



Port Jefferson Free Library

SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2026 YEOMAN NEWSLETTER

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JOIN THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

One five-year seat will open for election in January 2027. Interested persons are invited to apply. Applications will be available at the Circulation Desk starting **September 15**. Completed applications must include a resume, written statement of interest, and a petition signed by 25 members of the Port Jefferson Library Association.

Experience with library governance is helpful. Further information will be included in our next newsletter.

Election Committee, Port Jefferson Free Library

100 Thompson Street, Port Jefferson, NY 11777

For inquiries call Jenny Bloom, Library Director - 631-473-0022

HALLOWEEN COSTUME SWAP

Leave a costume and/or take one to celebrate a "Greener Halloween". Bring your clean costumes in good condition to the Children's Department. Drop off starts **Monday, September 21**. "Shopping" starts **Sunday, October 11** on National Costume Swap Day.



FLAMENCO IN THE PARK

Sunday, October 4 2:00 PM

Michelle Vicale performs Flamenco, a dance that synthesizes Spanish, Romani (Gypsy), Moorish, and Jewish cultural roots with dramatic storytelling through movement, music and song.



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BUS TRIP: THE MET CLOISTERS & ARTHUR AVENUE

Thursday, October 22

Depart Village Hall: 9:15 AM

Explore the medieval styled architecture, art, and gardens on a "Highlights Tour" of the Cloisters at Fort Tryon Park. After time in the galleries, enjoy a late lunch at the Enzo's of Arthur Avenue. Please note this trip includes strenuous walking with uneven surfaces. **Registration is in person at the Adult Services Desk and tickets are \$85 per person.**



THANK YOU, LI QUILTERS

The LI Quilters Group who meet at the library every Monday, made a beautiful quilted cover for our public meeting room TV. The cover required creativity and artistry. We are grateful for all their donated time and skill.



Special thanks to project leaders; Carolyn Jamieson, Roberta Tiskowitz, Rashelle Cirigliano, and Lorraine Pinka.

DUMP THE JUNK: FALL CLEANING

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

Saturday, November 7 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM



Shed the Meds Collection: Dispose of unused or expired medications. No liquid medications or sharps accepted.

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

E-Waste Recycling: Bring your working or nonworking electronics. All data will be destroyed. Most electronics are accepted including computers, cell phones, printers, TVs, keyboards, cables, wires, circuit boards, and stereos. We cannot accept large appliances, microwave ovens, fluorescent bulbs, and alkaline batteries.

TEEN CENTER

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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 **Thursday, August 20.** Our programs are limited to **Teens (grades 6-12)** with a **Port Jefferson Free Library Teen Card.** Please call to cancel your registration (631-509-5707) if you cannot attend. All programs are scheduled for one hour unless otherwise stated.

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



TEEN MOVIES

Mandalorian & Grogu with Pizza

Friday, September 18 3:00 - 5:15 PM

Watch the newest Star Wars film featuring Baby Yoda with pizza.

Toy Story 5 and Pizza

Friday, October 9 3:00 - 4:45 PM

Watch the newest Pixar film with pizza.



Backrooms & Treats

Monday, October 19 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Watch a new horror film. *A permission slip is required to watch this movie.*

Fall Mason Jar Lanterns

Thursday, September 3 6:00 PM

Pathfinder

Tuesdays, September 8 & October 6
5:00 - 6:30 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.

3D Print & Design

Wednesday, September 9 4:00 PM

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

Decoden Jewelry Box

Thursday, September 10 6:00 PM

Craft with charms.

Admission Essay

Sunday, September 13 2:00 PM

Gain insights into the college admissions essay process. For Parents and/or Teens.

Safety Pin Charms

Monday, September 14 6:00 PM

Customize your own.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Tuesdays, September 15 & October 13 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Choose your character to fight on the Switch.

Are you Smarter than a Tween?

Wednesday, September 16 6:00 PM

Bring a device with internet connection or borrow a laptop to participate in this trivia.

Dungeons & Dragons

Sundays, September 20 & October 4

1:30 - 3:00 PM
Journey on a side quest story. See Khan for help to build your character ahead of the program.

Goth Birdhouses

Monday, September 21 6:00 PM

Decorate a birdhouse with a creepy vibe.

Cornhole Tournament

Tuesday, September 22 4:00 PM

Come out and play.

Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday, September 23 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Tuesday, October 27 6:00 - 7:30 PM

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

Paint Night

Thursday, September 24 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Fall scene.

VR & STEAM Games

Monday, September 28 5:00 - 6:30 PM

Horror themed play.



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Instagram!

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Robotics

Wednesdays, September 30 & October 28 5:00 PM

Learn to code and build with Spike Prime.

Fear Factor: Teen Edition *

Thursday, October 1 5:00 PM

Face your fears with a taste test and other frightful activities.

*Fear
factor*

Decorate a Pumpkin

Monday, October 5 6:00 PM

Customize with paint & craft materials.

DIY Sticker

Thursday October 7 4:00 PM

AI & Self-Driving Robotics

Thursday, October 8 5:00 PM

Explore AI through self-driving RC cars in this interactive workshop.

DIY Halloween Mask

Monday, October 12 4:00 PM

Build & Battle Robotics Lab

Monday, October 12 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Build and operate a robotic vehicle using CyberBrick electronics and 3D printed components. We'll work in teams to assemble robots and compete in engineering challenges.

Wool Jack-o-Lantern

Thursday, October 15 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Try your hand at this textured 3D art while using felt, wool and crafting tools.



Stand-Up Comedy & Snacks

Wednesday, October 21 5:00 PM
Submit your funniest jokes to be read to a crowd.

Murder Trivia Party

Thursday, October 22 6:00 PM
Bring a device with internet or borrow a laptop to participate in this quiz-based party game.

Nightmare Catchers

Monday, October 26 6:00 PM
Craft Halloween themed dreamcatchers.

Blacklight Painting

Thursday, October 29 6:00 PM
Express yourself with fluorescent paint.

HALLOWEEN PARTY

Friday, October 30
3:00 - 4:45 PM

Celebrate the spooky season with mini games, candy prizes and witchy milkshakes.



BACK TO SCHOOL AT THE TEEN CENTER

Homework Stations & Printing:

Computers and laptops are available and homework printing is free for teens card holders.

Study Kits:

Filled with tips and tools including post-its, a highlighter, index cards and stickers to hype you up.

Virtual Homework Help:

Brainfuse database has live, expert tutors available to help. You can submit homework questions or meet online. Ask librarians for help getting connected.

Virtual Writing Lab:

A 24/7 free service available with your library card. Submit essays and other writings for expert constructive feedback.

Textbooks:

We have an in-library-use textbook collection and a test prep collection. Let us know what you need if we don't have it.



Teen Community Service Opportunities

For more information 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 services. You can earn 4 hours of credit for each review that meets the guidelines (limit of 2 reviews per month).

Recycling Challenge

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

Community Service at the Teen Center

Registration is required. You will receive one hour of community service for each program.

LEGO Organizers

Saturday September 5 11:00 AM

Instapagers

Monday, September 14 4:00 PM
Assist the librarians with instagram content.

Well Wishes Notes

Monday, September 21 4:00 PM
Help design positive messages for the Great Give Back.

Scarecrow Assemblers

Tuesday, September 22 5:30 PM
Help put together a scarecrow to display for the annual scarecrow decorating contest.

Costume Design

Sunday, September 27 2:00 PM
Make a costume for our dog statue.

Bookshop Organizers

Monday, October 5 4:00 PM
Earn community service credit by organizing our bookshelves in the Friends Bookshop.

Perler Bead Sorters

Sunday, October 11 2:00 PM
Sort beads for projects.

Historical Society Volunteers

Saturday, October 17
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM OR 12:00 - 4:00 PM
Meet at the Historical Society located at 115 Prospect St, Port Jefferson. Assist the historical society members with their annual auction.

Take-Home Community Service

These opportunities will be available for pickup starting September 1. Receive two hours of community service credit for each completed envelope. Limit one of each project per month.

Color-A-Smile

Paper Pumpkins



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)

Infant Massage

Wednesday, September 2 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 6 10:00 AM
Ages: 6 weeks - 18 months with an adult
Licensed Massage Therapist Laura Morello teaches you this tender way of communicating with your child. Please dress in comfortable clothes, and bring a blanket for the baby, one for yourself and the baby's favorite comfort toy.

Music and Movement

Friday, September 4 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 4 years with an adult
Interactive activities with rhyming songs and instruments.

Let's Sing with Meghan VK

Tuesday, September 8 11:00 AM
Friday, October 9 11:00 AM
Ages: Birth - 5 years with an adult
Encourage word and sound development and build communication skills.

PlayHooray Babies

Wednesday, September 9 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 13 10:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 17 months with an adult
An introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music and creative movement.

PlayHooray Kids

Wednesday, September 9 11:00 AM
Tuesday, October 13 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 - 36 months with an adult
Music and movement to get the wiggles out and develop coordination.

Park Tales

Thursday, September 10 - Elephant and Piggie 11:00 AM
Thursday, October 1 - Pete the Cat
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Stories with some favorite friends in The Park at 114 with songs and bubbles. *This program will be moved indoors in case of poor weather.*

Parent Toddler Workshop

Friday, September 11, 25, October 23, 30 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).

Apple Tales

Saturday, September 12 12:00 PM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Stories and a craft about fall's favorite fruit.



National Coloring

Day Story Time
Monday, September 14 10:30 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Celebrate art and creativity with stories and crafts!

Dance Laugh Play

Tuesday, September 15 10:00 AM OR 11:00 AM
Friday, October 16 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.*

Baby Start

Wednesday, September 16 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 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

Wednesday, September 16 11:00 AM
Tuesday, October 20 11:00 AM
Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult
Music, movement, fine and gross motor development activities, stories and a craft.

Little Sprouts and Friends

Thursday, September 17 10:00 AM
Thursday, October 22 10:00 AM
Ages: Birth - 12 months with an adult
Move and sing with your infant. *This program is for children who are not yet walking.*

Sprouts and Friends

Thursday, September 17 11:00 AM
Thursday, October 22 11:00 AM
Ages: 12 months - 5 years with an adult
Move and sing with your toddler. *This program is for children who are walking.*



Story Time Yoga

Friday, September 18, October 2 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 through yoga poses. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel and a water bottle.

Tois Night Out

Monday, September 21 6:00 PM
Ages: 18 months - 5 years with an adult
Group learning and skill building with A Time for Kids.

First Day of Fall Story Time

Tuesday, September 22 11:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 5 years with an adult
Stories and a craft to celebrate the start of autumn.

Babies Boogie

Thursday, September 24 10:00 AM
Tuesday, October 27 10:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 18 months with an adult
Shake, rattle and roll with Nicole Sparling.

Toddlers Tango

Thursday, September 24 11:00 AM
Tuesday, October 27 11:00 AM
Ages: 19 months - 4 years with an adult
Clap, stomp, wiggle and giggle.

Un-beleaf-able Sensory Fun

Monday, September 28 11:00 AM
Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult
Squish, smush, and sort at sensory stations. *Please dress for mess.*

Scrappy Scarecrow Craft

Tuesday, September 29 10:30 AM
Ages: 3 - 5 with an adult
Turn recycled materials into a fall friend.



ABC Story Time

Wednesday, September 30 11:00 AM
Ages: 3 - 5 with an adult
Practice your alphabet with stories and a craft.

Park Tales: Pumpkins

Monday, October 5

10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Stories and fun in The Park at 114. *This program will be moved indoors in case of poor weather.*



Moody Masks Painting Craft

Tuesday, October 6

11:30 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 with an adult

Paint an expressive face mask, inspired by Edward Munch's famous painting, The Scream.

123 Story Time

Wednesday, October 7

11:00 AM

Ages: 3 - 5 with an adult

Practice your counting with stories and a craft.



Spooktacular Tales and Crafts

Saturday, October 10

12:00 PM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Get an early start on Halloween with stories and crafts.

Block Party

Wednesday, October 14 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Build with Legos, Mega Bloks, and Magna Tiles. **Registration is not required.**

Paint without Paint Brushes: Pumpkins

Thursday, October 15

10:30 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Paint paper pumpkins using cool tools. *Please dress for mess.*

Spook-tacular Sensory Fun

Monday, October 26

11:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

Squish, smush, and sort at various sensory stations. *Please dress for mess.*

Halloween Toddler Mash*

Thursday, October 29

11:00 AM

Ages: 2 - 5 years with an adult

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



School Age Programs

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

Read to a Dog

Wednesday, September 9, 23, October 7, 21

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, September 9, 23, October 7, 21

7:00 PM

Entering Grades 1 - 6

Learn strategies and gain skills playing with an instructor from the Long Island Chess Nuts. For all skill levels.

LEGO Challenge

Monday, September 14

7:00 PM

Monday, October 12

7:00 PM

Grades K - 5

Work in teams to build on a theme.



Owl Eyes

Mosaic Art

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 PM

Grades 1 - 3

Who will turn scraps of paper into a feathery masterpiece?

Latino Heritage Month Art Explorers - Diego Rivera

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Learn about artist Diego Rivera and create textured paintings inspired by his work.

Apple Bubble Wrap Painting

Thursday, September 17

6:30 PM

Grades K - 2

A paint project that requires no refrigeration; paint, a leaf and a twig.

Tie Dye Bags (in The Park at 114)

Monday, September 21

3:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Learn this classic colorful craft. *Please dress for mess. In case of inclement weather this program will move indoors.*

Pop Art Apple Stamping *

Tuesday, September 22

6:30 PM

Grades K - 2

Using Pop Art-style bright colors we'll transform apples into paintbrushes.

Homeschool: Leaves

Wednesday, September 23

12:00 PM

Grades K - 5

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



Painted Rocks in the Park

Thursday, September 24

6:30 PM

Grades 2 - 4

Take a walk through our Park at 114 and create original rock paintings.

Falling for Art: Kandinsky Trees

Saturday, September 26

3:00 PM

Grades 2 - 6

Learn about Wassily Kandinsky and create a tremendous work of art inspired by his abstract style.

Coding with Ozobots

Monday, September 28

7:00 PM

Grades 3 - 5

Learn the basics of coding by using colors and patterns to guide Ozobots to follow paths and complete challenges.

Sketchbook School: Colorful Leaf Art

Tuesday, September 29

7:00 PM

Grades 2 - 6

Make a work full of pattern and color.

Latino Heritage Month Art Explorers - Luchita Hurtado

Wednesday, September 30

7:00 PM

Grades 1 - 5

Learn about artist Luchita Hurtado and create crayon paintings inspired by her techniques.

3D Print

Jack-o-Lantern Painting

Monday, October 5

6:00 PM

Grades K - 5

See what our 3D printer can do. Decorate light-up candy corn jack-o-lanterns. *Please dress for mess.*



Architecture for Kids

Thursday, October 8 6:30 PM
Entering Grades 3 - 6
Use your imagination to design a booth at a farmer's market using a variety of materials and textures.

Fall Quilt Blocks

Monday, October 12 1:00 - 3:00 PM
Entering Grades 4 - 6
Quilter Mary Herold will teach a stitch. **No sewing experience needed. All materials will be provided.**

Latino Heritage Month Art Jean-Michel Basquiat

Wednesday, October 14 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 5
Learn about artist Jean-Michel Basquiat and create collages inspired by his work.

Baby Scarecrows

Thursday, October 15 6:30 PM
Grades 1 - 4
Bring an outfit you or someone close to you wore as a baby, preferably a onesie, and we will stuff it with hay and top it off with a pumpkin head.

3D Printing in Action

Saturday, October 17 1:00 PM
Ages: 8 - 12 years
Bambu Lab 3D printer demonstrations and trivia at hands-on stations. Participants will learn how 3D-printed parts are used around the world and have the opportunity to win 3D-printed prizes.

Halloween Slime Time

Monday, October 19 7:00 PM
Grades 1 - 5
We'll make some ghoulish, eye-popping slime.

Tissue Box Haunted House

Tuesday, October 20 7:00 PM
Grades K & up
Make a repurposed box spook-tacular!

Homeschool: Pumpkins

Wednesday, October 21 12:00 PM
Grades K - 5
Pumpkin-themed facts and STEAM activities to fit into your homeschool curriculum.



Falling For Art: Pumpkins with Kusama and Richier

Saturday, October 24 3:00 PM
Grades 2 - 6
Dot, Dash, and Scrape to make artistic pumpkins inspired by the works of Yayoi Kusama and Gerhard Richter.

Spooky Forest Painting

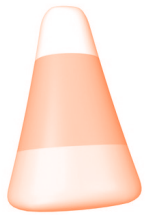
Monday, October 26 6:30 PM
Grades 3 - 5
Create a nighttime scene with painted skies, real tree branches, and glowing googly-eyes. **Please dress for mess.**

Mixed Media Candy Corn Art

Tuesday, October 27 7:00 PM
Grades 2 - 5
Transform a mix of art supplies in a sweet Halloween artwork.

Autumn Jeopardy

Thursday, October 29 6:30 PM
Grades 3 - 5
Join a round of the oldest quiz show in history. Your answer must be in the form of a question.



Registration is not required
unless otherwise noted.

Family Programs

Smart & Healthy Back to School Snacks & Lunches*

Tuesday, September 1 1:00 PM
Families with school-aged children
A registered dietician from Good Samaritan University Hospital will provide tips for packing balanced lunches, choosing healthy snacks, and making nutritious eating simple, affordable, and kid-friendly. **Registration is required.**

Clay Play

Thursday, September 3 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Squishy fun for the whole family.

Back to School at the Movies: Matilda*

Tuesday, September 8 6:00 PM
Back to school fun with snacks and a movie night.

Sunday Crafternoon

Sunday, September 13, 20, 27, October 11, 25
2:00 - 4:00 PM
A new craft to make each week.

Dragon Boat Festival Crafts

Saturday, September 19 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM
The Library celebrates Port Jefferson's Festival with drop-in themed crafts.

Ruby A. Beagle: How I Rescued a Family Reading and Discussion

Sunday, October 4 1:30 PM
Local author Susan Blake will read her book about dogs at the "club" (shelter) who are waiting to be rescued from their boring lives. An art project and discussion with prizes will follow. **Registration is required.**

Frightful Films: Hocus Pocus*

Tuesday, October 6 6:00 PM
Enjoy Spooky Season with snacks & a movie.

Fall Dot Marker Madness

Thursday, October 8 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Get ready, get set... DOT!

Hook and Ladder Program

Monday, October 12
Families of children 3 - 5 years 10:00 AM
Families of children 6 - 12 years 11:00 AM
Captain Rob will bring a real fire engine to our Library. Learn about fire safety and practice skills with a state of the art fire simulator and the fire-fighter obstacle course challenge. **This program will be held in the Library's parking lot, and will be moved indoors in case of poor weather. Registration is required.**

Frightful Films: Hotel Transylvania*

Tuesday, October 13 6:00 PM
Get ready for Spooky Season with snacks and a movie.

Harvest Festival

Crafternoon

Saturday, October 17 2:00 - 4:00 PM
Sunday, October 18 2:00 - 4:00 PM

The Library celebrates Port Jefferson's Harvest Festival with drop-in harvest-themed crafts.

Halloween Clay Play

Monday, October 19 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Squishy, spooky fun for the whole family.

Halloween Bingo*

Wednesday,
October 28 7:00 PM
Fill your game card. **Registration is required.**



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 August 20. Outside library cardholders may register beginning August 27.** Online programs with a pick-up kit are **ONE KIT PER LIBRARY CARD.**

PLEASE NOTE: There is a limit of two spots 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.

Tuesday Morning Book Discussion

Tuesdays, September 8 & October 13
10:00 AM

September: *The Lion Women of Tehran*
by Marjan Kamali

October: *The Devil and Miss Prym* by Paolo Coelho

New Voices Book Discussion Group

Thursdays, September 10 & October 8
11:00 AM

September: *Atmosphere* by Taylor Jenkins Reid

October: *The Wife Stalker* by Liv Constantine

Big Magic Tuesday Night Book Group

Tuesdays, September 15 & October 20
7:00 PM

September: *My Friends* by Fredrik Backman

October: *The Forgotten Seamstress*
by Liz Trenow

Fourth Fridays Book Club

Fridays, September 25 & October 23
11:30 AM

September: *The Adventure of The Peculiar Protocols* by Nicholas Meyer

October: *Lady in the Lake* by Laura Lippman

(At the Rose Caracappa Senior Center)

Literary Lions Book Discussion

Wednesdays, September 30 & October 28
2:00-3:00 PM

September: *The Remains of the Day*
by Kazuo Ishiguro

October: *Something Wicked This Way Comes* by Ray Bradbury

Great Decisions Discussion Group

NO MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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. Fee: 33\$, check or post office money order made payable to "Diana Wilbur APW," due at registration. **Registration is IN PERSON only.** PLEASE NOTE: If you are more than 3 minutes late, you may not be allowed to enter the course. The Library is unable to assist with any issue involving certificates. Please contact Empire Safety Council.

IN-PERSON COURSE

Saturday, October 24

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM



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

FILM MATINEES



Box Office Features

Michael (127 min.)

Friday, September 4 2:00 PM

The cinematic portrayal of the life and legacy of one of the most influential artists the world has ever known: Michael Jackson.

Project Hail Mary (157 min.)

Friday, October 2 2:00 PM

Science teacher Ryland Grace wakes up on a spaceship light years from home with no recollection of who he is or how he got there. He must call on his scientific knowledge and unorthodox ideas to save everything on Earth from extinction.

Foreign Film Festival

The Love That Remains (Icelandic)

Friday, September 18 2:00 PM

What happens when a relationship ends but the bonds of caring endure? This film moves through four seasons in the lives of a separating couple, artist Anna and fisherman Magnus and their three children. (109 min.)

Exit 8 (Japanese) (95 min.)

Friday, October 16 2:00 PM

Based on the global hit video game. A man is trapped in an endless subway corridor and must follow a set of rules in order to exit. Will he ever escape?

Silver Screen Showing

Stand By Me (89 min.)

Friday, September 25 2:00 PM

A writer recounts a childhood journey with his friends to view the body of a missing boy.

Frankenstein (70 min.)

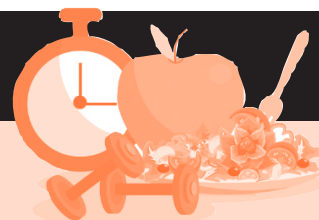
Friday, October 30
2:00 PM

This iconic horror film follows the obsessed scientist as he attempts to create life by assembling a creature from body parts.



Registration is required
unless otherwise noted.

HEALTH AND FITNESS



One-On-One Medicare Appointments

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

Narcan Training

Tuesdays, September 8, October 6

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Saturdays, September 26 and October 24

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.

Reiki

Thursdays, September 10 and October 22

7:00 PM

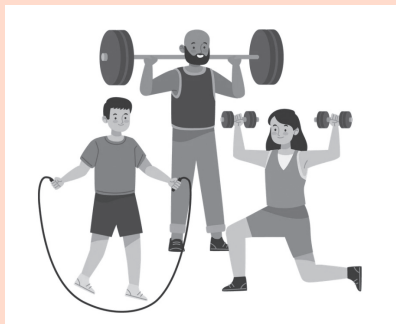
Annalee Jackofsky guides a brief meditation and reiki session. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat or towel and a blanket.

Cardio Sculpt in the Park

Mondays, September 14, 21, and 28

10:30 AM

Moves that alternate between cardio and strength. Please bring a mat, water and optional free weights.



Crystal Bowls Meditation

Mondays, September 14 and October 19

10:00 AM

A guided meditation aimed at rebalancing your energy.



Day Haven Table

Wednesday,
September 16

1:00 - 3:00 PM

Learn about Day Haven's services and activities including free support groups and educational events for caregivers.

Restorative Yoga with

Crystal Singing Bowls

Wednesday, September 16 and

Thursday, October 15

2:00 PM

Suitable for practitioners of all levels. Props and crystal singing bowls will be used to hold extended postures and aid in meditation.

Migraine Headaches

Thursday, September 17

12:00 PM

Presented by the Stony Brook Southampton Hospital. An EEPA event. (ZOOM)

Saturday Morning Yoga with Laurel Frey

Saturdays, September 19, 26,

October 3, 10, and 17

10:00 AM

Certified Instructor led five-session workshop. Please note: There is a \$20 fee payable by check to Laurel Frey due upon registration.

Mindfulness Meditation

Mondays, September 21 and October 12

7:00 PM

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

Medicare: Cost Assistance Programs and Savings

Monday, September 28

11:00 AM

A guest speaker from the NYS Department of Public Services speaking on how to understand your utility bills and resources to save on your energy costs.

Medicare 2027

Tuesday, October 13

7:00 PM

Learn how Medicare Advantage (Part C) compares to original Medicare and changes to expect in the next 12 months.

Vaccine Clinic

Thursday, October 15

11:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Vaccines offered: Fluad, Fluzone, Fluzone High Dose (65+), Flucelvax, RSV, Shingrix, Prevnar 20 (pneumonia), COVID-19. Please bring your Medicare Part B/other insurance card. **No registration required- drop ins welcome.**

Osteoarthritis & Low-Dose Radiation

Wednesday, October 21

12:00 PM

Learn how low-dose radiation treatment may help alleviate osteoarthritis. Presented by radiation oncologist Dr. Dr. Isamettin Andrew Aral. An EEPA event. (ZOOM)

Please see back cover for Paint Port Pink Lecture Series presented by Mather Hospital.

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LANGUAGE & Literacy

English Conversation Group / Grupo de conversación en inglés

Saturdays

11:30 AM

Practice speaking English. Free, no registration required. Open to all adults, 18 and older. Group is led by Certified ESOL Instructor Mary Leming.

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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, look up records and answer questions. To get the most out of the session, please fill out a short questionnaire upon registration. Call the Reference Department to book your appointment. **(ZOOM)**

Ebook One-On-One Appointments

20 minute appointments with a librarian to learn how to download eBooks and Audiobooks through Libby with your library card. Please specify what device you will be using and be sure to bring any necessary passwords.

Talking the Bill of Rights: Part 8

Thursday, September 17 6:00 PM
Continuing our semisecular Talking History series, former lawyers turned librarians Mara Zonderman and Terry Lucas will be continuing to discuss The Bill of Rights. An EEPA event. **(ZOOM)**



One-Shot Sessions

Mondays, September 21 and October 19 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 sessions.

Country Line Dancing

Tuesdays, September 22, 29, October 6, 13 7:00 PM
All levels of dancers are welcome.



Estate Planning vs Guardianship

Tuesday, September 22 11:00 AM
Learn about Estate Planning documents and scenarios when Guardianship is needed. We'll discuss Durable Power of Attorney and a Health Care Proxy as well as strategies to avoid Guardianship.

Computer Basics

Tuesday, September 29 11:00 AM
For beginner computer users only. Our Library Tech Expert will teach about the desktop, the mouse, opening programs, saving a file, copy and paste and more.

Mah Jongg Instructional Workshop

Wednesdays, September 30, October 7, 14 11:00 AM

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



Resume and Cover Letter Writing Workshop

Thursday, October 1 and 8 6:30 PM
Craft an effective resume. Learn advanced resume techniques, strategies for targeting specific industries or positions, and ways to make your resume stand out. Patrons are encouraged to upload resume/cover letter drafts to receive constructive feedback.

Outsmart the Scammers

Monday, October 5 11:00 AM
Spot red flags that may indicate fraudulent encounters, learn about resources you can turn to if you are targeted, and steps you can take now to help protect yourself.

Coin and Stamp Appraisal

Saturday, October 10 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
Expert Frank McAlonan will help you identify the value of your stamps or coins in a ten minute one-on-one session.



Probate Taxes and Asset Protection

Wednesday, October 14 11:00 AM
Do I need to be concerned about probate if I have a will? How can I best protect my assets? Get answers and learn about common misconceptions.

Banksy and Street Art Lecture

Wednesday, October 14 7:00 PM
Banksy's public art pieces cut to the heart of cultural satire and political commentary. Criminal charges have evaded this UK based internationally known artist whose works and the walls they cover have fetched hundreds of thousands of dollars at auction. Professor Thomas Germano will discuss the art of Banksy in the context of "street art."



Gmail 101

Monday, October 19 6:30 PM
Beginners will learn how to use gmail and some of the other apps in the Google products suite. Presented by technology expert Anna Romero.

Bingo Night

Tuesday, October 27 6:30 PM
Play Bingo and enjoy snacks with the Adult Librarians.

Port Jefferson EcoLeague's Plastic Detox Series



Minimize Toxic Trash

Monday, September 17 7:00 PM
Anti-toxic-trash expert John McNamara will explain why plastic is so dangerous for the environment and our bodies and will teach us how to minimize plastic in our homes.

Plastic Detox Film Discussion

Thursday October 29 6:30 PM
Start your plastic-reduction journey by joining a discussion about The Plastic Detox movie (watch on your own on Netflix). The owner of Simple Good will demonstrate eco-friendly products for our homes and show us how to make a non-toxic linen spray.

Reduce, Reuse, Refuse

Monday November 2 6:30 PM
Learn about easy and healthful swaps to reduce waste and protect the environment.



MAKE IT! ARTS, CRAFTS, AND COOKING



Registration is **required** unless otherwise noted. PJFL cardholders may register for ALL "Make It" programs starting **August 20**. Outside library cardholders may register starting **August 27**.

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

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

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.**

Wine Cork Wreath

Thursday, September 10

3:00 PM

Pick up your materials and follow along online to create a welcoming wreath with sunflowers and bumblebees. **Please note: One kit per library barcode.**



Rainstick Making & Mindfulness

Wednesday, September 16

7:00 PM

A gathering that blends art, nature sounds, and relaxation. Learn about rain sticks then craft your own using mandala-inspired patterns. All supplies and guidance are provided.

Knitting for Charity

Sunday, September 20

2:00 PM

Meet and learn to create a knitted gift for patients at Mather Hospital. Complete the items on your own and drop them back off at the library to be donated. **Please bring needles to use with worsted yarn.**

Simply Creative Cooking with Chef Rob

Tuesday, September 22

1:00 PM

A Greek taco, either ground turkey or chicken, cucumber tomato relish and tzatziki dressing. Finish with a sweet treat - cranberry crisp apple cinnamon dip on a cookie.

Pumpkin Shadowbox

Thursday, September 24

6:30 PM

Roll and assemble Cricut cutout flowers into a pumpkin design. All materials provided.

Cooking with Chef Brian

Saturday, October 3

2:00 PM

Demonstration, samples and recipes for a hearty Texas chili and cornbread.

Knitting Workshop

Saturdays, October 3, 10, 17, 24

2:00 PM

Sharon Barnes teaches purl and basic knit

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.

Autumn Burlap

Floral Wall Hanging

Monday, October 5

6:30 PM

Create a rustic wooden plaque. All materials provided.



Spooky Paint Night

Thursday, October 15

6:30 PM

You will be guided step by step how to use acrylics on a 14x18 canvas. All materials provided.

Cricut Club

Thursday, October 22

3:00 PM

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

Performances/Enrichment

Acoustic Guitar Open Mic

Tuesdays, September 15 & October 20

6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

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

Play Readers Parlor

Tuesday, September 22 and Monday, October 26

6:00 PM

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

Author Event: Long Island Girls

Tuesday, September 15

6:30 PM

Join author Gabrielle Korn to talk about her newest book release, Long Island Girls. An EEPA event. **(ZOOM)**

Flamenco in the Park

Sunday, October 4

2:00 PM

Michelle Vitale performs a dance form from southern Spain. Flamenco synthesizes Spanish, Romani (Gypsy), Moorish, and Jewish cultural roots with dramatic storytelling through movement, music and song.

Field Trips with the Library

Historic Walking Tours with Ava

Fridays, September 18 and October 23

12:00 PM

Meet at the library and learn about local history as you walk the village.

Bus Trip: The Met Cloisters & Arthur Avenue

Thursday, October 22

Depart Village Hall: 9:15 AM

Explore the medieval style architecture, art, and gardens on a "High-lights Tour" of the Cloisters at Fort Tryon Park. After time in the galleries, enjoy a late lunch at the Enzo's of Arthur Avenue. Please note this trip includes strenuous walking with uneven surfaces. **Registration is in person at the Adult Services Desk and tickets are \$85 per person.**

Sunken Meadow State Park Hike

Monday, November 2

10:00 AM

The walk will be led by naturalist, photographer, and author of the book Hiking Long Island, Lee McAllister. We'll learn about the flora, fauna, and features of the area while covering over 3 miles of hilly terrain. Meet at parking lot field 3 at 9:45 AM.

The Friends of the Port Jefferson Free Library

Enhancing the Library Community with Dedication & Donations

The Friends of the Library Used Bookshop is now in the main library building. The Friends volunteers have been inundated with books in poor condition that have to be recycled. please limit donations to one box a day. the Friends are unable to assist with picking up donations from homes. Donations are accepted during our hours of operation. Do not leave books outside the library.

Donation Guidelines

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 and popular non-fiction genres such as cookbooks, biographies, and history are also accepted.

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

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ONGOING

Gateway Playhouse Discount

Gateway's Haunted Playhouse discount: see the Library website for link.

Theatre Three Discount

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EXHIBITIONS & DISPLAYS

September

Both Display Cases:

Items from Boy Scouts of America Troop 45

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BOTH DISPLAY CASES:

Quilting by Mary Herold

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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.

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SPICE OF THE MONTH CLUB

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



Calling All Knitters!

PJFL will join libraries statewide to give back to our communities. If you would like to contribute hand-knitted items such as scarves, hats, gloves, or stuffies, they will be donated to patients recovering from chemotherapy at Mather Hospital. **Bring your donations by Saturday, October 17.**

LIBRARY HOURS

Main Library	631-473-0022
Monday - Thursday	9:30 AM - 9:00 PM
Friday - Saturday	9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 PM
Teen Center	631-509-5707
Monday - Thursday	12:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Friday	12:00 PM - 5:00 PM
Saturday	9:30 AM - 5:00 PM
Sunday	1:00 - 5:00 PM

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Monday, September 28	5:00 PM
Monday, October 26	5:00 PM
LIBRARY CLOSED	
Sunday, September 6	Labor Day
Monday, September 7	Labor Day



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