



Mattituck-Laurel LIBRARY

March/April 2026

Newsletter



FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

As winter gives way to spring—bringing longer days and renewed energy—the Mattituck-Laurel Library is looking forward to a season of connection, learning, and community. This spring, we invite you to take part in programs designed to support wellness, creativity, and civic engagement.

Our Tai Chi classes will be held on Fridays, March 6, 13, 20, and 27, and April 3, 10, 17, and 24, with sessions offered at 11:00 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. On Saturday, March 7, from 2:00–3:00 p.m., we are pleased to host an author talk with Mary Ellen Tomaszewski, featuring her book *Savoring Time* and musical interludes by Michael Reichert. We'll conclude the winter season with an End of Winter Reading Celebration on Thursday, March 26, from 5:30–6:30 p.m. Patrons interested in emerging technology are also invited to attend A.I. for the Curious, a virtual program offered via Zoom on Friday, March 27. Sign up for all of our programs with our online calendar, drop by in person or give the library a call at 631-298-4134.

We are also pleased to welcome the Suffolk County Board of Elections on Monday, April 13, from 10:00 a.m.–7:00 p.m., when patrons can learn about and test the new voting machines that will be used in the upcoming local primaries.

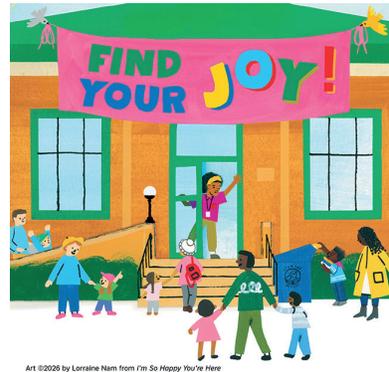
Behind the scenes, your library continues to be a busy and well-utilized community resource. In 2025, we welcomed 48,287 visits, served 3,532 library cardholders, and issued 228 new library cards. Patrons checked out more than 111,000 items across print and digital collections, used public computers over 3,100 times, and accessed free Wi-Fi more than 5,200 times. We also hosted 851 programs with 15,934 attendees, underscoring the library's role as a true hub of community life and the importance of planning thoughtfully for its future.

From April 19–25, we will celebrate National Library Week with the theme "Find Your Joy." Whether your joy comes from reading, learning something new, attending a program, using technology, or simply spending time in a welcoming space, we invite you to visit your community Library and rediscover all that it has to offer.

Looking ahead, we are thoughtfully re-engaging in our library renovation project and beginning a renewed conversation with the community about what comes next. To support this work, we will be hosting community charrettes on Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m. and Saturday May 16 at 10 a.m., offering opportunities for residents to share their priorities and help guide future planning for the Mattituck-Laurel Library.

Can't wait to see you at the Library!

Warmly,
Shauna Scholl, Director



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Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

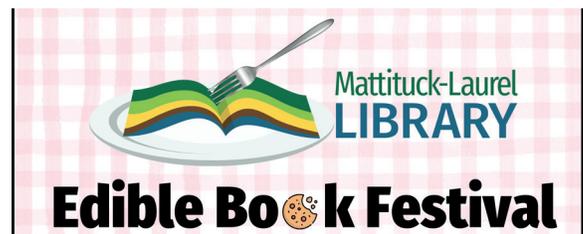
April 19–25, 2026



3RD ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR

Sat., April 25th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. @ Mattituck-Laurel Library

Join us for a fun and engaging health fair celebrating the power of wellness! From 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., enjoy a variety of health-related vendors and programs, offering resources, screenings, and tips for healthy living. There's something fun for all ages!



Sun., April 19th, 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual Edible Book Festival, where literature meets culinary creativity! Bring in an edible masterpiece inspired by your favorite book and compete for fun prizes. Not much of a baker? That's perfectly ok! Stop by to view, taste, and judge! Please register to enter the contest. Registration is not required for attending and judging.

March/April Adult Programs

For programs that require a registration fee, the fee may be paid online, or in person at the circulation desk.

CHEF ROB'S IRISH SODA BREAD: GRAB-AND-GO KITS

Available Beginning Thurs., March 5th—While Supplies Last

Kits include the written recipe and all dry ingredients; patrons provide their own wet ingredients. Only those who are registered will be able to pick up a kit. Kits will be available for pick up beginning at 9 a.m. on March 5th. Please pick up your kit by 7 p.m., March 16th. There is a \$5 nonrefundable fee for each kit. *Limit one per cardholder please.

AUTHOR TALK: SAVORING TIME BY MARY ELLEN TOMASZEWSKI

Sat., March 7th, 2 p.m.

Join us for an author's talk by Mary Ellen Tomaszewski. She'll be joined by singer/guitarist Michael Reichert who will provide some musical interludes. Mary Ellen's second collection of memoir essays, *Savoring Time*, is about life; times that are fun to savor and those that challenge us. At their core, they are all matters of the heart. We all have such stories. This month we celebrate National Write Your Story Day on March 14". Books will be available for purchase at a cost of \$10. Cash or check only please.

THE HISTORY OF THE MATTITUCK POST OFFICE

Tues., March 10th, 5 p.m.

Learn about the history of the Mattituck Post Office, from its early beginnings before there was a dedicated post office building, to its present-day facility. This presentation will explore the political influence of postmasters and trace the evolution of post office services.

TALKING THE BILL OF RIGHTS (VIA ZOOM)

Fridays: March 13th & April 17th, 6 p.m.

Join former lawyers-turned-librarians Mara Zonderman and Terry Lucas for a monthly Zoom series exploring the history, significance, and modern relevance of the Bill of Rights. This is an East End Libraries Event.

HEALTHCARE CLOSE TO HOME: MEET THE MATTITUCK DOCTORS (SBELIH)

Mon., March 16th, 4 p.m.

Join us for an informative panel with physicians from Stony Brook Medicine – Advanced Primary & Specialty Care in Mattituck. Meet the doctors who serve our community and learn about the wide range of medical services available. Meet Dr. Alison Madden (Gynecology), Dr. John Roe (Orthopedic Surgery & Sports Medicine), Dr. Luke Swaszek (General Surgery & Advanced Wound Care), and Dr. Ashton Stanton (Physiatry/Spine & Sports Medicine). Light refreshments will be served.

BINGO AND IRISH TREATS

Wed., March 18th, 3 p.m.

Join us for an afternoon of Bingo hosted by Theresa Maritato of Theresa's Programs. Participants will play at least 6 fun games of bingo. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each game. Irish snacks and candy from Irish Roots Candy Store will be served.

WOMEN OF IRELAND (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., March 18th, 6:30 p.m.

Mna na h'Eireann - meet the women of Ireland from ancient Celts to current day, including Celtic War Goddess Morrigan, Queen Maeve, Brigit Goddess of Fire and St. Brigit, The Pirate Queen - Gráinne Ní Mháille (Grace O'Malley), Constance Countess Markiewicz and many more. An East End Libraries Event hosted by the Westhampton Free Library.

LILPA PRESENTS: HOW TO BOOST YOUR IMMUNITY IN THE WINTER MONTHS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., March 19th, 12 p.m.

Learn how incorporating specific "power foods" into your diet can help strengthen your immune response. Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Director of Clinical Nutrition, Paula Montagna, MS, RD, CDN, CNSC, will discuss how to create healthy and delicious food specifically designed to boost immunity. Hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

BOOK DISCUSSION: MY FRIENDS BY FREDRIK BACKMAN

Thurs., March 19th, 5 p.m.

Join us for a thoughtful conversation about Fredrik Backman's moving novel *My Friends*. This story explores the bonds of friendship, the weight of memory, and the power of art to connect lives across time. Please see the circulation desk for a copy of the book.

AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS: BENJAMIN FRANKLIN

Sat., March 21st, 10:30 a.m.

Join Charlie Gueli of the Mattituck Historical Society for a monthly lecture series exploring the lives and legacies of America's Founding Fathers. The series begins with Benjamin Franklin, examining his influence, ideas, and enduring impact on the nation's history.

NORTH FORK BOOK DISCUSSION AT PANORAMICA

Tues., March 24th and March 31st, 1 p.m.

Join us for conversation and treats at Panoramica, a Peconic coffee shop with unique retrofuturist-inspired design. In celebration of Women's History Month, we'll discuss *I'm Not Your Muse: Uncovering the Overshadowed Brilliance of Women Artists & Visionaries* by Lori Zimmer. Together, patrons and librarians will explore the stories of visionary women whose cultural contributions were long overshadowed by their designation as "muses." Participants will receive a \$5 gift card towards a purchase at Panoramica. Registration required. Copies of the book will be available for pickup at your registering library. Co-sponsored by Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library and Southold Free Library.

NOT DEAD YET (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., March 24th, 7 p.m.

Join Queens College Professor Emeritus Roberta Brody and PopCult Nerdrarian Nola Thacker to trace the rise of fictional female detectives, spies, serial killers and assassins of a certain age, from Miss Marple to the members of the Thursday Murder Club. An East End Libraries event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: DONIZETTI'S ANNA BOLENA

Wed. March 25th, 1 p.m.

Director Brian Large turns his simple set into a black velvet-lined presentation box in which he displays the rich jewels of the star singers and the chorus members, all in resplendent costumes. Thus, Large produces a gorgeous event that is "a milestone in opera production with superlative singing, acting, filming, orchestral recording, the lot."

END OF WINTER READING CELEBRATION

Thurs., March 26th, 5:30 p.m.

Celebrate the conclusion of our winter reading program with a special event for program registrants! Enjoy light refreshments, a raffle drawing, and fun, book-themed activities as we wrap up the season. Whether you completed the challenge or participated along the way, this celebration is our way of saying thanks for reading with us!

YANKEE STARGAZERS: A TRIBUTE TO AMERICAN ASTRONOMERS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., March 26th, 6:30 p.m.

Joe Rao will explore the development of astronomy in America from the signing of the Declaration of Independence to the present day. The program will also highlight where to look in the night sky to observe a star whose light began its journey to Earth 250 years ago—and is arriving for us to see in 2026. An East End Libraries event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

A.I. FOR THE CURIOUS (VIA ZOOM)

Fri., March 27th, 5 p.m.

Peter Semmelhack will explore how A.I. is used, address common questions and concerns, and discuss the ways A.I. can offer practical benefits for people of different age groups. An East End Libraries event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

NATURE WATERCOLOR CLASS

Mon., March 30th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Explore the colors of nature with environmental Artist and Educator, Tony Valderama! Celebrate our beautiful wildlife and earth using the fluid medium of watercolors. Learn brush techniques to capture your impression of the natural world around you. Understand the chemistry of color mixing and blending to bring life to any watercolor creation. All levels are welcome. There is a \$5 nonrefundable fee for this program.

POET-TREE DISPLAY

April 1st - April 30th

Drop by the table near the circulation desk and visit our Poet-Tree display during the month of April. Write the title or a favorite quote from a poem you love on one of the provided paper leaves and add it to the tree. All poems will be displayed at our National Poetry Month Celebration.

ESTATE PLANNING AND ELDER LAW

Thurs., April 2nd, 5:30 p.m.

Join attorney Kathleen Rose from the Law Office of Kathleen M. Rose, PLLC, LMSW, for this seminar on creating wills, trusts, health care proxies, powers of attorney, and more. Kathleen will also explain Medicaid planning for long-term care and handling estate administration. Please bring any questions regarding estate planning.

March/April Adult Programs

For programs that require a registration fee, the fee may be paid online, or in person at the circulation desk.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING (NATIONAL POINT & INSURANCE REDUCTION COURSE)

Sat., April 4th, 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

This 6-hour class is sponsored by the National Point and Insurance Reduction Course. Upon completion, this course reduces 10% from your liability, collision and no-fault insurance for a total of 3 years. It also reduces 4 points from your driving record. It is approved through the NYS DMV. Please bring lunch or snacks with you on the day of the class. There is a \$35 non-refundable fee for this class. Patrons can pay online, or via cash or check at the circulation desk. Checks should be made payable to Mattituck-Laurel Library. *Please note that there is a 20-person minimum required to run this class. In the event that this enrollment requirement is not met, we will refund registrants their \$35 fee.

LI READS: THE DOORMEN OF NEW YORK (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., April 8th, 7 p.m.

Sara Leeds, creator and host of viral sensation "Doorman Stories" on TikTok, shares some of the stories of New York City's doormen and doorwomen, from residential doormen to building managers and even bouncers, who are the true eyes and ears of the city. Leeds' groundbreaking work with Doorman Stories has been featured in The New York Times, Town and Country, and on Insider, to name a few. An East End Libraries event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

SCANDALS IN THE ART WORLD WITH PROFESSOR CHRIS VIVAS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., April 9th, 7 p.m.

Theft! Forgery! Murder! Banksy! From stolen masterpieces to artwork that shocked the world, artist and professor Chris Vivas discusses major events that rocked the artistic community. An East End Libraries event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

A PERFORMANCE BY DANIEL BENNETT GROUP

Sun., April 12th, 2 p.m.

Celebrate National Jazz Appreciation Month with a performance by the Daniel Bennett Group. New York saxophonist Daniel Bennett, voted 'Best New Jazz' in NYC Hot House Magazine, delivers an original blend of jazz, folk, and minimalism. Daniel Bennett will be joined by master percussionist Koko Bermejo and electric bassist Jeff Dingler.

BOARD OF ELECTIONS: INTRODUCING NEW VOTING MACHINES

Mon., April 13th, 10 a.m. - 7 p.m. *No registrations required

The Suffolk County Board of Elections will be at the Mattituck-Laurel Library to introduce new voting machines that will be used for the first time at the local primaries in June. Patrons are free to come in, learn about the machines, and test them out to prepare for the upcoming elections.

LILPA PRESENTS: PARKINSON'S DISEASE (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., April 16th, 12 p.m.

In honor of Parkinson's Awareness Month, join Sarah Cohen, PT, DPT, Administrator of the Center for Parkinson's Disease at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, to learn more about Parkinson's disease, why rates are increasing, and what we can do to live well with the disease. Hosted by Hampton Bays Public Library.

CLIMATE CHANGE & SOCIAL JUSTICE: THE CLIMATE KNOWLEDGE COLLECTIVE

Thurs. April 16th, 5:30 p.m.

Founded by Dr. Peg Spitzer, the Climate Knowledge Collective (<https://ckcollective.org>), composed of a team of interdisciplinary researchers, industry experts and artists, has a special expertise in climate change solutions that are implemented by women in vulnerable communities around the world. Team members will describe their important work.

AMERICA'S FOUNDING FATHERS: ALEXANDER HAMILTON

Sat., April 18th, 10:30 a.m.

Join Charlie Guell of the Mattituck Historical Society for a monthly lecture series exploring the lives and legacies of America's Founding Fathers. This lecture will cover Alexander Hamilton, examining his influence, ideas, and enduring impact on the nation's history.

EV101 WITH DRIVE ELECTRIC LONG ISLAND

Mon., April 20th, 5 p.m.

Thinking about buying or leasing an electric vehicle? Join Drive Electric LI for an informative overview of EVs that will cover how they work, costs and incentives, charging, environmental benefits, and common myths. Hear directly from local EV owners about their real-world experiences and check out several electric vehicles on site.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE DOORMAN BY CHRIS PAVONE

Thurs., April 23rd, 5 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads selection, *The Doorman* by Chris Pavone. Set in a luxury New York City apartment building, the novel explores a world where secrets, power, and ambition collide. Copies of the book will be available to all registrants at the circulation desk; pickup details will be announced soon.

SPRING ENTERTAINING WITH CHEF ROB

Thurs., April 23rd, 5:30 p.m.

Chef Rob Scott will demonstrate how to make Panko Parmesan Chicken Meatballs with a parmesan herb sauce as well as a Warm Marbled Pound Cake with apricot preserves, mascarpone, and toasted almonds for dessert. There is a \$10 nonrefundable fee for this program.

THE IMPACT OF ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA IN OUR COMMUNITY

Sat., April 25th, 11-11:30 a.m.

This program offers a comprehensive overview of Alzheimer's Disease and dementia, highlighting the profound impact dementia has on caregivers. Participants will gain valuable insights into the free support and resources available through the Alzheimer's Association, while also learning about preventative measures and early detection strategies to better manage and understand this challenging disease

MEDITERRANEAN COOKING CLASS WITH CHEF NAELA

Sat., April 25th, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Join Chef Naela for a delicious Mediterranean cooking demonstration and tasting. Learn how to make vegan spinach pies, hummus dip, Middle Eastern Salad, and baklava. There is a \$7 nonrefundable fee for this program.

BUILDING BRAIN-HEALTHY HABITS

Sat., April 25th, 1:00-1:30 p.m.

This program focuses on everyday habits that support brain health - such as physical activity, nutrition and sleep - and explains why brain health matters at every age. Participants will learn science-backed tips for building brain-healthy habits into daily life, including how to create a personalized action plan.

QUOGUE WILDLIFE HIKE

Mon., April 27th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join author, naturalist, and photographer Lee McAllister for a spring hike at Quogue Wildlife Sanctuary. This hike spans just over 3 miles through wetlands and pine barrens. Participants will see dwarf pines, birds, and other wildlife along mostly sandy trails. Near the entrance, visitors can view resident animals undergoing long-term care after injury. Dress for ticks and bring binoculars and water. The rain date is 4/29.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: MASSENET'S WERTHER

Wed. April 29th, 1 p.m.

Recorded at the Vienna State Opera, this production is set in the repressive 1950's where Werther's and Charlotte's love for one another never can be acknowledged. Elina Garanca's voice is gorgeous. Marcelo Alvarez plays Werther with great style and subtlety.

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH CELEBRATION

Thurs., April 30th, 5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Drop in for light refreshments, games, giveaways, and on-the-spot typewriter poetry from 5-6 PM. Kate Seward, author of the Substack, *Poems for Tired People*, will craft unique, heartfelt poems for individuals on her vintage typewriter. Join our optional poetry circle at 6; share an original piece or simply a poem you love! The circle will begin with brief readings from Poetry Street co-hosts Chip Williford, the Suffolk County Poet Laureate, and Maggie Bloomfield, a published, award-winning poet, essayist, playwright, and EMMY-winning lyricist for Sesame Street. Giveaways and typewriter poems are first come, first served. Registration encouraged. This program is co-sponsored by Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library and Southold Free Library.

Youth and Parenting Department

Please register for programs using the online calendar beginning Monday, February 2, 2026

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

PARENT/CHILD RHYME AND PLAY

Wednesday, March 4 – April 1, 9:30 – 10:15 a.m.

Ages 18 months – 3 years

Spend quality time with your child through play and art activities along with a circle time of songs.

WINDY STORIES

Wednesday, March 4, 11 a.m.

Ages 18 months – 4 years

March comes in like a lion. Let's share windy stories and a craft.

BABIES BOOGIE

Thursday, March 5, 10 a.m.

Ages Birth – 2 years

Enjoy this high-energy, interactive movement and music program. Program presented by Nicole Sparling.

TODDLERS TANGO

Thursday, March 5, 11 a.m.

Ages 25 months – 3 years

A high energy experience with fun musical props for you and your toddler. Program presented by Nicole Sparling.

RAINBOW ADVENTURES

Tuesday, March 10, 11 a.m.

Ages Birth – 3 years

Join us for some rainbow fun. We will share the story, Elmer and the Rainbow by David McKee. Then it's some parachute fun, colorful balls to toss and create a elephant craft.

FINE MOTOR FUN WITH CHEERIOS

Tuesday, March 17, 11 a.m.

Ages 18-36 months

Toddlers explore fine motor skills through playful activities using Cheerios. By grasping, moving, and placing the cereal, children strengthen small hand muscles, improve coordination, and build focus while learning through hands-on play.

STORY TIME YOGA

Wednesday, April 8, 10 a.m.

Ages 18 -36 months

Bend, stretch, sing and laugh with Mary. Experience yoga poses through a story.

I AM STRONG YOGA

Wednesday, April 8, 11:30 a.m.

Ages 3 – 5 years

Inspired by Todd Parr's book I Am Strong, this program uses movement, breathing and stories to help children explore strength as confidence, kindness, perseverance, and self-care in a playful, supportive environment.

BABIES BOOGIE

Tuesday, April 14, 4 p.m.

Ages Birth – 2 years

Enjoy this high-energy, interactive movement and music program. Program presented by Nicole Sparling.

TODDLERS TANGO

Tuesday, April 14, 5 p.m.

Ages 25 months – 3 years

A high energy experience with fun musical props for you and your toddler. Program presented by Nicole Sparling.

KINDERGARTEN – 6TH GRADE

MONTHLY SCAVENGER HUNT

Find all the characters (we will provide clues if you want) and choose a prize from the treasure chest.

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Friday, March 6, 2:30- 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-6

Join us in the Tween Place and enjoy some old school games.

OREO COOKIE FLOWERS

Friday, March 6, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Decorate an Oreo cookie to create a sweet tasting flower.

LEGO K-6

Monday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Use library LEGO to create your design. We will place it on display in our LEGO case.

READ TO A DOG

Monday, March 9, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Sitting down and reading out loud to a dog creates a fun and safe experience. Each child will have a 10 minute reading slot.

MAR10 DAY

Tuesday, March 10

Grades K-6

Help celebrate this famous plumber! The movie will be playing during the day and then we will set up the console so you can play games and challenge your friends.

MINECRAFT – WINTER WONDERLAND

Thursday, March 12, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Grades K-3

Venture to a snowy Minecraft environment where players build gingerbread houses, parkour across ice mountains, play ice hockey and much more!

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Friday, March 20, 2:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Grades K-6

Join us in the Tween Place and enjoy Some old school games.

MINECRAFT – POLAR BEAR PEAK

Tuesday, March 24, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Grades K-3

Reach the peak of a majestic mountain! Then leap from block to block, scale ladders, and bounce on trampolines. Explore stunning glaciers and find a hidden cave to create a cozy home. Don't forget to build a Polar Bear Habitat, with food, water, and shelter for your furry friends!

READ TO A DOG

Monday, April 6, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Sitting down and reading out loud to a dog creates a fun and safe experience. Each child will have a 10 minute reading slot.

LEGO K-6

Thursday, April 9, 11 a.m.

Grades K-6

Use library LEGO to create your design. We will place it on display in our LEGO case.

PAINTING WITH SKITTLES

Thursday, April 9, 3 p.m.

Grades K-6

Create sweet colorful art.

TURBO TWINKIE FOR YOUR PEEP

Friday, April 10, 3 p.m.

Grades K-6

A hands-on activity where students turn a Twinkie into a car and add a colorful Peep driver, promoting creativity, fine motor skills, and imaginative play.

BUTTERFLY PUPPETS AND PUPPET MAKING WORKSHOP BILINGUAL STORY TIME

Thursday, April 16, 4 p.m.

Grades K-3

Come celebrate the stories of diversity with Carmen Campos. Listen to indigenous tales and stories about South America.

MINECRAFT

Tuesday, April 21, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Grades K-3

FAMILY PROGRAMS

PUT ME IN THE ZOO

Thursday, March 19, 4 p.m.

For Families

Join us as we share this silly book by Robert Lopshire. Enjoy a snack and make a craft.

THERE'S A LION IN MY CORNFLAKES

Tuesday, March 24, 4 p.m.

For Families

Toys in your cereal? Perhaps a Lion? Share this story by Michelle Robinson. Enjoy some cornflakes and make a craft.

FAMILY LEGO

Thursday, March 26, 4 p.m.

Work together and create a family inspired LEGO creation. It will be on display in our glass cabinet.

NATIONAL CRAYON DAY

Tuesday, March 31, 11 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Join us as we color or paint our way through the day!

MEET THE TAXI

Thursday, April 23, 4 p.m.

Ages 3 years – 6 years

Join Barbara and Larry Kiss and their authentic Taxi. Enjoy stories a craft and sit in the Taxi.

MATTITUCK-LAUREL LIBRARY HEALTH FAIR FEATURING THE MOVE N GROOVE BUS

Saturday, April 25, Noon

Ages 3-7

Join us at the Annual Library Health Fair! With lots of vendors and helpful health resources. Sign your little one up for fun on the bus. It's an event the whole family can enjoy.

FEATURED THIS NEWSLETTER:

Check out the online resources available for the Children's Department. Go to the dropdown menu titled Research & Learn

Registration begins Monday, February 2, 2026

ONGOING EVENTS:

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY SCHOLARSHIP

Seniors who live in Mattituck and Laurel are eligible to receive the Mattituck-Laurel Library Friends' Scholarship Award. Applications are due April 30th. Please apply by scanning the QR code or grab an application at the Teen Services Desk.



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Please email marissa.timm@mattlibrary.org for any community service inquiries.

GRAB AND GO COMMUNITY SERVICE KITS ARE AVAILABLE ON AN ONGOING BASIS:

- Braided Dog Toys.
- Cards for seniors.
- Decorate a Bookmark.
- Follow us on social media:
f @Mattituck-Laurel Library
@matt_teens
- I Love My Library
- Kindness Rocks.
- Letters to Veterans.
- Postcards for children in hospitals.
- Seasonal mini canvas paintings.
- Write a Book Review

PROM DRESS & FORMAL WEAR FOR BOYS & GIRLS DRIVE Month of March

The library will be accepting donations of gently loved, clean, and modern prom dresses, formal wear for boys and girls, accessories, handbags, or wraps for the months of March. Any donation earns you 1 hour community service. All donations will be given to CAST.

SEED SORTING

By appointment

The library is looking for interested teens to help us sort seeds for our Seed Library. This can be done at any time during operating hours by appointment. Any interested teens should email marissa@mattlibrary.org to schedule a time to come in.

PROGRAMS:

IRISH SNACKS AND BINGO

Thurs., March 5th, 4:30pm

Enjoy Irish-inspired snacks and a fun twist on Bingo! A laid-back program for teens to hang out, snack, and play for prizes.

SPRING PAINT & BRUNCH

Sat., March 14th, 11:00am

Unwind this spring with a relaxed painting program just for teens! Paint just for fun or earn community service hours by donating your artwork to be displayed in the teen space—while enjoying fresh fruit skewers and muffins.

MELTED CRAYON ART

Fri., March 20th, 3:00pm

Get creative with color at this hands-on art program! Teens will melt and reuse crayons to design a colorful, one-of-a-kind art piece to bring home.

MYSTERY BOX CHALLENGE

Mon., March 23rd, 5:30pm

Teams will work together to solve a creative mystery by turning a box of random supplies into a sculpture, story, or symbol inspired by the season. With time limit and plenty of unexpected materials, this hands-on challenge encourages creativity, teamwork, and a little bit of silliness. Share your creation at the end and celebrate everyone's unique ideas—no art skills required!

APPLYING FOR COLLEGE SUCCESSFULLY IN 2026

Wed., March 25th, 7:30pm Via Zoom

This presentation will be led by Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper, partners at Stand Out for College, LLC. (www.standoutforcollege.com) In this program they will discuss current college admissions trends, admissions strategies, the changing test-optional environment and the importance of researching and visiting colleges to find schools that can be a good fit for your child.

SEED SORTING AND GARDEN CRAFTS

Thurs., April 9th, 3:00pm

Teens will help organize seeds for our library's seed collection and get crafty by making fun garden accessories to take home. Participants can pick some seeds for their own garden and earn community service hours for helping out!

BLACKOUT POETRY SESSION

Tues., April 14th, 4:30pm

Get creative with words! Teens will learn the basics of blackout poetry as well as make and decorate their own unique blackout poem—and can earn community service hours by sharing it with the library.

GETTING READY TO BABYSIT @ CUTCHOGUE NEW SUFFOLK FREE LIBRARY

Saturday, April 18, 1:00-4:00pm Program Fee: \$15.00

Learn the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter—child safety, developmental stages of children and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Hands-on activities and course certification are included. Registration can be done on the Cutchogue New Suffolk Library's website.

PREPARING FOR COLLEGE FOR JUNIORS VIA ZOOM

Tues., April 21st, 7:30pm

Join this free Zoom presentation for teens and parents to learn how to craft a standout college application. Experts from Stand out for College, LLC will cover admissions trends, personal statements, teacher recommendations, application strategies, and ways to reduce stress during the process. Gain valuable insights to help you navigate early decision, early action, and regular decision.

DON'T CROSS THE LINE: RESPECTING PERSONAL BOUNDARIES

Location: Cutchogue-New Suffolk Free Library

Tues., April 21st, 6:30pm

This program helps teens understand what healthy boundaries look like in all kinds of relationships. Students will learn the difference between emotional and physical boundaries and practice easy ways to set and protect them through interactive role-play activities. They'll explore real-life situations like peer pressure, bullying, or rumors, and learn how to respond if boundaries are crossed. The workshop also teaches how to support friends, recognize boundary violations, and know who to turn to for help both in and outside of school.

SHADOW BOX ART: REUSE AND RECREATE!

Thurs., April 23rd, 4:00pm

Teens will turn recycled materials into their own one-of-a-kind shadow box, using library supplies or bringing personal items or keepsakes to include. Create, experiment, and showcase your creativity!

SNACKS AROUND THE WORLD (PART II)

Mon., April 27th, 5:30pm

Take your taste buds on a trip! Teens will sample popular snacks from new countries and learn a bit about the culture behind them. Try something new, share your favorites, and discover your next go-to treat!

On-Going Classes/Services

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays: March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; April 8th, April 15th; 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Certified instructor Rosemary Martilotta leads this gentle yoga class, which combines postural alignment, conscious breathing, deep relaxation and energy awareness. All abilities welcome. Please bring a yoga mat or towel. This is a six-class series. All registrants will be automatically enrolled in all classes. There are no prorated rates available for those who have to miss any classes. No refunds or make-up classes will be available. There is an \$80 fee for this series. Walk-ins are \$20 per class. Payments can be made online via credit card or in person at the circulation desk via cash or check.

CHAIR STRENGTH AND STRETCH

Mondays: March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd; April 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th; 9:15 a.m.

Fitness instructor Laurie Short will help you improve your strength, mobility, posture, balance and flexibility during seated and (some) standing exercises. You will use tubing, balls, bands and gliding discs. This one-hour class will keep you moving to the music of the 60s, 70s and 80s. This is an eight-class series. All registrants will be automatically enrolled in all classes. There are no prorated rates available for those who have to miss any classes. No refunds or make-up classes will be available. No walk-ins; all participants must be registered in advance. *Please bring a pair of 3-4 pound dumbbells.* There is a \$40 fee for this series that can be made online via credit card or in person at the circulation desk via cash or check. Registration for the May/June 2026 session will open April 27th at 10:15 a.m.

TAI CHI

Fridays: March. 6th, 13th, 20th, & 27th; April 3rd, 10th, 17th, & 24th; 11:00 a.m. OR 12:30 p.m.

Experience the ancient art of Tai Chi in this gentle, low-impact class led by Alan Stewart. Through flowing movements and mindful breathing, participants will enhance balance, flexibility, and overall well-being. Beginners are welcome. Patrons may register for the series or individual walk-in sessions. There is a \$40 fee for this series. Walk-ins are \$6 per class. There are 2 sessions of this program; please register for the morning OR the afternoon session.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays: March 9th and April 13th, 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m.

Build a support system with people who understand. Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers to develop a support system, exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns, and learn about community resources.

INTERMEDIATE CROCHET CLASS

Tuesdays: March 17th, 24th, & 31st; April 7th & 14th; 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Join instructor Alice Jones, who will teach an intermediate-level crochet class focusing on advanced stitches, reading patterns and more. This five week class will enable patrons to finish this class with the ability to complete an agreed upon project. Students should be proficient in basic stitches, including single and double crochet stitches. There is a \$10 non-refundable fee for this program. *Please bring a medium-weight, light colored yarn and a size 6 crochet hook.

BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS

Wednesdays: March 18th & 25th; April 1st, 8th, & 15th; 1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

Join instructor Alice Jones as she teaches you basic crochet stitches in this introductory level class. All participants will finish this class with the skills they need to complete a crocheted hat or scarf. All registrants will be automatically enrolled in all 5 classes. Please bring a crochet hook (any size between 6-9) and 1 skein of light-colored yarn.

MEDICARE COUNSELING

Third Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m.-3 p.m.

These 30-minute sessions are by appointment only. Please sign-up online or call the Library. HICAP is a counseling service that assists Medicare-eligible persons with information about benefits, enrollment, insurance, and other options.

ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY APPOINTMENTS

By appointment

Schedule an appointment if you have questions about a device, the Internet, e-books or any other software issue and a staff member will get back to you. Please come prepared with a specific question, fully-charged device, and know your passwords. Time slots are 30 minutes long. It may be necessary to schedule a follow-up appointment if the issue is complex.

In the Library Art Gallery

MARCH 2026:

"North Fork Up Close" — Group Photography Show

This year's exhibit invites viewers to slow down and experience the North Fork through intimate and thoughtfully observed scenes, revealing both its natural beauty and its working landscape. The photographs reflect the varied rhythms of life across the region, from quiet moments to everyday activity, seen with care and attention. Featuring work by local photographers, North Fork Up Close reflects a shared appreciation for the character, textures, and atmosphere that define the North Fork. Each photograph offers a personal interpretation while collectively celebrating the richness and diversity of the region.

All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Sunday, March 8th, from 1-3 p.m.

APRIL 2026:

Janet Blake — "The North Fork Collection"

Janet began her artistic journey in her mid-20s, entering her work into art shows on the Eastern End of Long Island and The Hamptons. With much success, she began to branch out and paint architecture built into the landscape. She aspires to capture Mother Nature's beauty through her acrylic work of landscapes and natural architecture. Traveling between Southeastern PA and Long Island, NY gives Janet plenty of inspiration for future paintings. Along with her love of art is her love of animals. Janet will be donating proceeds from her artwork to local animal shelters such as the ASPCA of New York.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: If you wish to exhibit your artwork at the Mattituck-Laurel Library, please contact our Gallery Coordinator, Diana Foster, at 631-298-4134 ext. 110.



"Between the Tides" — J. McCleery



"Preservation" — J. Blake

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Sept. – June)

Director: Shauna Scholl, ext. 105

Reference: Sara Colichio, ext. 107

Youth and Parenting Services: Karen Letteriello, ext. 112

Teen Services: Marissa Timm, ext. 113

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SAVE THE DATE!

Mattituck-Laurel Library will be hosting a blood drive on Thursday, May 7th from 12:30-6:30 p.m. 1 Pint can save 3 Lives. Give Blood, Give Life.



WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW.

We'll keep you safe while you donate.

1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime.



Friends of the Mattituck-Laurel Library

Friends of the Mattituck-Laurel Free Library is a dedicated supporter of your community library. The group raises funds through a yearly membership drive and continuous book sales. These monies support, in conjunction with the library, Free Concerts throughout the year; Children's Summer Programs, with an End of Summer Hot Dog Picnic held in the Green Space; a Health Fair; a Pumpkin Decorating event in October; and the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

In addition, through donations from local businesses, the Friends hold monthly raffles, benefiting a scholarship fund for graduating Mattituck-Cutchogue High School seniors. Our monthly raffles began in June, with a basket gifted by a library patron. From July through January, the baskets contain items donated by our local businesses.

We encourage residents to shop local, and thank the following for supporting our scholarship fund: Amano's, Ammirati's, Blue Sage Day Spa, Briermere Farms, Cassandra Mari Salon, Clovis Point Winery, Cutchogue Diner, Epic Nails, Founder's Tavern, Hampton Coffee Company, Jan's Chinese Food, Lenz Winery, Lombardi's Love Lane Market, Love Lane Kitchen, Lucharitos Mattituck, Nails by Vivian, NoFo Pot Pies, North Fork Chocolate, North Fork Fiber Arts, Mattituck Marketplace, On the Docks, Orłowski Hardware, Pellegrini Vineyards, Pookaberry Cafe, Rowan Craft Boutique, Starbucks, Taco 105, Touch of Venice Restaurant, Trendsetter by Camille Salon, Village Cheese Shop, Village Dry Cleaners, Vintage Mattituck Wine & Spirits and Waypoint Restaurant.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS & BOARD MEETING DATES

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

EASTER SUNDAY - APRIL 5, 2026

BOARD MEETING DATES:

Mon., March 9, 6PM

Mon., April 13, 6PM

 *Friends Meeting Schedule*
April 21st, May 19th, June 16th

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