



News & Notes

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FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As we begin the process of reopening your library, we are making major changes. Our in-house programs have been cancelled. We are practicing the most stringent safety protocols to safeguard our patrons and staff. While such protocols may relax over time, we will limit access to the building in various ways. We have spent the last few years making the library a destination, the pandemic has changed everything. We do expect the happy atmosphere will return. Check page 2 of this newsletter for more updates.

There will be no tax increase this year, no budget election was held. An open trustee position has been won by Laurie Atlas. Many thanks to Theresa DeBlasi for her participation on the Board.

We are continuing to expand our services and programs virtually. Please remember to check our website for updates.

Marc David Horowitz



Summer Reading Program For Adults, Young Adults, Children and Babies "Imagine Your Story"

Now - Saturday, August 15

Children's Summer Reading Club:

Grades: K - 5: Earn prizes, raffles and more

Read-To-Me Club: Newborn through age five

Young Adults: Grades 6 - 12

Adults: all

Check with the library for more information.

We are planning to reopen June 29th,!

Monday - Friday, 9AM—5 PM

- North Babylon patrons only
- Masks mandatory, gloves optional
- Physical/social distancing mandatory
- There are no accessible tables or chairs. We have spent the last few years making our library a "destination" but the COVID pandemic has changed that
- Restrooms are closed
- We will limit the number of people permitted inside, this number may change as necessary.
- IR Thermometer – Everyone's temperature will be taken, above 100, no entry
- Closed stacks, staff will retrieve materials for you
- 20 minute time limits for your visit to the library
- Limited computer access, 15 minute time limit
- If someone "muscles in" we shut down immediately for full cleaning and we call the police
- WiFi is always available from the parking lot
- Returned materials will be quarantined for 72 hours before handling/check-in, book drop only

Keep in mind, these rules may change.

LIBRARY UPDATES

Curbside Delivery Begins June 16!

Monday – Friday, 9:00 – 5:00

- **Patrons will contact the library by phone or email to request materials**
- **Materials will be checked out to the patron**
- **An appointment will be made for pickup**
- **When the patron arrives, they will call the library to notify presence and *they* will remain in the car**
- **Staff will wear masks and gloves**
- **Staff will place materials on table**
- **Patrons will retrieve materials once the staff member has returned to the building**

Frequently Asked Questions

When can I return materials to the Library?

Our book returns have been open all through the closure. All returned must be placed in the book drops; these materials will be quarantined for 72 hours. Please understand that you will see items listed on your patron account even if you have returned them. Items checked in after the 72 hour quarantine period end, will have been removed from your account record.

I have a ton of books to donate.

Because of the need to quarantine items, the Library can no longer accept donations of materials until further notice.

I have materials from other libraries – can I return those items to NBPL?

Yes, you can place any public library materials in our book drops and we will return them to their home library. The 72 hour quarantine will be applied to these materials.

Digital books are great, but when can I get some physical books?

We know that our patrons are eager to return to “real” books. We have a cart of free books by the parking lot doors. Curbside pickup procedures are in the works, watch our website for announcements. Now that the county circulation system is back up and running, you should be able to place holds on materials for curbside pickup.

I really love the Library for its “space” – when can I walk into the building to use computers, copiers, browse the shelves and other activities?

The Library is closely monitoring information as we move forward in a slow and safe way to reopen and ensure that staff and patrons feel safe using a public building. We are in the process of reconfiguring our public spaces to allow more room for physical distancing. Patrons cannot be permitted into the building until all necessary safety modifications are established.

I need to talk to a Librarian, I need help with research.

You can reach a Librarian at: info@northbabylonpl.org – our Librarians are eager to help you.

I’ve been working from home, help my kids with their school work and we all need a break! When can we come to our Library to socialize and play?

As of now, because of the COVID pandemic, the Library is unable to have public toys or equipment out for use in the Children’s Room. We are offering many virtual programs and our Summer Reading Clubs are gearing up. Check our website for the most up to date information.

I miss coming to our Library for classes, story times, concerts, lectures and other programs. When will those start again?

As of now, all in-house programs have been placed on hold until further notice. We will continually reassess this as national, state and county plans for opening are modified. Safety is paramount.

ADULT CLASSES

Book Discussions

New members are always welcome.

Tuesdays, July 28 and August 25,

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

Thursdays, July 2 and August 13

7:00 - 8:00 PM

Check our website for titles.

Career Counselor

Mondays, July 13 and 27, August 10 and 24

6:00 - 9:00 PM

Meet with professional Career Counselor Barbara McCleave for help with resumes and career options, all ages. North Babylon cardholders only.

Schedule a half hour phone appointment

E-mail: info@northbabylonpl.org

with your name and telephone number. You will receive a time slot, and be contacted at your appointment time.

Follow us on Social Media

Facebook Page: https://www.facebook.com/pg/northbabylonpl/posts/?ref=page_internal

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/nbablib>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/northbabylonpl/>

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/Northbabylonpl>

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How to reach us

Virtual reference assistance is available through the Library's homepage from 9:00 am – 5:00 pm weekdays. Click on the red “**Need assistance?**” button, or e-mail: info@northbabylonpl.org – when the library reopens, call 631-669-4020. To receive our email updates, send us an email and we will add you to the list.

What's Cooking?

Join our *What's Cooking* Facebook group to chat about cooking, share your recipes and tips, and maybe your kitchen woes. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/697105564394019/>

Movies for Adults

Fridays at 2:00 PM

We will be showing movies via the Zoom meeting platform. Check the website for more information.

We are presenting our online programs through Zoom

To register for an event, click the “Register Here” link on the calendar.

Check out Zoom here: <https://www.zoom.us/>

We are always adding information to our website. <http://www.northbabylonpl.org/>

We invite you to challenge us to a **Words with Friends** game. Look us up by username: NBAB

Tech Help with a Librarian

Mondays, 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Thursdays, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

Meet with a librarian who will help you with your tech needs. Via Zoom.

Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council's Medicaid

Enrollment personnel will provide Medicaid enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. For assistance, call **631-656-9783** and press **Option 2**. As messages come in, staff working remotely will be assigned to callers to provide assistance. We are also here to answer any questions people may have regarding utilizing insurance, understanding their benefits, finding specialists, etc.

**The Library will be closed:
July 4, Independence Day
September 7, Labor Day**

ADULT CLASSES

Assistance from The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island (HWCLI)

Health Insurance:

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, NYS of Health announced that a Special Enrollment Period will now be made available for New Yorkers. Eligible individuals will be able to enroll in insurance coverage through NY State of Health through June 15, 2020. Navigators at the Health and Welfare Council of Long Island can help you enroll in a quality, affordable plan. Please call the HWCLI Healthcare Access Line at 516-505-4426 to schedule an over-the-phone appointment.

SNAP:

The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island knows that food insecurity is a rapidly increasing emergent need during this time. You may be eligible for the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) which can help you cover food costs. Please call Carolina Flores Cruz at HWCLI at 631-697-1124 for more information.

COVID-19:

The Health and Welfare Council of Long Island is working hard to compile COVID-19 resources for individuals and organizations. Please visit www.hwcli.com/covid-19 for a wide variety of useful information and guidance.

Virtual Art Exhibit

Calling on patrons of all ages to send us photos of your artwork to display on our social media. Artwork can be drawing, painting, photography or a model. Please include your first name, last initial, and age.

Themes

June: Thank you! Thank anyone who has been important to you during these unusual times. A neighbor, family member, friend, neighbor, policeman/woman, doctor, mail person, etc.

July: Your Happy Place. Where is your Happy Place? Your backyard, beach, the city, another country, etc.

August: Your favorite animal. It can be your pet or an animal you saw in a zoo or on television.

Virtual Museums

Museums, like libraries, are currently closed. On our website, you will find a list of museums that are currently running virtual tours and programs. <http://www.northbabylonpl.org/virtual-museums-and-more>

Writing Romance for Today's Readers

Thursday, June 25, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Christina Lorenzen, author of 10 novellas, will be discussing what a novella is, how to start writing one, and how to find the right publisher. She will also discuss the importance of marketing and social media marketing. Via Zoom.

Healthy Living for Your Brain and Body

Tuesday, July 7, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM

For centuries, we've known that the health of the brain and the body are connected. But now, science is able to provide insights into how to make lifestyle choices that may help you keep your brain and body healthy as you age. Join us to learn about research in the areas of diet and nutrition, exercise, cognitive activity and social engagement, and use hands-on tools to help you incorporate these recommendations into a plan for healthy aging. Presentation from the Long Island Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association. Via Zoom.

Writing Circle

Tuesdays, July 7 and 21, August 4 and 18

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Join an informal writing community to improve your craft, share your experiences and receive feedback from the group. Via Zoom.

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, July 7, August 4, 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

Meet individually with an RSVP Suffolk volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program for Medicare health insurance and benefits. By appointment only; e-mail info@northbabylonpl.org with your name and telephone number. You will be contacted during the appointed time.

YOUNG ADULT CLASSES

North Babylon School District residents only with library card.

Community Service

Book Buddies Remix CSC

Monday, July 13, training, Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Help a young child improve his/her reading skills in a casual group with Miss Amanda.

Book Reviews CSC

Write a book review, get community service credit.

Virtual Art Exhibit CSC

Teens send us your artwork to display on our social media (drawing, painting, photography or a model). Please include your first name, last initial, and age.

Themes: **June:** Thank you! **July:** Your Happy Place.

August: Your favorite animal.

Registration: info@northbabylonpl.org

Visit the Teen Resources page for applications and more information;

<http://www.northbabylonpl.org/teen-services-2/>

Random Acts of Kindness CSC

Pick up a Kindness Worksheet; complete any 5 tasks and earn two hours of Community Service Credit.

Teen Trivia Night

Wednesday, July 8, 6:30-7:30 PM

Join Miss Amanda for a fun night of trivia and more.

Teen Writing Club

Wednesdays, July 15, 29, August 12, 6:30-7:30PM

Teens are invited to join Miss Amanda and share ideas and develop their writing style.

SUMMER SKILLS Camp

- Learn something new
- Play a game
- Connect with a tutor



(available at your library or at home through your library's website)

CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Sign-up for all Children's classes begins July 1.

North Babylon School District residents only with library card and PIN. Limit 3 programs/month pp.

Adventure Club

Thursdays, July 2, 16, 30, August 13, 27

4:00 - 5:00 PM, Grades: 1-5

Enjoy a new adventure during every program. Have fun in this interactive, virtual reading, where you control the outcome and determine the ending to every story.

Pre-School Story Time Classes

Fridays, July 3, 17, 24, 31, August 14, 21

11:00 - 11:30 AM, Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy a special story time with Miss Marylou

Good Night, Sleep Tight

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17

7:00 - 7:30 PM, Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Listen to soothing stories and songs before your bedtime with Miss Liz.

Virtual Hatchery and Aquarium Tour

Wednesday, July 8, 3:00 - 4:00 PM

Grades; PreK - 5 and their families

Learn about aquatic animals that live in your community. Learn all about their habitats, life cycles and adaptations to their environment. Enjoy a tour of the Cold Spring Harbor Hatchery and Aquarium and the animals that live there.

Pajama Story Time

Thursdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30, August 6, 13, 20

7:00 - 7:30 Noon, Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy a relaxing bedtime story time with Miss Marylou.

Lego Challenge

Fridays, July 24, August 21

7:00 - 8:00 PM, Grades: 1-5

During every interactive session, you will be given a challenge to complete with your Legos. Show your creations off to the librarian and other participants.

Book Buddies

Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28, August 4

11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Grades: K - 3

Read with a teen volunteer and improve your reading skills and comprehension. Email: info@northbabylonpl.org for a link to the program. Please include your child's name, barcode and age.

Read to a Furry Friend

Tuesdays, August 11, 18, 25

10:00 - 10:15 AM, 10:20 - 10:35 AM,

10:40 - 10:55 AM, Grades: K - 5

Share a favorite book with a furry friend

Pollack Krasner House Virtual Tour

Wednesday, August 5, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Join art educator and author Joyce Raimondo for a virtual tour of the historic Pollack Krasner House.

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