



News & Notes

Discover the world at your library!

Volume 54 Number 6
Nov • Dec 2025

Coordinators • E. Arena, M. Famiglietti, M. Nicolazzi, S. Salvatore

www.NorthBabylonPL.org

Adult Program Registration

North Babylon adult 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.

Emily's Awesome Toy Drive

Monday, November 24-Monday, December 15

Donate new unwrapped toys to Emily's Awesome Toy Drive which began after Emily was hospitalized on Christmas night and received toys from the Child Life Department. Over 20,000 toys have been donated to hospitals. Emily is a North Babylon resident.

Winter Giving Tree

Monday, November 24-Monday, December 15

Help us support those in need in our community this winter season by donating new hats, gloves, scarves, socks, sweaters and fleece tops to our Giving Tree.

Gingerbread House Kits

Last order date: Friday, November 28

Fanny Cakes Bakery is offering kits with everything you need to create the perfect gingerbread house. \$18/kit, includes freshly baked gingerbread, royal icing, and candies. No limit. Orders must be picked up on **Wednesday, December 10** before 7:30 PM. **Non-refundable.**



Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, December 20

Meet at the Babylon station by 10:15 AM

Round trip tickets cost **\$10.25 each: CASH only.**

The day of the trip, arrive at the Babylon train station (meet on upstairs platform) **no later than 10:15 a.m.** where you will be issued your return ticket. Our train will leave Babylon **at 10:42 a.m.**

Everyone must board the same train and ride in the same car for the trip into NYC.

Your return ticket can be used for any train and any station you choose, but must be on the same day. Please be sure to give yourself enough time to find parking.

Tickets must be purchased by Monday, December 15th. Time is subject to change.

North Shore Flute Choir Concert

Sunday, November 23

2:00 - 3:30 PM

The North Shore Flute Choir will be here at the library playing a combination of classical and light popular music.



Tal Naccarato, LIVE!

Sunday, December 7

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Tal is a guitarist, songwriter and instrumentalist in the Americana Folk-Blues guitar tradition. He performs solo acoustic from his original and traditional repertoire. Born in Italy, Tal is a lifelong New Yorker who resides in Brooklyn.



Nobody Does It Better

Sunday, December 14

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Join Keith Crocker as he discusses the songs of James Bond films and the singers that brought them to life. He will show footage of the songs being performed live on various shows from the 60's to the 2000's.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration begins November 1. Non-residents may register November 8. 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.

Free Museum Passes

Reserve a day to borrow a pass. For more information, ask at the Reference Desk.

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 and 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
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium

Discount Codes

Adventure Park at LI, 15% discount with code
The Argyle Theater, \$5 discount with code
Bronx and NYC Zoos/Aquarium, online with code
CM Performing Arts Center, 20% discount with code
Gateway Playhouse, half price, online with code
Manes Studio Theater, \$5 discount with code
Stop by the Circulation Desk to receive codes.

Discount Tickets

LI Aquarium, Adult \$39, Child/Senior \$28
4 tickets maximum per family
Cash only, exact change, please.
Tickets are non-refundable.

North Babylon adult cardholders only.

Free 24/7 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

Help Us Help Others

We maintain drop off boxes to donate food to the local food pantry. Eye glasses, cell phones, hearing aids and pet food are collected for other organizations.

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, November 18, December 16, 6:00 PM

Book Discussions

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



Tuesday, November 25, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Tell Me Everything

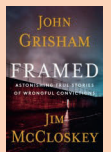
By Elizabeth Strout

Tuesday, December 16, 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Framed: Astonishing True Stories of

Wrongful Convictions

By John Grisham and Jim McCloskey



Career Counselor

Mondays, November 3, December 1

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays November 15, December 20

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meet with professional Career Counselor Barbara McCleave for help with resumes and career options. Call 631-669-4020 to schedule an appointment. North Babylon cardholders only.

Suffolk County Senior ID Cards

All Suffolk County residents aged 60 or older are eligible. Free 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.

The Library will be closed:

Tuesday, November 11, Veterans Day
Thursday, November 27, Thanksgiving
Wednesday, December 24, Christmas Eve
Thursday, December 25, Christmas Day
Wednesday, December 31, Open 9AM-1PM, NYE
Thursday, January 1, New Years Day

ADULT PROGRAMS

Health Insurance Assistance

HIICAP's Medicare Basics

Tuesday, November 4

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

This presentation sponsored by RSVP provides Medicare Eligible people information about Medicare - Original Medicare - Parts A & B, Medicare Advantage Plans -Part C and Medicare Prescription Coverage - Part D, it also provides ways to help with the cost including the Medicare Savings Program, Extra Help and EPIC. Following the presentation there will be time allotted for break-out sessions for personal counseling.

Registration is underway.

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesday, December 2

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, November 18 and December 16

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

Social Work Intern

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17, 24, December 1, 8
3:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25, December 2, 9
5:00 - 8:00 PM

Fridays, November 7, 14, 21, December 5, 12
2:00 - 5:00 PM

The Library offers a free service to patrons through the Social Work Intern Program at the Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare. Patrons will receive one-on-one assistance completing forms/applications, referrals to mental health resources and other topics.



Crochet Class

Wednesdays, November 5 and 19, 6:00 - 7:45 PM

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.

All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, November 7, 14, 21, 28

Fridays, December 5, 12, 19, 26

5:15- 6:15 PM

This class is for all levels. Improve flexibility and posture, build strength, and calm your mind. All levels are welcome. Please bring a yoga mat. Must be able to get up and down off the floor.

Author Talk

Christie Leigh and Cheryl Babirad

Sunday, November 9, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Join mother and daughter, Cheryl and Christie Leigh Babirad, for an author talk and book signing. They will be reading from their collaborative poetry book, Lilacs and Roses. They will also have additional books of theirs available, as well as a holiday treat!



Shed the Meds

Wednesday, November 12, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Department will be at the Library to collect medications for safe disposal to protect our environment and children. Sorry, no liquids, no sharps will be accepted.

Catholic Health Bus

Wednesday, November 12, 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Catholic Health will provide a mobile bus with free health screenings including cardiac history, blood pressure, cholesterol and diabetes testing. You must be 18 years of age to attend, no insurance necessary.

GRASP & ESL Assessments

Thursday, November 20, 4:00 - 8:00 PM

High School Equivalency (GRASP) is designed for those who are able to speak, read and write in English, but unable to attend classes and are preparing for the GED exam. English as a Second Language (ESL) provides limited English-proficient students with a functional knowledge of the English language. Western Suffolk BOCES Programs are for adults 21 and older. NO COST to qualifying students.

Deep Stretch Yin Yoga

Tuesday, November 25

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 23, 30

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Yin yoga targets your deep connective tissues, like your fascia, ligaments, and joints. Join Angelina for this meditative class, and learn how to breathe through discomfort and sit with your thoughts. Please bring a yoga mat.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Snack Smart: Date and Nut Bites and Warm Chai Latte

Wednesday, November 19

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Join Amal for a delicious and nutritious experience! Learn how to make energizing date and nut bites enhanced with spirulina, paired with a comforting warm chai latte. This program combines wellness, flavor and is perfect for anyone interested in healthy snacking and cozy seasonal drinks. Sampling included.

North Babylon patrons only.



Italian Sushi

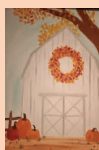
Sunday, December 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Learn how to make Italian sushi with various Italian meats (salami, pepperoni, prosciutto), cheeses (mozzarella, provolone), pesto, and arugula. Top it off with a balsamic glaze and a touch of olive oil. Each patron makes their own roll to cut into pieces. There is a \$5 non-refundable fee, payable at registration.

Paint Night: Autumn Barn

Tuesday, November 18, 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.**



Ceramic Leaf Lantern

Thursday, November 20

5:30 - 7:30 PM

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



Art with Pamela:

Cozy Winter Night

Thursday, December 4

6:00 - 7:30 PM

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



Ceramic Snowman

Thursday, December 11

5:30 - 7:30 PM

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



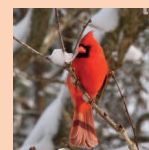
All fees are non-refundable.

Sewing Club

Tuesdays, November 25 and December 9

10:00 - 11:30 AM

Bring your sewing machine, tools (scissors, seam ripper, etc), and materials to the library to work on your projects. You must know how to thread a bobbin and use your machine. Our sewing expert Sue will be on hand to answer questions.



Winter Birds of Long Island

Wednesday, December 3

11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

Did you know that Long Island has almost as many birds in winter as we do in summer? Using photos and interesting and fun facts, Dianne Taggart (long time birder) will tell us all about the Long Island birds of winter.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, December 6

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

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



Movies are back!

Friday Movies

1:00 - 3:00 PM



November 14-*The Penguin Lessons* (PG-13)

December 19-*The Wedding Banquet* (R)

Coffee and tea will be served..

Sunday Family Movies

2:00 - 4:30 PM



November 30-*How to Train Your Dragon* (PG)

December 28-*Bad Guys 2* (PG)

Enjoy a movie with family & friends!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration for all Children's classes begins November 1 and December 1. North Babylon School District residents only with a valid library card. Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make an event accessible to you.

Saturday Games

Saturdays, November 1 and December 6

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Come by and enjoy playing various games with family and friends. *No Registration Required.*

Minecraft Creeper

Monday, November 3, 6:30-7:15 PM

Grades: 3-5

Create a 3D picture of Creeper from Minecraft! Use wooden blocks, and combine art, engineering, and problem solving for a fun and interactive project. Includes picture frame. *Registration is underway.*

Children's Chess Club

Tuesdays, November 4 and December 9, 30

Wednesday, November 26

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Practice your game and perfect your skills n chess matches with teen chess players! Beginners welcome.



Drop in Surprise Craft

Wednesday, November 5 and

Tuesday, December 2

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Pick from an assortment of crafts to make and take home. *No Registration Required.*



Catching Colors

Thursday, November 6, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

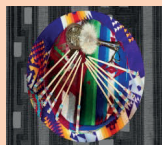
Orange

Thursday, December 18, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Blue

Ages: 18 months - 4 years

Have fun learning colors with music, games, and activities.



Game of Sticks

Friday, November 7, 4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: 1-5

Celebrate Native American Heritage Month by diving into the amazing stories of indigenous Long Islanders. Explore artifacts, and create a traditional native "sticks" game to take home.

Parent-Child Workshops

Fridays, November 7, 14, 21, December 5, 12

10:30 AM - 12:00 Noon

Ages 1-5 (PreK with their Adult)

November 7: *Importance of Play*

November 14: *Nutrition*

November 21: *Understanding Toddlers*

December 5: *Pediatric Dentistry*

December 12: *Story Time*



Experience a get together with other parents and their children, and enjoy play time, activities, and a visit from a childcare professional at each of the first four sessions who will be available to answer any of your questions. Handouts, informational literature, and resources available at each session, for each different topic.

Family Story Time

Saturdays, November 8 and December 13

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Grades: Birth - Grade 5

Enjoy stories, songs and a fun craft!



Tots Night Out

Monday, November 10, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Thanksgiving Turkey

Monday December 15, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Gingerbread Man

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

Enjoy music, movement, activities, stories and a craft with your little one!



Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, November 12, 19, December 3, 10

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

Fridays, November 14, 21, December 5, 26

6:30 - 7:00 PM,

Ages: 2 - 5

Join us for stories, crafts and activities.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Drop In Play Date

**Thursdays, November 13, 20 and December 4, 11
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Ages: 1 - 5

Meet up with friends, or make new ones, for yourself and your little one. We supply the toys - you supply the fun! *No Registration Required.*

Sew With Miss Sue

Thursday, November 13, 4:00-5:30 PM:

Cat Pillow

Wednesday, December 10, 4:00-5:30 PM:

Gingerbread Man Tote

Grades: 1-5

Learn how to stitch by hand and to sew a different fun item at each session.

Fun with Play Doh

Thursday, November 13, 4:00 - 7:00 PM

Ages: 3-9

Stop by the Children's Room and have fun being creative with Play-Doh! Take your creations home. *No Registration Required.*

Mad Science-Lights..Cameras...Action!

Friday, November 14, 4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-5

Children will conduct various experiments to produce and separate white light into colors, and use prisms and lenses. Take home a Technicolor Blender to demonstrate Newton's color wheel invention.

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, November 15, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5

Enjoy an interactive story time for even the most restless listener, followed by sensory bins for children to play with.

Art With Miss Laura

Saturday, November 15: *Andy Warhol*

Saturday, December 20: *Etel Adnan*

2:00-3:00 PM

Grades: 2-5

Learn about famous artists, and their techniques, from Miss Laura! Create your own masterpiece based on the featured artist's techniques. "Dress for a Mess," as painting is involved.



For Tweens programs (grades 4-8) please see the Teen Section.

Ceramic Happy Turkey

Monday, November 17, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Grades: 2 - 5

Paint an adorable turkey to decorate your room, or holiday table.

Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, November 18, December 16

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 18 months

You and your child will enjoy music, lap-time rhymes, free-play time with age-appropriate toys and bubbles!

Lego Fun

Wednesdays, November 19 and

December 17

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Create a project with Legos and see it displayed in our Library display case.



Imagination Station

Thursday, November 20, Friday, December 19

4:00 - 7:00 PM

Grades: PreK - 5

Stop into our Imagination Station and see what you can create with various crafting materials. *No Registration Required.*

Baby Start

Saturdays, November 22 and December 20

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Ages: Birth - 17 months

Introduce your littlest learner to the wonderful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor activities and finger plays.

Family Yoga

Saturdays, November 22 and December 6

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Ages: 5 - 8 with parents

Learn and practice yoga poses with your child, enjoy yoga stories, games and songs. All families are welcome. Bring yoga mats, towels and water bottles.

Zumba Kids

Saturdays, November 22 and December 13,

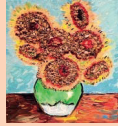
2:00 - 2:45 PM

Grades: K-5

Develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness, with movement to music.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Van Gogh Inspired Sunflower Painting **Monday, November 24, 6:30-7:30 PM** **Grades: K-5**



Children will love creating a sunflower painting with a textured twist, inspired by the artist Vincent Van Gogh.

Sleepy Time Tales **Tuesdays, November 25 and December 23** **6:30-7:15 PM**

Ages: 1 - 5

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

Drop in Games and Crafts **Saturday, November 29, 11:00 - 3:00 PM** **Grades: PreK - 5**

Stop by the Children's Room and enjoy making crafts, and spending time playing board games, with friends and family! *No Registration Required.*

Seashell Ornaments **Thursday, December 4, 4:00-5:00 PM** **Grades: 1-5**



Celebrate the season by crafting beautiful ornaments made from oyster and clam shells. Decorate your own sparkly, decoupage seashell ornament, perfect for adding a splash of ocean magic to your decor.

Agate Slice Necklace and Mosaic Gift Box **Monday, December 8, 6:30 - 7:30 PM** **Grades: K - 5**

Everyone will enjoy creating an agate slice necklace and mosaic gift box. The necklace and box combination would make a wonderful holiday gift or keep for yourself!

Mad Science-The Science of Toys **Tuesday, December 9, 4:00-5:00 PM** **Grades: K-5**

Play with and discover what makes toys work. Both familiar and novel gadgets will be explored. Work with gears, and magnets to make things move, and even create a circuit with the human touch. Explore toys that cause potential and kinetic energy, center of gravity, magnets that attract and repel, and more. This class winds down with a Yo-Yo to take home.

White Chocolate Polar Bear Cocoa Bomb **Thursday, December 11, 4:00-5:00 PM** **Grades: K-5**



Stuff a white chocolate polar bear with cocoa mix that you prepare, then seal with more white chocolate, and decorate. Take your creation home to enjoy!

3D Snowman on Canvas **Tuesday, December 16, 4:00-5:00 PM** **Grades: K-5**

Design a 3D snowman on canvas using wooden blocks. Add paint, snowflakes, a top hat, and other accessories to make this exercise in creativity a keeper.

Ring In The Holidays With Aromatherapy **Thursday, December 18, 4:00-5:00 PM** **Grades: K-5**

Learn how to use aromatherapy and essential oils to make the Holiday season bright. Make a holiday perfume lotion and a holiday spray to help you enjoy the season. Participants leave with products, recipes, and resources.

Stories and Stretches **Saturday, December 20, 11:00 - 11:45 AM** **Ages: 2 - 5**

Enjoy an interactive story time where children will act out characters, scenery and stories through gentle stretches and child yoga poses.

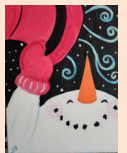
Winter Recess Programs

Winter Crafts Fest **Monday, December 22, 4:00 - 7:00 PM** **Grades: PreK - 5**

Enjoy making different winter crafts to take home!

Sweetbriar Nature Center Animal Interviews **Monday, December 29, 3:00 - 4:00 PM** **Ages: 3 and Up**

Meet and interact with at least one representative from each of the amphibian, reptile, bird and mammal groups. Enjoy an ancient turtle, curious bird, a furry mammal and some surprise visitors. *No Registration Required.*



Children's Paint Night-Snowman **Monday, December 29, 6:30 - 7:30 PM** **Grades: K - 5**

Paint, with guidance, a delightful snowman tipping his top hat!

YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration for all Young Adult classes begins Saturday, November 1. Young Adult classes are for North Babylon School District residents only with a valid library card and currently in grades 6 – 12.

Hobbit Door Hang

Wednesday, November 5, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

Embark on a fantastical journey and craft your own charming Hobbit-style door hanging. Using a variety of craft supplies, you'll design and personalize your door hang to look just like a natural hobbit entrance.

Mini Diamond Painting

Wednesday, December 10, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Dive into the colorful world of shimmering mosaic art as you design and craft your own diamond keychains.

Tweens Grades 4-8

Double Slime Time

Wednesday, November 12, 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Make two kinds of textured slime with a fun fall scent and then decorate your containers to take home.

Team Up! Ceramic Picture Frames

Wednesday, December 3, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Paint your own colorful picture frame right alongside your adult! Bring them home and use them to display your favorite pictures together.

Game On!

Tuesday, December 30 3:30-4:30 PM

Join a fun-filled space where tweens can relax, connect, and enjoy a variety of games! Whether you're into video games or classic board games, there's something for everyone. Make new friends, and have a blast.

Do You Need Community Service Hours?

Teens can earn community service hours by bringing in donations for our donation boxes.

Sealed non-expired items such as: canned or boxed non-perishable foods. Every four items will earn students one hour of community service. Please bring your items to the Reference Desk to receive credit. *A maximum of two hours per student will be accepted each calendar month.*

Community Service Programs:

Chess Buddies CSC

Tuesdays, November 4 and December 9, 30

Wednesday, November 26

6:00 - 7:30 PM

Help younger children improve their chess skills by playing games with them.

Gratitude and Gifts CSC

Monday, November 17, 3:30 - 4:30 PM

Join us as we explore building positive self esteem by starting gratitude journals.

Dear Future Self... CSC

Monday, December 8, 4:00 - 5:00 PM

Come write letters to your future self as we reflect upon this past year and set goals for the next one!

Tiny Art CSC

Wednesday, December 17, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Teens will create small, vibrant works of art on tiny canvases to display in the library.

North Babylon Public Library
815 Deer Park Avenue
North Babylon, New York 11703-3812
(631) 669 - 4020

Board of Trustees
Tory T. Hare, President
Laurie Atlas
Theresa DeBlasi
Ira Hester
Pat Ziegler

Library Hours (subject to change):
9 AM - 8 PM, Monday – Friday
9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday
1 PM - 5 PM, Sunday (Oct - May)

A Non-Profit Organization
U.S. Postage
PAID
Babylon, New York
Permit No. 186

*****ECRWSS**

POSTAL CUSTOMER

The North Babylon Public Library does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.