



# News & Notes

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## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

### Expansion Update

(Almost) Complete! 180 steps from the parking lot to the Deer Park Avenue entrance for too many months. Furnishings to come. Watch for our grand opening celebration. No bond issue, no new taxes, no additional expenses. Thanks for your patience.

**Marc David Horowitz**  
Library Director

### Adult, Young Adult, Children's, Read to Me Summer Reading Clubs

Registration begins Monday, June 30  
*Color Our World*

Watch the July-August News and Notes for updates.

### North Babylon Seed Library

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### Adult Program Registration

**North Babylon cardholders only.**

Patrons may sign up self and *one* additional North Babylon cardholder; valid, unexpired, in good standing library cards are required in order to register.

If unsure, check with the circulation desk  
*prior* to registration day.

Fees are non-refundable/non-transferable.  
Cash or check only.

### Thursday Evening Outdoor Summer Concert Series 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Concerts will be held outdoors in our parking lot. Bring a camp chair, and sit inside the cones for your safety. In case of adverse weather, the concert will be moved indoors. Please register.

### Air Power Museum Concert Band

June 12

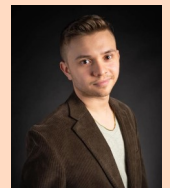
A concert band comprised of volunteer musicians from all around Long Island. Popular instrumental music including movie and musical scores, marches and classical pieces.



### Michael Serraino

June 26

Classic hits and standards featuring Sinatra and Bennet along with pop tributes to Billy Joel, Elton John and Paul McCartney.



### 4 Ways From Sunday

July 3

Something for everyone - come out and enjoy an evening of danceable hits from the 50s through the 80s.



### The Como Brothers

July 10

The Como brothers perform popular music from the 1950s to today, as well as original songs for all ages.



Watch the July-August News and Notes  
for more concerts.

## ADULT CLASSES

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Some classes must be held in the lower meeting room. All fees are non-refundable.  
Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.*

### Adult/Young Adult/Children's Summer Reading Clubs

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### Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, May 20 and June 17, 6:00 PM

### Book Discussions

New members are always welcome.  
Please pick up your book at the Circulation Desk.

**Tuesday, May 20, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

The Keeper of Lost Things

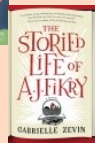
by Ruth Hogan



**Tuesday, June 24, 10:00 - 11:00 AM**

The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry

By Gabrielle Zevin



### Career Counselor

**Mondays, May 5 and June 2**

**6:00 - 8:00 PM**

**Saturdays, May 17 and June 21**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Meet with professional Career Counselor Barbara McCleave for help with resumes and career options, all ages. Call 669-4020 to schedule an appointment.  
**North Babylon cardholders only.**

### Excursion Discounts

The North Babylon Public Library participates in the WCS (Wildlife Conservation Society) Affiliate Program. Our patrons can order discounted tickets online for the Bronx Zoo, Central Park Zoo, Queens Zoo, Prospect Park Zoo, and the NY Aquarium. Tickets must be purchased in advance. Stop by the Circulation Desk with your North Babylon Public Library card to receive code/ordering instructions.

### Free with Your North Babylon Library Card

Libby by Overdrive	E-books and audiobooks
Flipster	General magazines
Kanopy	Stream films/documentaries
Tumble Books	Children's books
Comics Plus	Digital comics, graphic novels

### Free Museum Passes

American Air Power Museum  
Brooklyn Botanic Garden  
Children's Museum of the East End  
Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery  
Cradle of Aviation Museum  
Fire Island Lighthouse  
Garvies Point Museum/Preserve  
Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum  
Long Island Maritime Museum  
New York Hall of Science  
New York State Empire Pass  
9/11 Memorial and Museum  
Old Westbury Gardens  
Planting Fields Arboretum  
Sagtikos Manor (June Opening)  
Town of Babylon Beach Pass  
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium  
For more information, ask at the Reference Desk  
**North Babylon cardholders only.**

### Help Us Help Others

We maintain drop off boxes to donate to the local food pantry, eye glasses, cell phones and pet food.

### Looking for Something to Read or Watch?

Our Librarians can pick out books or movies and hold them at the circulation desk for you.

### Suffolk Senior ID Cards

In partnership with the Suffolk County Office of the Aging, the Library distributes Senior Citizen ID Cards free of charge. Suffolk County residents aged 60 or older are eligible. Senior ID Cards entitle you to discounts on bus fare, ferries to Fire Island, and discounts with participating businesses and townships. Ask for yours at the Circulation Desk.

### Tech Help: "Book a Librarian"

Meet in-person for help with your technology.  
Call 669-4020 for a reservation.  
**North Babylon cardholders only.**

### The Library will be closed:

Monday, May 26, Memorial Day  
Thursday, June 19, Juneteenth  
Friday, July 4, Independence Day

## ADULT CLASSES

### Theater Discounts

**Gateway Playhouse, Bellport** offers North Babylon Public Library cardholders half price tickets excluding premium seats for upcoming shows this season. Stop by the Circulation Desk with your library card for information with discount code and instructions.

**CM Performing Arts Center, Oakdale** offers a 25% discount off their Main Stage show standard priced tickets. Stop by the Circulation Desk with your library card for information with discount code and instructions.

### Health Insurance Assistance

#### One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, May 6 and June 3  
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.

#### Medicaid Enrollment Assistance

Tuesdays, May 20 and June 17  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Enrollment assistance by phone to adults and children, disabled or blind and anyone over the age of 65. By appointment. Call 631-435-3000, M-F, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM.

### Social Work Intern Jennifer Consolazio

Wednesdays and Thursdays, 5:30 - 8:00 PM  
Saturdays, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon  
Through May 17

The Library offers a free service to patrons through the Social Work Intern Program at the Stony Brook School of Social Welfare. Assistance completing forms/applications, referrals to mental health resources and more. Call for more information.

### NYS Citizen Preparedness Corps

Thursday, May 1, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

New York National Guard: Participants are advised on how to properly develop family emergency plans and stock up on emergency supplies. Learn to prepare for any type of disaster or emergency, respond accordingly and recover as quickly as possible to predisaster conditions.

### Belmont Lake State Park Tour

Friday, May 2, 10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

The park might be known for the beautiful lake and abundance of recreation, but there is so much more to be discovered on trails less traveled. Established in 1926, it was owned by August Belmont and served as farmland for some of Belmont's equestrian activities. Home to a significant wetland complex, waterfowl that can be easily spotted include Northern Shovelers, Mergansers, Teal, Great Blue Heron, and Egrets. The tour fee is courtesy of the Library. Register in advance. Meet at the park. **North Babylon cardholders only.**

### Deep Stretch Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17  
6:15 - 7:15 PM

Bring a yoga mat. Held downstairs.

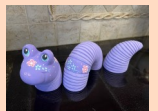
### Ceramic Earthworm

Thursday, May 8, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

We will be painting a ceramic earthworm.

All supplies will be included in the class.

**\$12 fee. Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



### All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, May 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20  
5:15 - 6:15 PM

Bring a yoga mat. Must be able to get up and down from the floor. Held downstairs.

### Crochet Class

Wednesdays, May 14, 28, June 11, 25, 6:00 - 7:45

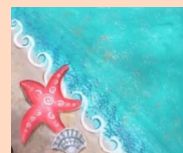
Bring your projects and your questions to crochet expert Joan Jewhurst. Beginners, please bring an H hook and a skein of #4 worsted weight yarn.

### Art with Pamela: Starfish

Thursday, May 15, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join artist Pamela Trastelis for a painting lesson. No experience needed, all materials provided, \$10 fee.

**Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



## ADULT CLASSES

### Suffolk County Dept. of Labor

Wednesdays, May 28 and June 25, 10:00 - 12:00

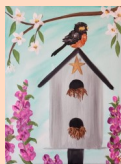
The Department of Labor will be here in the library with an information table. Resources include literature for DoL services, career fair and workshop flyers, NY state labor department programs, resources for veterans.

### Paint Night: Bird House

Thursday, May 29, 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Let's paint some fun art; no experience necessary. 16x20 canvas, acrylic paints, brushes, easels and step-by-step instructions provided. \$10 fee.

**Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



### Sewing 101

Tuesday, June 3, 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Learn to sew with Sue. Learn how to thread the machine and how to make a bobbin. All materials are provided, and all pieces are pre-cut so everyone brings home a finished project. Sewing machines will be provided, however, if you have one, please bring it to class so you can learn on the machine you will use. Registration required.

### Carlls River Botanical Garden Tour

Friday, June 6, 10:00 - 11:30 AM

Join us and the Town of Babylon's Horticulturist Jen Ulsheimer for a walking and learning tour of the Carlls River Botanical Garden at Geiger Park.

### AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, June 7, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

AARP 6-hour driving course: \$25 members (membership card required), \$30 non-members. Bring your membership card and driver's license to class. There will be a break for lunch. Check or money order payable to AARP, no cash.



### Ceramic Star Lantern

Tuesday, June 24, 5:30 - 7:30 PM

We will be painting a ceramic lantern. All supplies will be included in the class. \$12 fee.

**Non-refundable/non-transferrable.**



### Library Tiny Art

Monday, June 30, 2:00 - 3:00 PM, All Ages

Stop by and express your creativity through painting on a small canvas that will be displayed in a special art section of the library during our summer reading program.



### Team Up! Art with Your Child

Monday June 30, 5:30 - 7:30 PM, Gr 4+ with adult

This program is for tweens and teens to paint two related canvasses with the adult of their choice. When hung side by side, the paintings will create a picture called a diptych. All materials supplied, each attendee will be painting a canvas. No experience needed. Registration required for each participant.

### Adult Summer Reading Club

Registration begins Monday, June 30

*Color Our World*

Celebrate summer with the best books from the Library. Sign up and pick up a reading log form at the Reference Desk. Log five (5) books this summer and turn in your form by Saturday, August 9th to be entered in our raffle to win one of our prize baskets. Registration will be ongoing throughout the summer.

### Adventureland

Discounted tickets, \$31.50/pp. Cash only.

**North Babylon cardholders only.**

### Long Island Aquarium

Visit the LI Aquarium in Riverhead.

General admission tickets.

\$28 child/senior, \$39 adults. Cash only.

**North Babylon cardholders only.**

### Splish Splash

Discounted tickets \$44.99.

Come in to receive a discount code.

**North Babylon cardholders only.**





## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

*Sign-up for all Children's classes begins May 1 and June 1.*

*North Babylon School District residents only with valid library card and PIN.*

*Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you*

### 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

Read a book to your infant, toddler or preschooler. The goal is to have read 1000 books before your child starts kindergarten.

### Drop in Play Date

Thursdays, May 1 and 29, June 5 and 12

10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon, Ages: 1 - 5

Stop by the Children's Room for a fun play date with other children.

### Saturday Games

Saturdays, May 3 and June 7

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM Grades: PreK - 5

Enjoy playing various games with family and friends. A fun way to spend an afternoon!

### Button Art on Canvas

Monday, May 5, 6:30 - 7:15 PM, Grades: K - 5

Make a beautiful bouquet of flowers in a mason jar on canvas using buttons. Keep for yourself, or give for a Mother's Day gift!



### Sleepy Time Tales

Tuesday, May 6 and June 10

6:30 - 7:15 PM, Ages: 1 - 5

Come with your little one for bedtime stories, music and a play time. Bring your favorite stuffed animal!

### Lego Fun

Wednesdays, May 7 and June 25

4:00 - 4:45 PM, Grades: 1 - 5

Create a project with Legos and see it displayed!



### Catching Colors:

Blue, Thursday, May 8, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Purple, Thursday, June 26, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 4 years

Learn colors with music, games, and activities.

### Drop-in Surprise Craft

Friday, May 9, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Grades: PreK - 5

Monday, June 2, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Grades: PreK - 5

Pop into the Children's Room and pick from an assortment of crafts to make and take home.

### Family Story Time

Saturdays, May 10 and June 14

10:30 - 11:00 AM, Ages: Birth - 5th grade

Ride the Library Train and then enjoy stories, songs and a fun craft.



### Kids Yoga

Saturdays, May 10 and June 14

2:00 - 2:45 PM, Ages: 4 - 10

Enjoy a magical kids yoga class. Each session is an adventure through storytelling and movement.

### Tot's Night Out

Monday, May 12, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Hidden Pictures

Monday, June 16, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Pete the Cat

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy music, movement, activities, and a craft!

### Children's Chess Club

Tuesdays, May 13 and 27, June 3 and 24

6:00 - 7:30 PM, Grades: 1 - 5

Practice your game, perfect your skills, in a match with fellow chess players. Beginners Welcome!

### Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, May 14 and 21, June 4 and 18

10:30 AM - 11:00 AM, Ages: 2 - 5

Fridays, May 2 and 23, June 6 and 27

6:45 - 7:15 PM, Ages: 2 - 5

Share special story times with your little one. Enjoy stories, songs and a fun craft.

### Axolotl Ceramic Bank

Wednesday, May 14, 6:00 - 7:00 PM, Grades: 4 - 8

Show off your art skills by painting a cute axolotl that also doubles as a bank to help you save all your spare change.



### Imagination Station

Thursday, May 15, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, PreK - 5

Friday, June 13, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, PreK - 5

See what you can create with various crafting materials.

## CHILDREN'S CLASSES

### Music with Dara

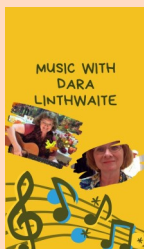
Friday, May 16, 10:30 – 11:15 AM

On the Farm

Friday, June 20, 10:30 - 11:15 AM

Piggies in the Bathtub

Ages: Birth - 5 years



### Sensory Story Time

Saturday, May 17, 11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon

Ages: 2 - 5

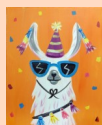
An interactive story time for even the most restless listener with sensory bins for children to play with.

### Children's Paint Night: Birthday Llama

Monday, May 19, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Grades: K - 5

Paint a Llama wearing a party hat & sunglasses.



### Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, May 20 and June 17

10:30 - 11:00 AM, Ages: Birth - 18 months

Bouncy rhymes, nursery rhymes & finger plays, music and simple instruments, free play time.



### Gravity and Balance

Thursday, May 22, 4:00 - 5:00 PM, Grades: K - 5

Participate in experiments defying gravity. Learn about Newton's and Galileo's theories. Construct your own balancing experiment to take home.

### Zumba Kids

Saturday, May 24 and June 28,

11:00 - 11:45 AM, Grades: K - 5

Develop a healthy lifestyle incorporating fitness through exercising by dancing and music.



### Craft Buddies

Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 - 6:00 PM, Grades: K - 3

Make a fun craft with a teen buddy!

### Drop In Games and Crafts

Friday, May 30, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Have fun making crafts and playing games.

### Baby Music

Saturdays, May 31 and June 28

2:00 - 2:45 PM, Ages: 3 - 18 months

Have a harmonious adventure with your little one!

### Painting on Canvas: Spring Meadow

Monday, June 9, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Grades: K - 5

Paint a beautiful picture of a spring time meadow of flowers to celebrate spring.



### Superhero Scavenger Hunt

Wednesday, June 11, 4:00 - 7:00 PM, Ages: 4 - 10

A fun superhero scavenger hunt! Find all those elusive characters hiding around the room for a prize!

### Stories and Stretches

Saturday, June 21, 11:00 - 11:45 AM, Ages: 2 - 5

Enjoy an interactive story time where we will act out the stories with gentle yoga poses.

### Ceramic Star Lantern Jar

Monday, June 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM, Grades 2-5

Paint a fun star lantern jar as a cool decoration for the Fourth of July.



### Animal Sculptures

Monday, June 30, 11:00 AM - 12:00 Noon

Grades: K - 5

Blend fauna and flora into amazing animal sculptures.



### Seashore Safari

Monday, June 30, 3:00 - 4:30 PM, All ages

This hands-on presentation introduces you to local marine life: shellfish, hermit crabs, snails, horseshoe crabs and more, using touch tanks/tables.

### Team Up! Art with Your Adult

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### Summer Reading Club, Grades: K-5

**Read to Me Club,** Ages: Birth - 5 years

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### 100 Books Before Graduation

This is a reading challenge for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. Register at the NBPL website and track your books online. Every 10 books will earn you a prize.

### Food Pantry Donations CSC

**Four items = 1 hour of community service.**

No out-of-date food, non-perishable. Students must be present for donation. 2 hours maximum.

### Craft and Connect CSC

**Wednesday, May 7, 6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Combine arts and crafts with open discussions in a relaxed space where you can express yourself through hands-on projects and heartfelt conversations.

### Chess Buddies CSC

**Tuesdays, May 13 and 27, June 3 and 24**

**6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Help younger children improve their chess skills by playing games with them. You must know how to play chess to volunteer for this program.

### Axolotl Ceramic Bank

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### Twine Keychain

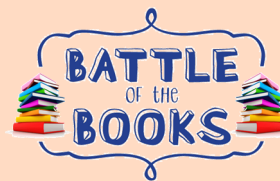
**Wednesday, May 21, 6:30 - 7:00 PM**

Craft a colorful twine keychain using wooden beads.

### Craft Buddies CSC

**Wednesday, May 28, 5:30 - 6:00 PM**

Help younger children make fun crafts.



### Battle of the Books Orientation

**Wednesday, June 4, 6:00 - 6:30 PM**

Do you think you are a super reader? Are you great at memorizing details? Put your skills to the test. Learn about our summer Battle of the Books team at this orientation meeting.

### Kraft with Katrina

**Wednesday, June 11, 6:00 - 7:00 PM**

Do you love to make crafts? Come down and flex your creative muscles and create a handmade craft.

### Kindness Rocks CSC

**Wednesday, June 18, 5:00 - 6:00 PM**

Earn community service by decorating rocks for the library's patrons.

### Tiny Art Showcase

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### Teen Summer Reading Club

**Registration begins Monday, June 30**

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Read books this summer and log them online to be entered into our basket raffle. Register at the Reference Desk and receive a signup gift.



# The Real Costs of Digital Content

Did you know that there is a huge difference in the amount you pay for an e-book vs. what public libraries pay? And that you get to keep the book but libraries' copies face expiration dates? Many publishers charge libraries three to five times the cost of a print copy and place restrictions on the life of the digital title.



## *The Women* by Kristin Hannah

Print copy (with discount): \$17

### LIBRARIES PAY:

Ebook: \$60 copy/24-month license

### YOU PAY:

Amazon Kindle Ebook: \$14.99

## *James* by Percival Everett

Print copy (with discount): \$16

### LIBRARIES PAY:

Ebook: \$55 copy/24-month license

\$27.50 copy/12-month license

### YOU PAY:

Amazon Kindle Ebook: \$14.99

## *Be Ready When the Luck Happens* by Ina Garten

Print copy (with discount): \$19

### LIBRARIES PAY:

Ebook: \$55 copy/24-month license

\$27.50 copy/12-month license

### YOU PAY:

Amazon Kindle Ebook: \$14.99

In Suffolk County, libraries contribute to a consortium that purchases ebooks for Overdrive/Libby that are accessible by all library cardholders in the county.

This digital collection is **extremely popular**, and it is getting increasingly more **costly** to keep up with demand.

**This is why you may have to wait longer for a title to become available.**

The New York Library Association (NYLA) supports legislation that would **level the playing field**. Please contact your state representatives and let them know that libraries need **reasonable terms** in the industry to ensure that all New Yorkers have access to content that interests them in the format they desire.

**For more information, visit NYLA's website at <https://www.nyla.org/2025-legislative-initiatives>.**

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