

MCPL QUARTERLY

NEWS & PROGRAMS AT MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY

SPRING 2025



YOUTH ABILITIES FAIR

SATURDAY, APRIL 5TH
11:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
CENTEREACH

Our special needs resource fair and family fun day is right around the corner! Meet representatives from various organizations and learn about their resources, services, and activities for children and teens. Enjoy a sensory space, crafts, games, activities, and meet the Super Mario Brothers and friends! Join us for a spectacular magic show at 1:00 p.m. with the Great and Powerful Dave. *This event is offered in partnership with Middle Country SEPTA.*



ANNUAL MESSAGE & BUDGET INFORMATION

FROM THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The role of the public library continues to evolve but at its core, the library is the cornerstone of the community, a center for lifelong learning and discovery, promoting literacy and contributing to the economic development of our region. The library provides vibrant community spaces where everyone has the opportunity to interact, collaborate, and learn. Through our continued outreach efforts and community engagement, the library continues to cultivate collections, resources, and programs based on your needs and input. We invite you to take our new community survey at www.mcplib.org/survey so that we can better serve you going forward. The survey will be open from March 10 to May 31, 2025.

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START YOUR GARDENING JOURNEY AT MCPL!

Spring has arrived, and the popular MCPL Seed Library is fully stocked with all your favorite herb, flower, and vegetable seeds! This season, we've added exciting new options, including microgreens and many varieties of tomatoes, cucumbers, and lettuce. All seeds are open-pollinated, so you can save seeds for future planting.

Looking to sharpen your gardening skills? Join one of our upcoming gardening programs or explore our extensive collection of gardening books. And don't forget to visit the Seed Libraries at both our Centereach and Selden locations!



MCPL Seed Library



Seasonal Email Leaflet

SCAN TO SIGN UP!

Quarterly newsletter with great tips and information to help your seeds grow to their full potential!



PROGRAM CATALOG:

- **ADULTS/SENIORS** 5 - 9
- **TEEN SERVICES** 10 - 12
- **CHILDREN & FAMILIES** 13 - 17

SPRING REGISTRATION: CHILDREN & TEENS - THURSDAY, MARCH 27TH
ADULTS - FRIDAY, MARCH 28TH

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES

GASTOS ESTIMADOS

2025/2026

SALARIES

Professional, Clerical, Computer Support, Page, Custodial/Security

\$7,888,850

SALARIOS

Profesionales, Personal de Oficina, Personal de Asistencia con Computadoras, Pages, Mantenimiento/Seguridad

EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Retirement, Social Security, Workers Compensation, Health, Dental, Vision, Life, Disability, Long Term Care, EAP

\$3,832,190

BENEFICIOS PARA LOS EMPLEADOS

Jubilación, Seguro Social, Compensación de Trabajadores, Salud, Dental, Visión, Seguro de Vida y Discapacidad, Cuidado por Tiempo Prolongado, EAP

LIBRARY MATERIALS AND SERVICES

Furniture & Equipment, Books, Microforms/E Books, Audio Materials, Subscription Services, Visual Materials, Realia/Other, Professional Development, Publicity & Printing, Rental of Equipment, Contracts with Other Libraries, Programs

\$2,103,915

MATERIALES BIBLIOTECARIOS Y SERVICIOS

Muebles y Equipo, Libros, Microformas/Libros Electrónicos, Materiales Audiovisuales, Servicios de Suscripción, Materiales Visuales, Desarrollo Profesional, Publicidad e Impresión, Alquiler de Equipo, Contratos con otras Bibliotecas, Programas

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 & Building Equipment, Insurance, Utilities, Computer Software & Services

\$1,808,434

GASTOS OPERATIVOS

Servicios de Mantenimiento, Artículos de Oficina y Bibliotecarios, Telecomunicaciones, Transporte, Franqueo, Servicios Profesionales Contratados, Membresías, Alquiler, Equipos de Reparación y Mantenimiento de Oficina, Remoción de Nieve, Servicios de Protección, Suministros de Mantenimiento y Limpieza, Reparaciones de Edificios, Equipo de las Instalaciones, Seguro, Utilidades, Servicios de Software y Computadoras.

OTHER EXPENSES

Transfer to Capital Fund

\$400,000

OTROS GASTOS

Transferencia al Fondo Capital

Proposed Budget

Less Anticipated Revenues

\$16,033,389

\$274,000

Less Appropriated Fund Balance

\$400,000

Presupuesto Propuesto

Menos Ganancias Anticipadas

Menos Balance de Fondos Apropriados

Total Tax Appropriation

\$15,359,389

Crédito Fiscal Total

ANNUAL MESSAGE

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As part of our annual message, a summary of next year's budget is included. The proposed 2025/2026 budget reflects an increase of 0.68%, which is below the tax cap limitation. We strive to be financially prudent while providing exemplary services, programs and resources, remain a steady local employer and as always, your neighborhood library. We hope that you continue to enjoy all that the library offers. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Please contact Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, at 631-585-9393 ext. 219 or email serlismc@mcplibrary.org with any questions you may have pertaining to the budget.

How to Determine Your Household's Proposed Library Tax

Proposed Tax = (Home's Assessed Value x Tax Rate per \$100) ÷ 100

2025-2026 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate per \$100 = \$28.73

| For a Home Assessed at: | Proposed Estimated Annual cost for Library Services: | Estimated Annual Increase |
|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| \$2,000 | \$574.60 | \$4.00 |
| \$3,000 | \$861.90 | \$6.00 |

Based on the most recent data at time of printing.

Como determinar el impuesto de la biblioteca propuesto por su propiedad

Impuesto Propuesto = (Valor Tasado de la Casa x tasa de impuesto por \$100) ÷ 100

2025-2026 Tasa de Impuesto Estimada Propuesta por \$100 = \$28.66

| Para una Casa Valorada en: | Costo Anual Estimado Propuesto por Servicios Bibliotecarios: | Incremento Anual Estimado |
|----------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| \$2,000 | \$574.60 | \$4.00 |
| \$3,000 | \$861.90 | \$6.00 |

Basado en la información más reciente al momento de la impresión.

TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL

FOR TEENS IN 7TH-12TH GRADE



The MCPL Teen Advisory Council provides an opportunity to develop essential skills like leadership, collaboration and civic engagement. Help influence what you want to see in our teen spaces, programs, and services while earning community service hours. TAC meets in person every month and organizes programs throughout the year for future volunteer opportunities. TAC also helps plan and assist with activities at a variety of library events, including:

- Island Idol teen music competition
- Summer Reading Club Celebration
- Trunk or Treat
- And more!

See page 11 for more information about becoming a TAC member.

LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE & TRUSTEE ELECTION

TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH, 2025

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

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

In order to vote you must be:

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

**You are registered if you have voted in a general, school, or library election within the last four years. If you have not, you may register on Tuesday, April 1st between 2:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at the Centereach Building.*

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Centereach Customer Service Desk.

VOTACIÓN DEL PRESUPUESTO DE LA BIBLIOTECA Y ELECCIÓN DE LOS FIDEICOMISOS

MARTES 8 DE ABRIL, 2025

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

En la sede de Centereach
101 Eastwood Blvd, Centereach, NY

Para ser elegible para votar, usted debe:

- Ser ciudadano de Los Estados Unidos
- Tener 18 años o ser mayor de 18 años
- Estar registrado para votar*
- Ser residente del distrito escolar de Middle Country #11 por lo menos 30 días antes de la votación

**Usted está registrado si ha votado en la elección general, votación de la escuela o biblioteca en los últimos 4 años. Si usted no se ha registrado, lo puede hacer el martes 1 de abril entre las 2:00 - 9:00 p.m. en nuestra sede de Centereach.*

Las solicitudes para votar en ausencia están disponibles en el escritorio de Servicio al Cliente, Customer Service.

Para el mensaje anual en español haga click www.mcplibrary.org/spanish-message/.



JOURNEY THROUGH WONDERLAND



Our newest Museum Corner exhibit, **Journey Through Wonderland**, is open! Enjoy family time and experiential learning centered around facets of the classic children's tale, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* by Lewis Carroll.

CELEBRATE SPRING . . .

Youth Abilities Fair (J858)

Saturday, April 5, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For families

A special needs resource fair and family fun day!

- **Centereach**

Stardust & Ziggy Turn Three (J922)

Wednesday, April 16, 2025 • 5:00 p.m.

For families

Come sing "Happy Birthday" with us to celebrate Stardust and Ziggy. - **Centereach**

Free Comic Book Day (A996)

Saturday, May 3, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For all ages

Come down to the library to celebrate Free Comic Book Day with fun activities! Free comics available at 9:30 a.m., while supplies last. - **Centereach**

Touch-a-Truck (J857)

Saturday, May 17, 2025 • 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

For families

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 department, commercial companies, industrial companies, and more. - **Centereach**

International Museum Day (J946)

Thursday, May 15, 2025 • 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For all

Join us for our annual festival celebrating Museum Day. Representatives from many local museums, historical societies, science, and nature centers will be on hand to share information regarding their collections, programs, and exhibits! - **Centereach**



Spring Jubilee (J861)

Friday, June 6, 2025 • 4:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

For families in Pre-K - 5th grade

Join us as we welcome Spring with the official opening of our Nature Explorium! - **Centereach**

Decorate Your Grad Cap! (T118)

Thursday, June 12, 2025 • 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

For teens in 12th grade

Graduation is just around the corner! Come to the library and decorate your graduation cap with a unique design celebrating your accomplishment. - **Centereach**

Bring your lawn chairs and join us this summer at MCPL - Centereach for outdoor entertainment.

That 70s Band

70s Band

Tuesday

July 8th

Southbound

Country

Tuesday

July 29th

Common Ground

80s Band

Wednesday

August 13th

Concerts start at 7:00 p.m.

Concerts above are supported by a Suffolk County Dept of Economic Development & Planning grant sponsored by Legislator Nick Caracappa.

Island Idol

Friday,
July 25th
@6PM

Movie Night
Wednesday,
August 6th
@8:30 p.m.

**MCPL
UNDER
THE
STARS**

Strictly Business 2025

Tuesday, May 6, 2025 @ 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - **Centereach**

Featuring local businesses, Strictly Business highlights the economic successes of our region. For more information on becoming a sponsor or a vendor, visit www.strictlybusinessradeshow.org or contact Sal DiVincenzo at divincenzosal@mcplib.org.

ATTENDING PROGRAMS

- A valid MCPL library card for each patron (adults, children and teens) is required at time of registration.
- Register online at www.mcplibrary.org, in person at Centereach and Selden, or by calling 631-585-9393.
- Registration for Children's and Teen programs begins on Thursday, March 27th at 9:30 a.m.
- Registration for Adult programs begins on Friday, March 28th at 9:30 a.m.
- Program fees must be paid at the time of registration. Payment for online or phone registrations are due within three days or the registration will be cancelled. **Program fees are non-refundable.**
- Out-of-District patrons with a valid card from their home library may attend programs designated with a (*). Based on availability, registration for these Adult programs begins Monday, April 7th (except where noted).
- For the most up-to-date registration and program information please visit www.mcplibrary.org/calendar or call 631-585-9393.
- Please let us know if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

ADULTS/SENIORS

Non-refundable material fees are due within 3 days of registering. Adult programs are for patrons aged 14+. Please visit programs.mcplibrary.org for complete descriptions.

Arts & Crafts

Boxed Paper Peony (A988)

Thursday, May 1 | 4:00pm - 5:30pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Cause for Paws: Catnip Planters (A977)

Monday, April 21 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Crafts, Coffee & Conversation (A960)

Thursdays, April 10, **AND/OR** June 12 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Craft Your Way Day! (A959)

Thursday, May 15 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Crochet Group (A949)*

Tuesdays, April 8, May 6, June 10 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Crochet: Eco-Friendly Granny Square Bag (A948)

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Felted Flower Brooch (A989)

Materials Fee: \$5

Monday, April 7 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

OR Monday, May 5 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Framed Pebble & Seaglass Art (A104)

Materials Fee: \$10

Wednesday, May 7 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

OR Tuesday, May 13 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm **OR** 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Centereach

Memory Box Craft (A957)

Friday, May 23 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

OR Friday, May 30 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Moonlit Ceramic Votive (A990)

Materials Fee: \$5

Wednesday, May 21 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm **OR** 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

OR Tuesday, May 27 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm **OR** 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Paint Night: Fire Island Lighthouse (A961)

Materials Fee: \$15

Wednesday, April 23 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Pressed Flower Animal Art (A987)

Tuesday, April 8 | 11:00am - 12:00pm **OR** 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Selden

OR Thursday, April 10 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Quilting Instructional: Beginner Bargello Quilt (A999)

Please visit the Adult Reference Desk for materials list.

Tuesdays, April 15, May 13, 27, **AND** June 17 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Quilting Sew n' Sews (A998)

Basic sewing skills required.

Wednesdays, April 2, May 7, June 4 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Recycled Paper Beads Bracelet (A956)

Thursday, April 17 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

OR Tuesday, April 22 | 1:00pm - 2:00pm **OR** 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Sewing 101 (A958)

Saturday, April 5 | 10:30am - 12:30pm **OR** 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

OR Saturday, April 12 | 10:30am - 12:30pm **OR** 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Sewing Class: Elastic Waist Skirt (A953)

Materials Fee: \$5

Saturday, May 10 | 11:00am - 12:30pm **OR** 1:30pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Stained Glass: Hanging Flower (A976)

Materials Fee: \$25

Tuesday, April 29 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden **OR**

Wednesday, April 30 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Star Wars Terrarium (A994)

Tuesday, April 29 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Super Mario Shelves (A993)

Materials Fee: \$5

Tuesday, April 22 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Book Discussions & Writing

Afternoon Book Discussion (A912)*

April: *On Fire Island* by Jane L. Rosen

May: *Lady Tan's Circle of Women* by Lisa See


June: *On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous* by Ocean Vuong 

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 5 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

History Buffs Book Club (A897)*

Join us for a lively discussion of historical books, events and eras.

April: *Neil Armstrong: A Life of Flight* by Jay Barbree

June: *Harvey Milk: His Lives and Death* by Lillian Faderman 

Tuesdays, April 22, June 3 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Long Island Reads: Jane L. Rosen (A105)*

Author of *On Fire Island*, Jane L. Rosen, will appear at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library on Sunday, April 6 at 2:00pm to discuss her book *On Fire Island*. Free tickets will be available Saturday, March 1 via the Long Island Reads website at tinyurl.com/LIReadsMCPL. The event will also be livestreamed.

Sunday, April 6 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Offsite

Screenwriting 101 (A918)*

Wednesday, June 4 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Writers' Group (A947)*

Wednesdays, April 9, May 14, June 11 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Business & Finance & Careers

Visit www.millerbusinesscenter.org for the most up-to-date list of upcoming business programs.

One-on-One Financial Counseling (A974)

Tuesdays, April 1, May 6, June 3

Appointments at 6:00pm, 6:45pm, 7:30pm | Centereach

Patent and Trademark Workshop (A923)*

Wednesday, April 30 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Prepare for a Job Fair (A107)*

Monday, June 9 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Stony Brook Hospital Job Fair (A884)*

Wednesdays, April 9, June 4 | 12:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Suffolk County Dept. of Labor Job Fair (A997)*

Wednesday, June 11 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

16 Hour On-The-Job Security Guard Training (A113)*

Monday, June 16 | 4:30pm - 8:30pm **AND**

Wednesday, June 18 | 4:30pm - 8:30pm **AND**

Friday, June 20 | 4:30pm - 8:30pm **AND**

Monday, June 23 | 4:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Security Guard Training (A112)*

Tuesday, April 22 **AND** Friday, April 25 | 4:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

OR Monday, June 9 **AND** Wednesday, June 11

4:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Citizenship & ESOL & Literacy

The Literacy Office is open to assist patrons with limited literacy or English proficiency needing help accessing library services and programs. Call 631-585-9393 ext 274 or ext 248.

Basic Computer Skills for ESOL Students (A930)

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

Career and School Counseling for ESOL Students (A933)

Wednesdays, April 2, May 7, June 4

Appointments at 10:00am, 11:00am, 12:00pm | Selden

Wednesdays, April 9, 23, May 14, 21, June 11, 18

Appointments at 4:30pm, 5:30pm, 6:30pm | Centereach

Citizenship Application Review (A941)*

Saturdays, April 5, 26 | 10:30am - 12:00pm | Selden

Citizenship Preparation (A932)*

Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 21, 28 June 4, 11

7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

English Class: Basic (A928)*

Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12

7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14

10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

English Class: Basic Level II (A881)*

Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5

7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

English Class: Intermediate (A924)*

Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, June 5, 12

7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Saturdays, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14

10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

English Conversation Group (A926)*

Mondays, April 7, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9, 16

10:30am - 11:30am | Selden

OR Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28, June 4, 11

6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Literacy Celebration (A934)*

Wednesday, June 18 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Literacy Suffolk Volunteer Tutor Training (A925)*

Mondays, April 14, 21, 28 | 5:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

AND Tuesday, May 6 | 5:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A927)*

For Spanish-speaking women and their families.

Saturdays, April 12, May 10 | 12:30pm - 2:00pm | Centereach

Wednesdays, April 30, May 28 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Simple Writing Skills for ESOL (A940)*

Saturdays, May 3, 10, 17, 24 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Computers & Technology

Book-a-Librarian

Make an appointment with a librarian for assistance with library resources and services at www.tinyurl.com/MCPLBookaLibrarian.

Navigating the Digital World: A Workshop Series for Older Adults

Email Basics (A730)

Friday, April 11 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

OR Tuesday, April 15 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Intro to Android (A846)

Friday, May 9 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

OR Wednesday, May 14 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Intro to iOS (A847)

Thursday, May 8 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Selden

OR Tuesday, May 13 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Online Security (A731)

Friday, April 18 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

OR Tuesday, April 22 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Computer Basics (A891)

Thursday, May 1 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

AND/OR Monday, June 2 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Digital Art 101 (A106)

Tuesday, June 3 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Excel: Formulas II (A915)

Tuesday, April 8 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Excel: Pivot Tables (A914)

Tuesday, June 3 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Laser Engraved Keychain (A888)

Patrons will be making their own design and must be comfortable using a computer.

Wednesday, June 4 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach **OR**

Thursday, June 5 | 4:30pm - 6:00pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Maximize Your Windows PC (A892)

Monday, May 12 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Microsoft PowerPoint: Photo Album (A916)

Tuesday, May 6 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Streaming Services 101 (A913)

Wednesday, April 30 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Sublimation Ceramic Planter (A887)

Patrons will be making their own design and must be comfortable using a computer.

Materials Fee: \$5

Wednesday, April 23 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach **OR**

Thursday, April 24 | 4:30pm - 6:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Cooking

Creole Cuisine (A938)

Wednesday, June 25 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
OR Thursday, June 26 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Flowers and Bees Cookie Decorating (A984)

Materials Fee: \$15

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Italian Sauces (A937)

Tuesday, May 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach
OR Thursday, May 8 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Local Eats: Spring Green Salads (A981)

Thursday, May 22 **OR** Wednesday, June 4 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Mediterranean Bean Salad (A935)

Wednesday, April 9 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm **OR** 7:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Defensive Driving & Pre-Licensing *

AARP Smart Driver (A975) *

Program Fee: \$25 for AARP Members/ \$30 for Non-Members by check or money order on the day of class.

Please make check payable to AARP.

Wednesday, April 9 **AND** Thursday, April 10 | 10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden

OR Wednesday, May 7 **AND** Thursday, May 8
10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden

OR Tuesday, June 17 **AND** Wednesday, June 18
10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden

Defensive Driving (A943) *

Program Fee: \$25 (\$22 for students with High School ID) by check or money order on the day of class.

Please make check payable to NYSTA, Inc.

Saturday, April 12 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden **OR**

Tuesday, April 15 **AND** Wednesday, April 16 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

OR Saturday, May 10 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden

OR Tuesday, May 27 **AND** Wednesday, May 28

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

OR Saturday, June 21 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden

OR Monday, June 23 **AND** Tuesday, June 24 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A942) *

Program Fee: \$55 in CASH on day of class

Saturdays, April 19 **OR** May 10 **OR** June 14 | 10:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Games

Bookworm Jeopardy (A880) *

Friday, April 25 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Family Chess Club (A972) *

No registration necessary.

Fridays | 5:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Fun and Games (A973) *

No registration necessary.

Wednesdays | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Learn to Play Mah-Jongg (A902)

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Mah-Jongg Club (A971) *

Tuesdays | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Peace by Piece (A109) *

Thursday, May 15 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Gardening

Grow a Hummingbird Garden (A967) *

Tuesday, May 13 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Gardening 101: Quick + Easy Vegetables for New Gardeners (A965)

Saturday, June 7 | 10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

GreenThumbs: Plant Exchange (A964) *

Wednesday, May 21 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Long Island Tree Selection and Care Tips (A966) *

Tuesday, April 15 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Seed Sorting Party (A963) *

Thursday, April 3 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Seed Starting Drop-In Program (A968) *

Wednesday, April 9 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Tuesday, April 22 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Centereach

Friday, April 25 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

Volunteer and Learn at Hobb's Farm (A969)

Tuesdays, April 8, May 20, June 10 | 10:00am - 11:30am | Offsite

Genealogy

Genealogy Research Assistance

Request an appointment at www.tinyurl.com/MCPLgenealogyappt.

D.I.G.: Drop-In Genealogy (A978) *

Wednesday, May 21 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Health & Fitness & Wellness

Ask a Dietitian (A339) *

Fridays, April 18, June 20 | 11:30am - 1:00pm | Selden

Friday, May 16 | 11:30am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Catholic Health Free Health Screenings (A995) *

Tuesday, April 1 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Centereach **OR**

Thursday, April 3 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Selden

Eating for Energy (A991)

Wednesday, June 18 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Finding Serenity in the Digital World (A992)

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:30pm - 7:45pm | Selden

Intro to Pickleball (A115)

Program Fee: \$10

Thursday, April 24 | 11:00am - 12:30pm **OR** 1:00pm - 2:30pm | Offsite

Long Island Blood Services Blood Drive (A980) *

Tuesday, May 27 | 1:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Mat Pilates (A954)

Mondays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Stony Brook Healthy Libraries (HeLP) (A769) *

Tuesday, April 1 | 2:00pm - 4:30pm | Selden

Strength Training for a Total Body Workout (A955)

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

History & True Crime

50 Years Since Operation Frequent Wind & Operation Babylift (A929) *

Monday, May 12 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Selden

Appomattox: Where Our Nation Reunited (A899)*

Tuesday, May 13 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Crime Scene Clean Up (A111)

Thursday, May 22 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

George Lucas & the Creation of Star Wars (A922)*

Friday, May 2 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Historic Amusement Parks of Long Island (A901)*

Thursday, May 22 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

History of Early Christianity (A882)*

Thursday, April 3 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

The Legacy of U.S. Navy SEAL LT Michael P. Murphy (A910)*

Thursday, June 26 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

The Road to Revolution (A905)*

Tuesday, April 1 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Shackleton's Shipwreck (A903)*

Thursday, April 24 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Interests & Lifestyle

Andy Warhol and Pop Art Movement (A102)

Thursday, June 26 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Animals 101: The Great Dane (A101)

Saturday, May 24 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

A Beginner's Guide to Sea Glass (A889)

Friday, May 16 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

OR Tuesday, May 20 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Colorful Spring Eyes (A939)

Monday, April 28 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Free Comic Book Day (A996)*

Saturday, May 3 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

International Museum Day (J946)*

For Everyone

See page # for more information.

Thursday, May 15 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Let's Dance: Hustle (A985)

Thursdays, April 3, 10 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

LGBT Representation in Media (A907)*

Wednesday, June 18 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Library for All (A108)*

Wednesdays, April 16, May 21 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Selden



Guided Nature Hike: Tiffany Creek Preserve (A921)

Meet in the parking lot off Sandy Hollow Rd in Oyster Bay Cove for this 2-mile hike.

Wednesday, April 16 | 10:00am - 12:00pm

OR 12:30pm - 2:30pm | Offsite

Cherry Blossom Festival Photography Walk (A962)

Meet at the Greenport Carousel for a 1-mile walk with photographer Miranda Gatewood through a sea of pink.

Wednesday, May 7 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Offsite

Tails & Trails Walk (A982)

Meet at the Frank Melville Memorial Park in Setauket for a dog-friendly walk with training tips.

Saturday, June 7 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Offsite

Me Time: A Fun Friday Series

Join us at 6:30pm for coffee, conversation and music. Programs will start at 7pm.

Laugh, Create, Heal Workshop (A952)

Friday, April 18 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Crystal Party (A951)

Friday, May 9 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Trivia Night (A950)

Friday, June 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Paper Shredding (A103)

Saturday, April 26 | 10:30am - 1:30pm | Centereach - Parking Lot

Spring Pet Portraits (A979)

Saturday, May 31 | 10:30pm - 12:30pm | Centereach

Water Birds of Long Island (A114)*

Saturday, May 3 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Where's My Stuff? The Ins & Outs of Managing Space (A983)

Monday, April 28 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Performances

All ages welcome.

Live at MCPL: The Day Trippers (A909)

Sunday, April 27 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL: Long Island ReSound Handbell Ensemble (A904)

Sunday, May 18 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL: Sweet Ride LI (A936)

Sunday, June 8 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

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Free for All: The Public Library (A885)*
Free for All explores the vital role public libraries have played in shaping American society. After the screening visit exhibits to learn about our library, its collections and more.
Friday, April 11 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

We Want the Funk (A110)*
We Want the Funk, from filmmaker Stanley Nelson, examines the history of funk music, spanning its African and early jazz roots. After the film stay for a funk concert.
Sunday, May 4 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

*In partnership with the
Greater Port Jefferson Northern Brookhaven Arts Council*

Senior Services

Bingo (A896) *

Fridays, April 11, May 9, June 6 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Friday Films @ 1 (A895)

Fridays in April, May and June, except June 13 | 1:00pm | Selden

Island Harvest's Commodity Supplemental Food Program (A284) *

For eligible seniors only. Seniors can contact Island Harvest at 631-873-4775 to determine eligibility.

Wednesdays, April 16, May 21, June 18 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

PACE: People with Arthritis Can Exercise (A0919)

Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3
12:30pm - 1:30pm | Selden **OR** Zoom

Senior Advocate (A945) *

Date subject to change, please call the reference desk to confirm.

Monday, May 19 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm | Centereach

Senior Connections (A944) *

Fridays, April 4, 18, May 2, 16, June 6, 20
11:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

AND Fridays, April 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 13, 27
11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Senior Fair (A900) *

Thursday, April 24 | 11:00am - 2:00pm | Selden

Senior Prom (A893)

Friday, June 13 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Tips for Successful Aging in Place (A100) *

Wednesday, May 14 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Topical Tuesdays @ 2 *

Melanoma Treatment and Prevention (A883)

Tuesday, April 29 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Retirement: Myths & Misconceptions (A911)

Tuesday, May 6 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's (A906)

Tuesday, June 3 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Support Services

Community Legal Help (A785) *

Need help with a legal problem? Free limited legal advice and assistance is available. Appointments preferred but walk-ins welcome. Please call 631-822-3272 to make an appointment.

Thursdays, April 3, 10, 17, May 1, 8, 15, June 5, 12, 19
2:00pm - 5:00pm | Centereach

HIICAP Medicare Counseling (A0917) *

Fridays, April 11, 25, May 9, 23, June 13

30 minute appointments between 11:00am - 1:00pm

Phone appointments only

Introduction to Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project (A898) *

Thursday, April 17 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J852) *

Open to all

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van will be in the parking lot to distribute a three day food supply. No identification required.

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 12

11:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach-Parking Lot

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (A931) *

Mondays, April 7, May 5, June 2 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

Veterans Benefits Assistance (A894) *

Wednesdays, April 16, May 21, June 18 | 9:30am - 1:30pm | Centereach
AND Wednesdays, April 2, May 7, June 4 | 9:30am - 1:30pm | Selden

What is 211 Long Island and How Can It Help Me? (A920) *

Fridays, April 4, May 9, June 13 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Selden

Widowhood...The Journey Continues (A970)

Thursdays, April 24, May 22, June 26 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Trips & Travel

Armchair Travel: Stratford-Upon-Avon for Shakespeare's Birthday (A946)

Wednesday, April 23 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

The Cloisters Gallery and Garden Tour (A890)

Program Fee: \$80.00

Join us on a tour of The Cloisters Gallery and Garden at Fort Tyron Park in the Washington Heights neighborhood of New York City. The Cloisters recreate the experience of a Gothic monastery, incorporating architectural features of a French cloister and intricate gardens. Visitors also enjoy spectacular views of the Hudson River and the Palisades. We will depart the Centereach Building at 9am for an 11:30am one hour tour, followed by time to explore the peaceful gardens. We will stop on Arthur Avenue/Little Italy in the Bronx for lunch on your own before returning home. **A non-refundable payment of \$80 per person is due within 3 days of registration. MCPL Patrons may register themselves and 1 guest.**

Saturday, June 14 | 9:00am - 6:00pm | Centereach Parking Lot

Planting Fields Arboretum Coe Hall Tour (A986)

Program Fee: \$15.00

Tour the Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park in Oyster Bay for a private tour of Coe Hall, the Tudor Revival residence of the Coe family. Learn about the formal lifestyle of the 1920s and see stunning craftsmanship and impressive collections of furnishings, stained glass, and more. Explore the gardens, greenhouses and woodland trails on your own after the tour. **Transportation is on your own. Parking is \$8 per car. Seniors 62+ and empire Pass holders park for free. MCPL cardholders may register themselves and 1 guest.**

Wednesday, June 4 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Offsite

Sagamore Hill: National Historic Site Tour (A908)

Program Fee: \$15.00

Join us for a tour of Sagamore Hill in Oyster Bay, former home of our 26th president, Theodore Roosevelt. We will start the day with a guided tour of the house. There will also be time to visit the Roosevelt Museum at Old Orchard and to explore the nature trails. Attendees will meet at Sagamore Hill at 10:00am for the 10:30am tour. **Transportation is on your own. A non-refundable payment of \$15 per person is due within 3 days of registration. MCPL patrons can register themselves and 1 guest.**

Thursday, May 15 | 10:30am - 1:00pm | Offsite

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TEEN SERVICES

All programs are for teens in 6th - 12th grade in the spring unless otherwise noted. For detailed program descriptions, please visit us online.

Reading Clubs

100 Books Before Graduation (T488)

In this exciting reading program, participating teens are challenged to read 100 books before graduating high school. Every 10 books read will earn a free book, and when the challenge is completed teens will receive a final prize and their name on the Underground Wall of Fame! Sign-up today by visiting: 100books.mcplibrary.org or call 631-585-9393 ext. 595.

Arts/Crafts/Cooking

Brick Book Doorstop (T124)

Level up your doorway with a brick painted to look like your favorite book!
Wednesday, May 21 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Selden

Decorate Your Grad Cap! (T118)

For teens in 12th grade

Graduation is just around the corner! Come to the library and decorate your graduation cap with a unique design celebrating your accomplishment. Plenty of supplies including paint, felt, flowers, gems, foam stickers and more will be on hand. Congratulations, grad!
Thursday, June 12 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Fabulous Flowers (T107)

Create a fabulous painted flower using a balloon in this new pour painting technique. **Please dress for a mess.**
Tuesday, May 6 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Foil Art Sculpture (T136)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

In this hands-on workshop, tweens will explore artist Edgar Degas' unique approach to art while creating their own stunning foil art sculptures inspired by his work.
Wednesday, April 16 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Selden

Hot Fudge Loaf Cake (T115)

Decadent and rich... a true chocolate lover's dream! Please bring a mixing bowl and mixing utensil to class.
Wednesday, April 30 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Selden

Ink Tracing Fun (T113)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

Attention all artists! Ink tracing offers a one-of-a-kind and relaxing artistic experience. The idea is simple: trace over the provided outlines using a pen and watch as hidden images come to life! Feel free to bring your own music device and enjoy your favorite tunes while you craft your masterpiece.
Monday, April 14 | 2:00pm - 2:45pm | Centereach

Lavender Sachets and Make Up Cases (T104)

Create a beautiful make up case using different stencils and a lavender sachet that smells amazing.
Monday, April 28 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Selden

Learn How to Draw Anime (T109)

Learn how to draw your favorite anime characters!
Monday, June 9 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Let's Roll: Create Your Own RPG Gear (T146)

Design your own dice, dice tray, and bag to bring personalized gear to your next RPG game.
Thursday, May 8 | 7:15pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Make a Mad Hatter Hat! (T103)

Be your own Mad Hatter! Join us as we create and decorate a stylish mini hat. Decide what color, what decorations, what style!

Monday, May 12 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach



Nachos (T123)

Learn how to make your own nachos by cutting corn tortillas into triangles and adding cheese, tomatoes and onions.

Tuesday, May 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm OR 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Old CD Artwork (T125)

Join us to make one of a kind creative art using old CDs.

Tuesday, May 27 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Painted Personalized Pride Mugs (T110)



Be yourself and decorate a mug with paint markers. Write a positive message on your mug and use your favorite colors.

Wednesday, June 11 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach



Surprise Your Eyes! (T102)

Discover the optical illusions of famous modern artist Bridget Riley. Then create your own Op Art with museum educator Tami Wood.

Monday, April 7 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Teen Artists: Connect & Create (T120)

Bring your favorite sketchbook and/or art supplies, choose a prompt (or not), and draw your heart out. The goal is to try different mediums of art each session, focusing on drawing, timed challenges, and sharing aloud the art we create. Silliness and collaboration are encouraged!

Tuesdays, April 8, May 6 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

Books/Films/Writing

Battle of the Books (T134)

For teens entering 6th - 9th grade in Fall 2025

Lots of book-ish fun! We'll all read the same six books as the rest of Suffolk County. Each library will compete in a huge trivia contest at the end of the summer. Join in to earn your place on the MCPL team. Book titles TBA.

Tuesdays, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, August 5 |

5:30pm - 6:45pm | Selden

Battle Date & Time TBD | Offsite

Free Comic Book Day (A996)

For all ages

Drop-in for a free comic book and fun activities!

Saturday, May 3 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Let's Go to the Movies! (T121)

Let's meet at PJ Cinemas in Port Jefferson Station to see the new release of *Thunderbolts* (PG-13). Movie starts at 9:30AM; please arrive by 9:15AM. You will receive a small popcorn and drink. Movie title is subject to change due to theater. A signed permission slip is required and will be available online or at any reference desk.

Saturday, May 3 | 9:00am | Offsite PJ Cinemas

Teen Writers Café (T143)

Do you LOVE to write? Meet up at the library to explore poetry, prose, fan fiction and more. Share your own work and participate in fun writing challenges!

Mondays, May 19, June 16 | 6:45pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Tell Us About It Book Club (T116)

Join a group of teens who love to read! Talk about what books you love or what you didn't like so much. Get some recommendations from other readers.

Tuesdays, April 8, May 13, June 10 | 4:00pm - 5:00pm | Selden

College/Careers

Career & College Counseling Services*

Looking for a job? Interested in a career? Need help with the college admissions process? Meet one-on-one or virtually with a counselor. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133.

This confidential service is by appointment only.

All Regents Review classes are taught by NYS certified teachers.

NYS Regents Review: Algebra I (T131)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Mondays, June 9, 16 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm **OR** 6:45pm - 7:45pm | Selden

NYS Regents Review: Algebra II (T133)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Tuesdays, June 17, 24 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm **OR** 6:45pm - 7:45pm | Selden

NYS Regents Review: Biology (T119)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Thursdays, May 29, June 5 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm **OR** 7:15pm - 8:45pm | Selden

NYS Regents Review: Earth & Space Science (T122)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook and *ESSRT 2024 Edition* with you to each class.
Thursdays, May 8, 15, 29, June 5 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

NYS Regents Review: ELA (T128)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Tuesdays, June 3, 10 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

NYS Regents Review: Geometry (T129)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Tuesday, June 10 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm **OR** 6:45pm - 7:45pm | Selden

NYS Regents Review: Global II (T126)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Wednesdays, May 28, June 4, 11 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

NYS Regents Review: U.S. History (T130)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Please bring your charged school Chromebook with you to each class.
Mondays, June 9, 16 | 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Selden


Community Service

Visit <https://www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service/> for a complete list of teen community service opportunities.

Crochet for a Cause (T114)

Join instructor Miss Lisa to make crochet projects that we will donate to various local organizations. Everyone from beginner to experienced is welcome. All supplies will be provided. You must attend three out of five sessions in order to obtain community service hours.
Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Gardening Crew (T147)

Join us at Hobb's Community farm  to learn about the benefits of organic gardening and to serve the community by planning, preparing, planting, caring for and harvesting gardens. Community service time will be awarded.
Tuesdays, May 20, 27 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Offsite- Hobbs Farm

Buddy Programs

Buddy Training (T106)

Let's buddy up with some kids and have fun! You must attend Buddy Training in order to volunteer in any of our Buddy programs.

Choose One Date.

Tuesday, April 15 | 5:00pm - 5:45pm | Centereach **OR**
Thursday, May 8 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Selden **OR**
Wednesday, June 4 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

For the following programs you must have completed Buddy Training to volunteer:

Art Buddies (T111)

Choose One Date.

Mondays, April 21 **OR** June 16 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Book Buddies (T105)

Choose One Date.

Thursdays, April 17 **OR** May 22 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

STEM Buddies (T108)

Choose One Date.

Mondays, May 12 **OR** June 2 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Teens Tech 4 Good - Laser Engraving (T141)

Create items using the Innovation Space laser engraver to gift to the new citizen graduates at the Literacy Celebration.
Tuesdays, April 8, 15 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Teen Volunteer Clubs

To join, fill out an online application available at www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service. After filling out the form, a librarian will contact you regarding your application.

Green Teens (T142)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade



Discuss environmental issues, work on eco-friendly projects and receive community service credit for participating.

Media Teens (T100)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Get community service for helping promote library events and clubs by making videos and taking awesome pictures!

The Mutt Club (T149)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade



Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved!

Teen Advisory Council (T138)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Help influence and provide input on what you want to see in our teen spaces, programs and services. Develop essential skills like leadership, collaboration and civic engagement. Assist with activities at a variety of library events.

Driving/Pre-Licensing

Pre-Licensing Class (A942) *

For teens in 11th - 12th grade

Students will learn the basic rules of the road, safe driving principles, defensive driving skills, and other factors, which affect driving. Bring your permit and a

Program Fee: \$55 in CASH on day of class.

Saturdays, April 19 **OR** May 10 **OR** June 14 | 10:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Friday Night Teen Programs (T135)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade.
Please pre-register for each date you plan on attending.

Bingo (T135)

Fridays, April 4, May 2, June 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Challenge Night (T135)

Fridays, April 25, May 23, June 27 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Computer Drop-in (T135)

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

Fridays, April 4 through June 27 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Create-On Crafts (T135)

April: Felt Potted Succulents; May: DIY Tumblers;
June: Gem Trees

Fridays, April 18, May 16, June 20 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Game Night (T135)

April 11th: Super Smash Bros Tournament; May 9th: Game On; June 13th: Friday the 13th fun!

Fridays, April 11, May 9, June 13 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Movie Night (T135)

Friday, May 30 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Open Door TRC (T135)

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

Fridays, April 4 through June 27 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Fun & Games

Dungeons & Dragons (T101)

Join us on an epic adventure with your Dungeons and Dragons guide, Jace!

Thursdays, April 3, 17, May 1, 15, 29, June 5, 19
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Gamers Meet-Up (T137)

Come hang out with fellow gamers. Play Nintendo Switch, Xbox Series X, or try Mario Kart Live Circuit!

Mondays, April 28, May 12, June 23 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Homeschool Hangout (T117)

Bring a friend or meet some new ones when you spend time participating in fun activities in the Underground.

Fridays, April 4, June 6 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Teen Discord (T0377)

For teens in 7th (age 13) - 12th grade

Drop in to our Discord server to game or just chat with one another. If you need an invite to our channel please fill out a Teen Discord application in order to be added to our Discord server, which will allow you to join the program: <https://tinyurl.com/mcplteendiscord>

Daily Monday - Friday, April 1 - June 30, except Monday, May 26
1:00pm - 9:00pm | Discord

Trading Card Club (T139)

For teens in 4th - 7th grade

Like Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, Bakugan, Battle Brawlers, Cardfight Vanguard? Bring your trading cards to the library to share, battle, and if you want, trade!

Wednesdays, April 9, May 7, June 18 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Health & Wellness

American Red Cross Babysitters Training (T112)

As a babysitter, it is important to know how to prevent accidents and take care of children in emergency situations. This is a two-part certification program designed to teach decision making skills, give baby and kid care tips, obtain basic safety tips, and learn basic first aid skills. Non-refundable check, cash or charge for \$16.95 payable to Middle Country Public Library for materials and certification. Participants must attend both sessions in full in order to receive a certificate. All participants must provide an email address to the instructor in order to receive their certificate of completion from the American Red Cross.

Saturdays, April 19, 26 | 10:00am - 1:15pm | Selden

Youth Abilities Fair (J858)*

For families

A special needs resource fair and family fun day! Meet representatives from various organizations and learn about their resources, services and activities for children and teens. Enjoy a sensory space, crafts, games, activities and meet the Super Mario Brothers and friends! Join us for a spectacular magic show at 1:00pm with the Great and Powerful Dave. This event is offered in partnership with Middle Country SEPTA.

Saturday, April 5 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Music

Teen Jam Sessions (T145)

Teens are invited to share their musical talents with the help of library advisors to guide and encourage creativity. Teens can present their talents in the form of spoken word or song or playing an instrument. Performance is not required for attendance.

Wednesdays, April 23, May 7 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Nature/Science & Technology

3D Printing with TinkerCad (T148)

Learn the basics of TinkerCad and 3D print a unique design.

Thursday, May 15 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

International Museum Day (J946)*

For all



Join us for our annual festival celebrating Museum Day. Representatives from many local museums, historical societies, science and nature centers will be on hand to share information regarding their collections, programs and exhibits!

Thursday, May 15 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Laser Engraved Picture Frame (T140)

Personalize a picture frame for the perfect gift!

Tuesday, April 1 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

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Create items using the Innovation Space laser engraver to gift to the new citizen graduates at the Literacy Celebration.

Tuesdays, April 8, 15 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Decorate Your Grad Cap!

FOR TEENS IN 12TH GRADE

THURSDAY, JUNE 12
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The poster features several black graduation caps with gold tassels and gold confetti scattered around them. One cap has the year '2025' written on it in gold.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

Program Guidelines

Registration for children must be completed with their own MCPL card. Library cards are available to children beginning at birth. Caregivers registering for out-of-district children must use the caregiver's MCPL card to register.

Patrons that arrive late may be turned away. We will do our best to accommodate late arrivals, but please be aware that tardiness of 10 minutes or more will result in cancellation of your registration. Decisions concerning an event's audience, registration, capacity, late arrivals, and allowable walk-ins will be made by the Library staff supervising the event.

For detailed program descriptions, please visit our website.

Reading Programs

1000 Books Before Kindergarten (J800)

For families with children birth - 5 years old (not yet in Kindergarten)
This ongoing reading club promotes child and parent bonding through reading with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Children will receive a prize for every 100 books read. Sign up at a Youth Services reference desk or call 631-585-9393 ext. 559.

Family Programs

Animals 101: The Great Dane (A101)

For all
Meet the Great Dane, find out about their history and if this gentle giant is right for your home
Saturday, May 24 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Earth Day with the Green Teens (J903)

For families with children in 1st - 5th grade
Register to attend a fun family night celebrating Earth Day! Organized by our Green Teens environmental club.
Tuesday, April 22 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach



Family Movie Night (J873)

For families with children in K - 5th grade
We invite you to join us for a special movie screening of *Lilo & Stitch* (2002) on our big screen to celebrate the upcoming live-action film. Enjoy family-friendly crafts inspired by the movie.
Please register one person per family.
Monday, April 28 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Family Style Baking: Birds Nest Sugar Cookies (J860)

For families with children in K - 5th grade
These birds nest are so cute and the perfect project to welcome spring. Join Fanny Cakes and see how to turn sugar cookies into this adorable and delicious treat with just a few simple ingredients.
Choose One Session. Register one person per family.
Saturday, April 26 | 10:30am - 11:30am OR 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Selden

Family Style Baking: Father's Day Cookies (J862)

For families with children in K - 5th grade
Show your grownup that you appreciate him with cookies! Bring your dad/grandpa/uncle to decorate cookies together - or make them as a Father's Day surprise!
Choose One Session. Register one person per family.
Saturday, June 14 | 10:30am - 11:30am OR 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Family Style Baking: Sweet Buttermilk Honey Cornbread (J859)

For families with children in K - 5th grade
Measure, mix, and make this delicious cornbread with buttermilk and honey. Then, take it home to bake!
Choose One Session. Register one person per family.
Saturday, May 31 | 10:30am - 11:30am OR 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Family Time at the Movies (J909)

For families
Let's meet at PJ Cinemas in Port Jefferson Station to see the new release of *Lilo and Stitch* (PG). Movie starts at 9:30AM. Please arrive by 9:00AM. You will receive a small popcorn and soda. Please be sure to register each person that will be attending the movie. Movie title is subject to change due to theater.
Saturday, May 24 | 9:00am | Offsite

Flashing Fingers Show (J947) *

For families
The talented children and teens of Flashing Fingers, the library's Sign Language Club, will present an entertaining evening of signing to songs.
Tuesday, June 10 | 7:00pm | Selden

Free Comic Book Day (A996)

For all
Drop-in for a free comic book and fun activities!
Saturday, May 3 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

International Museum Day (J946) *



For all
Join us for our annual festival celebrating Museum Day. Representatives from many local museums, historical societies, science and nature centers will be on hand to share information regarding their collections, programs and exhibits!
Thursday, May 15 | 4:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Jungle Bob Live Show (J945)

For families with children in K - 5th grade
Join Jungle Bob for a show where you can get up and close and personal with reptiles, amphibians and invertebrate animals.
Saturday, May 10 | 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Centereach

Spring Jubilee! (J861) *

For families in Pre K - 5th grade
Join us as we welcome Spring with the official opening of our Nature Explorium!
Friday, June 6 | 4:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach



Stardust & Ziggy Turn Three (J922) *

For families
Three I-E-I-O, Stardust and Ziggy are turning 3 years old. Come and sing "Happy Birthday" with us to celebrate.
Wednesday, April 16 | 5:00pm | Centereach

Touch-a-Truck (J857) *

For families
An event not to be missed, Touch-a-Truck 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 department, commercial companies, industrial companies and more.
Saturday, May 17 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Youth Abilities Fair (J858) *

For families
A special needs resource fair and family fun day! Meet representatives from various organizations and learn about their resources, services and activities for children and teens. Enjoy a sensory space, crafts, games, activities and meet the Super Mario Brothers and friends! Join us for a spectacular magic show at 1:00pm with the Great and Powerful Dave. This event is offered in partnership with Middle Country SEPTA.
Saturday, April 5 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Infant/Toddler Programs

Babies Boogie (J916)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old

Come boogie, wiggle, and giggle with your little dancing partner!

Choose Two Dates.

Thursday, April 3 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Tuesday, April 29 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Friday, May 9 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Monday, June 2 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Tuesday, June 3 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Baby Meet and Play (J896)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old

Come meet and play in this open playtime ending with a simple story and song.

Wednesday, April 9 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Selden

Tuesday, May 6 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Selden

Wednesday, June 11 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Selden

Create & Play (J877)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Join us for thirty minutes of open play, an engaging art activity and circle time fun!

Monday, May 19 | 5:30pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Little Sprouts (J878)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 18 months old, pre-walkers.

Come ready to bond with your baby through music and movement. We will learn through sensory exploration, social games, and interactive play activities.

Friday, April 11 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Thursdays, May 15, June 12 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Selden

Movin' & Groovin' Rhymes (J875)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 3 years old

Choose Three Dates.

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 5 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

OR Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 5 | 10:45am - 11:15am | Centereach

OR Saturday, April 26 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

My Parent, Me & My Gym (J881)

For parents/caregivers with children 6 months - 42 months old

Join My Gym for a fun music and movement class focused on tumbling and gymnastics to improve balance, coordination and confidence.

Choose One Date.

Wednesday, April 16 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Tuesdays, May 13, June 10 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Nature Explore (J890)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old

Join us in the Nature Explorium for hands-on nature themed activities.

Wednesday, April 30 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Thursday, May 29 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach



Spring Sensory Fun (J880)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Come explore some sensory bins and activities themed around the season!

Friday, May 16 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Storytime Yoga (J933)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 5 years old

Allow your children to experience storytime like they never have before. Join Miss Mary for an engaging journey into literature where you will bend, stretch, sing, laugh and READ. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

Tuesday, April 15 | 10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)

11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach

Tuesday, June 17 | 10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)

11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach

Time for Twos: Meet & Play (J891)

For parents/caregivers with children 24 - 35 months old

Choose Two Dates.

Wednesday, April 9 | 11:00am - 11:30am | Selden

Tuesday, May 6 | 11:00am - 11:30am | Selden

Wednesday, June 11 | 11:00am - 11:30am | Selden

Tiny Songbirds (J915)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 5 years old

An educational and fun live music experience for babies and toddlers and the adults who love them! This class is jam packed with instrument experimentation, movement and dance, classic and new children's music, sung storytime, scarf, ribbon play and so, so much more!

Choose Two Dates.

Wednesday, April 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Monday, May 19 | 10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Selden

Thursday, June 19 | 10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Toddlers Explore (J882)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Bring your little one and come explore some fun-filled activities that will stimulate their senses. Dress for a mess!

Mondays, April 7, May 5, June 9 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J917)

For parents/caregivers with children 24 months - 4 years old

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle with the beat!

Choose Two Dates.

Thursday, April 3 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Tuesday, April 29 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Friday, May 9 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Monday, June 2 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Tuesday, June 3 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Tummy Time (J893)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - pre-crawlers

Babies require tummy time to strengthen neck muscles essential for physical milestones like sitting, crawling, and walking. Join us to meet other parents and learn various techniques.

Saturday, April 12 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Thursday, May 1 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Zumbini (J949)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 4 years old

Zumbini is an educational program that uses music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills and emotional development for young children. Get ready to dance, laugh and play!

Choose two sessions.

Tuesday, April 22 | 10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Friday, May 23 | 10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Wednesday, June 18 | 10:00am - 10:45am **OR** 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J852)*

Open to all

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van will be in the parking lot to distribute a three day food supply. No identification required.

Thursdays, April 10, May 8, June 12 | 11:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach-Parking Lot

Parent-Child Workshop (J885)

For parents/caregivers of children 12 - 36 months old

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

Wednesdays, April 23, 30, May 7, 14, 21 | 10:00am - 11:15am | Centereach

Play & Chat (J856)

For parents/caregivers of children birth - 3 years old

Nothing is so wonderful and so challenging as life as a new parent; nothing is quite so supportive as parents talking, sharing and commiserating. Come to make friends, build your confidence, learn, listen and be listened to. A trained facilitator will guide the group through various topics. Bring along your little ones as play materials are provided for each session.

Mondays, April 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, June 2, 9 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

Shots for Tots (J895) *

For families

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

Tuesdays, April 8, June 10 | 11:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (J943) *

Open to all

Many families can use SNAP to assist in stretching their food budget, but are unaware that they qualify.

Wednesdays, April 9, May 14, June 11 | 11:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Preschool Programs

Adopt a Plush Friend (J901)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Adopt your very own teddy bear then enjoy some activities with your new friend!

Friday, April 18 | 11:30am - 12:15pm | Centereach

Color Me a Rainbow (J921)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. All the beautiful colors of a rainbow. Join us for some stories and crafts all about rainbows.

Wednesday, April 9 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Monday, April 28 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden*

Down on the Farm (J934)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Moo! Oink! Neigh! It's all about the farm today! Listen to some stories and create crafts about what you find on a farm.

Tuesday, May 6 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR *Wednesday, May 28 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

Eric Carle Storytime (J941)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Join us as we read books and create beautiful art inspired by author and illustrator Eric Carle.

Friday, June 13 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Wednesday, June 25 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

An Extraordinary Egg (J937)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Crackle, crackle, pop, what's inside the egg? Time to explore through stories and art what hatches from the egg.

Saturday, May 17 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR *Tuesday, May 20 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden*

Fish Out of Water (J938)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Row on over and get ready to plunge into some fun fish stories and activities.

Wednesday, June 4 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Monday, June 16 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

From Caterpillar to Butterfly (J939)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Wake up caterpillar it's time to fly. Join us for a look at the life cycle of a butterfly through stories and fun activities.

Monday, June 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR *Friday, June 20 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

Fun in the Sun (J940)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Get ready for the warm summer sun and join us for some stories and crafts all about summer

Wednesday, June 11 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Tuesday, June 24 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden*

Hop Into Spring (J918)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Spring has sprung, come join us for some springtime stories and activities.

Wednesday, April 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR *Monday, April 21 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

Perfect Picnic (J935)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

What will you pack? Sandwiches, snacks, drinks? Enjoy some stories and crafts for a perfect pretend picnic.

Friday, May 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Wednesday, May 21 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden*

Plunge Into the Pond (J920)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Discover a secret underwater world brought to life and enjoy some stories and crafts about pond life.

Tuesday, April 8 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

OR *Tuesday, April 29 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

Sensory Storytime (J944)

For parents/caregivers with children in Pre-K - 3rd grade



An interactive and educational program for children to enjoy books, music, movement, and hands-on activities. This program is specifically designed for children with sensory integration or auditory processing challenges but is open to all!

Monday, June 9 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Shapes All Around Us (J919)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Rectangle, triangle, circle, square...have a look, shapes are everywhere. Join us for stories and activities all about shapes.

Tuesday, April 1 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Thursday, April 24 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

Small Wonders (J936)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Let's meet our six and eight legged friends. Come and join us for some fun bug stories and activities.

Monday, May 12 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

OR *Friday, May 30 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach*

Spring Fling (J929)

For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old

Dress up in your best and join us for some groovin' tunes, games and more!

Monday, April 14 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

Sprouts & Friends (J879)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 5 years old

Our mission is to create joy while we play, learn and grow together. Come ready to move and sing with your child.

Friday, April 11 | 12:00pm - 12:45pm | Centereach

Thursdays, May 15, June 12 | 12:00pm - 12:45pm | Selden

Storytime Yoga (J933)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 5 years old

Allow your children to experience storytime like they never have before. Join Miss Mary for an engaging journey into literature where you will bend, stretch, sing, laugh and READ. Please bring a yoga mat or towel.
Tuesday, April 15 | 10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)
11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach
Tuesday, June 17 | 10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)
11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old) | Centereach

School Age Programs

3D Printing for Beginners (J887)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Learn the basics of TinkerCad and make your own keychain!
Thursday, June 12 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

3Doodlers (J886)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Use 3Doodler pens to bring a 3D creation to life.
Thursday, April 17 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

All Abuzz (J898)

For children in K - 3rd grade

Junior entomologists will meet a hissing cockroach and discover insects that camouflage. They will learn what makes an animal an insect and the different body parts they have. Students will create their own bugs and children will be provided with a field guide page about their bug that can be done after the program.
Monday, April 14 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

Aluminum People Sculptures (J870)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Learn about the sculptor Alberto Giacometti and create your own foil sculptures of people.
Tuesday, April 15 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Aluminum and Wire Sculptures (J871)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Learn about the sculptor Alberto Giacometti and create your sculpture using colorful craft wire and aluminum foil.
Tuesday, April 15 | 7:15pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Art Buddies (J867)

For children 4 - 7 years old

Create crafts and art projects with our Teen Buddies!
Mondays, April 21, June 16 | 6:15pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Book Buddies (J866)

For children 3 - 7 years old

Come sit for a story with our Teen Buddies!
Thursdays, April 17, May 22 | 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Build It (J910)

For children in K - 5th grade

Let's work together as a team to build structures using all kinds of materials!
Saturday, May 17 | 10:00am - 10:45am (K - 2nd grade)
11:00am - 11:45am (3rd - 5th grade) | Centereach

Catch Me if You Can! (J912)

For children in K - 5th grade

Investigate the ways animals protect themselves from predators. Meet live animals that use defense mechanisms in order to stay safe. Create your own animal by using the animal defense of your choice.
Wednesday, June 25 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Cherry Blossom Art (J902)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Join us in creating a beautiful Cherry Blossom picture that you can take home and showcase!
Saturday, April 19 | 1:30pm - 2:00pm | Centereach

Cooking for All: Marshmallow Flower Cupcakes (J927)



For children ages 5 - 17 with parent/caregiver support

We will decorate Marshmallow Flower Cupcakes. Everyone goes home with three flower cupcakes in a bakery box.
Please register child only.
Saturday, May 24 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm | Centereach

Crochet for Kids (J894)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Let's get crafty at this beginner friendly kids crochet program with instructor Miss Lisa. All supplies will be provided.
Mondays, April 7, 14, 21, 28 May 5 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Dewey Dollar Scavenger Hunt (J899)

For families with children aged 6 and older

Join us for a fun money-themed scavenger hunt on the children's floor during spring recess. Start your adventure by visiting the Youth Services reference desk!
Drop-in Monday, April 14 - Friday, April 18 | 1:00pm - 5:00pm | Centereach
Saturday, April 19 | 1:00pm - 4:30pm | Centereach

Father's Day Gift (J907)

For children in K - 5th grade

Cheers to all the dads, stepdads, and father figures out there. Let's make a special gift for dad.
Friday, June 13 | 4:30pm - 5:15pm OR 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Flower Pot Decorating (J924)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade



Children will learn about the steps needed in order to care for a plant. They will then decorate their own flower pot and plant their very own flower to take home.
Monday, June 2 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Foil Art Sculpture (T136)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

In this hands-on workshop, tweens will explore artist Edgar Degas's unique approach to art while creating their own stunning foil art sculptures inspired by his work.
Wednesday, April 16 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Selden

Fun with Ozobots (J911)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, June 11 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Green Gardening - Potted Plants (J883)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Learn the basics of gardening, key concepts of potted plants such as proper containers, drainage holes, and more. By the end of the session, you will have your own plant to take home and care for!
Wednesday, May 28 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Harry Potter Escape Room (J897)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Search for clues and solve puzzles to find a secret exit out of Hogwarts!
Thursday, April 10 | 5:00pm - 5:30pm OR 5:45pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Homeschool Meetup (J942)

For homeschool families with children ages 6 - 10 years old

Join us in discovering money math through a variety of engaging games and activities. Please ensure that only one person registers per family.
Fridays, April 4, June 6 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Junior Engineers (J913)

For children in K - 4th grade

Use your STEM skills to build a sturdy bridge with assorted craft materials and earn a prize for your efforts.
Thursday, June 5 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Ink Tracing Fun (T113)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

Attention all artists! Ink tracing offers a one-of-a-kind and relaxing artistic experience. The idea is simple: trace over the provided outlines using a pen and watch as hidden images come to life! Feel free to bring your own music device and enjoy your favorite tunes while you craft your masterpiece.

Monday, April 14 | 2:00pm - 2:45pm | Centereach

K9 Reading (J908)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Come to the library for a 20 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.

Wednesday, May 14 | 6:30pm - 6:50pm | Centereach

Wednesday, May 14 | 6:50pm - 7:10pm | Centereach

Wednesday, May 14 | 7:10pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Kids' Chess Club (J900)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Join our chess club, and play against other kids. All skill levels are welcome! Mr. Daily will be there if you need a little reminder of the basics.

Mondays, April 7, May 5, June 2 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Selden

Lego Builders (J869)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Share your love of LEGO and make new friends. Get creative with a new LEGO game or building challenge.

Wednesdays, April 23, May 14, June 4 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Let's Make Art! (J931)

For children in K - 1st grade

Let's color and paste to create some amazing art!

Thursday, May 22 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm | Selden

Light Up Circuit Bug (J925)

For children in K - 5th grade

Create a simple circuit and watch your bug light up!

Wednesday, April 30 | 7:00pm - 7:45pm | Centereach

Little Lego Builders (J868)

For children in 1st - 3rd grade

Share your love of LEGO and make new friends. Get creative with a new LEGO game or building challenge.

Wednesdays, April 23, May 14, June 4 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Mad Hatter Hats (J865)

For children in 1st - 5th grade



Be your own Mad Hatter! Join us as we create and decorate a stylish mini hat. Decide the color, the decorations, and the style!

Monday, May 12 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Mother's Day Gift (J906)

For children in K - 5th grade

Have a wonderful woman in your life that you don't know how to thank for Mother's Day? Join our program to make a special Mother's Day gift.

Friday, May 9 | 4:30pm - 5:15pm OR 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Parrot Painting (J863)

For children in 2nd - 5th grade

Learn how to draw a parrot in paradise with Art Teacher Amy. Then, use watercolor paint to add colors.

Wednesday, May 21 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Pet Cents (J948)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Join us at the MCPL adoption center and find your "purr-fect" pet! Move from station to station and learn about the financial responsibility of pet ownership. Will end the day by coloring pet home habitats you can take home.

Tuesday, April 15 | 2:00pm - 2:45pm | Selden

PIG-Casso (J914)

For children in K - 5th grade

Learn about the famous artist Pablo Picasso. Then cut out a variety of shapes and create a one-of-a-kind pig inspired by Picasso's paintings.

Tuesday, June 3 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm (K - 2nd grade) | Centereach

OR Tuesday, June 3 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm (3rd - 5th grade) | Centereach

Sensory Storytime (J944)

For parents/caregivers with children in Pre-K - 3rd grade



See description on page 15.

Monday, June 9 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Spring Bingo! (J926)

For children in K - 5th grade

Saturday, April 12 | 1:00pm - 1:45pm | Centereach

Springtime Sensational Fun (J904)

For children in K - 5th grade

Enjoy some spring time crafts and stations with MCPL's Teen Advisory Council volunteers.

Monday, April 28 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

STEM Buddies (J874)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Play fun STEM-related activities with our Teen Buddies!

Mondays, May 12, June 2 | 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Sublimation Planter (J888)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Design your own unique planter.

Thursday, May 8 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Surprise Your Eyes! (J864)

For children in 1st - 5th grade



Discover the optical illusions of famous modern artist Bridget Riley. Then create your own Op Art with museum educator Tami Wood.

Monday, April 7 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Trading Card Club (T139)

For children in 4th - 7th grade

Like Pokémon, Yu-Gi-Oh, Bakugan, Battle Brawlers, Cardfight Vanguard? Bring your trading cards to the library to share, battle, and if you want to, trade!

Wednesdays, April 9, May 7, June 18 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach

What's Your Habitat (J923)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Join us for a read aloud of *What's Your Habitat* by Sarah Leidhold. After the reading we will discuss some of the different types of habitats and why they are important for each animal. We will then use clay to make our own animals that we saw throughout the book.

Wednesday, May 7 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Yoga for All (J928)

For children in K - 5th grade with their parent/caregiver



Yoga for children with special needs and their parents or caregivers. Please bring yoga mat or towel/small blanket and water. Please register child only.

Saturdays, April 12, June 7 | 12:00pm - 12:45pm | Selden

Yoga Time (J930)

For children in K - 5th grade

Saturdays, April 12, June 7 | 10:00am - 10:45am (K - 2nd grade)

OR 11:00am - 11:45am (3rd - 5th grade) | Selden

Zen Zone (J932)

For children and families in K - 5th grade



An inclusive environment where families and children are invited to explore by participating in a variety of sensory conscious activities.

Saturday, April 5 | 10:00am - 10:45am

OR Tuesday, May 13 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach



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Library's Bagels & Books!

The Friends of MCPL recently supported the Library's Bagels and Books: Local Author Fair. The event was very successful with approximately 650 authors and patrons in attendance!

Join to support your library

Join the Friends at their next General Membership meeting on June 10th at 4:00 p.m. at the Centereach location. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends and volunteer opportunities, please attend a meeting or email friends@mcplibrary.org. Membership applications are available at the library and online at <https://www.mcplibrary.org/friends>.

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TD CHARITABLE FOUNDATION SUPPORTS AFTER-SCHOOL SUCCESS!



Teens help elementary school students during an After-school Success program.

The Foundation has received a generous \$7,500 grant from TD Charitable Foundation to support *After-school Success*, an enrichment program for children in grades K-3rd. Under the direction of an experienced teacher, teen volunteers provide homework help and support reading and math skills. In addition, parents/caregivers will learn about online resources and circulating materials that can aid in their child's learning. Using these resources, families can continue to work together on skill building in the library and at home. Thank you, TD Charitable Foundation!



Pictured (l to r): Kristen Todd-Wurm, Coordinator, Family Place Libraries™; Joseph P. Price, EPIC; Arthur Giove, Jr., Giove Funeral Home; and Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, Middle Country Public Library

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Thanks to the 2024-25 sponsors Giove Funeral Home and Joseph P. Price Agency-EPIC. This year's Distinguished Speakers Series has provided important information to educate and inform practitioners working with young children and families on Long Island.

EMBRACE YOUR SECOND ACT AT THE SENIOR FAIR

THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH
11:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. AT SELDEN

Make your second fifty years your best fifty years! Meet representatives from wellness, leisure, education, and volunteer organizations. Consult with legal and healthcare providers and a variety of public officials. For more information, contact Gilda Ramos at ramosgilda@mcplibrary.org or 631-585-9393 ext. 248.



INDIE LENS POP-UPS



In partnership with the Greater Port Jefferson Northern Brookhaven Arts Council, the library will be hosting Indie Lens Pop-ups this spring, featuring documentaries seen on PBS's Independent Lens. For more information please see page 8.

BAGELS & BOOKS

More than 650 people visited over 70 local authors at the Bagels & Books: Local Author Fair held on Saturday, January 25th. The crowds munched on bagels as they browsed books and spoke with authors of all genres. Attendees had the opportunity to discover new favorites, get books signed, and learn about the writing process firsthand. The event was a great way for readers and writers to connect, share stories, and celebrate their love of books. Thanks to the Friends of MCPL for supporting this event!



HONORING HEROISM



Congratulations to Youth Services Librarian, Caroline Mandaro, for receiving a commendation award from NYS Senator Murray to honor her heroism on behalf of the Middle Country Community when she assisted in a medical emergency.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR 2025!

Over 100 happy revelers joyfully welcomed 2025 at the Ring in the New Year celebration. Everyone enjoyed the lively music from The Precisions, with lots of dancing and merrymaking. Wishing all a happy and prosperous 2025!



Dancers enjoying The Precisions.

Cheers to the New Year!

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- **March 27** Children and Teen Program Registration
- **March 28** Adult Program Registration
- **April 1** Library Vote Registration
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- **April 5** Friends of the Library Book Sale
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- **April 5** Youth Abilities Fair
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- **April 8** Library Vote and Trustee Election
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- **April 24** Senior Fair
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- **April 26** Paper Shredding
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- **April 27** Live at MCPL: The Day Trippers
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- **May 3** Free Comic Book Day Activities
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- **May 6** Strictly Business
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- **May 15** International Museum Day
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- **May 17** Touch-a-Truck
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- **May 18** Live at MCPL: Long Island ReSound Handbell Ensemble
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- **June 6** Spring Jubilee
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- **June 8** Live at MCPL: Sweet Ride LI
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- **June 13** Senior Prom
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- **June 18** Literacy Celebration
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