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DARLENE GRAHAM,
BIRDS FROM THE
QUOGUE WILDLIFE
REFUGE, & MORE!**

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A Message from the Board of Trustees: *We are pleased to present the proposed 2024-25 budget to the community, which continues the Library's commitment to excellence while staying within the New York State tax cap. The budget was developed with an awareness of the present fiscal climate and accounts for inflation costs and increased mandated expenses while maintaining all services.*

*The proposed budget carries a 1.5% spending increase and a 2.7% tax levy increase. The total tax levy is **\$60,000 below the tax cap limit** and our **ONLY** tax increase in the past four years.*

*Last year, our diverse programs and community events drew an impressive attendance of over twenty-three thousand. Furthermore, our community members checked out over one hundred and fifty thousand items and took advantage of over fifteen hundred free museum passes and discounted tickets. **Your participation and support make all this possible;** please vote on April 4 and help us continue our long-standing tradition of excellence in library services.*

The community will also elect a trustee to the library board on April 4. The trustee's five-year term will run from July 1, 2024, to June 30, 2029. The incumbent trustee is Joseph Gabriel. If you are interested in running for this seat, petitions are due at the Library or the District Clerk's office on or before Wednesday, March 6 at 5 p.m.

Budget Vote & Trustee Election
Thursday, April 4, 10 a.m. – 9 p.m.

2024-2025 Budget Proposal

Total Budget Amount	\$4,253,950
Revenues	
Property Tax	\$4,158,550
Other Revenues	\$95,400
Expenditures	
Salaries	\$2,174,130
Materials & Programs	\$546,820
Library Operations	\$221,800
Building Operations	\$382,500
Employee Benefits	\$928,700

Extended budget flyer available at the library

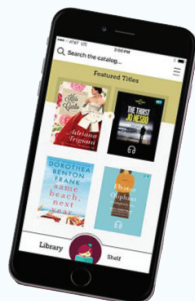
Voter registration
March 21 from 3-7 pm.

Budget Info. & Meet the Candidates
March 21 at 5:30 pm.

DOWNLOAD & STREAM



LIBBY
Provides access to thousands of popular eBooks and eAudiobooks.



FLIPSTER

Favorite magazines available instantly on your computer or mobile device!



HOOPLA
Stream, movies, music, TV shows, eBooks, comics, and eAudiobooks with no waiting!

TUMBLEBOOKS

Animated, talking non-fiction, graphic novels, and picture books for all ages.



ONE-ON-ONE SERVICES

Readers Advisory
Can't figure out what to read next? Let a librarian help!

Medicare Counseling
Get help with any questions you have with the Medicare process.



Homebound Library Services
Delivery of materials is offered to EIPL homebound patrons.

Career Counseling
Virtual appointment with professional career counselor.

PREMIER DATABASES



reference solutions



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LIBRARY OF THINGS

RESERVE TODAY FOR PARTIES & EVENTS

Equipment: Auto Code Reader, Boombox, BlueRay DVD Player, Cricut, Digital Film Scanner, Launchpads, Metal Detector, Sewing Machine, Telescope, VCR, Video Converter, Wi-Fi Hotspots

Lawn Games: Badminton, Bean Bag Bucketz, Bocce, Cornhole, Croquet, Four in a Row, Four to Score, Jenga, Kan Jam, Ladder Toss, Ring Toss, Spikeball.



MAKER LAB

Design & Create: mugs, T-shirts, coasters, crafts, buttons, 3D printing, fun labels, and more.

Equipment: green screen, virtual reality, 3D printers, Cricut (printer, mug press, easy press), and computers with design, audio production software, and more.

Appointments are recommended; call ahead for hours/supply fees.



CHILDREN'S MAKERSPACE

Design & Create: bracelets, potholders, magnetic shapes, wooden structures, and more.

Equipment: Rainbow loom, Lincoln Logs, magnetic tiles, LEGO bricks, Design and Drill Power Tool Workshop, STEM toys, and more.



MUSEUM PASSES

FREE PRINT-ON-DEMAND PASSES:

- American Airpower Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum
- Cradle of Aviation Museum
- Guggenheim Museum
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
- Long Island Maritime Museum
- Long Island Science Center
- Old Westbury Gardens
- South Fork Natural History Museum
- Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum

RESERVE NOW!



PICKUP AND RETURN:

- Empire Pass

Discount Tickets To Be Picked Up At The Library:

- American Museum of Natural History: \$10 per person
- Long Island Aquarium: \$27 per person
- Railroad Museum of Long Island: \$18 per adult

E-Tickets:

- Wildlife Conservation Society
Discount Code
Use code: EIPL

THE BOHLSSEN GALLERY

The work of Karen Celella of Coram will be featured in the Gallery in March. Ms. Celella has always felt a passion for the creative arts, exploring needlework, origami and photography. This display will feature her stunning origami crane curtains and wall art.

In April, the Gallery and display cases will feature the artwork of students from the East Islip High School. Pieces will include drawings, photographs, paintings, and more. Come view the work of these very talented students.

To display your art in the Bohlsen Gallery email Judy Moccio at jmoccio@eipl.org.

ADULT SERVICES

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Registration begins Friday, March 1 at 9 a.m. for East Islip Library Cardholders. Programs with a fee may be registered in person or online. Fees must be paid by 8:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5 or spots will be forfeited. After March 5, registration for programs with a fee will only take place in person. Out of district registration begins Wednesday, March 6. All programs with a fee are non-refundable.

EXERCISE CLASSES

Vinyasa Flow Yoga (EIA312)
Mondays, March 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 5:30 p.m.
Instructor: Kim
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

Vinyasa Flow Yoga (EIA316)
Mondays, March 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 7:00 p.m.
Instructor: Kim
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

Gentle Yoga Flow (EIA399)
Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 17, 24 at 10 a.m.
Instructor: Kelly
Fee: \$21 (7 classes)

Vinyasa Flow Yoga (EIA397)
Wednesdays, March 13, 20, 27
April 3, 10, 17, 24 at 5:30 p.m.
Instructor: Kim
Fee: \$21 (7 classes)

Gentle Yoga Flow (EIA100)
Saturdays, March 9, 16, 23, 30
April 6, 13, 20, 27 at 9:15 a.m.
Instructor: Doris
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

Pilates (EIA677)
Mondays, March 11, 18, 25
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 at 1 p.m.
Instructor: Debbie
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

Senior Fitness (EIA125)
Tuesdays, March 12, 19, 26
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 at 2:30 p.m.
Instructor: Marybeth
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

Chairobics (EIA676)
Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 12 p.m.
Instructor: Debbie
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

Tai Chi (EIA345)
Fridays, March 8, 15, 22, 29
April 5, 12, 19, 26 at 1 p.m.
Instructor: Liz
Fee: \$24 (8 classes)

HEALTH & WELLNESS

MEDITATION: THE SECRET TO A PEACEFUL LIFE (EIA249)
Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. Zoom
Join Arlene Samsel where you will learn meditation techniques that will improve inner and outer peace.



ACTING YOUR FITNESS AGE (EIA317)
Monday, April 8 at 7 p.m.
Learn how your physiology is influenced by lifestyle more than your birthday, and how to adjust your exercise regimen for the best results. Please note, this is not an exercise class.



MINDFULNESS SERIES (EIA188)
Tuesdays, April 3, 9, 16 at 7 p.m.
Learn and experience calming techniques to reduce stress, anxiousness, and anxiety through mindfulness, meditation, and sound frequencies. Facilitated by Steve Interrante Mindfulness Coach Sound Therapist.

ADULT SERVICES

COOKING & CRAFTS

LEARN TO CROCHET: BUNNY (EIA670)

Tuesdays, March 12 & 19 at 5 p.m.

1 skein #4 yarn (pastel color), & size G or H hook

LEARN TO KNIT: DISHCLOTH (EIA671)

Tuesdays, April 2 & 9 at 5 p.m.

1 ball of cotton & size 6 or 7 needle



BEGINNER'S CROCHET (EIA672)

Tuesdays, April 16 & 23

5 p.m.

Join Joanne as she shows you how to crochet a scarf. A perfect program for beginners. Supplies provided.

SHAMROCK WREATH (EIA445)

Thursday, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$2

Join Barbara Mollica in making a Shamrock wreath using the Cricut.

CHEF ROB'S ST. PATRICK'S DAY IRISH

MOLASSES RAISIN BREAD (EIA286)

Monday, March 11 at 6 p.m.

Make Irish Molasses Raisin Bread with Chef Rob. Bring a 9x5 loaf pan, 2 large mixing bowls, rubber spatula and a whisk.



MAPLE BACON CHEDDAR

CORNBREAD (EIA382)

Monday, March 25

7 p.m.

Join A Mano Baking Company in making their sweet and savory cornbread. Please bring a mixing bowl and utensil.

Spring Dried Floral Centerpiece (EIA452)

Thursday, March 21

at 6:30 p.m. Fee: \$10

Join Diana Conklin from Everlastings by Diana and create a long-lasting arrangement using homegrown hand colored hydrangea, and garden flowers, and herbs.



COOKS AMONG THE BOOKS-DISHES THAT DEFINED A DECADE (EIA129)

Wednesday, April 3 at 7 p.m.

Pick a popular dish from your favorite decade. Bring a sample and copy of the recipe for all.

SPRING BLUEBERRY CREAM CHEESE CRUMB CAKE WITH STREUSEL TOPPING TAKE AND MAKE (EIA271)

Thursday, April 4

Fee: \$2

Enjoy Chef Rob's Spring Blueberry Cream Cheese Crumb Cake with Streusel Take and Make Kit. Each kit contains all non-perishable ingredients and recipe.



QUILLED FLOWERS (EIA372)

Wednesday, April 10 at

6:30 p.m. Fee: \$2

Learn the art of paper quilling with Bonnie Schwartz. Roll paper into a floral design of colorful flowers.



MOTHER'S DAY HAT WREATH (EIA409)

Wednesday, April 17 at 7 p.m.

Fee: \$2

Join Barbra Mollica in making a hat wreath, perfect for Mother's Day.

DELICIOUS IRELAND TEA (EIA277)

Monday, April 22 at 12 p.m.

Join Margaret M. Johnson for a three-course Irish luncheon/tea. Includes readings and recipes from Ireland. Ms. Johnson's cookbooks will be available for sale and signing. A sparkling beverage will be served, patrons should bring their own teacup and saucer.

CANDLE MAKING (EIA357)

Tuesday, April 23 at 6 p.m.

Fee: \$2

Learn about the history of candle making and make a unique scented candle to bring home with Chrissy Lehat of Curiously Creative Candles.



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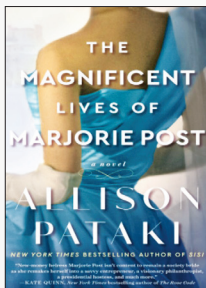
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

WEDNESDAYS AT 7 P.M. (EIA144)

MAGNIFICENT LIVES OF MARJORIE POST

Wednesday, March 20
By Allison Pataki

New-money heiress Marjorie Post isn't content to remain a society bride as she remakes herself into a savvy entrepreneur, a visionary philanthropist, a presidential hostess, and more.



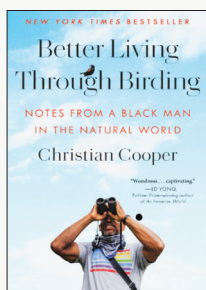
(LONG ISLAND READS)

BETTER LIVING THROUGH BIRDING

Wednesday, April 17
By Christian Cooper

Christian Cooper, an expert birder, devotes every spring to gazing upon the migratory birds that stop to rest in Central Park.

One morning in May 2020, Cooper was bird-watching when what might have been a routine encounter with a dog walker exploded age-old racial tensions. Cooper's viral video of the incident would send shock waves through the nation.



TRAVEL

TRAVEL SNACKS - AMERICA VS. THE WORLD (EIA106)

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 AT 2 P.M.

If foreign travel is not possible for you right now, come and learn how to easily find similar experiences in the United States. The world has some fabulous places for us all but many of them can be found here at home.

TRAVEL SNACKS - GARDENS AROUND THE WORLD (EIA106)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26
2 P.M.

Join Patricia Summers and trace the history and evolution of gardening through the ages, moving from practical food-producing gardens to decorative ones that still thrive today.



GENERAL INTEREST



OUTREACH BUS (EIA431)

Wednesday, March 13 at 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

The outreach nurse provides blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings, along with patient education and referrals to care as needed.

A NIGHT OUT FOR ADULTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS

Mondays, March 18 and April 15 (EIA257)

7 p.m.
Join Mrs. Joyce for this fun night out and enjoy time with friends and a craft! Please register to ensure there are enough supplies for everyone. Caregivers must be present.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 (EIA153)

Saturday, April 20

9:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Fee: \$33

Drivers who take the Defensive Driving Course will save 10% on their insurance and qualify for license point reduction.

Registration begins on Saturday, March 2nd.



WILD LONG ISLAND (EIA449)

Wednesday, March 27 at 7 p.m.

Join Chris Paparo from Fish Guy Photos and learn about the fascinating wildlife that can be found on the land, in the air, and in the waters of Long Island.

THE SPACE ROADSHOW (EIJ604)

Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Journey into space and around the world to discover the wonders of astronomy!



ADULT SERVICES

CONCERTS

AN OLD FASHION IRISH SING ALONG (EIA269)

Saturday, March 16
12 p.m.

Sing along with Irish performer Kevin Westley during this multi-media showcase of Irish singers and their most famous songs. Don't forget to wear your green!



THE DIVISION STREET BAND (EIA327)

Sunday, April 7 at 2 p.m.

Join the Division Street Band for an afternoon of tribute music featuring Tom Petty, John Mellencamp, and many more greats from the 60s, 70s, and 80s.



TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

INTRODUCTION TO MS WORD AND INTERNET BASICS (EIA190)

Tuesday, March 19 at 7:45 p.m.

Join computer expert John Catrona and learn to create a document, spell check, copy & paste, and print & file, while learning the basics of the MS Windows computer.

EIPLUG (EIA151)

Tuesdays, March 26 & April 30 at 7:30 p.m.

Join computer expert John Catrona and discuss the latest news and tech gossip happening today!

SENIOR COMPUTER CLASS (EIA150)

Friday, April 19
at 1 p.m.

Join computer expert John Catrona and learn how to use the keyboard, mouse, how to surf the internet, and print your work.

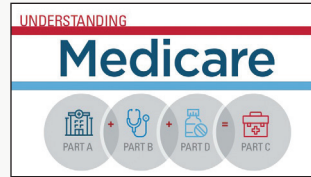


ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (EIA175)

Tuesday, April 23 at 7:45 p.m.

Join computer expert John Catrona and learn about AI in our daily lives and how to access it using Microsoft, Google, and ChatGPT.

SENIORS



MEDICARE COUNSELOR (EIA156)

Mondays, March 11 & April 8

10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Community members can schedule an in-person consultation with a local professional Medicare Assistance Counselor. Call the Reference Desk to schedule a 30-minute appointment.

SENIOR ADVOCATE (EIA201)

Monday, April 8, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

A Senior Advocate from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging assists seniors with forms and questions regarding county programs and services for senior. Call the Reference Desk to schedule an appointment. 631-581-9200 ext. 5.

HOW TO MAXIMIZE YOUR SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS IN RETIREMENT (EIA309)

Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m.

Wes H. Triani, LUTCF, FSS, will facilitate this interactive workshop and will educate you on the various choices you're given when considering when to take Social Security benefits.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

GAME DAY (EIA128)

Tuesdays and Thursdays,
10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

We provide the room,
you provide the game.



SEWING CIRCLE (EIA285)

Wednesdays, 1-3 p.m.

KNITTING & CROCHETING CIRCLE (EIA437)

Saturdays, 2-4 p.m.

PATCHES & PIECES A QUILTING CLUB

Second Monday
of the month
12:30 - 3 p.m.



ADULT SERVICES



WEDNESDAY MOVIES (EIA443)

Start At 2:15 p.m.

Strivers & Fighters

3/6 – Call Sign Romeo

Rated: PG-13; 105 min.; 2022

Starring: Chris Ana

3/13 – Next Goal Wins

Rated: PG-13; 97 min.; 2023

Starring: Michael Fassbender

3/20- Glory Road

Rated: PG; 118 min.; 2006

Starring: Derek Luke

3/27 – Journey to Bethlehem

Rated: PG; 98 Min.; 2023

Starring: Antonio Banderas

ACTION & ANIMATION

4/3 – Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom

Rated: PG-13; 120 min.; 2023

Starring: Ben Affleck & Jason Momoa

4/10 – The Marvels

Rated: PG-13; 105 min.; 2023

Starring: Brie Larson & Samuel L. Jackson

4/17 – The Super Mario Bros. Movie

Rated: PG; 92 min.; 2023

Starring: Jack Black & Chris Pratt

4/24 – Migration

Rated: PG; 87 min.; 2023

Starring: Danny DeVito & Elizabeth Banks

DOCUMENTARY FILMS (EIA184)

Saturdays at 2 p.m.

3/16- An Accidental Life (2022); TV-14; 86 min.

4/20 – The Stones & Brian Jones (2023); NR; 93 min

FRIDAY MOVIES (EIA103)

At 2 p.m.

3/1 – Dumb Money

Based on a true story of everyday people who flipped the script on Wall Street and got rich by turning GameStop into the world's hottest company.

Rated: R; 104 min.; 2023

Starring: Paul Dano & America Ferrera

3/8 – Holdovers

A disagreeable schoolteacher with no family or friends, stays at school during Christmas to supervise students who cannot travel home for the break.

Rated: R; 133 min.; 2023

Starring: Paul Giamatti

3/15 – Birthright Outlaw

A daughter kidnapped. A hidden past revealed. Rev. Jacobs and his wife must overcome the lies of the past to find their Hope for the future.

Rated: PG-13; 101 min.; 2023

Starring: Lucas Black & Sarah Drew

3/22 – Wonka

A musical explaining the origins of Willy Wonka, Roald Dahl's famous but eccentric chocolatier.

Rated: PG; 112 min.; 2023

Starring: Timothee Chalamet & Olivia Colman

4/5 – The Color Purple

Musical adaptation of Alice Walker's novel about the struggles of an African American woman living in the south during the early 1900s.

Rated: PG-13; 140 min.; 2023

Starring: Halle Bailey & Taraji P. Henson

4/12 – Wish

A young woman makes a wish on a starry night, and is surprised when a ball of cosmic energy, comes down to help her defeat the ruthless ruler, King Magnifico.

Rated: PG; 92 min.; 2023

Starring: Ariana DeBose & Chris Pine

4/19 – Ferrari

Set in 1957, Enzo Ferrari struggles to accept the life he now leads as a former Formula 1 race car driver.

Rated: R; 130 min.; 2023

Starring: Adam Driver & Penelope Cruz

CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MARCH



by Andrew M.

**BOOKMARK
OF THE MONTH
WINNERS!**

**PICK UP YOUR COPY OF
THIS WINNING BOOKMARK**

APRIL



by Kalinn D.

1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

This free program encourages you to read 1000 books with your child before they enter school – a goal experts say children need to help them learn to read for themselves. One of the best ways to encourage learning is to spend time sharing books every day.



**Stop by the children's desk
for more information.**



Program Registration

Registration is required for all programs unless noted otherwise.
April registration begins on Wednesday, March 13 at 9 a.m.
May registration begins on Wednesday, April 10 at 9a.m.

APRIL PROGRAMS



Tunes for Tots Unplugged (EIJ494)
Monday, April 1, 9:30-10 a.m.
Ages birth through 24 months
with an adult, siblings welcome
BenAnna Band Unplugged (EIJ495)
Monday, April 1, 10:30-11 a.m.
Ages 3-6 with an adult,
siblings welcome

Join the BenAnna Band for a rockin' performance! *One registration per family.*

Weird But True (EIJ569)
Monday, April 1, 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Grades 3-6

On this April Fool's Day, can you figure out what is true or will you be fooled? This program is based on the *Weird But True* book series.



Caldecott Club Story Time (EIJ514)
Tuesday, April 2, 10:30 - 11 a.m.
Ages 3-5 years old with an adult
One registration per family. Read a different Caldecott-winning picture book each month and create a simple related craft.

Sun and Stars Cookies (EIJ572)
Tuesday, April 2, 7-8 p.m.
Grades 3-6

Decorate cookies straight out of the sky! *This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.*

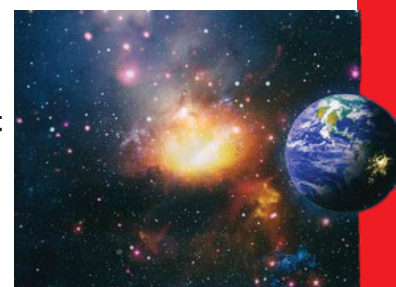


Babies Boogie (EIJ417)
Wednesday, April 3, 10 – 10:45 a.m.
Ages 3 – 23 months with an adult,
siblings welcome or

Toddlers Tango (EIJ418)
Wednesday, April 3, 11 – 11:45 a.m.
Ages 2-4 with an adult, siblings welcome
One registration per family. One session per family. These creative movement and music programs use multicultural music, instruments and props to improve motor skills and help children use their imaginations.

Little Sprout (EIJ466)
Thursday, April 4, 9:30-10 a.m.
Ages birth through 12 months old or
Sprout and Friends (EIJ468)
Monday, April 4, 10:15-11 a.m.
Ages birth through 5 years old with an adult
Choose one session. One registration per family. Sprouts & Friends will help your little ones to grow, learn, develop and explore through play, music and movement activities.

The Space Roadshow (EIJ604)
Thursday, April 4,
7 - 7:45 p.m.
Grades K - 6 with an adult
Journey into space and around the world to discover the wonders of astronomy!



CHILDREN'S SERVICES



Folktale Friday (EIJ488)
Friday, April 5, 4-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-6, on their own
Join Miss Tess to listen to folktales from around the world and make a craft!

Unicorn Princess Story Time (EIJ663)
Sunday, April 14, 2-3 p.m.
All ages with an adult
One registration per family.
Enjoy a story, dance and craft with the Unicorn Princess!



Drop-In Build It! (EIJ492)
Saturday, April 6, 10-12 p.m.
Ages 4 and up with an adult, siblings welcome
No registration required.
We'll supply the LEGOs, you bring the construction designs!



Play Hooray Family Program (EIJ476)
Monday, April 8, 10 – 10:45 a.m.
Ages birth to 5 years with an adult, siblings welcome
One registration per family. This fun-filled program will have the whole family saying "Hooray!"



Mixed Media Unicorn Painting (EIJ567)
Tuesday, April 9, 7-8 p.m.
Grades 1-6
Join Traveling Art Programs to make your own unicorn out of a variety of art mediums.

Minecraft Mania (EIJ560)
Wednesday, April 10, 7-8:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6
Do you think you have what it takes to be the next master architect? Join our Minecraft building tournament to show off your skills!

Time for Twos (EIJ406)
Thursday, April 11, 10:30-11 a.m.
Ages 2 years old with an adult, siblings welcome
One registration per family.
Enjoy stories, songs and an art activity with your child.

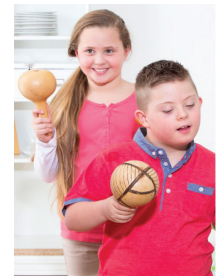
More than Mother Goose (EIJ403)
Monday, April 15 or Saturday, April 20, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Ages birth – 3 with an adult, siblings welcome
One session per family. One registration per family. Share nursery rhymes, songs and more with your child.



More than Mother Goose Play Date (EIJ413)
Monday, April 15, 11 – 11:30 a.m.
Ages birth – 3 with an adult, siblings welcome

Join other littles and their caregivers for some unstructured play time! No registration required.

Shake, Rattle and Roll (EIJ464)
Tuesday, April 16, 1:30-2:15 p.m.
Ages 12 months-3 years with an Adult.
One registration per family.
Join us for a musical play time with your little ones.



Chess Lessons (EIJ414)
Tuesday, April 16, 7-8 p.m.
Grades 2-6
Play and learn under the direction of an instructor from Long Island Chess Nuts.

STEAM KID

Makerspace (EIJ586)
Thursday, April 11, 7 – 8 p.m.
Ages 4 and up with an adult, no younger siblings
Join us for a STEAM-related activity at the library!

Story Play Time (EIJ437)
Wednesday, April 17, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Ages 3 – 5 with an adult, siblings welcome

We'll explore books through music, movement, and play!

Come for the Story
Stay for the Play



CHILDREN'S SERVICES



Bouncing Bunnies (EIJ530)
Wednesday, April 17,
5:30-6:15 p.m.
Grades K-2

Spring has sprung and bouncing bunnies are everywhere! Join us to read spring stories and craft your own bunny to take home.

Baby Time (EIJ404)
Thursday, April 18, 10:15-11 a.m.
Pre-walkers 3 months and up, siblings welcome
Toddler Time (EIJ405)

Tuesday, April 18, 11:15 a.m. – Noon
Walkers through 23 months, siblings welcome
Circle Time (EIJ407)

Thursday, April 18, 12:15-1 p.m.
Ages 2 & 3 with an adult, siblings welcome
One session per family. One registration per family.
Kathy Roeder presents fun age appropriate activities for children and their grown-up.

April Antics Story Time (EIJ486)
Thursday, April 18, 4:30 – 5 p.m.
Ages 4 - 6 on their own

It'll be amazing when we share stories, songs and more!

Drop-In Mini Golf (EIJ566)
Monday, April 22-Wednesday, April 24,
9 a.m. - 9 p.m.

No registration required.
Stop by the Children's and Family Services Department to play a round of mini-golf!



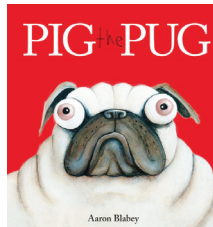
Our Endangered Earth (EIJ605)
Monday, April 22, 7-7:45 p.m.
Grades 4-6 with an adult,
Grades 7-9 on their own

The audience will learn every day ways to help keep the Earth's ecosystems in balance.

Taylor Swift Inspired Keychain Craft (EIJ576)

Tuesday, April 23, 7-8 p.m.
Grades 2-6

Make a fun keychain using positive affirmations inspired by Taylor Swift!



Pig the Pug Story Time (EIJ490)
Wednesday, April 24,
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Ages 4 – 7 on their own
Celebrate this delightful dog with games, crafts and more!

We All Scream for Ice Cream (EIJ533)
Thursday, April 25, 3-3:45 p.m.
Ages 6-9 years

I scream, you scream...we'll taste and then vote on our favorite ice creams and make a fun craft. *This program is not suitable for children with food allergies.*



Blue Dog Music Program (EIJ453)
Preschool/Birth - age 5
Friday, April 26, 10-10:30 a.m.

Join Reprise Music and make your family portrait, learn the Bluey theme song, dance with the magic xylophone, and even play keepy uppey!



Baby Smart (EIJ408)
Monday, April 29, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.
Ages birth to 17 months with an adult,
siblings welcome

A Time for Kids Toddler Program (EIJ497)
Monday, April 29, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Ages 18 months to 5 years old with an adult,
siblings welcome
One session per family. One registration per family.
Join an educator from A Time for Kids for some stories and play time.



Hot Air Balloon Painting (EIJ577)

Tuesday, April 30, 7-8 p.m.
Grades 1-6

Join artist Kathy Reccardi and elevate your painted canvas!



CHILDREN'S SERVICES

MAY PROGRAMS

Story Play Time (EIJ437)

Wednesday, May 1, 10:30 – 11 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5 with an adult, siblings welcome

We'll explore books through music, movement, and play!

Time for Twos (EIJ406)

Thursday, May 2, 10:30-11 a.m.

Ages 2 years old with an adult, siblings welcome

One registration per family.

Enjoy stories, songs and an art activity with your child.

Messy in May Story Time (EIJ467)

Thursday, May 2, 4:30-5 p.m.

Ages 4-6

It'll be marvelous when we share stories, songs and more!

Spring Fling: (EIJ449)

**Discovery Backyard
Annual Opening Event
Saturday, May 4**

10:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

All ages with an adult

Spring is in the air and the

Discovery Backyard is once again open for the season! Join us as we celebrate the return of the warm weather and explore nature together. **The Darlene Graham Duo will perform at 10:30 a.m.,**

followed by a visit from birds of the Quogue Wildlife Refuge at 11:30 a.m. and of course tons of nature activities for the entire family to enjoy all day long!



Play Hooray Family

Program (EIJ476)

**Monday, May 6,
10 – 10:45 a.m.**

**Ages birth to 5 years
with an adult,
siblings welcome**

One registration per family. This fun-filled program will have the whole family saying "Hooray!"



Caldecott Club Story Time (EIJ514)

Tuesday, May 7, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Ages 3-5 years old with an adult
One registration per family.

Read a different Caldecott-winning picture book each month and create a simple related craft.

Spring Flags (EIJ562)

Tuesday, May 7, 7-8:00 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Join us as we create with paint a decorative Spring Flag to hang up in your home.

Choo Choo Story Walk and Craft (EIJ470)

Wednesday, May 8, 10-11 a.m.

**Ages 2 and up with an Adult,
siblings welcome**

A new story walk is debuting in the Discovery Backyard.

Join us for a train themed

story and craft outside in our Discovery

Backyard. *Note: This program is weather permitting.*

The Story Walk will always be on display during regular open Discovery Backyard hours.



Baby Smart (EIJ408)

Friday, May 10, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

**Ages birth to 17 months with an adult,
siblings welcome**

A Time for Kids Toddler Program (EIJ497)

Friday, May 10, 10:30 – 11:15 a.m.

**Ages 18 months to 5 years old with an adult,
siblings welcome**

One session per family. One registration per family.

Join an educator from A Time for Kids for some stories and play time.



Mother's Day Floral Workshop (EIJ433)

**Saturday, May 11,
9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

Grades 3-6

Mrs. Oakes returns to assist you in creating a fresh floral centerpiece to present to someone special.

CHILDREN'S SERVICES



More than Mother Goose (EIJ403)
Saturday, May 18, or
Tuesday, May 21, 10:30 – 11 a.m.
Ages birth – 3 with an adult,
siblings welcome
One session per family. One registration per family. Share nursery rhymes, songs and more with your child.

Little Sprout (EIJ466)
Tuesday, May 14, 9:30-10 a.m.
Ages birth through 12 months old or
Sprout and Friends (EIJ468)
Tuesday, May 14, 10:15-11 a.m.

Ages birth through 5 years old with an adult
Choose one session. One registration per family.
Sprouts & Friends will help your little ones to grow, learn, develop and explore through play, music and movement activities.

Chess Lessons (EIJ414)
Tuesday, May 14, 7-8 p.m.
Grades 2-6
Play and learn under the direction of an instructor from Long Island Chess Nuts.



Minecraft Mania (EIJ560)
Wednesday, May 15, 7-8:30 p.m.
Grades 1-6
Do you think you have what it takes to be the next master architect? Join our Minecraft building tournament to show off your skills!

Makerspace (EIJ586)
Thursday, May 16, 7 – 8 p.m.
Ages 4 and up with an adult, no younger siblings
Join us for a STEAM-related activity at the library!



Young at Art (EIJ473)
Friday, May 17,
10:30-11:15 a.m.
Ages 2-5 years,
siblings welcome
One registration per family. Bring your child in to enjoy some sensory play and make a simple art project. Dress for a mess!

Folktale Friday (EIJ488)
Friday, May 17, 4-4:30 p.m.
Ages 4-6, on their own
Join Miss Tess to listen to folktales from around the world and make a craft!



More than Mother Goose Play Date (EIJ413)
Tuesday, May 21,
11 – 11:30 a.m.
Ages birth – 3 with an adult,
siblings welcome

Join other littles and their caregivers for some unstructured play time! *No registration required.*

Dinosaurs – A Prehistoric Adventure (EIJ606)

Tuesday, May 21, 6-6:45 p.m.
Grades K-6 with an adult

Learn how fossils form, how paleontologists find dinosaur fossils to make skeletons, how dinosaurs lived and how they suddenly became extinct 66 million years ago!



Brave Princess Story Time (EIJ664)
Saturday, May 25, 10:30-11:30 a.m.

All ages with an adult
One registration per family. Enjoy a story, dance and craft with the Brave Princess!



Baby Time (EIJ404)

Tuesday, May 28 or Thursday, May 30,
10:15-11 a.m. - Pre-walkers 3 months and up,
siblings welcome

Toddler Time (EIJ405)

Tuesday, May 28 or Thursday, May 30,
11:15 a.m. – Noon - Walkers through 23 months,
siblings welcome

Circle Time (EIJ407)

Tuesday, May 28 or Thursday, May 30, 12:15-1 p.m.
Ages 2 & 3 with an adult, siblings welcome
One session per family. One registration per family.
Kathy Roeder presents fun age appropriate activities for children and their grown-up.

Beautiful Butterflies (EIJ534)

Wednesday, May 29, 5:30-6:15 p.m.
Grades K-2

Beautiful butterflies are everywhere and springtime fun is in the air! Join us for stories and a colorful craft.



Program Registration

Registration begins on Friday, March 1 at 9 a.m.

Out of district patrons may begin registering on Wednesday, March 6 at 9 a.m.

Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Dungeons and Dragons (EIY908)
Monday, March 11 and Monday, April 8
6 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Come play Dungeons & Dragons with some of the best game masters on the island! Perfect for new and experienced players alike. Join together to battle monsters, discover lost ruins, and triumph over evil!

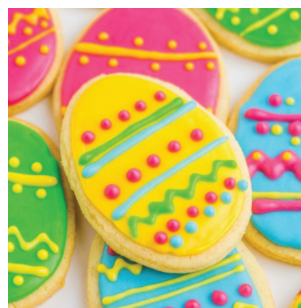
Super Smash Bros. (EIY748)

March 20 and April 17

7 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Join us for a Super Smash Bros. Ultimate mega-tournament! Players compete in a fun event with great prizes for the top-placing players. Don't forget to register for both dates and bring a friend!



**Take and Make:
Springtime Egg Cookies
(EIY918)**

Pick up begins on Tuesday,
March 26
9 a.m.

Grades 7-12

Learn the art of cookie decorating!. Each kit has a QR code to access the video tutorial.

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Teen Advisory Board (EIY818)

Thursday, April 4 at 7 p.m.

Grades 7-12

Join us for our bi-monthly TAB meeting where we will talk about our interests and welcome your suggestions for new teen programs and services. This is your chance to be heard; let us know what YOU want! Earn one (1) hour of community service for attending this program.



**Take and Make:
Marshmallow Flower
Cupcakes (EIY919)**

Pick up begins on
Tuesday, April 16
9 a.m.

Grades 7-12

Each kit has a QR code to access the video tutorial.

This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

Toy Paramedics (EIY857)

Thursday, April 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Grades 7-12

Volunteer to help keep the library's toddler playtime toys in tip-top shape. Participants will earn one (1) hour of community service for this opportunity.

Getting Ready to Babysit (EIY702)

Saturday, April 27, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Grades 6-9

Learn the skills to become a responsible babysitter. Topics include: child safety, developmental stages and how to plan age appropriate activities. Certificate presented upon completion. *Note, the last day to register for this program is Tuesday, April 17.*



**Mother's Day Floral
Workshop (EIY704)**

Saturday, May 11,
10:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Grades 7-12

Learn how to design and create a beautiful fresh flower arrangement to give to a deserving person this Mother's Day.

**Authors Unlimited at St. Joseph's University
in Patchogue**

Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

A program that celebrates reading by connecting teens and young adult authors via panel discussions and solo sessions! Earn three (3) hours of community service credit for attending and then filling out a survey at the end of the day. Visit www.authorsunlimited.org for updates and registration information.

Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities

Registration is for EIPL cardholders only in grades 7-12 unless otherwise noted.
You may register for volunteer opportunities in person or by telephone at the Reference Desk;
there is no online registration.

- 1. Book Reviews:** Read an approved title and write a detailed book review. Specific instructions, including book approval process and the book review submission, are on the teen blog. Earn three (3) hours of community service per book, up to nine (9) hours per month.
- 2. Kindness Rocks:** Paint or draw designs and inspirational words on to rocks you find in your yard. Place rocks where people might see them around the neighborhood. Earn a **maximum** of one (1) hour of community service for four (4) rocks. Please note this opportunity can only be completed once.
- 3. Spring Bunnies Story/Craft Volunteers (EIY761):** Friday, March 22, 3:45-4:45 p.m. Assist children with a bunny craft. Earn one (1) hour of community service.
- 4. Block-a-palooza (EIY917):** Thursday, March 28, 2:45-4:15 p.m. Assist children with building structures made of legos, blocks, and more! Earn one and a half (1.5) hours of community service.
- 5. Super Movie & Game Night (EIY762):** Thursday, March 28, 5:45-8:15 p.m. Help out with a Mario movie night packed with snacks and games! Earn two and a half (2.5) hours of community service.
- 6. Weird But True Volunteers (EIY763):** Monday, April 1, 5:15 - 6:45 p.m. Help children decipher what is fact and what is fiction! Earn one and a half (1.5) hours of community service.
- 7. Teen Advisory Board (EIY818):** Thursday, April 4, 7 - 8 p.m. See page 14. Earn one (1) hour of service.
- 8. Folktale Friday Volunteers (EIY764):** Friday, April 5, 3:45 - 4:45 p.m. Assist children with a folktale related craft. Earn one (1) hour of community service.
- 9. Authors Unlimited:** Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. See page 14. Earn three (3) hours of service.
- 10. Toy Paramedics (EIY857):** Thursday, April 25, 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. See page 14. Earn one (1) hour of community service.
- 11. We All Scream for Ice Cream (EIY765):** Thursday, April 25, 2:45 p.m.-4 p.m. Assist children with this fun and tasty craft. Earn one and a quarter (1.25) hours of community service.
- 12. Spring Fling (EIY766):** Saturday, May 4, 10:15 AM-12:30 PM. Help us kick off the annual reopening of our Discovery Backyard! Earn two and a quarter (2.25) hours of community service.
- 13. Spring Flags Volunteer (EIY767):** Tuesday, May 7, 6:45 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Help children create a spring flag to hang in their home. Earn one and a half (1.5) hours of community service.

Check out the Community Service page on the Teen Blog for more information and opportunities:

<https://eiplya.blogspot.com/p/volunteer-opportunities.html>



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Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday (October-April), 1 p.m.-5 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Easter, Sunday, March 31

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LIBRARY BOARD MEETINGS:

Thursday, March 21, 5:30 p.m.
Thursday, April 4, 9:00 p.m.

LIBRARY OFF-SITE BOOK RETURNS:

Corner of Harrison Ave., and Main St.,
and on Carleton Ave, near Karp Dr.

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A large print edition of this newsletter
is available upon request at the
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A MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD PRESIDENT:

As the Library Board President, I am thrilled to reflect on the past year and celebrate its tremendous success. Our library has truly been a hub of activity, with an astounding 23,000 people attending our diverse range of programs and events. The introduction of our new maker lab has been nothing short of transformative, providing a haven for creativity and innovation. Our digital collection has flourished, as evidenced by the remarkable 60,000 downloads of ebooks and audiobooks, offering a world of literature at our patrons' fingertips. Simultaneously, our physical materials have remained in high demand, with more than 80,000 checkouts. Furthermore, we took pride in offering over 1,500 free and discounted museum tickets, expanding access to the arts and culture. The culmination of these achievements is reflected in our staggering library visit count, with 80,000 individuals seeking knowledge, inspiration, and community within our walls. This incredible success is a testament to the dedicated efforts of our staff, administration, and fellow board members and the unwavering support from our community. We hope you visit the library on Thursday, April 4, and vote on the proposed budget and board candidates.

Sincerely,

Joseph Gabriel

