

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2026



# YOUR PLACE TO CONNECT

Registration Starts Monday, December 29

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Riverhead, NY, at the estuarine mouth  
of the Peconic River 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

### **Welcome to a new year at Riverhead Free Library!**

As we begin 2026, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to everyone who donated to the library this past year. Your generosity helps us grow, innovate, and continue to serve as a vibrant hub for learning, connection, and community.

We've been working hard behind the scenes to expand our services and enhance your experience, whether you visit us in person, online, or both.

From new programs and resources to refreshed spaces and technology, there is always something new to discover.

I invite you to stop in, say hello, and see what's new at your library. We look forward to welcoming you and serving you in the year ahead.

Warm wishes for peace and prosperity.

*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:

**Thank you to all who  
generously donated to the  
Library's Annual Appeal.**

## WARMING THE HEARTS OF THE COMMUNITY BY WORKING TOGETHER

**We accomplished the following through partnerships with community groups in 2025:**

- **Long Island Cares** - 164 families served through Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance.
- **Island Harvest** - 2,312 boxes of food distributed to seniors, Veterans and families in need.
- **Family Service League** - 163 individuals assisted by the library's social worker with 693 services provided.
- **The Great Giveback** - 200 coats donated.
- **The Mitten Tree Project** - 243 gloves, 230 hats, 38 scarves.
- **Riverhead Woman's Club PJs & Books** - 160 pajamas and books collected for community children.
- **Rise Life Services November to Remember Coat Drive**: 200 coats



# COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

## Island Harvest Food Distribution

**Mondays, January 5 & February 2**

**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, January 7 & February 11 • 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. No appointment required.

## Veterans Resource Table

**Wednesdays, January 21 & February 18 • 3:00-5:00pm**

A Veteran peer mentor from the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will share resources for Veterans and their families.

## HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

**Thursdays, January 22 & February 19**

**1:00-3:30pm**

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



## Community Legal Help

**Wednesday, January 28 & February 25 • 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

**Friday, February 13 • 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.

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

**Tuesdays & 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! All based on household size and income. **Call to schedule a phone appointment: 516-505-4426.**



## Stony Brook Medicine Job Fair

**Wednesday, January 21 • 12:00-3:00 pm**

Join us for an exciting opportunity to learn about careers that offer both professional growth and the chance to make a meaningful difference in the lives of others. Representatives from Stony Brook Medicine will be on hand to discuss a wide range of positions, including roles at **Stony Brook Southampton Hospital** and **Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital**.

## TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

### Free Tax Assistance

Registration for income eligible Riverhead library cardholders starts Monday, January 12 at 9:30am. Registration for income eligible non-Riverhead library cardholders starts Monday, March 9 at 9:30am.



### AARP Free Tax Assistance and Counseling Appointments

**Mondays and Fridays, February 2-April 13 • 9:30-11:30am**

### VITA Free Tax Assistance and Counseling Appointments

**Saturdays, February 7-April 11 • 11:00am-4:00pm**

For all tax appointments bring:

- A copy of last year's tax return (Call the IRS at 1(800) 829-3676 for a transcript of your 2022 return)
- Social Security Card
- Photo ID
- Bank routing and account numbers

All tax returns will be completed on the day of your half hour appointment.

*Riverhead Library is not responsible for the accuracy of your tax return, advice, or services rendered by AARP and VITA preparers. You are responsible for obtaining your preparer's name and follow-up information at the time of your appointment.*

## WE NEED YOUR HELP

## My Public Library

This campaign aims to showcase how libraries are pillars in their communities and how they enrich the lives of the patrons they serve through individual storytelling photos/videos. These stories are great ways to show not only your community what you have to offer but also board members, decision makers and further advocacy. Please contact the Library if you would like to get involved 631-727-3228.

## Community Baby Shower

**Tuesday, January 27 • 10:00 am-2:00 pm**

*Presented by Perinatal Health Services Program*

Join us for a free celebration for expectant and new moms! Enjoy a light lunch, connect with other families, and learn helpful tips for pregnancy, postpartum, and newborn care. Raffles, prizes, and special gifts included. Bilingual staff will be available.





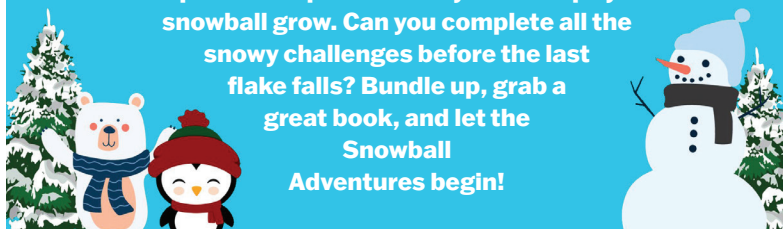


Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-5 are intended for children on their own. **Children must be registered with their library card. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements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

## Join the Snowball Adventures Winter Reading Challenge!

Get ready to jump into a chilly world of fun!

Each time you read, you'll collect magical "snowballs" that help you explore icy forests, snowy mountains, and frosty secret hideouts. The more you read, the more adventures you unlock! Read cozy stories, silly tales, or chapter book quests—every book helps your snowball grow. Can you complete all the snowy challenges before the last flake falls? Bundle up, grab a great book, and let the Snowball Adventures begin!



## FREE FOR THE DAY, DROP-IN TO ONE OF OUR PROGRAMS

### Hello 2026!

**Friday, January 9 • 10:30am-12:00pm**

For ages 3-5. Ring in the new year with fingerpainting fun! Dress for a mess. No registration required.

### Darling Doves Paper Craft

**Tuesday, February 3 • 4:30-7:00pm**

For Grades 1-5. Visit us after school to create a special craft for someone you love! No registration required.

### Love Bug Craft

**Friday, February 6 • 10:30am-4:00pm**

For ages 3-10. Show your love for someone this Valentine's Day with this cute craft. No registration required.

### Valentines Day Card Workshop

**Wednesday, February 11 • 3:30-7:00pm**

For Grades K-5. Celebrate Valentine's Day at our creative card and craft workshop! No registration required.

## FOR FAMILIES

### Game On!

**Wednesday, January 21 • 5:00-6:00pm**

Get ready for an evening of fun, laughter, strategy, and teamwork! Drop-in to play awesome board games. For families with children in grades K-5.

### LEGO Club

**Thursdays, January 22 and February 26 • 4:00-7:00pm**

Join us for Family LEGO Club! Work together to build creative projects, and show off your brick-building skills. All ages are welcome—just bring your imagination!



### Olivia the Spy Escape Room

**Saturday, February 7 • 11:00am-12:00pm**

Join us for an Olivia the Spy themed escape room! Families will check-in outside the Grand Room to receive their spy badges and their group mission. For families with children in grades 1-5.

### Snow White Movie Matinee

**Sunday, February 8 • 1:00-3:00pm**

Escape the cold and join us to watch the re-imagined Disney classic!

### Be Mine BINGO!

**Monday, February 9 • 5:00-5:45pm**

(Grades K-5)

Get ready to shout BINGO and win some sweet prizes!



### The BenAnna Band

**Monday, February 9 • 5:00-5:45pm**

(Ages 2-7)

This high energy musical duo perform fun children's music and pop/throwback covers for families to dance and sing along with!



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

### Little Thinkers Lab

**Thursday, January 8 • 4:30-5:00pm**

**Wednesday, January 28 • 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.

### Parent and Me Playtime

**Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, and 27 • 10:30-11:30am**

For ages 12-36 months. Join us for a relaxed playtime designed for toddlers and their caregivers! A trusted early childhood provider will be available during the program to answer questions and offer guidance on parenting, development, and more.

### Toddlers Tango

**Wednesdays, January 7, 14, and 21 • 11:00-11:45am**

For ages 2-4 years. Clap your hands, stomp your feet and move to the beat in this interactive music and movement class.

### Lil' Athletes: Lacrosse

**Thursday, January 8 • 10:30-11:15 am**

For ages 20-35 months.

Join Lil' Athletes for lacrosse practice! Children learn basic lacrosse skills.





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

### Lil' Athletes: Soccer

Thursday, January 15  
10:30-11:15 am

For ages 20-35 months.  
Join Lil' Athletes for soccer practice!



### Lil' Athletes: Hockey

Thursday, January 22  
10:30-11:15 am

For ages 20-35 months.  
Join Lil' Athletes for hockey practice!

### Tiny Tunes

Friday, January 16 and 30  
10:30-11:00am

Friday, February 13 and 27  
10:30-11:00am

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



### Babies Boogie

Monday, February 2  
10:30-11:15am

For ages birth-23 months. Clap your hands, stomp your feet and move to the beat in this interactive music and movement class.

### Little Thinkers Lab

Wednesday, February 4 • 10:30-11:00am  
Thursday, February 5 • 4:30-5:00pm

For ages 3-5. In this playful storytime series, kids will enjoy a picture book read-aloud followed by a hands-on STEAM activity.

### Sensory Playtime

Tuesdays, February 10 and 24  
10:30-11:10am

For ages 2-5. A toddler-and-me session that blends nature, art, and sensory experiences. Due to the nature of this program we do not allow younger siblings.

### Zumbini

Wednesdays, February 11, 18, and 25  
11:00-11:30 am

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.

### Lil' Athletes: Football

Tuesday, February 17 • 11:00-11:45am  
For ages 20-35 months. Join Lil' Athletes for football practice!

### 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.

### Sprouts & Friends

Monday, January 26 • 10:30-11:15am

Monday, February 23 • 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.

### Sing, Sign, with Me

Wednesday, January 14 • 4:00-4:45 pm  
Wednesday, February 25 • 4:00-4:45 pm

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.

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

### Salt and Watercolor Snowflake Art

Monday, January 12 • 5:30-6:15pm  
(Grades K-5)

Create your own unique shimmering snowflake art using a crayon, watercolors, and some salt! No two snowflakes (or creations!) are ever the same. It's the perfect craft for a cold winter day!

### Mighty Makers: Ozobot Adventure Park

Tuesday, January 13 • 5:30-6:30pm  
(Grades K-5)

Mighty Makers is a hands-on program series where kids explore creativity through technology. In this session, become a theme park designer and create a colorful park with rides and paths for an Ozobot, a tiny robot that follows lines and color codes, to explore.

### Moving Pictures

Thursday January 15 • 5:00-5:45pm  
(Grades 3-5)

Get creative and make your art come alive! In this hands-on program, 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!

### Slime Time

Tuesday, January 20 • 6:00-6:30pm  
(Grades K-5)

Dress for a mess and create an icy winter themed slime!

### StoryLab

Monday, January 26 • 5:00-5:30pm  
(Grades K-2)

Get ready to read, imagine, and invent! 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.

### Creative Crew: Pinch Pot Creatures

Tuesday, January 27 • 5:30-6:30pm  
(Grades K-5)

Join the Creative Crew and bring your creativity to life through hands-on arts and crafts projects. In this session, learn the basic pinch pot technique to create small, hand-built clay bowls and then transform them into whimsical creatures!

### Cookie Color Wheel

Wednesday, January 28 • 6:00-7:00pm  
(Grades K-5)

Kids will learn to mix colors in a fun and tasty way using cookies and frosting to make a cookie color wheel.

### Among Us Challenge

Thursday, January 29 • 6:00-7:00pm  
OR Thursday, February 18,  
3:30-4:30pm (Grades 3-5)

Call a meeting! Come test your skills as you either try to save your space station, or sneak around eliminating the other players in this fun "real life" version of the hit video game.

### Mighty Makers: Circuit Symphony

Tuesday, February 10 • 5:30-6:30pm  
(Grades K-5)

Mighty Makers is a hands-on program series where kids explore creativity through technology. In this session, turn ordinary objects like play-dough or foil into piano keys and bongos using the Makey Makey invention kit.

### Slime Time: Valentine's Edition

Tuesday, February 17 • 3:00-4:00pm  
(Grades K-5)

Choose from pink or red to make a valentines day themed slime.

### Chinese New Year Lanterns

Wednesday, February 18 • 6:00-6:30pm  
(Grades K-5)

Celebrate and learn about the Chinese New Year with us! We'll get creative with making traditional paper lanterns.



## SCHOOL AGE CLASSES

### CONTINUED

#### Minion Cupcakes

Friday, February 20

11:00am-12:00pm (Grades K-5)

Bello! Join Chef Rob for a fun-filled cupcake decorating session inspired by everyone's favorite yellow Minions!



#### StoryLab

Monday, February 23

5:00-5:30pm (Grades K-2)

Get ready to read, imagine, and invent! Each session will start 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.

#### Creative Crew: Story Quilts

Tuesday, February 24 • 5:30-6:30pm

(Grades K-5)

Join the Creative Crew and bring your creativity to life through hands-on arts and crafts projects. In this session, celebrate Black History Month by exploring Faith Ringgold's story quilts and creating your own colorful paper story quilt.

## TEEN AND TWEEN DROP-INS

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

#### Winter Buttons

Sunday, January 4-Saturday, January 10

Stop by and make your own wearable buttons with winter-inspired designs. No registration required.

#### Meta Quest VR Free Play

Tuesday, January 6, 13, 20, 27 • 4:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Tuesday, February 3, 10, 17, 24 • 4:00-7:00pm (Grades 6-12)

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

#### Decked Out Ducks

Sunday, January 11-Saturday, January 17 (Grades 4-12)

January 13th is National Rubber Ducky Day! Join us to customize and decorate your own rubber duck to take home. No registration required.

#### DIY Pop Sockets

Sunday, January 18-Saturday, January 24 (Grades 4-12)

Join us and customize your own pop socket to attach to your phone case or eReader! No registration required.

#### Soda Tab Friends

Sunday, January 25-Saturday, January 31 (Grades 4-12)

Turn an ordinary soda tab into a fun little character by adding beads, wire, and your own creative touch. No registration required.

#### Heart Doily Valentines

Sunday, February 1-Saturday, February 7 (Grades 4-12)

Create your own unique handmade card using heart-shaped doilies and fun embellishments to share with someone special. No registration required.

#### Origami Jumping Pups

Sunday, February 8-Saturday, February 14 (Grades 4-12)

Learn how to fold your own miniature canine companion. No registration required.

#### Minecraft Sculptures

Sunday, February 21-Saturday, February 27 (Grades 4-12)

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.

## TEEN LOFT

(Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

#### D&D Nights:

##### The Adventure Continues

Thursdays, January 8 & February 5

4:30-6:30pm

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

#### Tabletop Thursdays

Thursdays, January 22

& February 19

4:00-7:00 pm

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



#### Rom-Com Movie Marathon

Saturday February 7

1:00-4:00pm

Grab your popcorn and comfiest sweats! Drop in for a movie marathon with all of your favorite throwback rom-coms from the 90's-2000s!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Teens attended 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.

#### Among Us Volunteer Crewmen

Thursday, January 29 • 5:30-6:00pm and

Wednesday, February 18 • 3:00-3:30pm (Grades 8-12)

Gain community service time by helping our librarians get ready for an Among Us-themed program for school age kids! Teens will receive 1 hour of community service.



#### The Pawject: No Bake Dog Treats

Tuesday, February 3 • 4:00-5:00pm (Grades 6-12)

Make simple no bake dog biscuits to be donated to Kent Animal Shelter. Participants will receive 1 hour of community service.

#### Window Decorating: Spring Edition

Thursday, February 12 • 4:30-6:30pm (Grades 6-12)

Join us in the Teen Loft to decorate our windows with bright, seasonal artwork! Celebrate spring through color and creativity. All materials provided — just bring your imagination! Participants will receive 2 hours of community service.

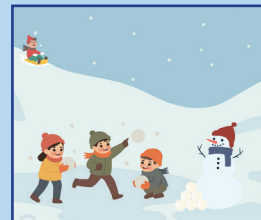


Call (631) 727-3228 or visit our website at [riverheadlibrary.org](http://riverheadlibrary.org) to register for programs that do not have a fee. Register in-person at the front desk for all programs with a fee. Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration fees are non-refundable unless the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

## Adult Winter Reading Raffle 2026: Snowball Adventures

January 9-February 20

Registration for RFL card holders begins January 2. Sign up at the Reference Desk to receive a kit that includes raffle tickets and a suggested reading list. Weekly drawing will be held on Fridays at noon. The first 20 that register will receive a special gift.



## BOOKS AND BEYOND

### Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club



Thursday, January 22 • 1:00-2:00pm

*Circling the Sun* by Paula McLain

Thursday, February 19 • 1:00-2:00pm

*The Lacemaker* by Laura Frantz

### Trues and Brews



Join us each month to discuss a true crime novel.

Thursday, January 22 • 6:00-7:00pm

*Trail of the Lost: the Relentless Search to Bring Home the Missing Hikers of the Pacific Crest Trail* by Andrea Lankford

Thursday, February 19 • 6:00-7:00pm

*The Third Rainbow Girl: the Long Life of a Double Murder in Appalachia* by Emma Copley Eisenberg

### Literary Landmarks

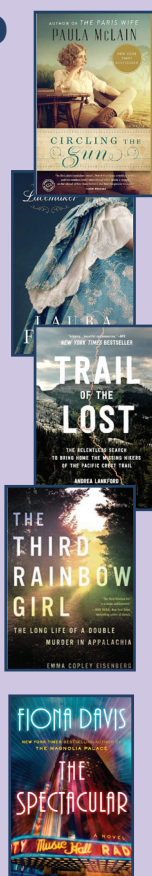


Tuesday, January 27 • 6:00-7:00pm

*The Spectacular* by Fiona Davis

Tuesday, February 24 • 6:00-7:00pm

*The Golem and the Jinni* by Helene Wecker



## LIVE ONLINE AUTHOR TALKS



### How to Know a Person by David Brooks

Tuesday, January 13 • 2:00-3:00pm

### The Connection Cure by Julia Hotz

Tuesday, January 20 • 2:00-3:00pm

### The God of the Woods by Liz Moore

Wednesday, January 28 • 7:00-8:00pm

### Fire Sword & Sea by Vanessa Riley

Thursday, February 5 • 7:00-8:00pm

### The Conjuring of America by Lindsey Stewart

Thursday, February 12  
2:00-3:00pm

### Smithson's Gamble by Tom D. Crouch

Tuesday, February 24  
2:00-3:00pm



## ARTS & CRAFTS



### Paper Flowers Camellia

Tuesday, January 20 • 2:00-3:30pm

Join Casey Cunningham as she shows us how to make these beautiful camellias.

### Tile Photo Coaster Kit Make and Take

Monday, January 26  
Beginning on January 26 come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up this tile photo coaster kit. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL cardholder.

### Learn to Sew: Book Sleeve

Wednesday, February 4 • 2:00-3:30pm

Learn the basics of sewing and create a book sleeve to take home in this hands-on class. Limited seating.

### Valentine Earrings with Lisa

Friday, February 6 • 1:00-2:00pm

Learn how to make these heart earrings just in time for Valentine's day.

### Knitting for Beginners

Tuesdays, February 10, 17, 24 • 2:00-3:15pm

Learn the basics in this beginner class.

### "Yarn Tales" Knitting and Crochet Club

Mondays  
2:00-3:15pm

NEW CLUB!

Starting Monday, January 26 join a group of knitters and crocheters to share knowledge, projects and all things yarn. Ages 18 and up.



## LIFELONG LEARNING

### Beginner Mah Jongg

Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21  
10:00am-12:00pm

Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik as she introduces you to the tiles and basic moves of this ancient game.



### Start the New Year with a New Attitude

Monday, January 26 • 2:00-3:00pm

The topics covered in this seminar include affirmative thinking, gratitude, forgiveness, prioritizing happiness, sharing, present-moment living, and positive learning.

### Turtle Rescue of the Hamptons

Thursday, January 15 • 2:00-3:00pm

Join Turtle Rescue of the Hamptons for a presentation about the turtles that live on Long Island. Learn why turtles are important to the ecosystem, the threats that they face and what can be done to help protect them. You will also get to meet a couple turtle ambassadors.



## MOVIE MATINEE FRIDAY

Come in from the Cold! Join us as we enjoy an old favorite or get introduced to a new one. We will supply all concession stand snacks.

### 1776

January 16 • 1:00pm

### Downton Abbey

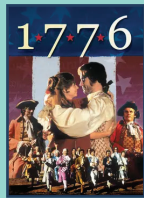
January 30 • 1:00pm

### The Fall Guy

February 6 • 1:00pm

### Amistad

February 27 • 1:00pm



## RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

February 17, 2026

Encourage Acts of Kindness

### Improv

Wednesdays, January 21, 28 &  
February 4, 11, 18, 25 • 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.



## COOKING

### \$ Let's Make Pasta: Cavatelli

Wednesday, January 21 • 1:30-3:30pm

Learn how to make embossed cavatelli with Judy's Cucina. Bring to class a bowl and a cutting board. \$5 per person due at time of in person registration.



### \$ Giant Chocolate Chip Cookie Pizza

Tuesday, February 10 • 2:00-3:30pm

Join Chef Rob in making this delicious giant chocolate chip cookie, just in time for Valentine's Day. Bring to class a large and medium bowl, whisk, rubber spatula, a pizza pan or a cookie tray and 1 1/4 cup of semi-sweet chocolate chips. \$5 per person due at time of in person registration.



## CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH ALL YEAR LONG



### Becoming the United States:

#### Colonial America to Reconstruction Exhibit

January 1-January 30

This exhibit focuses on the individuals, groups, and documents that have contributed to the history of the United States.

### Movie Matinee Friday: 1776

Friday, January 16 • 1:00pm

Movie musical on the founding of America.

### Talking the Bill of Rights via Zoom

Friday, January 23 and February 27

6:00-7:00pm

In honor of the semiquicentennial, former lawyers, now librarians Mara Zonderman and Terry Lucas will host a series of 8 Zooms beginning in January, about the history and relevance of the Bill of Rights and its role in the founding of the country. Join us!



### Black Patriots: Heroes of the Revolution

Friday, February 20 • 1:00-2:15pm

See Black History Month for description.

### Declaration of Independence Trivia

Wednesday, February 25 • 1:00-2:00pm

Show off your knowledge about The Declaration of Independence and the American Revolution with a rousing game of trivia, complete with snacks, beverages, and a chance to win some exciting prizes!



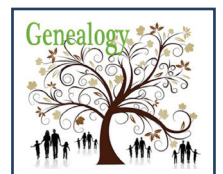
## FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVERS' MONTH

Come into the library all month long and let us know what you LOVE about your library.

## GENEALOGY

### Genealogy Appointments

Need help researching your family tree? Appointments can be made at [genealogy@riverheadlibrary.org](mailto:genealogy@riverheadlibrary.org) or by calling the reference desk at (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.



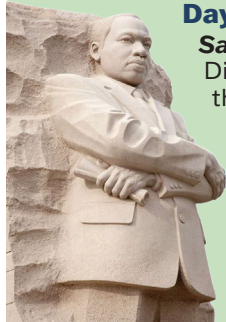
## TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

### 4th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr.

#### Day of Service: Volunteer Expo

**Saturday, January 17 • 1:00-3:00pm**

Discover many ways to honor Dr. King through service to the community. Meet with local non-profits and choose volunteer opportunities such as helping with animals, assisting at events, working in gardens or food banks and so much more. Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.



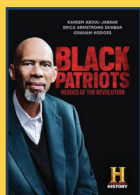
## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

KNOW THE PAST. SHAPE THE FUTURE.

### Black Patriots: Heroes of the Revolution Documentary Viewing with a Discussion to Follow

**Friday, February 20 • 1:00-2:15pm**

From the initial sparks of revolution in Boston to the climactic Siege of Yorktown and beyond, hear the story of the war within the Revolutionary War through the eyes of some of the most significant African American figures of our country's foundation, including Crispus Attucks, Peter Salem, Phillis Wheatley, and James Armistead Lafayette.



### Movie Matinee Friday: Amistad

**Friday, February 27 • 1:00pm**

In 1839, the revolt of Mende captives aboard a Spanish owned ship causes a major controversy in the United States when the ship is captured off the coast of Long Island. The courts must decide whether the Mende are slaves or legally free.

## GET TOGETHER

### Structures of Sound

**Thursdays, January 8, 22 & February 5, 19 • 5:30-6:30pm**

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



### Hallockville Old Time Jam

**Thursdays, January 8, 22 and February 12, 26  
5:30-7:30pm**

All are welcome to join in, or just listen, to this acoustic jam from the 1600's to the 1900's.



### Dungeons and Dragons

**Saturdays, January 10 & February 14 • 1:00-4:30pm**

Join this monthly Dungeons and Dragons game.



### Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

**Tuesdays, January 13, 27 & February 10, 24 • 5:30-7:30pm**

Facilitated by award-winning screenwriter and publisher, Paul Tolksdorf.



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

**Saturdays, January 31 & February 28 • 2:00-4:00pm**

Community open mic for poetry and spoken word.



## SENIOR SOCIALS WITH LAURA



Registration is  
required for  
all socials!

### Senior Lunch Social (Singles)

**Wednesday, January 14 • 1:00-3:00pm**

Antigua Cafe and Social Club  
309 E Main Street, Riverhead

### Senior Dinner Social (Everyone is welcome!)

**Wednesday, January 21 • 5:30-7:30pm**

Myles on Main,  
424 Pulaski St., Riverhead

### Senior Social at the Library

**Friday, January 23 • 2:30-4:00pm**

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

### Senior Lunch Social (Everyone is welcome!)

**Wednesday, February 11 • 1:00-3:00pm**

Buoy One, 40 Peconic Ave, Riverhead

### Senior Dinner Social (Singles)

**Wednesday, February 25 • 5:00-8:00pm**

The Birchwood of Polish Town, 512 Pulaski St., Riverhead

### Senior Social at the Library

**Friday, February 13 • 2:30-4:00pm**

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## LANGUAGE LEARNING

### Intermediate German

**Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 &  
February 3, 10, 17, 24 • 9:45-11:00am**



### Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

**Wednesdays, January 7, 14, 21 &  
February 4, 11, 18 • 4:00-5:30pm**



### Conversational Spanish

**Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 &  
February 6, 13, 20 • 4:00-5:30pm**



### Conversational German

**Fridays, January 9, 16, 23, 30 &  
February 6, 13, 20, 27 • 9:45-11:00am**



### English (ESOL) Classes

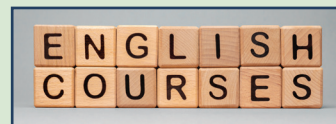
**Time: 4:30-8:00pm**

#### Pre-Beginning English:

Mondays & Wednesdays  
February 9 – December 16

**Beginner/Intermediate English:** Tuesdays & Thursdays  
February 10 – December 17

**Registration Required:** Participants must come into the library to complete a short application form. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis, so please register as soon as possible.





## STAY HEALTHY

### Practical Caregiving Tips for the Winter

**Presented by ADRC**

**Wednesday, February 11 • 1:00-2:00pm**

Winter caregiving requires extra attention to safety, comfort and routine. Learn to focus on preventing falls, managing mood changes, keeping meals nourishing and planning for emergencies.

### Preventing and Managing Cardiac Risk Factors

**Thursday, February 12 • 6:00-7:00pm**

Dr. Joseph Wiedermann, Cardiologist at Catholic Health, will lead a presentation on preventing and managing heart risk factors that affect both men and women.



### Women's Heart Health

**Thursday, February 19**

**12:00-1:00pm**

Dr. John P. Reilly, Chief of Cardiology at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, will discuss the contributing risk factors and common misconceptions about heart disease in women.



Stony Brook  
Southampton Hospital



## GET FIT

### Mat Pilates with Leisa

**Mondays, January 5, 12, 26 & February 2, 9, 23 • 10:00-11:00am**



### Tai Chi with Denise

**Mondays, January 5, 12, 26 & February 2, 9, 23  
4:00-5:00pm**



### Reiki Circle with Machi

**Mondays, January 5, 12, 26 & February 2, 9, 23  
7:00-7:45pm**



### Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

**Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 & February 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:00-10:25am**



### Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention

**Tuesdays & Thursdays • 2:00-3:00pm  
Jan. 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29 & Feb. 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26**



### Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

**Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 6, 8, 13, 15, 20, 22, 27, 29  
& February 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19, 24, 26 • 9:00-10:00am**



### Moving Zen: Karate for Aging Adults

**Tuesdays, January 6, 13, 20 & February 3, 10, 17  
5:30-6:30pm**



### Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

**Wednesdays, January 28 & February 25 • 7:00-8:00pm**



### Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

**Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22 & February 5, 12, 19  
11:00am-12:00pm Limit of 25 for in person chair yoga**



### Zumba Nights with Tiana

**Thursdays, January 8, 15, 22 & February 5, 12, 19  
6:00-7:00pm**



### Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

**Fridays, January 9, 16, 23 & February 6, 13, 20 • 10:00-11:00am**

## SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPECIALS

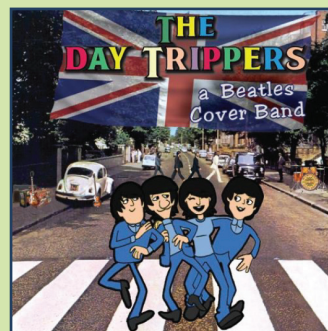


### Ladies of Motown featuring Rhonda Denet

**Sunday, January 25**

**1:30-3:00pm**

Get ready to honor and celebrate the iconic "LADIES OF MOTOWN".



### The Day Trippers

**Sunday,**

**February 22**

**1:30-3:00pm**

Join us for NY's most rockin Beatles party band.

## NEW CLASS!

### Learn the Art of Ancient and Modern Hula

**Wednesdays, January 14, 21, 28 and February 4, 11, 18  
10:00am-11:00am**

Learn the art of ancient and modern Hula, in the spirit of Aloha! This beginner-friendly 6 part series introduces the graceful movements and rich traditions of Hawaiian and Polynesian dance. All ages and abilities are welcome - no prior dance experience needed. Connect with rhythm, culture, and community in this joyful Hula workshop series.



### Chair Boxing with Johnathan Arroyo

**Tuesdays, January 6 & February 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.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVING



### \$ Defensive Driving Courses (NEW PRICE)

**Saturdays, January 17 & February 21 • 9:30am-3:30pm**

**Thursdays, January 29 & February 26 • 9:30am-3:30pm**

On the day of the class, bring your driver's license and payment to be given to the instructor. **Fee \$35.**

(Payment can be made using cash or United States Postal Service money order payable to Empire Safety Council.)

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#### **The Library will be closed on:**

**Thursday, January 1 - New Year's Day**  
**Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**  
**Monday, February 16 - President's Day**

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

### **FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA**



## **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,  
January 8, 22 & February 12, 26 • 6:30-7:30pm

**CANASTA** - Fridays • 1:00-3:00pm

Join your neighbors.

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### **ON DISPLAY**

#### **IN THE SHOWCASE**

AAECF, Inc.  
Black History Exhibit

#### **THE OVERTON GALLERY**

**January - Janet Blake** is an acrylic painter who  
expresses the architectural beauty of the North and  
South Forks in her paintings.

**February - Emily Fritts** is an artist that captures a  
vibrant vibe using mixed media and found objects in  
her artwork.



### **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 (printable)  
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  
Museum of Modern Art  
New York Hall of Science  
Parrish Art Museum (printable)  
Planting Fields Arboretum  
Raynham Hall Museum  
The South Fork Natural History  
Museum and Nature Center  
(printable)  
Vanderbilt Museum

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