fridays, January 3 through March 28 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Create-On Crafts (T906)

January: Terracotta Gnomes, February: Pebble Art,
March: Mixed Media Canvas Art

Fridays, January 17, February 21, March 21 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Game Night (T906)

Fridays, January 10, February 14, March 14 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Movie Night (T906)

Friday, January 31 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Open Door TRC (T906)

Want a place to go with your friends to play games & hangout together? A place that's fun and best of all FREE! Check out Open Door TRC every Friday night.

Fridays, January 3 through March 28 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Fun & Games

Dungeons & Dragons (T894)

Join us on an epic adventure with your Dungeons and Dragons guide, Jace!

Thursdays, January 9, 23, February 6, 20, March 6, 20
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Fact or Fiction (T938)

Break into groups and try not to get stumped by fact or fiction questions!

Tuesday, March 11 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Gamers Meet-Up (T916)

Come hang out with fellow gamers. Play Nintendo Switch, Xbox Series X, or try Mario Kart Live Circuit!

Tuesdays, January 28, February 25, March 25 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden
Thursdays, January 16, February 13, March 13
6:30pm - 7:45pm | Centereach

Homeschool Hangout (T900)

Bring a friend or meet some new ones when you spend time participating in fun activities in the Underground.

Fridays, January 3, March 7 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Teen Discord (T0375)

For teens in 7th (age 13) - 12th grade

Drop in to our Discord server to game or just chat with one another. If you need an invite to our channel please fill out a Teen Discord application in order to be added to our Discord server, which will allow you to join the program: <https://tinyurl.com/mcplteendiscord>

Daily Monday - Friday, January 2 - March 28
1:00pm - 9:00pm | Discord

VR Fun (T932)

Play games in virtual reality!

Thursday, January 9 | 6:15pm - 7:15pm | Centereach
Saturday, January 11 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach
Saturday, January 25 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Selden

Teens Chat & Craft (T923)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, February 20, March 13 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Tweens Chat & Craft (J827)

For children in 4th - 6th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, February 20, March 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Songwriting Workshop (T915)

Join Adam from Reprise Music for a two-day workshop that will foster your creativity through songwriting. Explore different song structures, lyrical techniques, and musical elements to help you compose and perform your own original songs.

Tuesday, February 18 **AND** Wednesday, February 19
12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Nature/Science & Technology

3D Printing with TinkerCad (T933)

Learn how to create a 3D image using TinkerCad then have it printed on the library's 3D printer.

Wednesday, February 19 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

3Doodler (T931)

Saturday, February 22 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

Cricut Accessory Fun (T903)

Make your own trucker hat and vinyl bag, just in time for Spring!

Saturday, March 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

DIY Cloud Light (T901)

Thursday, January 9 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Drone Mission (T927)

Hands-on experience learning the fundamentals of drone technology, aerodynamics and critical thinking.

Tuesday, March 4 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Laser Engraved Leather Patch (T904)

Design a leather patch to be laser engraved and adhered to a winter beanie!

Saturday, February 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

Sock Sublimation (T902)

Design a unique pair of cozy socks!

Saturday, January 18 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

Teens Tech 4 Good - Sewn by You Pet Bandanas (T911)

Earn community service hours by sewing bandanas for shelter dogs. No sewing experience necessary.

Wednesday, March 12 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Program Guidelines

Registration for children must be completed with their own MCPL card. Library cards are available to children beginning at birth. Caregivers registering for out-of-district children must use the caregiver's MCPL card to register.

Patrons that arrive late may be turned away. We will do our best to accommodate late arrivals, but please be aware that tardiness of 10 minutes or more will result in cancellation of your registration. Decisions concerning an event's audience, registration, capacity, late arrivals, and allowable walk-ins will be made by the Library staff supervising the event.

For detailed program descriptions, please visit our website.

Reading Clubs

1000 Books Before Kindergarten (J800)

For families with children birth - 5 years old (not yet in Kindergarten)

This ongoing reading club promotes child and parent bonding through reading with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Children will receive a prize for every 100 books read. Sign up at a Youth Services reference desk or call 631-585-9393 ext. 559.



Winter Reading Club: Yeti, Set, READ! (J853)

For families with children birth - 5th grade

Are you Yeti for winter reading? Follow the Yeti tracks through the mountains and color in one track for every 15 minutes that you read. Once you complete 4 hours you will receive a prize!

Thursday, December 12 - Saturday, March 1

Family Programs

Afternoon of Family Fun (J836)

For families with children in Pre-K - 4th grade

Take a break and enjoy family time at the library with games, block-building, and more. **Register one person per family.**

Saturday, January 11 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm | Centereach

Bagels & Book: Local Author Showcase (J847) *

Open to all

Enjoy bagels, readings and conversations with great authors. Adult, teen, and children's authors will be represented.

Saturday, January 25 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Bubble Mania (J843)

For families ages 5 and up

Come see beauty, wonder and fun as Casey brings his amazing one-man show BubbleMania which combines spontaneous comedy, jazzy music and brilliant bubbling.

Sunday, February 16 | 3:30pm - 4:30pm | Centereach

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus (J816)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 years old - 5th grade

CM Performing arts will be here to put on a production "Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!"

Saturday, February 22 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Selden

Family Movie Matinee (J850)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Join us for a viewing of Despicable Me 4 on our big screen and enjoy movie-inspired family activities and crafts.

Register one person per family.

Monday, March 31 | 2:00pm - 3:45pm | Centereach

Family Style Baking: Donut Muffins (J744)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Make delicious donut muffins with cinnamon and nutmeg.

Choose One Session. Register one person per family.

Saturday, January 25

10:30am - 11:30am **OR** 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Selden

Family Style Baking: Spring Carrot Cake Muffins (J743)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Measure, mix and make carrot cake muffins with pineapple with Chef Rob.

Choose One Session. Register one person per family.

Saturday, March 29

10:30am - 11:30am **OR** 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Family Style Cooking: How to Make Pasta (J748)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Learn to make fresh pasta! Mix a batch of pasta dough by hand. Then shape the dough using machines and gnocchi boards.

Choose One Session. Register one person per family.

Saturday, February 8

10:30am - 12:00pm **OR** 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Family Time at the Movies (J775)

For families

Let's meet at PJ Cinemas in Port Jefferson Station to see the new release of Dog Man (PG). Movie starts at 9:30AM. Please arrive by 9:00AM. You will receive a small popcorn and soda. Movie title is subject to change due to theater. **Register each person that will be attending the movie.**

Saturday, February 1 | 9:00am - 12:00pm | Offsite

Family Winter Bingo (J838)

For families with children in Pre-K - 4th grade

Join us for a fun afternoon of Winter Bingo! **Register one person per family.**

Saturday, February 8 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Centereach

Flurry of Fun (J837)

For families with children in Pre-K - 4th grade

Drop in for some fun winter themed family crafts and games. **Register one person per family.**

Wednesday, January 29 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Irish Step Dancing (J844)

For children in Pre-K - 5th grade

See the amazing Irish Step Dancers from the Doherty Petri School of Irish Dance. Watch them perform and then get up and learn some steps as well.

Saturday, March 8 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Centereach

Let's Learn About Ramadan (J770)

For families with children ages 7-16 years old

Children accompanied by a parent are welcome to attend this informational program. Join us for a fun-filled afternoon and enjoy making a lantern and other fun crafts while we learn about this special month. **Register each child attending.**

Sunday, February 23 | 3:00pm - 3:45pm | Centereach

Railroad Museum of Long Island (J846)*

Open to all

Drop-in to visit with members of the Railroad Museum of Long Island who will have their model trains on display for the community. Train layouts will be set up and toy trains will be operating.

Saturday, February 15 | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Centereach

Sunday, February 16 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Sensory Friendly Film (J826)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

A unique movie experience where we turn the lights up and the sound down! Children are encouraged to get out of their seat, fidget, dance, sing and shout! This program is specifically designed for children with sensory integration, auditory processing challenges, autism and other special needs but is open to all!

Tuesday, February 18 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Seussical The Musical (J818)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Sunrise Theater Company will be here to perform Seussical The Musical.

Saturday, March 22 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Welcome Spring! Family Night (J840)

For families with children in Pre-K - 4th grade

Drop into the library to participate in a variety of spring-themed crafts to welcome the new season!

Register one person per family.

Wednesday, March 26 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Winter Break Scavenger Hunt: Find That Yeti! (J815)*

For families

Visit the Centereach building anytime during February break week, to participate in the "Find That Yeti" scavenger hunt! To begin your expedition visit the Youth Services desk.

February 15th through February 23rd | Centereach

Infant/Toddler Programs

Babies Boogie (J796)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old

Come boogie, wiggle, and giggle with your little dancing partner!

Choose Two Dates

Friday, January 3 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Saturdays, January 18, February 15, March 15

10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Tuesdays, February 11, March 4 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Baby Meet and Play (J797)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old

Come meet and play in this open playtime ending with a simple story and song.

Tuesday, January 21 **AND** Wednesday, March 5

10:00am - 10:30am | Selden

Baby Sign Language (J834)

For parents/caregivers with children 12 months - 36 months old

Learn basic signs to use with your baby by reading a story, sing songs and playing a game. Each session you will be able to build on more signs to share with your child.

Saturdays, January 11, February 1, March 1

10:00am - 10:45am (12 - 24 months)

11:00am - 11:45am (24 months - 36 months) | Centereach

Create & Play (J737)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Join us for open play, an engaging art activity and circle time fun!

Monday, February 10 | 5:30pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Dance with Me (J804)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Come join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement dance, activities, free play, tumbling on mats and a story.

Fridays, January 24, February 28, March 28

10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Little Sprouts (J740)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 18 months old not yet walking.

Come ready to bond with your baby through music and movement. We will learn through sensory exploration, social games, and interactive play activities.

Thursdays, January 23, March 20 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Selden

Movin' & Groovin' Rhymes (J767)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 3 years old

Choose Two Dates

Thursdays, January 9, February 13, March 13

10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

My Parent, Me & My Gym (J832)

For parents/caregivers with children 6 months - 42 months old

Join My Gym for a fun music and movement class focused on tumbling and gymnastics to improve balance, coordination and confidence.

Choose Two Dates

Wednesdays, January 15, March 19, Tuesday, February 11

10:30am - 11:15am | Selden

Tales for 2's & 3's (J805)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 3 years old

Fridays, January 17, February 7 | 10:30am - 11:00am | Centereach

Time for Twos: Meet & Play (J799)

For parents/caregivers with children 24 - 35 months old

Tuesday, January 21, Wednesday, March 5 | 11:00am - 11:30am | Selden

Tiny Songbirds (J822)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 5 years old

An educational and fun live music experience for babies and toddlers and the adults who love them! This class is jam packed with instrument experimentation, movement and dance, classic and new children's music, sung storytime, scarf, ribbon play and so much more!

Choose Two Dates

Monday, January 27

10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Monday, February 24

10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Monday, March 24

10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Tiny Tot Playdate (J851)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 5 years old

Winter playdates are the ultimate fun! Let's come together to make new friends and enjoy playing together.

Wednesday, February 5 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Toddlers Explore (J795)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Bring your little one and come explore some fun-filled activities that will stimulate their senses. Dress for a mess!

Mondays, January 6, February 3, March 10

10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J798)

For parents/caregivers with children 24 months - 4 years old

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle with the beat!

Choose Two Dates

Friday, January 3 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Saturdays, January 18, February 15, March 15

11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Tuesdays, February 11, March 4 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Winter Wonderland Sensory Time (J768)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 3 years old

Come along and dive into a snowstorm of sensory excitement!

Saturday, January 11 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J852) *

Open to all

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van will be in the parking lot to distribute a three day food supply. No identification required.

Thursdays, January 16, February 13, March 13

11:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach-Parking Lot

Parent-Child Workshop (J782)

For parents/caregivers of children 12 - 36 months old

Spend some time together, play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Community resource specialists discuss child development, speech and hearing, nutrition, play and movement.

Wednesdays, February 26, March 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00am - 11:15am | Centereach

Play & Chat (J817)

For parents/caregivers of children birth - 3 years old

Nothing is so wonderful and so challenging as life as a new parent; nothing is quite so supportive as parents talking, sharing and commiserating. Come to make friends, build your confidence, learn, listen and be listened to. A trained facilitator will guide the group through various topics. Bring along your little ones as play materials are provided for each session.

Mondays, February 3, 10, March 3, 10, 17

10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

Shots for Tots (J755) *

For families

Please bring child's immunization record. Services provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 4 | 11:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (J845) *

Open to all

Many families can use SNAP to assist in stretching their food budget, but are unaware that they qualify.

Wednesdays, January 8, February 12, March 12

11:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Preschool Programs

Curious George Storytime (J790)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

George is a good little monkey but he is also very curious. Join us for stories and crafts about our favorite monkey.

Saturday, February 1 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR Wednesday, February 12 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Day at the Aquarium (J792)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Let's take an imaginary trip to the aquarium and learn about who lives there through stories and activities.

Tuesday, March 11 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR Friday, March 21 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Football Fun! (J778)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 4 years old

Interested in football? This program will teach skills such as throwing, catching and introduces offensive and defensive positions in an engaging way!

Fridays, February 21, 28 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Get Your Garden Ready (J793)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Pull out some weeds and smooth the dirt so we can get planting. Spring into some stories and crafts.

Tuesday, March 18 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR Thursday, March 27 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Gingerbread Adventures (J788)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Run, run fast as you can... Time for a gingerbread storytime and some fun activities.

Monday, February 10 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR Thursday, February 27 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

LAX Fun! (J780)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 4 years old

Interested in lacrosse? This program is a no-contact class that breaks down the basics of the game, mixing skill-specific activities with fun.

Fridays, January 10, 17 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Little Snow Bear (J783)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Polar bear, polar bear...It's cold out there! Come join us for some stories and fun activities.

Wednesday, January 8 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR Thursday, January 16 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Penguin Parade (J789)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Waddle on over for some penguin fun with stories and crafts.

Tuesday, February 4 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR Monday, February 24 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Perfect Pet (J791)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Imagine the perfect pet... Let's enjoy some stories and activities about our precious pets.

Monday, March 3 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR Tuesday, March 25 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Play-Dough Playdate (J739)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old

Join us for a drop-in program where you can explore, mold, shape, and sculpt play-dough.

Friday, March 14 | 10:30am - 11:00am | Centereach

Sensory Storytime (J823)

For parents/caregivers with children in Pre-K - 3rd grade



An interactive and educational program for children to enjoy books, music, movement, and hands-on activities. This program is specifically designed for children with sensory integration or auditory processing challenges but is open to all!

Tuesdays, January 21, February 11, Monday, March 10

5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Snuggle Up (J785)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Put on some comfy clothes, listen to some cozy stories and make some cuddly crafts.

Friday, January 10 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR Wednesday, January 22 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Someone Loves Me (J787)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Get ready for Valentines' Day and come with someone who loves you to a heartfelt storytime.

Thursday, February 6 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR Friday, February 14 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Sprouts & Friends (J742)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 5 years old

Our mission is to create joy while we play, learn and grow together. Come ready to move and sing with your child.

Thursday, January 23 | 12:00pm - 12:45pm | Selden
Thursday, March 20 | 12:00pm - 12:45pm | Selden

Storytime Yoga (J807)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 5 years old

Allow your children to experience storytime like they never have before. Join Miss Mary for an engaging journey into literature where you will bend, stretch, sing, laugh and READ. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

Wednesday, January 15
10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)
11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach
Wednesday, February 5
10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)
11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach
Thursday, March 6
10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)
11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach

T-Ball Fun! (J776)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 4 years old

Interested in baseball? This program will teach important baseball skills such as throwing, catching, hitting and base running.

Fridays, March 14, 21 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Who's Hibernating? (J786)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

1, 2, 3, is a bear out there? Find out where the animals go in the winter. Join us for some great stories and activities.

Tuesday, January 14 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach
OR Thursday, January 30 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Winter FUN! (J784)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Let's play in the snow. Time for some wintery stories and snowy crafts.

Thursday, January 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden
OR Monday, January 27 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Young at Art (J794)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Dress to make a mess while we explore different ways to express our love of art.

Friday, March 7 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach
OR Monday, March 17 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

School Age Programs

3Doodler Start (J842)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, March 5 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Art Buddies (J771)

For children 4 - 7 years old

Thursdays, January 23, 30 | 6:15pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Beginner Chess for Kids (J751)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Tuesdays, January 7, 14 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Selden

Bluey Family Fun (J754)

For children Pre-K - 2nd grade

Saturday, February 22 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

Book Buddies (J772)

For children 3 - 7 years old

Come sit for a story with our Teen Buddies!
Wednesdays, March 5, 12 | 6:45pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Bugs as Pets (J811)

For children K - 3rd grade

Explore the realm of creepy crawly critters! Get a chance to see live animals up close and some you can TOUCH. We will also learn which ones do and don't make good pets.

Thursday, January 16 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Build It (J752)

For children in K - 5th grade

Let's work together as a team to build structures using all kinds of materials!

Saturday, March 1
10:00am - 10:45am (K - 2nd grade)
11:00am - 11:45am (3rd - 5th grade) | Centereach

Celebrate Colors (J747)

For children K - 5th grade

Discover the life and work of famous African American artist Alma Thomas. Then paint your own creation inspired by her vibrant art.

Wednesday, February 5 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Cheshire Cat Smiles (J810)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Thursday, February 20 | 2:00pm - 2:45pm | Centereach



Comic Book Creation (J769)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Mondays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Cookie Decorating Fun with the Teen Advisory Council (J819)

For children in 2nd - 5th grade

Saturday, March 8 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Selden

Crafting Fun with the Teen Advisory Council (J773)

For children in K - 5th grade

Monday, March 3 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Crazy Craft Day (J802)

For children in Pre-K - 5th grade

Thursday, February 20 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Crochet for Kids (J745)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Mondays, January 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24
5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Currency Conga (J741)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Join us for an engaging and interactive program focused on enhancing currency recognition and money math skills.

Wednesday, January 29 | 5:30pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Escape Room (J774)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Thursday, February 27 **OR** Monday, March 3
6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Freedom Quilts (J750)

For children in 2nd - 5th grade

Discover the stories that quilts told in the days of the Underground Railroad to assist runaway slaves on their journey to freedom. Learn to "read" various quilt codes; then use mathematical patterns and fabric shapes to design a quilt that tells your very own personal story.

Monday, February 17
11:00am - 12:00pm (2nd - 3rd grade)
12:15pm - 1:15pm (4th - 6th grade) | Selden

Fun with Ozobots (J801)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, March 12 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Hedwig the Snowy Owl (J759)

For children in 2nd - 5th grade

Wednesday, January 15 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Homeschool Meetup (J738)

For homeschool families with children ages 6 - 10 years old

Join us in discovering money math through a variety of engaging games and activities. **Register one person per family.**

Fridays, January 3, March 7 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Kids' Chess Club (J766)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Join our chess club, and play against other kids. All skill levels are welcome! Mr. Lombardi will be there if you need a little reminder of the basics.

Tuesdays, February 4, March 4 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Selden

King or Queen of Hearts (J809)



For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Let's welcome our new Museum Corner exhibit by creating your own King or Queen of Hearts character! We'll use playing cards, paper, foam squares, and markers in this Wonderland art program.

Thursday, February 20 | 3:15pm - 4:00pm | Centereach

LAX Stars! (J781)

For children in K - 1st grade

Interested in lacrosse? This program is a no-contact class that breaks down the basics of the game, mixing skill-specific activities with fun.

Fridays, January 10, 17 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Lego Builders (J825)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, January 8 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

LEGOs for All (J839)

For children in K - 5th grade

Wednesday, February 26 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Lil' Sluggers (J777)

For children in K - 1st grade

Interested in baseball? This program will teach important baseball skills such as throwing, catching, hitting and base running.

Fridays, March 14, 21 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Little Lego Builders (J824)

For children in 1st - 3rd grade

Wednesday, January 8 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Love is in the Air (J757)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Love is swirling around! Time to grab those paintbrushes and create a masterpiece on canvas!

Tuesday, February 18 | 2:00pm - 2:45pm | Centereach

Lucky Fortune (J764)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Discover Chinese Lunar New Year festivities, stories and traditions in this multicultural awareness program. Learn about the symbolism of the Lion Dance and create your own parade mask.

Monday, January 20 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Making Moo-lah (J736)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Do you think you have what it takes to run a farm? Join us for a collaborative simulation and navigate choices and events in order to run a financially successful farm.

Wednesday, January 8 | 5:30pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Math Buddies (J849)

For children in 1st - 2nd grade

Join the MCPL Math Buddies teen volunteers to do fun math activities.

Thursdays, February 13, 27, March 6

6:45pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

AND/OR

Thursdays, March 13, 20, 27

6:45pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Measure, Make & Marvel: Color Chemistry (J829)



For children in 2nd - 5th grade

Working as color technologists, students begin with a quest to develop the perfect "green" for the Incredible Hulk, Shrek, or Fiona, in this program presented by L.I. Explorium Museum

Thursday, January 9 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Minecraft: Winter Adventures (J821)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Choose One Session.

Wednesdays, January 22 **OR** February 19 **OR** March 26

6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Penny Pinchers' Party (J763)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Come be part of our exciting party planning event! We will kick off the afternoon with a birthday tale and delve into the key components of an amazing birthday celebration. Following that, get ready for a party planning competition where each team will receive a budget to organize the best birthday party.

Tuesday, February 18 | 12:00pm - 12:30pm | Centereach

Piggy Bank Storytime (J762)

For children in K - 3rd grade

Tuesday, February 18 | 11:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

Pokémon Drawing (J760)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Wednesday, March 19 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Pokémon Science (J835)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Tuesday, February 25 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Pikachu Picture (J761)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, March 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Rainboots & Flowers (J758)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Brush your artistic flair on ceramic rain boots, then get your hands dirty planting flower seeds to watch a burst of beauty bloom come springtime!

Saturday, March 8 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Reading with the Piggies! (J831)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Come to the library for a 15-minute reading session with a guinea pig. Bring your own book to read or pick one from our collection. These piggies will help all readers become more confident and excited about reading.

Wednesday, January 22

5:30pm - 5:50pm

5:50pm - 6:10pm

6:10pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Robot Petting Zoo & Storytime (J753)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Thursday, March 6 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Roll, Dot, Roll: Creating with Clay (J746)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Tuesday, January 7 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Secret Agent Training (J820)

For children in 1st - 3rd grade

Friday, February 7 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

OR Saturday, February 8 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Sensory Storytime (J823)

For parents/caregivers with children in Pre-K - 3rd grade



See description on page 14.

Tuesdays, January 21, February 11, Monday, March 10

5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Snowman Lantern (J812)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Wednesday, February 12 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Snowy Pinecone Owl (J813)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Thursday, January 9 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Selden



Sound Effects (J803)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Join Adam from Reprise music and use household items such as gloves, shoes, and more to create the sound effects for a short movie.

Wednesday, February 19 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm | Centereach

Squishy Circuits (J841)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Use conductive play dough to learn the basics of electrical circuits.

Thursday, January 30 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

STEAM Storytime (J749)

For children in K - 2nd grade

We'll dive into Yeti tales and compete in an igloo-building challenge.

Thursday, February 6 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

STEM Buddies (J830)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Play fun STEM-related activities with our Teen Buddies!

Monday, February 17, 24 | 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Study Pals (J848)

For children in K - 5th grade

Volunteer teens and a certified teacher provide homework help and skill building for students in grades K-5th grade. Bring your homework or build your reading skills by playing one of our fun and interactive games!

Tuesdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25
6:45pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Taylor Swift Sing-Along (J756)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Join Claire from Reprise music as you sing-along to your favorite Taylor Swift hits. Patrons may bring their own instruments to play along or extras will be available.

Tuesday, February 18 | 5:00pm - 6:15pm | Selden

Three Little Guinea Pigs (J855)

For children in Pre-K - 2nd grade

Come hang out with Ziggy and Stardust for an epic tale of "Three Little Guinea Pigs" and get crafty building a fox-proof house of your own!

Monday, March 17 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Children's Collectible Showcase
For Children in K-5th Grade
Do you have a collection you're proud of? Whether it's shells, toys, rocks, or stickers, we want to see it! Sign up to showcase your collection at the library for everyone to enjoy.
Email: kidscollectibles@mcplibrary.org for more information!

Touchdown! (J779)

For children in K - 1st grade

Interested in football? This program will teach skills such as throwing, catching and introduces offensive and defensive positions in an engaging way!

Fridays, February 21, 28 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Tweens Chat & Craft (J827)

For children in 4th - 6th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, February 20, March 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Winter Luau (J814)

For children in K - 5th grade

Wednesday, February 19

10:00am - 11:00am **OR** 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Winter Pine Cone Animals (J833)

For children in 2nd - 5th grade

Monday, January 13 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach



Yoga for All (J806)

For children in K - 5th grade with their parent/caregiver



Yoga for children with special needs and their parents or caregivers. Please bring yoga mat or towel/small blanket and water. Please register child only.

Saturdays, January 4, February 22, March 22
12:00pm - 12:45pm | Selden

Yoga Time (J808)

For children in K - 5th grade

Saturdays, January 4, February 22, March 22

10:00am - 10:45am (K - 2nd grade)

11:00am - 11:45am (3rd to 5th grade) | Selden

Zen Zone (J828)

For children and families in K - 5th grade



An inclusive environment where families and children are invited to explore by participating in a variety of sensory conscious activities.

Monday, January 6 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Friday, February 21 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Monday, March 24 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

THINKING MONEY FOR Kids

Please join us for Thinking Money for Kids, an initiative of ALA and the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The initiative strives to teach children about financial topics — like saving, spending, sharing and budgeting — in a way that is meaningful and fun.

 Currency Conga For children in K - 2nd grade Wednesday, January 29 5:30pm - 6:00pm Centereach	 Homeschool Meetup For children ages 6 - 10 years old Fridays, Jan. 3 and March 7 12:00pm - 1:00pm Centereach	 Making Moo-ah For children in 3rd - 5th grade Wednesday, January 8 5:30pm - 6:00pm Centereach
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Garage Sale Was a Success!

The Garage Sale in September yielded over \$1,600 and we had over 700 people in attendance! Thank you to everyone that helped and attended!

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BankUnited is once again supporting the Women's EXPO as the Education sponsor, with a generous award of \$2,500. As part of its effort to build the business skills and capabilities of participating women entrepreneurs, the EXPO provides educational programming throughout the year. The MCL Foundation is grateful to BankUnited for empowering these enterprising women so their visions can become realities!



Pictured (l to r): Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; Brittany Keenan, vice president, treasury consultant and Jennifer Dodd, operations manager - commercial private banking, BankUnited; and Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator, Miller Business Center.

PAFCU SPONSORS EXPO CAFÉ!



Pictured (l to r): Micah Schwartz, senior business development representative; Alyssa Rose Filippelli, business development analyst; Victor Castro, business development relationship manager, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union; Marlene Gonzalez, adult services librarian; Janice Boscarino, manager, public services; Salvatore DiVincenzo, coordinator; Middle Country Public Library.

People's Alliance Federal Credit Union provided a \$2,500 sponsorship to support the EXPO Café. The Café provides a welcome respite for hundreds of hungry EXPO visitors looking to refuel and give their tired feet a much-needed place to rest. PAFCU, thanks for keeping our enthusiastic EXPO visitors going and helping our vendors succeed!



TD BANK SUPPORTS THE WOMEN'S EXPO

TD Bank continues its support of the Women's EXPO with a generous award of \$2,500 as the event's Raffle Table sponsor. With so many wonderful prizes to hope for, the raffles were once again a highlight of the day at the EXPO. Thank you, TD Bank, for supporting this exciting annual event!

Pictured (l to r): Maryellen Ferretti, vice president, retail market manager, TD Bank; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; and Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator, Miller Business Center.

WOMEN'S EXPO SPONSORS

On October 10th, over 2000 people visited the Women's EXPO. With a wide variety of products, the 76 women exhibitors had something for everyone. Proceeds from the EXPO support the programs and services of the Miller Business Center. We are grateful to all of our EXPO sponsors for supporting this annual event that seeks to connect entrepreneurs with the business community and shoppers! Sponsors include BankUnited, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, TD Bank, the Greater Middle Country Chamber of Commerce, the NYS School Facilities Association, Pearce Marine Construction, the Small Business Development Center @ Stony Brook University and Times Beacon Record Newspapers. Special thanks to the EXPO Planning Committee and all of the volunteers who make the event a success!



SAFE CHILD ID PROGRAM



Thank you to Assemblymen Doug Smith and Ed Flood for bringing the New York State Sheriffs' Association's Safe Child ID program to the Middle Country community. Pictured from left to right: Assemblyman Ed Flood, Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, and Assemblyman Doug Smith.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING



Thanks to our Brookhaven community, we saved **12 TONS** of waste from the landfill at our Community Recycling Event on September 28th. We collected **18,980 lbs.** of paper, **7,146 lbs.** of electronic waste, and **10 boxes** of medicines. Special thanks to Brookhaven Town Councilman Neil A. Manzella and Suffolk County Sheriff's Office for organizing this event.

TEEN VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION CEREMONY

On November 6th, a recognition ceremony was held to honor 204 teen volunteers who participate in community service programs at the library. Teens enjoyed a reception with their families and were each presented with a certificate for their commitment and help making a difference all year long. Refreshments and fun followed the ceremony along with a green screen photobooth and the creation of a teen volunteer hand print art mural. It was a wonderful night to recognize these dedicated Middle Country teens for their service.



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SAVE THE DATE

- **December 12** Program Registration for Children & Teens
- **December 13** Program Registration for Adults
- **January 7** Distinguished Speakers Series: Impact of Technology on Handwriting in Children K-12
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Centereach
- **January 10** Ring in the New Year 2025
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Selden
- **January 21** Business Networking Open House
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Centereach
- **January 25** Bagels & Books: Local Author Showcase
10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Centereach
- **January 26** Live at MCPL: The Warp & Weft of American Music
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Selden
- **February 12** Stony Brook Hospital Job Fair
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Centereach
- **February 15** Railroad Museum of Long Island Display
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Centereach
- **February 16** Railroad Museum of Long Island Display
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Centereach
- **February 23** Live at MCPL: The Jacksons: An American Dream Come True
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Selden
- **March 11** Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Selden
- **March 23** Live at MCPL: Legendary Ladies
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Selden
- **March 27** Spring 2025 Program Registration for Children & Teens
- **March 28** Spring 2025 Program Registration for Adults
- **March 29** Dazzling Lights: A Pop-Up Exhibit
1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Selden
- **March 30** Dazzling Lights: A Pop-Up Exhibit
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