



News & Notes

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Adult Program Registration

Registration begins Friday, May 1. Non-residents may register Friday, May 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.

Summer Reading Clubs "Unearth a Story"

Signup starts Monday, June 29

North Babylon cardholders only.

All patrons who register between Monday, June 29 and Friday, July 3 can enter the raffle to win a 4 pack of Adventureland tickets.

Join us on Monday, June 29 to play games, crafts and much more.



Summer Reading Club Grades K-5

Have fun earning prizes for reading, and improve your reading and comprehension skills! Earn weekly prizes, and enter raffles! Earn a prize just for signing up!

Read-To-Me Club

Newborns through Pre-K

Read to your little one and encourage a life-long love of reading and learning while your infant/preschooler earns prizes for being a good listener.

Teen Summer Reading Club

Read books this summer and log them online to be entered into our basket raffles. Register at the Reference desk to receive a signup prize and information on how to log your books.

Adult Summer Reading Club

Dig into this summer and join the reading club. Sign up at the Reference Desk and pick up your logbook. Track your books this summer and turn in your forms to be entered in our raffle to win one of our prize baskets.

All Reading Clubs end Saturday, August 22.

Job Fair

Thursday, June 11

5:00 - 7:00 PM

Looking for a job? Visit our

Job Fair conducted by the Suffolk

County Department of Labor. Bring your resume and be ready to meet with representatives from prospective employers!



Reading Club Kickoff Events Monday, June 29

Digging for Dinosaurs

2:30-3:30 PM

Ages: 3-7

Join us and unearth your very own dinosaur to take home! *Registration required.*

Unearthing Dinosaurs

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades K-5

Join us at our dig site as we unearth a variety of "bones" and attempt to turn them into a unique creature. *Registration required.*

Birds of Prey

6:30-7:30 PM

Ages 5 and Up

Birds of prey are some of the most magnificent animals in the world. Join us, and meet owls, a falcon, a hawk and more. *No registration necessary.*



Seed Library

available through June 30

We are offering more than 60 different types of seeds covering vegetables, flowers, herbs and leafy greens. Adult and teen North Babylon Library card holders can receive up to 5 seed packs. Simply fill out an order form at our Reference desk. While supplies last. *North Babylon adult and teen cardholders only.*

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*
Fink's Country Farm (NEW, begins in June)
Fire Island Lighthouse*
Garvies Point Museum and Preserve*
Guggenheim Museum
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*
Town of Babylon Beach Permit
Town Of Babylon Pool Pass
Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium*
Waterdrinker Farm* (Manorville) (NEW)
* *Printable pass*

Discount Codes

Adventure Park at LI, 15% discount
The Argyle Theater, \$5 discount
Bronx and NYC Zoos/Aquarium, 20% online
CM Performing Arts Center, 20% discount
Gateway Playhouse, half price, online
Manes Studio Theater, \$5 discount
Splish Splash, \$44.99
Stop by the Circulation Desk to receive codes.

Discount Tickets

Adventureland \$35(**on sale May 11**)
LI Aquarium, Adult \$39, Child/Senior \$28
Beginning May 1, 6 tickets maximum per family.
Cash only, exact change, please.
Tickets are non-refundable.

The Library will be closed:

Monday, May 25 for Memorial Day
Friday, June 19 for Juneteenth

The Library is closed Sundays beginning May 10

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.

Career Counselor

Mondays, May 4 and June 1

6:00 - 8:00 PM

Saturdays, May 16 and June 20

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Meet with professional Career Counselor Barbara McCleave for help with resumes and career options. Appointment required. *North Babylon cardholders only.*

Upcoming Board of Trustees Meetings

Tuesdays, May 19 and June 16

6:00 PM

Monthly Discussion Groups

10:00 - 11:00 AM

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

Tuesday, May 26

Golden Spoon-Jessa Maxwell

Tuesday, June 30

Remarkably Bright Creatures-Shelby Van Pelt



Clothing Swap

Friday, May 8

3:00-5:00 PM



Looking to upgrade your wardrobe or clean out some closet space? Come down to our clothing swap. Bring your friends and trade any unwanted clothes for some new items! A box for clothing donations is located near the Circulation Desk.

Teens can receive community service for helping at the clothing swap and the sorting event. See Page 8 for more information.

ADULT PROGRAMS

One-on-One Medicare Counseling and Assistance

Tuesdays, May 5 and June 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, May 19 and June 16

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

Fridays, May 1, 8, 15

1:00 - 5:00 PM

Tuesdays, May 3, 12

5:00 - 8:00 PM

The Library offers a free service to patrons through the Social Work Intern Program at the Stony Brook University School of Social Welfare.

All Levels Yoga/Mobility Class

Fridays, May 8, 22, 29 June 12 and 26

5:30- 6:30 PM

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

Rhythm and Wellness

Fridays, May 8, 22, June 12 and 26

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.

Youth Enrichment Services (YES)

Friday, May 8

11:30 AM-1:30 PM

Learn about their services available for mental health and wellness.

Deep Stretch Yin Yoga

Tuesdays, May 12, 26, June 2, 9, 23 and 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, Please bring a yoga mat.

Sewing Club

Tuesdays, May 12 and June 9

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Bring your sewing machine, tools (scissors, seam ripper, etc.) to work on your projects. You must know how to thread a bobbin and use your machine.

Crochet Club

Wednesdays, May 13 and 27, June 10 and 24

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.

Shed the Meds

Thursday, May 14

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Bring your unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal by the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office.



Medical IDS

Thursday, May 14

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

The Sheriff's Office Medical ID Cards assist seniors or those with medical needs to keep all required medical information available on a small card with them at all times in case of emergency.

Living through the Revolution

Thursday, May 21

6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join Matthew Moshen a local history researcher discuss life on Long Island during British occupation between 1776-1783. Learn about the local militia and the Battle of Brooklyn.

Game Time for Adults

Mondays, May 18 and June 15

1:00-4:00 PM

Patrons are invited to come in and play games. Tables will be available for card games and we will provide board games.



Carll's River Botanical Garden Tour

Wednesday, May 20

10:00-11:00 AM

Join the Town Horticulturist, Jen Ulsheimer for a walking tour of the Carll's River Botanical Garden at Geiger Park. Come and see their Azaleas and rhododendrons in bloom. We will meet in the parking lot at W23rd Street. *North Babylon cardholders only.*

ADULT PROGRAMS

Friday Movies 1:00 PM

May 15 –*Hamnet* (PG-13) (126 min)

June 26–*Housemaid* (R) (131 min)



Classic Movie Night 6:00 PM

May 14–*Shop Around the Corner* (NR) (99 min)

Belmont Lake State Park Tour Friday, June 5 10:00 AM–12:00 PM



Join us for a walking tour of Belmont Lake State Park. Rich in history, the property was purchased by August Belmont in 1926. It is home to a significant wetland complex. Meet at the park: \$8 parking fee for those under age 62. *North Babylon adult cardholders only.*

AARP Smart Driver Course Saturday, June 6 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.

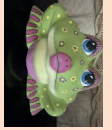
Computer Classes Computer First Grade for Adults Thursday, May 21 11:00 AM–1:00 PM

Students will learn basic word processing skills including inputting and erasing text as well as how to understand files and commands and much more. Keyboard and mouse skills are required.

Introduction to Canva Saturday, June 13 2:00–4:00 PM

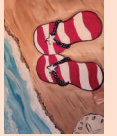
Learn how to create beautiful designs and professional graphics with Canva. Canva makes online graphic design easy. Keyboard and mouse skills necessary.

Ceramic Lady Frog Thursday, May 7 5:30 –7:30 PM



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

Paint Night Thursday, May 28 6:00 –7:30 PM



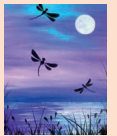
Let's paint some fun art; no experience needed. Supplies and step-by-step instructions provided. **\$10 fee.**

Ceramic Butterfly Plaque Thursday, June 4 5:30 –7:30 PM



We will be painting butterfly plaques. All supplies will be included for the class. **\$12 fee.**

Art with Pamela: Thursday, June 25 6:00–7:30 PM



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

Stop the Bleed Thursday, June 18 4:00–8:00 PM

Stop the Bleed courses train the public to save lives through three basic actions to stop life-threatening bleeding following everyday emergencies and man-made and natural disasters.

Cooking Classes Mini Cupcake Bouquet Friday, May 15 6:30–7:30 PM

Cupcakes are pre-made. You will ice and decorate them to look like flowers and then arrange the cupcakes in a small planter to finish off this beautiful treat. *North Babylon adult cardholders only.*



Cake Pops 101 Friday, June 5 6:30–7:30 PM

Learn how to make Cake Pops from start to finish. They can be created for all kinds of celebrations. *North Babylon adult cardholders only*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Registration for all Children's classes begins May 1 and June 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, May 2 and June 6

11:00 AM-3:00 PM

Grades: PreK-5 and Families

Stop in and enjoy playing various games with family and friends. *No registration required.*

Children's Chess Club

Tuesdays, May 5, 19 and June 9, 23

6:00-7:30 PM

Grades: 1-5

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

Flower Button Art In Mason Jars

Wednesday, May 6

4:00-4:45 PM

Grades: 1-5

Create a beautiful painting of flowers in mason jars on canvas. Keep or give for a Mother's Day Gift!



Drop in Crafts

Wednesday, May 6, and Tuesday June 2

4:00-7:00 PM

Grades: PreK-5

Pick from an assortment of crafts to make and take home. *No registration required.*

Drop In Play Date

Thursdays, May 7, 28 and June 4, 18

10:00 AM-12:00 PM

Ages: 1-5 years

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

Parent-Child Workshops Fridays, 10:30 AM-12:00 PM

Ages: One through Five (Preschool) with their Adult

May 8: Learning to Toilet

May 15: Feeding Little Folks

May 22: Understanding Toddlers

May 29: Importance of Play

June 5: Story Time & Play

Experience a get together with other parents and their children, play time with age-appropriate toys, activities and a visit from a different childcare professional at each of the first four sessions.



Tots Night Out

Monday, May 11 - Amusement Park Fun!

Monday June 15 - Bird Puppet

6:30-7:30 PM

Ages: 18 months -5 years

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



Just Baby and Me

Tuesdays, May 12 and June 16

10:30 -11:00 AM

Ages: Birth-18 months

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

Faux Stained Glass Butterfly Wands

Thursday, May 14

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-3

Design your own colorful "stained glass" butterfly with velum and markers. We'll affix our butterflies to a wand then add some ribbon and magic.

Baby Start

Saturdays, May 16 and June 20

12:00-12:45 PM

Ages: Birth-17 months

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

Paint Night-You are my Sunshine

Monday, May 18

6:30-7:30 PM

Grades: K-5

Paint a beautiful garden scene and sun, with the inscription "You Are My Sunshine."



Lego Fun!

Wednesdays, May 20, and June 24

4:00-4:45 PM

Grades: 1-5

Create a project with Legos and see it displayed.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Catching Colors

Thursday, May 21, 10:30-11:00 AM

Pink

Thursday, June 25, 10:30-11:00 AM

Blue

Ages: 18 months -4 years

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

Imagination Station

Fridays, May 22 and June 12

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.

Bugs!

Thursday, May 21

4:15-5:15 PM

Grades: K-5

Explore the world of insects: how to identify, how they adapt, their defenses, and much more. Take home an Insect-A-Vision kit that allows you to see like a bug!

Music With Dara

Tuesday, May 26- **On the Farm**

Wednesday, June 24- **Bug Songs**

10:30-11:15 AM

Ages: Birth-Five Years

Enjoy a musical story time with Miss Dara.

Meet The Llamas

Wednesday, May 27

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: 1-6

Learn about Llamas, and how gentle, intelligent and useful they are!



Flowerpot Sugar Cookies

Thursday, May 28

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-5

Decorate sugar cookies with a flowerpot design!

Zumba Kids

Saturdays, May 30 and June 27

12:30-1:15 PM

Grades: K-5

Join us for this exciting and fun dance party that helps children develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of their lives.

Story Times

Pre-School Story Time Classes

Wednesdays, May 13, 27 and June 10, 17

10:30-11:00 AM

Ages: 2-5 years

Fridays, May 15, 29 and June 5, 26

6:30-7:00 PM

Ages: 2-5 years

Join us for stories, crafts and activities.



Family Story Time

Saturdays, May 9 and June 13

10:30 -11:00 AM

Grades: Birth-Grade 5

Enjoy stories, songs and a craft!

Sensory Story Time

Saturday, May 16

11:00 AM -12:00 PM

Ages: 2-5 years

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

Sleepy Time Tales

Tuesdays, May 26 and June 16

6:30-7:15 PM

Ages: 1-5 years with Parent

Come with your little one (in pajamas if you'd like) for bedtime stories, music, and a play time with other little ones. Don't forget to bring your favorite stuffie!



PlayHooray Families

Saturday, May 30

11:00-11:45 AM

Saturday, June 13

1:00-1:45 PM

Ages: Birth-Six Years

Enjoy music lively activities, play with hula hoops, drums, hobby horses, instruments, and so much more!



Wooden USA 250th Sign

Monday, June 8

6:30-7:30 PM

Grades: K-5

Paint a wooden sign suitable for tabletop display with the words: "USA-250th" with stars and fireworks!

CHILDREN'S/TWEEN PROGRAMS

Day At The Beach Cupcakes

Tuesday, June 9

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-5

Decorate cupcakes with candies and frosting in a fun day at the beach motif!



Decoupage Scallop Shells

Thursday, June 11

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-5

Create a beautiful trinket holder by using Modge Podge to adhere beautiful printed designs to large scallop shells, outlined with gold.



Sew With Miss Sue— Patriotic Apron

Wednesday, June 17

4:00-5:30 PM

Grades: 1-5

Sew a fun apron to wear with a patriotic theme!

Paint a Flag Chocolate Bar

Thursday, June 18

4:00-5:00 PM

Grades: K-5

Create a yummy treat using a special paint used on chocolates to create an edible American flag on a pre-poured milk chocolate bar.

Stories and Stretches

Saturday, June 20

11:00-11:45 AM

Ages: 2-5 years

Enjoy an interactive story time where children will act out stories through gentle stretches and child yoga poses. Please dress in comfortable, flexible clothing.



Children's Paint Night

Monday, June 22

6:30-7:30 PM

Grades: K-5

Paint on canvas, a beautiful stained-glass effect of the Statute of Liberty in the style of Romero Britto.



Patriotic Sensory Bottles

Thursday, June 25

4:00-4:45 PM

Grades: K-5

Create your very own patriotic sensory bottle filled with glitter, red, white and blue mini treasures, floating surprises, and special "250" numbers inside to mark this historic anniversary.

Art With Miss Laura

Saturday, June 27: *Alma Woodsey Thomas*

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!

Patriotic Pirates

Tuesday, June 30

2:30-3:30 PM

Grades: 1-5

Set sail for a swashbuckling adventure as we uncover the stories of real-life pirates and privateers who helped win America's freedom! Make a pirate hat, and design a treasure chest worthy of a Revolutionary hero.



Tween Programs Grades 4-8 only

Mother's Day Aromatherapy

Monday May 4

6:30-7:30 PM

Make a floral lip balm and a body spray for that special lady in your life.



Stuffed Animal Plaque

Wednesday, May 13

6:00-7:00 PM

Create your own wall mount with the head of a small stuffed animal. Decorate the plaque and then hang it in your room to show off your trophy.

Father's Day Aromatherapy

Wednesday, June 10

4:00-5:00 PM

Create a special surprise for your Dad, or that other great guy in your life! Make an after shave lotion and a beautifully scented hand scrub. Take home recipes and resources too!

Spotlight for Learning

TumbleBook Library is an

online collection of animated, talking picture books which teach young children the joys of reading in a format they will love.



TumbleMath a comprehensive collection of math picture books.

TEEN PROGRAMS

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

Afterschool Gaming Fridays, May 1 and 22 3:00 4:00 PM



Stop by the program room after school and play Mario Kart on our Nintendo Switch, some of our board games and enjoy a small snack. *No registration required.*

Battle of the Books Information Meeting Wednesday, June 3 6-6:30 PM

For students entering grade 6-9 in the fall. 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.

Tiny Graffiti Fence Wednesday, June 10 6:00 -7:00 PM

Create your own little fence out of popsicle sticks and “tag” it with your own spin on graffiti art. Attach it to a wooden base and decorate it using nature crafting materials.

Teen Study Sessions Thursday, June 18, Monday, June 22 and Tuesday, June 23 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM



This dedicated space is for teens to gather and study during testing weeks. Small groups are welcome as well as quiet discussions about testing content. *No registration required.*

Community Service Programs:

Bookmark Bags

Design and create unique bookmarks . *One bag per student each calendar month for 1 hour of credit.*

Chess Buddies

**Tuesdays, May 5 and 19, June 9 and 23
6:00 – 7:30 PM**

Help younger children improve their chess skills. *Teens will earn 1.5 hour of community service credit.*

Clothing Drive Sorting

**Tuesdays May 5
6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Help the library sort clothing for our clothing swap. *Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.*

Clothing Drive Volunteers

**Friday, May 8
3:00 – 4:00 PM OR 4:00 - 5:00 PM**

Help the library at their clothing swap event. *Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.*

Decorate a Bag

**Wednesday, May 27
6:00 – 7:00 PM**

Decorate tote bags for our patrons. *Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.*

Summer Reading Helpers

**Saturday, June 20
2:30 – 3:30 PM**

Help the library prepare materials for our summer reading program. *Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.*

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