

MCPL

QUARTERLY

NEWS & PROGRAMS AT MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

WINTER 2014-15



CONNECT WITH TECHNOLOGY

Trying to keep up with the latest trends in technology? MCPL is here to help!

Just started using an e-reader or tablet? Interested in learning about how to access the library's digital resources, including downloadable e-books, music, and videos? You can register for a one-on-one appointment with a librarian who will lead you through the process. You'll learn how to search for an e-book, check it out, and download it to your device. To set up an appointment, simply fill out a Book A Librarian form, available at any reference desk and online at www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/contact-us/.



The library continues to offer computer classes on a wide range of topics: from computer and social media basics to more advanced classes in specific programs such as Microsoft Word, Excel and PowerPoint. Even if you've already used a program, a class will help to refresh and improve your skills.

You may also check out and borrow various devices, including Nexus 7 tablets and Nook e-book readers (pre-loaded with titles for adults, young adults, young teens and children).

For more information, please call the adult reference desk at 631-585-9393 ext. 558.

MCPL ON THE GO!

Download the MCPL mobile app for your iPhone, iPad, Android phone or tablet and stay connected to the library wherever you are! Search the library catalog for books and other materials, and search and register for library programs. Scan a book's ISBN using your smartphone's camera to find out if the library owns something you are trying to find. A digital version of your library card can even be scanned at our checkout stations. The MCPL mobile app is currently available for iOS and Android devices. To download, simply search for "MCPL mobile" in the iOS app store or the Android marketplace.



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CALLING ALL CREATIVE TEENS!

Do you love to express yourself through art? Be sure to submit your original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories and poetry to be featured in the 6th Annual Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show exhibit. The exhibit will be featured in the Teen Resource Center at the Selden building from March 16 to April 10, 2015! Artists and their families will be invited to attend the opening reception on Monday, March 16. Registration forms and guidelines are available online or at any reference desk, which must be submitted along with your artwork from February 7-14, 2015. (See page 11 for more information).



NURSERY SCHOOL FAIR



SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.

Representatives from local nursery schools & pre-schools will be available in Centereach to answer your questions. No registration required.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

Kick off 2015 with good friends, food and fun! Dance the afternoon away with Rhonda Denet. Ms. Denet will sing your Motown favorites as well as Jazz, R&B, Soul, Pop and Rock greats from the 1930s on. Don't miss the library's 20th annual Ring in the New Year at our Selden building.



DOLLARS & \$ENSE: NUMBERS ADD UP

Numbers and math are everywhere around us! Visit the Number Nook at the Selden building from November 2014 through April 2015 and participate in interactive financial literacy activities. Earn coins at each visit and during scheduled Dollars & \$ense programs to share, save or spend on prizes. Families with children three years old through 2nd grade and their siblings can register to attend Family Financial Literacy Nights. Don't forget to join Math Buddies for the 3rd MCPL Community Math Fair on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. in the Centereach building and spend a lively afternoon involved in math activities, puzzles and games. For families with children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. (See page 19 for more information)



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HISTORY TOUR AT POE COTTAGE

This October, library patrons enjoyed a historic tour of Edgar Allan Poe Cottage in the Bronx. See our Travel/Trips section for upcoming trips on page 10.



WINTER FAMILY FUN

Family Festival

Monday, December 29
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Centereach

Crazy Craft Day

Tuesday, December 30
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Centereach

Kick Off the New Year!

Friday, January 2
3:00 – 4:00 p.m.
Centereach

Family Financial Literacy Nights

Fridays, January 9, February 13, and March 13
6:30 p.m.
Centereach

Inclusive Music and Movement Concert for Kids

Saturday, January 10
10:00 – 11:30 a.m.
Centereach



Crazy
Crafts



Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 7
1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
Centereach

Celebrate a national holiday with us! Make a date to visit the library with your family on Take Your Child to the Library Day for a memorable MCPL experience. Crafts, games and more, lots more.



INVENTION AT PLAY

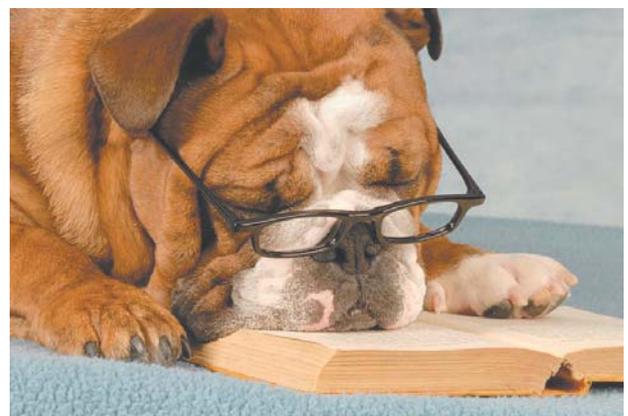
January - May 2015

Explore yesterday's discoveries and tomorrow's possibilities through the stories of invention. Interaction with toys, games and activities that focus on investigation and creativity will encourage participants to nurture the inventor within themselves. Visit the Museum Corner at the Centereach building.

FETCH A GOOD BOOK

Sit, stay, good reader!

Attention families with children from birth through 5th grade! Join the Winter Reading Club and fetch some good tales. It will be a "ruff" winter if you don't fetch a good book. Earn prizes for reading and receive an invitation to a special celebration on March 7. Register from December 11 – February 20.



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- **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.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org, in person at Centereach and Selden or by calling (631) 585-9393.**
- Registration for Children's programs begins on **Thursday, December 11th at 9:30 am**
- Registration for Adult and Teen programs begins on **Friday, December 12th 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 **Winter** programs open to the public, based on availability begins **Monday, December 22, 2014 (except where noted).**
Please let us know if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

1 ADULT/SENIORS

Arts/Crafts

Copper Pendants (A603)

Learn metalwork using copper to shape intricately designed jewelry pendants.

Material Fee: \$5.00

Mondays, January 26, February 2

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

OR

Mondays, February 23, March 2

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Falling Snowflake Necklace (A611)

Learn how to create this beautiful necklace using chain, glass beads and a snowflake filigree charm. You'll take the chill out of winter when you wear this work of art around your neck.

Material Fee: \$12.00

Tuesday, January 13

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Knitting: Socks (A635)

Knit your own socks to keep those feet warm during the heart of the winter season. Must know knitting basics to participate in this course.

Thursdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

Meet Me at the Musee d'Orsay in Paris (A601)

Out of the silenced train station arose the bustling Musee d'Orsay in the center of Paris, home to the art of Monet and other Impressionists. Louise Cella Caruso will educate on the beauty of these artists and the museum during this illustrated art lecture.

Tuesday, March 10

1:00 – 2:30pm

Selden

One Stroke Painting: Martini Glasses (A600)

Using one stroke painting techniques personalize your own pair of martini glasses and a decorative gift bag to match.

Material Fee: \$10.00

Wednesdays, February 11, 18

6:00pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Potted Dried Flower Centerpiece (A633)

Create a bright floral bouquet using a large assortment of hand colored, air preserved flowers. Gardeners will learn about flowers that they can grow and dry in the upcoming growing season.

Materials Fee: \$12.00

Thursday, February 26

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Quilting Instructional (A662)

Check out the flyer for project details.

Tuesdays, January 27, February 10, 17, March 10

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Quilting Techniques (A637)

This hands-on session will explain aspects of the quilting process to apply to your individual projects. All experience levels are welcome.

Saturday, February 28

10:00am – 1:30pm

Selden

Sew 'n Sews (A638)

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, January 7, February 4, March 4

6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Watercolor: Floral (A599)

Learn the art of wet on wet watercolor painting with Joan Rogers. Experience a new way to create beautiful floral designs.

Material Fee: \$8.00

Mondays, March 2, 9

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Wired Hanging Heart (A612)

Learn to bead a brass ring with glass beads, then create a large glass heart dangle using wire and pounded copper. Hang it from anywhere and let the love in!

Material Fee: \$8.00

Thursday, February 12

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Book Discussions/Writing

Book Discussion Group (A664)*

Join us for a lively book discussion. Bring your thoughts and a friend. We'll be reading novels, non-fiction and some mysteries!

Thursday, January 22 – **Unaccustomed Earth**, by Jhumpa Lahiri

Thursday, March 5 – **The Art Forger**, by Barbara Shapiro

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

From Books to Blockbusters (A614)*

Is the book always better than the movie? Join this book club and find out! Be sure to read the book and watch the movie prior to the meeting. You can interloan the book and movie at the adult reference desk. The title for this quarter is:

The Children of Men, by P.D. James.

Thursday, March 19

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

History Book Discussion Group (A591)*

Join us at our book discussion group dedicated to stories related to historical events and the people who lived through them!

Thursday, January 15 – **George Washington's Secret Six: The Spy Ring**

That Saved the American Revolution by Brian Kilmeade

Thursday, March 5 – **The Worst Hard Time: The Untold Story of Those**

Who Survived the Great American Dust Bowl, by Timothy Egan.

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to make your interloan request for these titles.

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Writing Workshop (A624)

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 simply improve your writing skills. All are welcome.

Wednesdays, January 7, February 4, March 11

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Business/Careers

College to Careers (A657)

Career success is not solely dependent on a specific major or a perfect GPA; it's a portfolio of skills, abilities and qualities that leads one there. Join us to discuss the importance of major choice, employment outlook, grades, internships and job skills.

Monday, March 23

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Dress for Success after 50 (A660)

Showing your best image after 50 is essential in today's economy when looking for work. This workshop will discuss wardrobes, body image and hairstyles.

Monday, January 26

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

jobCONNECT (A656)*

A support group for job seekers moderated by career counselor, Joey Montvidas, this helps those looking to strengthen their interviewing skills, resumes, job search and more.

Monday, February 2

2:30pm – 4:00pm

Centereach

LinkedIn for Job Search (A658)

This workshop teaches you how to build a LinkedIn profile that promotes you and your accomplishments. Participants will also use LinkedIn to identify job opportunities.

Monday, February 23

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

The Road to College (A646)

A three part series covering all aspects of the College Admissions Process. College Admissions Representatives from Stony Brook University and St. Joseph's College and a Financial Aid Representative from Stony Brook University will be presenting valuable information on the topic.

Part One – March 18, 2015

The College Visit, Interview, SAT's and ACT's

Part Two – March 25, 2015

The College Application and Essay

Part Three – April 1, 2015

Financial Aid

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

SCORE Business Counseling (A626)

A volunteer from SCORE will be here to provide individual counseling to those who are starting up a new business or need help with an existing business. This program is by appointment only. Patrons interested in making an appointment may contact the Miller Business Resource Center at (631)585-9393, ext 133.

Tuesdays

10:15am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Walk-in Wednesdays (A659)*

An opportunity for small business owners to get one-on-one help setting up their Facebook or Twitter accounts. Information specialists will be available to assist you. Patrons may bring their own laptops or smartphones.

Wednesdays, January 14, February 11, March 11

9:30am – 11:00am

Centereach

Citizenship/ESOL/Literacy

Career & School Counseling (A608)

Trying to find the right job or profession? Want to learn how to navigate the school system to get the best for your child? Meet with bilingual (Spanish/English) Career and School Counselor, Betty Velez to discuss and 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: (1) appointment per time slot.**

Mondays, January 5, February 23, March 16

Wednesdays, January 14, February 4, March 4

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

Centereach

Citizenship (A607)*

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, January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

English Conversation Group-Evening (A665)*

Practice your English skills in a friendly setting. Knowledge of English is recommended. All levels are welcome.

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

English Conversation Group-Morning (A650)*

Practice your English skills in a friendly setting. Knowledge of English is recommended. All levels are welcome.

Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

ESOL (A648)

Multilevel lessons and activities for practice in reading, grammar, vocabulary, and the life skills for English language learners.

Saturdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

ESOL: Job Interview Workshop (A647)

Are you looking for a new job? Join us for some practical advice, designed to help English language learners feel comfortable for job interviews!

Thursdays, January 15, 22, & 29

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Intermediate ESOL (A649)

Intermediate level classes for English language learners. Students registering should be able to understand simple phrases and questions, to express themselves although not fluently.

Thursdays, January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 12, 26

6:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Learning English with Computers (A654)

Students will practice English using different computer-based programs.

Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Literacy Tutor Support Meeting (A604)

Come to the Literacy Suffolk Literacy tutor support meeting for both ESL tutors and Basic Literacy Tutors. There will be presentations and time to network with fellow tutors.

Tuesday, February 3

10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A666)

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, March 11

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Saturdays, January 17, February 21, March 28

12:00pm – 1:30pm

Centereach

South Asian Women: Connecting Through Your Library! (A645)

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!

Saturday, January 31

11:00am – 12:30pm

Selden

Saturday, March 7

11:00am – 12:30pm

Selden

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.

2-1-1 Long Island Database Training (A639)*

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!

Fridays, January 30, February 27, March 27

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Selden

Brain Games Club (A575)

Does your brain need a workout? To stay fit and healthy we should regularly exercise our bodies, and the brain is no different. Studies have shown that keeping your brain active helps maintain and improve cognitive abilities and memory. Choose from a variety of online games, puzzles and activities that will help exercise your brain!

Thursdays, February 5, 12

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Computer Basics (A576)

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

Tuesdays, January 6, 13

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Computer Basics I (A577)

For the true beginner, learn the basic parts and functions of a computer. Practice basic computer skills including mouse exercises, creating documents and saving your work.

Fridays, January 9, 16

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Computer Basics II (A578)

Learn to navigate the internet, practice searching skills and explore email. In our second session, participants will research a topic on the internet, cut and paste information into a document, save the document, attach it to an email and send the information to a friend.

Fridays, February 6, 13

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Computer Skills –Extra Practice (A579)

Have you taken our basic computer classes? Want to practice the skills you've learned? Have questions about introductory applications in MS Office? This class is designed for computer beginners to work at their own pace practicing such skills as using the mouse, navigating files and folders and using Windows programs.

Thursday, January 8

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

OR

Thursday, March 12

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Computer Connections (A580)

Need assistance learning computer basics such as getting on the internet, typing and saving a letter, using the mouse and keyboard? Sign up for one-on-one tutoring with a teen assistant who will get you on your way to being computer savvy. **Applications are available online or at any reference desk.**

Saturday, February 7

10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

OR

Saturday, February 28

10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

Intermediate MS Excel 2010 (A581)

Intermediate class for those who want to advance their MS Excel skill set by learning to work with advanced formulas, lists and illustrations. Attendees will also work with charts and advanced formatting.

Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Excel 2010.

Tuesdays, February 17, 24, March 3

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Intermediate MS Word 2010 (A582)

MS Word is a powerful and popular program, yet most people use only a fractions of its features. In this course, you'll learn Microsoft Word's more advanced features, which can make writing easier, faster and more fun. **Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Word 2010.**

Tuesdays, March 24, 31, April 7

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Internet Topics: Using Google (A583)

Delve deeper into the Internet's most popular searching tool. Did you know you can use Google's specialized programs to get directions? Find pictures? Search for TV programs and movies? Keep an online calendar? View a map of Mars? Join us and discover what other treasures Google has to offer.

Thursdays, February 26, March 5

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Introduction to MS Excel 2010 (A584)

Learn about the Excel workbook, how to navigate window and worksheet areas, and create basic formulas. Create basic spreadsheets and use various formula functions such as addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. **Prior knowledge of the Windows operating system required.**

Tuesdays, February 3, 10

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to MS Word 2010 (A585)

Learn the MS Word toolbar ribbons and type a basic document. 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, March 10, 17

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to the Internet (A586)

Learn to access the internet, save websites as favorites, and discover the difference between searching with browsers versus search engines. Practice searching techniques, create folders and organize website favorites.

Tuesdays, January 20, 27

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to Picasa (A587)

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

Thursday, January 15

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Picasa Topics: Creating and Sharing (A588)

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, January 29

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Picasa Topics: Organization (A589)

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, January 22

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Publisher 2010 (A590)

Learn the basics of designing and creating impressive, professional marketing and communication materials in-house for business or social events. **Prior knowledge of the Windows operating system required.**

Thursdays, March 19, 26

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Cooking/Gardening/Home

Green Thumbs: Awesome House Plants (A651)

Even brown thumbs can grow plants in their homes. Come see Carolyn's top picks!

Wednesday, February 25

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Green Thumbs: Seed Exchange and Starting Tips (A652)

Share seeds from your favorite plants and learn some great tips on how to start seeds for your spring planting.

Wednesday, March 11

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Quick Stews and Casseroles (A622)

Fresh and fast, these comforting stews and casseroles will cure any craving.

Wednesday, February 11

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Salads and Salad Dressings (A621)

Enjoy great salad ideas and an assortment of fresh dressing recipes presented by Chef Charlie!

Wednesday, March 11

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Shamrock Handmade Pretzels (A619)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with the Baking Coach! Make and take home wonderful shamrock pretzels!

Tuesday, March 3

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Selden

Winter Soups (A620)

Warm up for winter with these savory soups presented by Chef Charlie.

Monday, January 26

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Defensive Driving/Pre-Licensing

AARP Smart Driver Course (Defensive Driving) (A636)*

See details in Senior Services.

Defensive Driving (A641)*

Take this six hour course to reduce points from your driving record and get a discount on your car insurance. **A fee of \$35.00 (or \$27.00 for patrons over 50)**, is required at the time of registration. Payment must be made by check or money order payable to Empire Safety Council, and is due within 3 days of registration. Licensed drivers 16 and over may register for this program.

Saturdays, January 24

OR

February 21

OR

March 28

10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A642)*

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, January 17

OR

February 21

OR

March 21

10:00am – 3:00pm

Selden

Films and Performances

And the Oscar goes to...! (A615)

Are you a movie buff? Discuss the 2015 Oscar results with librarians Joe and Sara at this popcorn-filled program!

Thursday, February 26

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Friday Films @ One (A629)

See details in Senior Services.

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis (A602)

Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis's public persona as legendary first lady and style icon is instantly recognizable. But who was she behind the myth of her celebrity? This presentation, told with photographs rarely seen, will cover Jackie's life as a bibliophile, equestrian, wife, mother, First Lady, preservationist, editor, and family matriarch.

Wednesday, January 21

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Saturday Performance: Valentine's Day with Nina Et cetera (A593)

Join us for an afternoon filled with songs of love, affection and faithfulness. Nina Et cetera will play the best from Johnny Cash, Patsy Cline, Elvis, Ray Charles and lots more!

Saturday, February 14

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Sunday Performance: Sister Act (A574)

Join us for a wonderful show with "Sister Act". They will entertain you with humor and the great songs of the Andrews Sisters, Tina Turner, Cher and other favorites that add up to an enjoyable afternoon.

Sunday, March 8

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Games

Family Chess Club (A595)*

An on-going chess club that meets weekly for chess lovers of all ages. All levels of players are welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

Fridays

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Fun and Games (A596)*

Scrabble. . . Bridge . . . Canasta . . . Backgammon . . . Mah-jongg anyone? Come to the library with your friends or to find other players. The library will have games available, or bring your own game to share.

Wednesdays

1:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Mah-Jongg Club (A667)

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

6:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Health/Wellness

AED/CPR (A623)*

This American Red Cross-approved class prepares you to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies in victims ages 8 and above. 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. **Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat for kneeling.** A stamped self-addressed envelope is required 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, February 28

9:30am – 2:00pm

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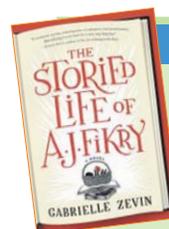
Blood Pressure Testing (A594)*

Fifty million Americans have high blood pressure and many are not even aware of the problem. This "silent killer" can cause long-term damage. Have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis. No appointment is necessary.

Fridays, January 9, February 13, March 13

11:30am – 12:30pm

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The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry
by Gabrielle Zevin

It's a sweet, old-fashioned story about books, redemption and second chances.

Carol T.

Humor as a Tool for Good Health (A643)

Are you laughing enough in your life? Humor as a Tool for Good Health is an interactive, upbeat workshop in which participants enjoy the positive dimensions of humor, laughter and play. This workshop is designed for anyone needing relief from their day-to-day frustrations by allowing for a constructive and enjoyable release of tension through laughter.

Thursday, March 19
6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Total Healing: The Meditation Prescription (A616)*

What can meditation do for you? It can help you deal with the stress in your life. It can boost your immune system and help you with your physical and emotional problems. Dr. Raider will present the latest medical and scientific data regarding meditation and the prevention and treatment of many disease states including high blood pressure, heart disease, cancer and chronic pain.

Wednesday, March 18
7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Widowhood... the Journey Continues (A609)

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

Thursdays, January 8, February 12, March 12
7:00pm – 8:45pm

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Zumba (A653)

Hypnotic Latin rhythms and easy to follow moves create a one of a kind fitness program. Zumba is calorie burning and body energizing. Bring a water bottle, wear comfortable clothing and leave with a smile.

Thursdays, February 19, 26, March 5, 12
7:00pm – 8:00pm

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History/Heritage

The Battle of Iwo Jima, 1945 (A592)*

Dr. Steven Fuchs will examine the fighting that occurred at the Battle of Iwo Jima, as well as, Iwo Jima's strategic importance for Japan and the United States in the closing months of World War II.

Thursday, February 26
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Created Equal: Freedom Summer: Mississippi 1964 (A598)*

Over ten memorable weeks known as Freedom Summer, more than 700 student volunteers joined with organizers and local African Americans in an historic effort to shatter the foundations of white supremacy in one of the nation's most segregated states, even in the face of intimidation, physical violence, and death.

Monday, March 2
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Created Equal: Woman's Suffrage: When Did It Really Begin? (A628)*

Local professor, Danielle DiMauro-Brooks will examine 19th and 20th century efforts to achieve woman's suffrage in America, which ultimately came to fruition with the ratification of the 19th Amendment in 1920.

Tuesday, March 31
7:00pm – 8:00pm

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These programs are supported by the Created Equal grant which is part of Bridging Cultures, a joint initiative of the NEH and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History.

Open to the public

Library of Congress Veterans History Project (A655)*

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.

Long Island and the Civil War (A631)

Explore the fascinating story of Long Island's role in the American Civil War as Harrison Hunt, author, historian, re-enactor and former curator of history for the Nassau County Museum System presents this illustrated talk describing the historic units and ships in which Long Islanders served, the famous Civil War leaders and events connected to Long Island and the home-front activities of Long Island's civilians.

Thursday, January 29
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Senior Services

AARP Smart Driver Course (Defensive Driving) (A636)*

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, December 22, 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.

Saturday, January 17
10:00am – 4:00pm

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OR

Monday & Tuesday, January 26 & 27
10:00am – 1:30pm

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OR

Saturday, February 7
10:00pm – 4:00pm

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Thursday & Friday, February 19 & 20
10:00am – 1:30pm

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OR

Thursday & Friday, March 12 & 13
9:30am – 1:00pm

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OR

Saturday, March 21
10:00am – 4:00pm

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AARP Tax Assistance (A663)

In our free tax assistance program for the elderly, trained counselors will assist seniors in filling out their tax returns. *Program is open to the public on the first day of registration.* **Appointment Required. Couples filing jointly need only register one person.**

Mondays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, April 6, 13
10:00am – 1:00pm

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Friday Films @ One (A629)

Spend Friday afternoons with us and enjoy a feature film with a friend.
Fridays January 2, 9, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
1:00pm – 3:30pm

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People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) (A640)

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

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, February 3, 10, 24, March 17, 24, 31, April 7
12:30pm – 2:00pm

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Ring in the New Year: 2015 (A630)

Join us as we welcome 2015. Rhonda Denét will help you remember some of the old songs, enjoy the new, and have fun to start off a great year!

Friday, January 16
2:00pm – 4:00pm

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Senior Advocate (A634)

The 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. No appointment necessary. Patrons who are unable to attend may call the Office for the Aging at (631) 853-8200.

Monday, February 23
2:30pm – 4:30pm

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Senior Connections (A618)*

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

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Fridays

11:00am – 1:00pm

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TOPICAL TUESDAYS @ TWO*

Acute Stroke (A597)*

Stroke is the third leading cause of death for both men and women in the United States, behind heart disease and cancer. Gain a better understanding of stroke signs, symptoms and risk factors at this program led by Eileen Conlon, RN, Stroke Program Coordinator, Stony Brook Medicine.

Tuesday, March 10
2:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

Sports/Leisure

Eddie Costello's Antiques Roadshow (A625)

Trash or Treasure? Is it old? How can I tell? Is it valuable? How can I know? Answers to these and many other questions will be yours as well as a free antique appraisal by a certified appraiser. The appraisal of personal items will be limited to the first 40 Patrons ONLY at the conclusion of the presentation. One item per person, please.

Saturday, March 14
2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

French for Travelers (A644)

This is a perfect class for people planning a trip to a French-speaking country. The class will cover essential phrases for traveling.

Thursdays, January 15, 22, 29
7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Hands-On Dog Training – New Year, New Dog (A610)*

Did you get a new dog or just need a refresher for your current furry friend? Come join us to see how to make potty training easier and how to get your dog to listen to you on the leash. Patrons and their dogs will meet at the Petco in Selden.

Fee: \$8.00 due at time of program

Thursday, January 15
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Off Premises

Irish Step Dancing (A632)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish dance class. Learn steps such as the jig and the reel and dance to the beautiful music of Ireland.

Monday, March 16
7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Singles Café @ MCPL (A605)*

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, February 12, March 26, April 23, May 28
7:00pm – 9:00pm

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Travel/Trips

Long Island Game Farm Discounted Tickets

For families

Purchase one day admission tickets for \$10.00 at the Customer Service Desk in the Centereach Library. A non-refundable payment is due at the time of purchase. The library accepts cash, check or money order (made payable to "Middle Country Public Library"), or credit card (Master Card, Visa or Discover). Tickets do not have an expiration date. Five (5) tickets per MCPL card holder. ****On Sale Now****

Ride the Rails to New York City – Discounted LIRR Tickets (A617)

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. **Return trip tickets will only be honored on the same day as the departure date.** Patrons may purchase four (4) round trip tickets per library card. **Tickets are \$9.25 each.** Patrons will meet 15 minutes before departure time. Departure time is subject to change. **Registration closes on March 3, 2015.**

Saturday, March 28

9:40am

LIRR Station – Ronkonkoma

Take-a-Trip: Philadelphia...flowers and history! (A606)

Join us for a trip to Philadelphia. Choose your own activities from all that's available in this historical city: the 2015 Flower Show, Reading Market Terminal, the perfect Philly cheesesteak, the Liberty Bell Center or the National Constitution Center, and even the incomparable Eastern State Penitentiary.

A non-refundable \$35 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours, is for the bus transportation. Information will be given on purchasing tickets for the Flower Show.

Tuesday, March 3

6:45am – 9:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Travel Tips: Walt Disney World (A661)

Get all the information you need to plan a magical trip to Walt Disney World! Learn how to maximize your time and money at Orlando's premiere vacation destination.

Tuesday, March 24

6:30pm – 8:30pm

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2 TEEN SERVICES

Arts/Crafts

Art Studio: Foam Core and Acrylic Paint (T128)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Join us to get crafty! Design and paint a dimensional American Eagle head. Please wear old clothing as you will be painting with acrylic paints.

Thursday, January 29

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Art Studio: Watercolor Workshop (T129)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Learn about color theory and watercolor technique, then create your own watercolor painting.

Wednesday, January 14

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Books and Bling Series (T137)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

In January, we will chat about the book *If I Stay* by Gayle Forman and make a leaf teardrop necklace. In March, we will make cassette earrings and discuss *Eleanor and Park* by Rainbow Rowell.

Tuesday, January 6

6:30pm – 7:30pm

AND/OR

Tuesday, March 3

6:30pm – 7:30pm

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Create-On Fridays (T148)

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 fantastic color-changing coffee cup in January, a fabulous Scrap Paper Curtain to jazz up your room in February and some amazing string sculptures in March. So grab a friend and Create-On!

Fridays, January 16, February 20, March 20

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Mason Jar Sippers (T140)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

After a demonstration, you will have fun decorating your very own mason jar using various techniques.

Thursday, January 22

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Pom Pom Pens (T126)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

You will have fun learning how to make pom pom pens or pencils using a variety of cotton fabric. All teens will make 2–3 pom pom pens or pencils.

Thursday, March 19

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception (T112)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade and their families

Join us for the opening of MCPL's teen art show! Featuring paintings, photography, sculpture and writing, this exhibit will highlight the work of MCPL teen artists. Refreshments will be served. Work will be on display in the Teen Resource Center from March 16th – April 10, 2015. No Registration Required.

Monday, March 16

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Submissions (T113)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Are you a teen that likes to express yourself creatively? Do you draw, paint, have an interest in photography, or like to write? Submit an original piece of your artwork to be displayed at our teen art exhibit starting March 16. The following types of work will be accepted: original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories and poetry. An artist registration form with guidelines is available online or at any reference desk, which should be submitted along with your artwork. All submissions are due between February 7 – 14, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact Kristine Tanzi at 585-9393, ext. 230 or Deborah Hempe at 585-9393, ext. 223.

Books/Films/Writing

Battle of the Books: Advanced Division (T106)

For teens in 9th – 12th grade

Do you love to read? Do you have a knack for remembering small details? We have a program for you! Join the Middle Country Battle of the Books Advanced Division team. You will read three (3) selected books and compete against fellow book lovers in this fun-filled program.

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3, 10

5:30pm – 6:30pm

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Friday, March 13

6:00pm – 9:00pm

Off-site TBA

So You Want to be a Playwright? (T121)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Ever wanted to write a play but didn't know where to start? Learn the basics of writing dialogue, developing characters and conflicts, editing your work and getting feedback. Make your characters and dialogue come to life in this writing workshop just for teens!

Tuesdays, January 13, 20

6:30pm – 8:30pm

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Teen Book Reviewers (T118)

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 Deborah Hempe at (631) 585-9393, ext. 223 for additional information.

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.

Live Homework Help and other Online Resources (T122)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade and their parents

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

Friday, March 6

5:30pm – 8:30pm

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The Road to College (A646)

For teens in 10th – 12th grade and their parents

A three part series covering all aspects of the College Admissions Process.

College Admissions Representatives from Stony Brook University and St. Joseph's College and a Financial Aid Representative from Stony Brook University will be presenting valuable information on the topic.

Part One – March 18, 2015

The College Visit, Interview, SAT's and ACT's

Part Two – March 25, 2015

The College Application and Essay

Part Three – April 1, 2015

Financial Aid

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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SAT Prep Workshop (T146)

For teens in 11th – 12th grade

This workshop is designed for high school juniors and seniors preparing to take the SAT exam. Students will need to purchase the book "The Official SAT Study Guide: Second Edition" that is published by College Board. The book will be available for purchase in the amount of \$16.34 and will be distributed the first day of class. Non-refundable payments will be accepted in cash, check or charge. Checks should be made payable to Middle Country Public Library.

Thursdays, March 26, April 2, 16, 23, 30

6:15pm – 8:45pm

OR

Saturdays, March 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25

9:30am – 12:00pm

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Community Service

Art Buddies (T116)

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, January 20, 27

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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OR

Tuesdays, March 10, 17

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Book Buddies (T136)

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, January 14, 21

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Wednesdays, February 4, 11

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Wednesdays, March 11, 18

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Buddy Training Program (T139)

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 this training session first. No application necessary.

Monday, January 26

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Monday, March 30

6:30pm – 7:15pm

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Green Teens (T123)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Want to make a difference in the world? Join the Green Teens club and discuss environmental issues, work on eco-friendly projects, go on field trips, and receive community service credit for participating. To join, you must fill out a Green Teens application available online or at any reference desk.

Homework Pals (T993)

For teens in 9th – 12th grade

Are you a high school student who would like to help younger students excel in school? Then we want you to be a homework pal. Work with students in grades 1 – 5 who need help with their homework. Earn community service hours!

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28

4:15pm – 5:30pm

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Maker Buddies (T111)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Be a Maker Buddy and work with children doing amazing activities that make science, technology, engineering and math concepts seem like child's play. Have a lot of fun and earn community service hours too!

***Training sessions are mandatory.** Each two-week session includes training the first week and a workshop with the children the second week, **please plan on attending both!** Community service hours will not be granted for attending training only.

Thursdays, January 8, 15

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Mondays, February 2, 9

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, March 5, 12

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Math Buddies (T144)

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. Register for all or as many dates as you can attend. This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

Tuesdays, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, March 3, 24

5:30pm – 6:30pm

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Math Buddies Training (T145)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Math Buddies is a volunteer program in which teens are paired with a younger buddy in K – 2nd grade to practice their math skills using games and activities. **You must attend this training session first, in order to volunteer at Math Buddies.**

Tuesday, January 6

5:30pm – 6:30pm

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Sit 'N' Knit (T110)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Knit or crochet, socialize and earn community service hours too! After learning the basics at the Sit 'N' Knit Training you will be eligible to join Sit 'N' Knit and make newborn caps to be donated to University Hospital. If you have participated in this program in the past and are proficient at the basics you do not need to attend the training sessions. You must attend 4 of the 6 Sit 'N' Knit sessions in order to receive community service credit.

Mondays, January 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, 9

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Sit 'N' Knit Training (T109)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Join us to learn the basics of knitting or crocheting and then you will be eligible to be a Sit 'N' Knit volunteer and earn community service hours making newborn caps for University Hospital. Community service hours for training will only be awarded if you participate in Sit 'N' Knit as well, and attend at least four sessions.

Mondays, January 5, 12

7:00pm – 8:30pm

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Techno Buddies (T132)

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, January 26, February 2

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Mondays, March 23, 30

5:30pm – 6:15pm

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Teen Advisory Council (T115)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Teen Advisory council members help to plan and implement library programs and provide input for Teen Services at the MCPL. They also volunteer at various library events. To join TAC, fill out an application, available online or at any Youth Services desk.

Teen Book Reviewers (T118)

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 Deborah Hempe at (631) 585-9393, ext. 223 for additional information.

The Mutt Club (T108)

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. To join, you must fill out a Mutt Club application available online or at any reference desk. Community service hours may be earned.

Venues for Volunteering (T117)

For teens entering 6th – 12th grade. Parents are welcome.

Do you need community service hours? Not sure where to begin? Come find out what volunteer opportunities are available in our area and how you can help!

Thursday, January 22

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Computer Classes

Maker Teens: 3D Printer Prototyping (T134)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Explore 3D modeling and then print out your project on a 3D printer. We'll look at the successes and pitfalls while exploring how to design objects effectively.

Thursdays, February 19, 26
6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Maker Teens: Teen Robotics Club (T133)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Interested in computers, robotics, and how things work? Join us as we use Lego Mindstorms to build projects in teams.

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19
6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Minecraft LAN Party (T135)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Join us for a session of cooperative gaming on the library's Minecraft server.

Thursday, January 8: Creative Mode
6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, January 15: Survival Mode
6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Cooking

If you have any food allergies, please let us know at the time of registration. 6th graders see school age.

Fried Rice & Egg Rolls (T131)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Celebrate the Chinese New Year with these delicious homemade recipes.

Wednesday, February 11
7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Driving/Pre-Licensing

Pre-Licensing Class (A642)*

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, January 17

OR

February 21

OR

March 21

10:00am – 3:00pm

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Friday Night Teen Programs (T148)

Create-On Fridays (T148)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

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Fridays, January 16, February 20, March 20

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Just for Teens Karaoke House (T148)

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, January 2, February 6, March 6

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Open Door TRC (T148)

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, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Teen Challenge Night (T148)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Grab your friends or meet new ones when you play these fun team games and challenges.

Fridays, January 23, February 27, March 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Teen Computer Drop-in (T148)

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, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Teen Game Night (T148)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Calling all gamers! Join us every second Friday of the month to play all types of games. In January play some Life Sized games. Join us in February for Foam Frisbee Challenge. In March play *Just Dance 2014* on our giant screen.

Fridays, January 9, February 13, March 13

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Zumba for Teens (T148)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Have fun with your friends experiencing this Latin inspired dance fitness craze that blends Latin music and contagious dance steps.

Friday, January 30

6:30pm – 8:00pm

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Games

Gaming Club (T119)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Do you and your friends like video games? Come down on Monday nights to play on either Xbox One or PlayStation 4 system in our Teen Resource Center Lounge and let the gaming begin.

Mondays, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Improv Acting Workshop (T141)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

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

Thursday, January 8

7:00pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, February 5

7:00pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, March 5

7:00pm – 8:00pm

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Just One Day

by Gayle Forman

This intriguing story filled with romance and mystery will leave you eager to find out what happens next!

Kristine T.

Language

Fun with French (T138)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

How cool would it be to speak another language with your friends? Mr. Bernardino is always coming up with new and inventive ways to make learning fun. So join us and parlons français!

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22
7:30pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Fun with Italian (T142)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Through games, role playing and other fun activities, learn the basics of Italian while having a great time!

Mondays, March 2, 9
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Fun with Spanish (T143)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Have a great time and get a jump-start on learning a new language. Using games, crafts, songs and more, learning has never been more fun!

Saturdays, January 17, 24
11:00am – 11:45am

Selden

Museum Corner

Popping Pictures (T105)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Ever wonder how those glasses make the pictures pop out? Discover the science behind 3D glasses. Use two different types of glasses to read books, see movies and then design your own popping pictures. You get to keep the glasses!

Wednesday, February 4
7:30pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Music/Performances

Improv Acting Workshop (T141)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

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

Thursday, January 8
7:00pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, February 5
7:00pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, March 5
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Intro to Jiu-Jitsu for Teens (T120)

For teens in 8th – 12th grade

Join us for a live demonstration where you will learn basic jiu-jitsu moves, and apply what you learn to your everyday life. Discover the history of this martial art which focuses on a hard work ethic and positive attitude. This informative workshop centers around themes of empowerment and anti-bullying. You will be entered into a raffle to win a jiu-jitsu related prize!

Thursday, February 19
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Nature Explorium

Make Your Own Terrarium (T114)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Come make a miniature world! Create a terrarium, a small garden that will allow you to bring nature indoors.

Thursday, March 19
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Nature Book Workshop (T107)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Discover the Nature Explorium in the winter, and express your love of the outdoors through creative writing and sketching in your own nature journal. Please dress for the outdoors, as we will be spending a portion of the program outside.

Tuesdays, February 3, 10
5:00pm – 6:00pm

Centereach

MCPL MAKERS



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5, 6, 7, 8 Create! (T147)

For teens in 6th – 8th grade

Join us in Club 5, 6, 7 to hang out and get creative with Knex, Zoob Tubes, LEGOs, Snap Circuit Jr. and more!

Mondays, January 12, February 9
6:00pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Maker Buddies (T111)

For teens in 7th – 12th grade

Be a Maker Buddy and work with children doing amazing activities that make science, technology, engineering and math concepts seem like child's play. Have a lot of fun and earn community service hours too! ***Training sessions are mandatory.** Each two-week session includes training the first week and a workshop with the children the second week, **please plan on attending both!** Community service hours will not be granted for attending training only.

Thursdays, January 8, 15
6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Mondays, February 2, 9
6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, March 5, 12
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Maker Teens: 3D Printer Prototyping (T134)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Explore 3D modeling and then print out your project on a 3D printer. We'll look at the successes and pitfalls while exploring how to design objects effectively.

Thursdays, February 19, 26
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Maker Teens: Make Games (T130)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Ever have a great idea for a board game or card game? Now is your chance to build your very own game using maker supplies and 3Doodler Pens. You will be able to design and make your own game pieces, game boards, and card games that will be displayed at our Maker Fair in the spring.

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 17, 24, March 3
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Maker Teens: Teen Robotics Club (T133)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Interested in computers, robotics, and how things work? Join us as we use Lego Mindstorms to build projects in teams.

Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Meet the Professionals: Careers in STEM (T124)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Get inspired and hear from a panel of professionals with careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics! This program provides a great opportunity to ask questions and learn about the careers of the future.

Thursday, February 19
7:00pm – 8:00pm

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 Program will earn community service for every program attended.**



The Mutt Club (T108)

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. To join, you must fill out a Mutt Club application available online or at any reference desk. Community service hours may be earned.

Science & Technology

Balloon Powered Vehicle (T125)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

During this challenging and creative program, you will build your very own vehicle powered by a balloon motor. Using the concept of Newton's 2nd Law of Motion, participants design, hypothesize, build and test their vehicle. Try to build a vehicle that rolls both straight and far. Made possible by the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Wednesday, March 4

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

In the Mind's Eye-Optics (T127)

For teens in 6th – 12th grade

Learn how our eyes perceive light and experiment with how light can be reflected, refracted, and filtered through lenses, prisms and spectrometers. You will also make your own thaumatrope to take home. Made possible by the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Wednesday, January 7

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

3 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Winter Reading Club 2015

Winter Reading Club: Fetch a Good Book (J826)

Families with children from birth – 5th grade are invited to join the 2015 winter reading club.

Sit, stay, good reader! It will be a "Ruff" Winter if you don't fetch a good book. The 2015 Winter Reading Club will have you chasing your tales. Earn prizes for your reading and receive an invitation to a special celebration on March 7th. Register from December 11th – February 20th.

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 Math Fair (J905)

For families with children in K – 5th grade

Join the Middle Country Math Buddies for an afternoon fair of math attractions, puzzles and games. We've factored in activities for all ages for a fun day the whole family can count on! This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@yourlibrary® a partnership with the American Library Association

Saturday, February 28

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Do You or Your Child Need Health Insurance? (J906)*

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, January 6, February 3, March 3

3:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Wednesdays, January 28, February 25, March 25

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Free Immunizations: Shots for Tots (J907)*

For families

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

Tuesdays, January 6, February 3, March 3

3:00pm – 6:15pm

Selden

Nursery School Fair (J827)

For parents/caregivers

Representatives from local nursery schools and preschools will be available to answer your questions. No registration required.

Saturday, January 17

10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Stay and Play (J847)

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, January 9, 23, February 13, 27, March 13, 27

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Toddler Playtime (J852)

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.

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20

10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

Family Programs

Build it with Marshmallows: Winter Edition (J913)

For families with children in Pre K – 2nd grade (siblings welcome)

Let's have some wintertime fun reading snow stories then build your own winter scene with marshmallows!

Friday, January 23

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Monday, January 26

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Community Math Fair (J905)

For families with children in K – 5th grade

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Saturday, February 28

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Evening Family Time (J869)

For families with children ages birth – 5 years old

Drop in anytime during our open playtime featuring a simple craft and lots of parent networking.

Monday, January 12

6:00pm – 7:30pm

AND/OR

Tuesday, February 17

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Family Financial Literacy Nights (J919)

For families with children ages 3 years old to 2nd grade (siblings welcome)

Tim Jahn, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator, will be here to work with families on a financial fitness program! Children that attend one of our Dollars and Sense: *Numbers Add Up* financial literacy programs will earn a wooden coin which can be used to shop at our "Coins Add Up Store." This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

Friday, January 9—*Be a Better Consumer*

Friday, February 13—*Children and Money*

Friday, March 13—*Simple Living*

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Homemade Hot Pretzel Making (J915)

For families with children ages 3 – 8 years old

Learn how to make homemade hot pretzels from scratch. Families will work together to measure, mix, knead and shape 2 – 3 pretzels to take home, bake and enjoy.

Saturday, January 31

10:00am – 11:00am

OR

11:30am – 12:30pm

Centereach

Inclusive Music & Movement Concert (J904)

For families with children ages 2 – 5 years old

Turtle Dance Music puts on a humorous and animated performance that leads the audience through many genres and decades of songs, while also providing hands-on, visual, sensory experiences for children to take part in. All children are welcome, but this program is specially designed for children ages 2 – 11 years old with special needs.

Saturday, January 10

10:30am – 11:30am

Centereach

Kick off The New Year! (J910)

For families

Let's kick off The New Year by having some fun together! Join us for games, crafts, music and a crazy hat contest! Hats will be made during the program.

Friday, January 2

3:00pm – 4:00pm

Centereach

Long Island Game Farm Discounted Tickets

For families

Purchase one day admission tickets for \$10.00 at the Customer Service Desk in the Centereach Library. A non-refundable payment is due at the time of purchase. The library accepts cash, check or money order (made payable to "Middle Country Public Library"), or credit card (Master Card, Visa or Discover). Tickets do not have an expiration date. Five (5) tickets per MCPL card holder. ****On Sale Now****

Pinocchio (J911)

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

Plaza Theatrical Productions, Inc. will be here to perform Pinocchio!

Wednesday, February 18

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Saturday Open Play (J853)

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, January 3, February 7, March 7

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Take Your Child to the Library Day (J883)

For families

Join us for an afternoon of family games and crafts. Find out about library services including Live Homework Help and other online resources available with your library card.

Saturday, February 7

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Winter Break Family Festival (J860)

For families with children 2 years old – 2nd grade (siblings welcome)

Let's have fun together this winter break with loads of crafts, games and activities.

Monday, December 29

11:00am – 1:00pm

Centereach

Infant/Toddler Programs

Babies Boogie (J834)

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

Friday, January 16

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Tuesday, January 20

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Monday, February 2

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Tuesday, February 24

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Friday, March 20

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Tuesday, March 31

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Baby and Me (J862)

For parents/caregivers and infants ages birth – 18 months

An interactive early literacy program featuring simple songs and movement activities.

Wednesdays, January 7, February 4, March 4

10:00am – 10:45am

11:00am – 11:45am

Selden

Early Childhood Workshop (J849)

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.

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22

10:00am – 11:00am

AND/OR

Tuesdays, January 27, February 3, 10

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Just Grandma/pa and Me (J848)

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, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Mommy & Me Yoga (J842)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 18 months – 4 years old

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

Tuesday, February 24

10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 4 years old)

11:00am – 11:30am (18 – 36 months)

AND/OR

Tuesday, March 17

10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 4 years old)

11:00am – 11:30am (18 – 36 months)

Centereach

Movin' and Groovin' Rhymes (J839)

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, January 8, February 12, March 12

10:00am – 10:30am

10:45am – 11:15am

Centereach

Sensory Crawl Zone (J830)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 8 – 18 months

You and your baby will have tons of fun exploring different sensory activities.

Thursday, February 26

10:30am – 11:00am

Centereach

Sensory Sing! (J832)

For parents/caregivers with children ages birth – 36 months

Learning how to talk is easy when you're singing and dancing! Join us for some sensory based activities that promote speech, language and social development.

Tuesday, January 27

10:00am – 10:30am (Birth – 17 months)

10:45am – 11:30am (18 – 36 months)

AND/OR

Tuesday, February 3

10:00am – 10:30am (Birth – 17 months)

10:45am – 11:30am (18 – 36 months)

AND/OR

Tuesday, March 24

10:00am – 10:30am (Birth – 17 months)

10:45am – 11:30am (18 – 36 months)

Centereach

Shake, Shimmy and Dance (J870)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months – 4 years old

Join us to Shake, Shimmy and Dance with us.

Tuesday, February 17

6:30pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, February 19

10:30am – 11:00am

Centereach

Stay and Play (J847)

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, January 9, 23, February 13, 27, March 13, 27

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Time for Twos (J857)

For parents/caregivers and children ages 24 – 35 months

A play-based class focusing on literacy, music, finger plays and simple stories, filled with fun!

Wednesdays, January 28, February 25, March 25

10:00am – 10:45am

11:00am – 11:45am

Selden

Toddler Storytime (J829)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 – 36 months

Storytimes are a great way to introduce to your child the wonderful world of books. Join us for some stories, songs, and a whole lot of fun!

Wednesday, February 11

10:30am – 11:00am

AND/OR

Wednesday, February 25

10:30am – 11:00am

Centereach

Toddlers Explore (J828)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 – 36 months

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

Monday, January 5

10:30am – 11:15am

AND/OR

Friday, February 6

10:30am – 11:15am

AND/OR

Monday, March 2

10:30am – 11:15am

Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J833)

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

Friday, January 16

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Tuesday, January 20

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Monday, February 2

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Tuesday, February 24

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Friday, March 20

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Tuesday, March 31

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Twinkle, Twinkle Rhymes (J838)

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, January 28, February 25, March 25

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Museum Corner

Magnets: May the Force Be With You (J909)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Discover how the world around us pushes, pulls and has its ups and downs in a variety of hands-on activities. Crafts, problems to solve, sculptures, magnetic cars to race and many other activities.

Wednesday, March 11

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Popping Pictures (J908)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Ever wonder how those glasses make the pictures pop out? Discover the science behind 3D glasses. Use two different types of glasses to read books, see movies and then design your own popping pictures. You get to keep the glasses!

Wednesday, February 4

6:15pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Nature Explorium

Drop of Nature: Winter Fun (J889)

For families

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, December 29, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23

10:00am – 12:00pm

Thursdays, January 15, February 12, March 12

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Centereach

Flying Wild, Birds! (J876)

For children in 1st – 5th grade

Join the Green Teens for some super fun games and activities that will expand your knowledge about birds.

Monday, February 2

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Hibernation Investigation (J918)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Ever wonder where so many of the animals go during the winter? Learn about hibernation through stories, games and activities, then make a bird feeder for the winter birds.

Wednesday, February 11

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Saturday, February 14

2:30pm – 3:15pm

Centereach

How Many Stars in the Sky? (J912)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Explore the universe through books and observations. Make an out of this world telescope craft to take home.

Friday, February 20

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Monday, February 23

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Make Your Own Terrarium (J882)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Come make a miniature world! Create a terrarium, a small garden that will allow you to bring nature indoors.

Thursday, February 19

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Nature Book Workshop (J898)

For children in 4th - 5th grade

Discover the Nature Explorium in the winter and express your love of the outdoors through creative writing and sketching in your own nature journal. (Please dress for the weather as we will be going outdoors for a portion of the program)

Tuesdays, February 3, 10

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Centereach

Snow Storm (J888)

For children in Pre K - 2nd grade

Ever wonder what really happens in a snow storm and how snow forms? Together we can answer these questions and do an exciting hands-on storm experiment.

Tuesday, February 17

3:00pm – 3:45pm

OR

Thursday, February 19

12:00pm – 12:45pm

Centereach

Treasures of the Tropical Rain Forest (J885)

For children in 2nd – 5th grade

Learn about one of the most diverse places on earth. Meet a python, a tree frog, a tarantula, a hissing cockroach and more at this program presented by Sweetbriar Nature Center.

Friday, March 6

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers Programs

Do You or Your Child Need Health Insurance? (J906)*

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, January 6, February 3, March 3

3:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Wednesdays, January 28, February 25, March 25

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Free Immunizations: Shots for Tots (J907)*

For families

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

Tuesdays, January 6, February 3, March 3

3:00pm – 6:15pm

Selden

Live Homework Help and other Online Resources (J900)

For parents of children in K – 5th grade

Drop by to find out about free online resources, such as Brainfuse online homework help and 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.

Monday, February 2

5:30pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Mom's Group (J871)

For mothers of children from birth – 3 years old

Part of Mom-mentum, 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!

Mondays, January 5, 12, 26, February 2, 9, 23

9:45am – 11:00am

OR

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31 February 7, 14

9:45am – 11:00am

Centereach

Nursery School Fair (J827)

For parents/caregivers

Representatives from local nursery schools and preschools will be available to answer your questions. No registration required.

Saturday, January 17

10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach

Parent Child Workshop (J846)

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

Spend time together, play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Community Resource Specialists will discuss topics on child development, speech and hearing, nutrition and play and movement.

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4

10:00am – 11:15am

OR

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1

10:00am – 11:15am

Centereach

Positive Discipline (J920)

For parents with children ages 2 – 12 years old

Why do they act that way!? This workshop will teach positive and effective ways to increase your children's positive behaviors, decrease negative behaviors, and encourage appropriate alternative behaviors. We will discuss setting appropriate and reasonable expectations, preventative and corrective teaching techniques, and positive and negative consequences.

Wednesday, February 4

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

T.R.A.C.K.S (J836)

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

T.R.A.C.K.S is Together Railroads and Communities Keeping Safe. Join a representative from the Long Island Railroad to learn about basic train safety tips. Watch a video and get to ask questions and go home with a few special items.

Friday, February 20

10:30am – 11:00am

Centereach

Preschool Programs

1-2-3 Read with Me! (J845)

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

It's all about numbers! Join us for some fun stories and songs that support early math.

Thursday, February 5

6:30pm – 7:00pm

OR

Tuesday, March 10

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Adventures of a Boy & His Dog (J921)

For children ages 3 – 5 years old

Come hear about the adventures of a boy and his dog. Make an imaginative art project to take home.

Saturday, March 14

10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 5 years old)

Centereach

Art Buddies (J878)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Teen Art Buddies will work with younger children on arts and crafts projects.

Tuesdays, January 20, 27

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

OR

Tuesdays, March 10, 17

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Art Happening (J864)

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

Explore a variety of art media and stories in this creative pre-school program.

Mondays, March 2, 9

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

Celebrate Chinese New Year!!! (J866)

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

Welcome in the year of the "sheep" with a variety of stories and crafts.

Monday, February 9

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Free to Fit (J835)

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

Want your child to stay active during these chilly winter months. Join Mr. Joe from Free to Fly for an obstacle course that will help teach balance, coordination and you'll of course have lots of fun.

Friday, February 27, March 6

10:00am – 10:45am

11:00am – 11:45am

Selden

Frozen Party! (J844)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 – 5 years old

Do you want to build a snowman? Come join us for some wintery fun activities.

Friday, January 30

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Hugs and Kisses! (J855)

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

You are sure to get hugs and kisses when you create these "Valentine's Day" activities.

Wednesday, February 11

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

I Wuff You Valentines (J923)

For children ages 3 – 5 years old

Nothing says "I Wuff You" and "You're purr-fect" like a cute dog or cat themed valentine. Come create some for your special friends and family.

Saturday, February 7

10:00am – 10:30am (3 – 5 years old)

Centereach

Inclusive Music & Movement Concert (J904)

For families with children ages 2 – 5 years old

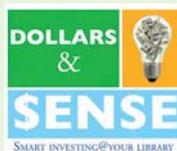
Turtle Dance Music puts on a humorous and animated performance that leads the audience through many genres and decades of songs, while also providing hands-on, visual, sensory experiences for children to take part in. All children are welcome, but this program is specially designed for children ages 2 – 11 years old with special needs.

Saturday, January 10

10:30am – 11:30am

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These programs are made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association. For each program attended, children will earn a wooden coin to shop at our "Coins Add Up" store.



Community Math Fair (J905)

For families with children in K – 5th grade

Join the Middle Country Math Buddies for an afternoon fair of math attractions, puzzles and games. We've factored in activities for all ages for a fun day the whole family can count on! This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@yourlibrary@a partnership with the American Library Association

Saturday, February 28

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Family Financial Literacy Nights (J919)

For families with children ages 3 years old to 2nd grade (siblings welcome)

Tim Jahn, Cornell Cooperative Extension Educator, will be here to work with families on a financial fitness program! Children that attend one of our Dollars and \$ense: Numbers Add Up financial literacy programs will earn a wooden coin which can be used to shop at our "Coins Add Up Store." This program is made possible by a grant from the FINRA Investor Education Foundation through Smart investing@your library®, a partnership with the American Library Association.

Friday, January 9—Be a Better Consumer

Friday, February 13—Children and Money

Friday, March 13—Simple Living

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

On My Own (J850)

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

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

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22

1:00pm – 1:45pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Wacky Wednesdays (J854)

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

Join us for some wacky stories and crafts.

Wednesdays, January 14, 21

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

January Jubilee (J863)

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

Come in from the cold and join us for stories, crafts and fun!

Monday, January 12, 26

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Leap Into Learning (J856)

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

Have fun with your pre-schooler, playing with a variety of books, games and puzzles that help stimulate learning.

Wednesday, March 11

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Let's Pretend! (J831)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 – 4 years old

Let your little one's imagination run wild by playing house, supermarket, construction, doctor and pretending with many other props.

Friday, January 30

10:30am – 11:15pm

AND/OR

Tuesday, March 3

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Little Scientists (J837)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 – 5 years old

Winter Sensory Science (January) Explore your five senses in this exciting science program. Marvelous Magnets (March) Discover fascinating facts about magnets during this interactive science lab.

Thursday, January 29

10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 5 years old)

AND/OR

Thursday, March 26

10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 5 years old)

Centereach

Love Bug Cupcakes (J840)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 – 5 years old

Bring your creativity to decorate four (4) cupcakes for your valentine!

Wednesday, February 11 (3 – 5 years old)

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

On My Own (J850)

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Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22

1:00pm – 1:45pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, March 12, 19, 26

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Paw Patrol (J858)

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

Enjoy creating some exciting crafts and take part in some fun activities based on the television show "Paw Patrol"

Monday, February 2

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

Saturday Stories (J859)

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

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

Saturday, January 24

10:00am – 10:45am

AND/OR

Saturday, February 21

10:00am – 10:45am

AND/OR

Saturday, March 21

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Sensory Storytime for Preschoolers (J891)

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

An interactive program that may 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

January 10: Frozen Adventures

February 14: Fizzy Foaming Hearts

March 14: Shamrock Slime

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Shamrock Shindig (J872)

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

Enjoy the celebration of St. Patrick's Day with a variety of lucky crafts.

Monday, March 16

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Simple Stories (J851)

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

A back to basics story time sure to please the preschool crowd.

Thursdays, February 5, 12, 26

10:30am – 11:00am

Selden

Spring Has Sprung!! (J868)

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

Spring has arrived! Welcome the new season with a variety of arts and crafts activities.

Monday, March 30

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Techno Buddies (J873)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Come read and play computer games with your Teen Buddies

Mondays, January 26, February 2

5:30pm – 6:15pm

AND/OR

Mondays, March 23, 30

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach



Teddy Bear Picnic Stories (J903)

For children ages 3 – 5 years old

It's always a good time for an indoor picnic with your favorite teddy bear! Through dramatic play, Miss Stephanie will help young writers create the perfect picnic. Children are encouraged to bring their own teddy bear or stuffed animal.

Saturday, March 21

10:00am – 11:00am

Centereach

T.R.A.C.K.S (J836)

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

T.R.A.C.K.S is Together Railroads and Communities Keeping Safe. Join a representative from the Long Island Railroad to learn about basic train safety tips. Watch a video and get to ask questions and go home with a few special items.

Friday, February 20

10:30am – 11:00am

Centereach

Wacky Wednesdays (J854)

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

Join us for some wacky stories and crafts.

Wednesdays, January 14, 21

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

Welcome Winter (J865)

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

Celebrate the winter season with a special story and some chilly art activities.

Monday, January 5

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

Winter Bingo (J867)

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

Join us for a winter version of the classic game “BINGO”, Fun and prizes for all.

Wednesday, February 18

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Winter Break Crazy Craft Day (J917)

For children ages 3 years old – 5th grade

Having a case of the winter break blues? Visit the library for some fun crazy crafts!

Tuesday, December 30

11:00am – 1:00pm

Centereach

Your Tiny Picasso (J841)

For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months – 4 years old

Let your little one come and create a masterpiece you can hang on your wall.

Tuesday, January 13

10:00am – 10:30am

10:45am – 11:15am

Centereach

School Age Programs

5, 6, 7, & 8 Create! (J884)

For children in 5th grade

Join us at Club 5, 6, 7 to hang out and get creative with Knex, Zoob Tubes, LEGOs, Snap Circuit Jr. and more!

Mondays, January 12, February 9

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

American Girl (J890)

For children in 2nd – 5th grade

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

Mondays, January 5, February 2, March 2

4:45pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

Art Buddies (J878)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Teen Art Buddies will work with younger children on arts and crafts projects.

Tuesdays, January 20, 27

6:15pm – 7:00pm

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OR

Tuesdays, March 10, 17

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Book Buddies (J874)

For children ages 3 – 7 years old

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

Wednesdays, January 14, 21

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, February 4, 11

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, March 11, 18

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Fried Rice and Egg Rolls! (J886)

For children in 4th – 6th grade

Learn how to make fried rice and egg roll wrappers. Enjoy eating the fried rice with chopsticks and take home yummy recipes.

Wednesday, February 11

5:30pm – 6:30pm

OR

Tuesday, February 24

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

Fun with French (J897)

For children in 4th – 5th grade

Bienvenue! Welcome! Encouraging kids to learn another language at an early age will help them later on. Mr. Bernardino is always coming up with new and inventive ways to make learning fun. So join us and parlons francais!

Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Fun with Italian (J895)

For children in 4th – 5th grade

Children learn best by doing at an early age. Through games, and fun activities learn the basics of Italian while having a great time.

Mondays, March 2, 9

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Fun with Spanish (J825)

For children in 4th – 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, January 17, 24

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Homework Pals (J793)

For children in 1st – 5th grade

Do you need help with your school work? Homework pals is for students in grades 1 – 5. High school students will assist you with the school subjects where you need extra help. **Weekly pre-registration is required.**

Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, April 14, 21, 28

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Selden

Improv Acting Workshop (J899)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

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

Thursdays, January 8, February 5, March 5

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Just Dance Party (J877)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Dance and work up a sweat at this fun-filled XBOX Just Dance event.

Mondays, January 5, March 9

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

LEGO Mania (J880)

For children in 1st and 2nd grade

Use your imagination to create with LEGOs while playing with your friends.

Thursdays, February 5, March 5

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

LEGO Master Builders (J879)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

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

Thursdays, January 29, February 26

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

Let's Get Together (J892)

For children in K – 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, January 23, February 20, March 20

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Little Scientists (J837)

For parents/caregivers with children in K – 2nd grade

Winter Sensory Science (January) Explore your five senses in this exciting science program. Marvelous Magnets (March) Discover fascinating facts about magnets during this interactive science lab.

Thursday, January 29

6:00pm – 6:45pm (K – 2nd grade)

Centereach

AND/OR

Thursday, March 26

6:00pm – 6:45pm (K – 2nd grade)

Centereach

Love Bug Cupcakes (J840)

For parents/caregivers with children K – 2nd grade

Bring your creativity to decorate four (4) cupcakes for your valentine!

Monday, February 9 (K – 2nd grade)

6:30pm – 7:15pm

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MCPL MAKERS



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5, 6, 7, 8 Create! (J884)

For children in 5th grade

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Mondays, January 12, February 9

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Hover Crafts (J803)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Be an engineer and make a vehicle that glides! Students examine the effects of friction on moving vehicles and explore alternative types of energy and locomotion. They build their own hovercraft to test.

Wednesday, January 21

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Maker Buddies (J881)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Join us to work with the teen Maker Buddies and use your creativity and imagination while making amazing projects involving science, technology, engineering and math concepts.

Thursday, January 15

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Monday, February 9

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, March 12

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Simple Machines: Lego Engineering (J896)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Lever, pulleys and simple machines come to life when students build with them. Working through a series of models using LEGO Dacta Technics Kits, students engage in manipulating materials, interpreting data, observing and predicting.

Monday, March 23

6:30pm – 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-great, or shelter dogs.

Adventures of a Boy & His Dog (J921)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Come hear about the adventures of a boy and his dog. Make an imaginative art project to take home.

Saturday, March 14

10:00am – 10:45am (3 – 5 years old)

11:00am – 12:00pm (K – 2nd grade)

Centereach

Doggie Draft Dodgers (J924)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Come create a fetching dog to lie against the bottom of a door to keep out the draft and add a warm touch to your home.

Wednesday, January 7

5:00pm – 5:45pm

OR

Tuesday, January 13

5:00pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

I Wuff You Valentines (J923)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Nothing says "I Wuff You" and "You're purr-fect" like a cute dog or cat themed valentine. Come create some for your special friends and family.

Saturday, February 7

10:45am – 11:15am (K – 2nd grade)

Centereach

K9 Reading (J922)

For children 1st – 5th grade

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.

Tuesday, January 6

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Tuesday, February 10

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Tuesday, March 10

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Centereach

Minecraft for Kids (J875)

For children in 1st – 5th grade

Join us for a session of cooperative gaming on the library's Minecraft server.

Thursday, January 22: Creative Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Thursday, January 29: Survival Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Thursday, February 5: Creative Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Thursday, February 12: Survival Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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Magnets: May the Force Be With You (J909)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Discover how the world around us pushes, pulls and has its ups and downs in a variety of hands-on activities. Crafts, problems to solve, sculptures, magnetic cars to race and many other activities.

Wednesday, March 11

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Math Buddies (J916)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Join the MCPL Math Buddy teen volunteers to do fun math games and activities!

Tuesdays, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, March 3, 24

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Popping Pictures (J908)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Ever wonder how those glasses make the pictures pop out? Discover the science behind 3D glasses. Use two different types of glasses to read books, see movies and then design your own popping pictures. You get to keep the glasses!

Wednesday, February 4

6:15pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Puppetry Club (J914)

For children in 3rd – 8th grade

Create scripts and use a variety of art materials to create a unique puppet. This program continues through June 2015 with a final performance.

Wednesdays, January 7, 21, February 4, 25, March 11, 25, April 15, 29, May 13

4:30pm – 5:30pm

Selden

Saturday Stories (J861)

For children in K – 2nd grade

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

Saturday, January 24

11:00am – 11:45am

AND/OR

Saturday, February 21

11:00am – 11:45am

AND/OR

Saturday, March 21

11:00am – 11:45am

Selden

Sensory Storytime for Students (J893)

For children in K – 3rd grade

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

January 10: Frozen Adventures

February 14: Fizzy Foaming Hearts

March 14: Shamrock Slime

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Snowman Stories (J894)

For children in Pre K – 2nd grade

Together we will read some fun snowman stories and make an adorable snowman craft.

Monday, January 12

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Wednesday, January 14

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Soft Metal Plaque (J901)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Choose a design or create your own to engrave onto a soft metal plaque. Add vibrant colors using sharpie markers.

Thursday, January 29

Centereach

Techno Buddies (J873)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Come read and play computer games with your Teen Buddy.

Mondays, January 26, February 2

5:30pm – 6:15pm



AND/OR

Mondays, March 23, 30

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Waiting for Spring (J887)

For children in K – 2nd grade

In anticipation of spring, let's get together and read some springtime stories and make a spring decoration for your home.

Wednesday, March 4

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Watercolor Resist (J902)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Use tape and watercolor to create a unique art piece!!

Wednesday, January 14

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

Winter Break Crazy Craft Day (J917)

For children ages 3 years old – 5th grade

Having a case of the winter break blues? Visit the library for some fun crazy crafts!

Tuesday, December 30

11:00am – 1:00pm

Centereach

Yoga Time (J843) For children ages 5 – 12 years old

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

Friday, January 16

6:00pm – 6:45pm (5 – 7 years old)

7:00pm – 7:45pm (8 – 12 years old)

Selden

AND/OR

Thursday, February 26

6:00pm – 6:45pm (5 – 7 years old)

7:00pm – 7:45pm (8 – 12 years old)

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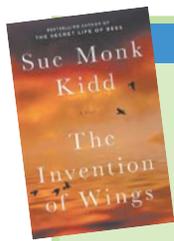
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Wednesday, March 18

6:00pm – 6:45pm (5 – 7 years old)

7:00pm – 7:45pm (8 – 12 years old)

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STAFF PICKS

The One and Only Ivan

by Katherine Applegate

When Ivan, a gorilla that lives in a mall, meets a baby elephant, he decides that he must find her a better life.

Tracy D.



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 is managed by MCPL and supported by Suffolk County government, Long Island Community 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. 240.



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, 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. Assistance is available various hours in 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 Women's EXPO and Strictly Business. 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 for 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. 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 periods, 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.



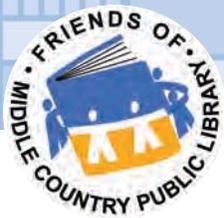
The Nature Explorium is an outdoor learning space designed to connect children and their families to the natural world, to encourage discovery and exploration through reflection, physical, artistic and expressive activities, and to provide a unique avenue connecting literacy,

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 Español. 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.

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 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 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.

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: January 20, 2015 – Discipline and Consequences and March 17, 2015- How to Stretch Your Food Dollar. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 262.



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The Friends November Book Sale yielded over \$2,400. We hope you added some wonderful titles to your home library!

Thank you to the Friends for donating the Spinning Leaves Wind Sculpture in the Nature Explorium in honor of Sandra Feinberg.

Join the Friends and support your library.

Membership applications are available at the library and online at <http://www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/about/friends-of-mcpl/>. Return membership forms to the Friends mailbox available at both buildings.

The levels of membership are:

Bronze	\$ 5.00
Silver.....	\$ 10.00
Gold	\$ 25.00
Business and organization memberships	\$ 25.00
Platinum/Lifetime	\$ 100.00

ALLSTATE SUPPORTS READINESS SERIES 9TH YEAR

The Allstate Foundation has awarded a \$36,000 grant to support the 9th year of the Allstate Readiness Series, featuring programs promoting Teen Safe Driving and Financial Empowerment for women, especially survivors of domestic violence. For more information, please contact Lori Abbatepaolo at 631-585-9393 ext. 295 or visit www.readinessbeginswithme.org.



Pictured l-r: Lori Abbatepaolo, coordinator and Sara Fade, teen librarian, Allstate Readiness Series, with Kayla O'Brien, senior communications consultant, Michele Martin, agent and Sue Bohrer-Braun, agent, Allstate Insurance



Pictured l-r: Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator, Miller Business Resource Center; Mario Ruggiero, senior vice president, Bank of America; and Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director

BANK OF AMERICA: WOMEN'S EXPO TOP SPONSOR

Bank of America has provided a generous sponsorship of \$7,500 for the 14th annual Women's EXPO and other entrepreneurial activities of the Miller Center. By sponsoring the EXPO since its beginning, Bank of America has supported the library's efforts to provide a welcoming venue for local women entrepreneurs.



VOLUNTEER SHOUTOUT

Many thanks to Bank of America and their wonderful employees who have supported the Women's EXPO by volunteering their time each year.

Pictured l-r Mario Ruggiero, senior vice president, Bank of America with Bank of America EXPO volunteers, and Shahnilla Jamal, assistant vice president, small business banker, Bank of America

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Librarians love to connect people to books. Stop by the reference desk and we'll help you find the perfect book.



Visit the Readers' Advisory section of our website at

<http://www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/readers-advisory/> and discover lists of New York Times bestsellers, mysteries, romances, historical fiction, science fiction and more. You can also access Novelist, a resource for fiction and nonfiction suggestions, and sign up for NextReads to receive emailed book suggestions based on your interests.

And, starting with this issue, we will feature staff picks throughout the MCPL Quarterly to let you know what books our staff has been reading.



VENUES FOR VOLUNTEERING

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22
6:30 - 8:00 P.M.



Middle school and high school youth interested in volunteering while gaining credits for community service are invited to attend this informational program at our Selden building. Representatives will be on hand to share information regarding their specific volunteer needs and how they can get involved! For more information, please contact Deborah Hempte at 631-585-9393 ext. 224 or hempedeborah@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org

WOMEN'S EXPO 2014

The library hosted the 14th annual Women's EXPO on October 2. The event featured 83 exhibitors and attracted more than 2300 shoppers. Providing a marketplace for Long Island women entrepreneurs, EXPO proceeds support the programs and services of the Miller Center. Women's EXPO sponsors include Bank of America, Allstate Foundation,



Astoria Bank, TD Bank, JPMorgan Chase, the Greater Middle Country Chamber of Commerce, Jefferson's Ferry Lifecare Community, Campolo, Middleton & McCormick LLP, Pindar Vineyards LLC, SUNation Solar Systems and a Yarn Garden. Special thanks to the EXPO Planning Committee and all the volunteers who made the event a success.



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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

Check out our displays in the lobby!



SAVE THE DATE

- **December 6, 13, 20**
12:00 – 2:00 p.m. **Home for the Holidays – Parent/Teen Driving Contract Campaign, Allstate Readiness Series**
Centereach
- **December 11**
9:30 a.m. **Children's Winter Program Registration**
Centereach /Selden
- **December 12**
9:30 a.m. **Adult & Teen Winter Program Registration**
Centereach /Selden
- **December 29**
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Family Festival**
Centereach
- **December 30**
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Crazy Craft Day**
Centereach
- **January 2**
3:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Kick Off the New Year!**
Centereach
- **Jan 9, Feb 13, Mar 13**
6:30 p.m. **Family Financial Literacy Nights**
Centereach
- **January 10**
10:00 – 11:30 a.m. **Inclusive Music and Movement Concert for Kids**
Centereach
- **January 13**
9:30 a.m. **Distinguished Speakers Series**
Eat Play Grow: Helping Families with Young Children
Make Healthy Choices
Centereach
- **January 16**
2:00 – 4:00 p.m. **Ring in the New Year!**
Selden
- **January 17**
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **Nursery School Fair**
Centereach
- **January 22**
6:30 – 8:00 p.m. **Venues for Volunteering**
Centereach
- **February 7**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Bring Your Child to the Library Family Game and Craft Day**
Centereach
- **February 28**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Community Math Fair**
Centereach
- **March 16**
7:00 – 8:30 p.m. **Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception**
Selden
- **April 18**
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. **Imagine It, Create It: Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead! Fair**
Centereach
- **April 2015**
Long Island Reads 2015
The Museum of Extraordinary Things
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