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**Registration Starts
Friday, June 27**

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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



A Message to the Community



We've been busy improving RFL. Our newly paved parking lot and beautiful new courtyard are ready to welcome you to our summer concert series. Come inside and enjoy our Friday movie matinees in the comfort of a brand-new HVAC system and a state-of-the-art audio/visual setup. Construction is underway on our new Makerspace, and up next are exciting updates to the Browsing Room—and a cozy new coffee bar (see the renderings below). These exciting changes were made with you in mind—come take a look!

Kerrie McMullen-Smith

Library Director

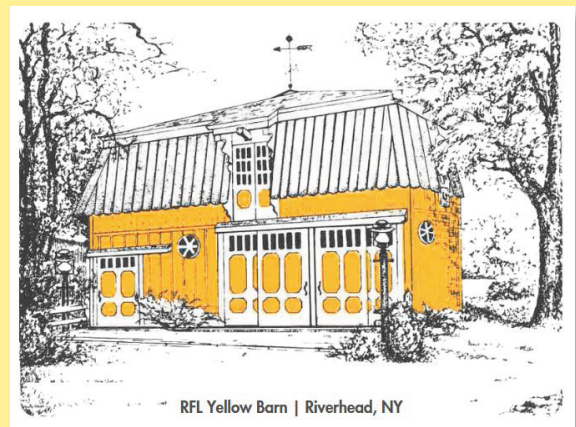


ATTENTION EAST MORICHES, EAST QUOGUE, EASTPORT- SOUTH MANOR, REMSENBURG AND SPEONK SCHOOL DISTRICT PATRONS:

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

Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays

10:00am-2:00pm

Saturdays, July 12 & August 23

10:00am-2:00pm

Courtyard **CONCERT SERIES**

**BRING A LAWN CHAIR AND ENJOY THE MUSIC!
RAIN WILL BRING US INSIDE.**



Retirement Village People
Saturday, July 12, 5:30-7:00pm



Mambo Loco
Saturday, July 19, 5:30-7:00pm



The Liverpool Shuffle
Saturday, August 2, 5:30-7:00pm



Demolition Band:
The Police & Sting Experience
Saturday, August 23, 5:30-7:00pm

SUFFOLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUMMER TOUR

With your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet, you'll visit public libraries all around Suffolk County any time from July 1st through August 31st. While you visit, be sure to find that library's Color Swatch and then locate their Stamp Station to receive a stamp in your booklet. Our color swatch is Riverhead Royal Purple.

At 5, 15, and 25 library visits you will be entered into fun raffles. At your 25th library you will officially be a Summer Tour Library Artist and receive a special commemorative patch (while supplies last)!



COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance

Thursdays, July 3
and August 7
11:00am-12:00pm

Long Island Cares will supply prepackaged 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.**
***No Registration Required.**



Ask the Expert: How to Save on Energy Costs

Wednesdays, July 16 & August 20 • 4:00-7:30pm

Meet with representatives of the Long Island Clean Energy Hub. They'll be available to discuss opportunities to sign up for your own free home energy assessments and explore incentives and rebates that can help you save money on your monthly energy bills.



Island Harvest Food Distribution

Mondays, July 7 & August 4 • 9:00-11:00am
(While supplies last)

Free food for
qualifying
seniors,
60 or older.
Please bring ID.
All Veterans are welcome.



**ISLAND
HARVEST**
Nourishing Long Island's Future

HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

Thursdays,
July 17 & August 21 • 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

Fridays, July 18 & August 15 • 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.**

Catholic Health Mobile Outreach

Thursday, July 10 • 10:00am-2:00pm



Free health
screenings and
flu vaccinations
provided by a
registered nurse.
The bus will be

parked in the Riverhead Free Library
parking lot.

Community Legal Help

Wednesday, July 23 • 2:00-5:00pm

Free limited legal information and referrals.
Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome.
Call 631-822-3272 to schedule.

Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays,
July 16 & August 20
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.



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.

Citizen Preparedness Corps Training

Monday, July 21 • 1:00-2:00pm

Sponsored by Senator Anthony Palumbo, this New York State training teaches how to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters. Learn to create an emergency plan and build a supply kit.

Each family will receive a free preparedness bag if at least 50 people attend. Registration is required. To register, visit www.prepare.ny.gov. or scan the QR code.

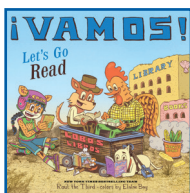




Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own. **Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.**

Sweet Adventures Await - Summer Reading Challenge June 2 – August 8

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 and receive a sign-up prize (while supplies last).



Virtual Author Talk - Drawing Your World with Raúl The Third

Tuesday, July 8 • 4:00 pm

Join author and illustrator Raúl The Third as he discusses his book *¡Vamos! Let's Go Read!*. Meet Little Lobo and friends as they explore their library's Libro Love Book Festival! From cookbook demonstrations and comics workshops to mask making and language classes, this library has something for everyone and Little Lobo can't wait to show you.

FOR FAMILIES

Candyland BINGO

Wednesday, July 2 • 6:00-7:00pm

For Families with Children ages 6-11. Step into a sweet adventure with Candyland Bingo! Join us for a colorful twist on the classic game where gumdrops, lollipops, and candy canes rule the board. This sugary-sweet event promises lots of laughs, fun prizes, and plenty of candy-themed surprises. One registration per family. Please add the number of people attending when registering.

The Amazing Dancing Dogs

Thursday, July 10 • 6:00-7:15pm

For Families with Children of all ages. Get ready to be amazed as Diana Frohman and her famous golden retrievers take the stage. Through their incredible live acting, these talented golden retrievers will show you the power of self-discovery and the beauty of embracing your individuality. This show is an extraordinary celebration of talent, friendship and the magic that lies within us. One registration per family. Please add the number of people attending when registering.



The Magic of Amore

Thursday, July 24 • 6:00-7:00pm

For Families with Children of all ages. Don't miss Long Island's very own, the extraordinarily talented, AMORE! Amore's astonishing act is sure to amaze and entertain families. One registration per family. Please add the number of people attending when registering.

Uncle Tony's Reptile Shack

Wednesday, July 30 • 6:00-7:00pm

For Families with Children ages 6-11. Uncle Tony's Reptile Shack brings the zoo to you! Join us for a fun and educational hands-on experience. You'll meet new scaly friends, including snakes, lizards, tortoises, and more! One registration per family. Please add the number of people attending when registering.

Sunshine and S'mores-a Science Adventure!

Monday, August 4 • 10:00am

For Families with children in grades K-5. Pick up your very own Solar S'mores Kit and learn how to harness the power of the sun! Using a pizza box, some simple materials, and a little creativity, kids can build their own solar oven and everyone's favorite summertime treat—no campfire needed! We provide everything you need except for the sun! One registration per family.

Steve Petra Comedy Ventriloquist Presents: Carnival of Colors

**Wednesday, August 6
6:00-7:00pm**

For Families with Children ages 4 and up. What happens when you put a Talented Tuna, a Colorful Bug Collector, a Magic Paint Brush and a Wonder Chicken in the same room with unlimited art supplies? You get Steve Petra's Carnival of Colors. One registration per family. Please add the number of people attending when registering.



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

Tiny Tunes

*Wednesdays, July 2 and 30
10:30-11:00am*

Fridays, August 1 and 29 • 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!

Patriotic Paint Pops

Thursday, July 3 • 11:00am-1:00pm

For ages 2-5. Celebrate the Fourth of July with a blast of creativity! Join us for a fun and festive art project where we'll use straws to create colorful firework paintings. Dress for a mess!

No registration required.

Sensory Playtime

Tuesdays, July 8 and 22 • 10:30-11:10am

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

Veggie Printmaking Fun!

Tuesday July 8 • 1:00-1:30pm

For ages 3-5. Join us for a hands-on art adventure using vegetables! In this playful printmaking program, we will explore shapes, colors, and creativity by stamping with natural materials like peppers, potatoes, and more. Dress for mess!

Zumbini

*Wednesdays, July 9, 16, and 23
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.

Jurassic Builders

Thursday, July 10 • 10:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2-5 years. Little explorers will love this hands-on dino adventure! Using big, soft foam bones, kids will be able to build a life-size dinosaur. **No registration required.**

Kidnastics

*Fridays, July 11, 18, and 25
10:30-11:15am*

*Fridays, August 8, 15, and 22
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. **We ask that you only register if you plan on attending all 3 classes. Please note that with the exception of infants in strollers, extra siblings are not permitted into Kidnastics unless they are also registered for the same class and fit the age range for the program.

Caregiver and Me Dance

Monday, July 14 • 10:30-11:15am

For ages 18-35 months. Join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement, dance, and storytime.

Shake N' Make Music

Tuesday, July 15 • 10:30-11:15am

*Wednesday, August 20
10:30-11:15am*

For ages 18-35 months. Join instructor Heather Welkes for a fun filled morning of creative movement, musical instruments, bubbles and more!

The Ms. Rachel Experience

Monday, July 21 • 10:30-11:15 am

For ages 6 months-5 years. Enjoy an interactive circle time with a Ms. Rachel impersonator!

Creation Station: Candyland Crafters

*Saturday, July 26
10:00am-12:00pm*

For ages 2-5 years. Drop-in and have a sugar-coated blast with a variety of candy-inspired crafts! Be sure to dress for a mess! **No registration required.**

Sing, Sign, with Me

*Thursday, July 31
10:00-10:40am*

*Wednesday, August 13
10:00-10:40am*

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.

Parent-Toddler Playtime

*Tuesdays,
August 5, 12, 19, and 26*

For ages 12-36 months. Join us for a relaxed playtime designed for toddlers and their caregivers! Children will enjoy age-appropriate toys and activities that support early development, while parents and caregivers can connect with each other in a welcoming space. A trusted early childhood provider will be available during the program to answer questions and offer guidance on parenting, development, and more. This is a wonderful opportunity to play, learn, and grow together! Due to the nature of this program we do not allow siblings.

Creation Station: Magical Creatures

*Saturday, August 16
10:00am-12:00pm*

For ages 2-5 years. Drop in and let your imagination soar with enchanting crafts inspired by magical creatures! 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.



DROP-INS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

DIY Beaded Creations

Thursday, July 3

5:00-6:30pm

(Grades 3-6)

Drop in to design and create your own one-of-a-kind accessories! Make charm bracelets, beaded necklaces, fun barrettes, and more. **No registration required.**

Veggie Printmaking Fun!

Monday, July 7, 4:30-5:00pm (Grades K-2)

See below for description.

DIY Puzzle Fun!

Wednesday, July 16 • 5:00-6:30pm

(Grades K-2)

Drop in and get crafty! Kids are invited to create their own puzzles using stickers and craft sticks. It's a hands-on activity that encourages creativity and problem-solving—plus, they get to take their puzzle home! **No registration required.**

Mindful Art:

Mandalas & Music

Monday, August 18–

Saturday, August 23

3:00-5:00pm

Find your inner calm before the new school year begins. Enjoy some peaceful time coloring with calming music and gratitude activities. We'll provide beautiful mandalas to color — just bring your imagination and an open heart. **No registration required.**

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

Red, White, and Blue Cone-olies with Chef Rob

Tuesday, July 1 • 2:00-3:00pm

(Grades K-5)

Celebrate in sweet style! Kids will create patriotic “cone-olies” — waffle cone treats filled with cannoli filling dipped into red, white, and blue sprinkles.

Brownie All the Way Trifle

Monday July 7 • 6:30-7:30pm

(Grades K-5)

Layer up the fun with this decadent dessert adventure! Join Chef Rob and build irresistible brownie trifles.

Veggie Printmaking: Art with a Twist!

Monday, July 7 • 5:30-6:15pm

(Grades 3-5)

Discover the creative possibilities of vegetable printmaking in this fun hands-on program. We'll use natural materials like corn, potatoes, and more to explore patterns, textures, and to create designs. Dress for mess!

Mighty Makers: Puffy Painting

Tuesday, July 8 • 5:00-6:00pm

(Grades K-5)

Mix up your own puffy paint and use it to create fluffy, colorful cotton candy masterpieces. Be sure to dress for a mess!

Sweet Treat Diamond Art

Wednesday, July 9 • 12:00-1:00pm

(Grades K-5)

Add some sparkle to your day! Create dazzling diamond art masterpieces featuring cupcakes, ice cream, and other sweet treats. A relaxing, hands-on craft that's as fun as it is sparkly!

Kidnastics

Fridays, July 11, 18, and 25

11:30am-12:15pm (Grades K-2)

Fridays, August 8, 15, and 22

11:30am-12:15pm (Grades K-2)

Join Miss. Gail for 3 weeks of fun and educational Kidnastics classes. **We ask that you only register if you plan on attending all 3 classes. Please note that extra siblings are not permitted into Kidnastics unless they are also registered for the same class and fit the grade range above.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, July 1 and August 5

4:30-6:30pm (Grades K-5)

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



ChoreoKids:

Create Dance with Color

Monday, July 14 • 11:30 am-12:30 pm

(Grades 1-5)

Join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement and dance, and explore how the use of color transforms movement and mood while dancing.



Summer Garlands

Tuesday, July 15

2:00-3:00pm (Grades 1-5)

Create two Summer garlands using different colored wooden beads, tassels, and wooden shapes.

Candyland Code Quest with Bee Bots

Wednesday, July 16

6:00-6:45pm (Grades K-5)

Get ready for a sweet journey through coding! In this interactive program, children will guide Bee-Bots across a colorful Candyland-themed map, learning basic coding concepts like sequencing, direction, and problem-solving.

Rice Krispie Ice Cream Cones

Thursday, July 17

6:00-7:00pm (Grades K-5)

Scoop up some fun with this sweet no-bake treat! Join us as we get creative making Rice Krispie “ice cream” cones—crunchy, colorful, and perfect for summer vibes without the melt.

SCHOOL AGE CLASSES CONTINUED

Summer Surprise Cupcakes

Monday, July 21 • 2:00-3:00pm (Grades K-5)
Get ready to bake up some fun with Chef Rob! In this sweet and summery program, children will decorate delicious cupcakes with a hidden surprise inside.

Paper Bowl UFOs

Tuesday, July 22 • 2:00-3:00pm (Grades 1-5)
Calling all young astronauts and alien enthusiasts! Join us for a super fun craft where you'll build your very own UFO using paper bowls and your imagination.

STEAM Club: Color Science

Wednesday, July 23
2:00-3:00pm OR 5:00-6:00pm (Grades K-5)
In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will be exploring the science behind color as we design our own sharpie dyed handkerchiefs! **Patrons should only register for either Monday or Wednesday. Duplicate registrations are subject to cancellation.**

Candy Art

Monday, July 28 • 2:00-2:45pm (Grades K-5)
Let's get creative by making edible art with candy!

Mario Kart Tournament

Tuesday, July 29 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 3-6)
Compete against your friends in a high-speed Mario Kart Tournament and see who takes home the gold trophy!

3D Build-a-Dragon Workshop

Thursday, July 31
6:15-7:15pm (Grades 1-5)
Unleash your creativity and hatch your very own dragon! In this hands-on workshop, you'll use 3D-printed dragon pieces to assemble, customize, and bring your mythical creature to life.



Veggie Printmaking Fun!

Thursday, July 31 • 1:00-1:30pm (Grades K-2)
Join us for a hands-on art adventure using vegetables! In this playful printmaking program, we will explore shapes, colors, and creativity by stamping with natural materials like peppers, potatoes, and more. Dress for mess!

BBQ Grill Cookies

Saturday, August 2 • 2:00-2:45pm (Grades K-5)
Summer is in full blaze! Let's celebrate by making delicious cookies that look just like barbecues!

Fairy Terrariums

Monday, August 4 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 1-5)
Step into a world of enchantment with a Mini Fairy Garden. Use your imagination and a variety of miniature supplies to create a unique magical world.

Mighty Makers: Neon Paintings

Tuesday, August 5 • 5:00-6:00pm (Grades K-5)
Design your own neon sign-styled painting that lights up a room! Be sure to dress for a mess!

Piñata Filled Cupcakes

Saturday, August 9 • 2:00-3:00pm (Grades K-5)
Get ready for a sweet surprise in every bite with Chef Rob! In this fun and colorful program, kids will decorate cupcakes with a hidden twist.

Slime Time

Thursday, August 14 • 2:30-3:00pm OR 5:00-5:30pm (Grades K-5) Get ready for a squishy, slimy 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 one session. Duplicate registrations will be cancelled.**



Adventure Awaits: Campfire Stories & S'mores

Tuesday, August 12 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 3-5)
Join us for a cozy indoor campout at the library. We'll gather 'round a glowing pretend campfire for exciting stories, make a fun camp-themed craft, and enjoy a sweet s'mores-inspired snack. No tents or bug spray required—just bring your sense of adventure! Registration is required. Spots are limited, so don't miss out on the fun!

Minecraft Sculptures

Monday, August 18 • 5:00-6:30pm (Grades 3-6)
Use wooden cubes, glue, and paint to create your own sculpture inspired by the game- whether it's a favorite mob, item, or custom creation. **No registration required.**

STEAM Club: Wind Powered Cars

Wednesday, August 20 • 2:00-3:00pm OR 5:00-6:00pm (Grades K-5) In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will be harnessing the power of wind as we build wind powered cars!

Makedo Mania

Thursday, August 21 • 5:00-6:30pm (Grades 3-5)
Come show off your creativity and put your construction skills to the test as you design your own cardboard masterpieces using Makedo tools.

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.

Friendship Bracelets

July 1-12

Calling all Swifties! Drop in and make friendship bracelets inspired by your favorite Taylor Swift eras, lyrics, and vibes. Whether you're repping Fearless or going full Midnights, we'll have the beads, string, and sparkle you need to create bracelets worthy of a concert trade. **No registration required.**



Hoop Wall Hangings

Monday, August 25-Saturday, August 30
(Grades 4-12)

Create your own unique hanging decoration by threading vibrant, multi-colored cording through a hoop. **No registration required.**

DIY Seashell Picture Frames

Monday, July 28-Saturday, August 2
(Grades 4-12)

Get crafty this summer and design your own one-of-a-kind seashell picture frame!. **No registration required.**

DIY Acrylic Keychains

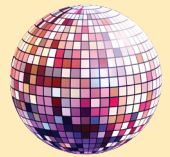
Monday, August 11-Friday, August 15
(Grades 4-12)

Design and create your own custom acrylic keychain by choosing your favorite image, printing it out, and sealing it with Mod Podge for a polished finish. **No registration required.**

Mini Disco Balls

Monday, July 14-Saturday, July 19
(Grades 6-12)

Make your own shiny mini disco ball using mirror tiles, Styrofoam, and hot glue. **No registration required.**



Sweet Escapes: A Summer Reading Adventure

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!

TEEN LOFT (Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

The Summer I Turned Pretty Watch Party

Tuesday, July 1 • 11:00am-5:00pm

Escape the heat, and catch up on the series *The Summer I Turned Pretty* before season 3 premieres on July 16. Snacks will be provided.



D&D Nights: The Adventure Continues

Thursdays, July 10 and August 14 • 4:30-6:30pm

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

Art and a Movie

Friday, July 11 • 2:00pm

Relax in the Teen Loft and watch *To All the Boys I've Loved Before* while making your own friendship bracelet stacks.



Splatter Paint

Tuesday, July 15 • 2:00-3:30pm

Create some unique artwork to take home, and get ready to make a mess in the process.

TEEN LOFT CONTINUED

Candy Sushi

Friday, July 18 • 1:00-1:45 pm

Roll into summer with a sweet twist! Join us to create deliciously fun "sushi" using candy, rice krispy treats, and more.



Meta Quest VR

Saturday, July 19 and
August 23 • 2:30-4:30pm

Try gaming in three dimensions with our brand-new VR headset!



Teen Night

Monday, July 21 and August 18 • 6:00-7:30pm

Come hang out at the library for a night just for teens! Enjoy games, snacks, music, crafts, and more in a relaxed, no-pressure setting. Bring your friends or make new ones — it's your night, your space, your library.

Anime Movie Night:

The Boy and the Heron

Tuesday, July 22 • 4:00-6:00pm

Join us for a screening of a modern classic, and some easy crafts. Snacks will be provided.



Tabletop Thursdays

Thursday, July 24 and August 28 • 4:00-7:00pm

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

3D Build-a-Dragon Workshop

Thursday, July 31 • 5:00-6:00pm

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BBQ Grill Cookies

Friday, August 1 • 2:00-2:45pm

Summer is in full blaze! Let's celebrate by making delicious cookies that look just like barbecues!

Mario Kart Tournament

Friday, August 8 • 2:30-4:30pm
(Grades 6-12)

Race to the finish line!

The champion will receive a gift card!



Candy Art

Tuesday, August 12 • 2:00-2:45pm

Let's get creative by making edible art with candy!

Giant Chess

Thursday, August 21 • All Day

Face off with your friends in a battle of brains, brawn, and humongous pieces of plastic. No registration required.

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.

Kindness Kits

Wednesday, July 9 • 3:00-4:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Decorate and fill a bag with hygiene products and non-perishable food, to be donated to Maureen's Haven. Participants should bring at least two items.

Discerning the Truth with Marie Lu Virtual Author Talk

Thursday, July 17, 4:00pm

(Grades 9-12)

Explore the intricate world of Legend with Marie Lu as she encourages readers to look beyond the surface and reveal hidden secrets. Explore the depths of deceit, battle for power, and the lengths characters will go to unmask the Truth. Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.

Illuminating Hope and Grace in the Face of Hardship with Rex Ogle Virtual Author Talk

Wednesday, July 23, 4:00pm

(Grades 6-8)

You're invited to join us online with award-winning author Rex Ogle as he talks to viewers about his struggles to navigate sixth grade as written about in his book Free Lunch. Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.

Campfire Stories & S'mores Volunteer

Tuesday, August 12 • 5:30-6:30pm

(Grades 8-12)

Volunteers will assist Ms. Sophia with campsite assembly/disassembly, craft help, and snack distribution—all while gaining valuable experience working with children and library staff.

STEAM Buddies

Wednesdays, July 23 and August 20

2:00-3:00pm **OR** 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 to attend both dates for the afternoon OR evening session.**

Slime Buddies

Monday, August 11

2:00-3:00pm **OR** 5:00-6:00pm

(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.

Adult Summer Reading Raffle 2025: Color Our World Along the Yellow Brick Road

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.



BOOKS AND BEYOND

Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

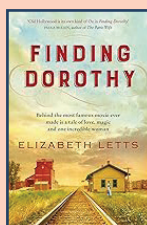


Thursday, July 17 • 1:00-2:00pm

Finding Dorothy by Elizabeth Letts

Thursday, August 21 • 1:00-2:00pm

The Sicilian Inheritance by Jo Piazza



Trues and Brews at Mugs on Main

Join us each month to discuss a true crime novel

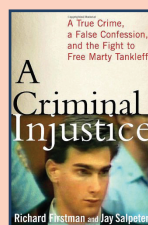
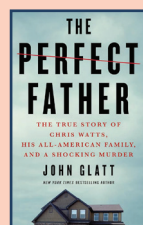


Thursday, July 17 • 6:00-7:00pm

The Perfect Father: The True Story of Chris Watts, His All-American Family and a Shocking Murder by John Glatt

Thursday, August 21 • 6:00-7:00pm

A Criminal Injustice: A True crime, A False Confession, and the Fight to Free Marty Tankleff by Richard Firstman



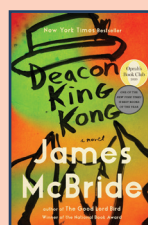
Literary Landmarks

Saturday, July 26 • 12:00-1:00pm

Dominicana by Angie Cruz

Saturday, August 23 • 12:00-1:00pm

Deacon King Kong by James McBride



ARTS & CRAFTS

Shell Bottle Necklace Take and Make Monday, July 14

Beginning on July 14 come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up this Shell Bottle Necklace kit. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL cardholder.

ART AND HISTORY: THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM

Wednesday, July 23 • 7:00-8:00pm

Founded in 1898, the Parrish Art Museum has evolved into a significant art museum recognized worldwide, and includes an extensive collection focused on East End Long Island artists. Join Monica Ramirez-Montagut, Executive Director of the Parrish Art Museum to learn about this evolving Museum and its offerings to our community. An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.



Summer Earrings with Lisa

Friday, July 25 • 1:00-2:00pm

Make these beautiful earrings for all your summer barbeques.

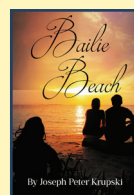
AUTHOR TALKS IN PERSON



Meet the Author: Joseph Krupski

Thursday, August 21 2:00-3:30pm

Join author Joseph Krupski as he discusses his new book *Baillie Beach*. Book signing to follow.



CAREER SERVICES

SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Friday, July 11 & August 8 • 10:00am-1:00pm

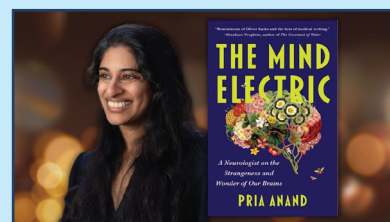
Call to schedule a ½ hour in-person or virtual appointment (631) 727-3228.



LIVE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

The Mind Electric by Pria Anand

Thursday, July 31 • 2:00pm



LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Insurance and Financial Literacy Presented by James Grossi Insurance

Saturday, July 5 • 12:00-1:30pm

This program is to empower participants with essential knowledge and skills for managing personal finances and understanding insurance options. They will cover key topics such as budgeting, saving, investment strategies, and the various types of insurance products available to protect people from the unforeseen.

LIVE AID: THE SHOW HEARD ROUND THE WORLD with Clive Young

Tuesday, July 22

7:00-8:00pm

Clive Young takes you backstage with Queen, Paul McCartney, Elton John, Tom Petty, Bob Dylan and more in this 40th anniversary look back at the wild true story of how Live Aid happened, reaching nearly 40 percent of the world's population and raising \$190 million dollars for famine relief. *An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.*



THE BORSCHT BELT with Marty Schneit

Thursday, July 31 • 7:00-8:00

Join historian Marty Schneit as he brings the fabled Borscht Belt back to life, with a stroll through Old Route 17, Red Apple Rest, and the Bungalow Colonies. Explore legendary hotels such as Grossingers and Kutchers and learn about the iconic comedians, from George Burns to Milton Berle, who got their start in this unique summer world. *An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.*

LI Tropical Drifters with the Fish Guy

Tuesday, August 5 • 6:30-7:30pm

Join Fish Guy Chris Paparo who will show us the tropical fish that drift into our waters.

The Four Freedoms

Wednesday, August 20

1:00-2:00pm

Live from the Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park, NY, Education Specialist Jeffrey Urban will give us a presentation on The Four Freedoms. On January 6, 1941 Franklin Roosevelt shared with the country his vision for a world founded on "four essential freedoms." This presentation explores the vision and narrative of freedom and hope that FDR offered the world.



ALL THINGS WIZARD OF OZ The Backstory of the Wizard of Oz

Tuesday, July 22 • 1:00-2:00pm

Have you ever wondered about how the Wizard of Oz was made, please join us for this informative presentation from Hollywood historian Sal St. George.



Trivia: What's Your Wizard of Oz Knowledge?

Wednesday, August 6 • 1:00-2:00pm

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

MOVIE MATINEE FRIDAY: BEAT THE HEAT, COME TO THE LIBRARY!

Join us as we enjoy an old favorite or get introduced to a new one. We will supply all concession stand snacks.

Wicked

Friday, July 11 • 1:00-3:00pm

The Wizard of Oz

Friday, July 25 • 1:00-3:00pm

A Complete Unknown

Friday, August 8

1:00-3:00pm

Jaws - 50th Anniversary

Friday, August 22

1:00-3:00pm



COOKING

Stretching Food Dollars with Long Island Cares

Tuesday, July 8 • 1:00-2:00pm

Join us as LI Cares presents how to stretch food dollars and then a demonstration and tasting of Chili Tomato Macaroni. All participants will receive a kitchen related gift.



Chef Naela Zeidan Mediterranean Cooking Demonstration

Wednesday, July 9 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join Chef Naela and learn how to make fresh falafel wraps, authentic tahini sauce and delicious rice pudding. Food tasting to follow, you don't want to miss this opportunity.



Ricciarelli Italian

Almond Cookies with Judy's Cucina

Saturday, August 9 • 1:00-2:30pm

Learn how to make these delicious ricciarelli almond cookies, an Italian classic.

New York State Safe Boating Certification Course

Saturday, July 26 • 9:00am-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.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

\$ Curso de Manejo Defensivo

sábado, 19 de julio • 9:30am-3:30pm

Llegan 15 minutos antes del curso con su licencia de conducir. El pago puede hacerse en efectivo, o giro postal del Servicio Postal de los Estados Unidos a nombre de Empire Safety Council, para ser entregado al instructor el día de la clase.

Cuota \$35.



\$ Defensive Driving Courses

Thursdays, July 31 & August 28 • 9:30am-3:30pm

Saturdays, July 12 & August 2 • 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 United States Postal Service money order payable to Empire Safety Council.)



LANGUAGE LEARNING

Conversational German

Fridays, July 11, 25 & August 8, 22 • 9:45-11:00am



Intermediate German

Tuesdays, July 8, 22 & August 5, 19 • 9:45-11:00am



Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, July 2, 9, 16 & August 6, 13, 20
4:00-5:30pm



Starting in August Franco will be on Zoom only.

Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, July 3, 17, 24

(classes will resume in November)



ENGLISH CLASSES WITH LIEOC

Fall English Classes – Register Aug. 1

Beginner English: Mon & Wed, 4:30-8:00pm (Sept. 8–Dec. 17)

Intermediate English – Part 2: Tues & Thurs, 4:30-8:00pm
(Sept. 9–Dec. 18)

In-person registration begins Aug. 1. Space is limited!

SENIOR SOCIALS

Registration is required for all socials!



Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, July 9 • 1:00-3:00pm

Stonewalls Restaurant-The Woods at Cherry Creek
967 Reeves Ave., Riverhead

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, July 16 • 5:30-7:30pm

Lenny's Pizza & Bistro
1451 Main Road, Jamesport

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, July 18 • 2:30-4:00pm

Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun.

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, August 13 • 1:00-3:00pm

Village Idiot Pub on the 19th Green
661 Riverside Drive, Riverhead

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, August 20

5:30-7:30pm

Myles on Main
428 Main Street, Riverhead

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, August 15 • 2:30-4:00pm

Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun.



Introduction to Measuring Your Impact

Tuesday, July 22 • 2:00-3:30pm

Your nonprofit does great work, but what is most important is the impact of that work. How do you demonstrate that your programs get results? An outcome-centric approach will lead to stronger program design and increased funding opportunities for your organization. In this introductory course for beginners, learn the basics of shifting focus from your nonprofit's activities to its outcomes. We will demystify the language of outcomes measurement and guide you through the process of creating logic models for programs.

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GET TOGETHER

Structures of Sound

Thursdays, July 3, 17 & August 7, 21 • 5:30-6:30pm



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, July 12 & August 9

1:00-4:30pm



Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, July 8, 22 & August 12, 26 • 5:30-7:30pm



Poetry Street:

The Room Without a Roof

Where Every Voice is Heard

Saturdays, July 26 & August 30 • 2:00-4:00pm



STAY HEALTHY

Alpha-gal Meat Allergy – Caused by a Tick!

Thursday, July 17 • 12:00-1:00pm

Do you know someone who can no longer eat meat? Allergist Erin McGintee, MD of ENT and Allergy Associates, will lecture about the Alpha-gal meat allergy which is caused by a bite from the Lone Star Tick. Long Island Library Programmers Association (LILPA) – Hosted by Shelter Island Library.

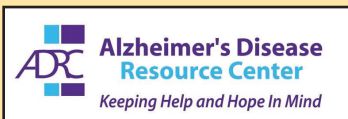


ADRC Presents

Creating a Dementia Friendly Home Environment

Wednesday, August 13 • 1:00-2:00pm

Carol Hartmann, The Director of Programs, Education, and Training at the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center in East Islip will share information about how to make your home a dementia friendly environment using the Montessori method.



How to Pay for Senior Care Without Losing Sleep Presented by CarePatrol

Tuesday, August 19

1:00-2:00pm

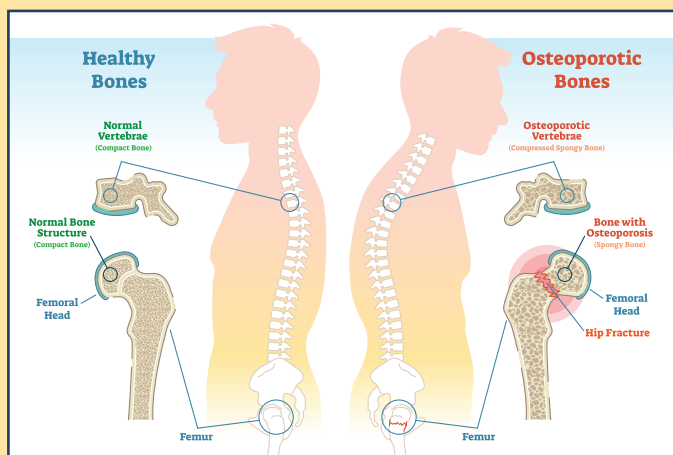
With the rising cost of care, many families are unsure where to turn. This presentation offers clear, actionable strategies for affording home care, assisted living, and nursing home services. Topics include Medicare, Medicaid, veterans' benefits, long-term care insurance, and how home equity can be used to help cover costs—empowering attendees to make informed financial decisions with confidence.



Osteoporosis

Thursday, August 21 • 12:00-1:00pm

Osteoporosis is a disease that weakens bones, making them thinner and less dense. This can result in bone fractures which significantly impact quality of life. Dr. Heidi Roppelt, board-certified rheumatologist, will discuss osteoporosis and osteopenia, the causes, as well as diagnosis, treatment and disease management. Long Island Library Programmers Association (LILPA) – Hosted by East Hampton Library.



GET FIT

Chair Boxing with Johnathan Arroyo

Wednesday, July 2 • 10:30-11:30am

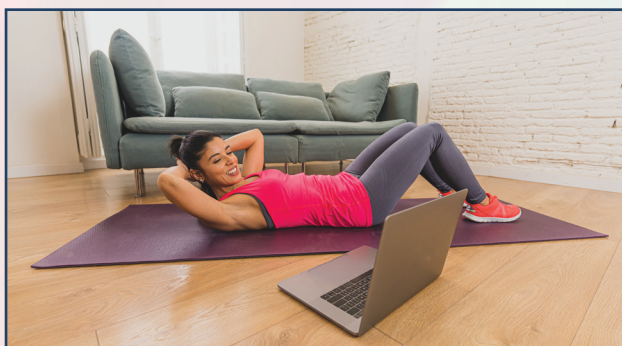
Go another round with Johnathan in this energetic, fun boxing class. No experience required, all gloves and equipment will be provided as well as some fun music to box along to.



Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, July 11, 18, 25 & August 15, 22, 29
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, July 7, 14, 21 & August 4, 11, 25
10:00-11:00am



Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21 & August 4, 11, 18
4:00-5:00pm



Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, July 7, 14, 21, 28 (no classes in August)
7:00-7:45pm



Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 &
August 5, 12, 19, 26 • 10:00-10:25am



Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays
July 1, 3, 22, 24, 29, 31 &
August 5, 7, 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, 28 • 9:00-10:00am



Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, July 3, 10, 17 & August 7, 14, 21
11:00am-12:00pm



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Wednesdays,
July 30 &
August 27
7:00-8:00pm



With Appreciation:

The Riverhead Free Library would like to express gratitude to:

Joseph DiBenedetto for his monetary donation for the Library
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ON DISPLAY

IN THE SHOWCASE

July

Gamini G.B. Arachchilage
and Niranjala L. Lindaganagedara
Needle point and Papercrafts

August

Sylan R. Martin Vintage Camera Display

IN THE OVERTON GALLERY

July

Eileen Kelly

Mystical Spirit of Nature: Math, Art, Spirit
Art Exhibition: June 27 – July 28

Artist's Reception: Saturday, June 28, 2:00–4:00pm

August

Shared Visions-North Fork Artists that capture the landscape, human expression and natural light of the East End

Imelda Corcoran Farrell, Trish DeBlasio, Lee Harned, Fran Liburt, Bev Wowak and Robin Ziemacki

Art Exhibition: August 1–27

Artists Reception: Saturday, August 2, 2:00–4:00pm

Artists Welcome!

Are you an artist who would like to display your artwork in The Elizabeth Overton Art Gallery at the Riverhead Free Library/ Or, do you have a unique and fun collection or artwork that you would love to display in the showcase on the main floor/ Please use the QR code below or you may email us directly at artexhibit@riverheadlibrary.org.



MUSEUM PASSES



9/11 Memorial & Museum
American Airpower Museum
Brooklyn Botanic Garden
Children's Museum of the East End (printable)
Cradle of Aviation Museum
Empire Pass
Fire Island Lighthouse
Guggenheim Museum
Horton's Flower Farm
Intrepid Museum (printable)
Landcraft Garden Foundation (printable)
Long Island Children's Museum
Long Island Maritime Museum
Long Island Museum
Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame
Long Island Science Center (printable)
LT Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum
Montauk Lighthouse Museum (printable)
Museum of Modern Art
New York Hall of Science
Old Bethpage Village Restoration
Parrish Art Museum (printable)
Planting Fields Arboretum
The South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center (printable)
Southold Historical Museum
Vanderbilt Museum

Passes are subject to availability.



PARRISH ART MUSEUM





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**The Library will be closed on:
Thursday, July 4 & Saturday, August 16**

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings
will be held on Wednesdays, July 9 & August 13
at 6:30pm.

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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/>



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 -

Thursdays, July 10, 24 & August 14, 28, 6:30-7:30pm

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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