

MCPL QUARTERLY

NEWS & PROGRAMS AT MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

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ANNUAL MESSAGE & BUDGET INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Your Five Star Library! ★★★★★

In 2014, approximately 500,000 visitors passed through our doors; borrowers checked out 1,100,000 items; 80,000 patrons of all ages attended programs; and 750 community group meetings were held. For the seventh year in a row, Middle Country received a Five Star rating from *Library Journal*. Only 85 public libraries nationwide attained the Five Star rank which addresses library visits, circulation, program attendance and public internet computer use. 2014 was another busy year for the library as it continues to distinguish itself as the community hub!

Our library continues to be a destination for all ages and a center for lifelong learning. Whether it is to meet with a career counselor, learn a new skill, check-out museum passes or toys, borrow or download books, movies, music, magazines, or access library online resources from home - MCPL is here for you! Download our mobile app and stay connected with the library wherever you go. Visit our specially designed spaces like the Nature Explorium, Museum Corner, the Underground, Teen Resource Center and Miller Business Center, offering unique learning experiences, recreational opportunities and gathering spaces. *Continued on page 2*

FULL S.T.E.A.M. AHEAD! MAKER FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 18TH
FROM 1:00 – 3:00 P.M.
CENTEREACH



Join us to create and innovate at the Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead Maker Fair! Makerspaces are places where people can come together and use their talents and imagination to create, using a wide variety of materials and tools, applying concepts from science, technology, engineering, art and math. At the Fair, check out projects that children and teens have been creating at our MCPL Makers programs, and do some creating of your own. The possibilities are endless! Made possible with support from the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

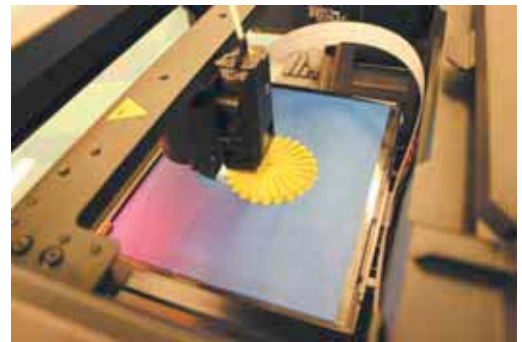


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3D PRINTING IS HERE

As part of its goal of introducing patrons to new and emerging technologies, the library will now be offering a 3D



printing service. MCPL cardholders can submit designs to be printed on the library's Makerbot Replicator, at a cost of \$0.10 per gram. All print jobs will be approved by library staff before they are printed. Visit www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/3d-printer to submit a print job, for technical specifications, file formats and our 3D printing policy.

IMPORTANT DATES

- NATURE EXPLORIUM OPENS APRIL 6TH
- COLLEGE FAIR – APRIL 13TH
- LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION – APRIL 14TH
- STRICTLY BUSINESS – MAY 5TH

REMINDER: PROGRAM REGISTRATION: CHILDREN - Wednesday, April 1st • ADULTS & TEENS - Thursday, April 2nd

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

	2014/2015	2015/2016
SALARIES Professional, Clerical, Computer Support, Page, Custodial/Security	\$6,930,200	\$6,917,100
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS Retirement, Social Security, Metropolitan Transportation Tax, Workers Compensation, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Disability, Long Term Care, EAP	\$3,001,200	\$2,987,300
LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES Furniture & Equipment, Books, Microforms/Cd Roms/E Books, Audio Materials, Subscription Services, Visual Materials, Realia/Other, Professional Development, Publicity & Printing, Contracts with Other Libraries, Programs	\$1,851,000	\$1,968,584
OPERATING EXPENSES Custodial Services, Office & Library Supplies, Telecommunications, Cartage, Postage, Travel, Professional Contract Services, Membership Dues, Rental, Repair & Maintenance of Office Equipment, Snow Removal, Protective Service, Maintenance & Custodial Supplies, Repairs to Buildings & Buildings Equipment, Insurance, Rental of Equipment, Utilities, Computer Software & Services	\$1,819,100	\$1,945,830
OTHER EXPENSES Debt Service for Bond Issue Transfer to Capital Fund	\$937,425 \$500,000	\$926,875 \$500,000
Proposed Budget	\$15,038,925	\$15,245,689
Less Anticipated Revenues	\$96,000	\$105,584
Less Appropriated Fund Balance	\$500,000	\$500,000
Total Tax Appropriation	\$14,442,925	\$14,640,105

It is anticipated that the library tax rate will increase by 1.4% which is lower than the tax cap limitation. This would amount to .93 per month on a \$3,000 assessed valuation. Please contact Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, at 631.585.9393 ext 219 or email at serlismc@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org with any questions you may have about the budget.

Reclassifications are made to the prior year's financial statements whenever necessary to conform to the current year's presentation. Such reclassifications have no effect on the information as previously reported.

ANNUAL MESSAGE

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As part of our annual message, we provide a summary of next year's budget. The proposed 2015/2016 budget reflects an increase of 1.4%, which is below the tax cap limitation. For the third year in a row, the *Employee Benefits* line has decreased primarily due to retirements. Our goal is to continue to provide exemplary service, programs, and resources, remain a steady local employer and, as always, be your neighborhood library. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm.

LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2015 9:30 A.M. TO 9:00 P.M.

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

In order to vote you must be:

- A citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- Registered to vote*
- A resident of Middle Country School District #11 for at least 30 days prior to the vote

* You are registered if you have voted in a general, school, or library election within the last four years. If you have not, you may register on Tuesday, April 7th between 2:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Centereach Building.

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Customer Service Desk.

JUMP INTO SPRING . . .

College Fair

Monday, April 13th

4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Selden

Meet representatives from colleges and technical schools to find out about application, admission, financial aid and degree/certificate programs.



Calling all Boomers & Seniors Products and Services Fair

Thursday, April 30th from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

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Explore a wide variety of recreational, educational, legal, family, health, safety, financial, and volunteer information services and products. For information visit www.readinessbeginswithme.org. Partially funded by the Allstate Foundation.

Summer Activities Fair

Friday, May 1st from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. Centereach

For parents/caregivers with school-age children Find out what's happening this summer! Meet representatives from area children's activity programs at this event offered in partnership with the MCCSD PTA.

Free Comic Book Day

Saturday, May 2nd

9:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

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International Museum Day

Thursday, May 14th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Centereach

Find out what Long Island museums, science centers and historical societies can do for you!

Touch-A-Truck

Saturday, May 30th

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Centereach

For Families with children

ages 2 -11 years old

Sit in the driver's seat and discover the world of trucks and heavy equipment from law enforcement, fire departments, commercial companies and more!



Spring Jubilee

Friday, June 5th from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. Centereach

For Families

Celebrate the season opening of the Nature Explorium with nature-based activities. Dance along with Mr. Matt from Turtle Dance Music at 4:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m.



STRICTLY BUSINESS

Tuesday, May 5th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Centereach

Don't miss this trade show featuring more than 95 local businesses. Check out the Technology Pavilion to see the latest gadgets....even a 3D printer. Visit the Café Corner to sample food from area businesses. Special thanks to our sponsors to date: TD Bank, Suffolk Federal Credit Union, Town of Brookhaven LDC, Empire National Bank and News12. For information on becoming a sponsor or vendor, visit www.strictlybusinessradeshow.com, or contact Elizabeth Malafi at 631-585-9393 ext. 296 or malafielizabeth@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org.



The **Middle Country Reads** selection for 2015 is in. Pledge to read *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* and join us on August 12th to see the incredible Broadway production based on this best-selling novel by Mark Haddon. Visit www.middlecountryreads.org to learn more!



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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.mcpl.lib.ny.us, in person at Centereach and Selden or by calling (631) 585-9393.**
- Registration for Children’s programs begins on **Wednesday, April 1st at 9:30 am**
- Registration for Adult and Teen programs begins on **Thursday, April 2nd 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 **Spring** programs open to the public, based on availability **begins Monday, April 13, 2015 (except where noted).**

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

1 ADULT/SENIORS

Arts/Crafts

ART STUDIO SERIES

Art Studio: Anyone Can Draw! (A722)

Have you ever said, "I can't draw a straight line?" For anyone who enjoys drawing, this workshop will show you simple techniques to improve your observational drawing skills. In this fun and relaxed session, we will learn basic contour drawing skills geared to people of all levels.

Thursday, April 16
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Selden

Art Studio: Face It! (A724)

Learn the basic of drawing the human head, face, and facial features. Understand universal proportions that will improve your ability to draw a portrait in one session.

Thursday, May 14
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Selden

Art Studio: Capture the Pose - Figure Drawing (A723)

Improve your ability to draw people from observation in one session! Learn drawing techniques that help you capture the figure in motion and expressive poses. Class will begin with a slide show exploring how artists capture the essence of the pose and then draw a clothed figure in a relaxed atmosphere of exploration.

Thursday, June 18
1:00pm – 2:00pm

Selden

Beginner Sewing Tutorial (A776)

Learn the ins & outs of a basic sewing machine while making your own tote bag. Learn to thread the machine and sew with ease on your machine or ours.

Materials Fee: \$12.00
Thursday, May 21
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

By The Sea Vase (A701)

Create a beautiful painted vase, using glass paints, wire, glass beads and shells, in this hands on program. Learn to paint a beach scene using different painting techniques, then create a wire branch that will form a band for the vase.

Materials Fee: \$10.00
Tuesday, June 9
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Eco-Jewelry (A727)

Join us for an eco-friendly jewelry program and make a necklace using handmade organic nut seeds. Learn about the rainforest where the seeds are grown and the sustainable process of how the seeds are made.

Material Fee: \$10.00
Wednesday, April 29
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Infinity Scarf (A732)

Create a wearable work of art using a white jersey infinity scarf. Learn how to use fabric and acrylic paint to create a beautiful watercolor design on your scarf. Paints are permanent so please wear old clothes.

Materials Fee: \$10.00
Monday, April 27
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Invitations and Thank You Cards with Calligraphy (A719)

Learn how to personalize your invitations and thank you cards with calligraphy. Please bring a calligraphy pen to class.

Wednesday, May 6
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Knitting for Beginners (A737)

If you've always wanted to learn how to knit, this is the class for you. This three week program will give you the basic knowledge and skills to move on to your first knitted project.

Materials list available online or at any reference desk.
Wednesdays, April 8, 15, 22
10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

Make a Personalized Party Banner (A718)

Make a no-sew personalized fabric banner for your next party. Materials list available online or at any reference desk.

Thursday, May 14
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Paint Night @ MCPL (A700)

Grab a friend and come down to the library for a fun night of painting. Materials Fee: \$15.00

Thursday, April 16
6:30pm – 9:00pm

Centereach

Quilting Instructional: Stitch it for Spring (A755)

Gather the colors of spring and bring them into your home. Quilters from beginner to advanced will be sure to find this project a true delight.

Materials list available online or at any reference desk.
Tuesdays, May 26, June 16, 23, 30
6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Quilting Techniques (A753)

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

Saturday, April 25
10:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

Sew 'n Sews (A754)

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

Wednesdays, April 8, May 6, June 10
6:30pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Ukrainian Pysanky Egg Decorating (A728)

This old-world craft has been used for centuries to decorate delicate egg shells with intricate designs and symbols using beeswax, kistka, eggs, and dyes. In this program, you will create your own Ukrainian egg. Permanent dyes are used to decorate the eggs and will stain fabric; please wear appropriate attire.

Materials Fee: \$13.00
Monday, April 20
6:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Book Discussions/Writing

Bilingual Book Discussion (A712)

Join us for bilingual book discussions of two journeys of immigration that both begin with the dream of a better life in America but with two drastically different endings. Participants do not have to be bilingual but should have an interest in improving their English or Spanish language skills. A bilingual librarian will be present to moderate discussion. APRIL: *Dying to Cross*, by Jorge Ramos and JUNE: *When I Was Puerto Rican* by Esmeralda Santiago.

Thursdays, April 23, June 11
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Book Bites: A Foodie Book Club (A698)

Have a passion for food? Join us in this new book club where we will read food related books and indulge in some tasty treats. This season's book is *Alone in the Kitchen with an Eggplant: Confessions of Cooking for One and Dining Alone*, edited by Jenni Ferrari-Adler. Please visit the adult reference desk to make your interloan request for this title.

Wednesday, May 20
2:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Book Discussion Group (A769)

Join us for a lively book discussion. Bring your thoughts and a friend. We'll be reading novels, non-fiction and some mysteries!
APRIL: Long Island Reads *The Museum of Extraordinary Things* by Alice Hoffman; MAY: *Life after Life* by Kate Atkinson.
Thursdays, April 16, May 28
2:00pm – 3:30pm Centereach

Graphic Novel Book Talk (A736)

Interested in graphic novels? Want to find a new and different book to read? Come to our Book Talk to find out more about what you should be reading from our graphic novel section.
Monday, May 4
7:00pm – 8:00pm

History Book Discussion Group (A676)*

Join us at our book discussion group dedicated to stories related to historical events and the people who lived through them!
APRIL *Double Cross: The True Story of the D-Day Spies* by Ben Macintyre;
JUNE *Bunker Hill: A City, a Siege, a Revolution* by Nathaniel Philbrick.
Please visit the Adult Reference Desk to make your interloan request for these titles.
Thursdays, April 30, June 18
7:00pm – 8:00pm Centereach

Writers Group (A752)

A program for experienced writers seeking to share and improve their work through group critiques, suggestions and encouragement, the instructor will teach specific writing techniques and advise how to submit work for publication based on its literacy genre.
Wednesdays, April 15, May 13, June 10
7:00pm – 8:30pm Centereach

Business/Careers

BUSINESS BITES*

Register at www.millerbusinesscenter.org/bizbites

9:00am – 10:00am Centereach

Business Bites: Best Online Apps for Entrepreneurs (A705)

Take a tour of some of the best online applications, gadgets, and web sites geared towards running your small business.
Wednesday, June 17

Business Bites: E-Commerce & Web Design (A707)

An overview about selling online – designing your site, collecting payments, and much more.
Wednesday, May 20

Business Bites: Mergent Intellect (A708)

An overview of our newest business database.
Wednesday, April 15

Business Bites: Product Photography (A734)

They say a picture is worth a thousand words. Make sure your pictures are saying the right thing. Learn how to take professional photos of your product with photographer Sue Mignano.
Wednesday, May 6

*Open to Public Networking begins at 8:30am

College Fair (A695)*

Representatives from tri-state area colleges and technical schools are scheduled to exhibit. Open to high school juniors and seniors, transfer and graduate students.
Monday, April 13
4:00pm - 7:00pm Selden

Introduction to Grant Writing (A780)

This course covers the basics of grant writing, including researching grant opportunities, deciding which grant opportunities to pursue, understanding proposal guidelines, writing an effective proposal, following up, measuring outcomes, and reporting.
Saturday, April 25
10:00am – 12:00am Centereach

Suffolk County Department of Labor Job Fair (A696)*

Over 25 companies scheduled to exhibit, so come with your resume and dress for success. Open to the public. No registration required.
Friday, July 10
10:00am – 1:00pm Centereach

Workplace & Business Etiquette 101 (A687)

Job etiquette refers to good manners and proper behavior that are essential for our professional growth. Attend this workshop to find out how to put your best foot forward when on the job.
Monday, April 20
7:00pm – 8:00pm Centereach

Citizenship/ESOL/Literacy

Basic ESOL (A713)

This class will provide the basic needs to learn English: learning the alphabet, numbers, and simple words.
Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9
7:00pm - 8:30pm Centereach

Career & School Counseling for ESOL Students (A691)

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, April 13, May 11, June 8
Wednesdays, April 29, May 27, June 17
4:45pm, 5:45pm, 6:45pm Centereach

Citizenship (A694)*

Need help preparing for your Naturalization interview? Learn the civics, history, and geography you need to know to pass the exam!
Fridays, April 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, June 5, 12, 19
10:00am – 11:30am Centereach

English Conversation Group-Morning (A688)*

Practice your English skills in a friendly setting. Knowledge of English is recommended. All levels are welcome.
Tuesdays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26
10:00am – 11:30am Centereach

English Conversation Group-Evening (A690)*

Practice your English skills in a friendly setting. Knowledge of English is recommended. All levels are welcome.
Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8
6:30pm – 8:00pm Centereach

ESOL (A693)

Multilevel lessons and activities for practice in reading, grammar, vocabulary, and the life skills for English language learners.
Saturdays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
10:00am – 11:30am Centereach

ESOL - Intermediate (A692)

Intermediate level classes for English language learners. Students should be able to understand simple phrases and questions, to express themselves although not fluently.
Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11
6:00pm – 8:45pm Centereach

Literacy Tutor Training Workshop (A771)

Become a literacy tutor for English language learners. Register through Literacy Suffolk, www.LiteracySuffolk.org or call our Literacy Office (585-9393 x267) for information.

Saturdays, April 25, May 2, 9, 16

10:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library!* (A729)

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!

Saturdays, April 18, May 9, June 6

12:00pm – 1:30pm

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Wednesdays, April 22, May 27, June 24

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Computer Classes

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

2-1-1 Long Island Database Training (A765)

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, April 24 OR May 22

12:00pm – 1:00pm

Selden

Computer Basics – Mornings (A749)

Stop feeling left behind and join us to learn simple steps such as using the mouse, opening programs and finding your way around the computer.

Thursdays, May 14, 21

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Computer Basics - Evenings (A747)

Stop feeling left behind and join us to learn simple steps such as using the mouse, opening programs and finding your way around the computer.

Tuesdays, April 14, 21

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Computer Basics – Extra Practice (A743)

Have you taken our Computer Basics class? Could you use some extra time to practice some of the things you've learned? This session is designed for computer beginners to work at their own pace practicing basic skills.

Thursday, June 25

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Create Your Own Cookie Cutter (A760)

Learn about 3D printing technology and all the amazing things you can make. Use software to design a cookie cutter to be printed on the 3D printer.

Tuesdays, April 21, 28

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Creating Charts in Excel (A751)

Learn how to convert numbers into charts that can help understand the meaning behind the data and make the data stand out. (Prerequisite: Introduction to Excel 2010 required)

Tuesday, June 23

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Email Basics (A750)

Learn how to set up an email account, create and receive emails, and more.

Tuesday, June 30

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Gmail Tips and Tricks (A767)

Are the emails in your Gmail account piling up? Learn how to use Gmail's many useful tools to get organized. - Participants should come to class with a Gmail account already established. **Windows and Internet Explorer basic experience required.**

Thursdays, April 16

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Intermediate MS Excel 2010 (A738)

Take spreadsheets to the next level by learning techniques to manipulate and analyze data using powerful Excel functions. **Prerequisite: Introduction to MS Excel 2010.**

Tuesdays, June 2, 9, 16

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to Excel 2010 (A746)

This program is used to produce mathematical spreadsheets for accounting purposes. Learn how to enter data and insert formulas for automatic calculations. **(Prior knowledge of the Windows operating system required)**

Tuesdays, May 12, 19

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to MS Word 2010 (A739)

Get started with the most widely used word processor program for letters, resumes, reports and more. Topics include entering and editing text, saving files, and formatting. **Prior knowledge of the Windows operating system required.**

Wednesday, June 3, 10

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to the iPad (A748)

Bring your iPad to this instructional workshop where you'll get tips on using the world's most popular tablet.

Thursdays, April 23, 30

10:00am -12:00pm

Selden

Introduction to the Internet (A745)

Learn to access the internet, save websites as favorites, and discover searching techniques.

Mondays, April 27, May 4

6:45pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Introduction to PowerPoint (A742)

Learn to create professional looking presentations with this easy to use software.

Thursdays, June 11, 18

10:00am -12:00pm

Selden

Photo Fun (A744)

Bring your digital photos on a disk or flash drive and use them in the desktop publishing program Print Shop to create beautiful photo collage pages suitable for framing or for inclusion in an album or scrapbook.

Thursdays, May 28, June 4

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Cooking/Gardening/Home

Attracting Birds and Butterflies to your Backyard (A717)

Every year, more and more land is being developed on Long Island. The plants and animals that lived on our properties are finding it harder to survive as the things they need are disappearing. Join Sue Karuse, wildlife educator, as we learn how to invite wildlife back into our yards.

Thursday, April 30

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Brunch for the Holidays (A684)

Chef Charlie will demonstrate delicious recipes for you to serve at your next holiday gathering!

Wednesday, April 15

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Selden

Cake Decorating 101 (A699)

Learn the basics of cake decorating with The Baking Coach. Each patron will learn how to cut, level, frost, and fill a cake like a professional in this hands-on program. Patrons will go home with their cake and an off-set spatula they used in class.

Materials Fee: \$10.00

Saturday, May 2

10:00am – 12:00pm

Selden

Green Thumbs: Plant Exchange (A726)

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

Wednesday, June 17

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Green Thumbs: Violets are Blue (A725)

Join us for a fun evening as we trace the history of sweet violets through the ages. Learn how to grow these fragrant beauties in your garden.

Wednesday, April 22

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Lao Cooking (A686)

Penn Hongthong will demonstrate how to make Summer Lao treats; Banana Tapioca dessert, Mashed Roasted Eggplant and Fish in Banana Leaves.

Tuesday, June 9

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Summer is Bursting with Flavor (A669)

Simply Creative chef Rob Scott will demonstrate Greek orzo and grilled shrimp, crab and scallion stuffed artichoke hearts, and watermelon fire and ice salsa.

Monday, June 22

1:00pm – 2:30pm

Selden

Thai Cooking (A685)

Penn Hongthong will demonstrate how to make simple, healthy and tasty Thai cooking, Coconut Soup with Chicken, Yellow Curry Chicken and Pineapple Fried Rice.

Tuesday, April 7

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Defensive Driving/Pre-Licensing

AARP Smart Driver Course (Defensive Driving) (A683)

* See details in Senior Services.

Defensive Driving (A720)*

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. Licensed drivers 16 and over may register for this program.

Saturday, April 25

OR

May 16

OR

June 27

10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A721)*

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.

Saturday, April 18

OR

May 16

OR

June 13

10:00am – 3:00pm

Selden

Teens Drive Safe: Teen Driver Survival Training (T191)

For teens between 14 years old – 18 years old

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

Saturday, May 30

10:00am – 1:00pm

off site- Brookhaven Ecology Site

Films and Performances

Documentaries About Early New York City (A779)*

These documentaries are about New York City at the turn of the 20th century. Come for one or both! 2:00pm Coney Island, by Ric Burns. 3:00pm Triangle Fire. Both subjects are part of the setting of the 2015 LI Reads selection. Walk-ins welcome.

Sunday, May 3

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Centereach

Friday Films @ One (A672)

See details in Senior Services.

Sunday Performance: Bach to the Future: Classical and Jazz Piano (A678)

Alexander Wu will take you on an exploration of the last three centuries by comparing the piano classics of the 18th and 19th century European masters with its reinvention by the 20th century American jazz icons.

Sunday, May 3

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

Sunday Performance: Three Voices (A679)

Cellist Jeannie Woelker, composer George Cork Maul and poet Billy Hands perform a collaboration that explores how the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. When writing a song, which comes first: the words or the music? Improvisation, serious music and provocative poetry.

Sunday, April 19

2:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

World Rhythms (A781)

Tony Vacca is an American born percussionist, composer and educator who plays West African balafo, djembe, talking drum, and a one-of-a-kind percussion unit. His music combines elements from a wide range of traditions and the result is an innovative hybrid of ancient and contemporary sounds. It's a hard-hitting fusion of jazz and World Music that confirms the powerful common ground that music provides.

Sunday, June 7

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

Games

Family Chess Club (A673)*

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 (A674)*

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

Learn to Play Mah-Jongg (A757)

Learn to play Mah-Jongg. You must bring your own 2015 National Mah-Jongg Official Rule Card to play.

Mondays, June 1, 8, 15

6:45pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Mah-Jongg Club (A756)

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 (A773)*

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. Bring a mat for kneeling and wear comfortable clothing. A stamped self-addressed envelope is required so card can be mailed.

Please bring \$35.00 cash to class for payment. Checks and money orders are not accepted. Program allows time for lunch.

Saturday, May 23
10:00am – 2:30pm

Selden

Do You or Your Child Need Health Insurance? (J983)*

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

Tuesdays, April 7, May 5, June 2

3:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Wednesdays, April 22, May 27, June 24

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Caregiver Support Group (A733)

Being a caregiver to a loved one is never easy and can be stressful. Join this monthly support group to find resources that might help to meet other caregivers and to help through a difficult time.

Fridays, April 10, May 8, June 12

11:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

Hula Hooping for Fitness (A715)

Hula Hoops aren't just for kids anymore! Used for exercise programs worldwide, hooping relieves stress and strengthens your core. Participants may bring their own fitness hula hoop to class.

Mondays, June 8, 15, 22

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

How to Beat Stress (A774)*

Feeling stressed? Learn how to cope with unwanted stress in your life with Stony Brook Medicine's Richard Murdocco, PhD. He will discuss how to manage the causes of stress and will share useful stress management techniques.

Tuesday, April 28

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Learn To Be Tobacco Free Smoking Cessation Program (A772)*

Have you been unsuccessful in your attempts to stop smoking? Do you have the desire to stop but just don't know how to get started? Join this group of supportive people and learn how to quit. Please contact Sara Fade at 585-9393 ext218 to register

Mondays

June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 27, August 3, 24

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Shed the Meds (A777)*

Help keep medication out of the hands of kids and from entering our ground water. Bring your expired and unwanted medication to the library for proper disposal by the Sheriff's Office.

Friday, May 1

12:00pm – 2:00pm

Selden

T'ai Chi (A714)

T'ai Chi Ch'uan is the gentle, centuries old Chinese martial art that blends work on the body, mind, and spirit to improve the overall well-being of the individual. The three-week class in the Yang-style T'ai Chi Walking Exercises will include instruction in approaches to T'ai Chi Walking and T'ai Chi posture.

Mondays, April 27, May 4, 11

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Veterans Outreach (A763)*

Representatives from the Northport VA Medical Center will be on hand to assist veterans with medical benefits enrollment. To register, please call: 631-261-4400 x7084/7082/5250.

Friday, April 17

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

What's In Your Medicine Cabinet?* (A735)

Got a question about your medicine? Join Edmund Hayes, RPh, PharmD, Assistant Director of Pharmacy at Stony Brook University Hospital, to learn how to take medications safely and avoid medication errors.

Thursday, April 2

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Widowhood... the Journey Continues (A689)

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

Thursdays, April 9, May 14, June 11

7:00pm – 8:45pm

Centereach

Yoga (A778)

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

Saturdays, May 30, June 6, June 13

10:00am – 11:15am

Centereach

History/Heritage

Appomattox: Where Our Nation Reunited (A710)*

April 9, 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the surrender of Robert E. Lee's Confederate forces to Ulysses S. Grant's Union army, effectively ending the Civil War. Our very own Jim Ward and Steven DeFriest will portray Grant and Lee, respectively, and will reenact the surrender meeting at Appomattox Court House, Virginia as it occurred on that day.

Thursday, April 9

Performances begin at:

10:00am in Selden

1:00pm, 3:00pm, and 5:00pm in Centereach

Civil War Battlefield Travel Series:

Appomattox Court House (A677)

Interested in visiting the National Historic Park at Appomattox Court House, Virginia? This informative program will show the small town and give a brief history of the events that occurred there in April 1865, including the surrender of Robert E. Lee to Ulysses S Grant.

Thursday, April 9

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Nine Lives of Theodore Roosevelt (A675)

Milton Elis will explore how Theodore Roosevelt's several brushes with death affected his exploration of the Brazilian wilderness.

Monday, June 1

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

Remembering Lincoln: 150 Years Later (A711)*

April 14, 2015 is the 150th anniversary of the assassination of President Lincoln by John Wilkes Booth at Ford's Theatre. Our very own Jim Ward will portray Lincoln and recite excerpts from his first and second inaugural addresses.

Tuesday, April 14

Performances begin at:

10:00am in Selden

3:00pm and 5:00pm in Centereach

So You Think You Know Long Island? (A709)

Join Gene Horton for an interesting talk about the history and little known facts of Long Island.

Thursday, May 7
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

“They Have Killed Papa Dead:” The Assassination of Abraham Lincoln (A762)

Abraham Lincoln was the first American President ever to be assassinated. James Coll, adjunct associate professor of American and Constitutional History at Nassau Community College, will discuss this event including the hunt for John Wilkes Booth and the eventual presidency of Andrew Johnson.

Thursday, April 2
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Senior Services

AARP Smart Driver Course (Defensive Driving) (A683)*

Take this defensive driving course, offered to adults over 50 years of age, for a 10% insurance discount. Please check that your insurance company accepts this course for a discount. **Only New York State licensed drivers may take the class. Registration for out-of-district patrons begins on Monday, April 13, 2015**

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, April 4
10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

OR

Monday & Tuesday, April 13 & 14
10:00am – 1:30pm

Selden

OR

Monday & Tuesday, May 18 & 19
10:00am – 1:30pm

Selden

OR

Saturday, May 30
10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

OR

Monday & Tuesday, June 15 & 16
10:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

OR

Saturday, June 20
10:00am – 4:00pm

Selden

A Closer Look at Your Social Security Benefits (A764)

Making social security benefit selection can be a daunting task. Learn key facts about the Social Security program, including: calculating expected benefits while working; income tax implications and options for spouses and ex-spouses.

Wednesday, April 8

OR

Thursday, May 7
6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Friday Films @ One (A672)

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

For movies nominated for Best Picture we will be having two viewings. Patrons must register for one time slot. April 10 – The Theory of Everything, April 17 – The Imitation Game

Register for EITHER 10:00am or 1:00pm.

Fridays April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 19, 26

1:00pm – 3:30pm

Selden

People with Arthritis Can Exercise (PACE) (A766)

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

Tuesdays, April 28, May 5, 12, 26, June 2, 9

12:30pm – 2:00pm

Selden

Senior Advocate (A682)*

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.

Mondays, April 27 & June 22

2:30pm – 4:30pm

Selden

Senior Connections (A775)*

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

Third Thursday of each month

11:00am – 1:00pm

Centereach

Every Friday

11:00am – 1:00pm

Selden

Senior Prom 2015 (A680)

Come join us for our 16th annual Senior Prom. Dance and enjoy the music of Tommy Sullivan, a former member of Johnny Maestro and the Brooklyn Bridge.

Friday, June 12

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Selden

TOPICAL TUESDAYS @ TWO*

Identity Theft (A703)*

What is Identity Theft? How do you know when you have been a victim of Identity Theft? What steps can you take to keep it from happening? What can you do if you are a victim of Identity Theft? Carly Wardwell of Debt Counseling Corp will answer these questions and much more.

Tuesday, May 12

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

Pain Management (A702)*

This presentation will discuss how to define your pain and other factors that create pain. It will also discuss management of pain including medication and non-medication techniques for pain management.

Tuesday, June 2

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

Sleep Disorders (A704)*

Feel like you're not rested when you wake up? Ted Nilsson, Director of Respiratory Care Services at Mather Hospital, will discuss the importance of a good night's rest and what might be the causes of a bad night's rest.

Tuesday, April 21

2:00pm – 3:00pm

Selden

Sports/Leisure

Avalon Park & Preserve:

Stony Brook's Hidden Gem (A730)

Tucked away in Stony Brook is a place of wonder and retreat, a recreation of the natural environment that greeted the first people to settle in New York. Avalon is a jewel of a park created by the Paul Simons Foundation with the goal of reflecting Paul's love of nature and the outdoors. Wildlife educator Sue Krause will talk about its history, habitats, trails, flora, and fauna.

Tuesday, June 9

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Beginning/Intermediate Sign Language (A671)

Have fun while reviewing the basics of sign language and moving on to more advanced signing skills.

Mondays, April 13, 20, 27

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Community E-Cycling Event (A770)

Reduce your clutter and protect the environment by bringing your broken, obsolete and unwanted electronics for recycling.

Saturday, April 18
10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Community Shredding Event (A741)

Empty your drawers clean your desk and organize your files! Shred all your excess paper, safely and securely at our Shredding Event. All documents will be shredded in a professional mobile shredding truck while you watch. Max 3 boxes or bags per person please.

Saturday, April 11
10:00am – 12:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Geocaching for Beginners (A761)

For fans of scavenger hunts, geocaching takes you to new places off the beaten path from your hometown. Come learn about it with us!

Tuesday, April 7
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Hiking Long Island (A670)

Naturalist and author, Lee McAllister will discuss hiking on Long Island including the geology, history, flora, fauna and topographical features that make Long Island an interesting place to hike in any season.

Wednesday, May 13
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Raising Backyard Chickens (A731)

Program covers everything a homeowner needs to get started including chicken breeds and behavior, housing and weather concerns, equipment and nutrition. Live chicks, hens and equipment will be available for a hands-on experience.

Saturday, April 18
10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

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, April 23, May 28
7:00pm – 9:00pm

Centereach

Shortcuts to Haircuts (A681)

Come learn how to stretch the time between salon visits and save yourself some money by getting tips from a professional stylist about how to trim bangs, layers and ends.

Thursday, April 30
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Spanish Class (A716)

All levels welcome. Learn essential phrases to communicate in Spanish; perfect for those who use Spanish at work or plan on visiting a Spanish-speaking country for vacation.

Wednesdays, April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20
7:00pm – 8:30

Centereach

Travel/Trips

Bronx Zoo "Total Experience" Discounted Tickets*

For families

Purchase one day admission tickets for \$23.00 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 expire on 12/31/2015. Five (5) tickets per library card holder. ****On Sale Now****

Going Solo (A740)

As seen in Newsday! Learn the benefits and challenges of traveling solo; get advice on destinations, lodging and touring options. Find out how going solo can be fun, safe and life enriching!

Thursday, April 9
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

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 library card holder. ****On Sale Now****

New York, New York: Urban Gems to Explore (A733)

Going to the city soon? Want to explore the city and find something new to discover? Join Pat Sommerstad who will show you the best places to visit in the city and great places to eat! Prizes and handouts will be given out during the program.

Wednesday, June 10
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Ride the Rails to New York City – Discounted LIRR Tickets (A697)

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 \$9.50 each.** Patrons will meet 15 minutes before departure time. Departure time is subject to change. **Registration closes on May 1, 2015.**

Saturday, June 13
9:40am

LIRR Station -Ronkonkoma

Take a Trip: BROOKLYN:

An Offbeat tour with Justin (A768)

Join us with our favorite tour guide, Justin Ferate, as we again visit America's "fourth largest city," Brooklyn. This time we'll tour some western and southern neighborhoods. Lunch will be "on your own" in Bay Ridge, where there's an array of moderately priced restaurants. See flyer for detailed description. **A non-refundable \$35 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours, is for the bus transportation and is due within three days of registering.** **Registration closes on Tuesday, April 14th**

Wednesday, May 6
7:30am – 6:00pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Take-a-Trip: Rhinebeck & The Country Living Fair (A759)

The pages of *Country Living Magazine* come alive at the Dutchess County Fairgrounds in beautiful Hudson Valley! There are over 200 vendors for great shopping, plus seminars, artisan demonstrations, live appraisals, cooking demonstrations, and more. The bus has plenty of cargo space to bring home all your shopping whims!

A non-refundable \$35 check or money order, made payable to McCarney Tours, is for the bus transportation and due within three days of registering.

Saturday, June 6
6:30am – 8:30pm

Centereach – Parking Lot

Travel Tips: Disney Cruise Line (A706)

Set sail for an informative program to help you plan a magical vacation on board the Disney Cruise Line. Get tips on booking, itineraries, shore excursions, and ports-of-call. Take a multimedia tour of Disney's beautiful ships and their magical private island in the Caribbean, Castaway Cay.

Tuesday, June 16
7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

2 TEEN SERVICES

Anime

Anime Party (T179)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Are you an anime or manga fan? Hang out and have fun! Cosplayers welcome.

Thursday, May 7

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Arts/Crafts

Art Studio: Watercolor Resist Painting (T177)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Join us to learn how to use an oil pastel and watercolor paint resist technique to create a beautiful floral vase painting perfect for Mother's Day gift giving.

Monday, April 27

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Bubble Wrap Fun (T162)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Join us for some bubble wrap fun to make some perky yet practical accessories. Packing materials have never been so fashionable!

Tuesday, April 14

7:15pm – 8:15pm

Centereach

Create-On Fridays (T167)

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. A Flower-Pot-Wind Chime in April could be a perfect Mother's Day gift. Help Dad keep all the cords for his devices organized with a Clever Cord Roll in May and make a super cool Paracord Bracelet in June. So grab a friend and Create-On!

Fridays, April 17, May 15, June 19

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Japanese Kumihimo Braiding (T174)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Kumihimo braiding is a traditional Japanese craft where strands of silk or other types of threads are braided into cords. Kumihimo cords have been used by ancient Samurai Warriors and also as trim on obis. In this class, participants will learn to braid cord using embroidery floss on a round foam Kumihimo loom.

Tuesday, April 28

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Organic Body Scrubs (T180)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Learn how to make organic body scrubs so you can pamper yourself without hurting the environment or make a body scrub to give as a gift! Each teen will decorate a jar to put their homemade scented body scrub in.

Monday, June 8

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Superhero Cupcakes (T163)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Like Comics? Love Cupcakes? Enjoy both at the library in honor of Free Comic Book Day. You will decorate two cupcakes as your favorite superhero to take home and enjoy. Don't forget to take some free comics to read while you eat your cupcakes!

Saturday, May 2

11:30am – 12:30pm

Centereach

Books/Films/Writing

Battle of the Books (T153)

For teens entering 6th - 9th grade in Fall 2015

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

Informational meeting Friday May 15th

5:30-6:30

Selden

Tuesdays, June 2 – July 28, Friday, July 31

5:30pm – 6:45pm

Selden

Saturday, August 1, Monday, August 3

Time TBA

Stony Brook University

Let's Go to the Movies (T164)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Let's meet at PJ Cinemas to see the new release of The Avengers: The Age of Ultron (PG-13). Movie starts at 1:00 pm; please arrive by 12:15 pm. You will receive a small popcorn and soda. (Movie title can be subject to change due to theater). A signed permission slip is required and will be available online or at any reference desk.

Saturday, May 2

12:15pm

off site- PJ Cinemas

Movies in the Underground (T166)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Come with your friends and watch movies in our Underground space. April 15 – Captain America: The First Avenger, April 17 – Captain America: The Winter Soldier, May 6 – Hunger Games and May 8 – Hunger Games: Catching Fire.

Wednesdays, April 15, May 6

Fridays, April 17, May 8

5:30pm

Centereach

Teen Word Play! (T160)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

In honor of Teen Literature Day (April 16), join us for some literary word play! Make buttons with your favorite book quotes, your own sayings or pictures of book covers, and create magnetic poetry to take home!

Thursday, April 16

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

College/Careers

American Red Cross Babysitter Training (T172)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Get ready for summer babysitting and mother's helper jobs. Learn how to prevent accidents and take care of children in emergency situations. This two part certification program is designed to teach decision making skills, give baby and kid care tips, obtain safety tips and learn basic first aid skills. **A non-refundable fee of \$13 plus tax (cash, charge or check) for materials is required within 3 days of registration.**

Saturdays, May 2, 9

10:00am – 1:15pm

Selden



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Make Your Own Wallet (T165)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Come and learn how to make your very own duct tape wallet.

Wednesday, April 22

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Centereach

College Fair (A695)*

Representatives from tri-state area colleges and technical schools are scheduled to exhibit. Open to high school juniors and seniors, transfer and graduate students.

Monday, April 13

4:00pm - 7:00pm

Selden

Community Service

Art Buddies (T193)

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.**

Mondays, April 27, May 4

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Selden

OR

Tuesdays, April 14, April 21

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Selden

Book Buddies (T150)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

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

Wednesdays, April 15, 22

6:00pm - 7:00pm

OR

Wednesdays, May 20, 27

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

Buddy Training Program (T151)

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, April 13

6:30pm - 7:15pm

OR

Monday, June 15

6:30pm - 7:15pm

Centereach

Green Teens (T161)

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.

Girls Breaking Barriers: Leadership & Community Action (T159)*

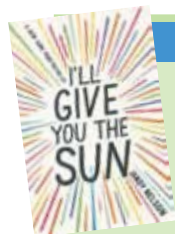
For teen girls ages 15 - 18 years old

Join Girls, Inc. of Long Island to identify issues in today's society and your community, choose a topic of group concern to address, and then develop an effective message. You will then plan, film and edit your very own Public Service Announcement (PSA) while practicing camera, lighting and audio skills and learn all about video production! Community service hours will be earned.

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden



STAFF PICKS

I'll Give You the Sun

by Jandy Nelson

Once inseparable, twins Noah and Jude's lives are torn apart by tragedy as they learn to destroy, forgive and remake their broken world.

Ann S.

Maker Buddies (T178)

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, April 23, 30

6:00pm - 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, May 21, 28

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

Math Buddies (T184)

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, April 21, 28

5:30pm - 6:30pm

AND/OR

Tuesdays, May 19, 26

5:30pm - 6:30pm

AND/OR

Tuesdays, June 16, 23

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

Math Buddies Training (T183)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Math Buddies is a volunteer program in which teens will be paired with a younger buddy to help them practice their math skills and assist with math games and activities. If you would like to be a volunteer, you must attend the Math Buddies training first or be on the Math Buddies eligibility list. After registering, you must fill out the Math Buddies application form available online or at the reference desk and return it to the library before Wednesday, April 8, 2015.

Wednesday, April 15

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

Organic Gardening for Teens (T189)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Nutritionists tell us that it is healthy to have a variety of colors on our plate. This Spring we will plant a Rainbow Garden for both the Nature Explorium and The Education Garden at Hobbs Farm. The plants will be pretty to look at and tasty to eat and we will learn about photonutrients we can get from each of the colors. A Shades of Green bed will also be planted so we can make our own healthy Green Smoothies at the end of the season. Community Service hours will be awarded for participation in this program.

Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 26

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Nature Explorium

Tuesdays, May 5, June 2, 9

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Hobbs Farm

Sit 'N' Knit (T173)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Knit or crochet, socialize and earn community service hours too! Join us to make newborn caps to be donated to University Hospital. You must attend 4 of the 6 Sit 'N' Knit sessions in order to receive community service credit. Everyone from beginner to advanced is welcome to participate.

Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

7:15pm - 8:45pm

Centereach

Techno Buddies (T152)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

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

Mondays, April 20, 27
5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Mondays, May 11, 18
5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Teen Advisory Council (T171)

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 (T176)

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 (T169)

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.

Computer Classes

Beyond Google: Research Using Databases (T190)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Learn the quickest and easiest way to do research using the library's online databases. Save time writing papers and completing assignments by getting accurate information from reputable sources and find out how databases can help you do citations.

Tuesday, April 21
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

Minecraft LAN Party (T185)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Join us for a session of cooperative gaming on the library's Minecraft server. Play with (or against) your friends in Survival mode!

Thursday, April 23
6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, April 30
6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Teen Computer Drop-in (T167)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

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

Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26
6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Cooking

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

Birdhouse Jumbo Cookies (T168)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Create this adorable bird house cookie using fondant, edible ink markers and fondant icing. This cookie will be sure to bring on the sunshine, but it's definitely not for the birds.

Tuesday, May 5

7:00pm – 8:15pm

Selden

Gourmet Marshmallows on a Stick (T186)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Just in time for Father's Day, impress your family with these tasty treats! Take home six in a bakery box.

Wednesday, June 17

7:00pm – 8:15pm

Selden

Driving/Pre-Licensing

Pre-Licensing Class (A721)*

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.

Saturday, April 18 OR May 16 OR June 13

10:00am - 3:00pm

Selden

Teens Drive Safe: Teen Driver Survival Training (T191)

For teens between 14 years old – 18 years old

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

Saturday, May 30

10:00am - 1:00pm

off site- Brookhaven Ecology Site

Friday Night Teen Programs (T167)

Create-On Fridays (T167)

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. A Flower-Pot-Wind Chime in April could be a perfect Mother's Day gift. Help Dad keep all the cords for his devices organized with a Clever Cord Roll in May and make a super cool Paracord Bracelet in June. So grab a friend and Create-On!

Fridays, April 17, May 15, June 19

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Just for Teens Karaoke House (T167)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Love to sing? Have fun showing off your voice at our monthly Karaoke House with the latest songs.

Fridays, April 3, May 1, June 5

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Open Door TRC (T167)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

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

Fridays, April 3, 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12, 19, 26

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Teen Challenge Night (T167)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

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

Fridays, April 24, May 22, June 26

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

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6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Teen Game Night (T167)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Join us every second Friday of the month to play any type of game. In April play Balloon Games. Join us in May for Foam Fun Challenges and in June Play PS4 on the big screen.

Fridays, April 10, May 8, June 12

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Zumba for Teens (T167)

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, May 29

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Games

Game On: Board, Card & Strategy Games (T188)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Board games! Card games! Strategy games! Think you can out-manuever and out-think your friends? Come on down to the Underground and find out with some intense, but friendly competition. Try your hand at an assortment of strategy, board and card games like King of Tokyo, Dominion, Ticket to Ride, and more!

Monday, June 8

3:00pm – 5:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesday, June 10

6:00pm – 8:30pm

AND/OR

Friday, June 12

2:00pm – 5:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesday, June 17

6:00pm – 8:30pm

Centereach

Gaming Club (T194)

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 systems in our Underground space in Centereach and let the gaming begin!

Mondays, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Improv Acting Games (T175)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

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

Thursday, April 9

7:00pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, May 28

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

MCPL MAKERS



MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS
FOUNDATION



5, 6, 7, 8 Create! (T192)

For teens in 6th - 8th grade

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

Tuesdays, May 12, June 9

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead! Maker Fair (J116)

For children, teens and their families

Makerspaces are places where people come together bringing their talents and imagination to create using a variety of eclectic materials, tools, science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts. Come see what projects the children and teens have been creating and see what you can do at MCPL'S Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead Maker Fair!

Saturday, April 18

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Maker Buddies (T178)

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, April 23, 30

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, May 21, 28

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Maker Teens (T155)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Have a blast using our 3Doodlers! Yes, you can draw 3-dimensional pictures. What will you create?

Mondays, June 1, 8

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Maker Teens: 3D Printer Prototyping (T181)

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. This program is made possible by the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Thursdays, June 4, 11

7:15pm – 8:15pm

Centereach

Maker Teens: Teen Robotics Club (T182)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Interested in computers, robotics, and how things work? Join us as we explore the world of robotics! This program is made possible by the Motorola Solutions Foundation.

Tuesdays, June 2, 9

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND

Thursdays, June 4, 11

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Language

Fun with French (T158)

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 francais!

Wednesdays, April 15, 22, 29, May 6
7:15pm – 8:15pm

Selden

Fun with Italian (T156)

For teens in 6th - 8th grade

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

Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30
7:30pm – 8:15pm

Selden

Fun with Spanish (T157)

For teens in 6th - 8th grade

Hablado y jugando – Talking and playing. Join Johanna Boutcher and learn some basic Spanish vocabulary while having lots of fun. Students are introduced to helpful Spanish sentences while being part of traditional Spanish games, rhymes and music. This program provides students with basic conversational skills while encouraging their cultural awareness.

Saturdays, May 16, 23, 30
11:00am – 11:45am

Centereach

Museum Corner

International Museum Day (J117)*

For everyone!

Join us for our annual festival showcasing many Long Island museums, science centers and historical societies. Find out what museums can do for you!

Thursday, May 14
4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Science Hero: Sir Isaac Newton (T154)

For teens in 6th - 8th grade

Action and reaction hero. Learn about Newton's life and discoveries through stories and experiments. Find out what happens in a car crash, fly a balloon rocket plus many more activities!

Saturday, April 25
11:15am – 12:15pm

Centereach

Music/Performances

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Thursday, April 9
7:00pm – 8:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, May 28
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

MUTT CLUB



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

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Tuesdays, April 21, 28, May 26

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Nature Explorium

Tuesdays, May 5, June 2, 9

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Hobbs Farm

Science & Technology

Take Flight (T170)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Why do airplanes fly? Find out how gravity lift and air pressure affect flying. Teens will participate in demonstrations and will end up with the assembly and testing of their own Balsa airplane.

Tuesday, May 19

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Selden

3 CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Drop In Programs

No Registration Required

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

Evening Family Time (J931)

For families with children ages birth – 5 years old

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

Tuesday, April 28

6:00pm – 7:30pm

AND/OR

Monday, June 8

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Selden

Saturday Play Date (J940)

For families with young children ages Birth – 5 not yet in Kindergarten

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

Saturday, April 18

10:00am – 11:30am

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Saturday, May 2

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Stay and Play (J962)

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.

Fraturdays, May 8, 22, June 12

10:00am – 11:30am

Centereach

Toddler Playtime (J965)

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

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

Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30

10:00am – 11:30am

Selden

Family Programs

All Aboard: Laughing Around the World (J951)

For families

Join Steve Petra and Petra Puppets as they celebrate El día de los niños/ El día de los libros. Kids will laugh out loud with Hercules the Ring-Tailed Lemur, Yoyo Tiger, Yolanda the singing Flamingo and a special edition of the International Circus.

Saturday, April 18

1:00pm – 2:00pm

Centereach

Bronx Zoo "Total Experience" Discounted Tickets*

For families

Purchase one day admission tickets for \$23.00 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 expire on 12/31/2015. Five (5) tickets per library card. ****On Sale Now****

Flashing Fingers Show (J984)

For families

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

Tuesday, June 2

7:00pm – 9:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, June 4

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Selden

International Museum Day (J117)*

For everyone!

Join us for our annual festival showcasing many Long Island museums, science centers and historical societies. Find out what museums can do for you!

Thursday, May 14

4:00pm – 7:00pm

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 library card. ****On Sale Now****

Puppetry Club Show (J115)

For families

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

Wednesday, June 3

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Selden

Summer Activities Fair (J958)*

For parents/caregivers with school-age children

Do you have plans for your child's summer vacation? Come to our Summer Activities Fair and get ideas on what is out there for all age groups and all abilities all summer long! Representative from various activity providers will be on hand to answer any questions. The event is offered in partnership with MCCSD PTA.

Friday, May 1

2:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Sunday Sounds (J112)

For all ages

Musicians are invited to play their instruments in the lobby of the Centereach building for 15 to 30 minute intervals from 1:30 to 4:30pm. The Library's piano donated by Friends of MCPL will be available. A certificate of community service will be issued to participating musicians. If you are interested in reserving a session please contact Tracy Lastella, lastellatracy@middlecountrypubliclibrary.org or 631-585-9393, ext. 220.

Sundays, April 19, May 17

1:30pm – 4:30pm

Centereach

Touch-A-Truck (J976)*

For families with children ages 2 – 11 years old

An event not to be missed, the Touch-A-Truck experience is for one and all, big and small! Children can explore various vehicles, sit in the driver's seat and discover the world of trucks. This unique event will feature large trucks and heavy equipment from law enforcement, fire departments, commercial companies, industrial companies and rental companies

Saturday, May 30

11:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Infant/Toddler Programs

Babies Boogie (J966)

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

Tuesday, April 7

5:30pm – 6:15pm

OR

Tuesday, April 21

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Friday, May 1

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Tuesday, June 2

10:00am – 10:45am

OR

Wednesday, June 10

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Baby and Me (J933)

For parents/caregivers and infants ages birth – 18 months

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

Wednesdays, April 8, May 6

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Early Childhood Workshop (J964)

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

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

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28

1:00pm – 2:00pm

AND/OR

Thursdays, May 7, 14, 21

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

I Spy a Storytime (J979)

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

Want a great way to end your night? Join in on our flannel board stories and sing some songs.

Wednesdays, April 8, May 20

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Just Grandma/pa and Me (J960)

For grandparents and their grandchildren ages 1 – 5 years old

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

Tuesdays, April 14, 21, 28

10:00am – 11:00am

Selden

Movin' and Groovin' Rhymes (J978)

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

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

Thursdays, April 9, May 7, June 4

10:00am – 10:30am

10:45am – 11:15am

Centereach

Safety Town (J974)

For families with children ages 3 years old – 3rd grade

Come have fun on our Scooter Highway and learn about safe practice when riding your bike! The Sheriff's Department will also be here to provide families with free Operation Safe Child cards and have a Bike Rodeo with the kids to teach bike safety. Please bring your own bike to participate in the Bike Rodeo. **PICK ONE SESSION** for your time on our Scooter Highway.

Friday, May 8

5:30pm – 5:50pm

5:50pm – 6:10pm

6:10pm – 6:30pm

6:30pm – 6:50pm

6:50pm – 7:10pm

7:10pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Shake' N Make Music (J969)

For parents/caregivers with children ages birth – 36 months

A high energy, fun filled music and movement program that incorporates instruments, bubbles and more!

CHOOSE TWO DATES

Friday, April 17

10:00am – 10:45am (Birth – 17 months)

11:00am – 11:45am (18 – 36 months)

OR

Friday, May 15

10:00am – 10:45am (Birth – 17 months)

11:00am – 11:45am (18 – 36 months)

OR

Wednesday, June 3

10:00am – 10:45am (Birth – 17 months)

11:00am – 11:45am (18 – 36 months)

OR

Thursday, June 11

5:30pm – 6:15pm (Birth – 17 months)

6:30pm – 7:15pm (18 – 36 months)

Centereach

Sing, Sign and Play (J996)

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth – 36 months

While singing songs and reading stories you and your child will learn to use simple signs.

Friday, April 10

10:00am – 10:45am (Birth – 23 months)

11:00am – 11:45am (24 – 36 months)

AND/OR

Tuesday, May 12

10:00am – 10:45am (Birth – 23 months)

11:00am – 11:45am (24 – 36 months)

Centereach

Time for Twos (J941)

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, April 15, May 20

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Toddlers Explore (J961)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 – 36 months

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

Wednesday, April 8

10:30am – 11:15am

AND/OR

Monday, June 1

10:30am – 11:15am

Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J967)

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

Tuesday, April 7

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Tuesday, April 21

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Friday, May 1

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Tuesday, June 2

11:00am – 11:45am

OR

Wednesday, June 10

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Centereach

Twinkle, Twinkle Rhymes (J977)

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.

Tuesdays, April 14, May 12, June 9

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Under the Sea Cupcakes (J970)

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

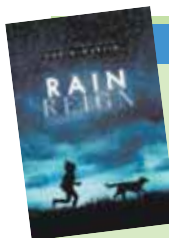
Bring your creativeness and decorate four fishy cupcakes.

Monday, June 8

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

STAFF PICKS



Rain Reign

by Ann M. Martin

Rose's bravery in the face of adversity makes this touching story one to share with the whole family. An alternative for younger readers who would like to participate in Middle Country READS.

Laura P.

Zumbini (J997)

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth – 4 years old

Come join Zumbini instructor Jenn for a brand new mommy + me music and movement program. Designed to let you and your little one wiggle, sing and learn together! The Zumbini program is where the science of child development meets the magic of Zumba.

Friday, April 24

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Wednesday, May 27

10:00am – 10:45am

11:00am – 11:45am

Centereach

Museum Corner

Bubbles (J959)

For children in K – 2nd grade

Become a Bubbleologist! Are bubbles always round? Can you put a car inside a bubble? Learn how to bounce bubbles and experience standing inside a giant bubble. Can you invent new ways to use bubbles? Join us and find out.

Saturday, May 9

10:00am – 11:00am

Centereach

International Museum Day (J117)*

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Thursday, May 14

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Science Hero: Sir Isaac Newton (J957)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Action and reaction hero. Learn about Newton's life and discoveries through stories and experiments. Find out what happens in a car crash, fly a balloon rocket plus many more activities!

Saturday, April 25

10:00am – 11:00am

Centereach

Nature Explorium

Blossom like a Butterfly (J946)

For children in Pre-K – 2nd grade

Let's learn about butterflies and make a beautiful butterfly craft.

Wednesday, May 13

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Drop of Nature (J927)

For children ages 3 and up

Stop in for nature activities the whole family can enjoy! If weather permits these activities will take place outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Mondays, April 6, 20, May 4, 18, June 1, 15

10:00am – 12:00pm

Thursdays, April 9, May 7, June 4

5:00pm – 6:00pm

Centereach

Earth Day! (J992)

For children in K – 2nd grade

April 22nd is Earth Day. Join the Green Teens for some fun Earth Day activities.

Wednesday, April 22

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Grow and Taste Garden (J994)

For children in Pre K – Kindergarten and 1st – 3rd grade

Spring has sprung! Let's get our hands dirty and plant some seeds. Plant an edible vegetable and flower garden to take home that in time, you can transfer into your own yard then see and taste what our seeds will grow to be.

Tuesday, May 5

5:30pm – 6:15pm (Pre K – Kindergarten)

6:30pm – 7:30pm (1st – 3rd grade)

Centereach

International Mud Month (J990)

For children in Pre K – 3rd grade

June is International Mud Month! Come celebrate with some extra special mud activities!

Wednesday, June 3

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Moon Rope (J930)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 – 5 years old

An adventure awaits you! Get ready to dig into the games and join mole and fox on an out-of-this-world adventure!

Monday, April 13

3:00pm – 3:45pm

OR

Monday, June 8

10:00am – 10:45am

Centereach

Nature Games (J928)

For children in 2nd – 5th grade (older siblings welcome)

It's a great time to be outside! Get ready to work together as a team to complete challenges, put your skills to the test, and discover a whole new side to being outdoors.

Wednesday, April 8

1:00pm – 1:45pm

AND/OR

Monday, May 4

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Nature Stories (J943)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 – 5 years old

Hear a story and do a nature-themed activity.

Monday, April 27

3:00pm – 3:45pm

OR

Monday, May 11

3:00pm – 3:45pm

Centereach

Spring Jubilee (J103)*

For families

Celebrate the season opening of the Nature Explorium with nature-based activities. Dance along with Mr. Matt from Turtle Dance Music at 4:30pm and 6:00pm.

Friday, June 5

4:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Venus Fly Trap: Carnivorous Plant (J105)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Learn unique and exciting facts about different carnivorous plants, make a craft and plant Venus Fly Trap Seeds to take home and observe as they grow!

Friday, April 24

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

What's the Deal with Water? (J947)

For children in Pre K – 3rd grade

Where does it come from? How does it move? Where does it go? Let's experiment to find out?

Wednesday, May 20

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Monday, June 8

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Wildlife Heroes (J993)

For families with children ages 4 – 9 years old

During this family program a Sweetbriar educator will share with us their heroic experiences in helping local wildlife. They will be bringing animals that have been injured and rehabilitated but not releasable due to their injuries.

Friday, May 22

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers Programs

"A Parent's Guide to Anxiety Free Childcare" (J950)*

For parents

Majorie Mallard, Executive Director of Precious Lambs, Inc. Early Childhood and Child Care Center will be here to speak to parents and provide some guidelines on how to select a childcare or preschool with ease and without feeling anxiety about your decisions. She will also speak about how to build relationships with your child's teacher and the director of the program. **If you do not have childcare or would like to bring your child with you while this program takes place, we will have a librarian available to do activities with your children, ages 3 and up.**

Wednesday, April 29

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Do You or Your Child Need Health Insurance? (J983)*

For families

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

Tuesdays, April 7, May 5, June 2

3:00pm – 8:00pm

Selden

Wednesdays, April 22, May 27, June 24

10:00am – 2:00pm

Centereach

Free Immunizations: Shots for Tots (J981)*

For families

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

Tuesdays, April 7, May 5, June 2

3:00pm – 6:15pm

Selden

Mom's Group (J972)

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, April 13, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18

9:45am – 11:00am

OR

Saturdays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16

9:45am – 11:00am

Centereach

Parent Child Workshop (J968)

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, April 22, 29, May 6, 13, 20

10:00am – 11:15am

Centereach

Parenting Adolescents with Anxiety Spectrum Disorder (J949)*

For parents

Dr. Natascha Santos, licensed psychologist and anxiety specialist, will be with us to provide an anxiety workshop for parents and professionals working with children and adolescents with anxiety spectrum disorders. We will be discussing how such disorders can negatively impact school performance. In addition, this presentation will provide an overview of the evidence based treatment for anxiety disorders used in clinical practice as well as how to integrate the school into treatment. **If you do not have childcare or would like to bring your child with you while this program takes place, we will have a librarian available to do activities with your children, ages 3 and up.**

Friday, April 17

7:00pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Roll and Stroll (J973)

For parents/caregivers and babies/kids in strollers

Fitness class for a new way of living. Exercise while with your baby! All you need is you and your babies in a stroller. No siblings please.

Thursdays, April 23, 30

10:30am – 11:30am

Centereach

Preschool Programs

April Adventures (J938)

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

Spring has sprung, Celebrate this colorful season with a selection of Spring Crafts.

Monday, April 13

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Art Buddies (J102)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

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

Mondays, April 27, May 4

6:15pm – 7:00pm

OR

Tuesdays, April 14, April 21

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Book Buddies (J925)

For children ages 3 – 7 years old

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

Wednesdays, April 15, 22

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, May 20, 27

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Book Parade (J934)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 – 5 years old

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

Wednesday, May 13

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

Selden

Creative Movement (J980)

For children ages 3 – 4 years old/K – 2nd grade

A professional dance instructor introduces the basics of dance to children through creative play, movement skills, tumbling, rhythmic games and music.

Fridays, May 15, 22, 29

5:00pm – 5:45pm (3 – 4 years old)

6:00pm – 6:45pm (K – 2nd grade)

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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. For each program attended, children will earn a wooden coin to shop at our "Coins Add Up" store.

Math Play (J975)*
For parents/caregivers with children 3 years old – 2nd grade
Come and play with our wonderful Dollars and Sense Kits. You and your children will get to see all our kits have to offer. At the end of the program if you would like you can check them out and take them home!
Monday, April 20
6:00pm – 6:45pm
Centereach

Father's Day Fun (J937)

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

Let Dad know how special he is by making some creative gifts for him.

Monday, June 15

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Flower Power (J939)

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

Flowers Here! Flowers There! Flower, Flowers, Everywhere! Lots of flower crafts and a story too!

Monday, April 27

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Fun with Italian (J954)

For children in K – 3rd grade

Children learn best by doing at an early age. They have a special window of opportunity in which learning a language is intuitive and natural. The ease and pleasure of this learning experience may boost their confidence and their desire for new discoveries.

Saturdays, May 2, 9

1:30pm – 2:15pm

Centereach

I Spy a Storytime (J979)

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

Want a great way to end your night? Join in on our flannel board stories and sing some songs.

Wednesdays, April 8, May 20

6:30pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Magical Mother's Day (J932)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 – 5 years old

Join us in creating beautiful projects for "Mom" or someone special.

Monday, May 4

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

May Mania (J935)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 – 5 years old

Activities, crafts and stories to celebrate the month of May!

Mondays, May 11, 18

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

On My Own (J963)

For children ages 3 – 5 years old without a parent

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

Tuesdays, May 5, 12, 19

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Paw Patrol (J858) * Register Now*

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, April 20

10:00am – 10:45am

11:15am – 12:00pm

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Centereach

Secret Agent Training (J991)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Ever wonder what it would be like to be a secret agent? Let's learn about secret agents with books and fun activities.

Thursday, May 21

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Sensory Storytime for Preschoolers (J111)

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.

Saturday, April 25: April Showers

Saturday, May 30: Mud-luscious

10:00am – 10:45am

Selden

Techno Buddies (J926)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

Come read and play computer games with your Teen Buddy.

Mondays, April 20, 27

5:30pm – 6:15pm

AND/OR

Mondays, May 11, 18

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Under the Sea Cupcakes (J970)

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

Bring your creativeness and decorate four fishy cupcakes.

Monday, June 8

6:00pm – 6:45pm

Centereach

Wacky Wednesdays (J942)

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

Join us for some wacky stories and crafts.

Wednesdays, April 22, 29

1:00pm – 1:45pm

Selden

Welcome New Baby! (J936)

For expectant parents and their 2 – 6 year olds

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

Monday, May 18

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Selden

Zumbini (J997)

For parents/caregivers and children ages birth – 4 years old

Come join Zumbini instructor Jenn for a brand new mommy + me music and movement program. Designed to let you and your little one wiggle, sing and learn together! The Zumbini program is where the science of child development meets the magic of Zumba.

Friday, April 24

6:30pm – 7:15pm

OR

Wednesday, May 27

10:00am – 10:45am

11:00am – 11:45am

Centereach

School Age Programs

5, 6, 7, 8 Create! (J113)

For children in 5th grade

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

Tuesdays, May 12, June 9

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

American Girl (J929)

For children in 2nd – 5th grade

Participate in a hands-on, creative program featuring an American Girl. Special American Girl giveaways are available to participants!

Monday, April 13

4:45pm – 5:45pm

AND/OR

Monday, May 18

4:45pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

Art Buddies (J102)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

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

Mondays, April 27, May 4

6:15pm – 7:00pm

OR

Tuesdays, April 14, April 21

6:15pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Art Studio: Watercolor Resist Painting (J998)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Join us to learn how to use an oil pastel and watercolor paint resist technique to create a beautiful floral vase painting perfect for Mother's Day gift giving.

Monday, May 4

7:30pm – 8:30pm

Selden

Birdhouse Jumbo Cookies (J106)

For children in 4th – 6th grade

Create adorable birdhouse cookies using fondant, edible ink markers and fondant icing.

Tuesday, May 5

5:30pm – 6:45pm

Selden

Book Buddies (J925)

For children ages 3 – 7 years old

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

Wednesdays, April 15, 22

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Wednesdays, May 20, 27

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Bubble Wrap Fun! (J104)

For children in 4th – 5th grade

Join us for a fun time making perky yet practical accessories. Packing materials have never been so fashionable!

Tuesday, April 14

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Dear Mom: I Love You (J948)

For children in K – 2nd grade

In preparation for Mother's Day, let's get together to read some stories and make a Mother's Day gift.

Wednesday, May 6

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Thursday, May 7

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Fun with French (J956)

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!

Wednesdays, April 15, 22, 29, May 6

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Fun with Italian (J953)

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.

Thursdays, April 16, 23, 30

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Selden

Fun with Spanish (J955)

For children in 4th – 5th grade

Hablando y jugando – Talking and playing. Join Johanna Boutcher and learn some basic Spanish vocabulary while having lots of fun. Students are introduced to helpful Spanish sentences while being part of traditional Spanish games, rhymes and music. This program provides students with basic conversational skills while encouraging their cultural awareness.

Saturdays, May 16, 23, 30

10:00am – 10:45am

Centereach

Game Day (J944)

For children in 2nd – 5th grade with families

It's all about having a great time with friends and family! Play bingo, Monopoly, Scrabble, and a whole lot more!

Monday, April 6

2:00pm – 4:00pm

Centereach

Gourmet Marshmallows on a Stick (J107)

For children in 4th – 6th grade

Impress your friends and family with these tasty treats! Take home 6 in a bakery box.

Wednesday, June 17

5:30pm – 6:45pm

Selden

Improv Acting Games (J108)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

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

Thursdays, April 9, May 28

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Selden

Jason Edward's Bunny Search (J985)

For children in 2nd – 6th grade

Kids want adventure and they have one in the Bunny Search, where they search for a missing bunny and his secret treasure! Participants track down books containing hidden clues that will lead to the secret hiding place. All participants have their own clues and proceed at their own pace, and everyone succeeds and is rewarded with their very own badge!

Thursday, April 16

4:45pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

Jungle Bob Storytime (J114)

For children in K – 3rd grade

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

Saturdays, April 25, May 9, June 20

11:00am – 11:45am

Centereach

Just Dance Party (J999)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

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

Monday, May 11

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

LEGO Mania (J118)

For children in 1st – 2nd grade

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

Thursday, April 23

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

LEGO Master Builders (J100)

For children in 3rd – 5th grade

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

Thursday, May 7

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Selden

Let's Get Together (J110)

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, April 17, May 15, June 19

6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Math Buddies (J982)

For children in K – 2nd grade

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

Tuesdays, April 21, 28

5:30pm – 6:30pm

AND/OR

Tuesdays, May 19, 26

5:30pm – 6:30pm

AND/OR

Tuesdays, June 16, 23

5:30pm – 6:30pm

Centereach

Minecraft for Kids (J995)

For children in 1st – 5th grade

Join us for a session of cooperative gaming on the library's Minecraft server. Creative Mode: May 7, 14. Survival Mode: May 21, 28.

Thursday, May 7: Creative Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Thursday, May 14: Creative Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Thursday, May 21: Survival Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

OR

Thursday, May 28: Survival Mode

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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For children in 5th grade

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Tuesdays, May 12, June 9

6:00pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead! Maker Fair (J116)

For children, teens and their families

Makerspaces are places where people come together bringing their talents and imagination to create using a variety of materials, and tools; science, technology, engineering, art and math concepts. Come see what projects the children and teens have been creating and see what you can do at MCPL'S Full S.T.E.A.M Ahead Maker Fair!

Saturday, April 18

1:00pm – 3:00pm

Centereach

Maker Buddies (J101)

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, April 30

6:00pm – 7:00pm

AND/OR

Thursday, May 28

6:00pm – 7:00pm

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.

12th Annual Pet Parade (J989)

For children and their pets, accompanied by an adult

Children of all ages are invited to bring their pet. Pets may participate in the parade by walking, being carried or in a wagon. For safety, all pets must be on a leash or in a cage/container. Each child will have the opportunity to step up to the stage to show off his/her pet's special talents. Participants are responsible for cleaning up after their pets. Rain date: Tuesday, May 19th 2015.

Saturday, May 16

10:00am – 11:00am

Rain Date: Tuesday, May 19

6:00pm – 7:00pm

Centereach

Dog Breath (J986)

For children in 1st – 3rd grade

Hold your nose through a story about a dog with very smelly breath, and then make your own licking dog craft to take home.

Wednesday, April 22

5:00pm – 5:45pm

Centereach

Mutt-i-grees Bookmark Contest (J987)

For children in K – 5th grade

Would you like to see your art work imprint? You are invited to enter our Design-a-Muttigree Bookmark Contest. Winning bookmarks will be duplicated and distributed at our youth services reference desks. Pick up an entry form beginning April 1, 2015.

K9 Reading (J988)

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.**

Wednesday, April 29

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Tuesday, May 12

6:30pm – 6:45pm

6:50pm – 7:05pm

7:10pm – 7:25pm

7:30pm – 7:45pm

Centereach

My Dad's the Best (J945)

For children in K – 2nd grade

In anticipation for Father's Day, let's get together to read some stories and make a Father's Day gift.

Monday, June 15

6:00pm – 6:45pm

OR

Wednesday, June 17

5:30pm – 6:15pm

Centereach

Safety Town (J974)

For families with children ages 3 years old – 3rd grade

Come have fun on our Scooter Highway and learn about safe practice when riding your bike! The Sheriff's Department will also be here to provide families with free Operation Safe Child cards and have a Bike Rodeo with the kids to teach bike safety. Please bring your own bike to participate in the Bike Rodeo. **PICK ONE SESSION** for your time on our Scooter Highway.

Friday, May 8

5:30pm – 5:50pm

5:50pm – 6:10pm

6:10pm – 6:30pm

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Centereach

Secret Agent Training (J991)

For children ages 4 – 7 years old

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6:30pm – 7:30pm

Centereach

Sensory Storytime for Students (J109)

For children in K – 3rd grade

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Monday, May 18

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Selden

What Superhero Would You Be? (J971)

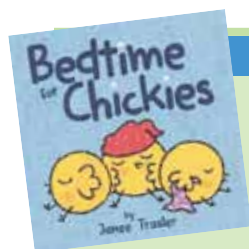
For children in 3rd – 5th grade

Like comics? Love cupcakes? Enjoy both at the library in honor of Free Comic Book Day. You will decorate four cupcakes based on your own creation of what you would be as a superhero. You can pick up your free comic book at the youth services desk.

Saturday, May 2

10:00am – 11:00am

Centereach



STAFF PICKS

Bedtime for Chickies

by Jane Yolen

Cheep! Cheep! Cheep! What does it take to get little Chickies to sleep? With sweet illustrations and engaging rhymes this is the perfect bedtime book for toddlers!

Jessica S.

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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 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: May 19, 2015- Ways to Talk to Children and Teens about Sexuality. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 262.



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Book Sale!

Please join us for the upcoming Friends' Spring Book Sale at the Centereach building.

Friday, April 10th 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 11th 9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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 it to the Friends mailbox available at both buildings.

The levels of membership are:

Bronze \$5.00
Silver..... \$10.00
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Business/Organizations..... \$ 25.00
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Pictured l-r: Lynn Mayer, branch manager and Michael Buckley, senior vice president, Astoria Bank; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; Tracy Delgado-LaStella, coordinator, youth services and Deborah Hempe, youth services librarian.

A generous grant of \$7,500 from Astoria Bank supports the *Build It Up!: Discovering Architecture Through Blocks* exhibit in the Museum Corner, programming in the *Read It* area of the Nature Explorium and the Café at the annual Women's EXPO.

THANKS TO SPONSORS OF DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS SERIES

The Distinguished Speakers Series provides an opportunity for practitioners to stay abreast of current issues relating to young children and families through presentations by specialists in the field. Thanks to the sponsors of the 2014-15 Series: New York Community Bank Foundation, Hagedorn Foundation, Motorola Solutions Foundation, and Joseph P. Price Insurance.

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



CONGRATULATIONS TO DEBORAH HEMPE, TEEN LIBRARIAN

2014 TEEN LIBRARIAN AWARD WINNER FOR BEST COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAM

The YASD (the Young Adult Services Division of Suffolk County Libraries) recognized Ms. Hempe for organizing the Organic Gardening program for teen volunteers. In 2012, Ms. Hempe began collaborating with Bethel Hobbs Community Farm located in Centereach to design an Organic Gardening program. Teens meet at the library for gardening lessons led by a Hobbs Farm Master Gardener and then volunteer at the farm planting, weeding and harvesting crops sold at local farmers' markets or donated to local food pantries. This great community service program allows students to understand the importance of volunteering in the community while promoting an appreciation for the environment.



WHAT'S NEW ONLINE FOR CHILDREN

Here are some fun new ways to share books and information with your children! *Tumblebooks* is an online collection of animated, talking picture books that teach young children the joys of reading in a format they'll love. Check out *FreedomFlix*, a new interactive American history program from Scholastic that brings history to life on any tablet, desktop, or interactive whiteboard, and *ScienceFlix*, an in-depth examination of more than 30 different science topics. While you're exploring don't forget to try out *BookFlix* and *TrueFlix*!

Library card holders can enjoy all of these resources both in the library and at home; to access them just click on the "Kids Databases" link on the library homepage.



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Use your library barcode to access our free downloads and explore a world of entertainment. Watch movies, read magazines and books, or listen to music and audiobooks – just visit www.middlecountrypubliclibrary.org/edownloads/



CHECK OUT OUR GAMES!

Ready to get outside and play? Looking for some great outdoor games to play with family and friends of all ages? Kan Jam, Bocce, Lawn Bowling and more are available for check out. Visit the Adult reference desk and learn about our new games collection.

TEEN SPACES

Teens, looking for a fun place to hang out? Club 567 at our Centereach building is a welcoming space for teens in 5th-8th grade equipped with computers, magazines, comfy seating, and a chalkboard wall to spark your creativity! Teens in 8th-12th grade can venture to the lower level for the Underground, an interactive space featuring PC and Mac computers, videogames and movies with surround sound, and plenty of space to do homework or hang out. So bring a friend and come to the library today!



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(September through May)

The Library is closed the following days:

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

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

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

DISPLAYS & EXHIBITS

April

Nature Explorium
International Children's Book Month

May

Heritage Collection

June

Summer Reading Clubs



January - May

Invention at Play

LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER

SAVE THE DATE

- April 1** Children's Spring Program Registration
- April 2** Adult & Teen Spring Program Registration
- April 7** Library Budget Vote Registration
Centereach
2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- April 11** Community Shredding Event
Centereach
10:00 - 12:00 p.m.
- April 14** Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election
Centereach
9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
- April 18** Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead! Maker Fair
Centereach
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.
- April 30** Calling all Boomers and Seniors Products and Services Fair
Centereach
3:00 - 6:00 p.m.
- May 1** Summer Activities Fair
Centereach
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- May 2** Free Comic Book Day
Centereach
9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
- May 5** Strictly Business Trade Show
Centereach
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- May 14** International Museum Day
Centereach
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- May 16** 12th Annual Pet Parade
Centereach
10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- May 30** Touch-A-Truck
Centereach
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- June 5** Spring Jubilee
Centereach
4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
- June 12** Miller Business Morning
Centereach
8:00 - 9:30 a.m.
- June 11** Children's Summer I Program Registration
- June 12** Adult & Teen Summer I Program Registration
- June 13** Middle Country Reads 2015: Launch Celebration for Mark Haddon's *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time*
Centereach / Selden
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
- August 12** Middle Country Reads 2015: Take-a-Trip to *Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time* on Broadway

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