



Port Jefferson Free Library

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2026 TRUSTEE ELECTION

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

10:00 AM - 9:00 PM

Two five-year Trustee seats will be filled by election so please come vote. To vote, you must be at least 18 years of age, a resident of the Port Jefferson School District, and a member of the PJFL Association with a library card in good standing.

2026 Annual Meeting: Wednesday, January 7 5:00 PM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

Shan Chowdhury

Shan joined the library community with his family soon after moving to Port Jeff and often comes to the children's department with his daughter. "[The library] quickly became a special part of our routine and gave us a sense of community," says Shan. "I wish to serve on the Board to help the library continue to thrive as a vibrant and welcoming space for all residents."

Shan is a resident of Port Jefferson since 2023. He is a graduate of Stony Brook High School and Purdue University. A Real Estate Broker with Brown Harris Stevens, Shan also is an experienced community organizer and event coordinator who is fluent in English, Bengali, and Hindi.



Nicole Connelly (Incumbent)

Nicole has been a Trustee of the Library since 2020 where she filled a 1-year position and then won a 5-year seat in 2021 serving as Board Secretary. As a Trustee, Nicole feels she has had the opportunity to share her experience as a school librarian and "she values the opportunity to work collaboratively with the Board to further goals for our community. If re-elected, I will continue to work to ensure that our patrons receive the best library services, materials, and experiences possible."

Nicole has been a School Librarian at the elementary and middle school level in the Three Village School District since 2010 where she "finds it fulfilling to support literacy and research skills for the entire school community." Nicole got her Masters in Library & Information Sciences in 2004 from Queens College and her Business Degree from the University of New Mexico.



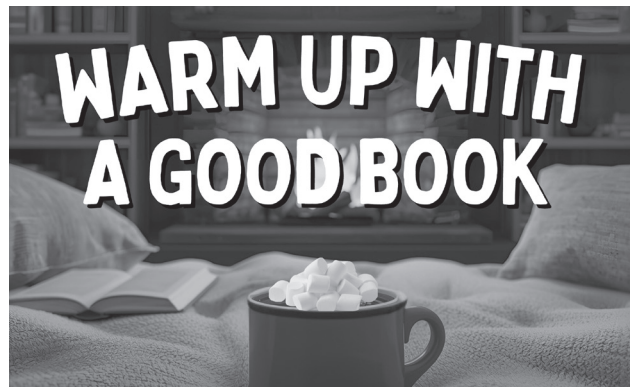
Kristina Pedersen

Kristina is a life-long resident of Port Jeff who would like to serve as a trustee to support the library as a "place where people can explore ideas without interference." Kristina sees the library as a "sacred place where adults and children of all economic backgrounds can explore real, new, and imaginary worlds," and as a place where a community can "show its best self through a common love and respect for literature, media, artwork, and education".

Kristina has been a Middle and High School English teacher in the Middle Country School District for 29 years and is a Cofounder of the Long Island Learning Institute which offers online professional development for public school teachers. Kristina is a Suny Stony Brook, and Salisbury University Graduate and attended Earl Vandermeulen High School.



WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK



Winter Reading Program 2026

Monday, January 19 - Friday, February 20

For all ages: See Department sections for details.

Call for New Friends of the Library Volunteers

The Friends of the Library is looking for volunteers to help keep their Used Book Shop stocked and in order. If you are a member of the Friends of the Port Jefferson Free Library and would like to volunteer, please call the library and ask Erin.

We are also in need of gently used children's books.



FREE PARKING

Visit us this winter and enjoy free parking daily throughout the village.
Details: portjeff.com/parking

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TEEN CENTER

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TEEN CENTER HOURS:

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

Friday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM



PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required for all programs and begins on December 16. 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.**

** Please evaluate for allergy concerns.*



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Teen Winter Reading Program 2026

Monday, January 19 -

Friday, February 20

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.

Dungeons & Dragons *

Wednesday, January 7 & 28 5:00 - 6:30 PM

& Sunday, February 1 & 15 1:30 - 3:00 PM

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

K-POP Demon Hunter's Derpy Painting

Thursday, January 8 6:30 PM

A beginner's paint tutorial. Dress for mess.

Mario Kart Tournament *

Friday, January 9 3:00 - 4:30 PM

& Wednesday, February 25

5:00 - 6:30 PM

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



Pathfinder

Saturday, January 10 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Saturday, February 21 1:00 - 2:30 PM

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

Craft-a-Poolza

Sunday, January 11 2:00 PM

Get creative with odds and ends craft supplies.

Super Smash Bros. Retro Tournament *

Wednesday, January 14 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Play Super Smash Bros. on a variety of retro consoles.

Creative Writing

Thursday, January 15 4:00 PM

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

TEEN MOVIE FRIDAYS

Back to the Future & Pizza *

Friday, January 16 3:00 - 5:00 PM

Go back in time and watch the first Back to the Future.

You-Pick Horror Movie & Treats *

Friday, February 6 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Vote for a PG-13 rated horror movie to watch.

Don't Cross the Line

Saturday, January 17 2:00 PM

Understanding consent and personal boundaries is crucial; learn more in this class.

The Road to College

Sunday, January 18 2:00 PM

An information session for parents and teens in grades 9-12 about finding the "best fit" college, applying for scholarships, financial aid, college tours, and career aptitude tests.

Bagels and BINGO *

Monday, January 19 1:00 PM

B-A-G-E-L! Listen for your numbers over the sound of your chewing.

3D Print & Design

Monday, January 19 4:00 PM

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

Team UNO

Wednesday, January 21 6:00 PM

Work your cards in UNO: Team Edition.

Chocolate Dipped S'mores *

Friday, January 23 3:00 PM

Coat marshmallows and graham crackers with melted chocolate. No roasting.

MTG: Modern Masters

Saturday, January 24

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Make a deck and duel.



Port Jeff

Junior Fire Co. Overview

Sunday, January 25 2:00 PM

Learn about the department and how to volunteer.

Scrapbook Workshop

Monday, January 26 6:30 PM

Create with a wide-array of supplies.

VR & STEAM Gaming

Thursday, January 29 6:00 PM

Virtual reality session with STEAM gaming.

Colorful Pancakes & Board Games *

Friday, January 30 3:30 PM

Snack and play.

Mario Party

Saturday,

January 31

1:00 - 2:30 PM

Friendly competition.



SAT vs. ACT — Which Test Should You Take?

Saturday, February 7 11:00 AM
Choosing between the SAT and ACT can be difficult. Learn the pros and cons in regards to each's timing, content, and scoring.

Munchkin: Card Battles *

Monday, February 9 4:00 PM
Play this dungeon card strategy card game while eating tasty munchkins.

Valentine Gifting*

Wednesday, February 11 6:00 PM
An introduction to the principles of aromatherapy while we create a scrub and body spray.



Magic the Gathering: Commander *

Thursday, February 12 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Bring a deck or borrow a ready commander deck to duel.

Teen Trivia: Valentine's Day

Friday, February 13 3:30 PM
A battle of wits to test your knowledge.

Beaded Jewelry Workshop

Monday, February 16 4:00 PM
Craft bracelets, necklaces, or rings.

Introduction to Guitar

Tuesday - Friday, February 17 - 20 12:00 PM
Learn the fundamentals in this 4-day workshop.

Cupcake Challenge *

Tuesday, February 17
A dessert deco duel.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament *

Wednesday, February 18 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Choose your character to fight on the Switch.



Cards Against Humanity: Family Edition

Thursday, February 19 4:00 PM
Come play.

Winter Reading Party: Candy Art Competition *

Friday, February 20 3:00 PM
Shape your portrait out of candy.

Oil Pastel Drawing

Sunday, February 22 2:00 PM
Learn basic techniques.

Board Game Night

Monday, February 23 6:00 PM
Play your favorites.

Candy Risk *

Thursday, February 26 4:00 PM
Put candy on the line in this board game.

Button Making

Friday, February 27 3:30 PM
Design your own.

Teen Community Service Opportunities

Earn 1 hour of community service (unless otherwise noted).

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 books on your reading level. Earn 4 hours of credit for each book review submitted (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. Earn hours of community service credit for each entry (limit of 10 hours per month).

In-Person Community Service

These opportunities take place in the Teen Center at the stated time, unless otherwise noted.

LEGO Organizers

Saturday, January 3 11:00 AM
Sort blocks for the Teen Center.

Bookshop Organizers

Monday, January 5 4:00 PM
Tuesday, February 24 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.

Color-a-Smile

Monday, January 12 6:00 PM
Make drawings for those in need of a smile.

Teen Decor Helpers

Thursday, January 22 4:00 PM
Make and paint decor for the spring.

Perler Bead Sorters

Monday, February 2 4:00 PM
Sort beads for projects.

Teen Meetup

Tuesday, February 10 4:00 PM
Collaborate with librarians to plan activities.

P.S. I Love You Day Decor

Wednesday, February 11 4:00 PM
Make paper hearts, garlands, and decorations in purple to send the message that no one is alone.

Winter Reading Helpers

Friday, February 20 11:30 AM - 2:00 PM
The Children's Librarians need assistance with their Winter Reading Celebration.

Take-Home Community Service

Available for pickup in the Teen Center starting January 2. Receive two hours of community service for each completed envelope. Limit one of each project per month.

Origami Flowers

Origami Cranes



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.



Early Childhood Programs (Babies, Toddlers & Preschoolers)

Parent Toddler Workshop

Friday, January 2 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).

A Mother Bruce Story Time

Monday, January 5 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Books featuring our favorite grumpy bear, songs & a craft.

TuneY ToIs

Tuesday, January 6 10:30 AM

Thursday, February 5 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 4 years with an adult

Practice colors, counting, body awareness and social skills in this high energy program.

Transportation Tales:

Trains

Wednesday, January 7 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Let's chug through some stories and make a train-themed craft.

Babies Boogie

Thursday, January 8 10:00 AM

Thursday, February 12 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult

Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

Toddlers Tango

Thursday, January 8 11:00 AM

Thursday, February 12 11:00 AM

Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult

Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle.

Music and Movement

Friday, January 9 & February 27 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 4 years with an adult

Rhyming songs and instruments to play with.

Shake 'N Make Music

Saturday, January 10

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

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

High-energy music and movement.



Snowman Stories, Songs, and Craft

Monday, January 12

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Celebrate one of our favorite winter friends with stories, songs, and a craft.

Lil Athletes

Tuesday, January 13 -

Baseball/Basketball

Friday, February 6 - Soccer/Lacrosse

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.

PlayHooray Babies

Wednesday, January 14 10:00 AM

Wednesday, February 25 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult

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

PlayHooray Kids

Wednesday, January 14 11:00 AM

Thursday, February 25 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

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

ToIs Night Out

Wednesday, January 14 6:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult

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



Let's Sing with Meghan VK

Thursday, January 15 11:00 AM

Monday, February 23 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 5 years with an adult

Build communication skills with a focus on word and sound development.

Winter STEM Story Time

Friday, January 16 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

Winter tales and a storm in a jar craft.



Fork-Painted Abominable Snowman

Tuesday, January 20 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Paint a winter friend without using a paint brush. *Please dress for mess.*

Little Sprouts and Friends

Thursday, January 22 10:00 AM

Thursday, February 26 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

Thursday, January 22 11:00 AM

Thursday, February 26 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.*

Dance Laugh Play

Friday, January 23 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM

Tuesday, February 24 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM

Ages: Birth - 4 years with an adult

Can't stop, won't stop movement with Miss Lauren! *Please sign up for only one session per date.*

Hoot of a Story Time

Saturday, January 24 12:00 PM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult

Stories about owls followed by sponge-painting. *Please dress for mess.*



Penguin Tales and Craft

Monday, January 26 10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Stories and a craft featuring our flightless friends.

Story Time Yoga

Tuesday, January 27

Tuesday, February 17 10:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 3 years with adult 11:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult 11:00 AM
Learn yoga poses which bring characters to life. *Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.*

Yeti Tales

Wednesday, January 28 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Make tracks to the Library for stories and crafts featuring an abominable friend.

Baby Start

Thursday, January 29 10:00 AM
Wednesday, February 11 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

Thursday, January 29 11:00 AM
Wednesday, February 11 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult
 Music and movement story time with a craft.

Hot Chocolate Story Time *

Friday, January 30 10:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
 Celebrate National Hot Chocolate Day with tales, a craft and a chocolatey treat.

Groundhog Day Story Craft

Monday, February 2 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Share stories and make a craft about our furry friends and their weather predictions.

Pressed Flower Suncatchers

Tuesday, February 3 11:30 AM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
 Heart-shaped suncatchers will sparkle in the winter sun.

1,2,3 Full STEAM Ahead

Wednesday, February 4 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.

Lovebug Story Time

Thursday, February 5 6:30 PM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
 Show some love to these tiny critters with stories and a craft.

Thumbprint Heart Magnet

Saturday, February 7 12:00 PM
Ages: 4 - 7 years with an adult
 Turn fingerprints into a keepsake. *Please dress for mess.*

Paint without Paintbrushes: We Love Art

Monday, February 9 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Make paper heart art.
Please dress for mess.

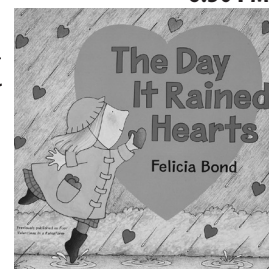


Pizza Tales

Tuesday, February 10 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Tales, songs, and a craft.

The Day It Rained Hearts

Tuesday, February 10 6:30 PM
Ages: 4 - 7 years
 We'll read the book together, then make our own raining hearts.



Valentine's Sensory Exploration

Friday, February 13 10:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 4 years with an adult
 Use your senses to explore themed sensory bins. *Please dress for mess.*

Valentine's Story Craft

Saturday, February 14 12:00 PM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Celebrate with stories, songs and a "love"ly craft.

Super Soccer Stars

Wednesday, February 18 10:00 AM
Ages: 2 - 3 years with an adult
Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult 11:00 AM
 Improve not only soccer skills, but self-confidence and socialization skills.



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

School Age Programs

Cotton Slime Snowballs

Friday, January 2 3:00 PM
Grades K - 5
 No Cold Required!

"I Am" Vision Boards

Monday, January 5 7:00 PM
Grades 2 - 5
 Start the new year with positivity and self-affirmations.

Mixed Media Winter Landscape Craft

Tuesday, January 6 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 6
 Combine paint, paper, and cool supplies.

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, January 7 & 21, February 4 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, January 7 & 21, February 4 & 18 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 6
 Develop strategies and sharpen skills. For all skill levels.



Paper Strip Stars

Thursday, January 8 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 3
 Use scrap paper to make a unique craft.

Lego Challenge

Monday, January 12 & February 9 7:00 PM
Grades K - 5
 Work in teams to build a themed creation.

Pour Paint Snowflakes

Tuesday, January 13 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 5
 Layer paint onto wooden snowflakes for a marbled design. *Please dress for mess.*

Martin Luther King Speaks Out

Thursday, January 15 6:30 PM
Grades 1 - 3
 Create Dr. King's podium as a place to present his speeches.

Sketchbook School: Snowflakes

Tuesday, January 20 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 6
 Bring your sketchbooks and learn to draw snowflakes.

Homeschool: Water Cycle

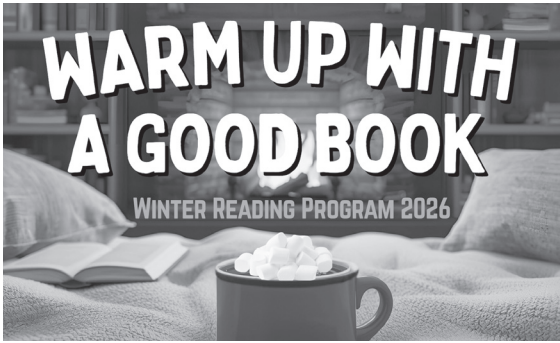
Wednesday, January 21 12:00 PM
Grades K - 5
 Water cycle-themed facts and STEAM activities to fit your homeschool curriculum.

Dream Catchers

Thursday, January 22 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 5
 Use a paper plate to weave and decorate with beads, markers and feathers.

WARM UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

WINTER READING PROGRAM 2026



"Warm Up with a Good Book" Winter Reading 2026

January 19 - February 20

You are invited to complete a Bingo board full of challenges. Drop in Monday, January 19 for hot cocoa and coloring when you sign up. Complete the challenges to earn prizes, raffle chances and an invitation to our SWEET celebration on **Friday, February 20 at 12:00 PM.**

Yarn Ball Snowman

Monday, January 26

Grades 2 - 5

Build an un-meltable snowman.

Tissue Paper Bookmarks

Tuesday, January 27

7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 4

Use water to blend colors for a vibrant design. *Please dress for mess.*

Crayon Resist Winter Hat

Thursday, January 29

6:30 PM

Grades K - 2

It feels like magic when we use crayon and paint to reveal our design.

Evergreen Tree String Art

Monday, February 2

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Weave one thread and nail at a time.

Hugs and Kisses Paint Night

Tuesday, February 3

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Make a Valentine's Day painting. *Please dress for mess.*

Thumbprint Heart Magnets

Saturday, February 7

12:00 PM

Ages: 4 - 7 years with an adult

Turn fingerprints into a keepsake. *Please dress for mess.*

The Day It Rained Hearts

Tuesday, February 10

6:30 PM

Ages: 4 - 7 years

We will read the book together, then make our own raining-hearts.

Bird Feeders *

Wednesday, February 11

6:30 PM

Grades K - 5

In honor of National Birdfeeder Month, we'll make feeders for our feathered friends.

Why Did Abe Lincoln Grow a Beard?

Thursday, February 12

6:30 PM

Grades 2 - 4

Learn the mystery of President Lincoln's beard, then create a hairy replica of the sixteenth president.

Yoga Time

Tuesday, February 17

12:00 PM

Ages: 5 - 8 years old

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

Winter

Outside My Window Craft

Tuesday, February 17

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 6

Create a winter wonderland scene using a variety of materials.

Super Soccer Stars

Wednesday, February 18

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.

Embellished Picture Frames

Monday, February 23

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Choose from an assortment of beads. *Please note, we will be using hot glue guns for this program.*

Snowman Portrait

Tuesday, February 24

7:00 PM

Grade 3 - 6

We'll use paints, pastels, and paper.

Gnomes

Wednesday, February 25

7:00 PM

Grades. 2 - 6

Using pom poms, we'll create fluffy friends to take home.

Exploding Snowman

Thursday, February 26

6:30 PM

Grades: Pre K - 1

Watch what happens to our unsuspecting snowman when we add vinegar and baking soda.



Family Programs



Sunday Crafternoon

Sunday, January 4, 11, 18, 25,

February 1, 8, 15 & 22

2:00 - 4:00 PM

A new craft to make each week. **Registration is not required.**

Cocoa and Coloring:

Winter Reading Kick-Off *

Monday, January 19

11:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Warm up with hot chocolate when you come in to sign up for our Winter Reading Program. **Registration is not required.**

Wintertime Bingo *

Wednesday, January 28

7:00 PM

Fill your game card with Miss Tiffany & Miss Margaret.

Family Clay Play

Thursday, February 19

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Squishy fun for the whole family.

Registration is not required.



Family Movie Night:

Dog Man *

Thursday, February 19

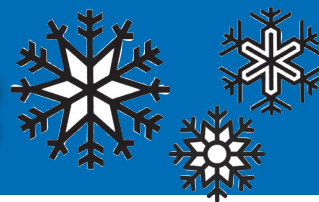
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Suitable for ages 6 and up

Watch the animated adaptation of the beloved series on the big screen. Popcorn will be served. *Please bring a beverage with you.*



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 December 17. Outside library cardholders may register beginning December 23. 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 each in person art and cooking workshop.**



BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS



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

New Voices Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, January 8, February 12
11:00 AM

January: *Foster* by Claire Keegan
February: *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 13, February 10 10:00 AM
January: *All The Courage We Have Found* by Carly Schabowski

February: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group

Tuesday, January 20,
February 17 7:00 PM

January: *My Year With Eleanor* by Noelle Hancock
February: *One True Loves* by Taylor Jenkins Reid



Literary Lions Book Club

Wednesdays, January 21 &
February 25 2:00 PM

January: *West with the Night* by Beryl Markham
February: *The Measure* by Nikki Erlick

Fourth Fridays Book Group

Fridays, January 23, February 27
11:30 AM

January: *Sea of Tranquility* by Emily St John Mandel
February: *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Wednesday, January 28 & February 25
7:00 - 8:00 PM
Titles TBA - Check with Adult Services.
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DEFENSIVE DRIVING

IN PERSON COURSE

Monday, January 19 AND Tuesday, January 20
5:30 to 8:30 PM

(MUST ATTEND BOTH SESSIONS)

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 check or money order ONLY, payable to "Empire Safety Council." *Please register as soon as possible, as a minimum number of attendees is needed for courses to proceed* **If you are over three minutes late, you will not be allowed to attend. The library cannot assist with issues involving certificates.**

Why pay for movies when you can go to the Library? Snacks will be provided.

FILM MATINEES



Box Office Features

The Surfer (103 min.)

Friday, January 9 2:00 PM
A man (Nicolas Cage) revisits his childhood beach to surf with his son. Humiliated by locals, he becomes entangled in a conflict that pushes him to his limits. **Rated R**

Eleanor the Great (98 min.)

Friday, February 6 2:00 PM
After the death of her oldest friend, 94-year-old Eleanor moves to NYC for a fresh start. Wandering into a Holocaust support group, she tells a tale that takes on a dangerous life of its own.

Foreign Film Festival

I'm Still Here (Brazilian Portuguese)

Friday, January 23 2:00 PM
When her husband disappears at the hands of Brazil's military dictatorship in 1971, a mother and activist protects her close-knit family with courage and dignity. (137 min.)

Sea Fog (Korean)

Friday, February 20 2:00 PM
The crew of a fishing boat is hired to smuggle illegal immigrants from China to Korea. However, things don't go according to plan when the vessel encounters heavy fog. (111 min.)

Silver Screen Showing

Sunset Boulevard (110 min.)

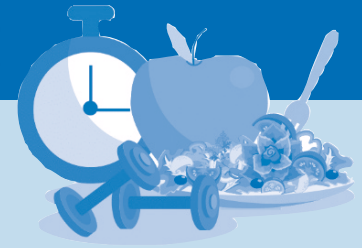
Friday, January 30 2:00 PM
In this 1950 comedy film noir, an aging silent film queen refuses to accept that her stardom has ended, and hires a young screenwriter to help set up her movie comeback.

Maltese Falcon (101 min.)

Friday, February 27 2:00 PM
In this 1941 noir classic, detective Sam Spade (Humphrey Bogart) gets more than he bargained for when he takes a case brought to him by a beautiful but secretive woman (Mary Astor).

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.

Narcan Training Table

Tuesdays, January 6, February 10
Saturdays, January 24 and February 28
11:00 AM - 3:00 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.

Shoulder Pain Workshop

Tuesday, January 13 **6:30 PM**
Physical therapist and chiropractor Dr. David Stern teaches basic shoulder anatomy, discusses the common causes of injury, and methods to treat pain.

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, January 30, February 27
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, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21 **10:00 AM**

Certified Yoga Instructor leads this five-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, January 19, February 23
10:00 AM

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

Core and Pilates

Wednesday, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18 and 25 **10:00 AM**

Pilates Gentle (chair & standing) - This Pilates-inspired workout is designed for people who have difficulty getting down on the floor and prefer the support of a chair. Equipment needed includes a sturdy chair (preferably without arms), a rope or belt, and a pillow or a semi deflated ball. (ZOOM)

Reiki

Thursdays January 22 and February 19
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, January 26, February 23
7:00 PM

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

Back Pain Workshop

Thursday, February 12 **6:30 PM**
Join physical therapist and chiropractor Dr. David Stern to learn the common causes of back pain, basic back anatomy, and the best methods to treat back pain.



TUESDAYS: Go online to make an appointment

One-on-one appointments with our social worker are available over the phone. Schedule an appointment to receive individual and confidential support, and assistance. Support is available for all ages. Visit portjefflibrary.org/helpinghands to make an appointment.

LANGUAGE & Literacy

English Conversation Group

Saturdays **11:15 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)**

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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

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.

Dungeons and Dragons

One-Shot Sessions

Monday, January 5 6:00 PM

Monday, February 2 6:00 PM

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



Introduction to Hypnosis:

Building Confidence

Thursday, January 8 6:00 PM

Learn more about what hypnosis is and its benefits. Experience a guided hypnosis session tailored to build confidence and motivation to achieve any goal in your day to day life. Bring a yoga mat or blanket.

Coin and Stamp Appraisal Sessions

Saturday, January 17 3:00 PM

Expert Frank McAlonan will help you identify the value of your stamps or coins in a ten minute one-on-one session.

Instructional Mah Jongg for Beginners

Wednesdays, January 21, 28 and February 4
11:00 AM

Learn how to play this popular tile game from a seasoned player.

Smart Investing 101

Wednesday, January 21 7:00 PM

Join MBA, CPA, ChFC Ronald La Serra to learn about the stock market, asset allocation, investment selections, dollar-cost averaging and tips for how you can better analyze your profile.



Talking History: The Bill of Rights

Introduction

Friday, January 23 6:00 PM

In honor of the semisecular centennial, former lawyers, now librarians Mara Zonderman and Terry Lucas will host a series of 8 Zooms about the history and relevance of the Bill of Rights and its role in the founding of the country. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)

Play Readers Parlor

Tuesday, January 27 6:00 PM

Tuesday, February 24 6:00 PM

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



Trivia Night

Thursday, January 29 6:00 PM

Prizes, snacks and trivia with our librarians.

Where Dementia Meets the Law

Wednesday, February 11 2:00 PM

A discussion about how dementia changes legal decision-making. This program will cover Powers of Attorney, Health Care Proxies and strategies to help avoid costly guardianship in New York. This free community session includes real-world examples, local resources, and time for questions.

Crossing the Antarctic Circle: Extreme Diving at the End of the World

Wednesday, February 18 7:00 PM

The trip to Antarctica involves crossing the turbulent Drake Passage and along the pristine wilderness of the Antarctic Peninsula. Underwater encounters with playful Antarctic Fur Seals, bizarre sea-stars, colorful invertebrates and strange fish with anti-freeze in their blood follow as the expedition pushes further south into the ice-choked waters below the Antarctic Circle.

Join the eco-explorers and dive into a photo adventure of Antarctica with heart-stopping plunges beneath massive icebergs. See expedition logistics, Antarctic wildlife, and learn about ocean and weather conditions. (ZOOM)

Motivational Hypnosis

Monday, February 23 6:00 PM

Learn what hypnosis is, how it works, and how it can be applied in daily life. Experience a guided hypnosis session tailored to manage anxiety problems. Bring a yoga mat or blanket.

Estate Planning: Beyond the Basics

Wednesday, February 25 12:00 PM

Join Brittini Sullivan, Esq., Partner at Burner Prudenti Law, P.C. as she discusses the importance of coordinating your estate plan to deal with estates of all shapes and sizes. Topics will include: estate tax avoidance, charitable giving, and designing an estate plan that lasts through incapacity.

Bill Bleyer Author Talk:

The Roosevelts in New York City

Wednesday, February 25 7:00 PM

Historian Bill Bleyer discusses the brownstone and townhome where the Roosevelts lived and worked and unveils the private interactions behind this famous American family. This event is sponsored by East End Libraries. (ZOOM)

Talking History: The First Amendment

Friday, February 27 6:00 PM

Continuing our semisecular centennial Talking History series, former lawyers turned librarians Mara Zonderman and Terry Lucas will be discussing the First Amendment. An EEPA Event. (ZOOM)



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MAKE IT! ARTS, GAMES & COOKING

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

Long Island Quilters

Mondays 1:00 PM
Bring your sewing machine and a project, or stop by to learn more. Please call or check our online calendar to find out if the group is meeting each week. **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.



Simply Creative Rob Scott

Tuesday, January 6 2:00 PM
Chef Rob will demonstrate and sample Chicken ala Reine Soup and a healthy Mediterranean Bean Salad.

Winter Book Ends



Thursday, January 15 6:30 PM
Upcycle bookends into painted winter hats with homemade pom poms.

Knitting Workshop

Saturdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7 2:00 PM
Sharon Barnes presents the basics of knitting and purl stitches. Please bring the following supplies to the workshop: Red Heart super saver yarn (variegated), size 10 US short knitting needles, scissors, plastic seam pins, knit-check stitch gauge (Susan Bates) and large eye darning needles.

Snowflake Etched Vase

Monday, January 26 2:00 PM
Pick up your kit and follow along to create a vase using etching cream and cricut designs. Please note that gloves are needed to handle this material. One kit per library barcode. (YOUTUBE)

Simply Creative Rob Scott

Tuesday, February 3 1:00 PM
Chef Rob will demonstrate and sample cheddar and broccoli soup. You'll take home a brownie-in-a-mug for dessert.



Winter Paint Night

Thursday, February 5 6:30 PM
Step by step instructions to paint a 14x18 winter scene on canvas using acrylics.

Valentine's Day Tiny Bird Craft

Wednesday, February 11 7:00 PM
Decorate a frame using paint, rocks and other decorative elements.



Hands-on Pasta Making

Thursday, February 19 1:00 PM
Try using a variety of pasta boards and machines to make approximately 1 lb. of cavatelli. Please bring your own medium-sized mixing bowl, cutting board and disposable tray.

Cricut Club

Thursday, February 26 3:00 PM
Learn to use the Cricut machine to make a St. Patrick's Day themed project. Space is limited. Port Jefferson Library cardholders only.

Winter Reading Program 2026



Warm up with a good read this winter! Beginning **Monday, January 19**, every book you read and enter online or place into the raffle box at the Adult desk before **Friday, February 20**, will go towards a chance to win a prize. Please see the Adult Department for more details.

PERFORMANCE

Fireside Classical Guitar

Sunday, February 1 2:00 PM
Classical guitar performance presented by SBU doctoral student Fangfang Liu, featuring beloved themes and traditional pieces by the fire in our Historic Reading Room.





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

January

Museum Case: Jim Boyd

Tall Case: Kai Kubik



February

Display Cases:

Boy Scout Troop 45

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Check out a book sight unseen. Every book will be wrapped and you won't know what it is until you check it out.

Thank You

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Thank you to the Library's Crochet Group for creating handmade holiday decorations for our front lawn.

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This no-pressure challenge will have a different theme each month. We'll email out monthly suggestions. Register at:
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Saturday 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

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Monday, January 26	5:00 PM
Monday, February 23	5:00 PM
ANNUAL MEETING	
Wednesday, January 7	5:00 PM
LIBRARY CLOSED	
Wednesday, December 31	New Year's Eve
Thursday, January 1	New Year's Day
Monday, February 16	Presidents Day

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