**FRONT COVER**

**FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Two five-year seats are expiring and are to be filled by an election during the January 2026 Annual Meeting. Interested persons are invited to apply. Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk beginning September 15. Completed applications must include: a resume, written statement of interest, and a petition signed by 25 members of the Port Jefferson Library Association. Previous experience in libraries or library governance is helpful. Further information will be included in our next newsletter. ***Please address all correspondence to***: *Election Committee, Port Jefferson Free Library, 100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777. For inquiries call Jenny Bloom, Library Director – (631) 473-0022*.

**WITCHES DAY OUT**

**Saturday, October 11**

A witchy good time at the library as we participate in this village-wide event. Witchy Art in the Park at 114 for all ages 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Craft at 205 East Main for all ages 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM

**HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP**

Bring clean costumes in good condition to the Children’s room starting Monday, September 22. Costumes will be available starting Saturday, October 11, National Costume Swap Day! Leave a costume and/or take one to celebrate a “Greener Halloween.”

**NYS ASSEMBLYWOMAN REBECCA KASSAY MOBILE OFFICE**

**Thursday, September 18 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

Meet yourAssemblywoman. Her office can assist with state agency issues, community programming, emergency services, state grant applications, tax or public benefit issues, access to educational programs and scholarships, free notary services, and services for seniors, people with disabilities, and veterans

**REPAIR CAFÉ**

**Saturday, September 27 12:00 – 3:00 PM**

Local volunteers will help you fix your broken items; general repairs, sewing costume jewelry, small electrical wiring and bikes.

**DUMP THE JUNK: FALL CLEANING**

***This event takes place in our parking lot, which will be closed for parking for the entire day*.**

**Saturday, November 1 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Shed the Meds Collection: Safely dispose of unused or expired medications. Note: *The Sheriff’s Office no longer accepts liquid meds. Sharps will not be accepted*.

Paper Recycling with Smart Shred Mobile: On-site shredding of personal documents. *NO binders, plastic, cardboard, carbon paper, or commercial papers please*.

E-Waste Recycling: Data stored on all devices will be destroyed. Most electronics are accepted, such as: computers, cell phones, printers, TVs, keyboards, cables, wires, circuit boards, and stereos. *We CANNOT accept large appliances, microwaves, fluorescent bulbs, and alkaline batteries*

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**TEEN CENTER**

**205 East Main St. Port Jeff, next to our main building. (631) 509-5707**

HOURS:

**Monday - Thursday: 12:00 - 8:00 PM [*see note below*]**

**Friday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM**

**Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM**

**Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM**

**(Closed Sundays after Memorial Day)**

**\*NEW WEEKDAY SUMMER HOURS**

**Beginning June 23, the Teen Center will regularly open at 11 AM on Mondays and Fridays during the summer.**

*PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required for all programs and begins on* ***June 21.*** *Our programs are limited to Teens (grades 6-12) with a PJFL Teen Card. Please call to cancel your registration (631-509-5707) if you cannot attend. All programs are one hour unless otherwise stated.*

**\* = *This program involves food products which may contain allergens. Please evaluate program safety if you have allergy concerns.***

**3D Print & Design**

Wednesday, September 3 4:00 PM

Design your own object or choose an object to print. Prints may take up to 2 weeks to process.

**Perler Bead Keychains**

Thursday, September 4 4:00 PM

**Card Games**

Friday, September 5 3:30 PM

Learn to play a variety of card games.

**Dungeons & Dragons**

Sunday, September 7 & 28 and October 12 1:00 - 2:30 PM, Wednesday, October 8 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Journey on a side quest story to untold adventures. See Khan to help build your character ahead of meetings.

**FLL Robotics Team Tryout**

Tuesday, September 9 5:00 PM

For Teens in 6th - 8th grade. Tryouts are required to join the team. Ask a librarian or call for details.

**Super Smash Bros. Tournament**

Wednesdays, September 10 & October 15 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Choose your character and duel in Super Smash Bros. on the Switch.

**Pathfinder**

Thursday, September 11 3:30 - 5:00 PM

This high adventure tabletop role-playing game builds upon the foundation of Dungeons & Dragons 3.5 edition. See Nick for help building a character.

**College Admissions Essay**

Sunday, September 14 2:00 PM Sunday, October 26 2:00 PM

Gain insights into the process. Parents and teenagers encouraged to attend.

**Pop Sockets**

Monday, September 15 6:30 PM

Customize your own phone grip

**Mario Kart Tournament**

Wednesday, September 17 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 29 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Compete on new maps with Nintendo characters on the Switch.

**Wool Painting**

Thursday, September 18 6:00 PM

Try your hand at this textured artform.

**Creative Writing**

Saturday, September 20 1:00 PM

Explore writing in different styles and receive constructive feedback. Sharing is encouraged, not required.

**Port Jefferson Junior Fire Co. Overview**

Sunday, September 21 2:00 PM

Learn about the department and how to volunteer.

**Apples to Apples**

Monday, September 22 6:30 PM

Compete in a round or two.

**Hiking Hats**

Wednesday, September 24 4:30 PM

Design your own.

**Are you Smarter than a Tween?**

Wednesday, September 24 6:00 PM

Try to outplay your opponents in this charming and humorous quiz.

**Button Making**

Thursday, September 25 6:00 PM

Use your own designs.

**Magic the Gathering**

Saturday, September 27 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Command the field in our Commander-styled MTG.

**Books and Looks**

Monday, September 29 3:00 PM

Share what you’re reading, see the latest movie adaptation trailers, and discuss all things bookish.

**Rock Cycle**

Wednesday, October 1 5:30 PM

Explore geological phenomena including earthquakes, erosion, volcanoes, plate tectonics, and weather effects with the LI Science Center.

**Collage Magnets**

Saturday, October 4 3:30 PM

Upcycle jar lids into magnets.

**Phasmaphobia & Chill**

Monday, October 6 4:00 - 5:30 PM

Experience the horror game on a team of virtual ghost hunters.

**Vibes and Visuals**

Thursday, October 9 4:00 PM

Listen to music and vibe. Compile and bring a list of 5 clean songs to listen to, color, and de-stress.

**Munchkin: Card Game**

Monday, October 13 1:00 PM

A strategic dungeon style card game to battle friends while eating munchkins

**Teen Movie Fridays\*:**

***Karate Kid: Legends* &** **Pizza**

Friday, September 19 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Watch the latest in the Karate Kid series.

***Thunderbolts* & Treats**

Friday, September 26 2:45 - 4:45 PM

Watch the latest Marvel film.

***How to Train Your Dragon* & Pizza**

Friday, October 3 3:00 - 5:15 PM

Watch the live action film.

**Jurassic World: Rebirth** **& Treats**

Friday, October 10 3:00 - 5:15 PM

Watch the newest film in the “Jurassic Park” series.

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**Paint A Pin: Spooky Edition**

Monday, October 13 6:30 PM

Decorate a Port Jeff Bowl bowling pin.

**Teddy Bear Designs**

Thursday, October 16 6:00 PM

Design a personalized plush.

**Chocolate Covered Apples**

Friday, October 17 3:30 PM

A treat for the spooky season.

**Mario Party**

Saturday, October 18 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Race the board to collect the most stars in this video board game.

**Living with Wildlife on Long Island**

Sunday, October 19 2:00 PM

Meet reptiles, mammals, and birds, learn about their adaptations, and how you can help protect them.

**Haunted Scrapbook**

Monday, October 20 6:30 PM

Bring some spookiness to your scrapbooking.

**The Year of the Tree**

Wednesday, October 22 5:00 PM

Celebrate by learning some tree facts, meditate, and make a tree related craft.

**Spooky Trivia**

Thursday, October 23 6:00 PM

A battle of wits to test your spooky knowledge

**Murder Trivia Party**

Saturday, October 25 1:00 PM

A deadly Jackbox Games quiz show. Bring a device with an internet connection or borrow a laptop to participate.

**Decoden Phone Stands**

Thursday, October 30 6:00 PM

Embellish with colorful 3D charms and beads.

**Halloween Lock-In**

***Attend one or both sessions***

**Pumpkin Painting Palooza & Spooky Movie**

Friday, October 24 3:00 - 5:00 PM

With games and treats.

**After Hours: Fright Night Games & Horror Movie**

Friday, October 24 5:00 - 8:00 PM

A scary horror movie, witch’s brew milkshakes, party game mayhem and pizza. *Permission slip is required.*

TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

***Need community service hours? Visit portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs***

ONLINE COMMUNITY SERVICE:

***Available at portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs***

**Book Review**

Review YA novels on your reading level and earn 4 hours of community service for each submitted review. *Limit of 2 reviews per month.*

**Movie Review**

Review PG or PG-13 movies. Earn 4 hours of community service for each submitted review that meets the required guidelines. *Limit of 2 reviews per month.*

**Recycling Challenge**

Earn community service for each submitted entry that meets the required guidelines. *Limit of 10 hours per month.*

**NEW: Rainbow Creations**

Submit rainbow creations online by drawing, painting or crafting with colorful materials. Earn 1 hour of credit *Limit of 1 per month.*

TAKE-HOME COMMUNITY SERVICE:

***Available for pickup in the Teen Center beginning July 1. Receive two hours per envelope completed. Limit one of each envelope per month.***

**Bookmarks**

Design bookmarks for the library.

**Recipe Book**

Compile favorite recipes from family and friends to share at the library.

IN PERSON COMMUNITY SERVICE:

***These opportunities take place in the Teen Center at the stated time. You will receive one hour of community service.***

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**CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

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

**\*** = ***this program may not be suitable for those with food allergies***

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS (BABIES, TODDLERS &

PRESCHOOLERS)

*Please do not bring any snacks or drinks (for children or adults)*

**Sensory Storytime**

Tuesday, September 2, 16, October 14, 8 11:00 AM Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult Stories, songs and sensory play.

**Playtime in the Park @114**

Wednesdays, September 3 & October 1 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Drop in to join games at our Park. We’ll move inside in case of inclement weather. *Registration not required.*

**Little Sprouts and Friends**

Thursday, September 4, October 16 10:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 16 months with adult

Move and sing with your child. This program is for children who are not yet walking.

**Sprouts and Friends**

Thursday, September 4, October 16 11:00 AM

Ages: 17 months - 5 years with an adult

Move and sing with your toddler. This program is for children who are walking.

**Baby and Me Storytime**

Friday, September 5 10:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 12 months with an adult

We’ll read stories, sing songs and craft.

**Farm Tales**

Monday, September 8 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult Stories, songs and craft.

Infant Massage

Tuesday, September 9, October 7 10:00 AM

Ages: 6 weeks - 18 months with an adult

Licensed Massage Therapist Laura Morello will teach how to communicate with your child through touch. Please dress comfortably, and bring a blanket for the baby, one for yourself and baby’s favorite comfort toy.

**Autumn Sunflowers**

Tuesday, September 9 11:30 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with adult

Using pastels, we’ll turn our summer flowers into fall. Dress for mess.

**Lil Athletes**

Wednesday, September 10 - Soccer/Lacrosse

Friday, October 10 - Baseball/Basketball

Ages: 20 - 36 months with an adult 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult 11:00 AM

Develop running, jumping, and balancing skills and play the obstacle course.

**Tiny Movers**

Thursday, September 11 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 4 years with an adult

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

**PlayHooray Babies**

Friday, September 12 10:00 AM

Monday, October 6 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult

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

**PlayHooray Kids**

Friday, September 12 11:00 AM

Monday, October 6 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Music and movement to get the wiggles out and develop coordination.

**Art Starts: Color**

Monday, September 15 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Learn art concepts through creative play and stories.

**Baby Singing Storytime**

Thursday, September 18, 10:00 AM: Farm Songs

Monday, October 20, 10:00 AM: Halloween Edition

Ages: Birth - 17 months with an adult

Stories and songs for you and your baby.

**Dance Laugh Play**

Friday, September 19, Wednesday, October 8, Monday, October 27 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 4 years with an adult

Can’t stop, won’t stop bonding and fun with Miss Lauren! Please sign up for only one session per date.

**Welcome Fall**

Saturday, September 20 12:00 PM

Ages 3 - 5 years with an adult Prepare for the first day of fall with stories and crafts.

**Falling for Fall Story Craft**

Monday, September 22 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

The Autumnal Equinox is the official start of Autumn; Celebrate with stories and crafts.

**Tots Night Out**

Monday, September 22 6:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

Family learning and skill building with A Time for Kids.

**Babies Boogie**

Tuesday, September 23 10:00 AM

Tuesday, October 21 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult

Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

**Toddlers Tango**

Tuesday, September 23 11:00 AM

Tuesday, October 21 11:00 AM

Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult

Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle!

**Nuts About Reading**

Wednesday, September 24 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult Squirrel stories and craft.

**Transportation Tales: Trucks**

Thursday, September 25 10:30 AM

Ages 2 - 5 years with adults Let’s move through some stories and a craft.

**Parent Toddler Workshop**

Friday, September 26, October 17 & 24 10:00 AM Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Play and meet other grownups and their children. *Please do not bring any snacks or drinks (for either child or adult).*

**Fall Sensory Exploration**

Monday, September 29 11:30 AM

Ages: 18 months - 4 years with an adult

Use all your senses to explore fall-themed sensory bins. *Dress for mess!*

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**Baby Start**

Tuesday, September 30 10:00 AM

Thursday, October 30 10:00 AM

Ages: 9 - 17 months with an adult

Music and movement circle time with A Time for Kids, Inc.

**A Time for Kids**

Tuesday, September 30 11:00 AM

Thursday, October 30 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

Music and movement story time with a craft.

**1–2–3 Full STEAM Ahead**

Friday, October 3 10:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Critical thinking and problem-solving skill development through a focus on science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

**Monster Story Craft**

Tuesday, October 7 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Tales, songs, and a craft.

**Toddler Music**

Thursday, October 9 10:00 AM

Ages: 12 - 36 months with an adult

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

**Musical Kids**

Thursday, October 9 11:00 AM

Ages: 3 years and up with an adult

Music, movement and instrument play with Happy Feet Educators.

**Tree-mendous Tales Story Time & Craft**

Monday, October 20 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Celebrate Port Jefferson’s year of the Tree with stories and crafts. This program will move inside in case of inclement weather.

**This Story Time is a Hoot**

Wednesday, October 22 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 -5 years with an adult

Owl tales and a craft.

**Paint without Paintbrushes: Pumpkin Patch**

Thursday, October 23 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Try lots of cool tools.

**Halloween Toddler Mash \***

Friday, October 31 10:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Wear your costume! Dancing, crafts, treats, and a parade through the Library.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

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

**Worry Stones**

Thursday, September 4 6:30 PM

Grades 2 - 4

Back to school can be overwhelming. We’ll make a craft to help relieve our stress.

**Bad Art Night**

Tuesday, September 9 7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Use a variety of materials to create the worst. art. Ever.

**Read to a Dog**

Wednesday, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22 5:30 - 6:30 PM Ages: 5 - 12 years

Chester is a great listener. Build reading confidence and support development of a love for reading. *Please call to register for your 10-minute reading session.*

**Chess**

Wednesday, September 10 & 24, October 8 & 22 7:00 PM

Entering Grades 1 - 6

Develop strategies and sharpen skills. For all skill levels.

**School Bus Craft**

Thursday, September 11 6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 3

Thank your bus driver with a magnet made from popsicle sticks.

**Lego Challenge**

Mondays, September 15 & October 13 7:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Work in teams to build a themed creation.

**Sketchbook School: Let’s Draw Together**

Tuesday, September 16 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Decorate a sketchbook and practice drawing abstract designs with Miss Monica.

**Homeschool: Fruits and Vegetables**

Wednesday, September 17 12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Themed facts and STEAM activities to fit your homeschool curriculum.

**Stress Balls**

Wednesday, September 17 6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 3

Use a balloon and flour and talk about how to help yourself when stressed about the start of the new school year.

**Book to Movie Club - Session 1**

Thursday, September 18 6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Discuss the book *Howl’s Moving Castle* by Diana Wynne Jones and do a related activity. ***Pick up your copy of the book in the Children’s Department prior to the program***.

**Fall Lanterns**

Monday, September 22 7:00 PM

Grade 1 - 5

Cut, paint, layer and light.

**Fall Puzzle Piece Wreath**

Tuesday, September 23 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Paint and create a craft to celebrate fall. *Please dress for mess.*

**Paint and Pass**

Wednesday, September 24 Grades K - 2 2:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5 3:30 PM

Pass your canvas back and forth with a partner to combine your creativity.

**Book to Movie Club - Session 2 \***

Thursday, September 25 6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Watch *Howl’s Moving Castle* on the big screen with Popcorn. ***Bring a beverage for yourself. You can watch the movie even if you did not attend Session 1***

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**Fall Slime \***

Monday, September 29 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Use essential oils. *Please dress for mess.*

**Cotton Pad Hedgehog**

Tuesday, September 30 6:30 PM

Ages: 4 - 7 years with an adult

Use a cardboard template and watercolor paint with pipettes to create our prickly friends. Hedgehog stories to follow. Please dress for mess.

**Origami**

Wednesday, October 1 6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Learn to create paper animals.

**Escape the Library**

Thursday, October 2

Grades K - 2 12:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5 1:30 PM

Help your team solve clues and puzzles.

**Cardboard Ghost Family Portrait**

Thursday, October 2 6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Using recycled materials to create a not so spooky Halloween craft.

**Monster Frames**

Saturday, October 4 12:00 PM

Grades K - 3

Use paint, markers and spooky embellishments. Please dress for mess.

**STEM Challenge: Spooky Mazes**

Monday, October 6 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Build and test your marble maze.

**Book Page Ghost Garland**

Tuesday, October 7 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

We’ll use recycled book pages.

**Watercolor Spider Web**

Thursday, October 9 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Create a spooky masterpiece.

**Witches Day Out: Magic In a Jar \***

Saturday, October 11 3:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Mix herbs, crystals, glitter, and intention to craft a bottle of wonder.

**Patterned and Printed Pumpkins**

Tuesday, October 14 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Use markers and your imagination to make a festive Halloween decoration.

**Homeschool: Spiders**

Wednesday, October 15 12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Spider-themed facts and STEAM activities to fit into your homeschool curriculum.

**Halloween Treat Holder \***

Wednesday, October 15 6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 5

We’ll turn clay pots into ghosts and jack-o-lanterns. Treats included!

**Pumpkin Collage**

Friday, October 17 4:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Use an assortment of materials.

**SnackBag Dad Halloween Edition**

Monday, October 20 6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 5

An interactive drawing class. Turn a SnackBag into a work of Art.

**Sketchbook School: Halloween Edition**

Tuesday, October 21 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Halloween-themed drawing with Miss Monica.

**Jack-o’-Lantern Collage**

Thursday, October 23 7:00 PM

Grades 2 - 5 Repurpose magazines and scrap paper.

**Sugar Skull Masks**

Saturday, October 25 12:00 PM

Grades K-5 Dia de Los Muertos stories followed by a sweet craft.

**Mini Monsters**

Monday, October 27 7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5 Make a glove into a tiny terror.

**Tissue Box Haunted House**

Tuesday, October 28 7:00 PM

Grades K & up

Make a repurposed box spook-tacular!

**Easy Ghost Craft**

Thursday, October 30 6:30 PM

Grades K - 2

Transform pompoms into a ghostly friend.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

***Registration not required unless otherwise noted***

**Color Time**

Wednesday, September 3 5:30 - 7:00 PM

Drop in and relax. Registration is not required.

**Sunday Crafternoon**

Sunday, September 7, 14, 21 & 28, October 5, 12 & 26 2:00 - 4:00 PM We’ll have a new craft to make each week. Registration is not required.

**Creativity Starts at the Library: Art Exploration**

Monday, October 13 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Create using a variety of art supplies with Miss Monica. Registration is not required.

**Harvest Festival Celebration**

Saturday, October 18 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Sunday, October 19 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Fall themed crafts. Registration is not required.

**Halloween Bingo\***

Wednesday, October 29 7:00 PM

Fill your game card with Miss Tiffany and Miss Margaret. Registration required.

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**ADULT SERVICES**

***Registration Information:***

All fees are required at registration. You must have a valid Suffolk County public library card. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible, so we may contact our waitlists. If you cancel, or do not show up to three programs, without informing us you will be held from registering for future programs. Locations are noted at the end of program descriptions. **PJFL cardholders can register for ALL programs beginning August 21. Outside library cardholders can register beginning August 28.** *NOTE:* online programs with a pick-up kit are ONE KIT PER LIBRARY CARD BARCODE. *Limit of two reservations per library barcode for in-person art and cooking workshops*

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

**In-Person Course**

Saturday, September 13 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 course. Registration is IN PERSON; payment must be by check or money order and is required at registration. Fee: 33$ payable to “Empire Safety Council.” \*The course will be cancelled if class minimum is not met; please register as soon as possible.\* *NOTE: If you are over three minutes late, you will not be allowed to attend.* ***The library cannot assist in issues regarding certificates****.*

DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

**Tuesday Morning Book Discussion**

Tuesdays, September 9 & October 14 10:00 AM

Sept: The Violin Conspiracy, by Brendan Slocumb

Oct: The Woman Behind the New Deal, by Kristin Downey

**Historical Happenings Book Discussion**

Saturday, September 13 10:00 AM

Homegoing, by Yaa Gyasi

**New Voices Book Discussion**

Thursdays, September 11 & October 9 11:00 AM

Sept: I Cheerfully Refuse, by Leif Enger

Oct: Light From Other Stars, by Erika Swyler

**Literary Lions Book Discussion**

Wednesdays, September 24 & October 22 2:00-3:00 PM

Sept: The Big Sleep, by Raymond Chandler

Oct: Lovecraft Country, by Matt Ruff

**Big Magic Tues Night Book Group**

Tuesdays, September 16 & October 21 7:00 PM

Sept: You Like It Darker, by Stephen King

Oct: Eruption, James Patterson

**Fourth Fridays Book Club**

Fridays, September 26 & October 24 11:30 AM-12:45 PM

Sept: I Remember Nothing, by Nora Ephron

Oct: The Maid, Nita Prose

(ROSE CARACAPPA SENIOR CENTER)

**Great Decisions Discussion Group**

NO MEETINGS IN SEPT/OCT

FILM MATINEES

Why pay for movies when you can go to the Library?! Join us in the Meeting Room on Fridays*. No registration necessary. Individual snacks and drinks are provided.* ***All showings at 2:00 PM unless otherwise noted.***

**Box Office Features**

***On Swift Horses*** (117 min, Rated R)**Friday September 12**

Muriel and her Korean War veteran husband’s new, stable life in California is upended by the arrival of his charismatic brother and the formation of a dangerous love triangle.

***Small Things Like These*** (98 min) **Friday October 10**

In 1985, coal merchant Bill Furlong uncovers disturbing secrets in a small Irish town controlled by the Catholic Church.

**Foreign Film Festival**

***All We Imagine as Light*** (Malayalam, 115 min) **Friday, September 26**

Nurse Prabha’s daily life in Mumbai takes an unexpected turn when she receives a surprise present from her estranged husband.

***Shoplifters*** (Japanese, 121 min, Rated R) **Friday, October 24**

On the margins of Tokyo, a dysfunctional band of outsiders are united by fierce loyalty and a penchant for petty theft and grifting.

**Silver Screen Showing**

***Some Like it Hot*** (120 min) **Friday September 19**

In this classic comedy, Joe and Jerry witness a mob hit inspired by the St. Valentine’s Day massacre. They disguise themselves as women and hide among an all-female band on their way to Miami.

***Whatever Happened to Baby Jane?*** (133 min) **Friday, October 31**

Former screen legends Blanche and “Baby Jane” Hudson live in a decaying Hollywood mansion. Jane’s jealousies grow into psychological torment of Blanche, driven by the dream of a comeback just out of reach.

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HEALTH, WELLNESS & FITNESS

***Registration required unless otherwise noted***

*Any registration fees are made by check ONLY, payable to the instructor.*

**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)

**Narcan Training**

Wednesdays 5:30-8:45 PM

One NY resident dies of an overdose every 3 hours. The Phoenix House of New York will give out free Narcan and instruct how to administer it to reverse the effects of opioid overdose.

**ABCs of Medicare**

Wednesday, September 10 1:00 PM

Learn ways to pay non-covered costs, important terminology, enrollment and plan types. Ask your questions to be more confident with your Medicare choices.

**Blood Pressure Screening**

Friday, September 12 and October 10 3:00 - 4:30 PM

A clinician from St. Charles Hospital will check your blood pressure and discuss disease prevention and health maintenance. No registration; walk-in.

**Crystal Bowls Meditation**

Mondays, September 15, and October 13 10:00 AM

A guided meditation followed by Crystal Singing Bowls aimed at rebalancing your energy.

**Understanding Alzheimer’s and Dementia**

Tuesday, September 16 7:00 PM

Alzheimer’s is not a normal part of aging. Learn about the diseases’s impact, the difference between Alzheimer’s and dementia, stages and risk factors, research and treatments, and The Alzheimer’s Association of Long Island’s resources. An East End Libraries Event. (ZOOM)

**Reiki**

Thursday, September 18 and October 16 7:00 PM

Annalee Jackofsky guides a brief meditation and a short reiki session. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel, and a blanket.

**Saturday Morning Yoga with Laurel Frey**

Saturdays, September 20, 27, October 4, 11, 18 10:00 AM

Join a Certified Yoga Instructor for this four-session workshop. *Note: There is a $20 fee payable by check to be written to Laurel Frey due upon registration*.

**Mindfulness Meditation**

Mondays, September 29 and October 27 7:00 PM

Practice being in the present and how to interrupt negative thinking. (ZOOM)

**Stretch Sculpt Fusion**

Wednesdays October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 and November 5 10:00 AM

An active class! In this class, a typical lunge might be done for 10 reps and then held in a down-ward position similar to a yoga crescent pose. (ZOOM)

**Cardio Sculpt in the Park**

Fridays, October 3, 10, 17 Rain Date - Friday, October 24 9:45 AM

A strength and sculpting type class using cardio and strength moves. After a group of approximately eight exercises, there’s a separate cardio section of about two minutes, and then a new group of exercises are performed. This class is held in the park behind the library, so bring a towel/mat as well as water.

**Medicare New Rules 2026 + Prescription Savings**

Tuesday, October 14 6:00 PM

Information on Medicare’s new ruling and how it affects individual plans. We will also discuss 12 tips to save money on your prescription drug costs.

LANGUAGE & LITERACY

**English Conversation Group / Grupo de conversación en inglés**

**Saturdays 11:00 AM**

Practice spoken English in a relaxed atmosphere. 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 by Appointment / Ciudadanía con cita**

Are you studying for the Naturalization Exam? Call 631-473-0022

today to make an appointment for help with Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming.

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LECTURES, TUTORIALS, TECHNOLOGY & EDUCATION

***Registration required***

**One-On-One Genealogy Appointments**

Meet virtually with a Genealogist to develop a research plan, look up records and get answers. Fill out a short questionnaire upon registration. Call Adult Services to book your appointment. (ZOOM)

**eBook One-On-One Appointments**

Wednesdays, September 17 & October 8 2:00 - 4:00 PM

20 minutes with a librarian to learn how to download eBooks and audiobooks with your library card. Please specify what device you will be using and be sure to bring your passwords.

**AHRC Job Recruitment Table**

Thursday, September 25, Wednesday, October 1 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM AHRC Suffolk provides programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Stop by the table to learn about their career opportunities.

**Day Haven Table**

Tuesday, September 30, Wednesday, October 15 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Day Haven, a social model adult day services program, provides daytime care for frail older adults and individuals with Alzheimer’s or related dementia. Meet a representative to discuss services that may help an adult in your life.

**DnD One-Shot Sessions**

Monday, September 22 6:00 PM

Monday, October 20 6:00 PM

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

**Trusts in Action**

Tuesday, September 16 1:00 PM

Trusts can safeguard your assets, minimize taxes, and provide for your loved ones. Learn about different types and strategies to protect assets while qualifying for Medicaid.

**The Frick Collection: Restored, Remodeled and Reopened**

Tuesday, September 16 7:00 PM

The Frick Collection reopened in April of 2025 after a major renovation. Re-design focused on honoring the 5th Avenue Mansion’s 1914 character while updating its exhibit spaces to present their collection of masterpieces. Professor Thomas Germano will present this visual lecture on the renovation’s new features, and the collection it houses.

**Play Readers Parlor**

Tuesday, September 23 6:30 PM

Play your part and get into character in a group play reading. New readers are welcome. Play to be decided based on the number of participants.

**Introduction to FamilySearch Genealogy**

Tuesday, September 23 7:00 PM

Set up a free account on FamilySearch and begin building your family tree. Access unindexed records, the catalog, and FamilySearch Wiki, and how to add memories to a profile.

**Ancient Secrets of the Spinney Clock Collection**

Tuesday, September 30 6:30 PM

The Spinney Clock Collection is a Port Jefferson treasure. This presentation will examine how ancient symbols found their way into European and American clock design from the 17th to the 20th century. A discussion designed for both newcomers and clock enthusiasts to discover connections between ancient culture and everyday objects.

**Introduction to Powerpoint**

Tuesday, October 7 5:30 PM

Our tech experts, Jeremy and Anna, will teach you the basics of Powerpoint. Learn how to create a slideshow, save, edit, format, and add multimedia objects and animation effects.

**Paranormal Occurrences and Spirit Phenomena**

Wednesday, October 8 7:00 PM

Dr. Gary Truce has an extensive background in parapsychology and psychophysiology, and is the Author of the book *Shelly and Rhoda*: *A Most Extraordinary Spirit Encounter*. Truce will discuss ESP, Mental Telepathy, Dowsing, Levitation, Spirit or Ghost Phenomena, and possible Life After Death. The conversation will also focus on body energies, parallel dimensions, and a consciousness that is out of the realm of our widely accepted reality.

**Pets and the City with New York Historical**

Tuesday, October 14 7:00 PM

New Yorkers and their companion animals through the Historical’s amazing collection of art, objects, documents, memorabilia and film, from the Lenape and Haudenosaunee to bodega cats and dog parks. An East End Libraries Event. (ZOOM)

**Keeping Your Trusts Healthy**

Tuesday, October 21 1:00 PM

Burner Prudenti Law associates lead a discussion of funding trusts, selling property within trusts, and the value of keeping the document in good standing.

**Graveyard Genealogy**

Wednesday, October 22 7:00 PM

Unearth family history through clues found in cemeteries and historical death records. Learn to use obituaries, last wills and testaments, burial records, and death certificates to piece together ancestral stories to discover family relationships.

**3D Printing Workshop**

Tuesday, October 28 7:00 PM

Make your own keychain using Tinkercad, to be printed and picked up later. No experience required.

**Line Dancing Workshop**

Wednesdays, October 29, November 5, 12, 19 7:00 PM

Kick up your heels for some fun Line Dance Lessons with Natalie Boyle! Learn basic steps to popular dances and enjoy great music and meeting new friends.

**American Clocks of the 1800s; Tour of the Spinney Clock Museum**

Saturday November 1 2:00 PM

James Boyd, Port Jefferson Historical Society Trustee, will discuss clocks primarily manufactured in Connecticut including Seth Thomas, Ansionia, and Ingraham. Learn about the clock’s role in the Industrial Revolution and expect a “hands on” examination of clock works and their historical significance. Lecture will be followed by a walk to 115 Prospect Street for a tour of the Port Jefferson Historical Society’s Spinney Clock Museum.

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MAKE IT! ARTS, HOBBIES, CRAFTS

***Registration is required unless otherwise noted****. PJFL cardholders may register beginning****.*** *Outside library cardholders may register beginning****. Online programs that include a pick-up kit are ONLY ONE KIT PER LIBRARY CARD BARCODE. Please do not register if you may not be able to attend. If you do not show up to three programs without informing us, you will be held from registering for future programs.***

*NOTE: Limit of two reservations per library card for in person workshops.*

**Long Island Quilters**

**Mondays 1:00 PM**

If you are a quilter and would like to join in, bring a sewing machine and a project. If you are new to quilting and just want to find out more, feel free to stop by. Please call the library or check the online calendar to find out if the group is meeting each week. *No registration*. (IN PERSON)

**PJFL Mah-Jongg Club**

**Every Other Friday 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM**

Open to all levels. If you own a set of tiles, please bring them with you. (IN PERSON)

**Paper Quilled Sunflower**

Friday, September 12 11:00 AM

Pick up your materials and follow along our video to create an autumn-themed design. (YOUTUBE)

**Yarn Bombing Guerilla Group**

Saturday, September 13 2:00 PM

Learn to make colorful crochet pieces to decorate trees to brighten and delight. Use your scraps to decorate the trees in front of the library for Dickens Festival. Strategize follow up times to meet and assemble to make merry and bright.

**Simply Creative Cooking with Chef Rob Scott**

Thursday, September 25 2:00 PM

Sample prosciutto with baby spinach and angel hair pasta pancakes filled with mozzarella and parmesan cheeses served with a cannellini bean and fennel salad.

**Fall Paint Night**

Thursday, September 25 6:30 PM

Step by step instruction using acrylics on a 14x18 canvas. All materials provided.

**Simply Creative Cooking with Chef Rob Scott**

Wednesday, October 1 2:00 PM

Sample pumpkin soup with a chili cranberry apple relish and a honeycrisp apple salad, shaved brussel sprouts with goat cheese and a lemon-maple vinaigrette.

**Fudge Making at Kilwins**

Saturday, October 4 10:00 AM

Location: Kilwins (109D Main St., Port Jefferson)

Owner and expert fudge maker Christine Viscount will demonstrate the process from start to finish. Samples too. Space is limited!

**Crochet Workshop**

Saturdays, October 4, 11, 18, 25 2:00 PM

Sharon Barnes teaches the nuances of crocheting including basic stitches, how to read a pattern and finishing tips. Please bring the following materials to class: Red Heart super saver yarn variegated, size I crochet hook, scissors, plastic seam pins, knit check stitch gauge, large eye darning needles.

**Witches Day Out - Broom Workshop**

Saturday, October 11 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Craft a hand-tied broom during this hands-on workshop. We’ll use natural materials, herbs, and intuitive guidance to craft whether for your altar, ritual sweeping, protection, or charming autumn vibes. No experience needed; creative spirit required.

**Autumn Alcohol Ink**

Wednesday, October 15 6:30 PM

Create a fall-themed ceramic tile in this hands-on workshop. All materials provided.

**Pumpkin Painting**

Thursday, October 23 6:30 PM

Paint a faux pumpkin with intricate designs using acrylics. All materials provided.

**Cricut Club**

Thursday, October 30 3:00 PM

Hands-on session to learn to use the Cricut machine by making a project. Space is limited. Basic computer skills required.

TRAVEL/ENRICHMENT

**Historic Walking Tours with Ava**

Friday, September 12 and Thursday, October 9 12:00 PM

A guided historical tour. Meet at the library and learn about local history as you walk the village.

**Montauk Sunset Cruise**

Wednesday, September 24 Bus Departure: 3:30 PM

Boat Launch at 6:00 PM Price: ***Non-refundable*** $80

Set sail with us aboard the Viking Cruise line as we cruise scenic Montauk shores. Sandwich supper provided, but drinks are on you at the onboard bar.

**West Hills Country Park Hike**

Saturday, September 20 10:00 AM

Naturalist, Photographer and author Lee McAllister will lead our hike to Jayne’s Hill, the highest point on Long Island, in celebration of Port Jeff’s Year of the Tree. We’ll cover about 3.7 miles of wooded and hilly terrain for views over Broad Hollow and to meet the flora and fauna. Gather at the parking lot on Sweet Hollow Rd just north of Northern State Parkway, where the dog park & stables are located.

**Do As You Please Bus Trip to New York City**

Wednesday, December 10 Departure: 9:00 AM from Village Hall

Pick up will be at 6:00 PM at Bryant Park.

Ride together on a Hampton Jitney bus. See the sights, eat, shop ‘til you drop… it’s up to you! Note: *Should the trip be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, the library is not responsible for any patron-purchased event tickets.* ***Registration begins next newsletter***.

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**THE FRIENDS OF THE PORT JEFFERSON FREE LIBRARY**

*Enhancing the Library Community with dedication & donations*

The Friends’ Used Bookshop is now in the main library building.

*Friends volunteers have been inundated with books in poor condition that have to be recycled upon receipt. To prevent this: please limit donations to one box that you can carry; The Friends are unable to assist with retrieving donations from you, nor do they do pickups from homes. Donations are accepted during 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.

***Items we do not accept***: We cannot accept dusty, damaged, discolored, damaged, missing pages, broken bindings, water damage, or are soiled, musty or smelly. Additionally, we cannot 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.

**SERVICES**

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

ASSISTIVE

***portjefflibrary.org/accessibility***

* **American Sign Language (ASL) Interpreters**: An Interpreter may be requested for any program.
* **Braille Format**: The Library is able to transcribe any library produced print material into braille.

\*If you are interested in either of the above services, contact Samantha DiGiacomo, 631-473-0022,at least 2 weeks in advance.

* **Andrew Heiskell Braille & Talking Books**
* **Browsealoud**
* **Digital Magnifier**
* **Home Outreach Service**
* **Music & Memory**: A personalized music therapy program for those living with Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias.
* *THIS NEWSLETTER IS AVAILABLE IN LARGE PRINT ONLINE OR FOR PRINTING AT REFERENCE.*

ONGOING

* **Check-Out Discounts** - portjefflibrary.org/discounts. Discounts with your PJFL card! New businesses continually added so check back often.
* **Museum Passes** - ***portjefflibrary.org/museums***; Passes are back and can now be reserved online! We have a limited selection of FREE museum passes available for adult PJFL cardholders. Please contact the Circulation Department.
* **Helping Hands - Social Workers**; ***portjefflibrary.org/helpinghands***
* **Passport Acceptance Facility** - ***portjefflibrary.org/passport***
* **Recycle Batteries, Cell Phones, Eyeglasses and Markers**
* **Veterans History Project**

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**
  + NEW: Chromebook Laptops
  + Games & Gadgets - ***portjefflibrary.org/gamesandgadgets***
  + Kindle Paperwhites: Pre-loaded with popular titles
  + Mobile Hotspots: Free WiFi at Home!
* **3D Print Service** - ***portjefflibrary.org/3dprinter***; $1 per hour
* **Featured Database**: Kanopy - ***portjefflibrary.org/kanopy***

Kanopy is the best video streaming service for quality, thoughtful entertainment which is perfect for the holiday season!

**EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS**

If you would like to show your pieces, please visit portjefflibrary.org/display or contact Adult Reference at 631-473-0022.

**September**

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**SEPTEMBER IS... LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH**

Apply or renew in person. The library offers access to SO much. Borrow museum passes, a Hot Spot, ebooks, puzzles and access to databases and subscriptions. Join us for book clubs and movie afternoons, or crafting, tech help, and lectures. Access our technology, career support, Wi-Fi, and resources to help you be a life-long learner. We hope to see you soon.

**SPICE OF THE MONTH CLUB**

Each month the Port Jeff Spice and Tea Exchange brings us a unique spice mix and recipes to try**.**

**PAINT PORT PINK**

The library will be pink for October in honor of breast cancer awareness.

**BROOKHAVEN TOWN LIBRARY EXPO**

Saturday, September 13 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Brookhaven Town Hall, 1 Independence Hill Farmingville, NY, 11738 Explore and play at Brookhaven Town Hall with a gathering of staff from 13 Public Libraries and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) focused not for-profit organizations. Educators will bring hands-on activities and displays to spark your curiosity. Discover what the libraries in Brookhaven have to offer. Free and for all ages.

**THE GREAT GIVEBACK**

Saturday, October 18

PJFL will join libraries statewide to give back to our communities. Stop by the Library to donate your non-perishable food items. Bring your old eyeglasses and rechargeable batteries to be recycled.

**HELPING HANDS SOCIAL WORKER**

**TUESDAYS: visit portjefflibrary.org/helpinghands** **to make an appointment**

One-on-one appointments with our social worker are available over the phone. Receive individual and confidential support, and assistance with accessing and navigating local resources. Support available for all ages.

**LIBRARY HOURS**

**Main Library: 631-473-0022**

Monday - Thursday 9:30 AM - 9:00 PM

Friday & Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

**Teen Center: 631-509-5707**

Monday - Thursday 12:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Friday 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM

(opens at 11:00 AM in the Summer)

Saturday 9:30 PM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 PM

***\*\*\*Both buildings closed on Sundays from Memorial Day to Labor Day\*\*\****

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

**Monday, September 29 5:00 PM**

**Monday, October 27 5:00 PM**

**LIBRARY CLOSINGS**

**Sunday, August 31 Labor Day**

**Monday, September 1 Labor Day**

**Emergency Closing Information:**

**Telephone: (631)473-0022 Website: portjefflibrary.org Weather Closings/delayed openings: News12**

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***\*By participating in our programs, your photo may be used in Library publicity\****

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