

### WELCOME BOARD MEMBERS

2025 Trustee Election was held on January 8th. Emily Murphy was elected to a 5 year seat, John Grossman (President) was elected to a 4 year seat, and Andrew Thomas was elected to a 2 year seat. Thank you for coming out to vote. Sincere thanks to Nancy Loddigs (2024) and Christian Neubert (2013) for their caring service to the Library as Trustees.

#### 2026 LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM Please watch your mailbox for the Budget Newsletter with all the details on the Proposed 2026 Budget or attend the

> BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING on Monday, March 24 at 4:30 PM

## 205 East Main Street FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 5:00-9:00 PM

It's been 10 years in the planning. Tour the renovated 1812 Bayles House, check out the Library's Teen collections, services and programs and celebrate PI Day with the Library Staff.

#### **OPEN HOUSE:** Saturday, March 15 9:30 AM-5:00 PM Drop in for a tour and a taste of all we have going on.

We can't wait to see you in the Teen Center! No registration necessary.



### **CHILD ID EVENT**

Friday, April 18

9:30 AM - 3:00 PM Ages: Birth - 12 years old

Get an ID card for your child and teach them about safety, at the Library. This FREE program presented by New York Life, is designed to help children of our community stay safe. Children are digitally fingerprinted and photographed to make ID cards that are given

to parents to have on hand in case of an emergency. To receive an ID card, children must be accompanied by a parent or legal guardian.



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### **NEW TO THE LIBRARY WEBSITE**

Reserve your museum passes online with our new Museum Key. Visit portjefflibrary.org/museums

Register for programs online with our new program registration system. Check out our new calendar and new website!

## **DUMP THE JUNK SPRING CLEANING**

Please note: This event will take place in our parking lot, which will be closed beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, May 2.

### Saturday, May 3

**E-Waste Recycling with** 

**Eco-Tech Management** 

Bring your old, used, broken, work-

ing or nonworking electronics

to the Library's parking lot. Data

stored on all devices will be de-

stroyed. Most electronics are ac-

cepted, such as computers, cell phones, printers, TVs, keyboards,

cables, wires, circuit boards, and

stereos. We cannot accept large ap-

pliances, microwave ovens, fluores-

cent bulbs, and alkaline batteries.

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Shed the Meds Collection

Safely dispose of unused or expired medications. Safe disposal of these medications and needles will help protect the environment and eliminate the risk of getting into the hands of those who may misuse them. Please note: the Sheriff's Office no longer accepts Liquid medications and sharps will not be accepted at the events.

Paper Recycling with Smart Shred Mobile A shredding truck from Smart Shred Mobile will be on-site shredding of personal or non-personal documents. No binders, plastic, cardboard, carbon paper, or commercial papers please.



**TEEN CENTER NEW HOURS:** Monday - Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00 PM Friday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required for all programs and begins on Friday, February 21. Our programs are limited to Teens (grades 6-12) with a Port Jefferson Free Library Teen Card. Please call to cancel your registration (631-509-5707) if you can not attend.

All programs are scheduled for one hour unless otherwise stated.

\* Designates that food products used in this program may contain allergens.



Saturday, April 5, 2025 St. Joseph's University in Patchogue, NY Celebrate reading by connecting teens and authors.

Students in grades 5-12 are eligible to attend and earn three hours of community service by completing the survey afterward. Teens in grades 7-12 can apply to volunteer and earn six hours of community service. Applications available at the Teen Center or on our

Community Service webpage. This free event is brought to you by the public libraries of Suffolk County and St. Joseph's University.

#### **Piranha Plant 3D Print Kit** Monday, March 3

Take home this iconic plant from Super Mario to assemble. Kit includes 3D printed parts and paint to customize your character.

#### **Oil Pastel** Night

Monday, March 3 6:30 PM Unleash your creativity with oil pastels.

#### Magic the **Gathering: Commander \***

Tuesday, March 4 6:00 - 7:30 PM **Tuesday, April 8** 6:00 - 7:30 PM Command the field against your opponents.

#### **Beaded Jewelry Workshop** 6:00 PM

Wednesday, March 5 Create bracelets, necklaces, or rings.

### Dundeons & Dradons \*

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Thursdays, March 6 & April 24 6:00 - 7:30 PM Sundays, March 16 & April 6 2:00 - 3:30 PM

A side guest story that will lead to untold adventures. Stop in to see Khan before the program if you'd like help building your character.

#### SCHOOL BREAK EARLY OPENING 11:00 AM OPEN on April 14 & 18

We're opening the doors one hour earlier, at 11 AM on April 14 & 18 so you can chill, game, craft, or do homework with us in the Teen Center.

#### National Mario Day

Party \* Monday, March 10 4:30 - 6:00 PM Celebrate with Mario-themed games, challenges, and tasty treats.

VR & Chill Wednesday, March 12 4:00 - 5:30 PM Hang out in the virtual world.

#### SAT Seminar

Saturday, March 15 2:00 PM Prepare for the SAT; Learn about the test's format, content, timeline strategies, and test-taking tips.

#### **Mud Desidns** Monday, March 17

6:30 PM

Use a cricut mug press for professional-looking results.

#### Super Smash Melee x Super Smash N64

Tuesday, March 18 6:00 - 7:30 PM A clash of Melee on the gamecube and the original Super Smash on the N64.

#### **Golf with Friends**

Wednesday, March 19 Challenge your friends in virtual golf.

#### **Gang Beasts x Party Animals x Ultimate Chicken \***

Thursday, March 20 Three party games in one night. 6:00 - 7:30 PM

6:30 PM

Venom 3 Movie & Treats \*

Saturday, March 22 1:00 - 3:00 PM Enjoy treats and watch the final film of the Venom series.



### 2v2 Mario Kart Tournament

Tuesday, March 25 6:00 - 7:30 PM Race with a partner in the old and new versions on the Nintendo Switch.

Coding Wednesday, March 26 Learn the basics with Spike Prime.

6:00 PM

Minecraft: After Hours Edition\* Friday, March 28 5:30 - 7:30 PM New content in the pixel world.

### The College Admissions Essay

Sunday, March 30 2:00 PM Gain insight into the college admissions process. For Parents and teens.

#### Teen Self-Defense

6:00 PM

Monday, March 31 Principles and techniques from ancient Okinawan Karate masters. A permission slip is required for this event.

#### **Faux Flower Canvas**

Thursday, April 3 6:30 PM Make a Picasso inspired floral work.

#### Charm Necklaces

6:00 PM

Wednesday, April 9 Customize your necklace with colorful charms.

#### **3D Print & Design**

Thursday, April 10 6:00 PM Design your own object or choose a file to print. Prints may take up to 2 weeks to process.

#### **DIY Stickers** \*

Friday, April 11 4:00 PM Design, customize and print your own stickers.

### New Teen Center Grand Opening at 205 East Main Street

#### Friday, March 14

Tour the renovated 1812 Bayles House, check out the Saturday, March 15 Library's Teen collections, services, and programs, and Drop in for a tour and a taste of all we have going on. celebrate PI Day with the Library Staff.

5:00-9:00 PM Open House:

9:30 AM-5:00 PM No registration necessary.



#### Sign Language Workshop

Saturday, April 12

An introduction to ASL sentence structure and conversational vocabulary.

#### **Recycling Scrapbook Night**

Monday, April 14 6:30 PM Celebrate Earth Day by crafting using recycled materials.

#### Super Smash Bros.

#### **Tournament \***

Tuesday, April 15 6:00 - 7:30 PM Duel on the Nintendo Switch.

#### Taste Test: Jelly Beans

6:30 PM Wednesday, April 16 See if you've got what it takes to win this taste test.

#### Jeopardy

Thursday, April 17 What is "a good time at the Teen Center?"!

#### Sonic 3 Movie & Pizza \*

Friday, April 18 3:00 - 4:45 PM Sonic and friends defend planet earth against the evil Doctor Robotnik.

#### The Use of Mindful **Aromatherapy** \*

Monday, April 21 Celebrate Earth Day with Amadeus Aromatherapy. Learn to use essential oils thoughtfully as we make a Happy Vibes Body Spray and Body Balm.

2:00 PM

4:00 PM

#### Mario Kart Tourname

6:00 - 7:30 PM Tuesday, April 22 Compete on new DLC maps and use new characters on the Nintendo Switch.

#### **Decoden Frames**

Wednesday, April 23 Embellish with charms and beads.

dame.

#### **Board Game Night: Telestrations**

#### Monday, April 28 Get ready to laugh through this drawing and guessing

6:00 PM

6:30 PM

6:00 PM

### **JELLY BEAN** CONTEST April 1 - April 22

Celebrate National Jelly Bean day with a guessing contest! The guess closest to the correct number of jelly beans will win a prize. One entry per PJFL Teen cardholder.



Follow us on Instagram @portjeffteencenter



## Teen Community Service Opportunities

Need community service hours? Visit portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs or scan here

### Online Community Service These opportunities are available on our website portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs

#### **Book Review**

Earn community service hours for writing reviews for young adult novels. 4 hours for each submitted review. There is a limit of 2 reviews per month.

#### **Movie Review**

Earn community service hours for writing reviews of PG or PG-13 movies. 4 hours for each submitted review that meets the required guidelines. There is a limit of 2 reviews per month.

#### **Recycling Challenge**

Earn community service credit by recycling bottles and helping keep the community clean. See the required guidelines on our website for details. There is a limit of 10 hours per month.



Take-Home Community Service These opportunities will be available for pickup in the Teen Center beginning Saturday, March 1. Receive two hours of community service credit for each completed envelope. Limit one of each envelope per month.

**Bookmarks** Design bookmarks for the Library.

Luckv Star Oridami Create origami paper stars for Teen Center.

In-Person Community Service These opportunities take place in the Teen Center at the stated time. You will receive one hour of community service for in-person opportunities.

#### Bookshop Organizers Tuesdays, March 4 & April 1

4:00 PM The Friends of the Library Bookshop sells gently used books. Earn community service by helping organize donated books.

### Teen Meetup



Tuesday, March 11 Collaborate with librarians to plan future library activities for the Teen Center.

#### **Green Teens**

Monday, March 17 Help with gardening projects around the Teen Center.

### 4:00 PM

Perler Bead Sorters Sunday, March 23

2:00 PM

Help organize perler beads at the Teen Center.

#### Meet the Animals Sunday, April 27

#### 2:00 PM

In this introductory wildlife program, you will explore cold-blooded reptiles, furry mammals, and feathered birds, and learn about the unique characteristics of each animal class.

#### Teen Center Helpers

Mondays, March 31 & April 28 6:30 PM The librarians are seeking assistance to organize their supplies and materials.

# Children's Services

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Registration begins on the first of the month preceding the program date. Please call the Library if you are unable to attend a program in which you are registered, so that we may invite a child from the waitlist. If you fail to cancel 3 times, you will be removed from any additional programs in which you are registered.

### Early childhood programs (Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers)

Dino Storytime Saturday, March 1 Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult Enjoy some dino tales, create a craft and sing some songs.

Colorful Tales Story Time 10:30 AM Monday, March 3 Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Stories full of color and then we'll learn how to mix colors. Please dress for mess.

#### PlauHoorau Babies

Tuesday, March 4	10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 9	10:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult	

An introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music Monday, March 10 and creative movement.

#### PlauHoorau Kids

Tuesday, March 4	11:00 AM
Wednesday, April 9	11:00 AM
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Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult Music and movement to get the wiggles out and grow coordination.

#### Farm Stories and Crafts

Wednesdays	10:30 AM
March 5 : Cows	
March 12: Ducks	
March 19: Pigs	
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult	
Stories about barnyard friends with fa	rm-y crafts.

#### Paint without Paint

#### Brushes: Going Green

Thursday, March 6

10:30 AM Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Paint using all kinds of cool tools, but no paintbrushes. We'll be using lots of greens in honor of St. Patrick's Day. Please dress for mess.

#### Shamrock Tales \*

#### Thursday, March 6 Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

Themed stories and a shamrock craft using marshmallows.



#### Tiny Movers

#### 12:00 PM Friday, March 7 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

Stretch, dance, and move with your little one. This class will include breathing techniques and movements that can be modified for any level. Please sign up for only one session.

#### Dynamic Kids: Rainforest

Saturday, March 8 10:30 AM Ages: 4 - 6 years without an adult Swing with the monkeys, prowl with the jaguars

and soar with the birds. Please wear sneakers, no boots or sandals.

#### Rainbow Magic \*

Ages: 2 - 5 years old with an adult Learn about rainbows and then create one.

#### Babies Boogie

Tuesday, March 11 10:00 AM 10:00 AM Friday, April 11 Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult

Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling in this musical program.

#### Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, March 11 Friday, April 11

11:00 AM 11:00 AM

Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult Clap your hands, stomp your feet, wiggle and gig-

gle in this music and creative movement program. Sprouts and Friends

Thursday, March 13, April 10

Ages: Birth - 36 months with adult 10:00 AM Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult 11:00 AM Move and sing joyfully with your child.

#### Story Time Yoga

Friday, March 14 and April 18 Ages: 18 months - 3 years with adult 10:00 AM Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult 11:00 AM Bring favorite characters to life through yoga poses. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

St Patrick's Day Stories

and Crafts Monday, March 17 10:30 AM Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult Stories about St. Patrick's Day and some shamrockin' crafts.



#### Sensory Storytime

Tuesday, March 18, April 8 & 29 11:00 AM Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult Stories, songs and sensory play.

#### Baby Start

Thursday, March 20

10:00 AM 10:00 AM

Ages: 9 - 17 months with an adult

Music, movement, fine and gross motor development and circle time with A Time for Kids. Inc.

#### A Time for Kids 11:00 AM

Thursday, March 20: Winter Wiggles Monday, April 7: Very Hungry Caterpillar Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult Music, movement, fine and gross motor development activities, storytelling and a craft.

#### Parent Toddler Workshop Friday, March 21, 28 and April 4 10:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Play with your toddler while meeting other parents and their children. Please do not bring any snacks or drinks.

#### Pizza Story Craft

Monday, March 24 Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult Pizza tales and a pizzalicious craft.



### Dance

Laugh Play Tuesday, March 25 11:00 AM Friday, April 25 11:00 AM Ages: Birth - 4 years with an adult Can't stop, won't stop bonding with your baby.



11:00 AM

#### Tissue Paper Stained Glass Thursday, March 27 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Tissue paper will be transformed into a beautiful creation.

#### Pajama Jammy Jam

Thursday, March 27 Ages: 3 - 17 months with adult 5:30 PM Ages: 18 months - 5 years with adult 6:30 PM High-energy, music-filled movement program. You wear the PJs, Miss Heather brings the music.

#### April Fool's Storytime

**Tuesday, April 1** 11:00 AM Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult Silly stories to celebrate April Fool's Day.

#### Watercolor Wonder

#### Process Art

Thursday, April 3 10:30 AM Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Try different techniques using watercolor paints.

Please dress for mess.

#### Toddler Music

Wednesday, April 16 5:30 PM Ages: 12 months - 3 years with an adult

Sing-a-longs, instruments, props, and parachute play with Happy Feet educators.

> Please register based on the grade the child is currently attending.

### Lego Challenge

Monday, March 3 & April 7 7:00 PM Grades 2 - 6 Work in teams to build a themed creation.

#### Mini Baskeiball

#### Hoops

Tuesday, March 4 7:00 PM Grades 1 - 3 Creative crafting with a variety of materials.

Read to a Dog Wednesday, March 5, 19,

#### April 9, 23 Ages: 5 - 12 years

Chester is a great listener. Build reading confidence and support the development of a love for reading. Please call to register for one 10-minute session per date.

5:30 - 6:30 PM

#### Chess

#### Wednesdays, March 5, 19, April 9, 23 7:00 PM Grades 1 - 6

Learn strategies and sharpen your chess skills. For beginners through experienced players taught by Long Island Chess Nuts.

#### Musical Kids Wednesday, April 16

#### Ages: 3 - 6 years with an adult

Kinesthetic learning through music, movement and instrument play with Happy Feet educators.

#### Super Soccer Stars

Thursday, April 17 Ages: 2 - 3 years with an adult Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult

Develop self-confidence, physical literacy, improve gross motor skills, and build socialization skills.

#### Shake 'N Make Music

#### Saturday, April 19

10:00 AM Ages: 3 - 17 months with adult Ages: 18 months - 5 years with adult 11:00 AM High-energy, fun-filled music and movement.

#### Bugs Galore Storytime Monday, April 21 11:00 AM Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult We'll share bug tales, songs and a craft.



### school age programs

#### Nailed It!

St. Patrick's Day Edition \* Monday, March 10 7:00 PM Grades 3 - 5

Inspired by the Netflix show "Nailed It', create a masterpiece or a mishap.

#### Mixed Media Shamrock Art

Create a 3D painting. Please dress for a mess.

#### Graphic Novel Club Thursdays March 13: Hoops

#### Grades 4 - 6

Do you enjoy reading graphic novels and having book discussions? Pick up your free copy of the book at the Library in the Children's Department and finish it before our meeting.

#### Earth Day Story Craft \* Tuesday, April 22 10:30 AM

#### Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

Celebrate the 55th Anniversary of Earth Day with stories and a recycled bird feeder craft.

6:30 PM

10:00 AM

11:00 AM

Storutime in The Park at 114

#### Wednesday, April 23 Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

11:00 AM

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Listen to stories in our Park at 114. (Weather permitting)

#### Skoblicki's Scientists:

#### Recucle Relau Thursday, April 24

10:00 AM

#### Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

We'll learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle with games and a craft with Miss Michelle.



Registration will be cancelled if child is not in required grade.

#### Rainbow Bridge STEM

Friday, March 14 4:00 PM Grades 1 - 4

Build a bridge for our Leprechaun friend.

#### Lucky Penny Keychain

Monday, March 17 Grades 3 - 5

Create a keychain that's also a lucky charm.

#### Craft Stick Ocean Friend Tuesday, March 18

#### 6:30 PM Grades K - 2

Make various ocean life friends using craft sticks.

#### Snowman Snowball

Shooters

Thursday, March 20

7:00 PM

7:00 PM

6:30 PM

6:30 PM

Grades 2 - 4 How do you have a snowball fight when there is no snow? We'll build a "snowball" launcher and send them flying.

#### Melied Crayon Suncatchers Monday, March 24 6:30 PM Grades 3 - 5

Turn crayon shavings into a colorful suncatcher.



ety of materials.

Puffy Paint

Grades 2 - 4



6:30 PM

St. Patrick's Day craft using a vari-

Wednesday, March 12

April 10: The Maker's Club

#### Art Buffet: Collage

#### **Tuesday, March 25** Grades K - 3

Create using an assortment of papers, scissors, Bunny decor for the upcoming and shapes.

#### PJFL Homeschool: The Moon

**\*\*RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY 26\*\*** 12:00 PM Wednesday, March 26 Grades K - 5 Moon-themed facts and STEAM activities to fit

into your homeschool curriculum.

#### Funny Wiggling Person

Thursday, March 27 6:30 PM Grades 1 - 3

Using multi-colored cardboard strips, we'll create a wiggling person that moves without batteries.

#### Uolu Art

Tuesday, April 1				6:30 PM	
Grades K - 2					

It's no joke, we'll have a bunch of laughs as we make some ugly art in honor of April Fool's Day.

#### Seed Bombs

Wednesday, April 2	6:30 PM
Grades 2 - 5	
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Just the thing to spread flowers, beauty and smiles. Please dress for a mess.

#### Poetry Jam

Thursday, April 3 Grades 2 - 4

6:30 PM

April is National Poetry Month. We'll share poems and write our own.

#### Galaxy Jars

2:00 - 4:00 PM

G-0!

Wednesday, March 26

Craft-a-bration

Monday, March 31

required.

Saturday, April 5 Grades 3 - 5

3:00 PM

7:00 PM

10:00 - 4:00 PM

Bottle up a colorful galaxy in a mason jar. Please dress for a mess.

Sunday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13, 27

A new craft for you to drop in and make each

Play with Miss Tiffany and Miss Margaret. B-I-N-

Celebrate the humble crayon. Registration is not

Sunday Crafternoon

week. Registration is not required.

Springlime Bingo \*

National Crayon Day

#### Bunny Silhouetter 7:00 PM 6:30 PM Tuesday, April 8

Grades 2 - 5 holiday.

Terra Cotta Paint

#### Pouring Monday, April 14

Grades 3 - 5

Decorate a garden pot using the paint pour method. Please dress for a mess.

Dot Marker Bunnies **Tuesday, April 15** Grades: PreK - 2 Stories and a bunny craft.

#### Super Soccer Stars

Thursday, April 17 Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult Ages: 7 - 10 years 12:00 PM Improve not only soccer skills, but self-confidence and physical literacy, gross motor skills, and socialization skills.

#### Craft Stick Bird Feeders

Thursday, April 17 Grades K - 2

Make a bird feeder using craft sticks.



#### Yoga Time 12:00 PM Friday, April 18

Ages: 5 - 8 years old A playful introduction to yoga practices, including asanas and pranas, presented through games. Please bring

a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

### Family programs

### BenAnna Band

#### Family Concert

#### Monday, April 14

A nationally touring children's band that focuses on music and inclusion for kiddos of all ages, abilities and identities.

#### Water Safety Story Time Tuesday, April 15 1:00 PM For families of children 3 - 6 years

Local author and drowning prevention advocate, Kristine McCarren will read her book, Violet Finds Her Float to teach water safety. Learn strategies and resources to help keep your children safe in and around water.

#### Spring Fling Crafts

Wednesday, April 16 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Celebrate and create. Registration is not required.

#### Block Partu

Monday, April 28 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Build with Legos, Mega Bloks, Magna Tiles, and more. Registration is not required.

#### Family Clay

Plau Wednesday, April 30 6:00 - 8:00 PM Fun with clay for the whole family. Registration is not required.





### Perler Beads

Friday, April 18 Grades 3 - 5 Create your own design using our Perler beads.

#### Earth Day Art

Craft-a-bration Tuesday, April 22

6:30 PM

Grades K - 5 Make a variety of eco-conscious crafts.

Skoblicki's Super Scientists:

#### Recycle Relay

11:00 AM

We'll learn how to reduce, reuse and recycle with games and a craft with Miss Michelle.

#### Duck Racers

11:00 AM Thursday, April 24 6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 3 We will create some waddling ducks and then race them for prizes.



12:00 PM

#### PJFL Homeschool. Life Cucle of a Plant Wednesday, April 30 Grades K - 5

Plant facts and STEAM activities for your homeschool curriculum.





6:30 PM Thursday, April 24 Grades K - 5

6:30 PM

10:00 AM

7:00 PM



Registration Information: All fees for Adult Programs are required at registration. You must have a valid Suffolk County library card to register for programs. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. Registration is required unless otherwise noted and is ongoing for all Adult cardholders. We offer online and in person programs. Locations are noted in each program description. PJFL cardholders may register for ALL programs beginning February 21. Outside library cardholders may register beginning February 28. Online programs with a pick-up kit are ONLY ONE KIT PER LIBRARY BARCODE. Please do not register if you may not be able to attend. If you cancel, or do not show up to three programs without informing us, you will be held from registering for future programs.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a limit of two reservations per library barcode for in person art and cooking workshops.



### **Discussion Groups**



No registration is required. To pick up a copy of a book, please stop by the Adult Services Desk.

**Tuesday Morning Book Discussion** Tuesday, March 11, April 8 10:00 AM March: The Kitchen Front by Jennifer Ryan April: Tell Me Everything by Elizabeth Strout (IN PERSON)

New Voices Book Discussion Group Thursday, March 13 & April 10 11:00 AM March: Commonwealth by Ann Patchett **April:** The Heaven and Earth Grocerv Store by James McBride (IN PERSON)

Historical Happenings Book Discussion Saturday, March 15 10:00 AM Title: Perla by Caroline DeRobertis (IN PERSON)

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group Tuesday, March 18 & April 15 7:00 PM March: The Moon Sister by Lucinda Riley **April:** LI Reads: *On Fire Island* by Jane L. Rosen (IN PERSON)

**Great Decisions Discussion Group** 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 26 & April 23 Discuss topics of contemporary concern. March: U.S. - China Relations by Thomas L. Christensen April: India: Between China, the West, and the Global South by Leslie Vinjamuri (GOTOMEETING)

Fourth Fridays Book Group Friday, March 28, April 25 11:30 AM March: Jello-Girls by Allie Rowbottom **April:** *Lucy by the Sea* by Elizabeth Strout (ROSE CARACAPPA SENIOR CENTER)



### Defensive Driving

#### **IN PERSON COURSE** Saturday, April 26 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Reduce auto insurance costs and receive up to a 4-point reduction for points accumulated in the past 18 months with this DMV-approved courses. Registration is IN PERSON; payment is required at registration. \*Please register as soon as possible, as a minimum number of attendees is needed for courses to proceed\* NOTE: If you are over three minutes late, you will not be allowed to attend. The library is unable to assist in any issues involving certificates. Fee: \$33 check or money order, to

"Empire Safety Council."



*Come to the movies at the Library.* Join us twice per month for a Friday afternoon matinee. Snacks provided.

### Film Matinees **Box Office Features**

### Here (104 min.)

#### Friday, March 14

2:00 PM

A generational story about families and the special place they inhabit, sharing in love, loss, laughter, and life, starring Tom Hanks.

#### Wicked (160 min.) Friday, April 11

#### 2:00 PM

The hit movie adaptation of the award-winning musical, following Elphaba and Glinda through their journeys through Oz.



**Foreign Film Festival** 

#### Evil Does Not Exist (Japanese) (106 min.) Friday, March 28

#### 2:00 PM

Single father Takumi and his environmentally conscious neighbors are pitted against greedy developers planning a glamping site which threatens their modest lifestyle.

#### Underdog (Icelandic) (58 min.) Friday, April 25

#### 2:00 PM

An Icelander's journey home with his dog brings an unforeseen battle for justice.

#### **Registration is required** unless otherwise noted.

## health and Fitness

**One-On-One Medicare Appointments** Discuss your Medicare concerns with an expert. Learn the differences between Medicare plans and their coverages. Call Adult Services to book your appointment today. (IN PERSON)



#### **ABC's of Medicare Tuesday, March 4**

3:00 PM

Learn ways to cover additional costs, important terminology, enrollment periods, plan types, and types of cost assistance available. (IN PERSON)

#### **Narcan Training** Friday, March 7

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM OR Saturday, March 22 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Narcan is a nasal spray that can reverse the effects of an opioid exposure. The Phoenix House of New York will be on hand to give out free Narcan and instruct people on how to administer it. One New York resident dies of an overdose every three hours. (IN PERSON)

#### **Blood Pressure Screening**

Fridays, March 14, April 11 3:30 - 4:30 PM A clinician from St. Charles Hospital will be here to check your blood pressure and discuss prevention and maintenance. No registration; walkin basis. (IN PERSON)

#### **Body Sculpt Circuit** Wednesday, March 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16

10:00 AM An online strength and sculpting class with cardio "blasts" placed in between strength moves. Participants must be able to stand for portions of the class. (ZOOM)

#### Saturday Morning Yoga

with Laurel Frey Saturdays, March 15, 22, 29 April 5. April 12

Join Certified Yoga Instructor Laurel Frey for this five session workshop. Please note: There is Strength Training with Jackie a \$20 fee payable by check to Laurel Frey due Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 upon registration. (IN PERSON)

#### **Crystal Bowls**

Mondays, March 17, April 21 10:00 AM Guided meditation followed by the healing sounds of the Crystal Singing Bowls. Sound healing aims to rebalance your energy and restore inner harmony. (IN PERSON)

#### Mindfulness Meditation

Mondays, March 24 and April 28 7:00 PM moment. Meditation practitioners report meditaand interrupt negative thinking. (ZOOM)



### Reiki

10:00 AM

Thursday, March 20 and April 24 7:00 PM Reiki master & Yoga teacher Annalee Jackofsky offers a brief guided meditation and a short reiki treatment. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel and a blanket. (IN PERSON)

6:00 PM A total body workout aimed at toning our bodies while improving our strength. This class is beginner friendly while still providing a challenge to regular exercisers. Bring a mat, 2 hand-held

weights (1-5)lbs.), and a water bottle. (IN PERSON)



#### **Cardio Sculpt**

Mondays, April 28, May 5 & 12 10:30 AM A practice to help you learn to stay in the present Exercises, followed by a cardio section followed by a different group of exercises. Participants tion is a tool to help cope with stress and anxiety, must be able to stand during portions of the class. (IN PERSON)

#### Eating Seasonally Tuesday, April 29

#### 7:00 PM

BONJOUR

Ever wonder how far your produce travelled to get to you? Learn how to eat more seasonally for greater nutrition, better taste, and cost savings. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)

LAN&UAGE& Literacy

#### **English for Beginners (8 weeks) Tuesdays March 4, 11, 18, 25 and** April 1, 8, 15, 22

6:00-8:00 PM An 8-week course for new English language learners. Coursework includes sentence structure, spelling, pronunciation, and basic conversation skills. Registration is required. (IN PERSON)

#### **English Conversation Group** Saturdays

Free, no registration required. Open to all adults, 18 and older. Group is led by Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming. (IN PERSON & **GOTOMEETING**)

#### **Citizenship Help** 11:00 AM

Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming will help answer your questions about the Naturalization Exam. Call 631-473-0022 for free help. (IN PERSON OR GOTOMEETING)

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## Lectures, Gechnology, and Education



#### **One-On-One Genealogy Appointments**

Meet virtually with a Genealogist to develop a research plan, look up records and answer guestions. To get the most out of the session, please fill out a short questionnaire upon registration. Call the Reference Department to book your appointment. (ZOOM)

#### eBook One on One Appointments Wednesday, March 5 2:00 PM Wednesday, April 23 2:00 PM

Book your 20 minute appointment with a librarian to learn how to download eBooks and Audiobooks with your library card. (IN PERSON)

#### **Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot Sessions** Monday, March 10 6:00 PM 6:00 PM Monday, April 14

Veterans and novices welcome! Create a character and bring a fantasy world to life. Each session is unique so attend one or both sessions.

#### (IN PERSON)

#### A Year of Shakespeare (and Friends!)

Librarians Mara and Nola will read a Shakespeare play and then discuss retellings and adaptations based on his plays at the next month's meeting. An EEPA event hosted by Westhampton Free Library. (ZOOM)



7:00 PM

#### **Tuesday, March 11**

A reading of Shakespeare's masterclass in power, madness, and murder; The Tragedy of Macbeth. Actors call it "The Scottish Play," because to say its name is to be cursed..

#### **Tuesday, April 8**

Now see some of the many ways "The Scottish Play" has been retold and reimagined.

#### The Jackie Robinson Museum **Tuesday, March 18** 6:30 PM

In 1997, Major League Baseball retired Jackie Robinson's number 42 to commemorate his extraordinary career. Jackie Robinson Museum's curatorial assistant Sidney Carlson White will discuss Robinson's legacy on and off the field. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)

#### Unveiling the Power of Native Plants Wednesday, March 19 6:30 PM

An introduction to native plants and the importance of biodiversity, LI watershed protection, and issues with lawn culture. (IN PERSON)

### Introduction to Powerpoint

Please note: Registration is required.

#### Thursday, March 20

7:00 PM Jamal Smart will get you started using Microsoft Powerpoint to create attractive slideshow presentations. (IN PERSON)

#### Trail Cameras Reveal Hidden Surprises Wednesday, March 26 6:00 PM

Naturalist Kevin Walsh discusses his use of trail cameras to document wildlife activity and to reveal sightings of elusive animals. (IN PERSON)



#### Women in Law Enforcement with the Suffolk County Sheriff's Department Thursday, March 27 7:00 PM

Bring your questions about career paths in law enforcement. The event is a part of Suffolk Sheriff Errol D. Toulon. Jr's 30x30 Initiative. a nationwide push to increase female participation in law enforcement and leadership positions to 30% by 2030. An EEPA Event. (**ZOOM**)

#### Page Turners Tuesday, April 1

Chat about books with a librarian and other booklovers to recommend, or discourage from reading books you have recently read. (IN PERSON)

#### Financial Exploitation of Seniors Thursday, April 3

Assistant District Attorneys from the Financial Crimes Bureau will advise how best to protect yourself from scammers and fraudsters by guarding personal information; Prevent the loss of financial savings and protect your identity.

### Thursday, April 3

In 1932, and again in 1962, urban planner Robert Moses attempted to pave the shorelines of Fire Island leading to protest and the creation of the Fire Island National Seashore. Learn how Moses still managed to have the causeway named after himself. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)

#### Van Gogh in Auvers: 1890 Monday, April 7

Vincent Van Gogh spent the last seventy days of his life in Auvers-sur-Oise, France. He was at his most prolific and created iconic works including "Crows Over A Wheatfield," "Tree Roots,"

"Daubigny's Garden," "Church at Auvers," "View of Auvers-sur-Oise," and many more. This visual lecture presented by Professor Thomas Germano, focuses exclusively on the prolific creative burst of life and energy Van Gogh demonstrated just prior to his death at age 37. (IN PERSON)

#### Understanding Your Medicare

#### **Explanation of Benefits** Wednesday, April 9

#### 12:00 PM

Educate yourself on Medicare EOB and knowing their responsibility for rendering medical care. This will help you avoid issues such as double billing and help you save money and maximize your benefits. (IN PERSON)

#### Maximizing Your Social Security Income Wednesday, April 9 7:00 PM

Thomas Mueger from Strategic Planning Associates discusses strategies to help you make the best decisions for you and your family. There will be time for questions. (IN PERSON)

#### The Great Gatsby: 100th Anniversary 7:00 PM Thursday, April 10

F. Scott Fitzgerald's tragic novel generally had favorable reviews but disappointing sales when first published on April 10, 1925. Decades later, WWll soldiers reading it on the front established it as an American classic. Join Martin Levinson as we look anew at the life and love of Jay Gatsby. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)

#### Learn to Dance the Cha-Cha Thursday, April 17

7:00 PM

Professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicale will get us dancing. The Cha-cha originated in Cuba in the 1940's

incorporates music and dance moves borrowed from the Mambo and Rumba. No experience necessary and no partner required.

#### Shinnecock Kelp Farmers Tuesday, April 22

7:00 PM

The sugar kelp collected by traditional methods from the Shinnecock Bay by the Shinnecock Kelp Farmers removes toxic levels of carbon and nitrogen from the water, can be used in agriculture, and is creating green jobs on the East End. Learn about this multigenerational women's collective of enrolled members of the Shinnecock Indian Nation. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)



12:00 PM and

6:30 PM

#### 7:00 PM Saving Fire Island from **Robert Moses with Christopher Verga**

7:00 PM

(IN PERSON)

7:00 PM



## Make It! Arts, Crafts, and Cooking

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. PJFL cardholders may register for ALL "Make It" programs beginning February 21. Outside library cardholders may register beginning February 28.

Online programs that include a pick-up kit are ONLY ONE KIT PER LIBRARY BARCODE. Please do not register if you may not be able to attend. If you cancel, or do not show up to three programs without informing us, you will be held from registering for future programs. PLEASE NOTE: There is a limit of two reservations per library barcode for in person workshops.



#### Long Island Quilters

Mondavs

1:00 PM Bring your sewing machine and a project, or stop by to learn more. Please call the library or check our online calendar to find out if the group is meeting each week. Registration is not required. (IN PERSON)

#### PJFL Mah Jongg Club

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM **Fridavs** Open to all levels of play. Bring your set of tiles if you have one. Registration is not required. (IN PERSON)

Hands-On Demo with Chef Rob Scott:

#### Irish Soda Bread

Thursday, March 6 2:00 PM Make a huge loaf that is ready to take home and bake. Registrants will need to bring a Large Bowl, Mixing spoon and a small Cookie tray. (IN PERSON)

#### Spring Paint Night

#### 6:30 PM

Thursday, March 13 You will be guided step by step how to use acrylics on a 14x18 canvas. All materials provided.

#### Cricut Club

Wednesday, March 19 Learn a new project each session. Space is limited. (IN PERSON)

#### **Embroidery Workshop**

Tuesday, March 25 6:30 PM Learn and practice stitches at your pace. You

#### (IN PERSON)

Hands-On Demo with Chef Rob Scott:

#### Asiago Cheese Bread

Wednesday, April 2

2:00 PM Step by step instructions to make a loaf, Scones, biscuits or twists as well as a seasonal fruit and ricotta Cheese dessert. This is a demonstration class: You will make a loaf to take home and bake. Bring a large bowl, box grater, mixing spoon and a cookie sheet. (IN PERSON)

#### **Easter Sign**

#### Thursday, April 3

Paint a decorative spring bunny sign. All materials provided. (IN PERSON)

#### Peonv Tea Lights 3:00 PM Monday, April 14

2:00 PM

Follow along from home and make peony tea lights to brighten your spring table. *Please note* one kit per library barcode. (ONLINE)

#### **Rustic Floral Wall Hanging**

#### Wednesday, April 23

6:30 PM

may bring items you would like to embroider. Join artist and flower farmer Diana Conklin for this special workshop. Using real dried botanicals, herbs and flowers from her east end farm, participants will learn to make dried flower fans. Make 3 small fan bouquets and attach them to a wooden base. All materials provided, space is limited. (IN PERSON)



## Gravel/Enrichment

#### Hike at Wildwood State Park Saturday, March 8

10:00 AM

6:30 PM

A 3-mile hike along the bluffs, woods & beach led by Lee McAllister, naturalist, photographer and author of the book Hiking Long Island. Bring binoculars to view wintering ducks on the Sound. Meet at the main parking lot before the 10am start.

#### BUS TRIP: New York City Tenement Museum Depart Village Hall: 8:00 AM Thursday, April 17

Price: \$120 per person

Join us for a tour of the Tenement Museum of New York City! Explore the storied lives found throughout the Lowest East Side of Manhattan spanning generations in this mul-

timedia, interactive tour. Immerse yourself and step through time into the faithfully and painstakingly recreated tenement apartments and local businesses. We'll be visiting Schneider's Saloon (and home!), the oldest apartment featured in the museum as well as the Levine family's tenement apartment. Enjoy lunch at the Grey Lady following the tour. This is a walking intensive tour with staircases.



### YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE

This no pressure challenge will have a different theme each month for you to follow along. We'll email out suggestions to help you stay on track. Can you try to keep up with us?



REGISTER ANYTIME: portjefflibrary.org/readingchallenge

#### 🛰 The Friends of the Port Jefferson Free Library 🐲 Enhancing the Library Community with Dedication & Donations

The Friends of the Library Used Bookshop is now in the main library building. The Friends volunteers have been inundated with books in poor condition that have to be recycled upon receipt. To prevent

this, please follow these donation quidelines: People are requested to limit their donations to one box that they can carry. the Friends are unable to assist with retrieving donations from you nor do they do pickups from homes. Donations are accepted during our hours of operation, do not leave books outside the library.

#### **Donation Guidelines**

Items we accept: hardcover and paperback books for children, teens, and adults in good condition. We prefer newer titles published within the past decade, including both contemporary and classic fiction. Popular non-fiction genres such as cookbooks, biographies, and history are also accepted.

<ul> <li>I am a new member</li> <li>I am renewing my membership</li> <li>I am interested in volunteering at the bookshop</li> <li>I am interested in volunteering for special events</li> <li>Individual (\$5)</li> </ul>	<b>Please complete this</b> payable to: Friends of the Port Je 100 Thompson Stree	form and includ	ary	×
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Items we do not accept: We cannot accept dusty, damaged, discolored, damaged, missing pages, broken bindings, water damage, or are soiled, musty or odiferous. Additionally, we do not accept outdated travel books, computer manuals, encyclopedias, textbooks, or reference books (including dictionaries and almanacs), books that have been discarded by other libraries, audio cassettes/CD, or DVD/VHS tapes.



For more information on any of these services, please contact the Adult Reference Desk. ONGOING

### ASSISTIVE

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American Sign Language (ASL)

**Interpreters:** An ASL Interpreter may be requested for any program.

**Braille Format:** The Library is able to transcribe any library produced print material into braille.

f vou are interested in either of the above services, contact Adult Services at least two weeks in advance.

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### Check-Out Discounts

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#### Museum Passes

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### TECHNOLOGY

#### **Charging Station One-on-One Device Advice Fax Service** \$1.25 US | \$3 Mexico & Canada per transmission.

We do NOT receive faxes. **Tech to Take Home** 

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### **EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS**

*If you would like to display your* work, please visit portjefflibrary.org/display or contact Adult Services at 631-473-0022.

**March Exhibits: Display Cases: Adam Hardy** Meeting Room Exhibit: Acrylic Paintings by Gary Fagerland



#### TUESDAYS: Go online to make an appointment today

One-on-one appointments with our social worker are now available over the phone. Schedule an appointment to receive individual and confidential support, and assistance with accessing and navigating local resources. No issue is too large or too small, and support is available for all ages.

> Visit **portjefflibrary.org/helpinghands** for more information and to make an appointment!

### **CRAFT SUPPLY SWAP MARCH 2025**

Celebrate National Craft Month with our annual Craft Supply Swap. For the month of March we will accept donations

of craft supplies and materials. Please bring your donations to the Children's or Adult Services Desks, and browse the table to take supplies you can put to use. Please note: the Library reservestherighttodisposeofany supplies.





### **Bobwhite Quails COME SEE THE QUAILS THIS APRIL**

We will once again be incubating Northern Bobwhite Quail eggs this Spring in collaboration with the Center for Environmental Education and Development's Bob Quail vs. Tick Program. Be on the lookout in the Children's Department for their arrival during the month of April.

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES** 

### Donate to the PJFL



### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Main Library	631-473-0022
Monday - Thursday	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday - Saturday	9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
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Saturday	9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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# Sunday, April 20

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS** Monday, March 24 5:00 PM Monday, April 28 5:00 PM **BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING** Monday, March 24 4:30 PM **LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE Tuesday, April 8** 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM **LIBRARY CLOSED** 

**Easter Sunday** 

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