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"Flanders Bay from Indian Island County Park at Thanksgiving"
by Miranda Gatewood

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

Celebrating Community and Connection

As the year winds down and we gather with family and friends, I'm reminded of how deeply connected the Riverhead Free Library is to the life of our community. Every day, we see people learning new skills, discovering great books, attending programs, and finding a welcoming place to belong. These moments are what make the library so special.

Your support makes it all possible. Through our 2025 Annual Appeal, we invite you to help us continue strengthening the services, programs, and spaces that enrich so many lives.

Whether it's maintaining our beautiful building, expanding technology access, or creating new opportunities for discovery, your gift ensures that the library remains a vibrant hub for everyone in Riverhead.

Every contribution is an investment in learning, connection, and community. These are the values that carry us forward together.

Thank you for being part of our story and for helping us write the next chapter.

With heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes for a joyful holiday season,

Kerrie McMullen-Smith
Library Director



INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LIBRARY TRUSTEE?

The Library's Board of Trustees invites residents of the Riverhead Central School District who are interested in serving as a Library Trustee to submit an application & resume to the Ad Hoc Committee. The Riverhead Free Library is governed by up to nine trustees who meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm (additionally if needed). Candidates should have a strong interest in supporting public libraries and must be willing to devote time and effort to fulfill the obligations as a library trustee. The term of office is three years. Applications are available on the Library's website, at the Patron Services Desk, and at the Adult Information Services Desk. The deadline to submit an application is February 17, 2026.

With Appreciation:

**The Riverhead Free Library
would like to express gratitude to the
following individual:**

Michelle Schiano for her monetary donation.

REMEMBERING FORMER TRUSTEE DAVID J. FRIEDRICH

It is with profound sorrow that the Riverhead Free Library acknowledges the passing of former Trustee David J. Friedrich, who served on the Board from 2019 to 2025. During his tenure, David was a dedicated advocate for fiscal responsibility and continuous improvement, leaving a lasting mark on our institution. His tireless efforts to raise funds for the Yellow Barn Restoration Project were instrumental in bringing that vision to life. David's thoughtful leadership, integrity, and unwavering commitment to the community strengthened the Library in countless ways.

He will be fondly remembered and deeply missed.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Island Harvest Food Distribution

Mondays, November 3 & December 1
9:00-11:00am (While supplies last)

For Seniors who have already qualified to receive a food distribution from Island Harvest. For more information about qualifying for a food distribution, call (631) 873-4775 ext. 210.



Suffolk County Office for the Aging - Senior Advocate

Wednesdays, November 5 & December 10
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, November 6 & December 4
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.**



Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays, November 19 & December 17 • 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.



HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

Thursdays, November 20 & December 4
1:00-3:30pm

To register for a ½ hour one-on-one appointment, call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.



Community Legal Help

Wednesday, November 26 • 2:00-5:00pm
 Free limited legal information and referrals. Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome. Call (631) 822-3272 to schedule.

New York Blood Center's Community Blood Drive

Monday, December 1
12:00-6:00pm

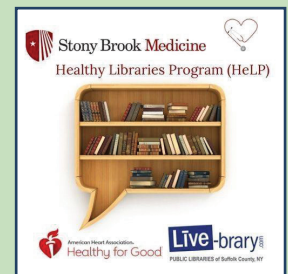
Donate blood to help replenish New York's dangerously low blood supply. No appointment needed. Call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301 for more information about donating.



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

Tuesdays 9:30am-5:00pm & Thursdays 9:30am-5:00pm

The social work intern will be available to meet with patrons in-person during the hours listed. 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.



MITTEN TREE

Monday, November 3 – Friday, December 5

Come together to warm the hands of children in need! Please bring in new or handmade mittens, gloves, scarves, and hats for children of all ages to hang on our mitten tree this year in the library. Items will be donated to local agencies to help children in need.



Women's Club of Riverhead Annual Pajama & Book Drive

Saturday, November 1 – Tuesday, December 16

Help brighten the holidays for local children in need! RFL is partnering with the Woman's Club of Riverhead to collect new children's pajamas and new books for infants, children, and teens up to age 17. A donation bin will be located in the library's lobby. Thank you for helping make the season a little warmer and brighter!





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.**

FOR FAMILIES

Troll-tastic Family Movie Night

Monday, December 29 • 2:00-4:00pm
(Families with children aged Pre-K-5)

Enjoy a screening of *Trolls* (2016) with some light snacks while making your own vibrant troll headband out of tulle! Please register each individual child.



Free for the day, drop-in to one of our programs.

Turkey Finger Painting

Friday November 7

11:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2-5.

Finger painting fun for turkey day.



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

Tiny Tunes

**Fridays,
November 7 and 21
10:30-11:00am**

**Fridays,
December 12 and 19 • 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 wigglers!



Sprouts & Friends

**Thursdays, November 13 and 20
10:30-11:15am**

**Mondays, December 1 and 15
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.



Little Thinkers Lab

Thursday, November 13 • 4:30-5:00pm
Thursday, December 11 • 4:30-5:00pm OR
Wednesday, December 17 • 10:30-11:00am

For ages 3-5.

In this playful storytime series, kids 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!



Do-Re-Mi & Me

Mondays, November 3 and 10 • 10:30-11:10am

For ages 1-2.5 years.

This class is all about music, movement, stories, and connection. It's designed to support early communication and build confidence—while having fun together.

Sing, Sign, with Me

Wednesday, November 12 • 11:30am-12:10 pm

Thursday, December 11 • 10:30-11:10 am

For ages birth-5 years.

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



Minnie's Bow Workshop

Tuesday, November 18 • 4:30-5:00pm

For ages 3-5.

Join us to celebrate Minnie Mouse's birthday with a story and special bow decorating craft!

Play Hooray

**Wednesdays, December 3, 10, and 17
10:30-11:00am**

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

Lil' Athletes: Hockey

Wednesday, November 5 • 4:30-5:15 pm

For ages 2-4 years.

Join Lil' Athletes for hockey practice! Children learn stick handling, passing, shooting and other basic hockey fundamentals in a fun way!

Lil' Athletes: Basketball

Wednesday, November 19 • 4:30-5:15 pm

For ages 2-4 years.

Join Lil' Athletes for basketball practice! Children learn to dribble, shoot, pass, and other fun and exciting basketball skills.



1,000 Books Before Kindergarten

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



500 Books Before Middle School

is an engaging reading challenge for children in Kindergarten-6th grade.

The goal is to read a total of 500 books before entering 7th grade! This challenge is perfect for all readers, and will foster a love of reading and help boost literacy skills. Children who sign-up will receive a brag tag, and will be able to earn brag tags and badges along the way.



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

StoryLab

Monday, November 3, 5:00-5:30pm
(Grades K-2)

Monday, December 1, 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.

Mighty Makers: Oil Pastel Tie Dye

Tuesday, November 4 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Explore the magic of oil pastels to create tie-dye inspired masterpieces—no water or dye required. Be sure to dress for a mess!

Game Making with Scratch Jr.

Monday, November 10 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Learn some basic coding skills and collaborate to make a simple video game. Beginners are welcome!

Game On!

Wednesday, November 12 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades 2-4)

Wednesday, December 3 • 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.

Thanksgiving Turkeys

Saturday, November 1
11:00am-12:00pm
(Grades K-3)

Build your own turkey and name 5 things you are grateful for this season!



Moving Pictures

Monday, November 17 • 5:00-5:45pm
(Grades 3-5)

Get creative and make your art come alive! In this hands-on program for kids in grades 3-5, 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!

STEAM Club:

Native American Spin Drums

Wednesday, November 19
6:00-7:00pm (Grades 3-5)

Learn about indigenous heritage with us as we create a traditional Native American instrument.



Di-November Fossil Extravaganza

Thursday, November 20
6:00-7:00pm (Grades K-5)

Come and explore what life was like on prehistoric Earth by learning about fossils and creating your very own fossil to take home.

From Paper to Pine:

Candle Wreath Creations

Tuesday, December 2 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades 1-5)

Craft your very own Christmas Magic in a wreath

Mighty Makers: Cricut Holiday Cards

Monday, December 8 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Mighty Makers is a hands-on program series where kids explore creativity through technology. In this session, design your own stencils and use the Cricut machine to bring them to life, then decorate and assemble festive holiday cards to share with family and friends.

Hot Cocoa Marshmallow Cookies

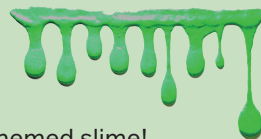
Wednesday, December 10
5:00-5:45pm (Grades K-5)

Make cozy, delicious cookies with us to kick off the holiday season.

Slime Time

Saturday, December 13
11:00-11:30am
(Grades 1-5)

Make a grinch themed slime!



Do You Wanna Build a Snowman?

Monday, December 29
11:00am-12:00pm (Grades 1-5)

Kids will mix up their own homemade snow using just conditioner and baking soda, then shape and decorate their very own mini snowman to take home!

Fractal Art

Monday, December 15
5:00-5:45pm (Grades 3-5)

Explore the magical world where math and art come together! Children will learn about fractals and symmetry while creating their own unique snowflake-inspired designs. A fun and creative way to see patterns in nature come to life!

Mighty Makers: Watercolor Snowflake Art

Tuesday, December 16
5:00-5:45pm (Grades K-5)

Use resist techniques with white crayons and watercolor paints to design your own beautiful, one-of-a-kind snowflake artwork. Be sure to dress for a mess!



Winter Pudding Dirt Cups

Wednesday, December 17
5:00-5:45pm (Grades K-5)

Enjoy a snowy story, then make your own Winter Pudding Dirt Cup! We'll use vanilla pudding, cookie crumbs, and marshmallow snowmen to create a sweet winter treat.

New Year's Cupcake Craft

Monday, December 29
5:30-6:00pm (Grades 3-5)

Get ready to ring in the new year by designing your very own dream paper craft cupcake.

DROP-IN FOR SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN

Snowflake Craft

Saturday, December 6
10:00am-12:00pm
(Grades K-3)

Snow is here time to cheer!
Create your own unique snowflake!

TEEN AND TWEEN DROP-INS (Grades 4-12)

Drop-In anytime the Teen Loft is open to participate in any of these activities.

Upcycled CD Suncatchers

Sunday, November 2-Saturday, November 8 (Grades 4-12)

Create a shimmering CD suncatcher using old discs, colorful Sharpies, string, and beads. No registration required.

Meta Quest VR Free Play

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 • 4:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Tuesdays, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 4:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

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



Postcards for Veterans

Monday, November 10-Saturday, November 15

Write thank-you postcards for veterans during the week of Veterans Day. Earn 1 hour of community service for every 10 postcards! No registration required.

Teabag Bookmarks

Sunday, November 16-Saturday, November 22 (Grades 4-12)

Make an adorable teabag-shaped bookmark out of felt just in time for the cozy season! No registration needed.

Ribbon Wreaths

Sunday, November 30-Saturday, December 6 (Grades 4-12)

Drop-in and learn to create a ribbon wreath perfect for the Winter season. No registration required.

Winter Scene Ornaments

Sunday, December 7-Saturday, December 13 (Grades 4-12)

Drop-in and design a winter-themed ornament using glitter, mini trees, and more. Take it home to hang, display, or give as a gift. No registration required.

Miniature Wreath Ornaments

Sunday, December 14-Saturday, December 20 (Grades 4-12)

Drop-in and design a tiny wreath that's perfect for hanging on a tree, gifting to a friend, or decorating your space. No registration required.



Coaster Craze

Monday December 15 • 3:00-5:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Weave and customize a coaster using yarn and pipe cleaners. 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.

Teen Loft Renovation Decor

Tuesday, December 9

4:30-6:30pm

(Grades 6-12)

Help beautify our library! Come decorate windows in the teen loft for the winter. Earn 2 hours of community service.

There are other ways to give back to your community!

Check out the Teen Services page on our website for more details.



TEEN LOFT (Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

D&D Nights:

The Adventure Continues

Thursdays, November 6 and

December 4 • 4:30-6:30pm

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

Stranger Things Watch Party

Saturday, November 15 • 1:30-4:30pm

In anticipation of the final season of Stranger Things, join us in the Teen Loft to watch back some of your favorite episodes from previous seasons. Snacks will be provided.



Tabletop Thursdays

Thursdays, November 20 and

December 11 • 4:00-7:00pm

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

Super Smash Bros Ultimate Tournament

Friday, November 21 • 2:30-4:30pm

Battle it out with friends on the Nintendo Switch for the chance to win a gift card!



Mario Kart Tournament

Friday,

December 12

2:30-4:30pm

(Grades 6-12)

Race with friends on the Nintendo Switch for a chance to win a gift card!



Shell Ornaments

Monday, December 15, 6:00-7:00pm

(Grades 6-12)

Get creative with seashells! Join us to make one-of-a-kind ornaments using Mod Podge, decorative napkins, and your imagination. All supplies provided—just bring your creativity!

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, November 18 • 1:30-3:00pm

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



Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club



Thursday, November 20 • 1:00-2:00pm

The Chanel Sisters

by Judithe Little



Thursday, December 18 • 1:00-2:00pm

Christmas with the Queen by Hazel Gaynor

Trues and Brews



Join us each month to discuss a true crime novel.

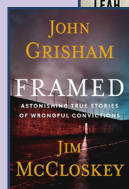
Thursday, November 20 • 6:00-7:00pm

When the Moon Turns to Blood: Lori Vallow, Chad Daybell, and a Story of Murder, Wild Faith, and End Times by Leah Sottile



Thursday, December 18 • 6:00-7:00pm

Framed: Astonishing True Stories of Wrongful Conviction by John Grisham & Jim McCloskey



Literary Landmarks



Now on Tuesday night!

Tuesday, November 25 • 6:00-7:00pm

Brooklyn by Colm Tóibín

Tuesday, December 30 • 6:00-7:00pm

Once Upon a Time in Dollywood

by Ashley Jordan



LIVE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS

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Nothing More Of This Land

by Joseph Lee

Wednesday,

November 5 • 2:00pm



The Berry Pickers

by Amanda Peters

Thursday,

November 13 • 7:00pm

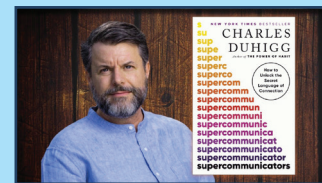


Supercommunicators

by Charles Duhigg

Tuesday,

November 18 • 2:00pm



The Retirement Plan

by Sue Hincenbergs

Tuesday,

December 2 • 2:00pm

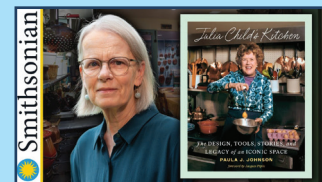


Julia Child's Kitchen

by Paula J. Johnson

Tuesday,

December 9 • 2:00pm



ARTS & CRAFTS



Snowman Needle Felting with Amanda

Monday, November 3 • 1:00-2:00pm or

Monday, November 10 • 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 Paperwhites

Monday, November 3

Beginning on November 3 come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up this paperwhite kit. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL cardholder.



Christmas Tree Earrings with Lisa

Thursday, December 4 • 1:00-2:00pm

Make these festive earrings in time for the holidays.

Paper Flowers: White Poinsettias

Monday, December 8

2:00-3:30pm

Join Casey Cunningham and make these beautiful white poinsettias in time for the holidays.



IN COMMEMORATION OF...

Veteran's Day

Movie Viewing of 1917
Friday, November 7 • 1:00pm



Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

The Attack on Pearl Harbor Live from the FDR Library

Wednesday,
December 3
1:00-2:00pm

On December 7, 1941 Pearl Harbor was attacked by the Japanese Navy.

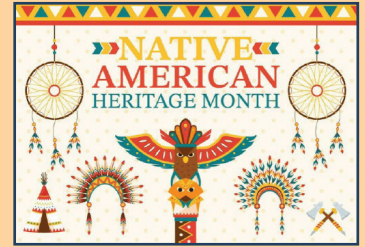
Join FDR Library Educator Specialist Jeff Urbin where he will explore the questions of should we have been or could we have been more prepared?



AAECF Presents Native American History All Year Round

Saturday, November 1
2:30-5:00pm

Native American history is rich, diverse, and deeply woven into the broader story of the Americas. Join Indigenous leaders to learn, share in traditional foods, and dance the 'round dance' with Native communities. Exploring this culture year-round moves us beyond the limited recognition of Native American Heritage Month in November—toward deeper understanding, respect, and celebration every day.



Talking Sticks with Tony Valderrama

Saturday, November 8 • 2:00-3:00pm

The talking stick was a symbolic object of respect used in a group setting to share ideas and stories! Participants will use north fork driftwood, beads, feathers and pigment to decorate their personalized creation. A Native American display of art and musical instruments will be shared with the class for inspiration. To conclude, students can hold up their talking sticks to share words of appreciation and ways to help our mother earth!

COOKING

Harvest Afternoon Tea

Monday, November 10 • 1:00-2:30pm

If you want to learn more about how to prepare an afternoon tea, join Margaret M. Johnson, author of fourteen cookbooks, including *Teatime in Ireland* and her latest, *Delicious Ireland*, for a program that includes harvest-themed foods such as Waldorf Chicken Salad, Pumpkin Tea Bread, and Pear & Apricot Roulade. A sparkling beverage will be served, and Ms. Johnson's cookbooks will be available for sale and signing. Patrons should bring their own teacup and saucer.



\$ Orange Cranberry Scones with Chef Rob Scott

Monday, November 24 • 1:00-2:30pm

Make these delicious scones just in time for Thanksgiving. Bring to class an orange, medium and large bowl, whisk, box grater, baking sheet and a small container with lid. \$5 per person due at time of in person registration.



Estate Planning with Purpose: Bequests to Charities and Nonprofits with Burner Law P.C.

Tuesday, November 18 • 1:00-2:00pm

When it comes to estate planning, your legacy can extend far beyond providing for loved ones. Thoughtfully planned charitable giving allows you to support the causes and organizations that matter most to you, while also offering potential tax benefits for you and your estate.

Join us for this informative seminar where we'll discuss:

- How to include charitable gifts in your will or trust
- Different ways to structure bequests to nonprofits and charities
- The financial and tax advantages of planned giving
- Practical steps to ensure your legacy has a lasting impact

TECHNOLOGY

Photo & Video Editing

Mondays, November 10, 17 &
December 1, 8 • 1:00-2:00pm

Join us for this 4-part workshop on how to edit pictures and videos. Two classes will be dedicated to photo editing and two classes will be dedicated to video editing. Must bring your cellphone to class.



Chess Tournament

Saturday, November 15
9:30am-4:00pm

This competitive chess tournament includes trophies and snacks. Registration is required to play. To register, call Henry Despres (631) 968-5349.



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.

1917

November 7
1:00pm

Thunderbolts

November 21
1:00pm

Red One

December 5
1:00pm

Home Alone

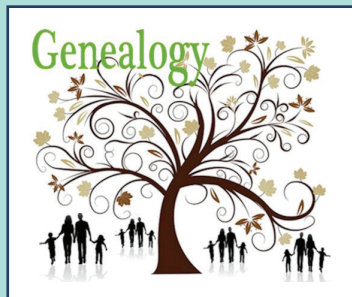
December 19
1:00pm



GENEALOGY

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.



LANGUAGE LEARNING

Conversational German

Fridays, November 7, 21 &
December 5, 12, 19, 26 • 9:45-11:00am



Intermediate German

Tuesdays, November 18, 25 &
December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 9:45-11:00am



Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, November 5, 12, 19 &
December 3, 10, 17 • 4:00-5:30pm



Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 & December 4, 11, 18



SENIOR SOCIALS



Registration
is required
for all socials!

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, November 12 • 1:00-3:00pm
Antigua Cafe & Social Club, 309 E Main Street, Riverhead

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, November 19 • 4:30-6:30pm (special time)
Lakeview Grille at Scott's Point
5835 Middle Country Road, Calverton

Senior Social at the Library

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

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday,
December 10 • 1:00-3:00pm
J & R's Steakhouse
4362 Middle Country Road Calverton



Senior Social at the Library

Friday, December 12 • 2:30-4:00pm
Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun.

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, December 17 • 5:00-8:00pm (special time)
Cooperage Inn, 2218 Sound Ave, Riverhead

GET TOGETHER

Structures of Sound

Thursdays, November 6, 20 & December 4, 18
5:30-6:30pm

Join Ben to discuss classic albums and artists.
Like a book club for albums.



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, November 8 & December 13 • 1:00-4:30pm
Join this monthly Dungeons and Dragons game.



Hallockville Old Time Jam

Thursdays, November 13 & December 11 • 5:30-7:00pm
All are welcome to join in, or just listen, to this acoustic jam from the 1600's to the 1900's.



Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, November 18 & December 9
5:30-7:30pm
Facilitated by award-winning screenwriter and published author, Paul Tolkendorf.



Poetry Street: The Room

Without a Roof Where Every Voice is Heard
Saturday, November 29 • 2:00-4:00pm
(Program will resume in January 2026)
Community open mic for poetry and spoken word.



Chair Boxing with Johnathan Arroyo

Wednesdays, November 5 &
December 3 • 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.**



Happy Hour-Zumba Style with Tiana

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20
& December 4, 11, 18

6:00-7:00pm

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



Moving Zen: Karate for Aging Adults

Tuesdays, November 18, 25 &
December 2, 9, 16, 23 • 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

Mat Pilates with Leisa

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 &
December 1, 8, 15 • 10:00-11:00am



Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 &
December 1, 8, 15 • 4:00-5:00pm



Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17 &
December 1, 8, 15 • 7:00-7:45pm



Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, November 4, 18, 25 &
December 2, 9, 16, 30
10:00-10:25am



Tai Chi for Arthritis Part II

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
November 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25 &
December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18 • 2:00-3:00pm



Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays,
November 4, 6, 13, 18, 20, 25 &
December 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 30
9:00-10:00am



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Wednesdays, November 19 &
December 17 • 7:00-8:00pm



Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20 &
December 4, 11, 18 • 11:00am-12:00pm



Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, November 7, 21 &
December 5, 12, 19 • 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.



STAY HEALTHY

High Blood Pressure: Treatments and Options

Thursday, November 20 • 12:00pm

Chief of Cardiology at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital,
Dr. John P. Reilly, will
discuss high blood pressure,
guidelines for treatment
using prescription drugs,
and also complimentary and
alternative treatments which
are effective at controlling
hypertension.



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CAREER LITERACY

SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Thursdays, November 13 &
December 11 • 10:00am-1:00pm

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



Career Counseling

Saturdays, November 15, 22 &
December 13, 20 • 10:00am-12:00pm

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



DEFENSIVE DRIVING

\$ Curso de Manejo Defensivo

sábado, 1 de noviembre • 9:30am-3:30pm

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



\$ Defensive Driving Courses

Saturdays,
November 22 & December 13

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.)

SATURDAY SPECIAL

A Unique Interactive Book Reading Event

Saturday, December 6 • 2-3:30pm

Be transported to the 1800s through live music, dance and gripping narrative as Jo-Ann Wilson, author of *The Diary of An Ex-Slave* and NYSCA 2025 grant recipient in literature shares excerpts from her historical fiction novel.



The book reading will be an oratorio that will include professional musicians and dancers as well as singers and actors to help move the dialogue.

Jo-Ann Wilson hopes that her novel will entertain, educate, and inspire readers to look at themselves and others with compassion.

ON DISPLAY

IN THE SHOWCASE

November: The AAECF celebrates Native American Heritage Month

The items portrayed in the showcases are from the rich and diverse cultures, traditions and contributions of Indigenous people.



December: The AAECF celebrates Kwanzaa

The pieces in the display cases represent the core principles of Kwanzaa that bring the African American Communities together, educating both the young and old of all ethnic backgrounds.

THE OVERTON GALLERY

November 1 - December 14: Franklin Hill Perell

Franklin Hill Perell is a multimedia artist, curator and author. He has spent his life in the art world, and loves to share his passion for the arts with others.

Artists Welcome!

Are you an artist who would like to display your artwork in The Elizabeth Overton Art Gallery at the Riverhead Free Library. 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 email us directly at artexhibit@riverheadlibrary.org.



SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPECIALS

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

Sunday, November 2
2:30-3:30pm

New York City's Legendary Acapella Group who will sing the very best of DooWop.



Anne Taffel - Concert Pianist

Sunday, November 23 • 1:30-3:00pm

Anne will serenade us with works of Mozart, Schubert, Liszt, Chopin, Rachmaninov and Gershwin!



The Troubadours - A Musical Ensemble

Sunday,
December 21
1:30-3:00pm

A compilation of Holiday favorites.



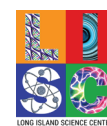
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& MUSEUM

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
Intrepid Museum (printable)
Long Island Children's Museum (printable)
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)
Vanderbilt Museum



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PARRISH ART MUSEUM



Passes are subject to availability.



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THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED ON:

Tuesday, November 11 - Veteran's Day

Friday, November 14 - The library will be closed for staff training. Regular hours resume Saturday.

Wednesday, November 26 - Closing at 5:00pm

Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 - Thanksgiving Day

Wednesday, December 24 - Christmas Eve

Thursday, December 25 - Christmas

Wednesday, December 31 - Closing at 1:00pm

Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, November 12 at 4:30pm & December 10 at 6:30pm.

CLUB CALENDAR

Weekly and Monthly clubs include the following:



BRIDGE - Mondays 1:00-4:00pm

CHESS - Mondays 5:45-7:45pm

MAH JONGG - Wednesdays 1:00-3:00pm

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

ITALIAN CONVERSATION CLUB

Thursdays 2:00-4:00pm



RIVERHEAD PHOTO CLUB - Thursdays, November 13 & December 11, 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



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 information.



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