



Mattituck-Laurel LIBRARY

March/April 2025

Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Can you feel the arrival of Spring? Warmer weather and longer days are just around the corner, and soon the Osprey will return to their nests. We've been hard at work planning an exciting lineup of events for our community to enjoy this Spring!

You may have noticed some changes in our library collections recently. We've been diligently weeding through items - an essential but often unglamorous part of maintaining our collections. Weeding involves systematically removing outdated, damaged, or irrelevant materials to make room for new additions, improve the browsing experience for our patrons, and keep our collection attractive, reliable, and up-to-date. While it's not the most enjoyable task, it's vital to ensure a vibrant, well-functioning library for our community!

We're pleased to congratulate Daniel G., who was recently awarded the Presidential Service Award by our Teen Librarian, Marissa Timm. Daniel completed an impressive 106 hours of community service over the course of a year. We are so proud to recognize his dedication and are thrilled to be able to present this honor to teens in our community. Great work, Daniel!

We're excited to announce the launch of our Bike Borrow Program this April, just in time for Earth Month! Designed to be equitable and sustainable, this new initiative—made possible through local and regional partnerships—allows adult library card holders to check out a bike for up to two weeks, free of charge. Whether for transportation, recreation, or errands, this program encourages cycling for both health and convenience. Stay tuned for the arrival of three refurbished adult bikes available for loan next month.

In addition, we are delighted to share that we've received a generous anonymous donation made in honor of former Library Director, Thomas Fleetwood. Thom led the Mattituck Free Library from 1986 to 1991 and was known for his creative approach to children's programming. We're proud to celebrate his legacy and the lasting impact he had on our library and community.

Your community library has continued to be a vibrant hub throughout the past year. In 2024, we welcomed over 49,000 visitors, issued 277 new cards, and currently have 3,562 active cardholders. We circulated more than 74,000 items, both print and digital, and our public computers were used over 3,000 times. Additionally, our public Wi-Fi was accessed over 3,500 times. We also hosted more than 600 programs, with 10,000+ attendees.

Help us continue to shape the future of the Mattituck-Laurel community by engaging in the conversation about the proposed renovation. Stay tuned for more updates on the proposed renovation by visiting our website > About Us > Renovation Update.

Warmly,
Shauna Scholl, Director



CELEBRATING OUTSTANDING SERVICE: DANIEL G. RECEIVES THE PRESIDENT'S VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD

Mattituck-Laurel Library is proud to have presented Daniel G. with the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award (PVSA) in recognition of his outstanding dedication to community service. This national award, endorsed by the President of the United States, requires individuals to complete a set number of volunteer hours within a 12-month period. Daniel earned this honor by completing an impressive 106 hours of community service. Thank you, Daniel, for your dedication and commitment to making a difference in our community!

WE NEED YOUR HELP, NOW.

We'll keep you safe while you donate.

1 in 3 people will need blood in their lifetime.



1 Pint can save 3 Lives. Give Blood, Give Life

All donors will receive a McDonalds voucher and food will be served! **Appointments strongly preferred.**



BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs., April 3rd, 12:30-6:30 p.m.

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March/April Adult Programs

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IRISH YARN WITH GIL MCLEAN

Sun., March 1st, 2:00 p.m.-3:30 p.m.

Join us as guitarist/vocalist Gil McLean performs Irish songs and stories ranging from the 1800s to more modern times.

WOMEN WAR CORRESPONDENTS IN VIETNAM WITH PAT DEL GIORNO

Mon., March 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

Women Journalists came of age in WWII, but Vietnam was where they transformed the female war correspondent from a novelty into the norm. During the Vietnam War, women reporters flocked to combat as never before. Women who couldn't find a publication or an editor willing to send them bought their own tickets to Saigon and became stringers for publications willing to buy their work but not hire them as staff. The loose military restrictions made reporting in Vietnam the most accessible war of its time for women. This presentation tells the women's stories as they covered everything from jungle combat operations to the carnage visited upon the civilian population. Their reporting won every prize in the book from the Polk Award, and the Emmy, to the Pulitzer Prize.

BEGINNER'S CROCHET CLASS

Tuesdays: March 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th; April 1st & 8th; 4:30p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Join crochet 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 6 classes. Please bring a crochet hook (any size between 6-9) and 1 skein of light-colored yarn.

BETTY CROCKER COOKBOOK (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., March 4th, 7 p.m.

Long before Martha Stewart, there was Betty Crocker. In 1950, her brand-new Picture Cook Book hit shelves, with sales that rivaled that of another big book, The Bible. To date, it has sold more than 75 million copies. Created in 1921 by a flour company, Betty Crocker became the most famous and most trusted advisor to American cooks. This fun illustrated lecture by historian Leslie Goddard, Ph.D., looks at how Betty Crocker was invented, why her cookbook has endured and what makes her so iconic. It's perfect if you're feeling like cooking up some nostalgia. This program is co-sponsored by Southold Free Library and North Shore Public Library.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: VERDI'S OTELLO

Wed., March 5th, 1-4 p.m.

We will be showing Verdi's Otello, a persuasive example of how opera can elevate a play that's already a masterpiece. The music is rich and textured, with an expansive orchestration that's more seamless than in Verdi's earlier works. The music is also atmospheric, with a lonely melancholy in the final act. Come see it on our big screen!

INTERMEDIATE CROCHET CLASS

Thursdays: March 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th; April 3rd & 10th; 4 p.m.-6 p.m.

Join instructor Alice Jones, who will teach an intermediate-level crochet class focusing on advanced stitches, reading patterns and more. This six 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.

BRINGING THE WOODLAND HOME: SHADE GARDENING WITH NATIVE PLANTS

Mon., March 10th, 5:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

This presentation will focus on native plants for shade gardens, the disappearing understory, habitat, and host plants.

TAME YOUR INNER CRITIC: LISTEN TO YOUR TRUE SELF

Tues., March 11th, 5:30 p.m.

Join us for a transformative presentation, during which you'll learn practical tools to quiet your inner critic. Explore how to avoid self-sabotage, feel good about yourself and move forward with what you want to do and be in your life. This workshop is perfect for anyone ready to boost self-confidence and unlock their unique potential!

SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS IN 2025 (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., March 11th, 7 p.m.

Join Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper from Stand Out for College for a Zoom presentation guiding families through the college admissions process, including recent changes and key strategies. They'll cover admissions trends, test-optional policies, building a college list, and tips to make this year productive and less stressful. Ron and Jackie will explain the holistic review process, what admissions officers prioritize, and how students can strengthen their applications. They'll also highlight the role of community service in showcasing character and building meaningful experiences. Ideal for parents and high school students seeking an overview of the college admissions landscape.

TOTAL ECLIPSE OF THE MOON: NIGHT OF THE RED MOON WITH JOE RAO

Wed., March 12th, 7 p.m.

Late on the night of March 13, the full moon will gradually transform into an eerie glowing globe that will resemble a Japanese Lantern hanging in the sky. An eclipse of the Moon is a dramatic natural event charted across centuries and civilizations. Join renowned weatherman Joe Rao to learn more about this celestial event and how to best prepare for this remarkable sight. An East End Libraries event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

BEYOND THE HAMPTONS: THE HIDDEN HISTORY OF THE TWIN FORKS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., March 13th, 7 p.m.

Long Island's "East End" is home to beautiful beaches, colorful farms, trendy restaurants, luxurious mansions and popular wineries. Underneath all of this, the heritage of the twin forks holds a rich history that tells the story of early settlements and the origins of Long Island as we know it today. That history is all around us, both on the North and South forks, if we know where to look. Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they take a journey through time and examine the hidden history of Long Island's East End from days of the first settlements to the modern era.

"THE POET WITH THE WINGS OF A PAINTER": MARC CHAGALL, 40TH ANNIVERSARY, PART ONE. ON ZOOM

March 19th, 1PM.

This program traces Chagall's artistic life from his beginnings in Vitebsk, Belarus, to his pursuit of an art career in St. Petersburg (1906-1910) and his encounter with the kaleidoscope of colors and forms in the work of French artists in Paris (1910-1914). His paintings illustrate the steps of his journey.

EEPA PRESENTS: MENOPAUSE (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., March 20th, 12 p.m.

Menopause is a normal part of the female aging process. As the reproductive cycle begins to slow down and prepares to stop it can be a challenging time for women, filled with uncomfortable symptoms such as hot flashes, sleep disruption, mood disorders, irregular periods and other quality of life issues. Dr. Patricia Snyder, an Obstetrics and Gynecology physician with Stony Brook Medicine, will discuss the menopausal transition process, the role of fluctuating hormones, and options for relief from the most challenging symptoms. This program is sponsored by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

BOOK DISCUSSION: ALL THE COLORS OF THE DARK BY CHRIS WHITAKER

Thurs., March 20th, 5 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker, a gripping mystery filled with complex characters, emotional depth, and unexpected twists. We'll explore its themes of resilience, love, and the search for truth in the face of darkness. Perfect for fans of thought-provoking and suspenseful reads!

NARCAN TRAINING

Thurs., March 20th, 5:30 p.m.

Save a life. Learn how to reverse an overdose. Narcan, also known as Naloxone, is a medication used to reverse opioid overdose. Participants will be trained how to administer nasal naloxone and be given one free Overdose Rescue Kit. The Overdose Rescue Kit includes: 2 doses of Naloxone, 2 fentanyl testing strips, 2 xylazine testing strips, appropriate PPE, overdose info, and a certificate of completion. Registration encouraged, walk-ins welcome.

NEW YEAR, NEW CAREER

Sat., March 22nd, 10:30 a.m.

Join us for a talk with Employment Counselor Frank Pomata, who assists unemployed Suffolk residents to explore career options, polish their resumes, address employment barriers, and prepare for interviews so they can re-enter the workforce or reinvent their career by pivoting in a new direction. He will provide helpful tips drawn from his own life experience and his current job, answer questions, and share information about the various FREE services available to jobseekers through his employer, the Suffolk County Department of Labor, and other resources.

Q&A WITH WOMEN OF SUFFOLK COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., March 27th, 7 p.m.

Join the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office for an informative Q&A session. Whether you're curious about law enforcement careers, interested in positions within the Sheriff's Office, or eager to connect with inspiring individuals in your community, this is your chance to learn more. Discover the rewarding challenges, growth opportunities, and sense

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of purpose in serving. This is a shared Long Island Library Programmer's Association program hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING (NATIONAL POINT & INSURANCE REDUCTION COURSE)

Sat., March 29th, 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.

PAINTED SEASHELL CREATIONS

Mon., March 31st, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

Treasure lasting memories of the beach all year long by painting your very own seashell trinket dish. There is a \$10 fee for this program.

ALL ABOUT TURTLES (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., April 3rd, 5:30 p.m.

Join the Quogue Wildlife Refuge in learning about turtles, terrapins and tortoises. Chelonian anatomy and physical adaptations will be discussed, as well as what types of native turtles can be found on Long Island.

A PERFORMANCE BY REEB (REAL EAST END BRASS)

Sat., April 5th, 1:30 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.

REEB! (Real East End Brass) is a collective of East End music educators that root themselves in the sounds of New Orleans Brass Band Jazz and Funk. Their dynamic and high energy sound, which draws from their diverse expertise and eclectic inspirations, has been enjoyed all over Long Island.

EDIBLE BOOK FESTIVAL

Sun., April 6th, 2:00 p.m.- 3:30 p.m.

Join us for our first-ever 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. See registration page on library website for ideas and inspiration.

PAPER BEADS

Tues., April 8th, 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate Earth Day with us! Join us for a fun recycling project using paper, many choices of beads, silver spacers and your creativity. You can make a unisex bracelet by stringing beads onto elastic to be worn doubled on the wrist. Keep your tools and bring home extra beads for future projects.

80S AND 90S TRIVIA FOR ADULTS

Thurs., April 10th, 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Take part in a fun night of 80s and 90s trivia! Work in teams to answer questions about 80s and 90s music, movies, TV shows, and more.

We will also have a fun picture round and an audio round. Each member on the winning team receives a \$10 Amazon gift card. Snacks will be served.

EXPLORE THE ART OF PIZZA

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

Join Gaetano Giordano as he walks us through the history of pizza, followed by a pizza dough recipe demonstration and instructions on how to cook a delicious pizza at home. Patrons will receive a tasting and walk away with a whole new appreciation of pizza, how it came to be, and a delicious recipe for homemade pizza.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA APRIL: VERDI'S FALSTAFF

Weds., April 16th, 1 p.m.- 4 p.m.

We will be showing Verdi's Falstaff, a comedic masterpiece and a stylistic departure for the composer, with no clear divisions into arias and no overture. The music is continuous, with the orchestra carrying the story and occasionally making comments on the action. Come see it on our big screen!

POEMS THAT MAKE GROWN MEN CRY. ON ZOOM.

April 16th, 1 PM.

This program presents poems from the eponymous anthology where a number of men notable in arts and literature choose poems that have moved them and why. How beautifully can a poet express the human experience of loss?

EEPA PRESENTS: BOOST YOUR BRAIN HEALTH - AVOID "BRAIN DRAIN" WITH NUTRITION (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., April 17th, 12 p.m.

While some foods are known for enhancing cognitive fitness, other foods can have the opposite effect. However, there's a lot you can do to keep your brain healthy. Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Director of Clinical Nutrition, Paula Montagna, will speak about the scientifically proven best foods that help your brain stay mentally sharp and focused. This program is sponsored by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

POLLINATOR GARDENS WITH CORNELL COOPERATIVE EXTENSION (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., April 17th, 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Butterflies, birds and the other pollinators need host plants for nectar, food and lodging. By introducing three seasons of key pollinator plants into your garden, you can create a pollinator-friendly habitat in your front and back yard. Discover the best planting arrangements as well the many colorful and hardy plants attractive to pollinators.

CREATE YOUR OWN TEA BLEND

Mon., April 21st, 5:45 p.m.

Come celebrate National Tea Day by making your own custom tea blend! Making homemade tea blends can be surprisingly simple, budget-friendly, and fun. Participants will explore a variety of loose-leaf teas, herbs, spices, and dried fruits that can be mixed and matched to your liking. We will discuss flavor profiles, health benefits, and possible recipes related to each tea. This workshop is perfect for experienced enthusiasts as well as curious beginners. Teabags, teas, and all other supplies will be provided. Free and open to the public, registration required.

GLOBAL WARMING & CLIMATE CHANGE: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM & THE SOLUTIONS

Tues., April 22nd, 5:30 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an engaging presentation on the pressing issue of Climate Change and its impact on our planet. From record-breaking heat waves and droughts to rising sea levels and melting glaciers, this presentation explores the science behind these changes, the consequences of inaction, and the solutions available to address the crisis. The science, well understood for over 160 years, is clear: immediate and united action is essential to secure a habitable future. Don't miss this opportunity to learn how we can make a difference for our planet.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE BY MATT HAIG

Thurs., April 24th, 5 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of The Life Impossible by Matt Haig. This inspiring novel explores themes of hope, resilience, and the beauty of life's challenges. Together, we'll dive into Haig's unique storytelling and the powerful lessons woven into this unforgettable journey.

DANCING IN THE DARK: A HISTORY OF DANCE IN THE MOVIES (VIA ZOOM)

Sat., April 26th, 12 p.m.

The movies and dancing are a partnership born in heaven. From its very beginnings, the new medium of motion pictures turned toward dance as one of the best ways to showcase its unique ability to make movement come alive. And through the decades, it's been dancing on the big screen that has provided some of the most ecstatic moments in film history—whether it's Fred Astaire gliding on the ceiling in Royal Wedding, the Nicholas Brothers leaping down a staircase in Stormy Weather, Moira Shearer pirouetting through the dreamscape of The Red Shoes, or John Travolta burning up the dance floor in Saturday Night Fever. Illustrated with more than 75 video clips, this talk will survey 130 years of thrilling movie dance performances and demonstrate the extraordinary ways cinema brought dance to life.

EATING SEASONALLY (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., April 29th, 7 p.m.

While at the grocery store, do you ever wonder where the produce is coming from, when it was picked and how far did it have to travel to get to you? Join integrative Nutrition Health Coach, Jessica Milazzo, to learn how to eat more seasonally to ensure your fruits and vegetables have greater nutrition, taste better and are more cost effective. Education will include the fruits/vegetables most readily available by season.

HUBBARD COUNTY PARK HIKE

Weds., April 30th, 10 a.m.

Join us for an walk through the beautiful tidal salt marsh in Hubbard County Park. We'll be led by naturalist, photographer & author of the book Hiking Long Island, Lee McAllister. We'll see the historic Black Duck Lodge in this 2.5 mile easy flat walk. Bring binoculars to view birds migrating in the woods & on the water. Meet on Red Creek Rd just off Route 24 which is 5.5 miles south of the traffic circle by the County Courthouse. Rain Date will be May 1st.

Youth and Parenting Department

Please register for programs using the online calendar Monday, February 3, 2025.

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

PARENT/CHILD RHYME AND PLAY

**Wednesday, March 12 – April 2,
9:30 a.m. - 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.

GUINEA PIG FUNNY FARM

**Wednesday, March 12, 4 p.m.
Ages 3-5 Preschool**

Join Mr. James and the guinea pigs for story, craft and get to touch the guinea pigs.

DUMP TRUCK

**Thursday, March 27, 4 p.m.
Ages 3-5 Preschool**

Join Doris from Library Arts and enjoy truck stories and then create a craft with a dump truck who just might lose the cargo.

NATIONAL UNICORN DAY

**Wednesday, April 9,
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

Ages to Preschool

Stop in and create some unicorn crafts.

BABIES BOOGIE

**Tuesday, April 15 at 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 15 at 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.

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**Thursday, April 17, 10 a.m.
Ages Birth – 2 years**

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LIBRARY DRAMATIC PLAY IN APRIL!

Children will enjoy practicing reading, math, social skills, and more, all while having fun!

MONTHLY SCAVENGER HUNT

Find all the characters (we will provide clues if you want).

KINDERGARTEN – 6TH GRADE

LEGO K-6

**Monday, March 3, 4 p.m.
Grades K-6**

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

OREO TASTE TEST

**Thursday, March 6, 4 p.m.
Grades K-6**

Join us for a taste test of the different OREO Flavored cookies. Which is Your favorite?

MAR10 DAY

**Monday, March 10
3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

Stop in and learn about MARIO and LUIGI. Play a console game.

READ TO A DOG

**Monday, March 10, 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.

MINECRAFT THE BIG BAD WOLF

**Thursday, March 13,
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
Grades K-3**

Take to the woods to escape the Big Bad Wolf. Try and build A secure house that the wolf can't knock down, using straw, hay, wood and bricks. How many of our houses will keep out the Big Bad Wolf?

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

**Friday, March 14
3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.**

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

MOSAIC BUTTERFLY

**Thursday, March 27, 5 p.m.
Grades 3-6**

Join Doris from Library Arts and create a mosaic butterfly on canvas.

LEGO K-6

**Monday, April 7, 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, April 14, 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.

PHYSICS OF TOYS

**Thursday, April 24, 4 p.m.
Grades K-6**

Experience physics in action through hands-on activities and demonstrations using familiar and old-fashioned toys. Experiment with the forces of gravity and inertia by observing and manipulating materials, forming and testing hypotheses. An understanding of conservation of energy along with kinetic and potential energy is achieved when participants make their own toy to take home. Programs provided by the Long Island Science Center

Youth and Parenting Department

FAMILY PROGRAMS

PUPPET STORYTIME

Tuesday, March 4, 4:00 p.m.

Make your own sock type puppet and Put on a show!

GOODBYE FROZEN WINTER

Thursday, March 20, 4 – 4:45 p.m.

Welcome to Libraryland. Join us (come as your favorite character) and enjoy a frozen ice cream float to celebrate the end of winter and beginning of spring.

CUPCAKE CHICK SURPRISE

Tuesday, April 8, 4:30 p.m.

For Families

Join Chef Rob and create a surprise in a cupcake.

SCRABBLE DAY

Monday, April 21

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Stop in and enjoy the challenge of scrabble. Boards will be set up in the Tween Place.

LEGO FOR YOU AND A MOVIE

(While supplies last)

Tuesday, April 22

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Stop in and get a bag of LEGO to take home. You are welcome to attempt to build something here with your surprise treasure. We will have the LEGO Movie on the TV in the Tween Place.

NOTHING BORING ABOUT BOARD GAMES

Wednesday, April 23

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Board games will be available to play in the Tween Place.

MOVIE: TOYS TO THE RESCUE

Thursday, April 24

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

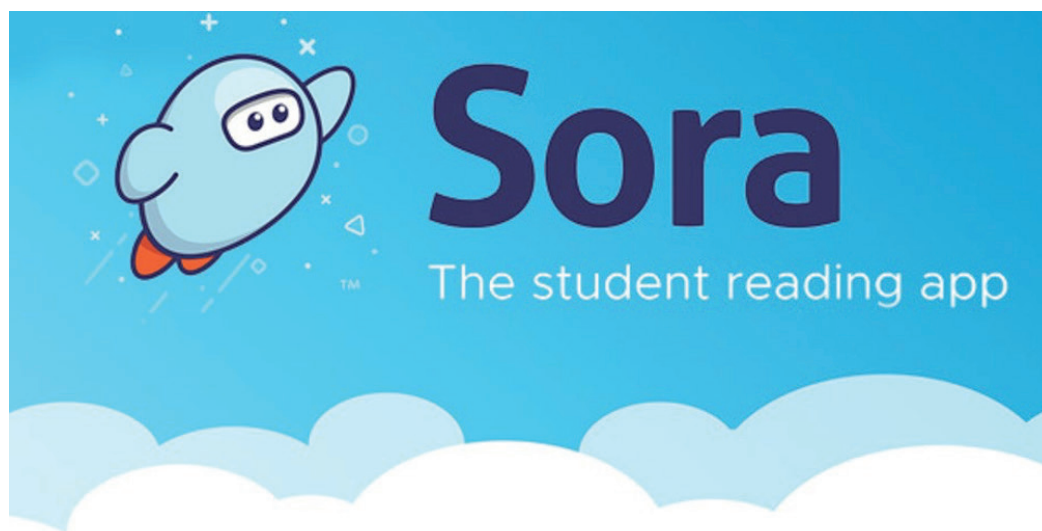
Stop in and enjoy a movie in the Tween Place.

WII RACING

Friday, April 25

11 a.m. – 6 p.m.

Ready, Set, Race with our Wii system. Challenge yourself with either Mario Kart or Sonic and Sega All Stars Racing.



We are proud to announce that we are now supporting students in our school district with access to our ebook and audiobook collections through Sora! Sora offers the ability for students to explore age-appropriate digital books from LiveLibrary.com with their Classlink credentials.

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 on our website or grab an application at the Teen Services Desk.

SAT PREP CLASSES

Sundays, March 30, April 6, 13, & 27, 2:00-4:00pm

LOCATION: Floyd Memorial Library, Greenport

Fee: \$120

Learn skills and strategies to help raise your scores on the May 3rd SAT exam! Come ready to learn, leave prepared to excel. Open to ALL high school students. Registration can be done on our website.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

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

Grab and go kits are available on an ongoing basis:

- *Write a Book Review
- *Decorate a Bookmark.
- *Kindness Rocks.
- *Community Service Bingo.
- *Braided Dog Toys.
- *Letters to Veterans.
- *Cards for seniors.
- *Postcards for children in hospitals.
- *Seasonal mini canvas paintings.
- *Follow us on social media: Facebook (Mattituck-Laurel Library.) Instagram (@matt_teens.)

PROM DRESS DRIVE

Months of March & April

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

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

CODE, CREATE, INNOVATE

Sat. March 8th, 1:00pm

Visit the library and explore our technology-based resources! Design unique bookmarks in Canva, bring your ideas to life with 3D printing, experiment with coding, or craft custom projects with our Cricut and 3D pen. Don't miss out on the fun!

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SPRING MINI CANVAS PAINTING (Community Service Opportunity!)

Fri., March 14th, 4:00pm

Paint a seasonal mini canvas to help decorate the Teen Space for spring and earn community service! Teens will also have the option of painting a canvas to bring home.

APPLYING TO COLLEGE (THE ORGANIZED WAY)

Tues., March 18th, 5:30pm

Feeling overwhelmed by the college application process? Join us for a 1 hour presentation and Q&A session led by a Business Education teacher and certified Independent Educational Consultant. Geared toward sophomores, juniors, and their parents, this program offers expert guidance and answers to your questions, helping you feel confident and prepared for your next steps.

SEED SORTING PARTY

(Community Service Opportunity!)

Thurs., March 20th, 4:00pm

Help us get our Seed Library ready! Join us for a fun and productive session where you'll sort a variety of seeds that will soon be available for patrons to take and grow. Teens who participate will earn 1 hour of community service.

JELLY BEAN TASTE TEST CHALLENGE

Mon., March 24th, 5:30pm

Compete with your friends and guess the jelly bean flavor! Try a mix of sweet, savory, delicious and unique jelly bean flavors and find new favorites. The winner will receive a prize!

LEGO MY EGGO!

Fri., April 4th, 6:00pm

Teens take over the basement! Team up with your friends for an epic egg hunt in the library. You'll race to find eggs in your team's color, each packed with pieces of a LEGO kit. Once you've collected them all, the real challenge begins—assembling the kit before anyone else. The first team to finish their LEGO masterpiece wins, and prizes will be awarded to the champions!

JUNK JOURNALS FOR TEENS

Thurs., April 10th, 4:00pm

Join us for a fun Junk Journal program where you can create a unique journal using recycled materials. Bring your creativity and make something truly one-of-a-kind!

GLOBAL WARMING AND CLIMATE CHANGE: UNDERSTANDING THE PROBLEM AND THE SOLUTIONS

Tues., April 22nd, 5:30 -7:00pm

Our planet is facing a big challenge—global warming. It's causing extreme weather like heat waves, floods, and wildfires. In this session, you'll learn about the science behind climate change, what could happen if we don't act, and the ways we can help fix it. There's still time to make a difference. Come find out how we can all help protect the future of our planet!

COMIC BOOK SELF PORTRAIT FOR TEENS

Mon., April 28th, 6:00-7:30pm

Join artist Chris Vivas for a fun workshop where you'll turn a photo into a comic book-style creation! Take a photo of yourself, your pet, or anything you want to draw, and send it to Marissa at marissa@mattlibrary.org. Using markers and other provided supplies, you'll learn step-by-step how to transform your image into a unique comic-style artwork.

TEEN CROCHET GROUP

Thursdays, April 24th, May 1st, 8th and 15th, 4pm

Join us for a fun and creative four-week crochet series just for teens! Meet every Thursday to learn basic crochet stitches and work on a beginner-friendly project: a cute crocheted bee. Whether you're new to crochet or looking to sharpen your skills, this group is the perfect way to relax, learn something new, and make something adorable. All materials will be provided.

On-Going Classes/Services

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays: March 19th & 26th; April 2nd, 9th, 16th & 23rd; 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 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th & 31st; April 7th, 14th, 21st, & 28th; 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 a nine-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 \$45 fee for this series that can be made online via credit card or in person at the circulation desk via cash or check.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays: March 10th & April 14th, 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.

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

Tuesdays and Wednesdays by appointment

Schedule an appointment with our technology coordinator, Sharon, if you have questions about a device, the Internet, e-books or any other software issue. 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.

WE'VE ADDED NEW MUSEUM PASSES TO OUR LINEUP!

- Michael P. Murphy Navy Seal Museum
- Quogue Wildlife refuge (Nature Guide and Scavenger Hunt)
- Empire Pass

Visit www.mattitucklaurellibrary.org for more information about our museum passes and discount codes.

THE FRICK COLLECTION REOPENS IN APRIL

The Frick Collection renovation is just about complete with new galleries and spaces opening in April. See the Frick website for updates. Our patrons will need to reserve a timed entry pass before visiting the Frick Collection Museum, so please call the Reference desk for information about how to do this.

In the Library Art Gallery

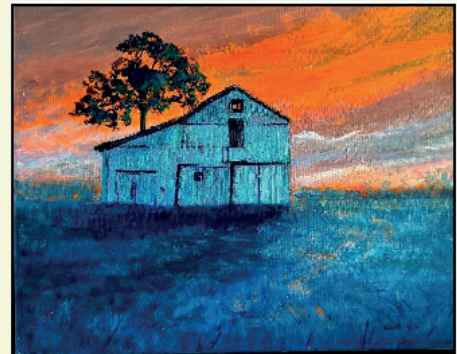


"Fishing Nets" – Laure Helf

MARCH

"Industry of the North Fork"

A Group Show The Light Painters, a North Fork-based photography club, proudly present "Industry of the North Fork", an ensemble exhibit showcasing fine art photography that captures the essence of the region. Highlighting the industries that shape our community—farming, vineyards, fishing, aquaculture, tourism, and more—the exhibit celebrates the beauty and heritage of the North Fork. From farmstands and restaurants to breathtaking landscapes and seascapes, these images offer a glimpse into the charm of our small-town community. Founded by local photographer and instructor Judy McCleery, the Light Painters Learning Center fosters a welcoming space for photographers of all skill levels to grow and connect. For more information about membership or the exhibit, email Judy at judymccleery@gmail.com or call 631-765-3572.



"Sunset in Laurel" – D. Smith

APRIL

"Explore the North Fork"

A Group Show In this group show you'll view more than twenty paintings from local talent who take instruction in the studio of artist Diane Alec Smith. Everyone enjoys our local scenery, and this group of artists captures it in their paintings. Diane allows her students to enjoy freedom with their creativity; capturing the tranquil areas of the East End and the inspiration they bring. Almost everyone loves being out on the water, being on boats and surrounded by wildlife, times which hold special memories. You'll see the artists' favorite pieces on display for the entire month of April.

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.

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

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Celebrate the timeless charm of Jane Austen with us in 2025! We're hosting a year of programs, events, and festivities in honor of her 250th birthday—stay tuned for all that's to come!

EMMA: A FILM

Thurs., March 20th, 1-3 p.m.

Emma Woodhouse is a young woman who, having engineered the marriage of her companion, turns her attention toward making a match for the local vicar and her new protégée, Harriet Smith. Her one voice of reason and restraint is Mr. Knightley, who has known her since she was a child and who watches her behaviour with wry amusement and sometimes with real anger. Emma presides over the small provincial world of Highbury with enthusiasm, but she will find it is all too easy to confuse good intentions with self-gratification

PERSUASION: A FILM

Thurs., April 24th, 1-3 p.m.

Anne Elliot, a woman of quiet intelligence and deep emotion, is persuaded to break off her engagement to the dashing but penniless Captain Frederick Wentworth. Eight years later, their paths cross again when Wentworth returns as a wealthy and successful naval officer. As Anne navigates her regret and longing, she must decide whether to seize a second chance at love or let the past remain in the past. This adaptation of Jane Austen's final completed novel captures the tension, romance, and enduring hope of rekindled love.

Friends of the Mattituck-Laurel Library

The Friends want to thank the following businesses for their support and generous contributions to our monthly raffle. Proceeds from the monthly raffles support the Friend's Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to students from the Mattituck-Cutchogue School District.

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LIBRARY CLOSINGS & BOARD MEETING DATES

Library Closings:

Easter Sunday - April 20

BOARD MEETING DATES:

Mon., March 10, 6pm

Mon., April 14, 6pm



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