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Peconic River in Fall, from Mill
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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

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month, the perfect time to remind family, friends, and neighbors about the many benefits of being a Riverhead Free Library cardholder. From books and digital resources to museum passes and technology tools, your library card is your passport to learning, creativity, and connection.

We are also excited to share that our new Makerspace is on track to open in late fall. This innovative space will offer hands-on opportunities for all ages to explore, create, and learn new skills. Keep an eye out for our official launch announcement and program schedule.

Another major milestone is just around the corner – our new entryway and Welcome Center. We look forward to hosting a ribbon-cutting celebration with the Governor's Office, and we can't wait to officially welcome you through the front doors of our refreshed and reimagined space. And mark your calendars – Sunday hours will resume on October 19, with the Library open from 12:00–4:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you!

Thank you for being part of our vibrant library community. Your continued support makes it possible for us to grow, innovate, and serve you better every day.

Kerrie McMullen-Smith
Library Director



NEXTREX PLASTIC RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

September 1, 2025 – August 31, 2026

NexTrex has challenged us to collect 1,000 pounds



of plastic between September 1, 2025 and August 31, 2026. If we do, NexTrex will use recycled plastic material to create a beautiful bench for our library courtyard. Bring your clean and dry soft plastics that are free of food residue to the Trex Recycling bin in the library lobby. Ask your friends, family and neighbors to join the challenge, too.

Let's clean up for a cause and make a lasting impact, together.

When we work together, we can make a difference!

The following items will be accepted for the challenge: Bread bags, bubble wrap, case overwrap, cereal bags, cereal box liners, dry cleaning bags, grocery bags, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, pallet wrap and stretch film, plastic ecommerce mailers, plastic shipping envelopes, plastic wrap and stretch film, produce bags, salt bags, store bags, wood pallet bags, Ziplock and resealable food bags.

With Appreciation:

Thank You to Charlie from Absolute Clean

We are so grateful to Charlie from Absolute Clean for generously cleaning and touching up the paint on the Yellow Barn—at no cost to the library!

His time and effort have made a big difference, and we truly appreciate his continued support of the Riverhead Free Library.

The Riverhead Free Library would like to express gratitude to the following individuals for their monetary donations:

Michael & Susan Berdinka for their monetary donation.

Frank Cardillo for his monetary donation.

John Henderson for his monetary donation in memory of Eleanor Koller, a former employee.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Suffolk County Office for the Aging - Senior Advocate

Wednesdays, September 3
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.**

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance

Thursdays, September 4 & October 2
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.**

Island Harvest Food Distribution

Mondays, September 8 & October 6

9:00-11:00am (While supplies last)
Free food for qualifying seniors, 60 or older. Please bring Photo ID.



Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)

Tuesdays, September 9, 30 & October 28 • 10:30-1:00pm

Free blood pressure screenings and health related questions answered on a variety of topics.

Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays, September 17 & October 15 • 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.



Ask the Expert:

How to Save on Energy Costs
Wednesdays, September 17 & October 15 4:00-7:30pm

Meet with representatives of the Long Island Clean Energy Hub—a team of trusted, knowledgeable, community-based organizations from Long Island offering free educational assistance and outreach. Explore incentives and rebates that can help you save money on your monthly energy bills.

HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

Thursdays, September 18 & October 16

1:00-3:30pm
To register for a ½ hour one-on-one appointment, call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.



Community Legal Help

Wednesdays, September 24 & October 22
2:00-5:00pm

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

Catholic Health Mobile Outreach

Monday, October 20 • 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.



Legal Resource Fair

Tuesday, October 21 • 4:00-7:00pm
Legal Services of Long Island and CARECEN will present three separate "Know Your Rights" sessions. Attorneys will offer private consultations on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional community organizations will also be present to share information about services available to Long Island residents.

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

Tuesdays & Thursdays • 9:00-3:30pm

The social work intern will be available to meet with patrons in-person. Call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301 to schedule 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.**



THE GREAT GIVE BACK COMMUNITY DRIVES

Project Warmth:

Coat Drive

Monday, September 15-
Wednesday, October 15

We will be collecting gently used winter coats for children and adults in need.



Daily Needs Drive

Monday, September 15-Wednesday, October 15

We are collecting **new** travel size hygiene products (toothbrushes, toothpaste, shampoo, conditioner, bandaids, and deodorant), **easy open (pop-top cans only)** non-perishable food items (tuna packets, pop top soup cans, granola bars, etc.) and socks and gloves for adults in need. Due to the safety of individuals, we can only accept new, unopened items. Thank you for your understanding and support! Please bring these donations to the Children's Reference Desk.

Blood Drive Save A Life

Thursday, October 2 • 12:00-6:00pm

Join Senator Anthony Palumbo, Assemblywoman Jodi Giglio, and Legislator Catherine Stark for a Halloween-themed community blood drive at Riverhead Free Library. Give the gift of life—every pint counts. All blood types are urgently needed.

Job Fair

Tuesday, October 8
1:00-3:00pm

Hosted by the Suffolk County Labor Department's One-Stop Employment Center. Meet recruiters from companies across Long Island who are actively hiring. Bring your resume, dress to impress, and take the next step toward a brighter future. No registration required. Open to all adults. For more information, call the Department of Labor at 631-853-6600.

Paper Shredding with

A Shred Away Inc.

Saturday, September 13
2:00-5:00pm

Do you have documents that need shredding? *Shred Away Inc.* will be in our library parking lot to assist you with your shredding needs.



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ON-SITE SHREDDING

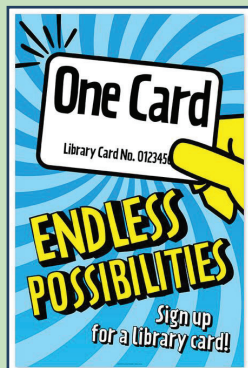


Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-5 are intended for children on their own. **Children must be registered with their library card. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.**

SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

One Card Endless Possibilities

It may be small, but a library card packs a mighty punch. In addition to books and e-resources you can also borrow museum passes, hotspots and educational games. Take part in engaging programs such as book clubs, movie nights, crafting classes, and lectures. Access technology, Wi-Fi, and career resources to support your goals, whether you're a student, job seeker, entrepreneur, or lifelong learner. It's one card with endless possibilities! Children that sign-up for a library card in the month of September will be given a welcome bag filled with goodies.



FOR FAMILIES

Skeleton Costume Contest

September 15-October 15 (Pre-K-Grade 6)

Autumn is here, and that means cold weather is too! Skelly's freezing, because all he's got are bones. Luckily, Halloween's right around the corner—if you give him a costume, he can be both warm and ready for trick-or-treating! Voting will take place from October 20-October 29. The winner will be announced on Halloween. **One registration per family.**

Halloween Storytime and Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, October 30 • 3:30-4:30 pm

For ages 2-7. Come in costume, listen to a story and participate in a fun scavenger hunt to earn a limited edition brag tag.



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

Little Thinkers Lab

**Thursday, September 4,
4:30-5:00pm OR
Wednesday, September 17,
10:30-11:00am**

For ages 3-5 years. In this playful storytime series, kids ages 3-5 enjoy a picture book read-aloud followed by a hands-on STEAM activity. Each session blends stories with simple science, art, and building fun—perfect for curious little learners and their grown-ups!

ABC Adventures

**Monday, September 8
10:00am-12:00pm or 3:00-5:00pm**

For ages 2.5-5 years. 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.**

Sensory Playtime

**Tuesdays, September 9, 16,
and 23, October 7, 14, and 21
10:30-11:10am**

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

Play Hooray

**Wednesdays, September 10, 17, and 24
10:30-11:00am**

Join Molly Mouse and the PlayHooray crew for some music and movement.

Sprouts & Friends

**Thursday, September 11 • 10:30-11:15am
Monday, September 29 • 10:30-11:15am
Friday, October 24 • 10:30-11:15am**

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.

Tiny Tunes

**Fridays, September 12 and 26,
October 10 and 31 • 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 wonderful wiggles!

Creation Station: Out of This World

**Thursday, September 18
10:00am-12:00pm OR 4:00-6:00pm
(Ages 2-5)**

Drop-in for an intergalactic adventure filled with space themed crafts that are out of this world! Be sure to dress for a mess!

No registration required.

Sing, Sign, with Me

**Monday, September 22
10:30-11:10am
Thursday, October 23
10:30-11:10am**

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.



Little Thinkers Lab

**Thursday, October 2 • 4:30-5:00pm OR
Wednesday, October 15 • 10:30-11:00am**

In this playful storytime series, children will enjoy a picture book read-aloud followed by a hands-on STEAM activity. Each session blends stories with simple science, art, and building fun—perfect for curious little learners and their grown-ups!

Zumbini

**Wednesdays, October 15, 22, and 29
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.

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

Creation Station: Spooktacular Creations

Thursday, October 16, 10:00am-12:00pm
OR 4:00-6:00pm (Ages 2-5)

Drop in for some not-so-spooky fun with Halloween-themed crafts perfect for little hands! Be sure to dress for a mess!

No registration required.

Tots Night Out

Monday, October 20 • 4:30-5:00pm

For ages 18 months-5 years. Come have some fun before bedtime with A Time for Kids! There will be songs to sing, time to move and dance, and a craft for families to do together!

DROP-INS FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Candy Corn Crafts

Saturday, October 11
10:00am-12:00pm
(Pre-K-Grade 2)

Get ready to celebrate the season with a sweet and simple craft! Children will use sponges and paint to create their very own candy corn masterpieces. This fun, hands-on activity is perfect for practicing fine motor skills while getting into the fall spirit.



Spooky Diamond Art

Wednesday October 15 • 4:00-6:30pm

(Grades 1-5) Add some sparkle to your spooky season! Join us to create hauntingly fun diamond art featuring ghosts, pumpkins, bats, and more. This relaxing craft is perfect for kids who love a little glitz with their Halloween.

Fire Breathing Dragon Craft

Thursday, October 2 • 12:00-4:00pm

Unleash your imagination with this fiery fun craft! Kids will create their very own fire-breathing dragon using colorful paper, tubes, and tissue flames. This hands-on project is perfect for little adventurers who love mythical creatures and creative play. Let your dragon roar!

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

StoryLab

Mondays, September 8 and October 6
5:00-5:30pm (Grades K-2)

Get ready to read, imagine, and invent! In this fun program for kids in grades K-2, each session starts with a great book and ends with a hands-on STEAM challenge. From building bridges to solving problems, kids will explore big ideas through stories and creativity.

Moving Pictures

Thursday, September 11 • 5:30-6:30pm
(Grades K-5)

Get creative and make your art come alive! In this hands-on program for kids in grades K-5, we'll design and build simple moving pictures using sliders and storytelling. It's a fun mix of art, imagination, and a little bit of engineering!

Mighty Makers: DIY Windsocks

Monday, September 15 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Celebrate the changing seasons with color and creativity! Join us to design and build your very own windsock using cardstock, markers, twine, and vibrant crepe paper streamers.

Mini Tres Leches Cups

Wednesday, September 17 • 5:30-6:15pm
(Grades K-5)

Let's kick off Hispanic Heritage month by making a tasty Latin American dessert!

Spooky-mon Escape Room

Thursday, September 18 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades 3-5)

Are you brave enough to face the spookiest ghost pokémon around? Solve their tricky riddles to escape the graveyard!

STEAM Club: Hispanic Heritage Month

Wednesday, September 24 • 6:00-7:00pm
(Grades 3-5)

In this edition of our STEAM Club series, we will explore the science of sound while learning about traditional Latin American musical instruments.



Washer Necklaces

Thursday, September 25
5:00-6:00pm (Grades 3-5)

Create custom necklaces using steel washers, cord, beads, and paint.

Bad Art Night

Monday, September 29 • 5:30-6:30pm
(Grades 3-5)

Create the worst art imaginable in the best way! Make three totally silly art projects each based on a wacky prompt. After each round, everyone will vote for the best worst masterpiece—and the winners will take home a small prize! **Be sure to dress for a mess.**

Animate with Scratch Jr.

Tuesday, September 30 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades K-2)

Learn some basic coding skills and bring your stories to life with Scratch Jr.! Beginners are welcome!

Animate with Scratch

Monday, October 6 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades 3-5)

Learn some basic coding skills and bring your stories to life with Scratch! Beginners are welcome!

Slime Time

Tuesday, October 7 • 5:30-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Create your very own monster mash themed slime for Halloween!

Game On!

Wednesday, October 8 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades 2-4)

Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, strategy, and teamwork! Join us to play awesome board games that spark creativity and build friendships.



Mighty Makers: Pet Ghosts

Monday, October 13
5:00-6:00pm (Grades K-5)

Create your own spooky-cute pet ghost in a jar just in time for Halloween!



Hogwarts House Potions

Tuesday, October 21
5:30-6:30pm (Grades 3-5)

Come find out your Hogwarts House and create a potion to match.

Halloween Trifles

Wednesday, October 22
5:30-6:15pm (Grades K-5)

We love Spooky Season here at RFL! Celebrate with us by making a hauntingly delicious treat!

Creepy Glowing Specimen Jars

Tuesday, October 28
5:30-6:30pm (Grades 3-5)

Get spooky and creative as you make your own glowing specimen jar!

LEGO Club

Mondays, September 29
and October 27

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

Drop-in and build your own creations or build as a family!

No registration required.



Paint Your Own

3D Printed Halloween Figure

Thursday, October 16
6:00-7:00pm (Grades 1-5)

Get into the Halloween spirit with a spooky twist on art! Choose from a variety of 3D printed Halloween figures and bring them to life with paint. This hands-on program combines creativity and technology for a frightfully fun experience!

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.

Meta Quest VR Free Play

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, October 7, 14, 21, 28
4:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

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

Custom Supply Pouches

Tuesday, September 2-Saturday, September 6 (Grades 4-12)

Drop in and design your own one-of-a-kind canvas supply pouch using fabric paint markers—perfect for heading back to school in style!

Mirror, Mirror in My Locker!

Wednesday, September 3 • 2:30-7:30pm (Grades 6-12)

Brighten up your locker with a personalized magnetic mirror!

Corn Starch Stress Balls

Friday, September 5 • 2:00-5:00pm (Grades 4-12)

Schools back in session! Drop in anytime to relax your mind and create a stress ball!

Fresh Start Bookmarks

Monday, September 15-Saturday, September 20 (Grades 4-12)

Create a unique bookmark to add a little style to your back-to-school reading. **No registration required.**

DIY Miniature Pumpkins

Monday, September 22-Saturday, September 27 (Grades 4-12)

Kick off the fall season and create your own cozy, no-sew miniature pumpkin using a toilet paper roll and chunky yarn!

No registration required.

D&D Paint Night

Wednesday, September 24 • 4:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Calling all adventurers! Come and paint a Dungeons & Dragons tabletop miniature.

Paper Book Pumpkins

Monday, October 6-Saturday, October 11 (Grades 4-12)

This week, upcycle old books into festive decorations with an easy pumpkin craft. **No registration required.**

Creepy Cute Ghost Portraits

Sunday, October 19-Saturday, October 25 (Grades 4-12)

Create your own creepy cute ghostly portrait using upcycled materials and paint. **No registration required.**

Skeleton Terrariums

Sunday, October 26-Friday, October 31 (Grades 4-12)

Create your own miniature scene featuring a skeleton figure posed inside a mason jar terrarium. Use faux moss, gravel, fairy lights, and other fun materials to bring your bony buddy to life (or, un-life).

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.

Perler Bead Sorters

Wednesday, September 10 • 3:00-5:00pm

Love organizing and working behind the scenes? Help us keep our craft supplies in top shape by sorting Perler beads by color! This simple but important task helps us prep for future programs and keeps our supplies neat and ready to use. Earn community service hours while making a colorful difference!

Teen Loft Renovation Decor

Tuesday, September 23 • 4:30-6:30pm (Grades 6-12)

Help beautify our library! Come decorate windows in the teen loft for the fall.

THE GREAT GIVE BACK



Trick-or-Treat Tote Bags

Thursday, October 16 • 4:30-5:30pm

(Grades 6-12) Decorate canvas bags to be donated to children in need.

No Sew Pet Beds

Saturday, October 18 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Create a cozy spot for a furry friend—no sewing required! In this hands-on program, you'll make a soft, comfy pet bed using fleece and simple tying techniques. All pet beds will be donated to a local animal shelter. Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.

The Great Give Back Helpers

Saturday, October 18 • 10:00-10:45am

Help us sort, bag, and count the new/gently used coats donated by the community. Coats will be bagged and delivered to give to those in need at Blanca's House.

TEEN LOFT (Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

Tissue Texture Art Pen Holders

Monday, September 8

4:00-5:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Start the school year in style! Design your own one-of-a-kind pen holder using tissue paper, glue, and upcycled soup cans.

D&D Nights:

The Adventure Continues

Thursdays, September 11 and October 9, 4:30-6:30pm

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

Glow Up Gloss Bar

Friday, September 12

3:30-4:30pm

Gloss and glow with our DIY lip gloss beauty bar! Create your very own lip gloss personalized to you using fun colors, shimmer, and shine. Whether you like a more bold sparkle or subtle shimmer, this hands-on workshop allows you to curate a gloss that is the perfect shade for you.



Teen Night

Thursday, September 18 and October 2 • 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.

Tabletop Thursdays

Thursday, September 25 and October 23

4:00-7:00pm

Bring a friend for some live-action tabletop roleplaying games.

Telltale Terrors

Thursday, October 30 • 4:30-6:00pm

From Stephen King to Spongebob, let's break out the popcorn and spend Mischief Night dramatically reading some spooky stories.

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 AND BEYOND

French Book Club

Tuesday, September 16 • 1:00-2:00pm
Are you fluent in French? Would you like to discuss French literature?
Le voi devan soi by Romain Gary



Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

Thursday, September 18 • 1:00-2:00pm
Let's Call her Barbie by Renee Rosen
Thursday, October 16 • 1:00-2:00pm
The Family by Naomi Krupitsky



Trues and Brews at Mugs on Main



Join us each month to discuss a true crime novel.

Thursday, September 25 • 6:00-7:00pm
Almost Paradise: the East Hampton Murder of Ted Ammon by Kieran Crowley

Thursday, October 16 • 6:00-7:00pm
When the Moon Turns to Blood: Lori Vallow, Chad Daybell, and a Story of Murder, Wild Faith, and End Times by Leah Sottile

Literary Landmarks

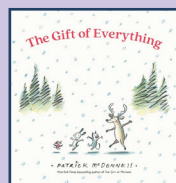
Now on Tuesday night!



Tuesday, September 30 • 6:00-7:00pm
The Stolen Queen by Fiona Davis
Tuesday, October 28 • 6:00-7:00pm
Luster by Raven Leilani

Patrick McDonnell MUTTS

Thursday, October 23 • 7:00-8:00pm
Join creator Patrick McDonnell in celebrating the timeless friendship of Mooch the Cat and Earl the Dog with the release of the 20th anniversary edition of *The Gift of Nothing* and the new addition to their story, *The Gift of Everything*.



LIVE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

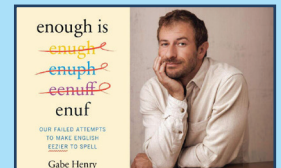
Accomplice to the Villain
by Hannah Nicole Maehrer
Wednesday, September 3
7:00-8:00pm



The Next Conversation: Argue Less, Talk More
by Jefferson Fisher
Wednesday, September 10
2:00-3:00pm



Enough Is Enuf: Our Failed Attempts To Make English Easier to Spell
by Gabe Henry
Wednesday, September 17
2:00-3:00pm



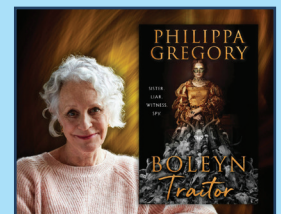
Nuestra America: Stories of 30 Inspiring Latinas/Latinos Who Have Shaped the United States with Smithsonian Educators
Thursday, October 2 • 2:00-3:00pm



10 Years of Daring Heists and Lovable Outcasts in YA Fantasy with Leigh Bardugo
Thursday, October 9 • 7:00-8:00pm



Courtly Intrigue and Whispers as Weapons with Historical Fiction Queen Philippa Gregory
Wednesday, October 29
2:00-3:00pm



ARTS & CRAFTS



Needle Felting with Amanda

Monday, September 8 • 1:00-2:00pm or Monday, September 15 • 5:00-6:00pm
Learn the art of needle felting. All supplies are included, please register for either the afternoon or evening class.



Make and Take Journals

Monday September 15
Beginning on September 15 come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up this Journal kit. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL cardholder.

Knitting for Beginners

Tuesdays, October 14, 21 & 28
2:00-3:15pm
Learn the basics in this beginner class.



Book Page Flowers

Monday September 29 • 2:00-3:30pm
Join Casey Cunningham as she shows us how to make flowers from pages of a book.

Halloween Earrings with Lisa

Friday, October 24 • 1:00-2:00pm
Make these fun earrings just in time for Halloween.

LIFELONG LEARNING



Insurance & Financial Literacy

Saturday September 6

11:30am-1:00pm

This program is to empower participants with essential knowledge and skills for managing personal finances and understanding insurance options. Presented by James Grossi Insurance.

Declutter Your Closets & Your Life

Wednesday, September 10

2:00-3:00pm

Tips on clearing out and cleaning up one's personal space are presented as de-cluttering becomes a synonym for gratitude, generosity and peace.

Immigrant Experience

Saturday, September 20

2:00-3:00pm

Share your family's immigrant story with others, whether your family came here in 1700 or just recently. Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.

Owls of Long Island

Wednesday, September 24

2:00-3:00pm

Find out about the owls that inhabit Long Island with Dianne Taggart.

Medicare & Medicaid with Burner Prudenti Law, P.C.

Tuesday, October 7 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join us we gather to discuss the difference between Medicare and Medicaid long-term care services.

Native American

Zoomorphic Pinch Pots

Saturday, October 25 • 2:00-3:00pm

The perfect blend of culture, art, wildlife and music. Pinch pots were one of the most basic forms of Native ceramics decorated with symbols and designs to share stories. Come and learn basic ceramic techniques and create your own pinch pot in the form of your favorite animal.

Savvy Sightseer: Northern Italy

Wednesday, October 16

6:00-7:00pm

See for yourself the conflicting and controversial Last Supper, visit the Monumental Cemetery-Milan's best-kept secret. Check out the oldest shopping mall in the world, the many sides of Shakespeare's Verona, phenomenal gardens, tiny fishing villages, spectacular lakes and so much more! Join Savvy Sightseer Jeanne Schnupp to learn all about Northern Italy.

Baseball and the Presidency Live from the FDR Library

Wednesday, October 22

1:00-2:00pm

In the aftermath of the Pearl Harbor attack, FDR received a letter from baseball commissioner Judge Kenesaw concerning the propriety of proceeding with the 1942 baseball season. Join FDR Library Education Specialist Jeff Urban where he will highlight the relationship of various presidents with the national pastime.

NATURE AND GARDENING



Photo Venture to Peconic Herb Farm

Friday, October 10 • 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 farm.

NY Marine Rescue Center

Wednesday, September 17 • 12:00-1:00pm

Take a tour inside New York's only seal, cetacean, and sea turtle rescue hospital. Learn about the local marine mammals and sea turtles that inhabit our waters. Learn what the NYMRC is doing to protect these threatened and endangered animals.



Improv for Fun

Wednesdays, September 17, 24 & October 1, 8
5:30-7:00pm

Improv is a fun and interactive experience that takes us out of our daily routine and relieves stress through laughter. Improv is the art of performing without any preparation and without using a script. Sounds scary, right? Well, it might be if you were doing it all by yourself. However, you are not alone. Everyone in class will be given a chance to participate in theater games and improv scenes based on suggestions taken from the group that are acted out by 2-4 group members at a time. There are no mistakes; the goal is to have a laugh and enjoy the moment.



ALL THINGS SPOOKY

Cemeteries of Long Island

Wednesday, October 8 • 6:30-7:30pm

Learn about the various types of cemeteries, symbolism, and noteworthy people buried on Long Island with gravesite historian Robert von Bernewitz.



Ilise Carter: When We Spoke To The Dead: How Ghosts Gave American Women Their Voice

Thursday, October 9 • 7:00-8:00pm

From wartime séances to televangelists, from Victorian ghosts to wellness gurus, author and journalist Ilise Carter unearths the connections between faith, fraud, feminism, and financial opportunity. *An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.*



Riverhead Cemetery Tour

Thursday, October 16 • 10:00-11:30am

Take a walk through the Riverhead Cemetery with Long Island gravesite historian, Robert von Bernewitz. Visit graves of local citizens who played a role in making Riverhead the town it is today.

Haunted Theatres of Broadway

Sunday, October 26 • 1:30-3:00pm • See Sunday Afternoon Specials

OCTOBER IS NEW YORK STATE HISTORY MONTH

Immigration in New York State Travelling Exhibit

October 1-October 30

This exhibit focuses on historic immigration to New York State from 1650 – 1950. Our story begins with the arrival of Dutch settlers and continues through the end of the World Wars.



Pets and the City with the New York Historical Society

Tuesday, October 14 • 7:00-8:00pm

Take a look at the visual history of New Yorkers and their companion animals through the Historical's amazing collection of art, objects, documents, memorabilia and film, from the Lenape and Haudenosaunee to bodega cats and dog parks. *An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.*



COOKING

\$ Pumpkin Muffin Tops with Chef Rob Scott

Monday September 22 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join Chef Rob in making these delicious pumpkin muffin tops with cinnamon glaze. **\$5 per person due at time of in person registration.**



Chocolate Dipping with Them's The Breaks Chocolate

Thursday, September 25 • 1:00-2:00pm

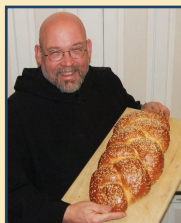
General Chocolate Dipping: Patrons learn how to properly dip and decorate various treats, such as Strawberries, Rice Krispy treats, Oreos, Marshmallows and Pretzels. There is a full demonstration first and then you get to create a bag of treats to take home.



Autumn Harvest Breads with "The Bread Monk," via Zoom

Tuesday, September 30 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join Fr. Dominic "The Bread Monk" as he shares recipes for Spiced Apple Shortcake, a Harvest Braid, hearty multigrain quick breads, German pretzels for Oktoberfest, and tips for Thanksgiving dinner rolls. There will be a Q & A session at the end. *An East End Libraries Event hosted by the Hampton Bays Public Library.*



Chef Naela Zeidan Mediterranean Cooking Demonstration

Monday, October 6 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join Chef Naela and learn how to make chicken rolls, muhammara dip and delicious kunafa for dessert. Food tasting to follow, you don't want to miss this opportunity.



TECHNOLOGY

Advanced Canva

Monday, September 22, 29 & October 20, 27 • 5:30-6:30pm

Take Canva to the next level with this advanced class. Must bring your own laptop.



Art of Smartphone Photography

Monday, September 29 • 6:00-7:30pm

Join Miranda Gatewood for a fun presentation and workshop on 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.

MOVIE MATINEE FRIDAY

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

Karate Kid: Legends

**September 26
1:00pm**



Hocus Pocus

**October 31
1:00pm**



STAY HEALTHY

Stony Brook Southampton Hospital & East End Libraries Present



**Stony Brook
Southampton Hospital**

Vaccine Update for Adults

Thursday, September 18 • 12:00-1:00pm

Dr. Charles Guida, board-certified in internal medicine and geriatrics, will give an update on routine and seasonal adult immunizations and guidance to help stay protected throughout the year.

Breast Cancer Awareness

Thursday, October 16 • 12:00-1:00pm

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Dr. Edna Kapenhas, who leads the breast surgery and breast surgical oncology program at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, and who is also the Medical Director of the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center, will speak about the risk factors, warning signs, and treatment options that are available to patients diagnosed with breast cancer. Dr. Kapenhas will also answer questions after her lecture.



GENEALOGY

Introduction to FamilySearch Genealogy

Saturday, September 27 • 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.



FamilySearch

Genealogy 101

Saturday, October 4 • 1:00-3:00pm

An introduction to Genealogical Research with Genealogist Eileen Swanberg- great for beginners to learn the steps needed to start their journey.

Genealogy: Where Can I Find That?

Saturday, October 11 • 1:00-3:00pm

With the help of Genealogist Eileen Swanberg, find out where to look for those records you want using both online and offline resources.

Genealogy: Too Good to Be True

Saturday, October 18 • 1:00-3:00pm

Genealogist Eileen Swanberg will show you how to avoid the pitfalls in records and online trees and how to scrutinize the information you find.

Genealogy Appointments

Need help researching your family tree? Make an appointment with our genealogy librarian for a one-hour long appointment. Appointments can be made at genealogy@riverheadlibrary.org or by calling the reference desk at (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.

SENIOR SOCIALS



Registration
is required
for all socials!

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, September 10 • 1:00-3:00pm

Hampton Gyro, 1071 Old Country Road, Riverhead

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, September 19 • 2:30-4:00pm

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

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, September 24

5:30-7:30pm

Lenny's Pizza & Bistro,
1451 Main Road, Jamesport



Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, October 8 • 1:00-3:00pm

Watermark Restaurant

2925 North Wading River Road Wading River

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, October 15 5:30-7:30pm

Pulaski Street Grille, 424 Pulaski Street

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, October 17 • 2:30-4:00pm

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

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Conversational German

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19, 26 &
October 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 • 9:45-11:15am



Intermediate German

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 &
October 7, 14, 21, 28 • 9:45-11:00am



Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, September 3, 10, 17 &
October 1, 8, 15 • 4:00-5:30pm



Conversational Spanish

(classes will resume in November)

CAREER LITERACY

SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Thursday, September 11 &
October 9 • 10:00am-1:00pm

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



Career Counseling

Fridays, September 13, 20 & October 11, 18
2:00-4:00pm

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



GET TOGETHER

Structures of Sound

Thursdays, September 9, 23 & October 2, 16

5:30-6:30pm

Discuss with Ben albums by Miles Davis, Steely Dan, David Bowie and King Gizzard & The Lizard Wizard.



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, September 13 & October 11

1:00-4:30pm



Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, September 9, 23 & October 14, 28

5:30-7:30pm



Poetry Street: The Room

Without a Roof Where Every Voice is Heard

Saturdays, September 27 & October 25

2:00-4:00pm



ENGLISH CLASSES WITH LIEOC

Beginner English with LIEOC

Mondays & Wednesdays, Sept. 8-Dec. 17 • 4:30-7:30pm

Unlock the power of language with our ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) course. Tailored for beginners, this program is designed to enhance speaking, listening, reading, and writing abilities. Join us on a journey which will open doors to new opportunities and change the way you connect with the world. Registration must be done in person at the library.



Intermediate English with LIEOC

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 9 – December 18
4:30-7:30pm

This class is designed for learners who can understand basic phrases, express simple needs, and have some grammar knowledge but seek more fluency. Focus on building vocabulary, improving life skills, and strengthening oral communication. Registration must be done in person at the library.

DRIVING



\$ Defensive Driving Courses

Saturdays, September 20 & October 18 • 9:30am-3:30pm
Thursday, October 23 • 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 or United States Postal Service money order payable to Empire Safety Council.)

\$ Curso de Manejo Defensivo

sábado, 27 de septiembre • 9:30am-3:30pm

Lleguen 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.

NEW FITNESS CLASS!

Happy Hour-Zumba Style

Thursdays, September 18, 25 & October 2, 16, 23, 30

6:00-7:00pm

Join our new zumba class, it's the best way to end the day!



Chair Boxing with Johnathan Arroyo

Wednesdays, September 3 & October 1 • 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. **Must register for each individual class.**



Moving Zen: Karate for Aging Adults

Tuesdays, September 16, 23, 30 & October 14, 21, 28 • 5:30-6:30pm

Join Sensei Chris for this 6-part karate class. Learn how to use martial arts to improve health and peace of mind. Please wear sneakers and comfortable clothing.

GET FIT

Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, September 5, 12, 19 & October 3, 10, 17 • 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, September 8, 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 20, 27 • 10:00-11:00am



Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, September 8, 15, 29 & October 6, 20, 27 • 4:00-5:00pm



Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, September 8, 15, 22, 29 & October 6, 20, 27
7:00-7:45pm



Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 14, 21, 28
10:00-10:25am



Tai Chi for Arthritis & Fall Prevention

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & October 2, 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23
2:00-3:00pm



Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25, 30 & October 2, 7, 9, 28, 30
9:00-10:00am



Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, September 4, 11, 18 & October 2, 9, 16 • 11:00am-12:00pm



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Wednesdays, September 24 & October 29 • 7:00-8:00pm



SATURDAY CONCERTS

Banjo Rascals

Saturday, September 13 • 1:30-3:00pm
Come sing along to popular songs of the 50's and 60's.



East End Trio

Saturday, October 11
2:00-3:00pm

East End Trio plays your favorites from the 60s, 70s, 80s, 90s and 2000s performed with style, grace and originality.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPECIALS

Jay Daniels "Colors of the Wind"

Sunday, October 19 • 1:30-2:30pm
Join us for the opening of the 25/26 season of our Sunday Afternoon

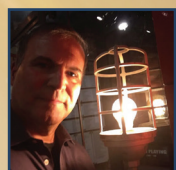
Specials. Embrace the rich, warm hues of autumn at Colors of the Wind, a captivating concert featuring the talented pianist and vocalist Jay Daniels.



Haunted Theatres of Broadway

Sunday, October 26 • 1:30-3:00pm

Join us as longtime editor at *Playbill* and current editor-in-chief of *Encore Magazine* Robert Viagas as he tells us about the haunted theaters of Broadway.



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
The Frick Collection
Guggenheim Museum
Harbes Barnyard Adventure
Horton's Flower Farm
Intrepid Museum (printable)
Landcraft Garden Foundation (printable)
Long Island Children's Museum
Long Island Maritime Museum (printable)
Long Island Museum
Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (printable)
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
Waterdrinker Family Farm North Fork

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The Library will be closed on:

Monday, September 1, Labor Day &

Monday, October 13, Indigenous Peoples Day.

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings
will be held on Wednesdays, September 10 &
October 8 at 6:30pm.

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, Sept. 11, 25 & Oct. 9, 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



YELLOW BARN HOURS

Mondays, Wednesdays
& Fridays: 10:00am-2:00pm

Saturday, September 13
10:00am-2:00pm

Yellow Barn will close for the
season on Friday, October 10, 2025.



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

AARP is looking for tax
preparers for the 2026
tax season. Help continue
the over 20 year tradition of tax preparation
at the Riverhead Free Library. We offer
training. We are also looking for people
with administrative skills to update records
regarding volunteer training and equipment,
supply ordering and site protocol maintenance.
Contact goellertaxes@gmail.com for more
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ON DISPLAY

IN THE SHOWCASE

September & October - Lauren Prochera

Pyrography is the unique and rustic art process of burning designs into
wood with a handheld heat tool. Lauren creates all of her works by use of
only one tool tip with works being very detail-oriented that requires much
patience, precision and control. She creates pieces with a wide range
anywhere from as small as ornaments to large wall pieces.

THE OVERTON GALLERY

September - LeighAnn Montaglione

A collection of nature photography that shows off the hidden
environments of the east end of Long Island. With images of the
disappearing landscape and beautiful creatures that call the east end
home.

October - Riverhead Photo Club

The Riverhead Photography club is a group of individuals that meet twice
a month to discuss the fine art of photography in a fun and informal way.
This show reflects the hard work and comradery as individual artists as
well as a group.

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 or you
may email us directly at artexhibit@riverheadlibrary.org.

