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FRONT COVER

ATTENTION MILLER PLACE AND MOUNT SINAI RESIDENTS YOU HAVE A CHOICE EVERY JULY.

Your household is welcome to join the Port Jefferson Free Library or Comsewogue Public Library July 2026 - June 2027. Renewing begins June 1 and switching libraries begins July 1. *All household members must register at the same library.* First time members can join at any time of year. Apply or renew in person or online with two proofs of residency including photo ID, showing address in the Miller Place or Mount Sinai School District. **To call with questions: Port Jefferson: 631-473-0022 / Comsewogue: 631-928-1212**

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM: “UNEARTH A STORY”

Summer Learning is for everyone! *Please see our Children's, Teen's and Adult sections to learn more about Summer Learning program at the Port Jefferson Free Library.*

BUS TRIP: CRADLE OF AVIATION MUSEUM

Wednesday, August 12

Depart Village Hall: 8:45 AM

COST: \$50 per person

Visit the Cradle of Aviation Museum in Garden City and view 75 air and spacecraft which chronicle 100 years of flight. A boxed lunch and showing of the planetarium's "Unseen Universe" show included.

SUFFOLK LIBRARIES SUMMER TOUR

Start your tour at PJFL, then visit public libraries around Suffolk **between July 1 and August 31** to search for each library's Prehistoric Creature, and receive a stamp for your "passport" and a collectable Prehistoric Creature trading card. At 5, 15, and 25 library visits you will be entered into the Tour

raffle. At your 25th library you will earn the official title of “***Summer Tour Library-saurus***” and a special commemorative patch (while supplies last!).

REBECCA KASSAY MOBILE OFFICE HOURS

Monday, July 6 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Monday, August 10 4:00 - 6:00 PM

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

THANK YOU!

For supporting the Port Jefferson Free Library’s 2026-2027 Budget.
We are proud to serve you!

SUMMER HOURS COMING SOON

The Library is CLOSED on Sundays, Memorial Day – Labor Day

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TEEN CENTER

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

HOURS:

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

Friday: 12:00 - 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM - 5:00 PM

Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 PM

(Closed Sundays after Memorial Day)

*PLEASE NOTE: Registration required for all programs and begins **June 19th**. Programs limited to Teens (grades 6-12) with a PJFL Teen Card. Please call to cancel your registration (631-509-5707) if you can't attend. All programs are one hour unless otherwise stated, and teens are expected to stay for the entirety of the program.*

**** = Please evaluate program safety if you have allergy concerns.***

SUMMER LEARNING 2026

Register for the Summer Learning challenge, complete activities and record your reading time to earn raffle entries, swag, and prizes. We have a summer full of dinosaur-themed programs and activities for rising 6th - 12th graders. Register in person or online at portjefflibrary.org/teen

Play Apples to Apples

Wednesday, July 1 1:00 PM

Black Light Paint Night

Wednesday, July 1 6:00 PM

Flower Pressing

Thursday, July 2 1:00 PM

Candy Sushi*

Thursday, July 2 4:00 PM

Tote Bag Designs

Thursday, July 2 6:00 PM

Play Uno

Friday, July 3 3:30 PM

Truth or Consequence

Monday, July 6 3:00 PM

Dino Succulent Plant

Monday, July 6 6:00 PM

Jurassic Soundtrack Lab

Tuesday, July 7 1:00 PM

Learn to make music with Adam King.

Teen D&D Conquest

Tuesday, July 7 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Long Island Archaeology

Wednesday, July 8 1:00 PM

Culture, architecture and artifacts from an archeologist's perspective.

IRL Hungry Hippos

Wednesday, July 8 3:00 PM

Dessert Tacos & Trivia*

Wednesday, July 8 6:00 PM

Watercolor Geode

Thursday, July 9 4:00 PM

Henna*

Thursday, July 9 6:00 PM

Kilwins Fudge Workshop*

Friday, July 10 11:00 AM

Meet at 10:45 AM at Kilwins, 109D Main Street, Port Jeff. *A signed permission slip is due July 7.*

Jurassic Park Movie & Pizza*

Friday, July 10 2:30 - 4:30 PM

Oreo Taste Test *

Monday, July 13 4:00 PM

Summer Lotions*

Monday, July 13 6:00 PM

Archaeology and Skeletons

Tuesday, July 14 1:00 PM

Read a skeleton as an archaeologist does. *No real human remains.*

Mario Kart Tournament

Tuesdays, July 14 3:00 - 4:30 PM &

August 4 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Pathfinder: Escape from T-Rex Island

Tuesday, July 14 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, August 15 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Magic the Gathering: Draft Pack Battles

Wednesday, July 15 3:30 PM

Minecraft: Competitive Building

Wednesday, July 15 6:00 PM

Build themed creations on gaming laptops.

Crime Investigators

Thursday, July 16 1:00 PM

Investigate techniques of fingerprinting, chromatography and reading clues.

Name that Film

Thursday, July 16 4:00 PM

Shark Week Keychain

Thursday, July 16 6:00 PM

Jello Mania Contest*

Friday, July 17 2:00 PM

Build & Battle Robotics Lab

Saturday, July 18 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Work in teams to build and operate a robotic vehicle using CyberBrick electronics and 3D printed components.

DIY Sticker

Monday, July 20 3:00 PM

Paleontology

Monday, July 20 6:00 PM

Learn about life in prehistoric times and ancient ecosystems with a Paleontologist.

Juggling & Plate Spinning 101

Tuesday, July 21 1:00 PM

Craft-a-Poozla

Tuesday, July 21 4:00 PM

Lego Building Competition

Tuesday, July 21 6:00 PM

Steam Gaming: YAPYAP

Wednesday, July 22 4:00 PM

Decoden Phone Holders

Wednesday, July 22 6:00 PM

Candy Risk*

Thursday, July 23 1:00 PM

Learn to Draw Anime

Thursday, July 23 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Shrek the Movie & Burritos*

Friday, July 24 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Colorful Pancakes & Board Games*

Monday, July 27 4:00 PM
Thumbtack Dino Egg
Monday, July 27 6:00 PM
DIY Candle Making
Tuesday, July 28 1:00 PM
Super Smash Bros. Tournament
Tuesday, July 28 3:00 - 4:30 PM
Thursday, August 20 5:00 - 6:30 PM
Teen D&D Frostbite
Tuesday, July 28 6:00 - 7:30 PM
T-Rex Engineering Lab
Wednesday, July 29 4:00 PM
Steam Gaming: R.E.P.O
Wednesday, July 29 6:00 PM
Survive the ruins in this multiplayer game.

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3D Print: Clicker Fidget

Thursday, July 30 1:00 PM

Paint a Shell

Thursday, July 30 4:00 PM

Dino Pillows

Thursday, July 30 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Kilwins: Caramel Corn Workshop*

Friday, July 31 11:00 AM

Meet at 10:45 AM at Kilwins, 109D Main Street, Port Jefferson. *A signed permission slip is due July 28.*

Murder Trivia Party

Friday, July 31 1:00 PM

Answer correctly to survive. *Bring a device with internet connection or borrow a laptop.*

Egg Challenge

Monday, August 3 3:00 PM

Engineer a solution to protect your egg.

Summer Scrapbook Workshop

Monday, August 3 6:00 PM

Greek Mythology

Tuesday, August 4 1:00 PM

Learn what archaeologists discovered.

Taste Test Challenge: Brand vs Generic*

Wednesday, August 5 4:00 PM

Kintsugi Art*

Wednesday, August 5 6:00 - 7:15 PM

Learn how to repair ceramics artfully.

Tie-Dye

Thursday, August 6 4:00 PM

Shrinky Dink Keychains

Thursday, August 6 6:00 PM

Super Mario Galaxy Movie & Cosmic Ice Cream*

Friday, August 7 3:00 - 4:30 PM

Teen Survival Race*

Friday, August 7 5:15 - 7:15 PM

Race in teams in mini-games and obstacles courses. *All activities will be outside, be sure to dress appropriately.*

Paint-By-Numbers

Monday, August 10 6:00 PM

Board Game Madness: Flip Seven

Tuesday, August 11 3:00 PM

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, August 11 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Perler Bead Workshop

Wednesday, August 12 6:00 PM

VR Horror & STEAM Games

Thursday, August 13 4:00 PM

Bowling @ PJ Bowl*

Friday, August 14 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Meet at Port Jeff Bowl, 31 Chereb Ln, Port Jeff Sta. *A signed permission slip is due by August 11.*

DIY Sunglasses

Monday, August 17 6:00 PM

Pico Park

Tuesday, August 18 6:00 PM

Work together to gain keys in this multiplayer obstacle and puzzle game.

DIY Magnets

Wednesday, August 19 6:00 PM

Ready to Babysit

Saturday, August 22 12:00 - 3:00 PM

Learn the skills necessary to be a responsible and marketable sitter; child safety, developmental stages, and how to plan age-appropriate activities.

Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

DIY Temporary Tattoos

Monday, August 24 4:00 PM

Board Game Madness: Exploding Kittens

Tuesday, August 25 3:00 PM

Button Making

Wednesday, August 26 2:00 PM

Magic the Gathering: Commander

Wednesday, August 26 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Mug Design

Thursday, August 27 6:00 PM

Learn to use a Cricut mug press.

Hoppers Movie & Milkshakes*

Friday, August 28 3:00 - 4:45 PM

Creative Writing

Saturday, August 29 2:00 PM

Guitar Pick Earrings

Monday, August 31 6:00 PM

TEEN COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

ONLINE COMMUNITY SERVICE:

Available at portjefflibrary.org/teens/cs

Book Review

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

Movie Review

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

Recycling Challenge

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

TAKE-HOME COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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

Birthday Cards

Recipe Books

IN PERSON COMMUNITY SERVICE:

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

Sidewalk Chalk

Mondays July 6, 13 12:30 PM

Decorate the pathways at the Teen Center for the summer. ***Rain dates: Friday, July 10, 17.***

Color-a-Smile

Monday, July 20 1:00 PM

Make drawings for a neighbor in need of cheer.

Perler Bead Sorters

Monday, August 3 1:00 PM

Perler Bead Designers

Monday, August 10 1:00 PM

Teen Meetup

Monday, August 17 1:00 PM

Halloween Decor Helpers

Thursday, August 27 1:00 PM

Bookshop Organizers

Monday, August 31 4:00 PM

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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

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

EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAMS (BABIES, TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS)

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

Super Soccer Stars

Tuesday, July 7, Friday, August 14

Ages: 2 - 3 years with an adult 10:00 AM

Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult 11:00 AM

Improve soccer skills and build self-confidence and socialization skills.

Wax Paper Prints

Wednesday, July 8 11:00 AM

Ages: 2 -5 years with an adult. Basics of printmaking for our youngest artists.

Dress for mess!

Tots Night Out

Wednesday, July 8 6:00 PM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult. Group learning and skill building with A Time for Kids.

Drama with Your Mama

Friday, July 10 and August 21 10:30 AM

Ages 2 - 5 years with an adult. Musical theater class featuring live music, story time, props, costumes, and parachute play for caregivers and little stars.

Shark Tales

Monday, July 13 11:00 AM
Ages: 2 -5 years with an adult. Bite into themed stories and craft to celebrate Shark Week.

Little Sprouts and Friends

Tuesday, July 14 10:00 AM

Tuesday, August 4 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

Tuesday, July 14 11:00 AM

Tuesday, August 4 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.

Story Time Yoga

Wednesday, July 15

Tuesday, August 11

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.*

PlayHooray Babies

Thursday, July 16 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 13 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult. An introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music and creative movement.

PlayHooray Kids

Thursday, July 16 11:00 AM

Thursday, August 13 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult. Music and movement to get the wiggles out and develop coordination.

Wet Paint Watercolor Process Art

Monday, July 20 3:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult. Art projects for our youngest artists. **Please dress for mess.**

Recycle-a-Saurus Craft

Tuesday, July 21 10:30 AM

Ages: 3-5 years with an adult. Design and decorate a Stegosaurus using imagination and upcycled supplies.

Tiny Talkers

Wednesday, July 22 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 6 10:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 3 years with an adult. Read, sing, and play to encourage language development with pediatric speech-language pathologist Kristina Potter.

Baby Start

Thursday, July 23 10:00 AM

Thursday, August 20 10:00 AM

Ages: 9 - 17 months with an adult. Music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and circle time with A Time for Kids, Inc.

A Time for Kids

Thursday, July 23 11:00 AM

Thursday, August 20 11:00 AM

Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult. Music, movement, fine and gross motor development activities, stories and a craft.

Dinosaur Sensory Play

Friday, July 24 11:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 with an adult. Squish, smush, and sort at various sensory stations. *Please dress for mess.*

Dino Tales

Monday, July 27 11:00 AM

Tuesday, August 18 5:30 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 with an adult Prehistoric tales and dino-mite crafts.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, July 28 10:00 AM

Friday, August 28 10:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, July 28 11:00 AM

Friday, August 28 11:00 AM

Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult. Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle.

Tiger Tales

Monday, August 3 11:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with adult. Celebrate the Tiger with some growling good stories and a craft.

Lil Athletes

Friday, July 31, Tuesday, August 18

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.

Tasty Tales: We All Scream for Ice Cream

Monday, August 3 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult. Celebrate summer's favorite treat with stories and a craft! *Please dress for mess.*

Prepare for Pre-K

Wednesday, August 5, 12, 19 and 26 11:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult. Help your child prepare for Pre-K with this 4-week program; Stories and crafts introduce letters, shapes and numbers. Activities will help build fine motor skills.

Under the Sea Stories: Octopus

Monday, August 10 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 -5 years with an adult. 8-armed friend stories and a craft.

Sandpaper Art

Monday, August 17 11:30 AM

Ages: 2 -5 years with an adult. Explore textures as we use sandpaper and chalk.

Sand Playdough*

Thursday, August 20 6:30 PM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult. A sensory activity with beach tales.

Dance Laugh Play

Saturday, August 22 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.

Firefly Stories and a Glowing Craft

Tuesday, August 25

5:30 PM

Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult. We'll light up the evening with stories and a craft.

SCHOOL AGE PROGRAMS

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

Registration will be cancelled if child is not in required grade

Touch a Dinosaur

Monday, June 30

1:00 OR 2:00 PM

Entering K - Grade 5. Stony Brook University's paleontologists get us up close to real fossils and life-sized casts of dinosaurs, ancient crocodiles, crabs, and other prehistoric creatures. Touch, examine, and learn how scientists uncover clues about life millions of years ago.

Chef Rob Scott: Star Spangled Parfait*

Tuesday, July 1

11:00 AM

Entering Grades K – 6. Celebrate our nation's 250th birthday with games and by making a parfait filled with berries, bananas, and whipped cream.

Chess

Wednesday, July 1, 15, August 5, 19

7:00 PM

Entering Grades 1 - 6

DO-RE-MI Grand Old Flag Musical Adventure

Thursday, July 2

10:00 AM

Entering Preschool - Grade 2. Explore the classic tune You're a Grand Old Flag, and learn what the flag colors and symbols represent to celebrate our nation's 250th birthday.

Quilt Blocks for America's 250th Birthday

Thursday, July 2

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Entering Grades 4 – 6. Quilter Mary Herold will teach a stitch that represents why we celebrate. *No sewing experience needed. All the materials provided.*

Broccoli Fireworks for the Fourth*

Thursday, July 2

6:30 PM

Entering Grades 1-3. Make a patriotic project painting with broccoli.

Hot Diggity Dessert Dogs *

Friday, July 3

3:00 PM

Jurassic Journey Escape Room

Entering Grades 3 – 6. Race to find the lost dinosaur eggs before the T-Rex catches you! *Please sign up for only one session.*

Super Soccer Stars

Ages: 4 - 6 years with an adult 11:00 AM

Improve soccer skills and build self-confidence and socialization skills.

Striped Dinosaur Craft

Entering Grades 2 – 6. Transform scraps of paper into an ecofriendly dino.

Architecture for Kids

Entering Grades 3 – 6. Use your imagination to design a park and playground with a variety of materials and textures.

Jeopardy

Entering Grades 3 – 5. Play one of America's oldest game shows; What is the game where you state your answers as question.

Petite Picassos: Dinosaurs

Entering Grades K – 6. Miss Maria will teach a step-by-step art lesson.

Buzz of the Beekeeper

Entering Grades K - 6 Beekeeper. Gerald Raffa teaches us the importance of pollination for our food and flowers. Learn to identify the queen, drone and workers, and about the different roles each plays. Learn how to feed and raise bees, and how bees use the “Wiggle Waggle” dance to communicate.

Jr Paleontologists: We Dig Dinosaurs

Entering Grades K - 2 1:00 PM

Entering Grades 3 - 6 2:00 PM

Assume the role of a real-life paleontologist. Learn how they research, organize and discover fossils.

Dino Egg Bath Bombs

Monday, July 13

6:00 PM

Entering Grades 2 - 6 Mix and mold a bath bomb with a tiny dinosaur ready to fizz and hatch at home.

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Dig In Library Quest

Tuesday, July 14

1:00 PM

Ages: 7 - 12 years. We'll follow mysterious trails, uncover hidden clues, solve puzzles, decode secret messages, and work together to find a buried treasure.

Archeology and Bones

Tuesday, July 14

3:00 PM

Entering Grades 3 – 6. Learn how to study bones like an archaeologist does with Stony Brook Professor Katheryn Twiss.

Sketchbook School: Lighthouse

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 PM

Entering Grades 2 – 6. Draw a lighthouse using basic shapes, then add patterns and color.

Yoga Time

Wednesday, July 15

12:00 PM

Tuesday, August 11

12:00 PM

Ages: 5 - 8 years old. Learn asanas and pranas presented through games and play. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

3D Print Dinosaur Painting

Wednesday, July 15

3:00 PM

Entering Grades 2 - 6. Learn what our 3D printer can do while decorating dinos. *Please dress for mess.*

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, July 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. *Call to register for your 10-minute reading session.*

Think like an Archeologist

Thursday, July 16 3:00 PM
 Entering Grades 2 – 6. Learn about artifacts and archaeological sites from archaeologist Dr. Allison McGovern from Brookhaven National Laboratory.
Sailboat in a Walnut Shell

Thursday, July 16 6:30 PM
 Entering Grades 2 – 4. We will create a sailboat or two.
Chef Rob Scott: Diggin’ for Dinosaurs Dessert Cup *

Friday, July 17 11:00 AM
 Entering Grades K – 6. Play Chef Rob games, and dig for dinosaurs in a cup filled with chocolate pudding, whipped cream, cookies, bananas and more.
Kilwins Sundae Party *

Monday, July 20
 Entering Grades K - 2 10:00 AM
 Entering Grades 3 - 6 11:00 AM
 Tour the store and learn how ice cream is made. We’ll eat samples and make a sundae. (Nondairy options include Raspberry and Lemon Sorbetto.)
Textured Canvas Creations

Monday, July 20 6:00 PM
 Entering Grades 4 – 6. Use hot glue and paint to bring patterns to life.
Art Explorers: Vincent Van Gogh

Wednesday, July 22 6:30 PM
 Entering Grades 1 – 5. Learn about Van Gogh and his style, then paint in his style. *Please dress for mess.*
Summerween Shindig

Thursday, July 23 3:00 PM
 Entering Grades 1 – 6. Get a little spooky as we celebrate with treats, games, and crafts. Costumes are welcome, but not required!
Fuse Bead Flower Frames

Monday, July 27 6:00 PM
 Entering Grades 3 – 6. Use Perler beads to decorate a picture frame.
 Shaving Cream Marble Art Bookmarks

Tuesday, July 28 6:00 PM
 Entering Grades 3 – 6. Create with an unusual supply.
DIY Dino Bones and Fossils*

Wednesday, July 29 6:30 PM

Entering Preschool - Grade 2. We'll make salt dough then create fossils or dinosaur skeletons.

Kilwins Be a Chocolatier*

Thursday, July 30

Entering Grades K - 2 10:00 AM

Entering Grades 3 - 6 11:00 AM

Tour the store, learn about the history of Kilwins' Heritage Chocolate, and dip and decorate a popular treat (may be Oreos, pretzels, Rice Krispie Treats, or Chocolate Drizzles Popcorn).

Dinosaurs Rock

Thursday, July 30 1:00 PM

Entering Preschool - Grade 6. Fossil adventure show, exhibit and dig with one takehome fossil per child.

Sunset Silhouette Craft

Tuesday, August 4 6:00 PM

Entering Grades 2 – 6. Transform Sharpie marker and color diffusing tissue paper into a tropical masterpiece.

Jurassic Grass Gardens

Wednesday, August 5 3:00 PM

Entering Grades 1 – 5. Start your own mini prehistoric world with grass seeds and dinosaur-inspired creativity.

Bubble Painting

Thursday, August 6 6:30 PM

Grades 3 – 5. Capture the beauty of hydrangeas with ingredients that won't wilt.

Lego Challenge

Monday, August 10 7:00 PM

Grades K – 5. Work in teams to build on a theme.

DIY Puffy Paint Art

Tuesday, August 11 6:30 PM

Entering Grades 2 – 6. Transform basic household supplies into fluffy art.

Art Explorers: Louis Comfort Tiffany

Wednesday, August 12 6:30 PM

Entering Grades 1 – 5. Learn about a famous New York artist then create a suncatcher inspired by his stained-glass art. *Please dress for mess.*

Popsicle Painting

Thursday, August 13

7:00 PM

Entering Grades 3 – 5. Paint a summer scene on a group of craft “popsicle” sticks. *Please dress for mess. Note: we will be using glue guns for this program.*

Paper Squishy

Monday, August 17

7:00 PM

Entering Grades 2 – 5. Draw a design on paper, then use tape and cotton stuffing to give him dimension.

Dinosaur Trivia

Monday, August 24

7:00 PM

Entering Grades 3 - 5 Test your pre-historic knowledge.

Locker Magnets

Wednesday, August 26

4:00 PM

Entering Grades 3 – 5. Create personalized magnets for your new locker.

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FAMILY PROGRAMS

Registration NOT required unless otherwise noted

BenAnna Band

Friday, July 3

11:00 AM

Experience this children’s band on its national tour. The show is built to include kiddos of all ages, abilities and identities.

Brady Rymer’s Family Concert

Wednesday, July 8

1:00 PM

Three-time Grammy nominee Brady Rymer brings rock ’n’ roll to the Library. Catchy songs and heartfelt stories celebrate confidence, kindness, and friendship, with a few dinosaur-themed favorites for good measure.

Let’s Sing Dinosaur Songs with Meghan VK

Thursday, July 9

11:00 AM

Families of children aged Birth to 5 years. The Park at 114 is the spot for this dinosaur-themed singalong

Book Reading & Discussion

Saturday, July 18

1:00 PM

Local author Susan Blake will share her book about adopting a shelter dog

Magic of Amore Show

Tuesday, July 21

1:00 PM

Magic, illusions, comedy, music, and interactive audience participation, woven together with a message about the power of libraries, books, and reading. Warning: Excitement, laughter, amazement and reading can result from watching this show.

Saturday Craft-a-bration

Saturday, August 1, 15 & 29

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Cool off and create. Registration is not required.

Unearth a Story Movie: *The Land Before Time*

Monday, August 3

7:00 PM

Rated: G Running Time: 70 minutes *Registration not required.*

Dino-Mite Finale: A Prehistoric Pudding Party*

Friday, August 7

12:00 - 2:00 PM

Complete the Summer Learning Program to earn an invitation to our Prehistoric Pudding Party. Your invitation will be for a specific assigned time.

End of Summer Learning Program: Petra Puppet's Fossil Funhouse

Saturday, August 8

1:00 PM

Do Pterodactyls love raviolis? What's the number one tune on Prehistoric Clam Radio? How can you stop a Sneezasaurus from sneezing? Meet a goofy cast of dinosaurs.

Dot Marker Madness

Monday, August 24

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

Registration not required

Back to School Bingo*

Wednesday, August 26

7:00 PM

Jason Reilly's Frogs, Bugs and Animal Show

Thursday, August 27

1:00 PM

Learn about where each is from, what they eat, when they sleep and how they protect themselves. You can pet and touch Jason's animal friends.

Family Clay Play

Thursday, August 27

6:30 - 8:00 PM

Registration not required.

ADULT SERVICES

Registration Information:

All fees required at in-person registration. You must have a valid Suffolk County public library card. If you are unable to attend, please let us know as soon as possible, so we may contact our waitlists. If you “no show” up to three programs without informing us, you will be blocked from future programs.

Locations noted at end of program descriptions. **PJFL cardholders can register for ALL programs beginning June 19. Outside library cardholders can register beginning June 26.** *NOTE: online programs with a pick-up kit are ONE KIT PER LIBRARY CARD BARCODE. Limit of two spots per library card barcode for in-person art and cooking workshops*

SUMMER LEARNING PROGRAM 2026

June 20 - August 8

Sign up online or in person, and stop by the Adult Desk to receive your registration bag. Earn a raffle ticket for each book you read and complete summer learning challenges to be entered to win raffles.

DISCUSSION GROUPS

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

New Voices Book Discussion Group

Thursday, July 9 11:00 AM

July: The Stationary Shop by Marjan Kamali

August: NO MEETING

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

NO JULY/AUGUST MEETING

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group

Tuesdays, July 21 & August 18 7:00 PM

July: The Dog Who Danced by Susan Wilson

August: The Paris Novel by Ruth Reichl

Literary Lions Book Discussion

Wednesday, July 22 & August 26 2:00 PM

July: The Great Gatsby by F. Scott. Fitzgerald

August: Shiner by Amy Jo Burns

Great Decisions Discussion Group

Wednesdays, July 22 & August 26

July: U.S. Engagement with Africa 7:00 PM

August: The Future of Human Rights & Int'l Law in a Divided World
(ZOOM)

Fourth Fridays Book Club

Fridays, July 24 & August 28 11:30 AM

July: Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

August: Before Dorothy by Hazel Gaynor

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FILM MATINEES

No registration necessary. Popcorn provided.

Box Office Features

***Wuthering Heights* (136 min.) Friday, July 3 2:00 PM**

Tragedy strikes when orphaned Heathcliff falls in love with Catherine Earnshaw, a woman from a wealthy family in 18th-century England, in this steamy retelling of the classic novel. Rated R

***Rental Family* (110 min.) Friday, August 14 2:00 PM**

Brendan Fraser stars as an American actor based in Japan who begins working for a rental family agency, where he plays roles in the lives of strangers.

Foreign Film Festival

***Peacock* (German) Friday, July 24 2:00 PM**

Matthias masters impersonating roles for hire: cultured boyfriend, perfect son, sparring partner. Professionally adept at pretending, his true challenge lies in being himself. (102 min.)

***The Ties that Bind Us* (French) Friday, August 21 2:00 PM**

Follow a single father, a feminist librarian and a child seeking a place to belong as they navigate love and desires. What does it mean to be a family? (106 min.).

Silver Screen Showing

Mr. Smith Goes to Washington (129 min.) Friday, July 31 2:00 PM

A naive youth leader is appointed to fill a vacancy in the U.S. Senate. His idealistic plans promptly collide with corruption at home and subterfuge from his hero in Washington.

Cocoon (117 min.) Friday, August 28 2:00 PM

When a group of trespassing seniors swim in a pool containing alien cocoons, they find themselves energized with youthful vigor.

HEALTH, WELLNESS & FITNESS

Registration required unless otherwise noted

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

One-On-One Medicare Appointments

Discuss your Medicare questions with an expert. Learn the differences between plans and their coverages. Call Adult Services to book your in-person appointment.

Crystal Bowls Meditation

Mondays, July 13, August 3 10:00AM

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

Mindfulness Meditation

Mondays, July 13 and August 10 7:00 PM

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

Narcan Training

Tuesday, July 7, August 11 11:00AM - 2:00 PM

Saturday, July 25, August 29 11:00AM - 2:00 PM

One New York resident dies of an overdose every three hours. 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.

Restorative Yoga with Crystal Singing Bowls

Wednesdays, July 15, August 12 2:00 PM

Suitable for practitioners of all levels. This workshop extends the length positions are held to increase meditative and deep relaxation benefits.

Free Hearing Tests

Thursdays, July 16 and August 6 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Stop in for a free hearing health screening with licensed audiologist Kimberly McNicholl. Tests are quick, convenient, and a great first step toward better hearing. *No registration; walk-in basis.*

Kidney Health

Thursday, July 16

12:00 PM

Learn more about healthy habits to support your kidney health, presented by Louisette Soussan, MD. An EEPA event (ZOOM)

Healthy Eating Habits to Reduce Cancer Risk

Thursday, July 23

12:00 PM

Learn from Mather Hospital's Registered Dietitian Nutritionist Melissa Buscetta, RD, CDN. (ZOOM)

Restorative Candlelight Yoga

Monday, August 3

7:00 PM

Holding gentle, supported poses for longer periods of time to calm the nervous system, and promote deep relaxation. Props will be supplied, but please bring your mats.

Saturday Morning Yoga

Saturdays, July 18, 25, August 8 and 15

10:00 AM

Certified Instructor led four-session workshop. Please note: **There is a \$20 fee payable by check written to Laurel Frey due upon registration.** Please note *there is no class on August 1st.*

Cardio Sculpt

Wednesdays, July 22, 29, August 5, 12, 19, 26

10:00 AM

Strength and sculpting class built on moves that alternate between cardio and strength. Use a sturdy chair, preferably without arms, as well as a rope or belt, and a semi-deflated ball or pillow. Free weight can also be used. *Participants must be able to stand during portions of this class.*

Reiki

Thursdays, July 23, August 27

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.

Stony Brook Cancer Center Tabling Event

Wednesday, August 19

12:00 - 2:00 PM

A Community Health Worker will share educational materials and answer questions regarding your screening options for colorectal cancer.

Blood Pressure Screening

Saturday, August 22

1:00-4:00 PM

A clinician from North Suffolk Cardiology will check your blood pressure and discuss disease prevention and health maintenance. *No registration; walk-in basis.*

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LANGUAGE & LITERACY

English Conversation Group / Grupo de conversación en inglés Saturdays 11:15 AM

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

Citizenship Help by Appointment / Ciudadanía con cita

Are you studying for the Naturalization Exam? Call 631-473-0022 today to make an appointment for help with Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming. (IN PERSON BY APPOINTMENT ONLY)

LECTURES, TUTORIALS, TECHNOLOGY & EDUCATION

Registration required

One-On-One Genealogy Appointments

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

Ebook One-On-One Appointments

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.

Jurassic Park Escape Room

Monday, July 6

5:00 PM OR 6:00 PM (Choose 1 session)

Outsmart loose dinosaurs and failing park systems before the island's chaos traps you. Please choose between the 5pm or 6pm session.

Celebrate 250: Vaughn Scribner discusses his book *Under Alien Skies*

Tuesday, July 7

7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

British and Hessian troops were sent 3,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to find themselves strangers fighting in a strange land. *Under Alien Skies* won the 2025 Society of the Cincinnati Prize and was a Finalist for the Gilder Lehrman Military History Prize. A reception with the author will follow. This program is presented in collaboration with the Town of Brookhaven, Stony Brook University Dept. of History and the Robert David Lion Gardiner Foundation, The Village of Port Jefferson, and the Library.

The Novel Life of Jane Austen

Wednesday, July 8

7:00 PM

Gain new insights into Austen's creative process with Professor Janine Barchas's graphic biography. An EEPA event. (ZOOM)

Dungeons & Dragons One-Shot Sessions

Monday, July 20

6:00 PM

Monday, August 17

6:00 PM

Journey through a one-shot story. Veteran or novice, all are welcome to create a character and explore a fantasy world brought to life. Each session is unique so attend one or both!

Celebrating 250: Unearthing Early American Records

Monday, July 20

7:00 PM

Early American records are much different than late 19th and 20th century documents. This genealogical program focuses on colonial through 1870 ancestral records. Appropriate for both novice and experienced genealogists. (ZOOM)

Nikola Tesla: The Making of a Modern Mind

Tuesday, August 4

7:00 PM

We'll examine what drove Tesla's life-long passion to invent and connect his visionary work over one hundred years ago to the world we live in today.

Gardening for Hummingbirds

Wednesday, August 5

6:30 PM

Naturalist Kevin Walsh will share how to design your landscape to better attract hummingbirds in your garden.

Investing 101

Thursday, August 6

6:00 PM

Learn basic concepts of building wealth through long-term investing. We'll discuss asset allocation, the importance of diversification, and common account types.

End of Summer Celebration for Adults

Friday, August 7 3:00 PM

An afternoon of trivia, snacks and crafts with some of our Adult Librarians.

I Need a Hero: How Ancient Greeks Connected with Heroes of The Past

Tuesday, August 11 6:00 PM

Have you ever wondered if the ancient Greek heroes of myth like Perseus, Achilles, and Odysseus were real people? The ancient Greeks did! We'll learn about some of the most famous heroes of ancient Greece and do a digital walkthrough of some of the tombs and landmarks the ancients themselves associated with their mythical heroes of the past.

People's ARC of Suffolk Table

Tuesday, August 18 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

People's ARC provides services for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Learn about how they strive to create communities where people of all ages and abilities enjoy life to its fullest.

Talking the Bill of Rights: Part 7

Friday, August 21 6:00 PM

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

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MAKE IT! ARTS, HOBBIES, CRAFTS

Registration is required unless otherwise noted. PJFL cardholders may register beginning June 19. Outside library cardholders may register beginning June 26. ***Online programs that include a pick-up kit are ONE KIT PER LIBRARY CARD BARCODE.*** Please do not register if you may not be able to attend. ***If you "no show" up to three programs without informing us, you will be held from registering for future programs.***

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

Long Island Quilters

Mondays 1:00 PM

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

PJFL Mah-Jongg Club

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

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

Sea Glass Ocean Scene

Thursday, July 9 6:30 PM

Paint a beach themed background and add sea glass and shells to create a 3D effect.

Fudge Making at Kilwins

Saturday, July 11 10:00 AM

Meet at Kilwins Port Jefferson, 109D Main Street, to see owner and expert fudge maker, Christine Viscount, demonstrate the process from start to finish. All attendees will be able to sample fudge at the end.

Photography Workshop

Wednesdays, July 15, 22 and 29 7:00 PM

A 3-part workshop to learn the basics. Bring your preferred camera and learn how to use its features. Editing, tips, tricks, and tools to grow your picture taking prowess. Weather permitting, we'll visit the library's park to practice.

Long Island Home Sign

Monday, July 27 7:00 PM

Create a wood plaque using sand, seashells, and other beach-y elements.

Make Your Own Beef Jerky

Tuesday, July 28 7:00 PM

Chef Anthony demonstrates making jerky at home. Learn about selecting the right cuts of meat, slicing, marinating, drying, safe food-handling practices and creative seasoning ideas. We'll discuss dehydrators, ovens, smokers, and other at-home methods. Attendees will sample several No Bull Beef Jerky flavors.

Caramel Corn Making at Kilwins

Saturday, August 1 10:00 AM

Meet at 109D Main Street, Port Jeff. Owner Christine Viscount will demonstrate the process from start to finish. All attendees will take home a bag of caramel corn.

Cricut Club

Thursday, August 6

3:00 PM

Learn to use a Cricut machine and complete a project. *Basic computer skills required. Port Jefferson Cardholders ONLY.*

Dried Flower Resin Pendant

Saturday, August 15

2:00 PM

Design a pendant using jewelry resin. All supplies including UV-LED lamps, tools (to share), a golden metal frame with chain, charms and glitter are included.

Porch Welcome Sign

Thursday, August 20

6:30 PM

Paint, decorate and customize a solid wood vertical sign.

Simply Creative Cooking with Chef Rob

Tuesday, August 25

12:00 PM

Chef Rob will demonstrate and provide samples of buttermilk zucchini and corn fritters and a chocolate strawberry banana panini with sliced almonds.

PERFORMANCE/ENRICHMENT

Acoustic Guitar Open Mic

Tuesdays, July 21 and August 18

6:30 - 8:00 PM

A welcoming space for guitarists to gain performance experience, and for audience members to hear local musicians. *Acoustic only.*

Play Readers Parlor

Tuesday, July 14

6:00 PM

Tuesday, August 25

6:00 PM

Get into character in a group play reading. Play will be selected based on the number of participants who show up to play.

The Homegrown String Band

Saturday, August 22

2:00 PM

Original acoustic arrangements of American folk rock in our Park at 114 Thompson St. Hear classics from the Carter Family, Delmore Brothers, and

Jimmy Rodgers to celebrate America's 250th. *Please bring your own chairs or blanket.*

TRAVEL WITH THE LIBRARY

Historic Walking Tours with Ava

Wednesdays, July 15 and August 12 4:00 PM

A guided tour through Port Jefferson village. Meet at the library and learn local history.

BUS TRIP: Cradle of Aviation Museum

Wednesday, August 12

Depart Village Hall: 8:45 AM

COST: \$50 per person. Visit the Cradle of Aviation Museum and view 75 air and spacecraft which chronicle 100 years of flight. A boxed lunch and a showing of the planetarium's "Unseen Universe" show are included.

Kayak Tours with Paumanok Tours

Sunday, August 23

9:00 AM departing Setauket Harbor

Paddle the shore and get a different perspective on the beautiful homes and wildlife of our local waterways. *Kayak rental included for this 1-hour tour.*

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THE FRIENDS OF THE PORT JEFFERSON FREE LIBRARY

Enhancing the Library Community with dedication & donations

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

Friends volunteers have been inundated with books in poor condition that have to be recycled upon receipt. To prevent this: please limit donations to one box that you can carry; The Friends are unable to assist with retrieving donations from you, nor do they do pickups from homes. Donations are accepted during hours of operation; do not leave books outside the library.

Donation Guidelines

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

Items we do not accept: We cannot accept dusty, damaged, discolored, damaged, missing pages, broken bindings, water damage, or are soiled, musty or smelly. Additionally, we cannot accept outdated travel books, computer manuals, encyclopedias, textbooks, or reference books (including dictionaries and almanacs), books that have been discarded by other libraries, audio cassettes/CD, or DVD/VHS tapes.

SERVICES

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

ASSISTIVE

portjefflibrary.org/accessibility

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

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

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

ONGOING

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

- **Passport Acceptance Facility** - portjefflibrary.org/passport
- **Recycle Batteries, Cell Phones, Eyeglasses and Markers**
- **Veterans History Project**

TECHNOLOGY

- **Charging Station**
- **One-on-One Device Advice**
- **Fax Service** – FREE. *We do NOT receive faxes.*
- **Tech to Take Home**
 - NEW: Chromebook Laptops
 - Games & Gadgets - portjefflibrary.org/gamesandgadgets
 - Kindle Paperwhites: Pre-loaded with popular titles
 - Mobile Hotspots: Free WiFi at Home!
- **3D Print Service** - portjefflibrary.org/3dprinter; \$1 per hour
- **Featured Database: Kanopy** - portjefflibrary.org/kanopy
Kanopy is the best video streaming service for quality, thoughtful entertainment which is perfect for the holiday season!

EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

To show your art or collection, visit portjefflibrary.org/display or contact Adult Reference.

JULY

BOTH CASES: frank&hide

AUGUST

MUSEUM CASE: Boy Scouts

TALL CASE: John Milusich

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DISCOUNT TICKETS are available through the Library

- **Adventureland:** Tickets are \$35 for all ages. Valid from June to October 25, 2026.
- **Long Island Aquarium:** Tickets Are \$29.50 child/senior (ages 3-12, 62 and up) \$42 adult (age 13-61).

- Whale Watching: Reduced price whale watching tickets with Viking Fleet out of Montauk. \$75 for adults and \$30 for children (\$25 savings). Each date has its own code, so please have a date in mind when requesting the discount code!
- Splish Splash Discount: Contact Adult Services for code
- Gateway Playhouse: Discount voucher at Adult Services
- Theatre Three: Show your PJFL card at the box office for a discount. All ticket sales are final. No refunds or exchanges on venue tickets. Tickets are for personal/family use and limited to 6 per visit.

LONG ISLAND DUCKS GAME

Saturday, July 18 6:35 PM

Baseball and fireworks with the LI Ducks as they take on the Lancaster Stormers. Tickets are \$10 each and will be available for pick-up at the Library. In person registration is required and payment must be made at time of registration at the Adult Services Desk. ***NO REFUNDS will be given.*** ***Transportation to Fairfield Properties Ballpark (3 Court House Dr, Central Islip, NY 11722) is not provided. The Library is not responsible for accommodating rain dates or cancellation of the game.***

CONGRATULATIONS to Tucker Stanton who won the Friends of the Library annual scholarship! Tucker won \$1500 and will be studying Computer Science + Mathematics at Perdue University.

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 PM - 5:00 PM

Sunday 1:00 – 5:00 PM

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

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETINGS

Monday, July 27 5:00 PM

Monday, August 24 5:00 PM

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Saturday, July 4 Independence Day
Monday, September 7 Labor Day

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**Telephone: (631)473-0022 Website: portjefflibrary.org Weather
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