

News & Notes

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Adult Program Registration

Registration begins January 2. Non-residents may register January 9.

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.

Happy New Year!

Thank you to everyone who made Emily's Toy Drive and our Giving Tree such a success!

Children's Reading Clubs

Read-To-Me Club

Monday, January 26 thru

Saturday, March 14

Ages: Birth - Five Years

Have fun reading to your little one and earning prizes while instilling a love of reading and learning that will last a lifetime.



Winter Reading Club

Monday, January 26 thru

Saturday, March 14

Grades K-5

Join the Winter Reading Club and have fun earning prizes while improving your reading and comprehension skills!



Pre-Beginning ESL

Mondays and Wednesdays

February 9 - May 14

10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Unlock the power of language with our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course. Perfect for those who are just beginning to learn English, this program is designed to enhance speaking and listening abilities and allow you to connect to the world around you. This is a *free* program for students to improve their English. LIEOC, SUNY Farmingdale sponsors this program.

Neighborhood Forest: Tree Giveaway

For students under 18

February 1- March 15

The North Babylon Library is partnering with Neighborhood Forest to provide free trees for kids to plant during Earth Week. Parents/guardians, sign your child up for a free tree by March 15th! Trees are set to arrive in time for Earth Day 2026. We will be in touch with you regarding when you can come and pick up your tree! Ask at the Reference Desk.

Concerts

Tennessee Walt's Big-Time Lonesome Town: The Songs of Kris Kristofferson

Sunday, January 18

2:00 - 3:30 PM

In the late 1960s, a young songwriter named Kris Kristofferson burst onto the Nashville scene. He spent the next half-century as an iconic singer/songwriter. He was also a Hollywood star, headlining such films as Pat Garrett and Billy the Kid, Alice Doesn't Live Here Anymore, A Star Is Born, Heaven's Gate and Lone Star. For many fans, he was simply the greatest songwriter in the history of country music.



Touch the Sky

Sunday, February 8

2:00 - 3:30 PM

The Shiloh Piano and Cello Duo will travel through various musical genres, performing their unique arrangements of popular songs. From the melodic strains of Danny Boy, to the fun and edgy theme from Mission Impossible. Genres include traditional music, jazz, hip hop, pop, film scores, anime, country and good old rock and roll – all presented “Shiloh-Style”.

ADULT PROGRAMS

One-on-One Medicare

Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, January 6 and February 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, January 20 and February 17

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Enrollment assistance for 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

Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 17 and 24

5:00 - 8:00 PM

Fridays, January 30, February 6, 13, 20 and 27

1:00 - 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.

Cook and Chat

Friday, February 27

3:30 - 4:30 PM

Join us as we share our favorite recipes with each other and learn how to spice up your normal weeknight dinners! Our social work intern will bring a homemade focaccia bread to share.

Sewing Club

Tuesdays, January 13 and February 24

3:00 - 4:30 PM

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.

Deep Stretch Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, January 13, 27

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 24

5:30 - 6:30 PM

Yin Yoga targets your deep connective tissues, like your fascia, ligaments, and joints. Join Angelina for this meditative class, Please bring a yoga mat.

The Examined Life: What Is Philosophy?

Thursday, January 15

6:00 – 7:30 PM

Philosophical reflection is an expression of our very humanity. Please join us as we try to make sense of this very human activity with Matt Konig, PhD.

All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, January 9, 16, 23, 30

Fridays, February 6, 13

5:30- 6:30 PM

This class is for all levels. Improve flexibility and posture. Please bring a yoga mat.

Stretch your Dough

Wednesday, January 21

10:00 -11:00 AM

Join Laura from LI Cares to learn how to stretch your food dollars. We will discuss ways to find affordable and desirable food in your community.

GRASP & ESL Assessments

Thursday, January 22

4:00 - 8:00 PM

High School Equivalency (GRASP) is designed for those students unable to attend classes and are preparing for the GED exam. English as a Second Language (ESL) provides functional knowledge of the English language. Adults 21 and older.

Self-Care Jars & Journaling

Friday, January 23

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Self-Care Jars are a thoughtful way to nurture moments of tranquility and self-reflection. Add journaling to your daily habits to organize your thoughts.

Starting a Business on a Small Budget

Saturday, January 24

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Learn the basics of setting up a business. What steps are needed as you start your planning. Topics will include: financial, legal marketing, financing and more. This program is presented by S.C.OR.E.

Sazón y Corazón: Healthy Latin Flavors

Sunday, February 1

2:00 – 3:00 PM

In this fun and flavorful class, we'll put a fresh twist on a Latin favorite by making gluten-free waffles from plátanos. You'll learn how to prepare a version topped with shredded chicken and cabbage or with homemade berry compote and whipped cream. **\$5 fee.**

ADULT PROGRAMS

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. Checks must be made payable to North Babylon Public Library

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
Guggenheim Museum (NEW)
Intrepid Sea, Air and Space Museum

Long Island Children's Museum (NEW)
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
The Argyle Theater, \$5 discount
Bronx and NYC Zoos/Aquarium, online
CM Performing Arts Center, 20% discount
Gateway Playhouse, half price, online
Manes Studio Theater, \$5 discount

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.

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North Babylon Library Card and password/pin**

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Tumble Books
Comics Plus

E-books and audiobooks
General magazines
Stream films/documentaries
Children's books
Digital comics, graphic novels

Help Support our Community

We maintain drop off boxes for:
Food for a local food pantry
Eye glasses/hearing aids for the Lions Club
Pet food/supplies for the Babylon Animal Shelter

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings
Tuesdays, January 20 and February 17
6:00 PM

Discussion Groups

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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

Tuesday, January 27
Quiet Game – Greg Iles



Tuesday, February 24

This month bring your favorite magazine or journal article. *Please no articles to debate.*

Career Counselor

Mondays, January 5, and February 2

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, January 17 and February 21

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:

Thursday, January 1, New Years Day
Monday, January 19, Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Monday, February 16, Presidents Day

ADULT PROGRAMS

Friday Movies

1:00 PM

January 30-*The Naked Gun (PG-13) (85 min)*
February 27-*Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (PG) (124 min)*
Coffee and tea will be served.



Sunday Family Movies

2:00 PM

January 25-*Elio (PG) (97 min)*
February 22-*Lilo & Stitch (PG) (107 min)*
Enjoy a movie with family & friends!

Ceramic Butterfly Lantern

Thursday, January 8

5:30 - 7:30 PM

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



Paint Night: Snowman and Cardinal

Tuesday, January 20

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 Snail Planter

Thursday, February 5

5:30 - 7:30 PM

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



Art with Pamela:

Pines at Sunrise

Thursday, February 12

6:00 - 7:30 PM

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

All fees are non-refundable.

In Honor of our country's 250th anniversary
Benjamin Tallmadge and the Tallmadge Trail
Saturday, January 17

3:00 - 4:15 PM

This talk takes us on a visual PowerPoint presentation of his life, being born in Setauket, going to Yale at a young age, befriending Nathan Hale, becoming the Culper Spy Ring leader and leading a daring raid to attack a British fort in Mastic. We go on a journey which started in Mt. Sinai Harbor, to Mastic and back and visit all the structures that Tallmadge and his unit may have seen along the way. Presented by historian, Robert von Bernewitz.

Black Contributions to America

Thursday, February 19

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Professor Jackson will present the Contributions to America by African Americans. Topics will include: Black men and women soldiers, inventions, education, technology, NASA, the arts, librarianship and other areas. Professor Jackson is an author, veteran, librarian and Professor of Black Studies at York College.



Rhythm and Wellness

Friday, February 6

10:30 – 11:30 AM

Join us for a fun and uplifting Latin dance workshop designed to boost your mental health and well-being! Move your body, lift your spirit, and connect with the rhythm of salsa, bachata, and merengue in a supportive and joyful environment. No experience needed, just bring your energy and an open heart!



AARP Smart Driver Course

Saturday, February 7

9:30 AM - 4:30 PM

This course refreshes skills and can qualify you for an auto insurance discount. Please bring your membership card (if applicable) and driver's license to class. There will be a break for lunch. Fee: \$25 for members (with card at registration) or \$30 for non-members.

Why and How to Prepare a Business Plan

Saturday, February 14

10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Thinking about starting a business, but you need a plan. Learn steps for creating a business plan such as start up costs, financing, budgeting and more.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration for all Children's classes begins January 2 and February 2. 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.

Drop in Craft

**Friday, January 2 and
Tuesday, February 3
4:00 - 7:00 PM**

Grades: PreK - 5

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



Saturday Games

**Saturdays, January 3 and February 7
11:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

Grades: PreK - 5

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

Children's Paint Night-Little Snowman

**Monday, January 5
6:30 - 7:30 PM**

Grades: K - 5

Paint an adorable little snowman perched on a mitten!



Children's Chess Club

**Tuesdays, January 6, 27 and February 10 and 17
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

Grades: 1 - 5

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



Lego Fun!

**Wednesdays, January 7 and February 11
4:00 - 4:45 PM**

Grades: 1 - 5

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

Catching Colors

Thursday, January 8, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

White

Thursday, February 12, 10:30 - 11:00 AM

Purple

Ages: 18 months - 4 years

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



Imagination Station

**Fridays, January 9 and February 20
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.*



Tots Night Out

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

Snowmen at Night

Monday February 23, 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Winter Weather

Ages: 18 months - 5 years

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

Mad Science-Sonic Sounds

Tuesday, January 13, 4:15-5:15 PM

Grades: 1-5

Music and all sorts of sounds will engage you in sound experiments and live demonstrations. Alter your voice to gruff monsters, or happy chipmunks, and much more! Take home your own Sonic Horn.

Drop In Play Date

**Thursdays, January 15, 29 and February 5, 19
10:00 AM - 12:00 Noon**

Ages: 1 - 5 years

Meet up with friends, or make new ones, for yourself and your little one. *No Registration Required.*



Kandi Sushi & Slime! (Yum)

Thursday, January 15

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Have fun during this two part program! First make candy sushi with your favorite candies, and then make your own fun slime to take home.

Baby Start

Saturdays, January 17 and February 28

10:00 - 10:45 AM

Ages: Birth - 17 months

Introduce your littlest learner to activities including music, movement, fine and gross motor activities and finger plays.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, January 20 and February 17

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 18 months

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

Binary Code Bracelets

Friday, January 23

4:15-5:15 PM

Grades: 1-5

Discover the magic of binary code with our kids' class on making binary bracelets.



Art With Miss Laura

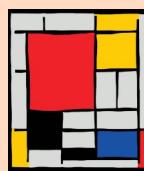
Saturday, January 24: Piet Mondrian

Saturday, February 21: Jim Dine

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, with each session featuring a world-renowned artist. "Dress for a Mess," as painting is involved!



Ceramic Winter Wonderland Snowman

Monday, January 26

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Grades: 2 - 5

Bring your beautiful winter wonderland snowman to life with guided instruction!



Snow Bunnies

Wednesday, January 28

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Ages 3 years and up

What do animals do in the winter? Listen to a story about a bunny and meet a live bunny, or two, as well as a couple of special guests, and learn how they adapt.

Family Yoga

Saturdays, January 31 and February 28

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Ages: 5 - 8 years with parents

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

Zumba Kids

Saturdays, January 31 and February 21

12:00 - 12:45 PM

Grades: K-5

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

Children's Paint Night-Chinese New Year's Horse

Monday, February 9

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Grades: K - 5

Paint, with guidance, a beautiful symbol of the new year!



Mini Breakable Chocolate Hearts

Tuesday, February 10

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-5

Decorate a chocolate heart and fill it with chocolate treats. Each comes with a wooden hammer to break open the heart.

Story Times

Family Story Time

Saturdays, January 10 and February 14

10:30 - 11:00 AM

Grades: Birth - Grade 5

Enjoy stories, songs and a craft!



Sleepy Time Tales

Tuesdays, January 13 and

February 24

6:30-7:15 PM

Ages: 1 - 5 years

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

Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, January 14, 21, February 18, 25

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

Fridays, January 16, 23, February 6, 27

6:30 - 7:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 years

Join us for stories, crafts and activities.

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, January 24

11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 years

Join us for this interactive story time for even the most restless listener .

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Sew With Miss Sue— Heart Pillow

Wednesday, February 11

4:00-5:30 PM

Grades: 1-5

Learn how to stitch by hand. Learn how to sew a special heart pillow with Miss Sue.



Stuff-A-Pet

Wednesday, February 18

4:00 - 4:45 PM

Grades: K - 5

Choose your pet from a variety of adorable pets to stuff and take home! Select a T-shirt to decorate for your pet to wear.

Winter Forest Scene

Thursday, February 19

4:00 - 5:00 PM

Grades: K - 5

Paint a calm and beautiful winter scene on glass. Project comes with a frame.

Snow Globe Cupcakes

Friday, February 20

6:30-7:30 PM

Grades: K-5

Have fun decorating cupcakes with frosting, candies, and more. Take them home in a bakery box to enjoy!



Stories and Stretches

Saturday, February 21

11:00 - 11:45 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years

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



Derpy the Dazzling Tiger

Wednesday, February 25

4:00-4:45 PM

Grades: 3-5

Create a colorful masterpiece featuring Derpy the goofy blue tiger from K-Pop Demon Hunters!



Mad Science-Movie Effects

Thursday, February 26

4:15-5:15 PM

Grades: 1-5

Sit in the director's chair and discover the science behind the amazing effects from your favorite movies! Make your own mini movie flipbook that you can take home.

Make Some Noise

Friday, February 27

4:15-5:15 PM

Grades: 1 - 5

Celebrate Black History Month and set sail on a musical adventure! Discover how African-American whalers shaped the songs of the sea and inspired rhythms that became jazz and hip hop. Use shells to make your own African inspired sistrum.



Tween programs Grades 4-8 only

Tween Winter Cottage Painting

Friday, January 9

4:00 – 5:00 PM

Tweens will enjoy painting a beautiful scene of a cottage in a snowy woods.

Clay Creations-Tween Art Lab

Wednesday, January 14

6:00-7:00 PM

Create fun sculptures, charms, figurines, or unique decorations using colorful air dry clay, and take home your own handmade masterpiece!



Tween Crime Scene Investigation

Tuesday, January 27

4:00-5:00 PM

Search the scene for clues, analyze your findings, and interpret the evidence to identify a suspect.

Tweens Gummy Valentine Kabobs

Thursday, February 12

4:00-5:00 PM

Make a fun and yummy Valentine Kabob with various gummy and marshmallow candy. Learn how to make sour belt ribbons and bows.

Game On!

Tuesday, February 17

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. Come level up your game skills, make new friends, and have a blast in a friendly, welcoming environment.



YOUNG ADULT PROGRAMS

Registration for all Young Adult classes begins Friday, January 2. Young Adult classes are for North Babylon School District residents only with a valid library card and currently in grades 6 - 12.

Drop in Craft: Penguin Bank

Wednesday, January 7

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Stop into the library and paint a cute little ceramic penguin bank. *No Registration Needed*

Teen Study Sessions

Tuesday, January 20 and Thursday, January 22

2:45 – 4:45 PM

This dedicated space is for teens to gather and study during the testing week. Small groups are welcome as well as quiet discussions about testing content. *No Registration Needed*

Lego Crab Robotics

Wednesday, January 21

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Join us for a hands-on robotics adventure as we build and code our very own LEGO SPIKE Prime crab Crabby! This friendly crustacean might have claws, but don't worry he doesn't pinch.

Vintage Record Painting

Wednesday, February 25

6:00 – 7:00 PM

Paint a hip masterpiece on a vintage record to hang on your bedroom wall.

100 Books before Graduation

100 Books before Graduation is a reading challenge for teens to read 100 books before they graduate from high school. All participants must have a valid North Babylon Library Card and must currently be in grades 6-12. Register on the North Babylon Public Library website and log your books online. Every 10 books you read will earn you a prize!

Do You Need Community Service Hours?

Teens can earn community service hours by bringing in 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

Tuesdays, January 6 and 27, February 10 and 17

6:00 - 7:30 PM

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

Bookmark Bonanza

Wednesdays, January 28 and February 18

6:00 - 7:00 PM

Design and create unique bookmarks to share with fellow library patrons.

Tiny Art

Wednesday, February 4

5:00 - 6:00 PM

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

Thrive & Shine: A Self-Care Guide

Friday, February 13

3:30 - 4:30 PM

This is an empowering program designed for teens to discover the importance of self-care. Through engaging activities, practical tips, and inspiring conversations, teens will learn how to thrive.

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9 AM - 5 PM, Saturday

1 PM - 5 PM, Sunday (Oct - May)

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