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We wour Riverhead Community



From the Director's Desk



We're happy to share that the library budget has passed—thank you to everyone who took the time to be part of this important process. Your continued support helps us grow, evolve, and better serve the Riverhead community.

A special congratulations to Carlos Alvarez and William Sandback on their re-election to the Board of Trustees, and a warm welcome to Mike Dubois, who will be joining the Board. We look forward to working together to continue advancing the mission of Riverhead Free Library.

We're also thrilled to announce the grand seasonal opening of the Yellow Barn! Join us on Saturday, May 24 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM to browse the shelves, discover hidden gems, and enjoy this special community space. All items are gently loved and ready for a new home.

Beginning May 24, the Yellow Barn will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM—perfect for a mid-morning book browsing break. Every purchase supports the library and helps us continue offering meaningful services and programs.

Come stock up, support the library, and enjoy the charm of the Yellow Barn. We can't wait to see you there!

And be sure to keep an eye out for details about this year's Suffolk Summer Tour—an exciting way to explore local libraries, collect stamps, and earn fun prizes all summer long.

Warmly, *Kerrie McMullen-Smith*

ATTENTION EAST MORICHES, EAST QUOGUE, EASTPORT-SOUTH MANOR, REMSENBURG AND SPEONK SCHOOL DISTRICT PATRONS:

Each year on July 1, residents of these school districts may choose the Riverhead Free Library as their home library.

Get your RFL card by presenting a photo ID or other proof of residency with current name and address (postmarked mail, current utility bill, auto registration or insurance card, or lease, deed, tax bill or mortgage statement).

*All household members must be members of the same home library.



YELLOW BARN HOURS

Starting Saturday, May 24 • 10:00am-2:00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 10:00am-2:00pm Saturday, June 14 • 10:00am-2:00pm

With Appreciation:

The Riverhead Free Library would like to express gratitude to: **Salvatore & Agnes Virgadaula for their monetary donation.**

COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Island Harvest Food Distribution

Mondays, May 5 & June 2 • 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, May 1 and June 5 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Long Island Cares will supply prepackaged bags filled with non-perishable food items.

BECAUSE IT TAKES MORE THAN FOOD TO FEED THE HUNGHY

No identification is required

to pick up your supply of food.

This is a walk-up service only.

* No Registration Required.



HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

Thursdays, May 15 & June 12 • 1:00-3:30pm
To register for a ½ hour one-on-one appointment, call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.

Suffolk County Office for the Aging - Senior Advocate

Wednesday, June 18 • 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**.

Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays, May 21 & June 18 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.

Protecting Seniors: Preventing Financial Exploitation

Wednesday, June 25 10:00-11:00am



Sponsored by Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio.

Staff from the Suffolk County District Attorney's Office will share real-life examples, practical tips, and expert advice on how to protect yourself from financial scams—whether they come by phone, text, or email. Registration is encouraged but not required.

Shots for Tots

Wednesdays, May 28 and June 25 • 10:30am-2:30pm 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.

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!
Enroll anytime for Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plans. Apply for a Qualified Health Plan if eligible for Special Enrollment. All based on household size and income. Call to schedule a phone appointment: (516) 505-4426.

Volunteer Opportunity: Riverhead Rotary Day of Service

Saturday, May 17 • 8:00am-12:00pm

Join the Riverhead Rotary Club in cleaning up the Riverhead Train Station (Railroad Street/Osborne Avenue). Volunteers will help with litter pickup, power washing, and planting. Community members, groups, and students seeking volunteer hours are welcome! **Register at RiverheadRotary.org.**

Long Island Ducks Game Sunday August 3 • 5:05pm

Sunday, August 3 • 5:05pm (gates open at 4:05)
Register starting on April 25
and ending on June 23
at 7:00pm.



Cost \$13 per ticket (Free entrance to children under 3, transportation is on your own)

Enjoy an evening out at the ballpark. Children will be able to go onto the field before the game and run the bases at the conclusion of the game. Be the first 2000 fans to enter the gate and receive a 25th Anniversary Team Card Set. Participants will be notified when tickets are ready for pickup at the Library.

The Woman's Club of Riverhead, Inc. Annual Fashion Show, Scholarship Luncheon & Raffles

Wednesday, May 14 • 11:30am The Vineyards at Aquebogue

Enjoy an elegant afternoon where fashion meets philanthropy. Celebrate the accomplishments of five exceptional East End high school students as they receive scholarships to help launch their bright futures. Enjoy a delicious lunch, a fabulous fashion show, exciting raffles, and the warm spirit of community — all in support of a wonderful cause. Cost: \$65 per person includes appetizer, salad, choice of entrée, vegetables, dessert, and coffee/tea. For questions or reservations, please contact: Karen Kessler at 917-327-9699.

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-5 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.**

Sweet Adventures Await - Summer Reading Challenge

This summer, embark on a deliciously fun reading adventure with our Candyland Summer Reading Challenge! Dive into magical tales, thrilling mysteries, and exciting new worlds while earning sweet rewards along the way. Join the fun, track your progress, and let your imagination run wild—because reading is the sweetest treat of all! Sign up beginning Monday, June 2 and receive a sign-up prize (while supplies last)



SUMMER READING KICKOFF

Saturday, June 14 1:30-3:30pm The Safe Child ID Event 1:30-3:30pm
The Child ID program is a community safety initiative that provides a CHILD ID Card for parents to record the height, weight, hair color, eye color, fingerprints, and photograph of their child that can be used by authorities in the case that a child goes missing. This event is sponsored by Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio and Sheriff Errol D. Toulon Jr. and the Suffolk County Sheriff Office.

Nick the Balloonatic 2:00-3:00pm

For Families with Children of all ages. Join us as we celebrate the start of summer reading with an unforgettable performance by Nick the Balloonatic! Watch in awe as he twists, shapes, and creates incredible balloon masterpieces that will leave you amazed. There will be laughter, fun, and plenty of balloon magic for the whole family to enjoy! One registration per family. Please add the number of people attending when registering.

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

Creation Station: Farmyard Friends

Friday, May 2 • 10:00am-12:00pm For ages 2-5. Moo-ve on over and drop-in for a variety of farm animal themed crafts! Be sure to dress for a mess! No registration required.

Sing, Sign, with Me Wednesday, May 7 11:30am-12:10pm Thursday, June 12 11:30am-12:10pm



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.

Sensory Playtime

Tuesday, May 13 • 10:30-11:10am For ages 2-5. A toddler-and-me session that blends nature, art, and sensory experiences.

Zumbini

Wednesdays, May 14, 21, and 28 11:00-11:30am

For ages birth-4 years. Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skill and emotional development for young children.

Toddlers Tango Thursdays, May 8 and 22

11:00-11:40am For ages 12-36 months. Clap your hands, stamp your feet and wiggle

to the beat with great songs and musical instruments!

Tiny Tunes

Fridays, May 9 and 16 10:30-11:00am Fridays, June 20 and 27 10:30-11:00am

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 wonderous wigglers!

ABC Adventures

Monday, May 19 and June 23 10:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2.5-5. Drop-in each month to create a craft for each letter of the alphabet that can be used as your very own alphabet book when done. No registration required.

Marvelous Moostachiod Mania *Thursday, May 29 • 11:00-11:45am*For ages 3-5. Join Mr. Tom for a hairraising story and craft!

Dance With Me

Tuesday, June 10 • 10:30-11:15am
For ages 12-36 months. Join Great
South Bay Dance for creative
movement, dance, and activities!

Kidnastics

Fridays, May 23 and 30 10:30-11:15am Mondays, June 9, 16, and 23 10:30-11:15am

For ages 1-3 years. Join Kidnastics for a morning of musical warm-ups, obstacle courses, fun inflatables and more. Please wear comfortable clothing and sneakers.

Construction Zone Saturday, May 31 10:00am-12:00pm

Wednesday, June 4 10:00am-12:00pm or 4:30-6:30pm

For ages 2-5 years. Let your imagination run wild, and build with all types of blocks. Whether you're building castles, bridges, or your own unique structures, this hands-on program encourages creativity, problem-solving, and socialization—all while having tons of fun! No registration required.

Creation Station: Summer SunshineSaturday, June 28 10:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2-5 years.
Drop-in for a variety
of beach themed crafts
to kick off the first day of summer!
Be sure to dress for a mess!
No registration required.

1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

is a fun way to bond with children ages 0-5 and help them establish early literacy skills. The goal is to read 1,000 books to your little ones before they enter kindergarten, and our program helps you track your reading and earn badges each step of the way.

500 Books Before Middle School is an engaging

reading challenge for children in Kindergarten-6th grade. The goal is to read a total of 500 books before entering 7th grade! This challenge is perfect for all readers,



and will foster a love of reading and help boost literacy skills. Children who sign-up will receive a brag tag, and will be able to earn brag tags and badges along the way.

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

Mother's Day Flower Photo Holders

Monday, May 5 • 5:00-5:45pm (Grades K-5)

Decorate a wooden tulip photo holder for a one of a kind Mother's Day gift as special as your Mom!

Galaxy Light Up Jars

Wednesday, May 7 • 5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-5)

Let's celebrate Star Wars Day by decorating a galaxy themed mason jar that lights up!

Light Up Mother's Day Cards

Saturday, May 10 • 11:30am-12:15pm (Grades K-5)

Let's show our moms just how much we love them by decorating a beautiful Mother's Day card that lights up!

Mighty Makers: DIY Kite Crafting

Monday, May 12 • 5:00-5:45pm (Grades K-5)

Create your own colorful kite that is ready to soar the skies!

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, May 13 and June 10 • 4:30-6:30pm (Grades K-5)

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

Sketch-n-Stretch

Wednesday, May 14 • 6:00-7:00pm (Grades 1-5)

Sketch-n-Stretch Yoga combines art and yoga. Children will begin with the yoga lesson to relax and focus, then



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Decorate a wooden tulip photo holder for a one of a kind Mother's Day gift as special as your Mom!



STEAM Club: Outer Space

Monday, May 19, OR Wednesday, May 21 5:30-6:30pm (Grades K-5)

In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will be delving into the final frontier as we design and test our own space landers! **Patrons should only register for either Monday or Wednesday. Duplicate registrations are subject to cancellation.**

Light Up Father's Day Cards

Saturday, June 7 • 11:30am-12:15pm (Grades K-5)

Decorate an awesome light-up card that will brighten up your dad's special day!



Patriotic Garlands

Monday, June 9 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 1-5)
Create two patriotic garlands using different colored wooden beads, tassels, and wooden shapes.

Slime Time

Monday, June 16 OR Wednesday, June 18 5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-5)

Get ready for a squishy, slimey good time in this program series! Explore through hands-on experiments with colors and textures, and discover the science behind the gloopy fun. It's a great way to get creative and learn while making a mess!

Patrons should only register for either Monday or Wednesday. Duplicate registrations are subject to cancellation.

STEAM Club: Mancala Boards

Monday, June 23 OR Wednesday, June 25 5:00-6:00pm (Grades K-5)

In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will be designing and playing our own mancala board games! Patrons should only register for either Monday or Wednesday. Duplicate registrations are subject to cancellation.

Mighty Makers: Sculpting Edition *Thursday, June* 26

5:00-6:00pm (Grades K-5)
Mold and paint your own cla

Mold and paint your own clay cat sculpture for National Adopt-a-Cat Month. Be sure to dress for a mess!



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.

Create Your Own Comic May 1-8
Stop by the Teen Loft and celebrate Free
Comic Book Day (Sat., May 3) by creating your
own comic using cut out characters, objects,
and speech bubbles on a construction paper

Five Nights at Freddy's Papercraft *May 19-24* Make and take your favorite creepy FNAF critters.

TEEN LOFT

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(Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

Mirror Painting

Tuesday, May 6 • 4:00-5:00pm

Design and paint your own unique artwork on a round mirror.

D&D Nights:

The Adventure ContinuesThursdays, May 8 and June 12
4:30-6:30pm



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

Bridge Builder Challenge Thursday, May 15 • 4:30-5:30pm

Put on your engineering hats and compete to see who can build the strongest model bridge. The winner will receive a gift card.

Meta Quest VR

Saturday, May 17 and June 21 • 2:30-4:30pmTry gaming in three dimensions with our brandnew VR headset!

Tabletop Thursdays *Thursday, May 22 and June 26 • 4:00-7:00pm*Drop in with your friends for some live-action tabletop roleplaying games.



Hand Sewn Fabric Bookmarks *Tuesday, May 27 • 4:00-5:30pm*

Say goodbye to dog-eared pages! Learn simple sewing techniques to create a fabric corner bookmark.

DIY Jellyfish Light

Tuesday, June 17 • 4:00-5:30pm

Illuminate your space with a hanging jellyfish light made from pipe cleaners, ribbons and LED lights.

Pokémon Escape Room

Thursday, June 26 • 5:00-6:00pm
Join us for a new adventure as
you work to escape from the Trick Master!

Sweet Escapes: A Summer Reading Adventure

GOLDEN

Step into a world of pure imagination this summer with

our Wonka-Themed Summer Reading Challenge for Teens! Discover fantastical stories, unlock exciting challenges, and earn golden rewards as you read your way through a world of wonder. Whether you love thrilling mysteries, sci-fi adventures, or heartwarming tales, every book is a new flavor of fun!

Read, explore, and let your imagination run wild—because in this challenge, the more you read, the sweeter the rewards!

Sign up beginning Monday, June 2 for a summer of stories and prizes as magical as Wonka's factory!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Teens attend these programs by themselves.

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 Loft Decor Renovation

Tuesday, June 10 • 4:30-6:30pm (Grades 6-12)
Help beautify our library! Become a teen volunteer and decorate windows in the teen loft for the winter.

STEAM Buddies

Mondays, May 19 and June 23 • 5:00-6:00pm (Grades 8-12)

Wednesdays, May 21 and June 25 • 5:00-6:00pm (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.**

Slime Buddies

Monday, June 16 • 5:00-5:30pm (Grades 8-12) Wednesday, June 18 • 5:00-5:30pm (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 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.

Color Our World Along the Yellow Brick Road - Summer Reading Challenge

Summer Reading Kickoff

Saturday, June 14 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Join us in the Adult Reference Department and have some fun at our Art Station where you can try out new techniques or use various materials to make your own creation. Then enjoy some popcorn or cotton candy as you go on our scavenger hunt and find the prize at the end of the rainbow.

Summer Reading Raffle

June 13-August 8

Registration for RFL card holders begins June 6. Sign up at the Reference Desk to include raffle tickets and suggested reading lists. Weekly drawing will be held on Fridays at noon, starting on June 20. The first 25 that register will receive a Summer Reading Gift Bag.

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BOOKS AND BEYOND

Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

Thursday, May 15 1:00-2:00pm







The Jane Austen Society by Natalie Jenner

Thursday, June 26 • 1:00-2:00pm

The Lost Letters from Martha's Vineyard by Michael Callahan

Trues and Brews at Mugs on Main

Join us each month to discuss a true crime novel.

Thursday, May 22 • 6:00-7:00pm Golden Boy: A Murder Among the Manhattan Elite by John Glatt Thursday, June 26 • 6:00-7:00pm If You Tell: A True Story of Murder. Family Secrets and the Unbreakable

Bond of Sisterhood by Gregg Olson



Literary Landmarks

Join the book club that brings stories and destinations to life.

Saturday, May 24 • 12:00-1:00pm The Lions of Fifth Avenue

by Fiona Davis Saturday, June 21 • 12:00-1:00pm The Ice Cream Queen of **Orchard Street**

by Susan Jane Gilmore

French Book Club

Are you fluent in French? Would you like to discuss French literature?

Tuesday, May 13 & June 10 1:30-2:30pm

La delicatesse by David Foenkinos







LIVE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

Thriving with Anxiety with David H. Rosmarin. PhD Wednesday, May 7 • 2:00-3:00pm



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Julie Chan is Dead with Liann Zhang Wednesday, May 14 • 7:00-8:00pm

The Genius of Judy with Rachelle Bergstein Wednesday, May 21 • 2:00-3:00pm

Extinctopedia by Serenella Quarello Wednesday, June 4 • 2:00-3:00pm

Don't Let Him In by Lisa Jewell Tuesday, June 10 • 2:00-3:00pm







AUTHOR TALKS IN PERSON

Meet the Author: Robert Banfelder Thursday, May 1 • 1:00-2:00pm

Join author Robert Banfelder as he discusses his new book The Gilgo Beach Serial Killer Case ~ Does Rex Heuermann Reign King of Murder and Mayhem? Books will be available for purchase and signing.



Join author Ambrose Clancy as he discusses his new book My Life in Pieces: Writers, Rogues, the Road and The Rock. Book signing to follow.

Meet the Author: Steve Wick

Wednesday, June 4 • 6:30-7:30pm

Join author Steve Wick as he discusses his new book The Ruins. Book signing to follow.







LEARN SOMETHING NEW

The Bird (Avian) Flu: Should I Be Worried? Thursday, May 8

7:00-8:00pm Learn about the symptoms of bird flu, how bird flu spreads and



how likely it is to spread to humans.

Connecting by Spirit: Lessons from Indigenous Peoples

Saturday, May 10 • 2:00-3:00pm

Through stories and rituals, artist/educator

Tony Valderrama will show us the path to
staying connected to the land and our neighbors.

Presented by Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.

Ways to Become More Self-Sufficient

Tuesday, May 20 • 7:00-8:00pm

This seminar will introduce you to ways of becoming more self-sufficient so you can be less reliant on the grocery store.

Learn to Play Canasta

Fridays, June 13, 20, 27
10:00am-12:00pm
Join instructor Jacqui
Palatnik to learn the
exciting card game
Canasta. This is the



game that has fascinated people for so many years with its strategies, sequences, and combinations. You will enjoy the socialization, and interaction of playing with a partner. So come join the fun!

Aging in Place at Home with Burner Prudenti Law P.C. *Wednesday, June 18* • 1:00-2:30pm

Now more than ever, older adults are looking to age at home successfully with proper care in a thriving and familiar environment.

Join us as we discuss the importance of



basic Estate planning documents, the application process for Medicaid and the latest updates to home care Medicaid in New York.



ARTS & CRAFTS

Paper Flowers: Peonies

Monday, May 5 • 2:00-3:30pm
Casey Cunningham will teach you how to make these beautiful peonies to give away or keep for yourself.



Spring Earrings with Lisa

Friday, May 23 • 1:00-2:00pm

Make these beautiful earrings just in time for Spring.

The Art of Smartphone Photography

Monday, June 9
6:00-7:30pm
Join Miranda Gatewood
for a fun presentation and
workshop of the art of
taking great pictures with
your smartphone. DSLR



cameras are also welcome. Learn a little history, tour your camera features and do a still-life group project.

NATURE AND GARDENING

Wildflower Pollinator Mix Take and Make *Monday, May 5*

Come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up a Wildflower Pollinator Mix kit. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL cardholder.

Dahlias

Wednesday, May 14 2:00-3:00pm

Dahlias provide stunning color, a wonderful supply of cut flowers and architectural interest. Learn how these deer-resistant tubers can grow in your garden. Tips on preparation, planting and storage will be covered from Cornell Cooperative Extension.



Photo Venture to Indian Island County Park Saturday, June 21

June 21
10:00am-12:00pm
Join Miranda
Gatewood on a
photographic
adventure with



your DSLR camera or smartphone and explore the art of composing beautiful images and easy photo hacks in this remarkable Long Island waterside and woodland location.

COOKING

Stretching Food Dollars with Long Island Cares

Wednesday, May 7 • 1:30-2:30pm Join us as LI Cares presents how to stretch food dollars and gives a recipe demonstration of Chili Tomato Macaroni with samples for participants. All participants will receive a kitchen related gift.



\$ BBQ Chicken Chili with Vegetables with Chef Rob Scott

Monday, May 12 • 1:00-2:00pm

This is a demonstration class only. Bring a beverage and enjoy this wonderful chili that Chef Rob will be preparing. (\$5 per person due at the time of in-person registration.)

S Parmesan Crusted Quesadillas with Chef Rob Scott

Thursday, June 5 • 2:00-3:00pm

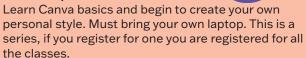
Join Chef Rob Scott in making this delicious parmesan crusted quesadillas. Register to receive a list of items to bring to class. (\$5 per person due at the time of in-person registration.)



TECHNOLOGY

Canva Basics

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & June 3 12:00-1:00pm



Canva

Al Tools for Everyday Life

Saturday, May 10 • 2:00-3:00pm Participants will learn how to interact effectively with large language models, craft precise prompts, and use the tool for practical applications and generating ideas. The session will also explore ethical considerations,

responsible Al use, and tips for integrating GPTs into daily life for both personal and professional purposes.

GENEALOGY

Family Search Introduction to

FamilySearch Genealogy

Saturday, May 3 • 1:00-3:00pm

FamilySearch Centers (FSC) on Long Island and FamilySearch.org are wonderful genealogical research resources in our area. In this interactive workshop FamilySearch Center of Long Island will highlight their resources for you to start your own genealogy journey.



New York State Safe Boating Certification Course

Saturday, May 17 or June 28 • 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.

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Finding Edna Lewis with Deb Freeman

Tuesday, June 17 • 7:00-8:00pm Edna Lewis is one of the most important American chefs, yet she is

not a household





name. Lewis was a pioneer in the food-to-table movement and her cookbooks changed perceptions on Southern foodways. Join food writer, podcaster, executive producer and host of Finding Edna Lewis, Deb Freeman, as she explores Lewis's legacy.

SENIOR SOCIALS



Registration is required for all socials!

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, May 7 • 1:00-3:00pm Jand R Steakhouse, 4362 Middle Country Road, Calverton

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, May 21 • 5:30-7:30pm The Birchwood of Polish Town, 512 Pulaski Street, Riverhead

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, May 16 • 2:30-4:00pm Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun.

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, June 4 • 1:00-3:00pm Blue Water Fish, 2 Sound Rd, Wading River



Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, June 18 • 5:30-7:30pm On the Docks, 177 Meeting House Creek Rd, Aquebogue

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, June 20 • 2:30-4:00pm Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun

CAREER LITERACY

Career Counseling Saturdays, May 3, 17 & June 7, 14 10:00am-12:00pm

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



SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Friday, May 9 & June 13 10:00am-1:00pm Call to schedule a ½ hour in-person or virtual appointment 631-727-3228.





LANGUAGE LEARNING

Conversational German

Fridays, May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & June 6, 13, 20, 27 9:45-11:00am



Intermediate German

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 & June 3, 10, 17, 24 9:45-11:00am



Italian Dialogue. Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, May 7, 14, 21 & June 4, 11, 18 4:00-5:30pm



Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 & June 5, 12, 26 4:00-5:30pm



GET TOGETHER

Structures of Sound

Thursdays, May 1, 15 & June 5, 26 • 5:30-6:30pm Discuss with Ben albums such as Abbey Road, Skylarking, Merriweather Post Pavilion and Imaginal Disk.



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, May 10 & June 14 • 1:00-4:30pm



Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory Tuesdays, May 13, 27 & June 10, 24

5:30-7:30pm



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

Saturdays, May 24 & June 28 • 2:00-4:00pm



Chess Tournament

Saturday, June 21 9:30am-4:00pm Registration is required to play. To register, call Henry Despres (631) 968-5349.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

\$ Curso de Manejo Defensivo

Sábado, 31 de mayo 9:30am-3:30pm



Llegen 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

Thursdays, May 22 & June 26 9:30-3:30pm Saturdays, May 10 & June 14 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.)

NEW Fitness Class

Moving Zen: Karate for Aging Adults

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20 & June 3, 10, 17 • 5:30-6:30pm Join Sensei Chris for an introduction to Karate in this 6-part class. Learn how to use martial arts to improve health and peace of mind. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND

Chair Boxing with Johnathan Arroyo Wednesday, May 7 • 10:00-11:00am

By popular demand Johnathan Arroyo is back to lead us in another round of chair boxing. No experience required, all gloves and equipment will be provided as well as some fun music to box along to.



Self Defense with Justin Guerin

Saturday, June 21 • 10:00-12:00pm

In this two hour workshop learn self-defense techniques and concepts. You will learn self-defense techniques and concepts through demonstration as well as practice. You will leave this workshop with a toolkit of safety strategies to protect yourself.



STAY HEALTHY

Learn to Be.....Tobacco Free

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & June 5, 26 6:00-7:15pm



To participate in this Suffolk County Department of Health program please contact Debora Rippel at 631-853-2928.

Better Hearing Month: Free Hearing Screening

Thursday, May 15 • 1:00-3:00pm

McGuire's Hearing Centers staff will provide free hearing screenings and video otoscopy. No registration required.



ON DISPLAY

IN THE SHOWCASE

May - Eastern Long Island Quilters Guild June - Juneteenth Curated by AAECF



IN THE OVERTON GALLERY

May - Quincy Egginton

Artist Reception: Saturday, May 3 • 2:00-4:00pm

June - Miranda Gatewood Photography

Artist Reception: Saturday, June 7 • 2:00-4:00pm

If you are interested in sharing your talents and passions in the Showcase and/or The Overton Gallery please contact Karen Thum, artexhibit@riverheadlibrary.org.

GET FIT

Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, May 9, 16, 30 & June 6, 13, 20 • 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, May 5, 12 & June 9, 16, 23 10:00-11:00am



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Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, May 5, 12, 19 & June 2, 9, 16 4:00-5:00pm



30 Minute Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, May 5, 12, 19 & June 2, 9, 23, 30 7:00-7:30pm



Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, May 6, 13, 20, 27 & June 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00-10:25am



Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays May 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 & June 3, 5, 10, 12 17, 24, 26 • 9:00-10:00am



Tai Chi for Arthritis Part II

Tuesdays & Thursdays May 1, 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 & June 10, 12 17, 24, 26 • 2:00-3:00pm



Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, May 1, 8, 15 & June 5, 12 11:00am-12:00pm



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan Wednesdays, May 28 & June 25 • 7:00-8:00pm



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)



MEMORIAL & MUSEUM

Children's Museum

Landcraft Garden Foundation
LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum
Long Island Children's Museum
Long Island Science Center (printable)
Montauk Lighthouse Museum (printable)
Museum of Modern Art



Parrish Art Museum
The South Fork Natural History
Museum and Nature Center (printable)
Vanderbilt Museum



Passes are subject to availability.

New York Hall of Science











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Monday-Thursday: 9:00am to 8:00pm Fridays & Saturdays: 9:00am to 5:00pm

The Library will be closed on: Monday, May 26 and Thursday, June 19.

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, May 14 & June 11 at 6:30pm.

DISCOUNTED ATTRACTIONS



AQUARIUM TICKETS

Discounted aquarium tickets are available for sale at the Library's circulation desk.

SPLISH SPLASH TICKETS

Looking to cool off this summer?

Look no further than Splish Splash! Discount tickets can be purchased on the Splish Splash website, using



2025 Promo Code: RIVERHEAD25. https://www.splishsplash.com/

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CLUB CALENDAR

Weekly and Monthly clubs include the following:



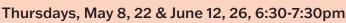
BRIDGE - Mondays 1:00-4:00pm

CHESS - Mondays 5:45-7:45pm

MAHJONGG - Wednesdays 1:00-3:00pm

STAMP CLUB - 2nd & Last Thursday 6:00-7:00pm

RIVERHEAD PHOTO CLUB-



CANASTA - Fridays 1:00-3:00pm

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

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US Postal Service to homebound eligible RFL cardholders who are unable to visit the library because of a temporary or long-term physical disability. Call 631-727-3228 ext. 301 for more

information. If you qualify, an application will be mailed to you.