



Port Jefferson Free Library

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FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

THANK YOU FOR COMING OUT TO VOTE!

Nicole Connelly has been re-elected to a second (5 year) term and Kristina Pedersen is elected to a 5 year seat.

Sincere thanks to Karyn Jensen for her caring service to the Library as a Trustee since 2020. Special thanks to Shan Chowdhury for stepping-up to run as a Trustee Candidate.

2026 LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

Please watch your mailbox in March for the Budget Newsletter with all the details on the Proposed 2026 Budget or attend the **Budget Information Meeting on Monday, March 23 at 4:30 PM**. Please come out to vote on Tuesday, April 14 from 10:00 AM - 9:00 PM.

MARCH MADNESS

Book Edition for Adults

Think your favorite new book has what it takes to make it to the Final Four? Each week in March, stop by to vote for your bracket picks to see which books make it to the Final Four and on to the championship! The book with the most votes in each round will move up to the next round. Voting will begin on **March 1**.



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Celebrating 250 years of the USA Semi-Quincentennial

Reintroducing Washington's Culper Spy Ring

Tuesday, March 24 6:30 PM

Learn the latest information and discoveries on the famous Revolutionary War intelligence network that helped turn the tide for the Americans. This lecture is presented by historian Mark Sternberg.

Patriots, Privateers, Smugglers and Spies: The Armed Whaleboat in the Revolutionary History of Port Jeff

Tuesday, April 28 6:30 PM

These small boats played an important role in shaping Port Jefferson's early history. This presentation is in honor of the boat "The Caleb Brewster," being built at Port Jeff's Bayles Boat Shop to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of America. This lecture is presented by historian Mark Sternberg.



DUMP THE JUNK SPRING CLEANING

Please note: This event will take place in our parking lot, which will be closed beginning at 5:00 PM on Friday, April 17.

Saturday, April 18 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



E-Waste Recycling

Bring your working or nonworking electronics. All data will be destroyed. Accepted electronics include computers, cell phones, printers, TVs, keyboards, cables, wires, circuit boards, and stereos. We cannot accept large appliances, microwave ovens, fluorescent bulbs, and alkaline batteries.

Paper Recycling

On-site shredding of personal documents. No binders, plastic, cardboard, or carbon paper.

Shed the Meds Collection

Safely dispose of unused or expired medications. **No liquid medications or sharps accepted.**

TEEN CENTER

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

PLEASE NOTE: Registration is required for all programs and begins on February 18. 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.*



3D Print & Design

Tuesday, March 3

6:00 PM

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

Creative Writing

Wednesday, March 4

4:00 PM

Saturday, April 25

2:00 PM

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

Beaded Jewelry Workshop

Thursday, March 5

4:00 PM

Craft bracelets, necklaces, or rings.

Books and Looks

Friday, March 6

3:00 PM

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

Dungeons & Dragons

Sundays, March 8 & April 19

1:30 - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, March 24

5:00 - 6:30 PM

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

Scrapbook Workshop

Monday, March 9

6:00 PM

Create with a wide-array of supplies.



National Mario Day *

Tuesday, March 10 3:30 - 5:00 PM

Celebrate with Nintendo games and snacks.

Robotic Prosthetic Arm

Thursday, March 12

6:30 PM

Learn how to make a robotic arm with a grab mechanism.

TEEN MOVIE FRIDAYS

Zootopia 2 & Treats *

Friday, March 13

3:15 - 5:00 PM

Watch the new Disney animated sequel.

Wicked For Good & Witchy Ice Cream Floats *

Friday, April 10

3:00 - 5:15 PM

Watch the sequel to Wicked.

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

Pathfinder

Saturday, March 14

2:00-3:30 PM

Saturday, April 18

2:00-3:30 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.



DIY Magnets

Monday, March 16

6:00 PM

Upgrade your fridge or locker.

Super Smash Melee Tournament

Tuesday, March 17

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Play on the Nintendo gamecube.

Monopoly Masters

Wednesday, March 18

4:00 PM

Buy, sell, and develop properties to bankrupt your opponents.

Spring Wildlife Babies

Thursday, March 19

6:00 PM

Un-pack why wildlife professionals say "If you care, leave them there." Common issues and lots of information.

Minecraft-a-thon: Building Competition

Friday, March 20

3:00 PM

Build randomly themed creations.

The Road to College

Sunday, March 22

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.

Zen Garden

Monday, March 23

6:00 PM

Create and meditate with your own mini garden.

MTG: Modern Masters

Wednesday, March 25

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Make a deck and duel.

Clay Creations

Thursday, March 26

6:00 PM

Create a creature.

Mario Party

Saturday, March 28

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Beaded Plant

Sunday, March 29

2:00 PM

Create a mini plant that never needs watering.

Puzzle-Palooza

Monday, March 30

6:00-7:15 PM

Compete in teams to complete a jigsaw puzzle the fastest.

Mario Kart Tournament *

Tuesday, March 31,

Wednesday, April 22

5:00 - 6:30 PM

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

6/7 Painting

Wednesday, April 1

4:00 PM

A step by step painting workshop.

Stand-Up Comedy

Wednesday, April 1

6:00 PM

Submit your jokes in advance to be read in a stand-up routine.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament*

Thursday, April 2

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Choose your character to fight on the Switch.

Team UNO

Friday, April 3

3:30 PM

Be a Chocolatier *

Monday, April 6

4:00 PM

Meet at 3:45 PM at Kilwins, 109D Main Street, Port Jefferson. Tour Kilwins and try dipping and decorating. *A signed permission slip is required.*



Peep Diorama Contest *

Monday, April 6

6:00 PM

Create with peeps and other supplies.

Retro Gaming

Tuesday, April 7

4:00 - 5:30 PM

Play the classics on retro consoles.

Follow us on
Instagram

@portjeffteencenter



Candy Trivia *

Wednesday, April 8

3:00 PM

Try your smarts with this sweet trivia competition.

Long Island Museum Visit

Thursday, April 9

2:00 - 3:30 PM

Meet at LIM, 1200 NY-25A,
Stony Brook, NY, at 1:45 PM

A private tour of the exhibit- *Video Games: the Great Connector*. Includes friendly competition on their gaming consoles. A *signed permission slip is required*.

Study Skills for AP Exams

Saturday, April 11

11:00 AM

Learn strategies to excel.

Board Game Night

Monday, April 13

6:00 PM

Play your favorites.

DIY Stickers

Tuesday, April 14

4:00 PM

Jeopardy

Wednesday, April 15

5:00 PM

What is "A good time at the Teen Center?"

All About Turtles

Thursday, April 16

Learn about the anatomy, adaptations, and native species of local turtles, terrapins, and tortoises.



6:00 PM

Taste Test & Trivia: Pop-Tarts *

Friday, April 17

3:30 PM

Guess the flavors.

Suncatcher

Monday, April 20

6:00 PM

Reflect and refract light with your creation.

Decoden Frames

Thursday, April 23

5:00 PM

Embellish with charms and beads.

VR & STEAM Gaming

Friday, April 24

3:00 - 4:30 PM

Upcycled Tshirt Bag

Monday, April 27

6:00 PM

Bring an old tshirt.

Magic the Gathering: Commander

Tuesday, April 28

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Bring a deck or borrow a ready commander deck.

Mug Designs

Wednesday, April 29

5:00 - 6:30 PM

Learn to use a cricut mug press.

Paint a Gnome Figurine

Thursday, April 30

4:00 PM

Customize this mini mythical ceramic statue.

AUTHORS Unlimited

Saturday, May 2, 2026

St. Joseph's University in Patchogue, NY

Visit authorsunlimited.org for details.

JELLY BEAN CONTEST

April 1 - April 22

Closest guess wins a prize. One entry per cardholder.

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

Community Service at the Teen Center

Paint a Garden Rock

Sunday, March 1

2:00 PM

Bookshop Organizers

Mondays, March 2, 30,
April 13, 27

4:00 PM

The Friends of the Library Bookshop offers gently used books for a donation. Earn community service credit for organizing our bookshelves.

Perler Bead Sorters

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 PM

Sunday, April 26

2:00 PM

Help organize perler beads for future crafts.

Color-A-Smile

Sunday, March 15

2:00 PM

Color drawings for those in need of a smile.

LEGO Organizers

Saturday, March 21

11:00 AM

Sort blocks for the Teen Center.

Perler Bead Designers

Thursday, March 26

4:00 PM

Design perler bead decorations.

Summer Prep Organizers

Sunday, April 12

2:00 PM

Assist with Summer decor.

250th Anniversary of America Plaques

Monday, April 20

4:00 PM

Create a display to honor the Semiquincentennial of the USA.

Teen Meetup

Tuesday, April 21

4:00 PM

Collaborate with our librarians to plan activities.

Take-Home Community Service

Available for pickup in the Teen Center starting March 1. Receive two hours of community service for each completed envelope. Limit one of each project per month.

Paper Butterflies

Paper Flowers

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)

Read Across America with Mo Willems

Monday, March 2 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Stories and crafts featuring Elephant, Piggy and the Pigeon.



Tuney Tots

Tuesday, March 3, April 7 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 4 years with an adult
Practice colors, counting, body awareness and social skills in this high energy program.

Pet Tales:

Meowvelous Stories

Wednesday, March 4
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Stories and a craft featuring cats!

Baby Start

Thursday, March 5 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 21 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, March 5 11:00 AM
Tuesday, April 21 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult
Music and movement storytime with a craft.

Little Athletes

Friday, March 6: Baseball/Football
Monday, April 6: Basketball/Hockey
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, March 7 & April 18
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.

She Can Story Time

Monday, March 9 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
In celebration of Women's History Month, we will share stories about inspiring women and stories written by women authors.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, March 10 10:00 AM
Thursday, April 16 10:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult
Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, March 10 11:00 AM
Thursday, April 16 11:00 AM
Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult
Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle.

Infant Massage

Thursday, March 12 10:00 AM
Wednesday, April 1 10:00 AM
Ages: 1 month - 18 months with an adult
Licensed Massage Therapist Laura Morello teaches 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.

Sheep Story Craft

Thursday, March 12 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Stories and crafts featuring woolly friends. Please dress for mess.



Music and Movement

Friday, March 13 & April 17 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 4 years with an adult
Interactive activities with rhyming songs and instruments.

Tiny Talkers

Monday, March 16 10:00 AM
Tuesday, April 28 10:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 3 years with an adult
Read, sing, and play with pediatric speech-language pathologist Kristina Potter. Learn strategies to encourage language development. Please dress for mess.

PlayHooray Babies

Tuesday, March 17 10:00 AM
Monday, April 13 10:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult
An introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music and creative movement.

PlayHooray Kids

Tuesday, March 17 11:00 AM
Monday, April 13 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult

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

Spring Tales

Thursday, March 19 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Stories, songs, and a colorful craft to celebrate the change of seasons.

Story Time Yoga

Friday, March 20, Friday, April 3 10:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 3 years with adult 10:00 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult 11:00 AM
Bring characters to life with yoga poses. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

Flutter and Create

Saturday, March 21 12:00 PM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
Share stories about butterflies and sponge-paint one. Please dress for mess.

Little Sprouts and Friends

Monday, March 23 10:00 AM
Thursday, April 23 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

Monday, March 23 11:00 AM
Thursday, April 23 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

Tuesday, March 24 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM
Friday, April 24
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.





Mother's Day Wellness Event*



Saturday, May 2 12:00 - 3:00 PM
 Begin your day with a healing Reiki-infused Yoga Nidra followed by a guided meditation and a Reiki treatment. A sandwich box lunch will be provided. The afternoon will include a workshop led by Tara of Amadeus Aromatherapy where you will make "Pretty in Pink" emulsified body scrub, a tinted lip balm and "Love Me Tender" body spray. Come get grounded and refreshed.

This Story Time is for the Birds

Wednesday, March 25 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Fly in for stories and a craft featuring our feathered friends.

Tots Night Out

Wednesday, March 25 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, March 26 11:00 AM
Monday, April 20 11:00 AM
Ages: Birth - 5 years with an adult
 Encourage word and sound development and build communication skills.

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

Paint a Peeps Tote Bag

Monday, March 2 6:30 PM
Grades 3 - 5
 Bunnies, a bag, and a splash of spring colors.

Watercolor Resist Rainbow Art

Tuesday, March 3 6:30 PM
Grades K - 2
 Learn why oil and water cannot mix.

Chess

Wednesday, March 4, 18, April 1, 15 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 6
 Develop strategies and sharpen skills. For all skill levels.

Rainbow Wreath

Thursday, March 5 6:30 PM
Grades K - 2
 We'll read stories, then make colorful spring decor.

Lego Challenge

Monday, March 9 & April 13 7:00 PM
Grades K - 5
 Work in teams to build on a theme.

Parent Toddler Workshop

Friday, March 27 & April 10 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).**

The Day the Crayons Quit Story Time

Saturday, March 28 12:00 PM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Find out why the crayons quit, then create a colorful craft.

Hop On Down the Bunny

Trail Story Time

Monday, March 30 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Stories, songs, and a craft.

Buzzin' Time Story Craft

Saturday, April 4 12:00 PM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
 Bumble bee stories and a flying craft. **Please dress for mess.**

3-D Rainbow

Monday, April 6 6:30 PM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
 Fine-motor, color matching craft and stories.



National Unicorn Day

Story Craft

Thursday, April 9 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Tales full of color and magic, plus a craft.

Jelly Bean STEM *

Tuesday, April 14 11:30 AM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
 Calling all little builders; use engineering skills to build with jelly beans.

Green Tales in the Park

Wednesday, April 22 11:00 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 with an adult
 Celebrate Earth Day outside with stories, games, and bubbles. **Please note this program will be held inside in case of inclement weather.**



National Tell a Story Day Story Time

Monday, April 27 11:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Celebrate with books, songs, and a craft.

Paint without Paint Brushes: April Showers

Thursday, April 30 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
 Paint clouds and raindrops using cool tools, but no paintbrushes. **Please dress for mess.**

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

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

Shamrock Puzzle Wreath

Tuesday, March 10 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 5
 We'll color puzzle pieces green to make a holiday decoration.



Birdseed Ornaments

Thursday, March 12 6:30 PM
Grades 2 - 4
 Draw birds to your windows.

Rainbow Shamrock Craft

Tuesday, March 17 7:00 PM
Grades 3 - 6
 Use scrap booking paper and washi tape on canvas.

Homeschool: Honey Bees

Wednesday, March 18 12:00 PM
Grades K - 5
 Honey bee-themed facts and STEAM activities fit for your homeschool curriculum.



Read to a Dog

Wednesday, March 18, April 1, 15 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.**

Paper Straw Easter Egg

Thursday, March 19 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 3
 Use your cutting skills and glue to make a festive egg.

Yoga Time

Friday, March 20 12:00 PM
Friday, April 3 12:00 PM
Ages: 5 - 8 years old
 An introduction to yoga. Learn asanas and pranas through games and play. **Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.**



Pop Trivia Night

Monday, March 23

Grades 3 - 5

Work in teams and test your knowledge of books, movies, TV shows and more.



Button Flower Painting

Tuesday, March 24

Grades 2 - 5

Paint a garden scene with flowers made of buttons. **Please dress for mess.**

Spring Straw Prints

Monday, March 30

Grades 1 - 4

Use a straw to paint on pre-drawn seasonal designs. **Please dress for mess.**

Pizza Cookies

Tuesday, March 31

Grades 2 - 6

Just in time for some April Foolishness, we'll make some sweet "pizza."

DIY Scratch Art

Thursday, April 2

Grades 2 - 5

Color with crayons and layer with a mix of black paint and dish soap, then scratch your designs.

Please dress for mess.

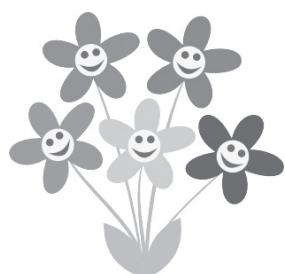
Popsicle Stick Flower Bookmark

Tuesday, April 7

7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 3

Add spring flair to your reading.



Registration is not required unless otherwise noted.

Sunday CrafteRnoon

Sunday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 12, 19, 26

2:00 - 4:00 PM

We will have a new craft to make each week.

Picture Book Bingo *

Wednesday, March 11

7:00 PM

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

National Crayon Day Craft-a-bration

Tuesday, March 31

10:00 - 4:00 PM

Celebrate the humble crayon.

Watercolor Workshop

Wednesday, April 8

Grades 1 - 4

Learn some cool techniques. **Please dress for mess.**

Le Petite Picasso's: Bumble Bees

Thursday, April 9

Grades K - 6

Miss Maria will teach us a step-by-step art lesson.

Bubble Bath Dough

Friday, April 10

Grades K - 3

A sensory activity to explore during bath time.

Seed Bombs

Saturday, April 11

Grades K - 6

Let's welcome spring by making seed bundles that can be thrown or planted. **Please dress for mess.**

DIY Frisbee

Tuesday, April 14

Grades 1 - 4

Use paper plates for some aero dynamic play.

Homeschool: Frogs

Wednesday, April 15

12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

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



Dried Flower Bookmarks

Thursday, April 16

Grades 1 - 3

Spring crafting.

LED Circuit Bugs

Monday, April 20

Grades 3 - 5

Design and wire insects that glow.

Taste Test: Chips *

Tuesday, April 21

Grades 2 - 6

Test flavors while learning some facts about a classic snack - potato chips.

Butter Slime

Wednesday, April 22

Grades 1 - 6

Create a smooth butter-like texture that doesn't ooze but bends and molds. **Please dress for mess.**

Kite Flying in an Altoid Tin

Thursday, April 23

Grades 3 - 5

Using a magnet and an Altoid tin, create a kite that really flies

Foil Art Floral Craft

Tuesday, April 28

Grades 1 - 4

Make foil transfer prints using washable markers to create a colorful garden.

DIY Crystals

Wednesday, April 29

Grade K - 5

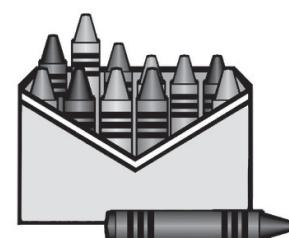
Learn the science behind crystal formation.

Crayon Sun Catchers

Thursday, April 30

Grades 2 - 4

We'll use crayon stubs to create a thing of beauty.



Family Programs



Drop-in Board Games

Thursday, April 2

12:00 - 4:00 PM

No "board-om" here.

Block Party

Wednesday, April 8

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

Springtime Bingo *

Wednesday, April 8

7:00 PM

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

R&R Coloring Night

Thursday, April 9

6:30 - 8:30 PM

Unwind and relax.



Adult Services



Registration Information: All fees for Adult Programs are required at registration. You must have a valid Suffolk County library card to register for programs. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible. Registration is required unless otherwise noted. **PJFL cardholders may register for ALL programs beginning February 18. Outside library cardholders may register beginning February 25. 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 may be held from registering for future programs.

PLEASE NOTE: There is a limit of two spots per library barcode for each in person art and cooking workshop.



Discussion Groups

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



Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

Tuesday, March 10, April 14 10:00 AM

March: *The Names* by Florence Knapp

April: *Culpability* by Bruce Holsinger

New Voices Book Discussion Group

Thursday, March 12 & April 9 11:00 AM

March: *The Soul of an Octopus* by Sy Montgomery

April: *The Frozen River* by Ariel Lawhon

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group

Tuesday, March 17 & April 21 7:00 PM

March: *The Paper Palace* by Miranda Cowley Heller

April: LI Reads: *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone

Literary Lions Book Club

Wednesdays, March 25 & April 29 2:00 PM

March: *The River of Doubt* by Candice Millard

April: *Into Thin Air* by Jon Krakauer

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Wednesday, March 25 & April 22 7:00 PM

Discuss topics of contemporary concern.

March: U.S.-China Relations in the New Trump Era

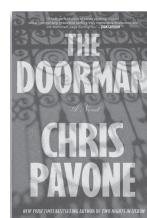
April: The Third Nuclear Age: Trump, the Order, and the Bomb

Fourth Fridays Book Group

Friday, March 27, April 24 11:30 AM

March: *The Manhattan Girls* by Paul Gill

April: *The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff
(ROSE CARACAPPA SENIOR CENTER)



Defensive Driving

IN PERSON COURSE

Monday, April 6 AND Tuesday, April 7
5:30-8:30 PM

Qualify for auto insurance savings and receive up to a 4-point reduction on points accumulated in the past 18 months with this DMV-approved course. Registration is only IN PERSON with a \$33 check or money order made payable to "Empire Safety Council." If you are more than three minutes late, you will not be allowed to enter. **You must attend both evenings.**



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

FILM MATINEES

Box Office Features

The Life of Chuck (111 min.)

Friday, March 6 2:00 PM

From childhood to adulthood, Charles "Chuck" Krantz experiences the wonder of love, the heartbreak of loss, and the multitudes contained in all of us. **Rated R**



Wicked for Good

Friday, April 3 2:00 PM

As an angry mob rises against the Wicked Witch, Glinda and Elphaba will need to come together one final time. **(137 min.)**

Foreign Film Festival

Desert of Namibia (Japanese)

Friday, March 20 2:00 PM

21-year-old Kana works a disaffected job at a beauty salon, where she bristles against the beauty expectations placed on women her age. **(132 min.)**

Trifole (Italian)

Friday, April 17 2:00 PM

In Italy's Piedmont region, Igor faces failing health and the loss of his family home. When his granddaughter arrives to care for him, they embark on a quest for a legendary truffle that could change their lives. **(100 min.)**

Silver Screen Showing

Tootsie (117 min.)

Friday, March 27 2:00 PM

Michael Dorsey (Dustin Hoffman), a talented actor with a reputation for being professionally difficult, runs into romantic trouble after adopting a female persona to land a job.

Vertigo (104 min.)

Friday, April 24 2:00 PM

Retired Detective Scottie Ferguson (James Stewart) with a crippling fear of heights is hired to investigate a friend's wife leading to an obsessive and twisted romance and complex mystery.



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 in-person appointment.



Your Future, Your Finances, and Your Medicare

Wednesday, March 4 12:00 PM

Learn the importance of Medicare planning, Medicare options, estate planning and how to maximize your tax strategies.

Crystal Bowls Meditation

Monday, March 9 and April 27 10:00 AM

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

Mindfulness Meditation

Mondays, March 9 and April 13 7:00 PM

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

Narcan Training

Tuesdays, March 10, April 7

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturdays, March 28, April 25

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.

Saturday Morning Yoga with Laurel Frey

Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28

and April 4, 11

10:00 AM

Certified Instructor led five-session workshop.

Please note: There is a \$20 fee payable by check written to Laurel Frey due upon registration.

Core and Pilates

Wednesdays, March 18, 25 and

April 1, 8, 15, 22

10:00 AM

This Pilates-inspired workout is suitable for people who have difficulty getting on the floor and prefer the support of a chair. Sturdy chair (preferably without arms), a rope or belt, and a semi deflated ball or pillow required. (ZOOM)

Healthy Start for the New Year

Thursday, March 19

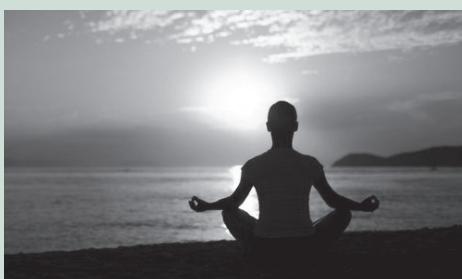
12:00 PM

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Director of Clinical Nutrition, Paula Montagna, MS, RD, CDN, CNSC, will lecture on how to make choices to improve your immune system. An EEPA event. (ZOOM)

Reiki

Thursdays, March 19 and April 23 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.



Restorative Yoga Workshop

Thursday, March 26

4:00 PM

Suitable for practitioners at all levels, this practice holds poses for longer durations. This workshop focuses on unifying the body and mind.

Migraines are Not Just a Headache

Thursday, March 26

7:00 PM

Migraines are the most common complex neurologic disorder worldwide. Learn about how they effect people from early childhood to seniors.

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, March 27 and April 24

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.

Parkinson's Awareness Month

Thursday, April 16

12:00 PM

Sarah Cohen, PT, DPT, Administrator of the Center for Parkinson's Disease at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, will discuss Parkinson's, why rates are increasing, and what we can do to live well with the disease. An EEPA event. (ZOOM)

Medicare Advantage: Is it an Advantage?

Thursday, April 16

3:00 PM

Comparisons of Medicare Advantage (Part C) and original Medicare. Learn about key benefits and potential drawbacks, costs, networks, and coverage.

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)

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 get help looking up records. Book with the Reference Department. **(ZOOM)**

Ebook One-On-One Appointments

A Librarian will get you downloading ebooks and audiobooks in 20 minutes. Please specify what device you will be using and be sure to bring any necessary passwords.

Acoustic Guitar Open Mic Monthly

Tuesdays, March 3 and April 21

6:30 PM

A welcoming space for guitarists to gain performance experience. Acoustic only—no electronic equipment or microphones. Or, listen and support local performers.



AI Literacy Workshop

Wednesday, March 11

6:00 PM

Learn what AI is, how it's showing up in daily life, and how to use it safely and confidently in this free, beginner-friendly workshop. No technical experience required – perfect for adults who want to feel more informed and comfortable with today's technology.

Talking The Bill of Rights: Part 3

Friday, March 13

6:00 PM

Continuing our semisesquicentennial Talking History series, former lawyers turned librarians Mara Zonderman and Terry Lucas will continue to discuss The Bill of Rights. An EEPA event. **(ZOOM)**

Women of Ireland (Mna na h'Eireann)

Monday, March 16

7:00 PM

Celebrate Women's History Month and St. Patrick's Day in this program presented by Kevin Westley. Learn about the Celtic War Goddess Morrigan, Queen Maeve, Brigit Goddess of Fire and St. Brigit, The Pirate Queen - Gráinne Ní Mháille (Grace O'Malley), the Women of Cumann na mBan, and Constance Countess Markiewicz.



Play Readers Parlor

Tuesday, March 24

6:00 PM

Tuesday, April 28

6:00 PM

Get into character in a group play reading. Play will be decided based on the number of participants that attend the session.

AI for the Curious

Friday, March 27

5:00 PM

Peter Semmelhack, CEO of Bug Labs and author of Social Machines, will discuss how AI fits into everyday life, and what's next. An EEPA event. **(ZOOM)**

Dungeons and Dragons

One-Shot Sessions

Monday, March 30

6:00 PM

Monday, April 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 sessions.

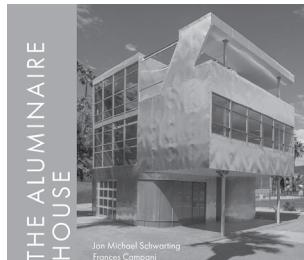
Meet the Authors:

"The Aluminaire House"

Thursday, April 2

7:00 PM

Architects Lawrence Kocher and Albert Frey designed the Aluminaire House in 1931 as a futuristic model of affordability and efficiency. Constructed in just 10 days, the aluminum and glass design attracted more than 100,000 visitors in its first week at its debut exhibition. Authors Frances Campani and Michael Schwarting tell the building's story and their 36 years of work to conserve and reconstruct the house as part of the Palm Springs Art Museum's permanent collection.



All About Horseshoe Crabs

Thursday, April 2

7:00 PM

Learn about these marine arthropods that are common on Long Island beaches. Presented by the LI Aquarium. An EEPA event. **(ZOOM)**

Computer Basics

Wednesday, April 8

11:00 AM

This hands-on class will cover the basics including how to use the mouse, open programs, save a file, and copy and paste.

Vegetable Gardening 101

Thursday, April 9

7:30 PM

This presentation will also go over the most common types of vegetables that can be planted in the garden. A brief demonstration will be shown at the end of the presentation.



Talking The Bill of Rights: Part 4

Friday, April 17

6:00 PM

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AI and Genealogy

Monday, April 20

7:00 PM

This 2-hour Workshop will explore different AI platforms, how to write a prompt to get the best results possible, the validity of AI results, and copyright issues.

Country Line Dancing in the Park

Tuesdays, April 28,

6:30 PM

May 5, 12 and 19

No experience needed for these lessons in the Park @ 114.



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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.

Felted Landscape

Wednesday, March 18

6:30 PM
Learn to create textured landscapes using wool, fabric scraps, and yarn in a wet-felting technique. The process involves rolling, layering, and manipulating the wool into a painting-like surface.



Rhinestone Flower Art

Thursday, March 26

2:00 PM
Follow along online to paint and bedazzle a small canvas with rhinestones and buttons.
Please note: one kit per library barcode.
(YOUTUBE)

Crochet Workshop

Saturday, March 21 and 28,

April 4 and 11

2:00 PM
Sharon Barnes teaches 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.

Van Dough

Wednesday, April 1

6:30 PM
Transform pizza dough and fresh vegetables into a Van Gogh-inspired focaccia that is almost too pretty to eat. Please bring a cutting board, vegetable knife and large rimmed cookie sheet to the program.

Cricut Club

Wednesday, April 15

11:00 AM
Learn how to use the Cricut and create a project.
Port Jefferson Library cardholders only.

Simply Creative Cooking

Wednesday, April 22

1:00 PM
Chef Rob will demonstrate and provide samples of panko parmesan chicken meatballs and warm marbled pound cake with apricot, mascarpone and amaretto.

Mother's Day Painted Wine Glasses

Thursday, April 30

6:30 PM
Use enamel paint to create a pair of flower-patterned wine glasses which you will cure by baking them at home.



Travel/Enrichment

Historic Walking Tours with Ava

Tuesday, March 31, Friday, April 17

12:00 PM
Join Ava for a guided walking tour of Port Jefferson village. Meet at the library and learn about local history.

FAMILY FRIENDLY BUS TRIP: Museum of the Moving Image

Thursday, April 9

Join us to visit the Museum of the Moving Image in Astoria, Queens. Explore the creative genius and legacy of Jim Henson with a museum educator. We will explore puppets, character sketches, scripts, interactive experiences and costumes from Sesame Street, The Muppet Show, Fraggle Rock and more including a screening. Enjoy a late lunch at Pig Beach BBQ. **Cost: \$95**

Departure time: TBA



YEAR-LONG READING CHALLENGE

This no-pressure challenge will have a different theme each month. We'll email out monthly suggestions. Register at: portjefflibrary.org/readingchallenge



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March

Tall Lobby Case:

Art by Barbara Lippman

March & April Meeting Room Exhibit:

"The Art of Seekers of the Stoneheart" by Kurt Librandi

April

Lobby Display Cases:

Sanam Ghandehari

Helping Hands

Tuesdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 7, 14, 21, 28

Schedule an appointment to receive individual and confidential support, and assistance with accessing and navigating local resources. No issue is too large or too small, and support is available for all ages.

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

Bobwhite Quails

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



LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library	631-473-0022
Monday - Thursday	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
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Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 PM

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Monday, March 23	5:00 PM
Monday, April 27	5:00 PM

BUDGET INFORMATION MEETING

Monday, March 23	4:30 PM
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LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE

Tuesday, April 14	10:00 AM - 9:00 PM
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LIBRARY CLOSED

Sunday, April 5	Easter Sunday
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