



Port Jefferson Free Library

NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2025 YEOMAN NEWSLETTER

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118TH LIBRARY TRUSTEE ELECTION

Become a Library Trustee

The Library Trustees have announced that two five year seats are due to expire and will be filled by an election during the Annual Meeting on **Wednesday, January 7, 2026**. Interested persons are invited to apply. Applications are available at the Library Circulation Desk. A completed application must include a resume, a written statement of interest, and a written petition signed by at least twenty-five (25) members of the Port Jefferson Free Library Association. All completed applications must be received by **Friday, November 7, 2025**. To be eligible for consideration as a candidate or to vote in the election, a person must be a member of the Port Jefferson Free Library Association; that is, she or he must be a resident of Union Free School District #6, and have a library card in good standing. In addition, he or she must be at least 18 years old.

Meet the Trustee Candidates

Monday, December 15, 2025

4:30 PM

118th Trustee Election

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Voting by paper ballot will take place. Absentee ballots will be available at the Circulation Desk **December 8, 2025 through January 6, 2026**.

Annual Meeting

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

5:00 PM

Please address all correspondence to:

Election Committee, Port Jefferson Free Library
100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson NY 11777



Discounts

Show your library card for a discount to the following shows:

A CHRISTMAS CAROL

December 11, 12, 18, 19 at 7:00 PM

December 13, 14 at 3:00 PM

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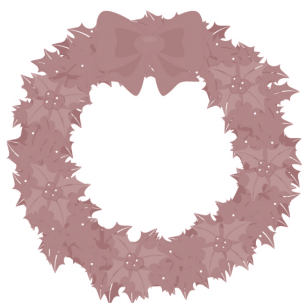
THE MITTEN TREE

We will collect new and gently used mittens, gloves, hats and scarves to be given to area children or adults through the Coalition for the Homeless. Over the years, Patrons and Staff have shown we care by donating hundreds of cozy items. Please help keep local families warm. Donation collection starts **December 1**.



ADOPT A FAMILY

The Library will be collecting for the Adopt A Family drive to help bring some holiday joy to local families in need. Select a request from the Library's tree and bring your donated items back to the Library for wrapping and delivery. Thank you for your generosity over the years of supporting the drive. And thank you for taking care of each other.



WREATH DROP-IN

Saturday, December 13

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM

All supplies provided to help you get into the spirit of the season including hot cocoa and holiday tunes. Please note that this event does not require registration and is first come first served while supplies last.

DUMP THE JUNK: FALL CLEANING

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

Saturday, November 1

11:00 AM - 1:00 PM



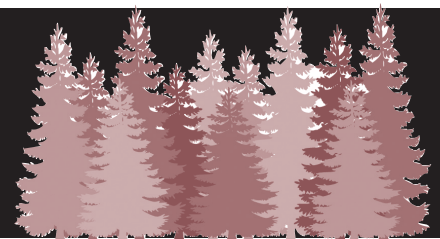
Shed the Meds Collection: Safely dispose of unused or expired medications. **No liquid medications or sharps accepted.**

Paper Recycling with Smart Shred Mobile: On-site shredding of personal documents. No binders, plastic, cardboard, or carbon paper.

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, microwave ovens, fluorescent bulbs, and alkaline batteries.

TEEN CENTER

150 East Main Street • Port Jefferson, NY 11777 • (631)509-5707



PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required for all programs and begins on October 23rd. Our programs are limited to current Teen (grades 6-12) Port Jefferson Free Library Cardholders. Call the Teen Center at 631-509-5707 if you need to cancel, so that we can call from the waiting list. All programs are scheduled for one hour unless otherwise stated and teens are expected to stay for the entirety of the program.

** Please evaluate for allergy concerns.*

Pathfinder

Saturday, November 1 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Saturday, December 13 1:00 - 2:30 PM

A tabletop role-play game built on the foundations of Dungeons & Dragons 3.5 edition. See Nick for help building a character ahead of the program.

Dungeons & Dragons

Sundays, November 2 & 16 and December 7

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Journey on a side quest story. See Khan for help building a character ahead of the program.



Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Wednesday, November 5 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday, December 3 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Choose your character to fight on the Switch.

3D Print & Design

Thursday, November 6 4:00 PM

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

Apples to Apples

Monday, November 10 6:30 PM

Compete in a round or two.

Gaming Stand Woodshop Project

Tuesday, November 11 6:00 PM

A hands-on workshop with power tools where we will build a stand to hold your headphones and game controllers.

MTG: Modern Masters

Wednesday November 12 6:00-7:30 PM

You are challenged to a duel!

Cybersecurity

Thursday, November 13 6:30 PM

Learn techniques hackers use to obtain your personal info and how to protect it.

TEEN MOVIE FRIDAYS

Superman & Tacos in a Bag *

Friday, November 14 3:00 - 5:15 PM

Watch the newest DC hero movie with Dorito tacos.

Fantastic Four & Pizza *

Friday, December 12 3:00 - 5:15 PM

Watch the newest installment in the Marvel franchise with pizza.

The Nightmare Before Christmas Movie & Cookies *

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

Watch this holiday movie with cookies and cocoa.

Creative Writing

Saturday, November 15 3:00 PM

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

Books and Looks

Monday, November 17 6:00 PM

A bookish discussion to share what you're reading and to watch the latest movie adaptation trailers together.

Coding & Building

Wednesday, November 19 4:00 PM

We'll use a Spike Prime robot.

Taste Test: Tea *

Thursday, November 20 6:00 PM

Try new flavors and learn their herbal properties. Tea trivia too.

Teen Bowling *

Friday, November 21 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Meet at Port Jeff Bowl, 31 Chereb Ln, Port Jeff Sta. Whether you're a bowling pro or a beginner, come bowl with us. Pizza and soda provided. Signed permission slips are required and must be returned by Friday, November 14.



The Mighty Oak

Saturday, November 22 2:00 PM

Connect with nature and learn about native plants that thrive locally.

Pressed Flower Frame

Monday, November 24 6:30 PM

We'll use a double glass frame with pressed flowers and decorations.

DIY Stickers

Tuesday, November 25 3:00 PM

Design for your water bottle.

Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, November 26 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Thursday, December 18 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Race to the finish line in Mario Kart World and Mario Kart 8 Deluxe maps on the Nintendo Switch 1 & 2.



Mario Party

Saturday November 29

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Friendly competition.

Scrapbook Workshop

Monday, December 1 6:30 PM

Enjoy time together sharing designs.

Name That Tune

Wednesday, December 3 4:00 PM

How quickly can you call it?

Holiday Cookie Wars *

Thursday, December 4 4:00 PM

A showdown-style cookie confection decorating tournament.

Grabber Robot

Thursday, December 4 6:30 PM

Learn how to make a robotic vehicle with a grab and lift mechanism.

Paint a Nutcracker

Friday, December 5 3:30 PM

Personalize your own while learning about the tradition.

Aromatherapy for the Holidays*

Monday, December 8 5:00 PM
Discover how to use essential oils by creating a lotion and immune-boosting spray.

Seasonal Wooden Wall Sign

Wednesday, December 10 6:00 PM
Personalize your decor.

Cartooning 101

Thursday December 11 6:00 PM
Fundamentals of cartoon drawing.

Wooden Star Ornaments

Monday, December 15 6:00 PM
DIY Holiday Decor.

Mug Designs

Wednesday, December 17 6:00 - 7:30 PM
Create your own using sublimation markers and the mug press.

Beaded Jewelry Workshop

Monday, December 22 2:00 PM
Get creative making bracelets, necklaces, or rings.

Scrabble Night

Monday, December 22 6:30 PM
Create words and improve your game.

Winter Wonderland Sand Art

Tuesday, December 23 1:00 PM
Decorate bottles and layer with a wintertime palette.

Munchkin: Card Battles

Monday, December 29 1:00 PM
A strategic dungeon-style game while eating munchkins.

Taste Test: Chips *

Tuesday, December 30 1:00 PM
Guess the flavors; Some familiar and some new, and learn some snack facts.

WINTER READING PROGRAM 2026 COMING SOON!

There's snow-place like the Teen Center for the Winter Reading Program. Pick up your Adventure Card to earn raffle tickets by reading and participating in activities.



Follow us on Instagram!

@portjeffteencenter

Teen Community Service Opportunities

All sessions earn 1 hour of community service unless otherwise indicated.

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 credit by reviewing young adult novels on your reading level. You can earn 4 hours of credit for each book review you submit (limit of 2 reviews per month).

Movie Review

Earn community service credit by reviewing PG or PG-13 movies from any source of film, DVD or digital streaming service. You can earn 4 hours of credit for each review that meets our guidelines (limit of 2 reviews per month).

Recycling Challenge

Earn community service credit by recycling bottles. You can earn hours of community service credit for each entry (limit of 10 hours per month).



Take-Home Community Service

These opportunities will be available for pickup beginning on November 1. Receive two hours of community service for each completed project envelope. Limit one of each project each month.

Paper Hearts

Design hearts to show your love of public libraries.

Bookmarks

Design bookmarks for the library.

In-Person Community Service

Bookshop Organizers

Monday, November 3 4:00 PM

Monday, December 8 4:00 PM

The Friends of the Library Bookshop offers gently used books for a donation. Earn an hour of community service credit by helping to organize our bookshelves.

LEGO Organizers

Saturday, November 8 11:00 AM

Sort blocks for Teen Center use.

Dickens Organizers

Sunday, November 9 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Assemble kits for the upcoming event.



Color-A-Smile

Thursday, November 20 4:00 PM
Color drawings for community members in need of a smile.

3D Paper Snowflake

Sunday, November 23 2:00 PM
Craft snowflakes for the Library's winter decor.

Sock Snow Critters

Wednesday, November 26 12:00 PM
Make creatures for the library's winter decor.

Perler Bead Designers

Sunday, November 30 2:00 PM
Make perler bead decorations for the Library.

Teen Meetup

Tuesday, December 9 3:00 PM
Collaborate with our librarians to plan activities for the library.

Perler Bead Sorters

Sunday, December 21 2:00 PM
Help organize perler beads for library crafts.

Children's Services

* This symbol indicates that this program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.

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)

Let's Sing with Meghan VK

Monday, November 3 & December 1
11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 5 years with an adult

Encourage word, sound development and communication skills.

STEM Candy Build *

Tuesday, November 4 11:30 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

On National Candy Day, we'll use our engineering skills to build structures.

Let's Vote Storytime

Tuesday, November 4 6:30 PM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

Cast your vote for your favorite book, then make a related craft.

PlayHooray Babies

Wednesday, November 5 10:00 AM

Thursday, December 11 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult

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



PlayHooray Kids

Wednesday, November 5 11:00 AM

Thursday, December 11 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

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

Lil Athletes

Friday, November 7 - Football/Hockey

Wednesday, December 3 - Soccer/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 in the obstacle course.



Shake 'N Make Music

Saturday, November 8

Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult 10:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with adult 11:00 AM

Join us for this high-energy, fun-filled music and movement program.

Sesame Street Storytime *

Monday, November 10 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Do you know how to get to Sesame Street? The librarians will get you there with stories and crafts.

Story Time Yoga

Tuesday, November 11

Wednesday, December 10

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 with yoga poses.

Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.



Infant Massage

Wednesday, November 12 10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 9 10:00 AM

Ages: 1 month - 18 months with an adult

Licensed Massage Therapist Laura Morello will teach how to communicate with your child through touch.

Please dress in comfortable clothes, and bring a blanket for the baby, one for yourself and the baby's favorite comfort toy.

Tiny Talkers

Thursday, November 13 10:00 AM

Monday, December 8 10:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 3 years with an adult

Read, sing, and play with pediatric speech-language pathologist Kristina Potter. Strategies to encourage language development.

Tois Night Out

Thursday, November 13 6:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

An evening of family learning and skill building with A Time for Kids.

Little Sprouts and Friends

Friday, November 14 10:00 AM

Thursday, December 18 10:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 16 months with an adult

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



Sprouts and Friends

Friday, November 14 11:00 AM

Thursday, December 18 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.*

Harvest Tales

Monday, November 17 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years old with adult

Apples, pumpkins, and pies! Stories and crafts to celebrate the bounty of Fall.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, November 18 10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 2 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult

Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, November 18 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 2 11:00 AM

Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult

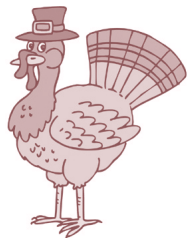
Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle.

Tissue Box Turkeys

Thursday, November 20 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Share some turkey tales and make a Thanksgiving masterpiece.



Music and Movement

Friday, November 21 & December 19 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 4 years with an adult

Interactive activities with rhyming songs and instruments.

Baby Start

Monday, November 24 10:00 AM

Tuesday, December 16 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

Monday, November 24 11:00 AM

Tuesday, December 16 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

Music and movement storytime with a craft.

Sensory Storytime

Tuesday, November 25

11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

Stories, songs and sensory play.

Super Soccer Stars

Wednesday, November 26

Monday, December 29

Ages: 2 - 3 years with an adult

10:00 AM

Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult

11:00 AM

Improve not only soccer skills, but self-confidence and socialization skills.

Block Party

Thursday, December 4

10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Build with Legos, Mega Bloks, and Magna Tiles.

Registration is not required.

1,2,3 Full STEAM Ahead

Friday, December 5

10:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

An introduction to science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics. Focus on critical thinking and problem solving.

Gingerbread Man Storytime

Friday, December 12

10:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

We'll read tales about the Gingerbread Man and help him find a holiday disguise.



Welcome

Winter Stories and Crafts

Monday, December 15

11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Warm up with stories, crafts, music and movement.

Winter Sensory Exploration

Monday, December 22

11:30 AM

Ages: 18 months - 4 years with an adult

Use all your senses to explore winter-themed sensory bins. **Please dress for mess.**

Noon Year's Celebration *

Tuesday, December 30

11:30 AM

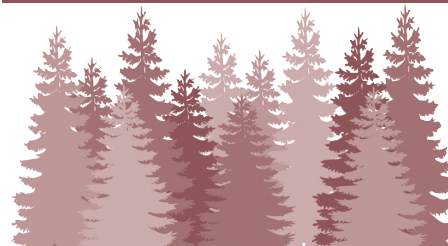
Ages: 2 - 4 years with adult

Ring in the New Year with crafts, dancing, and a toddler-friendly countdown - no late nights required.



A Christmas Carol

The Children's Department will display our wide variety of versions in 12 different languages of the Christmas classic during the Dickens Festival.



School Age Programs

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

Travel the Oregon Trail

Monday, November 3

6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Buy oxen, forge the river, avoid snakebites and vote on what choices will help us reach the end of the trail with the original computer game on the big screen.



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, November 5 & 19, December 3

5:30 - 6:30 PM

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 your 10-minute reading session.**

Chess

Wednesday, November 5 & 19,

December 3 & 17

7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 6

Develop strategies and sharpen skills. For all skill levels.



Lego Challenge

Monday, November 10 & December 8

7:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Work in teams to build a themed creation.

Yoga Time

Tuesday, November 11

12:00 PM

Ages: 5 - 8 years old

An introduction to yoga. Learn asanas and pranas presented through games and play. **Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.**

Circle Art

Tuesday, November 11

7:00 PM

Grades 2 - 5

Make a unique work of art using various circular tracers and watercolors. **Please dress for mess.**

Yarn Pumpkins

Wednesday, November 12

6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Let's make cozy decorations.

Book to Movie Club - Session 1

Thursday, November 13

6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Discuss the book *Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Roald Dahl and do a related activity. **Pick up your copy of the book in the Children's Department prior to the program.**

Paper Plate Turkey Wreath

Saturday, November 15

12:00 PM

Grades K - 2

A cheerful holiday decoration full of fall colors.

Turkey Tape Resist Art

Monday, November 17

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

We will paint our creations onto a canvas, then remove the tape to reveal our design. **Please dress for mess.**

Sketchbook School: Glittering Gems

Tuesday, November 18

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Bring your sketchbooks and learn to draw gems and crystals.

Homeschool: Owls

Wednesday, November 19

12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Themed facts and STEAM activities to fit your homeschool curriculum.



Book to Movie Club - Session 2*

Thursday, November 20

:30 PM

Grades 3 - 5

We will be watching *Fantastic Mr. Fox* on the big screen. Popcorn will be served. **Please bring a beverage with you.** Please note, if you did not attend the book discussion session, you may sign up to watch the movie.

Fall Scented Playdough

Saturday, November 22

12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

We'll make playdough with a fall-tastic aroma. **Please dress for mess.**

Turkey Leaf Lanterns

Monday, November 24

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Bring a little gobble and glow to your holiday with fall leaves, Mason jars and fairy lights.

Thankful Art

Tuesday, November 25

6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 6

We'll discuss the places, people, and things that we are thankful for and then create a mixed-media work of art.

Super Soccer Stars

Wednesday, November 26

Monday, December 29

Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult

11:00 AM

Ages: 7 - 10 years

12:00 PM

Improve not only soccer skills, but self-confidence and socialization skills.

Paint and Pass: Snowman

Monday, December 1

6:30 PM

Group creativity as you all add to canvas after canvas.



3-D Trees

Tuesday, December 2

7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 3

Use pipe cleaners and beads to decorate a festive tree on a canvas.

Salt and Pepper Shaker Snow Couples

Thursday, December 4

6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Add a woolen scarf and a belly full of glitter to create a pair of no-melt snowmen.

Light Up the Holidays with Art

Tuesday, December 9

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Create a tree full of color and pattern using crayons and pastels.

Pom Pom Reindeer Wreath

Tuesday, December 16

6:30 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Craft cozy door decor.



Christmas Tree Puzzle Ornament

Thursday, December 18

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Paint pieces to make a festive ornament. **Please be advised, we will be using hot glue guns for this program. Please dress for mess.**

Grinch Slime

Monday, December 22

7:00 PM

Grades 2 - 5

Using glue and baking soda, stretch the Grinch's heart by three sizes with this hands-on activity.

Snowflake Create

Saturday, December 27

12:00 PM

Grades K - 2

Celebrate National Snowflake Day with stories and crafts.

Not Yet New Year's Eve Celebration *

Monday, December 29

7:00 PM

Grades K - 2

Get ready for New Year's with crafts, treats and a countdown - all before bedtime.

Color, Cut & Paste Night

Tuesday, December 30

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Grades Pre-K - 5

An assortment of materials & designs to color and practice your scissor skills. **Registration is not required.**



Family Programs

Registration is not required unless noted.

I Hear the Snow, I Smell the Rain Sensory Storytime

Sunday, November 2

2:00 PM

Families with children aged 4 - 8 years

Janice Milusich, author of *I Hear the Snow, I Smell the Sea*, will read her picture book about a blind girl's exploration of the seasons, followed by sensory exploration activities the whole family can enjoy.

Registration required.

Sunday Crafternoon

Sunday, November 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30,

December 14, 21 & 28

2:00 - 4:00 PM

We'll have a new craft to make each week.

Dickens' Festival Carols and Crafts

Saturday, December 6

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Sunday December 7

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Sing along to holiday tunes and watch various versions of A Christmas Carol while you get creative.

Family Ornament Workshop

Wednesday, December 10

7:00 PM

Families with children 3 - 12 years old

Craft ornaments together to the tune of favorite holiday songs. Make one ornament to contribute to our Department's tree and another to hang on your own. **Registration required.**



Holiday Trivia

Thursday, December 11

7:00 PM

Families with children in Grades K - 5

Test your knowledge of all the upcoming holidays. **Registration required.**

Gingerbread House Workshop *

Saturday, December 13

3:00 PM OR

Monday, December 15

6:30 PM

Families with children 4 - 12 years old

Work together to decorate your fully assembled freshly made gingerbread house. Royal icing and candy provided. **One house per family, please. Please register for one session only.**

Color Time

Tuesday, December 23

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Drop in to spend some time coloring and relaxing.

Family Clay Play

Tuesday, December 23

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Fun with clay for the whole family.

New Year's Dot Marker Madness

Friday, December 26

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Holiday-themed shapes ready for you to color with dot markers.

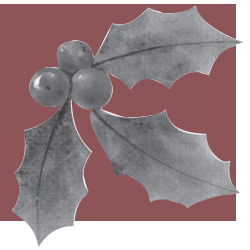
Block Party

Tuesday, December 30

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Bring the whole family to build with Legos, Mega Bloks, and Magna Tiles.

Adult Services



Registration Information: All fees for Adult Programs will be required at the time of 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.

PJFL cardholders may register for ALL programs beginning October 22. Outside library cardholders may register beginning October 29. Please note that 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.**



BOOK 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

Tuesdays, November 11 & December 10
10:00 AM

November: *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson
December: *This Motherless Land* by Nikki May

New Voices Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, November 13 & December 11
11:00 AM

November: *Honor* by Thrity Umrigar
December: *Good Material* by Dolly Alderton

Historical Happenings

This group is no longer meeting

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group

Tuesdays, November 18 & December 16
7:00 PM

November: *The Snow Child* by Eowyn Ivey

December: *Christmas at Glitter Peak Lodge*
by Kjersti Herland Johnson

Literary Lions Book Club

Wednesdays, November 19 & December 17
2:00 PM

November: *2001: A Space Odyssey*
by Arthur C. Clarke

December: *The Secret History* by Donna Tartt

Fourth Fridays Book Club

Fridays, November 21 & December 19
11:30 AM

November: *A Quilter's Holiday* by Jennifer Chiaverini

December: *Angels at the Table* by Debbie Macomber

Great Decisions Discussion Group

NO MEETINGS IN NOVEMBER/DECEMBER

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

Reduce your auto insurance costs and receive up to a 4-point reduction for points accumulated in the past 18 months with these DMV-approved courses. **Registration is IN PERSON and payment is required at registration. Fee is \$33 by check or money order only made payable to "Empire Safety Council."** If you are more than three minutes late, you will not be allowed to attend. The library cannot assist with issues involving certificates.

ONLINE COURSE WITH LIVE INSTRUCTOR:

Monday, November 3 AND

Tuesday, November 4

6:00-9:00 PM

You must attend both evenings (ZOOM)



Why pay for movies when you can go to the Library? Popcorn will be provided!

FILM MATINEES



Box Office Features

Superman (2025) (129 min.)

Friday, November 7 2:00 PM

Superman must reconcile his alien Kryptonian heritage with his human upbringing as reporter Clark Kent.

Eddington (148 min.)

Friday, December 5 2:00 PM

During the COVID-19 pandemic, a standoff between a small-town sheriff and mayor sparks a powder keg as neighbour is pitted against neighbour in Eddington, New Mexico. **Rated R**

Foreign Film Festival

Silence of Smoke (Mandarin) 106 min.

Friday, November 21 2:00 PM

When a father refuses to reveal the family recipe for a renowned generational cake, his son decides to carve his own path in life, not realizing a deep secret hidden for his own good.

The Last Spark of Hope (Polish) 88 min.

Friday, December 19 2:00 PM

A woman who may be the last human on Earth, struggles to survive with only her robot companion as she battles the harsh realities of her existence.

Silver Screen Showing

Now, Voyager (117 min.)

Friday, November 14 2:00 PM

A 1942 romantic drama starring Bette Davis as Charlotte Vale who transforms into a confident woman after psychiatric treatment.

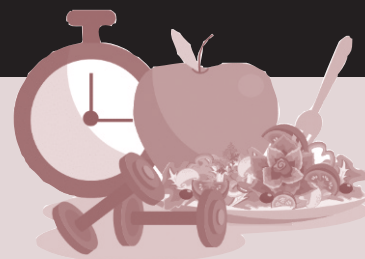
The Lion in Winter (134 min.)

Friday, December 26 2:00 PM

A 1968 British historical drama centred on Henry II of England and his attempt to establish a line of succession during a family gathering.

Registration is required
unless otherwise noted.

HEALTH AND FITNESS



One-On-One Medicare Appointments

Meet with an expert to discuss your Medicare questions. Learn the differences between plans. Call Adult Services to book your appointment.

Strength Training with Jackie

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25, and
December 2, 9, and 16

6:00 PM

In this total body workout series we will tone our bodies and improve our strength. This class is beginner friendly while challenging regular exercisers. Bring a mat, 2 hand-held weights (1-5 lbs.), and a water bottle.

Narcan Training

Saturday, November 8, December 13

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Tuesday November 18, Thursday December 18
12:45 PM - 4:45 PM

The Phoenix House of New York will give free Narcan and instruct you on how to administer it in an emergency to reverse the effects of an Opioid overdose. One New York resident dies of an overdose every three hours.

Blood Pressure Screening

Friday, December 5

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.



Saturday Morning Yoga

with Laurel Frey

Saturdays November 15, 22, 29 and
December 6

10:00 AM

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

Crystal Bowls Meditation

Mondays, November 17 and December 15
10:00 AM

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

Virtual Body Sculpt Circuit

Wednesday, November 19, 26,
December 3, 10, 17

10:00 AM

Cardio exercises between strengthening moves. Use a small pillow or ball for most exercises. This class can be done seated or standing. (ZOOM)

Reiki

Thursdays November 20 and December 18
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.

Mindfulness Meditation

Mondays, November 24 and December 22
7:00 PM

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

Blended Yoga

Mondays, January 5, 12, 26 and February 2, 9
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Certified Yoga Instructor Laurel Frey leads this five-session workshop featuring a blend of chair and traditional yoga. **Please note: There is a \$20 fee payable by check made out to Laurel Frey due upon registration.**



TUESDAYS: Go online to make an appointment today

One-on-one appointments with our social worker are available over the phone. Schedule an appointment to receive individual and confidential support, and assistance. 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.

LANGUAGE & Literacy

English Conversation Group

Saturdays

11:00 AM

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

Citizenship Help

Get help studying for the Naturalization Exam. Call 631-473-0022 to make an appointment for help with Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming who can answer all of your questions! **(IN PERSON BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)**

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LECTURES, TECHNOLOGY, AND EDUCATION

Please note: Registration is required.



One-On-One Genealogy Appointments

Meet virtually with a Genealogist to develop a research plan and for help finding records. Book with the Reference Department. (ZOOM)



Ebook One-On-One Appointments

Wednesdays, November 5 OR December 3
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 bringing and be sure to bring any necessary passwords.



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, Ansonia, 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.

Jane Austen: An Enduring Influencer

Thursday, November 6 7:00 PM
Author Erin Coughlin on how Austen's sharp social commentary, strong female characters, and timeless themes of love, class, and identity continue to resonate in popular culture. This is an East End Libraries Event. (ZOOM)



Dungeons and

Dragons One-Shot Sessions

Monday, November 10 6:00 PM

Monday, December 1 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 sessions.

Estate Planning and Medicare Plans

Thursday, November 13 12:00 PM

Learn the difference between Original Medigap Medicare Plans vs High Deductible Medigap Plans. Other topics covered include Elder Law, Medicaid, and Preventing Fraud and Financial abuse.

Play Readers Parlor

Thursday, November 13 6:00 PM

Saturday, December 6 1:00 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. A special reading of Charles Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* will be held to celebrate the Dickens Festival.

Scents and Sensibility: Fashion and Perfume in the Age of Jane Austen

Tuesday, November 18 7:00 PM

Historian Christine Griffiths leads a scented journey through study of Jane Austen and her contemporaries. This is an East End Libraries Event. (ZOOM)

Youth Enrichment Services

Tabling Event

Friday, November 21 and December 19

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

YES is part of the Community Mental Health Promotion and Support (COMHPS) team of Suffolk County. They offer free emotional support, wellness activities, mental health screenings, and referrals to licensed mental health professionals. Services available in English and Spanish.

Secrets of the New York City Subways

Wednesday, December 3

7:00 PM

Explore art in the stations designed by Lichtenstein, Heins, & LaFarge, Squire Vickers, Herbert Dole, and Jay Van Everen. Images spanning from the 1880s to the current day. (ZOOM)



iPad Basics for Beginners

Wednesday, December 10

3:00 PM

Hands-on class for beginners covering turning your device on and off, navigating the home screen, using apps, adjusting settings, and downloading books. Bring your iPad.

Origins of Christmas Traditions

Monday, December 22

7:00 PM

Artist and professor Chris Vivas visually explores traditions from various cultures, religions, and regions, some that predate Christianity. (ZOOM)

Federal Duck Stamps

Monday, December 29

6:30 PM

Learn about the art contest which has run since 1934 to benefit habitat conservation by the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service. (ZOOM)



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MAKE IT! ARTS, CRAFTS, AND COOKING



Long Island Quilters

Mondays

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Bring your sewing machine and a project, or stop by to learn more. Please call or check our online calendar to make sure the group is meeting. **Registration is not required.**

PJFL Mah Jongg Club

Fridays

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Open to all levels of play. Bring your set of tiles if you have one. **Registration is not required.**



Bath Salt Blend

Thursday, November 6

7:00 PM

Mix your own bath salt and add your choice of essential oils.



Thanksgiving Sign

**Monday, November 10
3:00 PM**

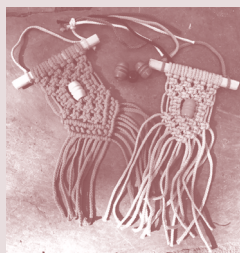
Paint and design a whimsical turkey sign. All materials provided.

Macrame Wall Hanging

Monday, November 17

7:00 PM

An intermediate macrame workshop to learn a variety of knots. Please note that macrame experience is necessary.



Simply Creative with Chef Rob

Thursday, November 20

1:00 PM

A demonstration and sampling of panko parmesan stuffed mushrooms and cranberry fruit relish.

Holiday Scrubs

Monday, December 1

7:00 PM

Make two all-sugar scrubs you will package with a wooden scoop, ribbon and a charm.

Simply Creative with Chef Rob

Thursday, December 4

2:00 PM

Hands-on demonstration with samples of Bar-b-rister's Chicken Chasseur, a popular French dish. Then make your own super-sized holiday sprinkle cookie.

Christmas Lantern

Thursday, December 11

6:30 PM

Paint a glass hurricane lantern just right for a holiday centerpiece.

Knitting for Charity

Saturday, December 13

2:00 PM

Meet and learn to create a knitted gift for patients at Mather Hospital. After learning the project you will complete the items on your own time and drop them back off at the library to be donated. Materials provided.

Holiday Cricut Club

Thursday, December 18

3:00 PM

Special edition hands-on session to learn to use the Cricut machine by making a personalized mug. Refreshments and festive cheer provided. Space is limited. Basic computer skills required.

Yarn Bombing

Volunteers needed!

Crochet 10 inch granny squares to decorate the library for Dickens Festival. Pick up yarn from the Adult Reference desk or use whatever you have at home.



Registration is **required** unless otherwise noted. PJFL cardholders may register for ALL "Make It" programs starting **October 22**. Outside library cardholders may register starting **October 29**.

Online programs that include a pick-up kit are ONE KIT PER LIBRARY BARCODE.

If you cancel, or do not show up to three programs, you will not be eligible to register for future programs.

TRAVEL/ENRICHMENT

Historic Walking Tours with Ava

Monday, November 10

12:00 PM

Wednesday, December 3

12:00 PM

Meet at the library and learn local history as you take a guided walk through the village.



Do As You Please Bus Trip

Wednesday, December 10

Departs: 9:00 AM from Village Hall

Fee: \$25 per person

Ride together on a Hampton Jitney bus. See the sights, eat, or shop 'til you drop (your choice). Departure is at **9:00 AM from Village Hall**. Pick up will be at 6:00 PM at Bryant Park. Please note: Should the trip be canceled due to unforeseen circumstances, the library is not responsible for any patron-purchased event tickets.





The Friends of the Port Jefferson Free Library



Enhancing the Library Community with Dedication & Donations

Book Shop Hours

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

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

Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM



Donation Guidelines

Books we DO ACCEPT: We welcome most book genres-Adult Classics, Children's and Young Adult Books, Biographies and Memoirs, Business Books, Cookbooks, Fiction (our bestselling category and the books we need the most), Graphic Novels and Manga, History and Politics, Home and Garden, Mysteries and Thrillers, Parenting, Philosophy and Ethics, Photography and Art, Poetry and Essays, Race and Gender, Religion and Spirituality, Self-Help and Personal Growth,

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- ☐ I am interested in volunteering at the bookshop
- ☐ I am interested in volunteering for special events
- ☐ Individual (\$5)
- ☐ Family (\$10)
- ☐ Very good Friend (\$25)
- ☐ Lifetime Member (\$500)



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Friends of the Port Jefferson Free Library
100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson NY 11777

Date: _____ Name: _____

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Science and Nature, Science Fiction and Fantasy, Sports, Travel (must be current), Theater and Film, and Rare and Collectible Books.

Books we DO NOT ACCEPT: (because we are unable to sell them and will recycle them if donated): Textbooks, Dictionaries, Encyclopedias and Study Guides, Outdated Reference Books, Professional Books and Technology Books, Reader's Digest Books and Time-Life Books.

SERVICES

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

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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.

If you are interested in either of the above services, contact Samantha DiGiacomo at least two weeks in advance.

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Ask about having materials delivered to your home.

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Check-Out Discounts

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Discounts with your PJFL card! New businesses continually added so check back often.

Museum Passes

portjefflibrary.org/museums

Museum Passes may be reserved online. We have a limited selection of FREE museum passes available for adult PJFL cardholders.

Helping Hands- Social Workers

portjefflibrary.org/helpinghands

Passport Acceptance Facility

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Recycle Batteries, Cell Phones,

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Veterans History Project

TECHNOLOGY

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One-on-One Device Advice

Fax Service

\$1.25 US | \$3 Mexico & Canada per transmission.
We do NOT receive faxes.

Tech to Take Home

Chromebook Laptops

Games & Gadgets

portjefflibrary.org/gamesandgadgets

Kindle Paperwhites:

Pre-loaded with popular titles

Mobile Hotspots:

Free WiFi at Home

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portjefflibrary.org/3dprinter- \$1 per hour

Featured Database

Kanopy

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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 display your work, please visit portjefflibrary.org/display or contact Adult Services at 631-473-0022.

November

Both Cases:

Works by Day Haven
Participants



December

Both Cases:

Celebrating Dickens Festival

29th Annual Charles Dickens FESTIVAL

PORT JEFFERSON VILLAGE

Give back this holiday season

The Library is hosting collections for:

- Adopt a Family
- Mitten Tree
- Food Donations
- Eyeglass Donations

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6

ALL DAY: Library Lawn

Family photo opportunity

9:30 AM - 5:00 PM: Teen Center

Take-Home Kit: Bookmark Weaving Kit

Pick up a kit to weave a bookmark with a mini hand-loom.

11:00 AM - 4:00 PM: Children's Department

"Dickens' Festival Carols and Crafts"

Watch versions of A Christmas Carol and sing along to holiday tunes while you craft.

1:00 - 3:15 PM: Historic Reading Room

Play Readers Parlor reading of Charles Dickens' A Christmas Carol starring YOU

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7

ALL DAY: Library Lawn

Family photo opportunity

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM: Teen Center

Take-Home Kit: Bookmark Weaving Kit

Pick up a kit to weave a bookmark with a mini hand-loom.

1:00 - 4:00 PM: Children's Department

"Dickens' Festival Carols and Crafts"

Watch versions of A Christmas Carol and sing along to holiday tunes while you craft.

3:45 - 4:15 PM: Historic Reading Room

Holiday Music with the High School Chamber Orchestra in the Historic Reading Room. Director, Dr. Michael Caravello, Port Jefferson School District

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

Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday Hours:

1:00 - 5:00 PM

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Newsletter

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Monday, November 17

5:00 PM

Monday, December 15

5:00 PM

Meet the Candidates:

Monday, December 15

4:30 PM

LIBRARY CLOSED

Wednesday, November 26

Closes at 5:00 PM

Thursday, November 27

Thanksgiving

Friday, November 28

Black Friday

Wednesday, December 24

Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 31

New Year's Eve

Thursday, January 1

New Year's Day

The Library is glad to provide reasonable accommodations for patrons with special needs.

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