

MCPL QUARTERLY

NEWS & PROGRAMS AT MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2014



DOLLARS & \$ENSE: NUMBERS ADD UP



Drop in and check out some interactive, hands-on learning programs and activities for children, teens and their parents/caregivers centered on money and mathematics. From April 5 to 12, take advantage of Money Smart Week, created by the Federal Reserve Banks of Chicago in partnership with the American Library Association (ALA), for free financial education programs and activities for children, teens and families. Families are invited to take home Dollars and \$ense kits containing books, media and financial literacy activities for children in kindergarten through second grade, and helpful parent guides.

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ANNUAL MESSAGE AND BUDGET INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Five Star Library! ★★★★★

We are proud to announce that for the sixth year in a row the library has received a Five Star rating from *Library Journal*. The recognition takes into account patron visits, circulation of materials, program offerings and internet public use. Our borrowers checked out nearly 1,100,000 items; 77,000 patrons of all ages attended programs; more than 750 community group meetings were held; and more than 510,000 visitors passed through our doors. 2013 was another busy year for the library!

We've embraced the world of technology while continuing to be the community's hub and your neighborhood library. Regardless of age, stage in life, special interests or enthusiasms, we have something for you. Need a good book or DVD? Are you considering a new career path? Do you need assistance with your mobile device or library online resource? Would you like to attend a musical performance? Are you wondering how you can help your child succeed in school? The Library is here for you.

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IMPORTANT DATES:

- LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE AND TRUSTEE ELECTION – APRIL 8TH
- SPRING JUBILEE – APRIL 25
- CALLING ALL BOOMERS & SENIORS PRODUCTS & SERVICES FAIR – APRIL 24TH

REMINDER. PROGRAM REGISTRATION: CHILDREN, APRIL 3 • ADULTS & TEENS, APRIL 4

ESTIMATE EXPENDITURES

	2013/2014	2014/2015
SALARIES Professional, Clerical, Computer Support, Page, Custodial/Security	\$6,801,200	\$6,930,200
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Retirement, Social Security, Metropolitan Transportation Tax, Workers Compensation, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Disability, Long Term Care, EAP	\$3,147,500	\$3,001,200
LIBRARY MATERIALS Furniture & Equipment, Books, Microforms/CD Roms/E Books, Audio Materials, Subscription Services, Visual Materials, Realia/Other	\$1,277,000	\$1,367,000
OPERATING EXPENSES Custodial Services, Training & Conference, Office & Library Supplies, Telecommunications, Cartage, Postage, Publicity & Printing, Travel, Contracts With Other Libraries, Professional Contract Services, Membership Dues, Rental, Repair & Maintenance of Office Equipment, Snow Removal, Protective Service, Programs, Maintenance & Custodial Supplies, Repairs to Buildings & Buildings Equipment, Insurance, Rental of Equipment, Utilities, Computer Software & Services	\$2,146,100	\$2,303,100
OTHER EXPENSES Debt Service for Bond Issue Transfer to Capital Fund	\$938,725 \$500,000	\$937,425 \$500,000
Proposed Budget	\$14,810,525	\$15,038,925
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$111,000	\$96,000
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total Tax Appropriation	\$14,199,525	\$14,442,925

It is anticipated that the library tax rate will increase by 1.7% which is lower than the tax cap limitation. This would amount to \$1.15 per month based on a \$3,000 assessed valuation. Please contact Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, at 631.585.9393 x219 or email at serlismc@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org with any questions you may have about the budget.

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As part of our annual message, we provide a summary of next year's budget. The proposed 2014/2015 budget reflects an increase of 1.7%, which is below the tax cap limitation.

Our goal is to continue to provide exemplary service, programs, and resources and remain a steady local employer. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.

LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

9:30 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

at the Centereach Building, 101 Eastwood Blvd., Centereach, NY

In order to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
 - 18 years of age or older
 - Registered to vote*
 - A resident of Middle Country School District #11 for at least 30 days prior to the vote
- * You are registered if you have voted in a general, school, or library election within the last four years. If you have not, you may register on Tuesday, April 1st between 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Centereach Building.

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Customer Service Desk.

Jump into Spring...



CALLING ALL BOOMERS & SENIORS PRODUCTS AND SERVICES FAIR

Thursday, April 24th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. Centereach

Join us for our 6th annual fair and learn how to make your second 50 years your best 50 years! As part of the Allstate Readiness Series, the fair will feature a wide variety of products and services available to LI seniors. Meet representatives from wellness, leisure, education, and volunteer organizations; and safety, financial and legal experts for free advice and health screening opportunities. For more information, visit the Allstate Readiness Series at www.readinessbeginswithme.org or contact Theresa Arroyo at 631-585-9393 ext. 294.

Spring Jubilee

Friday, April 25th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Centereach

Let the wild rumpus start! Celebrate the season opening of the Nature Explorium with nature-based activities, digging, planting, experimenting with water, and create a self-portrait using natural materials for the library's Community Self-Portrait Project. Dance with your family to the zany tunes of Randy Kaplan at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. For more information, visit www.natureexplorium.org or contact the youth services desk at 631-585-9393 ext. 108 for Explorium hours.



STRICTLY BUSINESS

Tuesday, May 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Centereach

Don't miss *Strictly Business* featuring more than 75 local businesses! Visit the Technology Pavilion to see the latest smart phones, tablets, gadgets...even a 3D printer. The event is open to the public. Light refreshments will be available. Special thanks to our sponsors to date: TD Bank, Empire National Bank, JPMorgan Chase, Suffolk Federal Credit Union, Town of Brookhaven LDC and Optimum. For information on becoming a sponsor or vendor, please visit www.strictlybusinessradeshow.com, or contact Elizabeth Malafi at 631-585-9393 ext. 296 or malafielizabeth@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org.

INTERNATIONAL MUSEUM DAY

Thursday, May 15th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Centereach

Join us for a festival showcasing many Long Island museums and historical societies. For more than 25 years the library has been transformed by local museum staff into a fun and informative experience. Each year organizations display artifacts, specimens, and information about their programs. Interactive displays and activities will be available for all visitors to enjoy on May 15th in the Children's department at the Centereach building. Participants of International Museum Day always find new places to visit and explore on Long Island. Learn what museums can do for you and have a great time!

Meet Best-Selling Author Julie Klam

Sunday, May 18th 1:00 p.m. Centereach

Julie Klam's bestselling memoir, *Love at First Bark*, focuses on the healing power of dog rescue. The dogs Julie has rescued have filled her life with laughter, contentment, sorrow and frustration, and made certain that she never has a dull moment! Books will be available for purchase and signing.

Join us at 12:00 p.m. to meet adoptable pets and find out about volunteer opportunities at local non-profit animal rescue groups.



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PROGRAM REGISTRATION

NEW PROGRAM REGISTRATION GUIDELINES

- A valid MCPL library card for each patron (adults, children and teens) is required at time of registration.
- Registration will take place online at www.mcpl.lib.ny.us, in person at Centereach and Selden or by calling (631) 585-9393.
- Registration for Children's programs begins on **Thursday, April 3rd at 9:30 am.**
- Registration for Adult and Teen programs begins on **Friday, April 4th at 9:30 am.**
- **Fee-based programs** require payment at time of registration, unless otherwise noted. Payment by on-line registrants is due within three days or registration will be cancelled.
- **Program Fees are not refundable.**
- **Out-of-District patrons** with a valid card from their home library may attend some programs, as designated in the brochure (*). Registration for programs open to the public, based on availability begins **Monday, April 14, 2014 (except where noted).**

Please let us know if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

1 ADULT/SENIORS

Arts/Crafts

Beaded Wire Heart Necklace (A340)

Create art to wear with this unique piece of jewelry. Bead a necklace with your choice of glass beads, and then attach a wire heart, beads and a chain tassel for a stunning look.

Material Fee: \$10.00

Tuesday, April 8

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Beginner Sewing II (A293)

Begin with a refresher course on how to operate your sewing machine and then continue learning troubleshooting techniques. You will learn to read a pattern, do basic garment sewing, complete beginner quilting techniques and insert a zipper into a purse. **Please bring your sewing machine to class.**

Material list available online or at any reference desk.

Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Community Self-Portrait Project (A359)

The Community Self-Portrait Project is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Middle Country Community! Each participant will receive a 4x4 canvas board. See flyer for more details.

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a canvas.

April 4 – June 16

Centereach

Community Self-Portrait Project Drop-in (A358)

The Community Self-Portrait Project is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Middle Country Community. Stop by our drop in session and work on your portrait with other community members. This drop-in session will include materials for you to create.

Wednesday, June 11

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Copper Bracelets (A295)

Learn metalwork with Julio Saenz using copper to shape an intricately designed cuff bracelet. Students will learn to work with stenciling, molds and chisels.

Material Fee: \$15.00

Mondays, April 28, May 5

OR

Wednesdays, May 14, 21

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Crocheting for Beginners (A289)

Learn the basics of crocheting and begin working on your first project.

Material list available online or at any reference desk.

Thursdays, April 24, May 1, 8, 15

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Feelings into Art: Pollock Drip Painting (A290)

Can a splash of paint become a work of art? Discover how Jackson Pollock and other modern artists express their emotions with paint. Then get your feelings out as you create your own Pollock inspired painting.

Wednesday, May 7

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Kandinsky Cup Art (A346)

Make your own Kandinsky inspired cup art in this fun workshop. Take plain plastic cups and transform them into a one of a kind piece of art!

Thursday, June 19

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

One Stroke Painting: Pedestal Bowl (A294)

Be introduced to the one stroke Wiggle Leaf design while painting this decorative bowl for all occasions. Give as a gift or use as a great summer centerpiece.

Material Fee: \$15.00

Tuesdays, April 22, 29

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Palmistry 101 (A347)

Have a fun night out learning the basics of palm reading. Also create a piece of jewelry inspired by your palm reading!

Material Fee: \$5.00

Tuesday, April 15

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Quilting Instructional: Around the Stars (A255)

You can make a quilt where the piecing is very easy, but looks very complex. Learn to create the look of curves, with the simplicity of straight piecing. Master two different blocks and watch a secondary pattern emerge. All levels are welcome.

Material list available online or at any reference desk.

Tuesdays, May 20, 27, June 10, 17

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Quilting Techniques (A257)

This quilting group is designed for anyone who would like to work on a new project or learn more detailed techniques to finish an existing project. This hands-on session will explain aspects of the quilting process to apply to your individual projects. All experience levels are welcome.

Saturday, April 26

10:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

Sew 'n Sews (A254)

Are you interested in quilting? This is the perfect place to find out how to make a quilt. Throughout the year make blocks for a quilt and explore many different techniques. All levels of experience are invited to join.

Wednesdays, April 2, May 7, June 11

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Sparkle Cuff Bracelet (A339)

Using a wire cuff base, learn how to create a colorful accent piece to wear around your wrist. Wrap wire and shape assorted glass and crystal beads around the front of the cuff for a beautiful piece of summer jewelry.

Material Fee: \$12.00

Wednesday, June 18

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Book Discussions/Writing

Book Discussion Group (A247)

Join us for a lively book discussion. Bring your thoughts and a friend.

We'll be reading novels, non-fiction and some mysteries!

Thursday, April 17 – LONG ISLAND READS, *The Manor*, by Mac Griswold

Thursday, May 29 – *Noah's Compass*, by Anne Tyler

1:30pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Meet the Author: Julie Klam (A342)

Julie Klam's bestselling memoir, *Love at First Bark*, focuses on the healing power of dog rescue. The dogs she has rescued have filled her life with laughter, contentment, sorrow and frustration. They have made certain she never has a dull moment! Books will be available for purchase and signing. Come at 12:00pm and visit the local non-profit animal rescue groups that will be on hand with volunteer opportunities and adoptable pets.

Sunday, May 18

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Writing Workshop (A356)

Please join the library's Writing Workshop, where everyone from poets to novelists, to genre-specific writers are welcome to share in a nurturing and supportive environment, whether you are looking to get published or to simply improve your writing skills. All are welcome.

Wednesdays, April 9, May 14, June 11

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Business/Careers

BUSINESS BITES*

Learn valuable skills for your small business in 1 hour or less.
(All programs will be held in Centereach.)

Excel

Excel Invoices (A331)*

Thursday, April 10
8:30am – 9:30am

Excel Budget Sheet (A329)*

Thursday, May 8
8:30am – 9:30am

Excel Time Card (A327)*

Thursday, June 5
8:30am – 9:30am

Google

Google Calendar (A330)*

Tuesday, April 15
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Google Mail (A328)*

Tuesday, May 13
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Google Drive (A332)*

Tuesday, June 10
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Sponsored by JPMorgan Chase

Register by visiting <http://millerbusinesscenter.org/bizbites>

*Open to the public.

Career Counseling Services are provided by counselors, available to district residents 14 and up for employment, occupational and college counseling.
Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133 for a confidential appointment.

Creating a Resume in MS Word (A266)

Learn to use MS Word Templates to create sharp-looking resumes. A career counselor will be available to discuss resume content and how to attract prospective employers. **Students are encouraged to have basic resume information saved into an MS Word document on a flash drive.**

Thursdays, May 15, 22
10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Effective Workplace Management (A350)*

Rita DiStefano, Director of HR Consulting at Portnoy, Messinger, Pearl & Assoc. Inc. presents proven and practical strategies that will help you be a more efficient and successful manager.

Wednesday, April 30
9:00am – 10:45am

Centereach

SCORE Business Counseling (A287)*

A volunteer from SCORE will provide individual counseling to those who are starting up a new business or need help with an existing business.

BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Tuesdays, 10:00am or 11:00am

Call 585-9393 ext. 133 for more information.

Suffolk County Dept. of Labor Job Fair (A185)*

Meet companies hiring on Long Island! Bring your résumé and dress for success. No registration required. Open to the public.

Friday, April 11
10:00am – 1:00pm

Centereach

Take the Strong Interest Inventory (A324)*

Plan your career the right way by taking the Strong Interest Inventory.

Wednesday, June 4
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

PATHWAYS TO CAREER SUCCESS*

jobCONNECT (A357)*

A support group for job seekers moderated by a career counselor for patrons looking to strengthen their interviewing skills, resumes, job search and more.

Mondays, April 7, May 5, June 2
2:30pm – 4:00pm

Centereach

Job Etiquette 101 (A325)*

Job etiquette refers to good manners and proper behavior that are essential for our professional growth. Attend this workshop to find out how to put your best foot forward when on the job.

Monday, April 7
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Know Your Type: Take the MBTI (A326)*

Know your MBTI type and take control of your career path.

Wednesday, May 7
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Using ReferenceUSA to Find a Job (A288)*

Attention job seekers! Learn how to use ReferenceUSA to find the jobs you want and get your resume into the right hands!

Wednesday, April 16
9:30am - 10:30am

Centereach

Sponsored by Bank of America

Citizenship/ESOL/ Literacy

American Culture: Learn about Volunteering (A303)

Learn about volunteering, its place in American culture, and opportunities on Long Island. All levels of English are welcome.

Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Career and School Counseling for ESOL Students (A305)

Are you trying to find the right job or profession? Do you want to learn how to navigate the school systems to get the best for your child? Meet with our bilingual (Spanish/English) counselor to explore career options or job changes, revise a resume or cover letter, discover colleges that are good choices, help find your way through financial aid options and more. **Please note: One appointment per time slot.**

Mondays, April 21, May 12, June 9

Wednesdays, May 28, June 18

4:45pm, 5:45pm, 6:45pm

Centereach

Citizenship (A306)*

Do you need help preparing for your Naturalization interview? Come learn the civics, history, and geography you need to know to pass the exam!

Fridays, April 11, 25, May 9, 16, 23, June 6, 13, 20

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

English Conversation Group – Friday Morning (A260)*

Come practice your English skills in a friendly setting. A knowledge of English is recommended.

Fridays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

ESOL (A245)

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) learn listening, speaking, reading and writing skills for everyday needs.

Mondays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23

6:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

AND/OR

Saturdays, April 26, May 3, 10, 17, 31, June 7, 14, 21

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

ESOL Writing Skills Workshop (A248)

This workshop will help ESOL students improve their writing skills.

Tuesdays, April 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Literacy Center Celebration (A307)

Annual year end celebration for Literacy Center classes.

Friday, June 13

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A360)

Join us for some friendly conversation about what your library can do for you and your family! At the same time you will be learning about your community and making new friends!

Wednesday, April 23, May 28, June 25

6:30pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Saturdays, April 12, May 10, June 14

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Centereach

Computer Classes

Due to the demand of some classes, patrons may have to share a computer. Patrons are welcome to bring their own laptops to class. Please check that your computer has the appropriate software for the program.

Book a Librarian (A297)

Make an appointment with a librarian for assistance with library resources and services. Meet one-on-one to learn about the library catalog, library resources (including online databases), and using mobile devices (such as e-readers and smart phones). To make an appointment, please fill out a Book a Librarian form (available online or at any reference desk) and bring it to the Adult Reference desk in either building. A librarian will contact you to confirm your appointment within one week.

2-1-1 Long Island Database Training (A334)

Learn to use the 2-1-1 Long Island Database and find the services and programs that will help you get the most out of living on Long Island.

Friday, April 25 OR May 30 OR June 27

3:30pm – 4:30pm

Selden

Computer Basics (A264)

Learn about types of computers, starting your computer, using the keyboard and mouse to navigate the computer screen, open programs and find your way around computer files and folders.

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Creating a Banner and Photo Page (A265)

Create a banner for a celebration or party. Design a photo page to commemorate the occasion using Print Shop software. **Bring any photos you wish to use on a flash drive.** (Prerequisite: Must have knowledge of Windows operating system as well as keyboard and mouse skills.)

Thursday, April 10

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Facebook for Beginners (A267)

Set up an account and learn to use Facebook for personal networking.

Mondays, April 14, 28

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Greeting Cards (A268)

Never be caught short-handed again! Learn how to make cards for all occasions using Print Shop.

Thursday, April 3

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Instagram (A269)

A fast, fun way to share photos with friends and family. Share to Facebook, Twitter and Tumblr too. **Must have a smartphone for this application.**

Monday, June 2

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Intermediate MS Excel 2010 (A270)

June 11: Work with data sorting, filtering, and subtotaling.

June 18: Learn concatenation to join words or text strings together, enhance data with IF statements, SUMIF, and COUNTIF functions.

June 25: Review IF and SUMIF statements. Create and modify pivot tables. (Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Excel 2010 required.)

Wednesdays, June 11, 18, 25

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Intermediate MS Word 2010 (A271)

April 8: Learn to create and work with sections.

April 15: Insert objects, such as pictures, into documents using insert tools.

April 22: Create tables using table tools and basic math functions.

(Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Word 2010 required.)

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to MS Excel 2010 (A272)

May 27: Learn about the Excel notebook, how to navigate window and worksheet areas, and create basic formulas.

June 3: Create basic spreadsheets and use various formula functions such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

(Prior knowledge of the Windows operating system required.)

Tuesdays, May 27, June 3

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Introduction to MS Word 2010 (A273)

June 17: Explore the MS Word toolbar ribbons and create a basic document.

June 24: Create a new document using cut, copy and paste functions to modify your work. Save and print a document. (Prior knowledge of the Windows operating system required.)

Tuesdays, June 17, 24

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Introduction to Picasa (A274)

Use Picasa, the popular free Google photo editing software, to learn photo-enhancement techniques including removing red-eye, cropping and retouching. (Prerequisite: Must have knowledge of the Windows operating system as well as keyboard and mouse skills.)

Tuesday, April 15

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

OR

Tuesday, May 20

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to MS PowerPoint 2010 (A275)

May 28: Insert text and pictures into slides and apply slide designs.

June 4: Apply animation, insert graphs and add slide transitions.

Wednesdays, May 28, June 4

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to the Internet (A276)

May 14: Learn to access the internet, save websites as favorites, and discover the difference between searching with browsers versus search engines.

May 21: Review searching techniques, create folders and organize website favorites.

Wednesdays, May 14, 21

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

iPad Apps (A277)

You have an iPad, now what? Learn how to find a variety of unique and fun FREE apps to use with your device. **Attendees are encouraged to bring their own iPad to class.**

Monday, June 23

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Keyboarding (A278)

Do you need an opportunity to learn how to type? Here is your chance to establish basic skills and begin practicing with keyboarding software.

Thursdays, June 12, 19, 26

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Picasa Topics: Creating and Sharing (A279)

Explore more advanced features of Picasa, the popular free Google photo management software. Topics will include creating and sharing albums, creating a gift CD, and creating a photo collage. *(Prerequisite: Introduction to Picasa or equivalent knowledge.)*

Thursday, May 8

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Picasa Topics: Organization (A280)

Explore more advanced features of Picasa, the popular free Google photo management software. Topics will include geotags, people tags, filtered viewing, organizing photos into albums and organization tips. *(Prerequisite: Introduction to Picasa or equivalent knowledge.)*

Thursday, May 1

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

OR

Tuesday, June 10

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Twitter (A281)

#hashtags, @yournamehere, tweets and RTs – find out what they all mean with this highly popular social media app.

Mondays, June 9, 16

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Using Mail Merge in MS Word 2010 (A282)

Learn how to use the mail merge feature in MS Word to create a database of names, addresses and other information, which can be merged with form letters, labels or other documents. *(Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Word or equivalent knowledge required.)*

Thursday, June 5

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Windows 8 (A283)

A demonstration that will show the features of Windows 8 and the basics you need to know. Students who own Windows 8 are welcome to bring their computers.

Mondays, May 5, 12

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Concerts/Dance/Film/Performances

And the Oscar Goes To! (A341)

Come discuss the greatest films of all time, including this year's Oscar winners and nominees!

Thursday, April 3

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Friday Films @ One (A322)

Spend Friday afternoons with us and enjoy a feature film with a friend.

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 13, 20, 27

1:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

LI Reads Documentary – The Sugar Connection (A323)

This film documents the eight-year archaeological dig at Sylvester Manor. It reveals the Dutch influence on Long Island in the 17th century, along with the importance of the trade networks established with sugar plantations on Barbados. Filmmaker Dr. Gaynell Stone, also director of the Suffolk County Archaeological Association, will introduce the film and answer any questions.

Thursday, April 24

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Saturday Performances: Songs from the Heart (A309)

To celebrate the many faces of love, the Caravan Players bring you Songs from the Heart. Join us for an hour of some of the most beautiful, comical and heartwarming songs ever to grace the stage and screen.

Saturday, April 5

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

Saturday Performances: Alwan Arab Music Ensemble (A243)*

The Alwan Arab Music Ensemble, which is comprised of some of the leading practitioners of Arab music in New York, all of whom sing and play a wide range of Arab musical styles on traditional instruments, will perform classical music from Egypt, Iraq and Syria's ancient city of Aleppo.

Saturday, May 31

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Centereach

Saturday Performances: Young Frankenstein (A311)

It's Alive! Based on the classic Mel Brooks' movie, Young Frankenstein is scientifically-proven, monstrously good entertainment presented by Plaza Theatrical Productions.

Saturday, June 7

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

Sunday Performances: The Class of Life (A310)

Join us for a theatrical experience that takes the audience on a journey that highlights one-man's life, beginning on the last day of his distinguished career as a police officer. This poignant presentation will surely touch the lives of those who value family, tradition, and comedy.

Sunday, May 4

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Cooking/Gardening/Home

British Pub Food (A261)

Experience the delightful cuisine of a classic English tavern.

Monday, April 21

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Design and Plan Your Own Garden (A286)

Bring your ideas and enthusiasm and expand your garden knowledge learning even more about what you can do to further your home garden. Topics include companion crops, inter-planting, and more!

Thursday, April 10

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Green Thumbs: Hanging Gardens (A304)

Add height and drama to your garden, deck or patio with hanging baskets.

Wednesday, April 23

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Green Thumbs: Plant Exchange (A252)

Bring seedlings, cuttings, perennials of your favorite plants. Please pot or bag all plants, and if you know the name, please label. If you have a photo of the plants in your garden, bring that along too. It is always nice to see how the plant will look. Don't forget a box to bring your treasures home.

Wednesday, June 18

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Language of Victorian Flowers (A296)

Learn the history and definitions of Victorian Flowers while learning how to make a tussie-mussie using live, in-season flowers and assorted mixed greens. *Each participant should bring a small pair of lightweight garden shears to class.*

Material Fee: \$8.00

Thursday, May 8

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Ready to Plant! (A183)

Learn techniques from an expert gardener on how to build the perfect garden for the spring.

Thursday, May 15

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Seafood Soup & Salad (A250)

Craig from the Block Island Seafood Company will demonstrate their award winning New England clam chowder and a Greek inspired shrimp, tomato and orzo salad.

Monday, June 9

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

World of Wine (A336)

Thinking of taking tours of the Long Island wineries this summer? Learn more about the history of wine, types of wine, health benefits and how to successfully pair the right wine with your meals. We will also learn more about local wineries.

Monday, June 9
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Visit to Hobbs Farm (A301)

At this hands-on program at Hobbs Farm, you will learn general garden techniques and farm chores that will make a bountiful harvest this season. All experience levels welcome. Participation is recommended but not mandatory.

Thursday, May 8
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Hobbs Farm, Centereach

Defensive Driving/Pre-Licensing

AARP Smart Driver Course (Defensive Driving) (A253)*

Take this defensive driving course, offered to adults over 50 years of age, for a 10% insurance discount. Please check that your insurance company accepts this course for a discount. **Only New York State licensed drivers may take the class. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins on Monday, April 14, 2014. Fee: \$20.00 for AARP members or \$25.00 for non-AARP members. Separate check or money order, for each person registering, payable to AARP is due within 3 days of registration. Payment forms may be obtained at any Reference desk.**

Monday & Tuesday, April 14 & 15

10:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

OR

Saturday, April 19

10:00am- 4:00pm

Selden

OR

Saturday, May 3

10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

OR

Monday & Tuesday, June 2 & 3

10:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

OR

Saturday, June 14

10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

Defensive Driving (A263)*

Take this six-hour course to reduce points from your driving record or get a discount on your car insurance. Check that your insurance company accepts this course for a discount. **Registration for out-of-district patrons begins Monday, April 14, 2014.**

Licensed drivers 16 and over may register for this program.

Fee: \$35.00 check or money order, for each person registering, payable to **Empire Safety Council** is required within 3 days of registering.

Payment forms may be obtained at any Reference desk.

Saturdays, May 17 OR June 21

10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A262)*

Everyone who is planning to take a road test for a New York State driver's license must take this five-hour pre-licensing class required by the Dept. of Motor Vehicles.

Bring your permit and the \$40.00 fee in CASH to class.

Saturdays, April 12 OR May 10 OR June 7

10:00am – 3:00pm

Selden

Games

Bridge Club (A321)*

An on-going club for beginning bridge players 14 years and up. Duplicate bridge will not be played. Please bring your own bridge cards. Wednesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11, 18, 25
1:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Family Chess Club (A320)*

An on-going chess club that meets weekly for chess lovers of all ages. All levels of player are welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you. Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Mah-Jongg Club (A244)

A library sponsored club for those adults 14 and over who already know how to play Mah-Jongg and would like to participate in a regularly scheduled game.

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24
6:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Health/Wellness

AED/CPR (A349)

An American Red Cross approved class prepares you to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims ages 8 and above. Also learn how to safely use an automated external defibrillator to provide care for victims of sudden cardiac arrest. Participants must be at least 14 years old. Bring a mat for kneeling and wear comfortable clothing. Bring a stamped self-addressed envelope so your card can be mailed. **Please bring \$35.00 cash to class for payment. Checks and money orders are not accepted. Program allows 30 minute break for lunch.**

Saturday, April 26

10:00am – 2:30pm

Selden

OR

Saturday, June 28

10:00am – 2:30pm

Selden

Blood Pressure Testing (A312)*

Fifty million Americans have high blood pressure and many are not even aware of the problem. Have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. No appointment is necessary.

Fridays, April 11, May 9, June 13

11:30am – 12:30pm

Selden

Hearing Loss and You (A343)*

Does it seem like people are always mumbling? Do you have problems hearing on the telephone? Do you turn the TV volume all the way up? Long Island Hearing will present a program about hearing loss and conduct free individual screenings.

Wednesday, May 14

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Heroin in our Community (A362)*

YMCA Family Services presents an informative seminar regarding heroin and prescription drug use. Prevention skills, signs & symptoms and a list of local community treatment agencies will be provided.

Thursday, April 10

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Living Youthfully Forever, Physically & Spiritually (A338)*

Matthew Raider, MD will discuss the research on the anti-aging aspects of exercise, diet, supplements and meditation.

Tuesday, April 15

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Local Agriculture: Past, Present and Future (A355)

Join food and nutrition educator Timothy Williams as he leads us on a journey of Long Island's rich agricultural history, from its origins to the latest trends in farming. He'll highlight sustainable and organic farming methods and farms, as well as operating farmer's markets, and Community-Supported Agriculture (CSA) programs in our area. Find the value of locally-grown and raised food, and discover some amazing facts about the history of Long Island agriculture.

Friday, June 6

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Stretch & Tone (A292)

Join this introductory class and learn how to stretch those muscles. Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing.

Thursday, May 8, 15, 22, 29

11:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Varicose Veins (A344)*

Do you suffer from painful varicose veins? Embarrassed to wear shorts in the summer? Find out more about what treatments are available for those who suffer from varicose veins. Come and speak with Stony Brook University Hospital specialist at this seminar.

Monday, June 16
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Widowhood... the Journey Continues (A246)

A monthly meeting that provides emotional and informational support for those adjusting to life after the death of a spouse/partner.

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 12
7:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Yoga (A291)

Learn breathing techniques in conjunction with yoga postures to relieve stress, clear your mind, stay focused and relaxed. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.

Mondays, June 16, 23, 30
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

History/Heritage

Civil War Battlefield Travel Series: Shiloh (A314)

Are you interested in visiting the historic battlefield at Shiloh? This informative program will take you on the battlefield and give you a brief history of the battle that was fought here in April 1862.

Monday, April 28
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Freedom Riders: The Strategy and Tactics that Challenged Segregation (A352)*

In this lecture, Dr. Georgette Grier-Key will review a pivotal moment in American history that impacted segregation. She will examine the significant role the Freedom Riders played in the Civil Rights Movement. This lecture will focus on the struggle, endurance and human spirit that inspired Americans and evoked justice. This program is supported by the *Created Equal* grant, part of Bridging Cultures, a joint initiative of the NEH and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Thursday, June 5
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Created Equal: Freedom Riders (A313)*

This film details the Freedom Riders of 1961, who managed to bring the President and the entire American public face to face with the challenge of correcting civil rights inequalities that plagued the nation. This program is supported by the *Created Equal* grant, part of Bridging Cultures, a joint initiative of the NEH and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Monday, May 19
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

The Nine Lives of Theodore Roosevelt (A315)

Milton Ellis will explore how TR's several brushes with death affected his exploration of the Brazilian wilderness.

Monday, May 5
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Story of Survival: A WWII POW's Story (A316)*

Meet Bernard Rader, a member of the U.S. Army, who won the Bronze Star. He was a prisoner of war in World War II in France, one of 149 prisoners exchanged for German prisoners. There were only three such exchanges during World War II. Join him to watch a DVD commemorating the event, and then be on hand to ask questions or make comments about this historic story of survival.

Thursday, June 26
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Library of Congress' Veterans History Project (A113)*

We want you! As part of this on-going program, we will be collecting interviews for the Library of Congress' Veterans History Project. The Project collects first-hand accounts of United States Veterans. The Project will also include first-hand recollections of U.S. citizens who professionally supported war efforts (such as war industry workers, USO workers, or medical volunteers). Contact Jim Ward at 585-9393, ext. 273 to set up an appointment.

Senior Services

Blood Pressure Testing (A312)*

Fifty million Americans have high blood pressure and many are not even aware of the problem. Have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. No appointment is necessary.

Fridays, April 11, May 9, June 13
11:30am – 12:30pm

Selden

Calling All Boomers & Seniors Products and Services Fair 2014 (A298)*

Our 6th annual Boomers & Seniors fair will feature a wide variety of products and services available to LI seniors. Free blood-pressure screening will be available to attendees. For more information contact Theresa Arroyo at 585-9393, ext. 294 or arroyothesa@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org.

Thursday, April 24
3:00pm – 6:00pm

Centereach

Friday Films @ One (A322)

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Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 13, 20, 27
1:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) (A333)

A recreational exercise program designed to increase range of motion of the joints and increase muscle tone.

Tuesdays, April 8, 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20, June 10
12:30pm – 2:00pm

Selden

Senior Prom 2014 (A308)

Come join us for our 15th annual Senior Prom. Dance and enjoy the music of Tommy Sullivan, a former member of Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Friday, June 6
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Senior Advocate (A256)*

An advocate from the Suffolk County Office for the Aging will assist senior citizens with applications for SSI, food stamps, Medicare/Medicaid/Medigap concerns, senior ID cards, HEAP benefits and other services.

Mondays, April 28, June 23
3:00pm – 5:00pm

Selden

Senior Connections (A345)

A confidential support service for seniors. This is a library based information and referral program that links older persons and their families to needed health and social services.

Third Thursday of each month
11:00am – 1:00pm

Centereach

Every Friday

11:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

Staying Independent for Life: Falls Prevention for Older Adults (A354)*

Falls are the leading cause of injury for people age 65 and older. Mindy Giambalvo, of Suffolk County Department of Health Services, will discuss balance and strength training, vision and medication review, how to buy safe footwear and how to keep the home environment safe.

Tuesday, April 29
1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Sports/Leisure

1993-1994 New York Rangers (A351)*

Relive the memories and great moments of the Rangers' 1994 season. This film documents the team's march to the Stanley Cup Finals and eventual victory over the Vancouver Canucks that ended their 54 year Cup drought.

Thursday, June 12
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Earth Day: Save Money while Saving the Earth (A284)

Join educator Sue Krause as she explores easy ways to help the Earth and your own pocketbook at the same time. Topics will include – green cleaning, energy efficient appliances and cars, local hiking trails, eco-vacations, bird friendly yards, and much more.

Tuesday, April 22
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

TOPICAL TUESDAYS @ TWO

Hello, Doctor – Are You Listening? (A318)*

Join us for a discussion of guidelines for creating productive dialogue to understand and be understood during visits to your physician.

Tuesday, April 15

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

Managing Advanced Illness (A319)*

This presentation will focus on planning for care when a family member has advanced illness. Community resources, including home health services and equipment needs, will be discussed, as well as other coping skills required to manage this difficult situation.

Tuesday, May 13

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

The 10 Mistakes to Avoid in Funeral Planning (A317)*

For most people, planning a funeral is an unfamiliar process. The alternatives are many and varied, but they don't have to be difficult, and they don't have to be beyond your means. Eugene White will discuss a simple, straightforward guide to make the process easier for you.

Tuesday, June 3

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

Eggs, Nests and Baby Birds (A285)

Spring and summer are busy times for birds. Learn about the exhausting work of parenting birds and the different life history strategies of some of our favorite avian friends. Join educator Sue Krause and find out what birds may be building nests in your neighborhood.

Tuesday, May 13

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Ghost Hunting 101 (A251)

Shadows of the Paranormal members explain the realities of paranormal investigation and share examples from past experiences. The presentation concludes with a question and answer session.

Wednesday, May 14

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Hands-On Dog Training – Leash Manners (A337)*

Do you avoid walking your dog because he/she pulls too much or doesn't listen to you? Learn how to enjoy walking with your dog at a discounted seminar on proper leash manners. Patrons and their dogs will meet at the Petco in Selden.

Fee: \$8.00 due at time of program

Thursday, May 8

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Off Premises

Hiking Long Island (A249)

Nothing is better than a trek through the great outdoors. Naturalist and author, Lee McAllister, will discuss hiking on Long Island including the geology, history, flora, fauna and topographical features that make Long Island an interesting place to hike in any season.

Monday, May 12

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

New York State Safe Boating Class (A259)*

Taught by U.S.C.G. Licensed Captain Richard Cloonan. This course will enable students to receive a New York State Safe Boating Certificate, now required for all Suffolk County residents operating a boat on county waters. It will also certify those over 14 to operate a PWC/Jet Ski in New York State. **Please bring \$50.00 cash or check payable to instructor to class.**

Friday, April 25

6:45pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

AND

Saturday, April 26

10:00am – 4:00pm

Centereach

Singles Café @ MCPL (A361)*

The Singles Café...where singles mingle! Speakers will present on topics, such as relationships, dating, and enjoying your singleness. This program is for people newly single, people looking for a relationship, and people loving their singleness. Each night's program will end with some informal café-style time to mingle. Watch for our flyer with program details.

Thursdays, April 17, May 15, June 19

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Understand Your Digital Camera Settings (A348)

Most cameras are controlled by the "Big Four" camera settings - White Balance, ISO, Shutter Speed and Aperture. Once you understand these settings, you will be able to be more creative and versatile with your pictures.

Monday, June 2

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Travel/Trips

LI READS: Sylvester Manor (A363)

Sylvester Manor, covering 243 acres on Shelter Island, has been held in the same family for eleven generations. It captures the history of Long Island as well as our nation in all its richness and suffering. The book, *THE MANOR*, by Mac Griswold, which tells its story is the 2014 Long Island Reads award winner. We will take the ferry from Greenport to visit Sylvester Manor, where we will be touring the house, the grounds and visit their farm stand. After our ferry ride back to Greenport, we will stay awhile in town for some shopping and lunch on your own. **A non-refundable \$42.00 check or money order, made payable to Middle Country Public Library, is due within 3 days of registration. On the day of the trip, please bring \$17.00 in cash for the tour and ferry.**

Tuesday, June 24

9:00am – 5:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Ride the Rails to New York City – Discounted LIRR Tickets (A335)

Want to get away for the day? Take a trip into the city with the LIRR at a discounted rate! You will leave as a group from the Ronkonkoma train station and return on your own time. Patrons may purchase two (2) round trip tickets per library card. **Tickets are \$9.25 each.** Departure time subject to change.

Saturday, June 7

9:40am

LIRR Station -Ronkonkoma

Take-a-Trip: Brimfield Antique Show (A299)

The Brimfield Antiques Show began in the 1950s and has become the largest and best-known outdoor antiques show in the country filled with hidden treasures. Running along Rt. 20 for about a half-mile the show is a huge, vast undertaking, filled with thousands of dealers, selling everything from the finest antiques to 'yard junk.' Food courts and rest facilities abound. **A non-refundable \$25.00 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours is due within 3 days of registration.**

Tuesday, May 13

6:45am – 8:30pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Take-a-Trip: Downtown Manhattan Walking Tour (A300)*

There are many affordable, and even free, attractions in NYC. Join us for a walking tour in downtown Manhattan to discover several of these special places. A few stops on our tour include: Trinity Wall Street; an architectural tour of the Alexander Hamilton U.S. Custom House; the Irish Hunger Memorial; Poets House. We will be stopping at the World Financial Center for lunch (on your own) with choices from a variety of restaurants and some very popular food trucks. Wear comfortable footwear for walking. **A non-refundable \$33.00 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours is due within 3 days of registration.**

Wednesday, April 16

8:00am – 7:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Take-a-Trip: Gettysburg (A353)*

Join us for an historical tour of the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg. View where Pickett's Charge occurred and where Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address! Lunch will be on your own. Please wear comfortable shoes. Bring food for the ride home as the bus will not be stopping. Bus leaves Gettysburg to return to Long Island at 3:30pm. **A non-refundable \$78.00 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours, is due within 3 days of registration. Out of district patrons may register on first day of registration.**

Tuesday, June 10

5:15am – 9:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

2 TEEN SERVICES

Anime

Otaku Unite (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Got anime? Join fellow fans to watch shows, share art, fan fiction and discuss this phenomenon.

Fridays, April 25, May 23, June 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Arts/Crafts

3D Art (T894)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Come down and create an amazing piece of 3D Art with just a piece of wood and some nails.

Wednesday, April 16

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Art Studio: Styrofoam Creations (T897)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Use styrofoam, Q-Tips and paint to create unique art pieces such as mobiles, sculptures and even modern floral bouquets.

Monday, May 12

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Books and Bling: Divergent (T883)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

In celebration of the Divergent movie being released, join us to chat about the book vs. the movie while making a creative Divergent necklace based on the five faction symbols.

Tuesday, May 13

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Palm Reading (T899)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Learn how to read your palm and then make a fun piece of art you can wear as a necklace or bracelet!

Monday, April 7

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Tangled Wire Cuff Bracelet (T881)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Work with wire, make wire beads, use glass beads and learn to use a variety of tools and techniques to design your own unique cuff bracelet.

Thursday, May 1

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Upcycle Challenge (T882)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Challenge yourself and create something from nothing. We will be using duct tape, recycled books, magazines and comics to create something to wear and something for our bedrooms! Select projects will be displayed in the library.

Wednesday, May 14

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Book/Films/Writing

Battle of the Books (T904)

For teens entering 6th – 9th grade in Fall 2014

You do not want to miss this program! Read eight books over the summer (titles to be announced June 1st), and remember everything you can. You could earn a place on the team that will then go on to compete in the countywide competition.

Tuesdays, June 3 – August 5, Friday, August 8

5:30pm – 6:45pm

Selden

Saturday, August 9 Battle @ Stony Brook University (Time TBA)

Monday, August 11 Time & location TBA

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Tuesday, May 13

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Improv Acting Games (T910)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Join us for fun games that develop acting skills! No previous experience necessary.

Thursdays, April 17, May 8

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Teen Book Reviewer Program (T895)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Read and review books from the most recent lists of award winning books for Young Adults published by the American Library Association. Here is a chance to be a reader, reviewer, and critic while earning community service credit. Completed reviews will be published on our library website. Applications are available online or at any reference desk. Contact Laura Panter at (631) 585-9393, ext. 227 or Deborah Hempte at (631) 585-9393, ext. 223 for additional information.

Teen Writers Fan Fiction Workshop (T889)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Doctor Who, Harry Potter, Percy Jackson... Sometimes the stories don't go far enough! When you just want to write the next chapter of your favorite story, fan fiction is there for you! Join us for a fun-filled night of writing fan fiction.

Tuesday, May 13

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Clubs

Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 (T896)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Come hang out and join us for some fun activities in our space created just for you!

April- Celebrate National Library Week by making Instagram photobooth bookmarks

May- Get creative using a variety of building materials including KNEX, Zoob Tubes, LEGO's and more!

Wednesdays, April 16, May 21

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

The Mutt Club (T891)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved! The Mutt Club will meet monthly where members will be able to help animals in a variety of ways.

Community service hours may be earned.

Wednesdays, April 30, May 28, June 25

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

College/Careers

Career Counseling Services are provided by counselors, available to district residents 14 and up for employment, occupational and college counseling. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133 for a confidential appointment.

American Red Cross Babysitter's Training (T886)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

As a babysitter, it is important to know how to prevent accidents and take care of children in emergency situations. This two part certification program is designed to teach decision making skills, give baby and kid care tips, obtain safety tips and learn basic first aid skills. A non-refundable cash, charge or check for \$15.00 made payable to Middle Country Public Library for materials and certification is required within 3 days of registration.

Saturdays, May 31, June 7
10:00am – 1:15pm

Selden

Live Homework Help and Other Online Resources (J608)

For teens and/or their parents

Drop by to find out about free online resources, such as Brainfuse Homework Help and other online databases that will assist your child with their school success. Prizes will be given to everyone who stops by the table for a demonstration.

Wednesday, April 9
5:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

OR

Friday, May 16
5:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Community Service

Art Buddies (T900)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Are you a teen who would like to work with young children on art and craft projects? If so, sign up to become an Art Buddy volunteer. If this is your first time volunteering, you must register for, and attend, the "Buddy Training" program in order to qualify. No application necessary.

CHOOSE ONE TWO-WEEK SESSION.

Tuesdays, April 22, 29
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

OR

Mondays, May 5, 12
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Book Buddies (T912)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Do you love reading to children? If so, become a Book Buddy volunteer. If this is your first time volunteering, you must register for, and attend, the "Buddy Training Program" in order to qualify. No application necessary.

CHOOSE ONE TWO-WEEK SESSION

Wednesdays, April 16, 23
6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Wednesdays, May 21, 28
6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Wednesdays, June 11, 18
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Buddy Training Program (T902)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

If you would like to be a volunteer at any of our "Buddy" programs (Art Buddies, Book Buddies, Techno Buddies), you must attend a training session first. No application necessary.

Monday, April 7
6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Monday, June 16
6:30pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Math Buddies (T888)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Are you a teen that likes to work with young children? If so, sign up to be a Math Buddies volunteer. You must register for, and attend the Math Buddies Training program, or be on the Math Buddies eligibility list in order to qualify. This program is made possible with support from the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM).

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6, May 13
5:30pm – 6:30pm

OR

Tuesdays, May 20, 27, June 3, 10
5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Math Buddies Training (T887)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Math Buddies is a volunteer program in which teens will be paired with a younger buddy in K – 2nd grade to practice math skills. Help children with fun math activities and explore the interactive UMIGO curriculum. If you would like to be a volunteer, you must attend the Math Buddies Training first or be on the Math Buddies eligibility list. You must also fill out the Math Buddies application available online or at any reference desk, and return it before Friday, April 11, 2014. This program is made possible with support from the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM).

Tuesday, April 22

5:30pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Organic Gardening (T913)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Join us at the library and Hobbs Community Farm to learn about the benefits of organic gardening and serve the community by helping out at the farm. Master Gardener and environmental educator Melissa Kurtz will lead us in planning, preparing, planting, and caring for ethnic themed garden plots at Hobbs Community Farm.

Tuesdays, April 8, May 6, Thursday, June 5

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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All participants that attend the three sessions above at the library and an additional three dates at the farm will earn community service hours. Additional dates at Hobbs Farm are scheduled for Thursday, April 24; Tuesday, May 20; Thursday, May 29; Tuesday, June 10; Thursday, June 19; and Tuesday, June 24 from 6:00pm-7:30pm.

Sit 'N' Knit (T908)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Learn to knit, socialize, and earn community service hours too! Learn the basics and make newborn caps to be donated to University Hospital.

Mondays, May 19, June 2, 9, 16

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Techno Buddies (T903)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Come read and play computer games with your younger buddy. If this is your first time volunteering, you must register for, and attend, the "Buddy Training Program" in order to qualify. No application necessary.

Mondays, April 21, 28

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Mondays, May 5, 12

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach



Teen Book Reviewer Program (T895)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Read and review books from the most recent lists of award winning books for Young Adults published by the American Library Association. Here is a chance to be a reader, reviewer, and critic while earning community service credit. Completed reviews will be published on our library website. Applications are available online or at any reference desk. Contact Laura Panter at (631) 585-9393, ext. 227 or Deborah Hempt at (631) 585-9393, ext. 223 for additional information.

The Mutt Club (T891)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved! The Mutt Club will meet monthly where members will be able to help animals in a variety of ways.

Community service hours may be earned.

Wednesdays, April 30, May 28, June 25

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Computer Classes

Minecraft LAN Party! (T906)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Whether you're new to Minecraft or you're a pro, join us for a session of cooperative gaming. Use all of your skills to design and build a new world from scratch!

Thursdays, April 10, 17

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Cooking

If you have any food allergies, please let us know at the time of registration.

BBQ Sauces (T884)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Learn to make and jar BBQ Sauces. Each chef will custom design a label for their homemade creations. Great for Father's Day! (6th graders, please see school age section)

Tuesday, June 10

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Marshmallow Flower Cupcakes (T885)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Have a fun and floral time decorating a delicious treat. Perfect for a gift or for Mother's Day! (6th graders, please see school age section)

Tuesday, May 6

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Driving/Pre-Licensing

Teens Drivesafe: Teen Driver Survival Training (T892)

For teens between 14 years old – 18 years old

Calling all teens and parents! Join us for an eye-opening experience at this hands-on driving event. Teens will be driving actual electric cars in a safe environment while learning the hazards they could face as a young driver. Event will take place at the Brookhaven Ecology Site at Brookhaven Safety Town. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Saturday, May 3

10:00am – 1:00pm Brookhaven Ecology Site

Friday Night Teen Programs (T880)

Create-On Fridays (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Anyone can be an artist, so get ready to be inspired! Try a variety of crafts and be sure to check out each month's special project. Make a lovely gift for Mother's Day in April, a Father's Day gift in May to show Dad how great he is and a one-of-a-kind body sculpture in June. So grab a friend and Create-On!

Fridays, April 18, May 16, June 20

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Hip Hop for Teens (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Have fun with your friends learning hip hop dance moves to the latest music.

Friday, May 30

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Just for Teens Karaoke House (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Shake your groove thing and sing along to your favorite songs (or just relax with friends and listen) at our monthly Karaoke House.

Fridays, April 4, May 2, June 6

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Open Door TRC (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Want a place to go with your friends to play games, watch movies and more? A place that's fun and best of all FREE! Check out Open Door TRC every Friday night.

Fridays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Otaku Unite (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Got anime? Join fellow fans to watch shows, share art, fan fiction and discuss this phenomenon.

Fridays, April 25, May 23, June 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Teen Computer Drop-in (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Enjoy time on the laptops on your own or with a friend. The Library's Internet policy is applicable to all participants.

Fridays, April, 4, 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Teen Game Night (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Calling all gamers! Join us every second Friday of the month to play any type of game. In April join us for awesome Hula Hoop games, play Wii Wipeout on the big screen in May and in June test your skills in the Minute to Win it Challenges.

Fridays, April 11, May 9, June 13

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Games

Minecraft LAN Party! (T906)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Whether you're new to Minecraft or you're a pro, join us for a session of cooperative gaming. Use all of your skills to design and build a new world from scratch!

Thursdays, April 10, 17

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Video Games Underground (T905)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Drop in to the Underground at MCPL and spend time with our PlayStation 3. Bring a friend and get competitive!

Saturdays, April 19, May 10, June 7

1:30pm – 3:30pm

Centereach

Health

Hip Hop for Teens (T880)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Have fun with your friends learning hip hop dance moves to the latest music.

Friday, May 30

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Language

Fun with French (T909)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Bienvenue! Welcome! How cool would it be to speak another language with your friends? Join Mr. Bernardino in this awesome, activity-filled class. You'll have so much fun you won't even know you're learning!

Thursdays, April 10, 17

7:15pm – 8:15pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, May 1, 8

7:15pm – 8:15pm

Selden

MCPL MAKERS



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
FOUNDATION

Maker Teens (T893)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Do you like electronics? Crafts? Science? Design? Check out our brand new Makerspace. A Makerspace is a place where people come together to share ideas, talents, and resources and also to make things. Join us!

Fridays, April 11, 18, 25
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Maker Teens- Roller Coaster (T907)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Become a structural engineer; design a roller coaster ride using the earth's gravity to make a marble roll over enough twists and turns to make your hair stand on end!

Tuesday, May 27
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Minecraft LAN Party! (T906)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Whether you're new to Minecraft or you're a pro, join us for a session of cooperative gaming. Use all of your skills to design and build a new world from scratch!

Thursdays, April 10, 17
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

MONEY SMART WEEK



Cars, College & Cash: Making the Most of Your Money (T914)

For teens in 9th – 12th grade and parents

Join us for a lively discussion on how your money can be used to achieve financial freedom. We will discuss topics such as setting goals, how to manage a budget, savings and checking accounts, taking charge of credit, buying a car, generating income, and skills to master before leaving home.

Wednesday, April 9
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Museum Corner

Around The World in Pictures (T911)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Travel around the world on an art adventure. Encounter amazing people and places in pictures by famous artists from around the world. Then create your own art piece using cut paper collage.

Tuesday, April 29
7:30pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

MUTT CLUB

The Mutt Club provides real-life experiences and community connections through programs based on humane education with a focus on Mutt-i-grees, or shelter dogs. All teens who participate in the following Mutt Club Programs will earn community service for every program attended.

The Mutt Club (T891)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved! The Mutt Club will meet monthly where members will be able to help animals in a variety of ways. Community service hours may be earned.

Wednesdays, April 30, May 28, June 25
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden



Music/ Performances

Saturday Performances: Young Frankenstein (A311)

It's Alive! Based on the classic Mel Brooks' movie, Young Frankenstein is scientifically-proven, monstrously good entertainment presented by Plaza Theatrical Productions.

Saturday, June 7
2:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

Nature Explorium

Garden Stepping Stone (T898)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

A Garden Stepping Stone is a wonderful addition to your home garden. Join us and make your own beautiful garden ornament.

Thursday, May 22
6:30pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Organic Gardening (T913)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

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Tuesdays, April 8, May 6, Thursday, June 5
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

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Science & Technology

Science Unplugged (T915)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Join us for vivid and engaging science presentations by young scientists from the Alan Alda Center for Communicating Science at Stony Brook University that will give a glimpse of the passionate journey that scientists take to unravel the mysteries of the universe. Saturday, April 19 – Water – It's Not So Simple After All! Wednesday, May 7 – Asteroid Belts: The Path to Another Earth? Parents are also invited to attend.

Saturday, April 19
12:00pm – 1:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesday, May 7
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

3 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Drop-in Programs

No Registration Required

As a reminder, Drop-in Programs are for Middle Country Library patrons only. A valid Middle Country library card must be presented at the time of the program.

Community Self-Portrait Project Drop-in (A358)

The Community Self-Portrait Project is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Middle Country Community. Stop by our drop in session and work on your portrait with other community members. This drop-in session will include materials for you to create your portrait. There will also be opportunities at International Museum Day on May 15 and at the Spring Jubilee on April 25 to participate.

Wednesday, June 11
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Do You or Your Child Need Health Insurance? (J534)*

For Families

A representative from Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council will be available to provide information on, and enroll qualified children and adults in Child Health Plus, Family Health Plus and/or Medicaid. To find out which documents you need to bring with you to begin an application please call Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council at 631-656-9783 or visit their website at www.coverage4healthcare.com

Tuesdays, April 1, May 6, June 3

3:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Wednesdays, April 23, May 28, June 25

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Evening Family Time (J575)

For Families with children ages birth – 5 years old

Drop in anytime during our evening open playtime, enjoy simple crafts, special time with your family and meet other parents.

Monday, June 16

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Free Immunizations: Shots for Tots (J533)*

For Families

Services provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health. Please bring child's immunization record.

Tuesdays, April 1, June 3

3:00pm – 6:15pm

Selden

Give Back for Memorial Day (J529)

For families with children in Pre-K – 5th grade

Let's give back this Memorial Day by taking some time together to write Happy Memorial Day Thank You letters and make a special gift for local veterans. Drop-in, spend some time together as a family and give back!

Friday, May 16

5:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

International Museum Day (J617)

For Everyone!

Join us for our annual festival showcasing many Long Island Museums, Science Centers, and Historical Societies. Find out what museums can do for you!

Thursday, May 15

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Learning About Money Together (J544)*

For parents/caregivers and children 4 – 7 years old

Join us for some fun activities that will help you learn how to teach your child about money. Topics include coin identification, counting, spending, saving and sharing. Middle Country residents will be able to check out our circulating Dollars and \$ense kits at the end of the program.

Monday, April 7

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Math Buddies Drop-in (J539)*

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join us for drop-in money activities with the MCPL Math Buddies to celebrate Money Smart Week!

Tuesday, April 8

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Monday Madness (J583)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 2nd grade

Join us for some "Monday Fun." Games and crafts for everyone!

Monday, April 21

10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Moneywise Money Games (J543)*

For families with children in 1st – 5th grade

Learn about money and have fun at the same time playing money related board games. Paint a piggy bank to take home and start saving.

Wednesday, April 9

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Nature Accessories (J597)

For children in Pre-K – 3rd grade

Drop-in and make some fun and fashionable bracelets and ties out of natural materials.

Friday, May 16

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Saturday Open Play (J586)

For families with young children ages birth – 5 years old, not yet in Kindergarten

Drop in anytime during our open playtime featuring creative and explorative play. Perfect for families that work during the week.

Saturdays, April 5, May 31

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

SNAP Can Work for You! (J535)*

Are you struggling with monthly bills? If so, you may be eligible for SNAP, the new name for Food Stamps. Many working households access SNAP every month to help stretch their food budgets. To find out which documents you need to bring with you please call Nutrition Outreach and Education Program (NOEP): (631)789-9546.

Tuesdays, April 1, May 6, June 3

3:00pm – 5:00pm

Selden

Wednesdays, April 23, May 28, June 25

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Stay and Play (J587)

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth – 5 years old

Drop in, play and meet other families with young children. A brief circle time of finger plays and songs end the program.

Fridays, April 25, May 9, 23, June 13

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Spring Jubilee (J629)*

For families

Let the wild rumpus start! Celebrate the season opening of the Nature Explorium with nature-based activities, digging, planting, experimenting with water, and create a self-portrait using natural materials for the library's Community Self-Portrait Project. Dance to the zany tunes of Randy Kaplan (4:30pm and 6:00pm show times) with your family!

Friday, April 25

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Toddler Playtime (J567)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 1 – 3 years old

Drop in, spend time together playing with the toys, experiencing our sandbox and meeting new friends.

Thursdays, April 10, 24, May 1, 8

10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

Family Programs

Community Self-Portrait Project (A359)

The Community Self-Portrait Project is an opportunity to introduce yourself to the Middle Country Community! Each participant will receive a 4x4 canvas board. See flyer for more details.

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to register and pick up a canvas.

April 4 – June 16

Centereach

Evening Family Time (J575)

For Families with children ages birth – 5 years old

Drop in anytime during our evening open playtime, enjoy simple crafts, special time with your family and meet other parents.

Monday, June 16

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Flashing Fingers Show (J532)

For Families

A Show presented by the children of the MCPL'S Sign Language Club.

Tuesday, June 3

7:00pm – 9:00pm

OR

Thursday, June 5
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Selden

Give back for Memorial Day (J529)

For families with children in Pre-K – 5th grade

Let's give back this Memorial Day by taking some time together to write Happy Memorial Day Thank You letters and make a special gift for local veterans. Drop-in, spend some time together as a family and give back!

Friday, May 16
5:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Heroin in our Community (A362)

YMCA Family Services presents an informative seminar regarding heroin and prescription drug use. Prevention skills, signs & symptoms and a list of local community treatment agencies will be provided.

Thursday, April 10
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Monday Madness (J583)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 2nd grade

Join us for some "Monday Fun". Games and crafts for everyone!

Monday, April 21

10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Pet Parade (J548)

For children and their pets, accompanied by an adult

Children of all ages are invited to bring their pet. Pets may participate in the parade by walking, being carried or in a wagon. For safety, all pets must be on a leash or in a cage/container. Each child will have the opportunity to step up to the stage to show off his/her pets special talents. Participants are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Saturday, May 17
10:00am – 11:00am

Rain Date:

Tuesday, May 20
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Puppetry Club Show (J531)

For Families

A musical puppet show presented by the children of MCPL'S Puppetry Club.

Wednesday, June 4
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Selden

Safety Town (J528)

For families with children in Pre-School – 3rd grade

Come have fun on our scooter highway and learn about safe practices when riding your bike! **PICK ONE SESSION** for your time on our scooter highway. The Sheriff's Department will also be here to provide families with free Ident-a-Kit's; will be talking about bike safety; and have a bike rodeo. Please bring your own bike to participate in the bike rodeo. **PICK ONE SESSION** for your time on The Scooter Highway:

Friday, May 9
5:30pm – 5:50pm
5:50pm – 6:10pm
6:10pm – 6:30pm
6:30pm – 6:50pm
6:50pm – 7:10pm
7:10pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Saturday Performances: Young Frankenstein (A311)

It's Alive! Based on the classic Mel Brooks' movie, Young Frankenstein is scientifically-proven, monstrously good entertainment presented by Plaza Theatrical Productions.

Saturday, June 7
2:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

StoryFaces: Tales of Transformation and Wonder (J541)

For Families

Christopher Agostino's StoryFaces is a one-of-a-kind performance that's sure to inspire and delight any audience. Agostino engages audience members with a skillful spoken word performance combined with unique visual art where audience volunteers are brought on stage and face painted to illustrate the traditional folktales and original stories he tells, as he tells them.

Sunday, April 27
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Take-a-Trip: Gettysburg (A353)*

Join us for an historical tour of the Civil War battlefield at Gettysburg. View where Pickett's Charge occurred and where Lincoln delivered his famous Gettysburg Address! Lunch will be on your own. Please wear comfortable shoes. Bring food for the ride home as the bus will not be stopping. Bus leaves Gettysburg to return to Long Island at 3:30pm. **A non-refundable \$78.00 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours, is due within 3 days of registration. Out of district patrons may register on first day of registration.**

Tuesday, June 10
5:15am – 9:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Infant/Toddler Programs

Babies Boogie (J564)

For parents/caregivers with children ages birth – 23 months old

Come boogie, wiggle, and giggle with your new dancing partner! During this session, you and your child will sing and bounce to music from around the world, using instruments, props and developmentally appropriate movements.

CHOOSE TWO DATES

Thursday, April 3
10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Thursday, May 1
10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Wednesday, May 14
5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Thursday, June 12
5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Wednesday, June 18
10:00am – 10:45am

Centereach

Baby and Me (J585)

For parents/caregivers and infants ages birth – 18 months

Enjoy simple songs, movement activities, nursery rhymes and finger plays.

Wednesdays, April 9, May 7
10:00am – 10:45am
11:00am – 11:45am

Selden

Early Childhood Workshop (J568)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 1 – 5 years old who have completed a Parent Child Workshop series

A play-based class where parents and caregivers of young children can connect with other families, interact with an early childhood teacher, and get information about early literacy sources and local community organizations.

Tuesdays, April 8, 22
1:00pm – 2:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, May 15, 22, 29
10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Just Grandma/pa and Me (J589)

For grandparents and their grandchildren ages 1 – 5 years old

Engage in interactive play with your grandchild, share stories with other grandparents, crafts and lots of fun.

Tuesdays, April 22, 29, May 6
10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Mommy & Me Yoga (J565)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 18 months – 35 months

This class is a creative and fun way to stimulate your child's development and give you some gentle exercise too!

Thursday, April 24
10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 4 years old)
11:00am – 11:30am (18 – 35 months)

AND/OR

Tuesday, June 3
10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 4 years old)
11:00am – 11:30am (18 – 35 months)

Centereach

*Open to the Public

Movin' and Groovin' Rhymes (J571)

For parents/caregivers with children ages birth – 3 years old

Come and share songs, rhymes and finger plays, don't miss out on the fun!

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 19

10:00am – 10:30am

10:45am – 11:15am

Centereach

Shake, Rattle & Roll (J566)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 – 36 months

Wiggle and giggle around our parachute as we sing songs, finger plays and rhymes.

Friday, May 30

10:00am – 10:30am

10:45am – 11:15am

AND/OR

Friday, June 20

10:00am – 10:30am

10:45am – 11:15am

Centereach

Time for Twos (J584)

For parents/caregivers and children 2 years old

A play-based class focusing on literacy music, finger plays and simple stories interspersed with fun activities to explore.

Wednesdays, April 23, May 21

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Toddlers Explore (J561)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 – 36 months

Come explore some fun-filled activities that will stimulate your toddlers' senses.

Wednesday, April 16

10:30am – 11:15am

AND/OR

Friday, May 2

10:30am – 11:15am

AND/OR

Friday, June 6

10:30am – 11:15am

Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J563)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 24 months – 4 years old

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle with the beat! Tango with your toddler during this terrific high energy music and movement program featuring instruments, props and music from around the world. Designed to get toddlers and grown-ups moving and grooving.

CHOOSE TWO DATES

Thursday, April 3

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Thursday, May 1

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Wednesday, May 14

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Thursday, June 12

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Wednesday, June 18

11:00am – 11:45am

Centereach

Twinkle, Twinkle Rhymes (J570)

For parents/caregivers with children ages birth – 3 years old

There's no better way to end the evening than with some stories, songs and rhymes with your little one.

Wednesdays, April 30, May 28

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Museum Corner

Around the World in Pictures (J542)

For children in 1st – 4th grade & 5th – 8th grade

Travel around the world on an art adventure. Encounter amazing people and places in pictures by famous artists from around the world. Then create your own art piece using cut paper collage.

Tuesday, April 29

6:00pm – 7:00pm (1st – 4th grade)

7:30pm – 8:30pm (5th- 8th grade)

Centereach

International Museum Day (J617)

For Everyone!

Join us for our annual festival showcasing many Long Island Museums, Science Centers, and Historical Societies. Find out what museums can do for you!

Thursday, May 15

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Museum Corner- Kite Tales (J537)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Hear a fun folk tale from Japan, and then decorate a kite, one of the country's traditional past times.

Thursday, April 24

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Native American Storycraft (J624)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join us in the Museum Corner to learn about the Native American culture through stories and art.

Tuesday, April 8

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Nature Explorium

April Showers (J602)

For children 3 – 5 years old

Come learn about rain clouds by reading a story, doing a fun science experiment and making a craft.

Wednesday, April 16

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Monday, April 21

4:00pm – 4:45pm

Centereach

Beautiful Bird Houses (J538)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Let's get together in our Nature Explorium to create beautiful bird houses to take home to your yard.

Thursday, June 5

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Drop of Nature (J630)

For families with children ages 3 – 5 years old (siblings welcome)

MCPL card holders are invited to stop in for nature activities the whole family can enjoy! If weather permits, these activities will take place outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Mondays, April 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16, 23

10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Family Nature Club (J623)

For families with children in K – 5th grade. Older and younger siblings welcome.

This family program featuring storyteller, musician and nature educator, Johnny Cuomo, will include activities, crafts, stories and music. Spend time connecting with each other and the wider world. This program is presented with support from the TD Bank Foundation.

Saturdays, April 12, May 10

11:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Garden Stepping Stone (J594)

For children in 2nd – 3rd grade, 4th – 5th grade

Join us in making a beautiful garden ornament for your home garden.

Thursday, May 22

4:30pm – 5:15pm (2nd – 3rd grade)

5:30pm – 6:15pm (4th – 5th grade)

Centereach

Hooray for Earth Day (J607)

For children in K – 2nd grade

April 22nd is Earth Day. Join the Green Teens in reading an Earth Day story and participate in Earth Day crafts and activities.

Tuesday, April 22

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Wednesday, April 23

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Nature Accessories (J597)

For children in Pre-K – 3rd grade

Drop-in and make some fun and fashionable bracelets and ties out of natural materials.

Friday, May 16

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Recycled Art: Eco-Friendly Puzzles (J595)

For children in 2nd – 3rd grade

Learn how to make a puzzle out of recycled materials. Take home your puzzle to do again and again.

Monday, May 19

7:00pm – 7:45pm

OR

Wednesday, May 21

7:00pm – 7:45pm

Centereach

Recycled Art: Eco-Friendly Wind Chimes (J596)

For children in Pre-K – 1st grade

Come help make an eco-friendly community wind chime to leave in the Nature Explorium for all to enjoy.

Monday, May 19

5:30pm – 6:00pm

OR

Wednesday, May 21

5:30pm – 6:00pm

Centereach

Spring Jubilee (J629)*

For families

Let the wild rumpus start! Celebrate the season opening of the Nature Explorium with nature-based activities, digging, planting, experimenting with water, and create a self-portrait using natural materials for the library's Community Self-Portrait Project. Dance to the zany tunes of Randy Kaplan (4:30pm and 6:00pm show times) with your family!

Friday, April 25

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers Programs

Live Homework Help and other Online Resources (J608)

For parents with children in K – 12th grade

Drop by to find out about free online resources, such as Brainfuse Homework Help and other online databases that will assist your child with their school success. Prizes will be given to everyone who stops by the table for a demonstration.

Wednesday, April 9

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

OR

Friday, May 16

5:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Mom's Group (J573)

For mothers of children from birth – 3 years old

Part of the National Association of Mothers Centers, this six-week-long group celebrates motherhood. Come talk with other moms and share parenting tips. A facilitator will guide you through various topics. Free play available for children!

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10

9:45am – 11:00am

Centereach

Mom's Night Out (J569)

For parents/caregivers of preschoolers

Network with others while you create fun play based early childhood activities to take home and share with your little ones.

Monday, April 28

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Never Ask your Children to Clean their Rooms Again! 3 Steps to Teach Children Responsibility (J598)*

For parents/caregivers

Parents these days are busier than ever, so why should they have to do everything? It is time to relieve parents from the overload of responsibilities and day-to-day tasks that are exhausting and pulling families in all different directions. Anastasia Gavalas, Parent-Educator will be here to talk about a three-step plan that can help any family lessen the stress and create a shared respect and balance for today's busy families. Parents gain some personal time and children learn responsibility. It's a win-win!

Monday, May 12

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Parent Child Workshop (J562)

For parents/caregivers with children 1 – 3 years old

Spend time together, play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Community resource specialists will discuss child development, speech and hearing, nutrition and play and movement.

Tuesdays, April 22, 29, May 6, 13

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4

10:00am – 11:15am

Centereach

Roll and Stroll (J626)

For parents and babies in strollers, No siblings please

Fitness class for a new way of living. Exercise while with your baby! All you need is you and your babies in a stroller.

Tuesdays, April 8, May 6, June 10

10:30am – 11:30am

Centereach

Toilet Learning Workshop (J600)*

For parents

Calling all parents who are in need of advice about one of the most challenging stages of toddlerhood. Certified Social Worker Linda Sleszynski will be at the library for an informative workshop teaching you everything you need to know about toilet training your toddler. This program will give you practical information and advice.

Monday, April 28

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Centereach

Welcome New Baby (J574)

For expectant parents and their 2 – 6 year olds

Help prepare siblings for the arrival of a new baby through the use of stories, an art activity, puppets, and life-size dolls.

Monday, May 19

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Selden

Preschool Programs

April Adventures (J576)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 5 years old

A story craft program to welcome Spring.

Monday, April 7

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

April Showers (J602)

For children 3 – 5 years old

Come learn about rain clouds by reading a story, doing a fun science experiment and making a craft.

Wednesday, April 16

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Monday, April 21

4:00pm – 4:45pm

Centereach

Book Buddies (J527)

For children ages 3 – 7 years old

Enjoy a story time with MCPL's Teen Book Buddies.

Wednesdays, April 16, 23

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, May 21, 28

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, June 11, 18

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Book Parade (J579)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3- 5 years old

Enjoy a variety of art and craft activities based on some of your children's favorite books.

Wednesday, May 14

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Father's Day Special (J577)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3- 5 years old

A special story time with art activities designed to celebrate dads everywhere.

Monday, June 9

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Flower Power! (J620)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3- 5 years old

Flowers here, Flowers there, Flowers, Flowers, everywhere! Lots of flower crafts and a story too!

Monday, April 28

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Little Scientist (J582)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 – 5 years old

Bouncing Bunnies (April) Bounce on over to meet and greet a live Lion Head Bunny and learn how to care for a rabbit. Listen to stories, sing songs and create your own adorable bunny to take home. Desert Dwellers (June) Explore the plants and animals that live in the desert. Create your own desert friend and meet a live desert animal.

Wednesday, April 16 (Bouncing Bunnies)

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Thursday, June 5 (Desert Dwellers)

10:30am – 11:15am

Centereach

Magical Mother's Day (J580)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3- 5 years old

Join us for a story and craft to make mom feel really special!

Monday, May 5

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

May Mania (J578)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 3- 5 years old

Activities, crafts and stories that celebrate the month of May.

Mondays, May 12, 19

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

On My Own (J588)

For children ages 3 ½ – 5 years old without a parent

Art activities, free play and stories in a preschool setting.

Tuesday, May 13, 20, 27

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Saturday Stories (J619)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 5 years old

Join us for a Saturday version of story time featuring books galore and a simple art activity.

Saturday, April 26

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Sensory Storytime for Preschoolers (J523)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 5 years old

Sensory Storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. This storytime combines books, movement, music and hands-on activities or art projects that include visual and textual appeal to stimulate all five senses and promote learning.

Saturdays, April 12, May 10, June 14

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Spring Time Flower Cookies (J572)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 years old – Pre-K

Spring time flowers don't just look good, but taste good too. Come decorate two cookies to take home and enjoy.

Monday, April 14

10:00am – 10:30am

11:00am – 11:30am

OR

Tuesday, April 15

6:00pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Stay and Play (J587)

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth – 5 years old

Drop in, play and meet other families with young children. A brief circle time of finger plays and songs end the program.

Fridays, April 25, May 9, 23, June 13

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Techno Buddies (J526)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Come read and play computer games with your Teen Buddy.

Mondays, April 21, 28

5:30pm – 6:15pm

AND/OR

Mondays, May 5, 12

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach



Wacky Wednesdays (J581)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 3 – 5 years old

Join us for some wacky stories and crafts. (Two week series register once for both dates)

Wednesdays, April 23, 30

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

School Age Programs

A Balloon for Isabel (J593)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Together we will read "A Balloon for Isabel" by Deborah Underwood and do a fun activity that goes along with the story.

Thursday, May 29

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Selden

OR

Tuesday, June 3

4:00pm – 4:45pm

Centereach

A Shelabration (J601)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Celebrate national poetry month by reading some Shel Silverstein favorites and participating in a fun activity.

Thursday, April 17

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Saturday, April 19

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Centereach

American Girl (J525)

For children in 2nd – 5th grade

Participate in a hands-on, creative program featuring an "American Girl."

Mondays, April 28, May 19

4:45pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

Art Buddies (J615)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Join our teen Art Buddies for a fun time working together on arts and crafts projects!

Tuesdays, April 22, 29

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Selden

OR

Mondays, May 5, 12

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

BBQ Sauce (J605)

For children in 5th & 6th grade

Make a jar BBQ sauce and design your own label to take with the sauce.

Makes a great Father's Day gift!

Tuesday, June 10

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Beautiful Bird Houses (J538)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Let's get together in our Nature Explorium to create beautiful bird houses to take home to your yard.

Thursday, June 5

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Book Buddies (J527)

For children ages 3 – 7 years old

Enjoy a story time with MCPL's Teen Book Buddies.

Wednesdays, April 16, 23

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, May 21, 28

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, June 11, 18

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Celebrate Father's Day (J592)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Let's celebrate your awesome dad! Together we will read some Father's Day stories then make a nice gift for you to bring home to dad.

Monday, June 9

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Tuesday, June 10

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Celebrate Mother's Day (J591)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Let's celebrate the amazing mom that cares for you every day! Together we will read some Mother's Day stories then make a nice gift for you to take home to mom.

Tuesday, May 6

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Thursday, May 8

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Crime Caper: An Interactive Mystery (J606)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Test your detective skills using clues to rescue a special work of art in this interactive mystery program presented by the Teen Advisory Council.

Tuesday, April 15

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Crochet For Kids (J609)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Learn the basic stitches of crochet and practice, practice, practice. Once you get the hang of it, you will make projects that you will be proud of.

Mondays, April 28, May 5, 12, 19

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Fun with French (J611)

For children in 4th – 5th grade

Bienvenue! Welcome! Students with an interest in learning the French language will enjoy this fun and exciting course. Encouraging kids to learn another language at an early age will help them later on. This course is filled with a variety of activities sure to please.

Thursdays, April 10, 17

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, May 1, 8

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Fun with Spanish (J549)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Hola! Are you interested in learning to say more than "hello?" Learning a new language can be fun and exciting through songs, role-playing, use of technology and crafts. Kids will enjoy meeting others with their same interest in learning Spanish as they begin training their minds to think bilingually at an early age.

Saturdays, May 17, 24

10:00am – 10:45am

Centereach

Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 (J618)

For children in 5th grade

Come hang out and join us for some fun activities in our space created just for you! April – Celebrate National Library Week by making Instagram photo booth bookmarks. May- Get creative using a variety of building materials including KNEX and Zoob tubes.

Wednesdays, April 16, May 21

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Hooray for Earth Day (J607)

For children in K – 2nd grade

April 22nd is Earth Day. Join the Green Teens in reading an Earth Day story and participate in Earth Day crafts and activities.

Tuesday, April 22

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Wednesday, April 23

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Improv Acting Games (J616)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Join us for fun games that develop acting skills! No previous acting experience is necessary.

Thursdays, April 17, May 8

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Jungle Bob Storytimes (J536)

For children in K – 3rd grade

Join Jungle Bob for a fun critter tale and stay for a meet-and-greet with some of his live animal friends.

CHOOSE TWO DATES

Saturdays, April 5, May 3, June 7

10:00am – 10:45am

Centereach

LEGO Mania (J627)

For children in 1st & 2nd grade

Use your imagination to create with LEGO's while playing with friends!

Thursdays, April 24, June 12

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

LEGO Master Builders (J625)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Become a LEGO Master Builder as you create imaginative structures using LEGO building blocks.

Thursdays, April 10, May 29

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Let's Get Together (J522)

For children in K – 2nd grade/ 3rd – 5th grade

Children of all abilities are invited to develop friendships and social skills through language, art, and physical activities. This program is facilitated by a special education teacher and a speech-language pathologist.

Fridays, April 11, May 2, June 6

5:30pm – 6:30pm (K -2nd grade)

7:00pm – 8:00pm (3rd – 5th grade)

Centereach

Marshmallow Flower Cupcakes (J604)

For children in 5th & 6th grade

Learn to decorate cupcakes that look like flowers using marshmallows!

Tuesday, May 6

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Math Buddies (J540)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join the MCPL Math Buddies teen volunteers to do fun math activities and explore UMIGO, a first-of-its-kind transmedia math property which teaches K – 2nd grade math skills in an interactive way! This program is made possible with support from the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM). Weekly pre-registration is required.

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

MCPL MAKERS



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Maker Family Fun (J622)

For families with children in K – 5th grade

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun building with KNEX, Zoob Tubes, LEGO's and exploring simple electronics using our Snap Circuit Sets.

Monday, April 14

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Centereach

Maker Kids- Mobiles (J560)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Create a unique mobile using the Makerspace concept. Learn, share, and design! Bring your talents and your imagination!

Thursday, May 1

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Maker Kids- Vibrobots (J613)

For children in 4th – 5th grade

What can you make out of a cup, pens, a vibrating motor, and a bit or cleverness? Your own artistic vibrobot! Learn about circuits, build your own robot and use it to produce a piece of robot art.

Saturday, April 12

12:30pm – 1:30pm

Centereach

Mini Makers (J621)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Explore light and color as we experiment prisms, flash lights and filters and create your own sun catcher to take home.

Wednesday, April 9

5:00pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

Mini Makers- What Do You See? (J614)

For children in 1st – 3rd grade

Have some fun with mirrors to create incredible reflections. Experiment to find out how a kaleidoscope makes these fantastic patterns and then make your own beautiful kaleidoscope to take home.

Saturday, May 24

11:30am – 12:30pm

Centereach



Minecraft for Kids! (J612)

For children in 1st – 5th grade

Whether you're new to Minecraft or you're a pro, join us for a session of cooperative gaming! Each week will feature a challenge.

Thursdays, April 24, May 1, 8

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach



MONEY SMART WEEK

Learning About Money Together (J544)*

For parents/caregivers and children 4 – 7 years old

Join us for some fun activities that will help you learn how to teach your child about money. Topics include coin identification, counting, spending, saving and sharing. Middle Country residents will be able to check out our circulating Dollars and \$ense Moneywise kits at the end of the program.

Monday, April 7

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Math Buddies Drop-in (J539)*

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join us for drop-in money activities with the MCPL Math Buddies to celebrate Money Smart Week!

Tuesday, April 8

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Moneywise Money Games (J543)*

For families with children in 1st – 5th grade

Learn about money and have fun at the same time playing money related board games. Paint a piggy bank to take home and start saving.

Wednesday, April 9

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Safety Town (J528)

For families with children in Pre-School – 3rd grade

Come have fun on our scooter highway and learn about safe practices when riding your bike! PICK ONE SESSION for your time on our scooter highway. The Sheriff's Department will also be here to provide families with free Ident-a-Kit's; will be talking about bike safety; and have a bike rodeo. Please bring your own bike to participate in the bike rodeo. Pick one session for your time on The Scooter Highway:

Friday, May 9

5:30pm – 5:50pm

5:50pm – 6:10pm

6:10pm – 6:30pm

6:30pm – 6:50pm

6:50pm – 7:10pm

7:10pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

MUTT CLUB



The Mutt Club provides real-life experiences and community connections through programs based on humane education with a focus on Mutt-i-grees, or shelter dogs.

Mutt Club: K9 Reading (J545)

For children in 1st – 5th grade

For children in grades 1st – 5th. Come to the library for a 15 minute reading session with a certified therapy dog. Bring your own book to read or pick one from our collection. These canines will help all readers become more confident and excited about reading. PICK **ONE SESSION ON EACH DATE.**

Wednesday, April 9

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Wednesday, May 7

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Tuesday, June 10

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Centereach

Mutt-i-grees Storytime (J547)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Enjoy a tail-wagging story then make your own Mutt-i-gree puppet to continue the fun at home.

Saturday, May 31
10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Thursday, June 12
4:45pm – 5:30pm *Centereach*

Pet Parade (J548)

For children and their pets, accompanied by an adult

Children of all ages are invited to bring their pet. Pets may participate in the parade by walking, being carried or in a wagon. For safety, all pets must be on a leash or in a cage/container. Each child will have the opportunity to step up to the stage to show off his/her pets special talents. Participants are responsible for cleaning up after their pets.

Saturday, May 17
10:00am – 11:00am

Rain Date:

Tuesday, May 20
6:00pm – 7:00pm *Centereach*

T-Shirt Toys (J546)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Make some “fetching” new toys for dogs in need using only some recycled T-shirts. All toys will be donated to a local animal shelter.

Thursday, May 29
5:00pm – 5:45pm

AND/OR

Tuesday, June 17
4:45pm – 5:30pm *Centereach*

Saturday Stories (J619)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join us for a Saturday version of story time featuring books galore and a simple art activity.

Saturday, April 26
11:00am – 11:45am *Selden*

Sensory Storytime for Students (J524)

For children in K – 3rd grade

Sensory Storytime is an interactive and educational program that can be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. This storytime combines books, movement, music and hands-on activities or art projects that include visual and textual appeal to stimulate all five senses and promote learning.

Saturdays, April 12, May 10, June 14
11:15am – 12:00pm *Selden*

Spring Time Flower Cookies (J590)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Spring time flowers don’t just look good but taste good too. Come decorate 2 cookies to take home and enjoy.

Monday, April 14
12:00pm – 12:30pm

OR

Tuesday, April 15
7:00pm – 7:30pm *Centereach*

Spring Wreath (J530)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join us in reading some springtime stories and make a spring wreath.

Thursday, April 10
5:30pm – 6:15pm *Selden*

OR

Tuesday, May 13
4:00pm – 4:45pm *Centereach*

Styrofoam Creations (J603)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Use styrofoam, q-tips, and paint to create mobiles, sculptures or floral bouquets.

Monday, May 5
7:30pm – 8:30pm *Centereach*

Superhero Day! (J599)

For children in K – 2nd grade

April 28th is National Superhero Day. Join us in reading a superhero story and make superhero crafts to take home.

Wednesday, April 30
5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Friday, May 2
5:30pm – 6:15pm *Centereach*

Techno Buddies (J526)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Come read and play computer games with your Teen Buddy.

Mondays, April 21, 28
5:30pm – 6:15pm

AND/OR

Mondays, May 5, 12
5:30pm – 6:15pm *Centereach*



Wii Dance Party (J610)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Dance and work up a sweat at this fun filled event!

Monday, April 21
7:00pm – 8:00pm *Centereach*

Yoga Time (J628)

For children ages 5 – 12 years old

Kids love to be active, so come and learn some yoga poses at the library.

Thursday, April 10
6:00pm – 6:45pm (5 – 7 years old)
7:00pm – 7:45pm (8 – 12 years old)

AND/OR

Wednesday, June 11
6:00pm – 6:45pm (5 – 7 years old)
7:00pm – 7:45pm (8 – 12 years old) *Centereach*

4 Special Services / Projects / Organizations



2-1-1 Long Island Database, available at www.211longisland.org, provides detailed information on 10,000+ resources related

to health and human services. 2-1-1 LI Database, formerly known as the Community Resource Database, is managed by MCPL and supported by Suffolk County government, Hagedorn Foundation, Rauch Foundation, United Way of Long Island, and MCL Foundation.

Allstate Readiness Series, a year-long series of programs sponsored by the Allstate Foundation and focused on teen safe driving and financial empowerment for victims of domestic violence, and others. For more information visit www.readinessbeginswithme.org.

Distinguished Speakers Series, presented by the Middle Country Library Foundation, provides three seminars annually to educate and inform practitioners working with young children and families on Long Island. Produced in collaboration with Long Island health and human service professionals. For registration and fee information call 631-585-9393, ext. 252.

E-Reference is an e-mail service for information, research, reserves and interlibrary loan – send a message to eref@mcpl.lib.ny.us and a librarian will respond within 24 hours on weekdays, longer on weekends.



Family Place Libraries is a project for which MCPL is the national trainer and model for libraries nationwide to help develop family-centered programs, services and spaces by expanding the traditional role of libraries and transforming them into community centers for literacy, early childhood

education, parent support and community information. Family Place is supported nationally and regionally by the Hagedorn Endowment for Family Place Libraries, the Rauch Foundation, the Sandy River Charitable Foundation, Middle Country Library Foundation, NY Community Bank Foundation, Pamela & Richard Rubenstein Foundation, and the William E. and Maude S. Pritchard Charitable Trust. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 204.

Family Center, a partnership between the library and the Family Service League of Suffolk, Inc., operates in Selden and Centereach, providing family support through individual consultation and referrals to health and human services to meet individual family needs.

Staffed by a social worker, the services are free and confidential and open to families residing in North Brookhaven. Supported in part by a NYS Member Grant from NYS Assemblyman Steven Englebright. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 290 for an appointment or to leave a confidential message.

Moms' Group, part of the National Association of Mothers' Centers, meets weekly to discuss the needs of moms and the ever changing challenges and joys of parenting. Children welcome. Free play. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 220.

Parent-Child Home Program (PCHP), a free school readiness and family support service, provides home visits to families with children 18-36 months of age with limited access to educational opportunities. The premise of PCHP is that children learn best through play and that learning can be fun. Resources are provided to qualifying families. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 225.

Kids in Care, an outreach program, designed for family childcare providers residing in the MCCSD and the young children in their care. A trained children's librarian will visit the home with kits of age-appropriate books, music and toys for the children in care. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 225.



Live-brary.com, a cooperative project of Suffolk County libraries, offers bestselling fiction, nonfiction, children's books, music, movies and how-to

videos. Browse hundreds of titles to play on your computer, transfer or download to a portable device, or burn to CD. This service is available 24/7 from the comfort of your home or elsewhere by using your library card. Titles are automatically returned so there is never a late fee.

Visit www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/adults/edownloads.

The Literacy Office is open to assist patrons with limited literacy or English proficiency needing help accessing library services and programs. Spanish language assistance is available Mondays through Saturdays at Centereach. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 267.

Mailbox Library serves homebound patrons who are unable to visit the library, have a valid library card and a signed application by a physician, nurse or social worker. For information and eligibility call 631-585-9393 ext. 558.



Miller Business Resource Center, located in the Centereach building, is a regional resource for business, independent

entrepreneurs, not-for-profit organizations and individuals offering access to extensive and specialized resources and personalized research, reference, and career counseling services. The Center receives support from John D. Miller, Bank of America, JPMorgan Chase, the Middle Country Library Foundation, NYS Senator John J. Flanagan, Citibank, the Town of Brookhaven Local Development Corporation, TD Bank, as well as sponsorship revenue from the annual Women's EXPO and Strictly Business Tradeshow. Phone 631-585-9393 ext 133.

Career Counseling Services are provided by counselors, available to district residents 14 and up for employment, occupational and college counseling. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133 to set up a confidential appointment.

Miller Business Mornings, a networking group providing a forum for local business people to meet regularly, exchange information, share resources, and participate in educational presentations, convenes five Fridays per year @ 8:00am in Centereach. Next meeting April 18. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 296.



The Museum Corner is a specially designed interactive exhibit space in the Children's

Department at the Centereach building featuring changing hands-on exhibits and programs for children and their families. Vast opportunities for creative expression and intellectual exploration are provided – props for dress-up, science experiments, historic artifacts and art activities. Families and school and community groups are invited to explore, experience, share and create in a safe, fun environment.



The **Museum Pass Program** allows library patrons free admission to nearby museums. Library card holders in good standing, 19 and over, may reserve a pass for a non-renewable two-day period, to be returned to the Centereach building prior to closing on the third day. Passes may

be reserved up to 60 days in advance, online at <http://www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/children/museum-passes> or by calling 631-585-9393 ext 559. To claim your passes, visit the youth services desk in Centereach.



The Nature Explorium is an outdoor learning space designed to connect children and their families to the natural world, to encourage discovery and exploration through reflection, physical, artistic and expressive activities, and to provide a unique avenue connecting literacy, learning and an appreciation for nature as part of the library experience. For hours and information call 631-585-9393 ext. 559.

Online Homework Help connects students K-12, beginning college and adult learners with tutors in Math, Science, English and Social Studies who are available daily from 2-11pm in English and Espanol. Find a tutor at www.mcpl.lib.ny.us by clicking on the link for Brainfuse. Log in with the number printed on the back of your library card.

Suffolk Coalition for Parents and Children is a countywide organization including mental health and social service professionals, librarians, educators, public and community based agencies, professionals serving youth, parents and citizens interested in sharing information, ideas and resources; planning programs and services cooperatively; advocating for children and parents; educating about related topics; and demonstrating how coalitions create more effective professionals and family support agents. Future meetings include: March 25 – Bullying and the Dignity for All Students Act. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 262.

The World of Information for Seniors and the Elderly (WISE), designed to meet the needs and interests of older adults, caregivers and professionals working with this population, includes Senior Advocate and Senior Connections and special collections of books, magazines, DVDs and audio books. Call Adult Reference at 631-585-9393.

Senior Connections, a confidential library-based support service for older adults, provides information and referrals linking patrons and their families to health and social services. It is available on the third Thursday each month from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., Centereach and every Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Selden. For more information, call Adult Reference at 631-585-9393 ext. 558.



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Book Sale!

The Spring Book Sale is right around the corner! Mark your calendars for Friday, April 4th and Saturday, April 5th. Remember, as a Friend you will have the advantage to be the first to view the books and AV materials and select some truly wonderful items!

Join the Friends and support your library.

Membership applications are available at the library and online at www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/about/friends-of-mcpl/. Return applications to the Friends' mailbox available at both buildings.

The levels of membership are:

Bronze	\$5.00
Silver	\$10.00
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Pictured l-r: Alissa Nuttall, senior branch manager and Cheryl Fusari, vice president, small business banker, Capital One Bank; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; and Lori Abbatepaolo, grants administrator, MCPL.

For the second consecutive year, Capital One Bank has awarded a \$5,000 grant to support the library's participation in its annual *Capital One Bank Financial Literacy Challenge*. From January – March 2014, the library will feature a series of programs that provide information and tools to help individuals better understand their finances and how to make the most of their money. For information, please contact Loretta Piscatella at 631-585-9393 ext. 288 or piscatellaloretta@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org.



THANKS TO SPONSORS OF DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

The Distinguished Speakers Series provides an opportunity for practitioners to stay abreast of current issues relating to young children and families through presentations by specialists in the field. Thanks to the sponsors of the 2013-14 Series: New York Community Bank Foundation, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and Joseph P. Price Insurance.

Pictured l-r: Marian Conway, New York Community Bank Foundation; Gbenga Olowoyeye, Motorola Solutions Foundation; Joseph Price, Joseph P. Price Insurance; Kathleen Deerr, Middle Country Public Library.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SARA FADE



A congratulatory note to Sara Fade for receiving the 2013 Teen Librarian Award for Best Community Service Program from YASD (the Young Adult Services Division of Suffolk County Libraries). Ms. Fade was recognized for her efforts creating and organizing a Mutt-i-grees community service program series for teens. "Mutt-i-grees in the Library," an initiative of The Pet Savers Foundation developed in collaboration with Yale University School of the 21st Century, bridges humane education and social and emotional learning. The library is the national pilot site for "Mutt-i-grees in the Library." Ms. Fade is starting a "Mutt Club" this spring, in which teens will help animals and shelters in a variety of ways and have the opportunity to earn community service hours.

LINCOLN DELIVERS



The Goodman family enjoys a photograph with the president at the library's commemoration of the 150th anniversary of the Gettysburg Address. Librarian Jim Ward portrayed Lincoln during this historic re-enactment. Watch it at <http://vimeo.com/mcpl/gettysburg>.

CHECK OUT GOOGLE NEXUS 7 TABLETS

Thanks to a grant from New York State and Google, the library now has a collection of Google Nexus 7 tablets available to check out. These tablets can be used to download and read library eBooks, to download and read library magazines through Zinio, to access library databases, and to browse the web. The tablets can be borrowed by patrons 18 years of age or older, with a valid Middle Country library card. Tablets are due back in 21 days, and cannot be renewed.



The goal of lending these tablets is to reinforce the library's effort to familiarize our patrons with the newest technologies. For more information, please inquire at any reference desk.

EATPLAYGROW!



Pictured Left-Right: Tracy LaStella, coordinator for youth services, MCPL; Kristine Tanzi, youth services librarian, MCPL; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, director, MCPL; Kathleen Deerr, national coordinator, Family Place Libraries™; Leslie Bushara, deputy director for education, CMOM; Susan Hildreth, director, Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The library is partnering with the Children's Museum of Manhattan (CMOM) to introduce an innovative new curriculum, EatPlayGrow to our community. The project was created in partnership with the National Institutes of Health. Using hands-on activities, children and their families will learn essential facts and simple strategies to make healthy choices fun and easy to include in daily routines – at home, at school or in the community.

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE SESAME STREET EBOOKS

Here's a fun way to share books with your little one through Sesame Street eBooks. Library card holders have unlimited access to more than 150 classic and brand-new books. All books are based on Sesame Street's early childhood curriculum and are available in 4 different formats: read along books, audio books, animated books, and interactive books. It's easy to enjoy this collection in the library or at home. Click on the 'Kids Databases' link on the library homepage, or search the library catalog for 'Sesame Street ebooks.'

CREATE A SELF-PORTRAIT

The Community Self-Portrait Project is an opportunity to introduce yourself to neighbors and friends, and you don't have to be an artist to participate! Depict yourself with a photograph or in an abstract form, in whatever way you choose. Sign up to receive a 4"x4" canvas or visit one of our drop-in sessions to work on your portrait in the library. The Project will culminate in a wall of community self-portraits displayed during the month of July. For more information, contact Elizabeth Malafi at 631-585-9393 ext. 296 or malafielizabeth@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org, or Tracy LaStella at 631-585-9393 ext. 220 or lastellatracy@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org.

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The Library is closed the following days:

New Year's Day, Easter Sunday, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and Sundays from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend.

For Emergency closing information visit www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org or call 631-585-9393.

Please let us know in advance if you require special accommodations due to a disability.

DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

April

Nature Explorium
International Children's
Book Month

May

Heritage Collection

June

Children and Teen's
Summer Reading
Adult Summer
Reading Club

SAVE THE DATE

- **April 1**
2:00 – 9:00 p.m.
Library Budget Vote Registration
Centereach
- **April 3**
9:30 a.m.
Children's Spring Program Registration
Centereach /Selden
- **April 4**
9:30 a.m.
Adult & Teen Spring Program Registration
Centereach /Selden
- **April 4-5**
Friends of the Library Book Sale
Centereach
- **April 5 – 12**
Money Smart Week
Centereach
- **April 8**
9:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election
Centereach
- **April 18**
8:00 a.m.
Miller Business Morning
Centereach
- **April 24**
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Calling All Boomers & Seniors Products & Services Fair
Centereach
- **April 25**
4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Spring Jubilee in the Nature Explorium
Centereach
- **May 3**
All Day
Free Comic Book Day
Centereach
- **May 3**
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Teens Drive Safe: Teen Driver Survival Training
Offsite
- **May 6**
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Strictly Business
Centereach
- **May 9**
5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Safety Town
Centereach
- **May 15**
4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
International Museum Day
Centereach
- **June 12**
Children's Summer I Program Registration
- **June 13**
Adult & Teen Summer I Program Registration
- **June 20**
8:00 a.m.
Miller Business Morning
Centereach
- **July 10**
Children's Summer II Program Registration
- **July 11**
Adult & Teen Summer II Program Registration
- **July 31**
6:30 – 9:00 p.m.
Middle Country Reads 2014: Todd Strasser, *Fallout*
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