

MARCH / APRIL 2025



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LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE - TUESDAY, APRIL 8

The mission of the Riverhead Free Library is to provide the diverse community it serves with access to ideas, information, and a variety of educational, cultural, recreational, and intellectual resources. The Library will do so in an inviting, accessible, and eco-conscious manner.



We ♥ our Riverhead Community

Riverhead Residents...

...love to borrow!

58,338

ITEMS BORROWED



36,656

ITEMS STREAMED

22,849

ACTIVE MEMBERS

89,961

AUDIO/EBOOK
DOWNLOADS

920

DISCOUNT TICKETS
SOLD

...love technology!

68,744

WIFI USES

10,559

COMPUTER USES



...love to know!



30,087

REFERENCE QUESTIONS
ANSWERED

...love to work!



229

PEOPLE RECEIVED
JOB ASSISTANCE

...love to save!

LIBRARY USERS SAVED

\$4,989,555.10

BY BORROWING LIBRARY
MATERIALS



...love to learn!

1,661

CLASSES &
EVENTS
OFFERED



102,677

DIGITAL RESOURCE
USAGE

25,418

CLASSES & EVENTS
ATTENDEES



642

MEETING
ROOMS
BOOKED

...love to visit!

145,761

IN-PERSON
VISITS



107,566

WEBSITE
VISITS

VOTE!

LIBRARY BUDGET AND TRUSTEE VOTE

Tuesday, April 9, 10 am-8 pm • Library Grand Room

Proposed Operating Budget 2025-2026

	2024-2025	2025-2026	% Change
MATERIALS/PROGRAMS			
Books	\$105,100	\$88,000	-16.27%
Digital Resources	\$268,000	\$280,000	4.48%
Media	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
Periodicals	\$14,900	\$12,000	-19.46%
Library of Things	\$ -	\$10,000	n/a
Programs	\$103,000	\$120,000	16.50%
Museum Passes	\$10,000	\$15,000	50.00%
BUILDING			
Computer Equipment	\$55,000	\$60,000	9.09%
Furniture & Equipment	\$50,000	\$55,000	10.00%
Building Improvement & Maintenance	\$75,000	\$90,000	20.00%
SUPPLIES			
Office, Computer & Program	\$62,500	\$65,000	4.00%
Custodial Supplies	\$8,000	\$10,000	25.00%
SALARIES			
Salaries	\$2,268,000	\$2,413,400	6.41%
UTILITIES			
Electricity	\$94,000	\$100,000	6.38%
Fuel	\$30,000	\$35,000	16.67%
Water	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%
CONTRACTS			
Building & Grounds	\$200,000	\$220,000	10.00%
Equipment Servicing	\$30,555	\$31,100	1.78%
SCLS - PALS	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
SCLS - Automated Services	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.00%
Membership	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Professional	\$131,000	\$215,000	64.12%
Payroll Service	\$22,000	\$22,000	0.00%
Computer Software	\$30,000	\$20,000	-33.33%
LIBRARY OPERATION			
Insurance	\$70,000	\$75,000	7.14%
Postage	\$28,000	\$28,000	0.00%
Printing & Publicity	\$105,000	\$110,000	4.76%
Professional Development	\$13,000	\$13,000	0.00%
Telephone	\$9,000	\$9,000	0.00%
Internet	\$29,000	\$29,000	0.00%
Voting	\$11,000	\$11,000	0.00%
MANDATED EXPENSES			
Mandated Expenses	\$1,096,600	\$1,133,000	3.32%
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM			
Capital Improvement Program	\$138,000	\$138,000	0.00%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET			
Total Operating Budget	\$5,186,655	\$5,537,500	6.76%
TO BE PROVIDED BY:			
Contract Districts, State Aide, Donations, PILOTS	\$213,107	\$287,500	34.91%
Use of Fund Balance	\$50,000	\$50,000	0.00%
OPERATING BUDGET TAX LEVY			
Operating Budget Tax Levy	\$4,923,548	\$5,200,000	5.61%

Please note the tax levy limit for the year 2025-2026 from the Office of the State Comptroller is \$4,998,333 for the Riverhead Free Library. The proposed levy is \$5,200,000 for the 2025-2026 year for the Riverhead Free Library. The proposed levy is over the tax cap levy limit by \$201,667. The levy limit is composed of the tax base growth factor of 1.0075 and the allowable levy growth factor of 1.0200 for a total allowable levy increase of \$74,785 to remain under the tax cap. *Real property Tax Cap Form from the Office of the State Comptroller.

Voter Information: To be eligible to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen, at least 18 years old, and have been a resident of the Riverhead Central School District for at least 30 days. If you have not voted in a general, school, or library election within the past four years, you must re-register. For registration details, please contact the District Clerk at (631) 369-4724.



A Message to the Community



Riverhead Free Library is making great strides in our five-year improvement plan, and we are excited to share our progress and future goals with you. Over the past year, we have completed the much-needed HVAC project, ensuring a comfortable and energy-efficient environment for everyone who visits the library. Additionally, the new sound system for the Grand Room is set to be installed this spring, providing a high-quality audio experience for concerts, films, and lectures.

As we move into the second year of our five-year plan, we are focusing on renovating the Browsing Room and installing a new Coffee Bar. These upgrades will create a more inviting and modern space for the community to gather, read, and enjoy their time at the library. Your support makes these projects possible, and we are grateful for your continued investment in the future of Riverhead Free Library.

We are requesting that the community contribute to these well-thought-out projects by supporting our proposed budget. If approved, the average home in the Riverhead Central School District assessed at \$45,075 will pay a total of \$308.35 in taxes for the year for the Riverhead Free Library. This is an increase of \$17.15 over last year's cost. We sincerely believe this increase is modest when compared to the return on investment.

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, March 12 at 6:00 PM for our budget informational meeting and trustee meet-and-greet. This is a great opportunity to learn more about the budget, ask questions, and meet the dedicated individuals shaping the future of the library. Most importantly, please be sure to cast your vote on Tuesday, April 8 to support these essential improvements.

The 2025-2026 budget levy is \$5,200,000.

\$5,062,000. is for the operating budget for fiscal year July 1, 2025 - June 30, 2026.

\$138,000 is for our capital improvement program.

Your Board of Trustees believes that the budget proposal is worthy of your approval and a win for both the library and more importantly you, our community.

HOW PROPERTY TAXES ARE CALCULATED

- 1) The Riverhead Free Library Proposed Tax Levy for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year is \$5,200,000
- 2) The Riverhead School District 2024-2025 Assessed Valuation is \$760,410,921
- 3) The tax rate is determined by dividing the Tax Levy by the total Taxable Assessed value of all property in the jurisdiction
- 4) Because tax rates are generally expressed as "per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value," the product is multiplied by 1,000
- 5) $\$5,200,000 / \$760,410,921 = 0.00683840783 \times 1,000 = \6.84 . The tax rate for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year is \$6.84 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value
- 6) Per the Town of Riverhead Tax Assessor's Office, the average value for a home in the Riverhead School District is \$45,075
- 7) Therefore, a home with an assessed value of \$45,075 would pay \$308.35 in taxes towards the Riverhead Free Library's 2025-2026 Fiscal Year Budget. $\$45,075 / 1000 = \$45.08 \times \$6.84 = \308.35

COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Island Harvest Food Distribution

Mondays, March 3 & April 7 • 9:00-11:00am
(While supplies last)
Free food for qualifying seniors, 60 or older.
Please bring ID. All Veterans are welcome.

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance

Thursdays, March 6 and April 3 • 11:00am-12:00pm
Long Island Cares will supply pre-packaged bags filled with non-perishable food items.
No identification is required to pick up your supply of food. **This is a walk-up service only.**

Catholic Health Mobile Outreach

Monday, March 31 • 10:00am-2:00pm
Free health screenings provided by a registered nurse.
The bus will be parked in the Riverhead Free Library parking lot.

HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

Thursdays, March 20 & April 17 • 1:00-3:30pm
To register for a ½ hour one-on-one appointment, call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.

Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)

Tuesdays, March 4, 25 • 10:30am-1:00pm
Free blood pressure screenings and health related questions answered on a variety of topics.

Suffolk County Office for the Aging - Senior Advocate

Wednesday, March 19 • 10:00am-12:00pm
A Suffolk County Office for the Aging advocate will be available to meet with seniors one-on-one on a walk-in basis to help them determine program eligibility, fill out various applications/forms and connect with appropriate services. **No appointment required.**

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center Table

Wednesday, March 5 • 1:00-3:00pm
ADRC is a Long Island nonprofit providing resources and support for those impacted by cognitive decline. We partner with families to provide care consultations, support groups, life-enrichment activities, and education.

Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays, March 19 & April 16 • 3:00-5:00pm
A Veteran peer mentor from the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will share resources for Veterans and their families.

Community Legal Help

Wednesdays, March 25 & April 23 • 2:00-5:00pm
Free limited legal information and referrals.
Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome.
Call (631) 822-3272 to schedule.

Shots for Tots

Wednesdays, March 26 & April 23 • 11:00am-3:00pm
In addition to childhood vaccinations, the Suffolk County Department of Health will offer COVID vaccinations for all approved ages. **This is for VFC/VFA eligible patients only.** For more details, call the Suffolk County Immunization Action Program at (631) 854-0222.

Paper Shredding with A Shred Away Inc.

Tuesday, April 8 • 4:45-7:45pm
Do you have documents that need shredding? A Shred Away Inc. will be in our library parking lot to assist you with your shredding needs.

First Time Homebuyers Workshop with Dime Savings Bank

Tuesday, April 29 • 6:00-7:30pm
Are you ready to take the exciting step towards homeownership? For First time homebuyers, learn about the home buying process, special loan programs, grants and down payment assistance. A local Mortgage professional, Realtor, Attorney and Housing counselor will guide you through the process and answer any questions.

Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP): Social Work Intern

Tuesdays • 1:00-7:00pm Saturdays • 9:30am-4:30pm
The social work intern will be available to meet with patrons in-person. Please call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301 to schedule an appointment.

Family Center Social Worker

Need support? The Family Center can help. We have partnered with Family Service League to offer our patrons one-on-one assistance. Our bilingual social worker is available on Mondays and Thursdays. Call (631) 727-3228 to make an appointment.

Free to Low Cost Health Insurance

Need Health Insurance? Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified bi-lingual Healthcare Navigators are available to help! **Call to schedule a phone appointment: (516) 505-4426.**

Pet Food Drive

April 1-30

Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio is hosting a Pet Food Drive at the Riverhead Free Library throughout the month of April.



Donate pet food today to help more pets stay at home with their families and out of shelters.



JOB FAIRS

ESBOCES Riverhead Literacy Zone Job Fair

Tuesday, March 25 5:00-7:30pm
Meet with employers who are seeking applicants to fill a variety of full-time and part-time positions.

NYS Department of Labor

Mini Job Fair

Tuesday, April 29 10:30am-1:30pm
Join us for a Mini Job Fair sponsored by the NYS Department of Labor Business Engagement Unit! Meet with 10-14 local employers offering opportunities in a variety of industries. No registration required.



Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own. **Children must be registered with their library card. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.**

INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL (With a Parent/Caregiver)

Creation Station: Spring is Coming

Friday, March 7 • 10:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2-5. Drop-in for a variety of Spring themed crafts! **No registration required.**

Sensory Playtime

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, and 18 • 10:30-11:10am

For ages 2-5. A toddler-and-me session that blends nature, art, and sensory experiences.

Happy Birthday

Dr. Seuss Yoga

Monday, March 10

10:30-11:15 am

For ages 18 months-3 years.

While sharing *My Many Colored Days* by Dr. Seuss, we will bend, stretch, sing, and laugh, allowing your children to experience story time like they never have before.



Toddlers Tango

Tuesdays, March 12, 19, and 26 • 11:00-11:40 am

For ages 12-36 months. Join us as we clap our hands and stomp our feet in this interactive storytime.

Tiny Tunes

Fridays, March 14 and 28 • 10:30-11:00 am

Fridays, April 11 and 25 • 10:30-11:00 am

For ages 1-3. This short and sweet program is for the littles who love to have fun with some new friends! Great for your wonderful wiggles!

Super-Smelly Spring Storytime

Friday, March 21 • 10:30-11:15 am

For ages 3-5. Join Mr. Tom for a story and a fragrant flower craft to welcome Spring!

Sing, Sign, with Me

Thursday, March 27

10:00-10:40 am

For ages birth-5 years.

Learn sign language in a meaningful and playful way with Registered and Licensed Occupational Therapist and Certified Signing Time Instructor, Lisamarie Curley.



Dance With Me

Tuesday, April 1 • 10:30-11:15 am

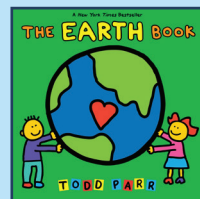
For ages 12-36 months. Join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement, dance, and activities!

Make Every Day Earth Day Yoga

Tuesday, April 8 • 10:30-11:15 am

For ages 18 months-3 years.

Todd Parr's *The Earth Book* provides the perfect opportunity to honor what the Earth provides for us and how we can be kind to our earth today and every day. Join us while we bring our favorite earth friendly characters to life through yoga poses and breathing exercises.



Soccer Stars: Parent and Me

Wednesdays, April 9, 16, and 23

11:00-11:30 am

For ages 12-24 months.

Join coaches from Super Soccer Stars in this parent-child pre-soccer music, and movement program.



Creation Station: Earth Day Celebration

Friday, April 17 • 10:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2-5. Drop-in for a variety of upcycled crafts to celebrate Earth Day! **No registration required.**

Sprouts & Friends

Thursday, April 24 • 10:30-11:15 am

For ages birth-5 years.

Sprouts & Friends is a music and movement program for families with children. Our mission is to create joy while we play, learn and grow together. Come ready to move and sing with your child.

Sensational Playtime

Tuesday, March 25 • 10:30-11:30 am

For ages 18-36 months. This play-based program focuses on developmental motor skills that support and enhance the emerging skills of toddlers. Children will engage in novel play, structured movement, and interactive story time. This program is led by two occupational therapists who are parents themselves.

Youth & Family Programs continued on next page

SCHOOL AGE CLASSES (K-5th grade) These classes are ALL in person. Registration is required.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, March 11 and April 8
4:30-6:30pm (Grades K-5)

Drop-in and build your own creations or build as a family! **No registration required.**



Hollywood Kids Gala

Wednesday, March 12 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades K-5)

It's Oscars Night at RFL for our favorite children's movies! Wear your fanciest outfit, and get ready to walk the red carpet during a fun-filled evening of snacks, crafts and Hollywood themed delights!

Birdhouse Workshop

Monday, March 17 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Join us to assemble and paint your very own birdhouses, and then craft mini pinecone bird feeders to attract local wildlife.



Leprechaun Gnome Treats

Wednesday, March 19 • 5:30-6:15pm
(Grades K-5)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making a tasty leprechaun treat!

STEAM Club: Bubble Science

Wednesday, March 26 • 5:30-6:30pm
(Grades K-5)

In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will be making bubble wands, concocting bubble solutions, and making bubble art! Make sure to dress for a mess!



No-Sew Sock Bunnies

Tuesday, April 8 • 5:00-5:30pm
(Grades K-5)

Make an adorable bunny using a simple sock and some rice!

Peep Cars

Wednesday, April 9 • 5:30-6:15pm
(Grades K-5)

Spring has sprung! Let's celebrate by creating adorable and tasty treats with Peeps!

Jump Into Spring with Bluey!

Thursday, April 24
5:00-6:30pm
(Grades K-5)

Ring in spring with an evening full of fun activities, music, and everything Bluey!



Slime Time: Unicorn Slime

Monday, April 28 • 5:30-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Create magical, iridescent slime with us in the latest edition of our Slime Time series!

STEAM Club: Patterns in Motion

Wednesday, April 30 • 5:30-6:30pm
(Grades K-5)

In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will discover the science behind kaleidoscopes!



TEEN AND TWEEN DROP-INS

(Grades 4-12) Drop-In anytime the Teen Loft is open to do one of these crafts to take home.

Watercolors From Outer Space

March 9-15

Experiment with watercolor paint and salt to create out-of-this-world works of art.

Beaded Hair Clips

April 6-12

Make a unique hair accessory out of a barrette, string, and some beads.

Shakespeare Yourself

April 20-26

In honor of Shakespeare's birthday, create an Elizabethan self-portrait. Bring in a photo of your face for the final touch!

Teen Art Show

Thursday, March 13 • 5:00-7:00pm

The Youth and Family Services Department is thrilled to present the artwork of Riverhead High School students in grades 9-12. Come drop by to check out the creative and different types of art and enjoy light refreshments at the opening.



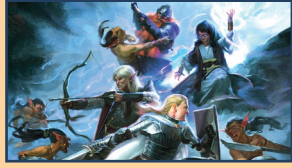
TEEN LOFT

(Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

D&D Nights: The Adventure Continues

Thursday,
March 6 and
April 10 • 4:30-6:30pm

Leap into adventure and take part in a totally unique role-playing experience.



MAR10 Day – Smash Tournament

Monday, March 10
5:30-6:30pm

Come celebrate Mar10 Day by participating in a Smash tournament! The winner will receive a gift card.



St. Patrick's Day Diamond Painting Keychains

Monday, March 17 • 6:00-7:00pm
(Grades 6-12)

Join us for a fun and sparkly St. Patrick's Day where you will create diamond painting keychains to bring you some Irish luck!



Tabletop Thursdays

Thursday, March 20
and April 24
4:00-7:00pm

Drop in with your friends for some live-action tabletop roleplaying games.

Anime Crafting

Tuesday, March 25 • 4:00-5:30pm

Join us in creating some anime-themed keychains, bookmarks, and pinback buttons.

Gearing Up For Adventure: A Dungeons & Dragons Paint Night

Thursday, March 27 • 5:00-6:30pm

Enjoy Dungeons & Dragons or painting your own miniatures? Then join us on a quest to bring D&D characters to life by giving them a splash of color!

Bob Ross Paint Party

Monday, April 28
4:00-5:30pm

Learn to paint as we follow along with one of Bob Ross' tutorials from *The Joy of Painting*.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Teen Leaders

We are looking for teen leaders in grades 10-12 to assist the Youth Services Department in planning and implementing library sponsored events as well as providing input on services for teen programs and spaces. If you are interested please see a librarian at the Teen Reference Desk for an application.



Teen Recycling Challenge

Saturday, March 1st to Wednesday, April 30th

Bring bottles and cans to any local bottle drop in March and April, save your receipts, and show them to a librarian to earn community service hours. The teen with the most containers recycled will win a grand prize! **Max of 10 hours available per month.**

Teen Loft Decor Renovation

Tuesday, March 11 • 4:30-6:30pm (Grades 6-12)

Help beautify our library! Become a teen volunteer and decorate windows in the teen loft for the spring.

STEAM Buddies

Wednesdays, March 26 and April 30 • 5:30-6:30pm
(Grades 8-12)

We are looking for Teen Volunteers to help out in our STEAM Club program. In this program teens will be paired with a younger child to assist them in our STEAM challenges. **Volunteers must be available for both of the above dates.**

Planting Poet-Tree

Tuesday, April 8 • 3:30-4:30pm (Grades 6-12)

In honor of National Poetry Month, write a poem or two to be put on display in the library. Get a little creative, spread a little sunshine!

Stuffed Animal Sleepover Volunteers

Monday, April 14 • 6:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Assist Ms. Chris with storytime and taking pictures of the stuffed animals and their night time shenanigans!

Slime Buddies

Monday, April 28 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 8-12)

We are looking for Teen Volunteers to help out in our Slime Time program. In this program teens will help children in grades K-5 create magical unicorn slime and will assist the librarian in cleaning up after the program.

Call (631) 727-3228 or visit our website at riverheadlibrary.org to register for programs that do not have a fee. Register in-person at the front desk for all programs with a fee. Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration fees are non-refundable unless the program is canceled by the library.

BOOKS FOR EVERYONE

Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

Thursday, March 20

3:00-4:00pm

Maria by Michelle Moran

Thursday, April 17

3:00-4:00pm

Jackie: A Novel by Dawn Tripp



Trues and Brews at Mugs on Main

Join us each month at Mugs on Main to discuss a true crime novel.

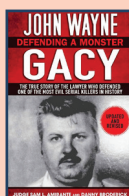
Thursday, March 20 • 6:00-7:00pm

John Wayne Gacy: Defending a Monster

by Sam L. Amirante & Danny Broderick

Thursday, April 17 • 6:00-7:00pm

Green River, Running Red by Ann Rule



Trues and Brews Crime

Film Discussion at the Library

Thursday, April 3 • 6:00-7:00pm

The Snow Town Murders (2011)

Join us for a discussion about the movie.

DVD copies of the movie will be available for pickup at the Adult Reference Desk.



Literary Landmarks

Saturday, March 29 • 12:00-1:00pm

Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead

Saturday, April 26 • 12:00-1:00pm

The Personal Librarian by Marie Benedict



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Long Island Reads Author Event

Sunday, April 6 • 2:00-3:00pm

Author Jane L. Rosen will be honored at the 2025 Long Island Selection Award event for her book, *On Fire Island*. The event will take place at the Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library.



Long Island Reads Book Discussion

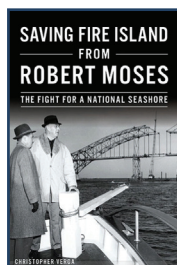
Wednesday, April 9 • 3:00-4:00pm

Join us as we discuss the 2025 Long Island Reads pick, *On Fire Island*.

Robert Moses vs Fire Island

Thursday, April 3 • 7:00-8:00pm

Saving Fire Island From Robert Moses with Christopher Verga. In 1932 and again in 1962, urban planner Robert Moses attempted to pave the unspoiled and tranquil shorelines of Fire Island, which led to the creation of the Fire Island National Seashore. *An East End Libraries* event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.



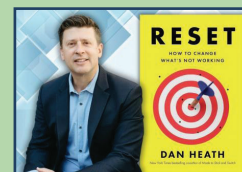
LIVE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS



Power of Reset and How to Change What's Not Working with Author Dan Heath

Wednesday, March 12

2:00-3:00pm



How Women's Liberation Transformed America: In Conversation with Clara Bingham

Thursday, March 20

2:00-3:00pm



Dreams We Chase: An Author Talk with Novelist Jennifer Weiner

Wednesday, March 26

7:00-8:00 pm



Wordsmith and Wonder: An Author Talk with Jodi Picoult

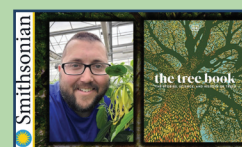
Wednesday, April 2

7:00-8:00pm



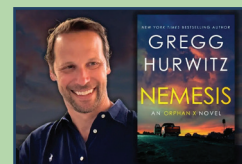
The Stories, Science and History of Trees with Smithsonian Gardens Greenhouse Horticulturalist Matthew Flemming

Tuesday, April 8 • 2:00-3:00pm



The Thrill of Writing Action, Adventure, and Suspense: A Conversation with Bestselling Author Gregg Hurwitz

Thursday, April 24 • 7:00-8:00pm



Book Discussion: *The Ruins* by Steve Wick

Wednesday, April 23 • 6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a discussion of *The Ruins*, a compelling historical crime thriller with deep ties to Long Island's past. Don't miss this chance to share your thoughts and connect with fellow readers before the author's visit in June.



LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Total Eclipse of the Moon: Night of the Red Moon

Wednesday, March 12 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join renowned weatherman Joe Rao to learn more about this celestial event and how to best prepare for this remarkable sight.



Jackie Robinson Museum

Tuesday, March 18

6:30-7:30pm

Join Jackie Robinson Museum curatorial assistant Sidney Carlson White for a conversation about the role Jackie Robinson played, on and off the field, in the growing Civil Rights Movement.



Trivia: Get Your Think On!

Wednesday, April 9 • 1:00-2:00pm

Show off your knowledge with a rousing game of trivia, complete with snacks, beverages, and a chance to win some exciting prizes!

Got Facts?

Saturday, April 19 • 11:00am-12:30pm

Learn how to sort facts from falsehoods, check sources and help stop the spread of disinformation, with veteran local journalist Denise Civiletti of RiverheadLOCAL. Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.



Broadway on a Budget

Saturday, April 19 • 2:00-3:00pm

Theater enthusiast Brian Stoll discusses all things Broadway. He will share a variety of money-saving tips on how to see shows for under \$60.

New York State Safe Boating Certification Course

Saturday, April 19 • 9:30am-5:00pm

Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio will be sponsoring this 1-Day course offered by Safe Boating America. Pre-registration is required and seating is limited. The fee for the course is \$70 with the discount offered through Assemblywoman Giglio's office. Registrants must be a minimum of 10 years of age. Upon successful completion, participants will be issued a New York State Boating Safety Certificate. For more information about registering please call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.

Country Line Dancing with Country Rhythms

Saturday, April 26 • 2:00-3:30pm

Country line dancing is making a resurgence! Join us as Country Rhythms shows us how to line dance in style. Wear your favorite cowboy boots and hat and boot scoot the afternoon away with us!



COOKING

Chef Naela's

Mediterranean Cooking

Wednesday, March 12

1:00-2:30pm

Join us and learn how to make delicious Mediterranean food with this demonstration from Chef Naela Zeiden.



\$ Cafe Oatmeal Raisin Cookies

with Chef Rob Scott

Tuesday, March 18 • 12:00-1:30pm

Register to receive a list of items to bring to class. (\$5 per person due at the time of in-person registration.)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY FUN

Irish Step Dancing

Saturday, March 8 • 11:00-11:45am

Join us for a group lesson in Irish dancing focusing on basic steps. No prior experience required, everyone can join in.



The Donovan Project

Tuesday, March 11

4:00-5:30pm

Enjoy a lively St. Patrick's Day performance of Irish music including bagpipes.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

What's YOUR Superpower?

Saturday, March 8 • 1:00-2:30pm

Celebrate Women's History Month with a fun conversation sharing our Superpower, how we found it and how it serves us. Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.

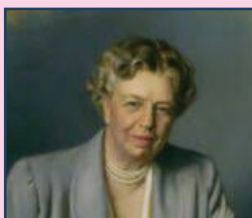


Eleanor Roosevelt:

Tireless Advocate for Change

Thursday, March 20 • 2:00-3:00pm

Live from the Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park, NY, Education Specialist Jeffrey Urban will give us a presentation on Eleanor Roosevelt and her impact on social change during her time as First Lady and afterwards.



Unsung Heroes: Women

Wednesday, March 26 • 6:45-7:45pm

Explore the accomplishments of women who never made it into the history books with Educator Harold Rosenberg.

CAREER LITERACY

Career Counseling

Fridays, March 14, 21

& April 18, 25 • 2:00-4:00pm

Call 631-727-3228 ext. 301 to schedule a ½ hour in-person appointment.



SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Friday, March 14 & April 11

10:00am-1:00pm

Call to schedule a ½ hour in-person or virtual appointment 631-727-3228.



Introduction to Project Budgets

Tuesday, April 1 • 2:00-3:30pm

If preparing a budget for your foundation grant is holding you back, come learn the basic elements of how to draft a project budget with confidence.



STAY HEALTHY

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital & East End Libraries Present



Menopause

Thursday, March 20 • 12:00-1:00pm



Boost Your Brain Health – Avoid “Brain Drain” with Nutrition

Thursday, April 17 • 12:00-1:00pm



Alzheimer’s Disease Resource Center (ADRC) Presents Live Well, Age Well

Friday, April 4 • 11:00-11:45am



Eating Seasonally with Jessica Milazzo

Tuesday, April 29 • 7:00-8:00pm



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

\$ Curso de Manejo Defensivo

sábado, 29 de marzo • 9:30am-3:30pm

Llegan 15 minutos antes del curso con su licencia de conducir y un cheque pagado directamente a Empire Safety o dinero en efectivo, para ser entregado al instructor el día de la clase. **Cuota \$35.**



\$ Defensive Driving Courses

Saturdays, March 1 & April 5 • 9:30am-3:30pm

On the day of the class, bring your driver's license and payment to be given to the instructor. **Fee \$33.** (Payment can be made using cash, check or money order made payable to Empire Safety Council.)



Defensive Driving Courses via Zoom

Monday & Tuesday, April 15 & 16 • 6:00-9:00pm

Payment must be received to reserve your spot. A link to register is provided within our online calendar. **Fee \$33.** For more information, contact Empire Safety Council by email defensivedriverny@yahoo.com or by phone 631-664-0652.



NATURE AND GARDENING

Seeds of Knowledge

Seed Library Opening

Tuesday, March 11 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Stop by the seed library informational table to find out more about how you can request seeds.



Radio Central Walk with Lee McCallister

Monday, April 14 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Come join us for an easy flat 2.1 mile hike into the Rocky Pine Barrens.

Shinnecock Kelp Farmers

Tuesday, April 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

What better way to celebrate Earth Day than to learn more about kelp farming - join us!



Shore Walk with Mary Laura Lamont

Wednesday, April 30 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Long Island Sound Beach Walk at Hallock State Park Preserve of approximately 2 miles. Rain will cancel this program.

Chair Boxing with Johnathan Arroyo

Wednesday, March 5 • 10:00-11:00am

Come join us for this fun boxing session. A class where you can rediscover strength, confidence and vitality. No experience required, all gloves and equipment will be provided as well as some fun music to box along to.



GET FIT

Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21 & April 4, 11, 18 • 10:00-11:00am

Classes will be conducted virtually, but you may choose to join others, in-person, as we project Irina's classes on the big screen.



Mat Pilates with Leisa

Mondays, March 3, 10, 24 & April 7, 14, 28
10:00-11:00am



Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, March 3, 10, 17 & April 7, 14, 21
4:00-5:00pm



30 Minute Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, March 3, 10, 24, 31 & April 7, 14, 21, 28
7:00-7:30pm



Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 &
April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:00-10:25am



Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays
March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 &
April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24, 29 • 9:00-10:00am



Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

Tuesdays & Thursdays
March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 &
April 1, 3, 8, 10, 15, 17, 22, 24 • 1:00-2:00pm

Virtual and In-Person

Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 27 & April 3, 10, 17
11:00am-12:00pm



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Wednesdays, March 26 & April 30 • 7:00-8:00pm

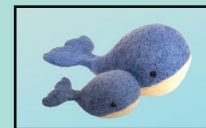


ARTS AND CRAFTS

Needle Felting with Amanda

Thursday, March 6 • 1:00-2:00pm or
Thursday, March 13 • 5:00-6:00pm

Learn the art of needle felting. All supplies are included, please register for either the afternoon or evening class.



Tulip Time Take and Make

Monday, March 24

Come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up a Tulip Time planting kit. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL Cardholder.

Paper Flowers: White Lillies

Monday, April 7 • 2:00-3:30pm

Casey Cunningham will teach you how to make these beautiful white lilies just in time for Spring.

SENIOR SOCIALS

Registration is required
for all socials!



Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, March 12
1:00-3:00pm
Lakeview Grille
at Scott's Pointe
5835 Old Country Road,
Calverton

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, March 19
5:30-7:30pm
Bistro 72 in Hotel Indigo,
1830 W. Main St., Riverhead

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, March 21
2:30-4:00pm
Come to the library to enjoy
light refreshments and have
some fun.

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, April 9
1:00-3:00pm
Myles on Main,
428 East Main Street,
Riverhead

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, April 16
5:30-7:30pm
Maple Tree BBQ,
820 W Main Street, Riverhead

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, April 11 • 2:30-4:00pm
Come to the library to enjoy
light refreshments and have
some fun.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPECIALS

The Traditions: The Very Best in 50's & 60's Vocal Entertainment

Sunday, March 2 • 1:30-3:00pm
New York City's Legendary
Acapella Group will sing the
very best of DooWop.



The Intersection of Cuban and Irish Nationalism in 19th Century New York

Sunday, March 16 • 1:30-3:00pm
A presentation by John McAuliff on the parallel
paths followed by Cuba and Ireland in 19th
Century New York.

Transitions Saxophone Quartet presents "Music: The Universal Language"

Sunday, April 6 • 1:30-3:00pm
Through performance, narrative and multimedia
presentation, Transitions will explore the music of
cultures and ethnicities around the world.



GET TOGETHER

Structures of Sound

Thursday, March 6, 20 & April 3, 17 • 5:30-6:30pm



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, March 8 & April 12 • 1:00-4:30pm



Hallockville Old Time Jam

Thursdays, March 13, 27 & April 10, 24 • 5:30-7:30pm



Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, March 11, 25 & April 8, 22 • 5:30-7:30pm



Poetry Street: The Room Without a Roof Where Every Voice is Heard

Saturdays, March 29 & April 26 • 2:00-4:00pm



LANGUAGE LEARNING

Conversational German

Fridays, March 7, 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 11, 18, 25
9:45-11:00am



Intermediate German

Tuesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9:45-11:00am



Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & April 2, 9, 16
4:00-5:30pm



Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, March 6, 13, 20 & April 3, 10, 17
4:00-5:30pm



Friends of the Riverhead Library Travel Club

Thursdays, March 6 & April 3 • 6:30-7:30pm
Contact rhosereo@optonline.net if you have a
presentation to share.



Friends of the Riverhead Library Photography Club

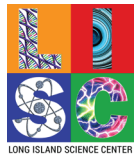
Thursdays, March 13, 27 & April 10, 24
6:30-7:30pm



For up-to-date information on meetings, events,
photo walks, assignments and photo trips, please visit our
Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riverheadphotoclub>, website riverheadphotoclub.org.

MUSEUM PASSES

9/11 Memorial & Museum
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Children's Museum
of the East End (printable)
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Fire Island Lighthouse
Intrepid Museum (printable)
Long Island Children's Museum
Long Island Science Center (printable)
Montauk Lighthouse Museum
Museum of Modern Art
New York Hall of Science
Parrish Art Museum
The South Fork Natural History
Museum and Nature Center (printable)
Vanderbilt Museum



Passes are subject to availability.



PARRISH ART MUSEUM

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The Library will be closed on Sunday, April 20.

The Monthly Board of Trustees
Meetings will be held on Wednesdays,
March 12 & April 9 at 6:30pm.

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CLUB CALENDAR

**Weekly and Monthly clubs
include the following:**

BRIDGE - Mondays 1:00-4:00pm
CHESS - Mondays 5:45-7:45pm
MAHJONGG - Wednesdays 1:00-3:00pm
STAMP CLUB - 2nd & Last Thursday
6:00-7:00pm
CANASTA - Fridays 1:00-3:00pm



Join your neighbors. Interested in something you don't see?
Email us at adultprograms@riverheadlibrary.org

ON DISPLAY

IN THE SHOWCASE

March - Riverhead School District
April - Gemini G.B / Needle Point & Papercrafts

THE OVERTON GALLERY

March - Riverhead School District Art Show
April - LeighAnn Montaglione-
2025 Photography/Environment

*If you are interested in sharing your talents and
passions in the Showcase please contact
Karen Thum, artexhibit@riverheadlibrary.org.*

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Call 631-727-3228 ext. 301 for more
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application will be mailed to you.



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