



Mattituck-Laurel LIBRARY

July/August 2025

Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

We hope by the time this newsletter reaches your mailbox, summer weather will have finally arrived on the North Fork!

We're looking forward to a wonderful, fun-filled season at the Library, and we can't wait to welcome you to enjoy all the exciting programs and services we have planned.

Here are just a few highlights:

SECOND ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR & WALK

Join us on Saturday, August 16th, from 11 AM to 2 PM, with an optional community walk at 10 AM to kick off the event. Explore a variety of health-related vendors and programs offering valuable resources, screenings, and tips for healthy living.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BOOK SALE

Don't miss great book bargains! Join us for a book sale on Saturday, June 21st, from 11 AM to 3 PM, and Sunday, June 22nd, from 1 PM to 3 PM. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library!

SUFFOLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARIES SUMMER TOUR

Back by popular demand! From July 1st to August 31st, travel around Suffolk County visiting our 'colorful' local libraries. Be sure to find each library's Color Swatch and Stamp Station to fill out your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet, earn raffle tickets for prizes, and maybe even earn a Summer Tour 2025 patch.

MATTITUCK STREET FAIR

Visit us at the Street Fair on Saturday, July 12th—we'll be there with the SLED and some great giveaways!

VETERANS PARK, MATTITUCK

Come see us on Friday, July 18th beachside as we promote summer reading and library card sign-ups.

END-OF-SUMMER HOT DOG PICNIC

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Join us on August 13th at 11 AM for a petting zoo and meet sheep, goats, bunnies, chickens and Daffy the miniature donkey. The Hot Dog Picnic, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library kicks off at 12 noon with the Bubble Truck Foam Party. We'd love for you to join us in celebrating a great summer together!

BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs., August 14th, 12:30-6:30 p.m. Appointments strongly preferred. 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.



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

We're thrilled to announce our participation in this wonderful program, generously sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Register your child (birth through age 5) and receive one free, age-appropriate book each month until their 5th birthday. Inspire a love of reading that will continue to grow.

Can't wait to see you at the Library.

Warmly,
Shauna Scholl, Director

Mattituck-Laurel Library



MOVEMENT MATTERS: MATTITUCK-LAUREL LIBRARY'S 2ND ANNUAL HEALTH FAIR AND (OPTIONAL) WALK

Sat., August 16th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Health Fair; 10 a.m. Walk

Join us for a fun and engaging health fair celebrating the power of movement and wellness! The day kicks off with an optional 1-mile community walk starting at 10 a.m. sharp at Mattituck-Laurel Library. 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. All ages welcome.



BICYCLE LENDING LIBRARY PROGRAM

Check out a bicycle today from our library of things! This partnership was made possible through the New York State Department of Transportation's Statewide Mobility Services Program. We're incredibly grateful to the Long Island Bicycle Co-Op for the generous donation of the bikes.

July/August Adult Programs

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

ADULT SUMMER READING

June 30th-August 29th

This summer, earn raffle tickets for every book you read between June 30th and August 29th. Each ticket gives you a chance to win prizes, including gift cards to local businesses. Want a fun challenge? Try to "Read the Rainbow" by reading books from different genres (each with its own color). Complete the rainbow, or just read what you enjoy—every book counts! Register online, then swing by the circulation desk for your free summer reading bag with goodies and info!

RECITE AND RECEIVE: A TREAT FOR AUSTEN FANS

July 1st-August 31st

In celebration of Jane Austen's 250th birthday, we invite you to recite the iconic first line of *Pride and Prejudice* at the Reference Desk. Do so, and you'll receive a chocolate treat in return. Limit one per day per patron.

AGING SEAMLESSLY: ATTITUDE, PASSION, PURPOSE

Tues., July 1st, 5:30 p.m.

Embrace each chapter in your life! Through engaging discussion and practical exercises, you'll gain valuable insights to navigate the aging process confidently. Whether you want to refresh your outlook or deepen your sense of purpose, this program offers a supportive space to start your journey.

JAWS: THE LEGACY OF FRANK MUNDUS (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., July 9th, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for an unforgettable evening marking the 50th anniversary of *Jaws*! Pat Mundus, daughter of the renowned shark hunter Frank Mundus—widely recognized as the inspiration behind the character Quint—takes the stage to share captivating stories of her father's larger-than-life exploits and her own adventures on the high seas. An East End Libraries program hosted by Cutchogue New Suffolk Library.

SOUL FOOD BASICS WITH CHEF CHERYL

Thurs., July 10th, 5:30 p.m. \$10 Fee

Join Chef Cheryl Grigg from Chara's Kitchen & Catering for a cooking demonstration featuring delicious soul food staples such as fried chicken, mac and cheese, and greens.

DANCE LESSON WITH MICHELLE VICALE-SMITH

Friday, July 11th, 5:00 p.m. \$5 Fee

Learn to dance East Coast Swing with professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicale-Smith. The dynamic and acrobatic dance of the Lindy Hop in the 1920's and 1930's took NY by storm. By the 1940's, the simplified version of the Lindy Hop became East Coast Swing. Let's dance to the music of big bands and rock and roll! No experience necessary and no partner required.

LIP BALMS AND LOTIONS

Sat., July 12th, 12:30 p.m. \$10 Fee

Have you ever wondered what goes into making a lip balm or body lotion? Perhaps you have read the ingredients list on some products and been put off by the unpronounceable names. In this fun and informative class, create your own products and control what goes in them. Follow Tara Penske, Certified Aromatherapist as you learn how essential oils and other natural products can be used to make lip balms and lotions!

HOOPINESS: HULA HOOPING PROGRAM FOR ADULTS

Tuesdays: July 15th & August 19th, 12:30 p.m. \$5 Fee

Join us for a fun and energizing hula hooping experience for adults! Using a variety of adult-sized hula hoops provided by the instructor, participants will build strength, balance, and coordination, learn tricks and choreography, and burn calories.

JANE AUSTEN: AN ENDURING INFLUENCER

Wed., July 16th, 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Join author Erin Coughlin for an interactive presentation exploring Miss Austen's universal influence on modern literature, film, TV and pop culture.

LILPA PRESENTS: ALPHA-GAL MEAT ALLERGY - CAUSED BY A TICK! (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs. July 17th, 12:00 p.m.

Allergist Erin McGintee, MD of ENT and Allergy Associates, and a member of the Medical Advisory Panel of Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Regional Tick-Borne Disease Resource Center, will lecture about the Alpha-gal meat allergy which is caused by a bite from the Lone Star Tick. Dr. McGintee has treated over 900 East End residents for this allergy, and she is considered the regional expert in the field.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE GOD OF THE WOODS BY LIZ MOORE

Thurs., July 17th, 5 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *The God of the Woods* by Liz Moore, a gripping literary mystery set in the Adirondacks. When a teenage girl from a privileged family goes missing at summer camp, long-buried secrets begin to surface, revealing the complexities of family, class, and the weight of the past. Please see the circulation desk for a copy of the book.

AMERICAN HISTORY SEMINAR WITH JOHN VITERITTI

Mon., July 21st, 2:00 p.m.

In this monthly seminar on American History, John Viteritti will discuss the evolution of American war powers and military engagement from World War II to the present. Topics include Article II of the Constitution, the War Powers Resolution of 1973, and the concept of the "Gloss of History" as examined by scholar Mary L. Dudziak.

CREATE YOUR OWN GREETING CARDS

Tues., July 22nd, 5:30 p.m. \$10 Fee

Participants will create 4 general occasion cards featuring beautifully printed butterfly and bee paper, showcasing vibrant hues of yellow. Your card recipients will be touched when they receive their handcrafted and thoughtfully created cards. Participants will also add some iridescent glitter glue, gold paint splatters, and gold pearls to enhance their cards and add a WOW factor.

LIVE AID 40TH ANNIVERSARY (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., July 22nd, 7:00 p.m.

This program shares the wild true story of how Live Aid happened, based on years of research and personal interviews with artists and crew members! Go backstage at the legendary benefit concert that featured Queen, Paul McCartney, David Bowie, Phil Collins, Elton John, Madonna, Bob Dylan, The Who and dozens more. They gave incredible performances, raised \$190 million and were watched by nearly 40 percent of the world's population—but behind the scenes, it almost fell apart multiple times! Discover how they overcame adversity to create one of music's greatest events. An East End Libraries program hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

WINSLOW HOMER'S WATERCOLORS: SCENES FROM THE SHORE AND RURAL CHILDHOOD (VIA ZOOM)

Wed. July 23rd, 1 p.m.

Homer's early watercolors (1873-1878) are admired for their vibrant colors, spontaneous brushwork, and direct observation of nature, capturing the immediacy of the environment. The presentation will include some discussion of Homer's watercolor techniques.

WEDNESDAY MATINEE: BRIDGET JONES'S DIARY

Wed., July 23rd, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Join us for a screening of *Bridget Jones's Diary*, a romantic comedy about Bridget, a single woman in her 30s trying to take control of her chaotic life. Caught in a love triangle between her charming boss and the honorable Mark Darcy, Bridget's journey is hilarious and heartfelt. Loosely based on Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*, this modern classic offers a fresh take on love and self-discovery.

ART AND HISTORY: THE PARRISH ART MUSEUM (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., July 23rd, 7:00 p.m.

Founded in 1898, the Parrish Art Museum has evolved into a significant art museum recognized worldwide, and includes an extensive collection focused on East End Long Island artists. The Museum's iconic building in Water Mill, designed by Herzon & de Meuron Architects, serves as one of the gateways welcoming visitors to the Hamptons. Join Monica Ramirez-Montagut, Executive Director of the Parrish Art Museum to learn about this evolving Museum and its offerings to our community. An East End Libraries program hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

WINE GLASS PAINTING

Thurs., July 24th, 5:30 p.m. \$10 Fee

Join us for a guided painting session with Melissa from Paint Party LI. Melissa will lead participants step-by-step in creating a beautiful set of summer-themed wine glasses featuring a starfish design.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: LE COMTE ORY

Wed., July 30th, 1:00 p.m.

Rossini's comedy is brilliant with a trio of today's greatest bel canto stars: Juan Diego Flórez is Count Ory; Diana Damrau sings the virtuous Countess Adele; and Joyce DiDonato is Isolier, the count's page. Jokes, misunderstandings, and disguises—including knights dressed as nuns—abound in this hilarious tale.

THE EAGLE HAS LANDED: MAN ON THE MOON (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., July 30th, 5:30 p.m.

In 1957, after the Soviets launched the first artificial satellite, Sputnik, into Earth's orbit the United States and the Soviet Union became engaged in a Space Race to showcase their technological superiority in spaceflight. President John F. Kennedy set the goal to land a man on the moon by the end of the 1960s and to win the Space Race. Librarian and historian Jim Ward will recount the successes as well as the setbacks that eventually led to Neil Armstrong becoming the first man to set foot on the Moon. This program is co-sponsored by Southold Free Library.

July/August Adult Programs

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

THE BORSCHT BELT WITH MARTY SCHNEIT (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., July 31st, 7:00 p.m.

Join historian Marty Schneit as he brings the fabled Borscht Belt back to life, with a stroll through Old Route 17, Red Apple Rest, and the Bungalow Colonies. Explore legendary hotels such as Grossingers and Kutchers and learn about the iconic comedians, from George Burns to Milton Berle, who got their start in this unique summer world. An East End Libraries program hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

MUSIC FOR HEALING

Sat., August 2nd, 11:00 a.m.

Utilize music to strengthen your soul, mind, and body. Build hand-eye coordination, memory, and strength through learning to play simple instruments. This program may be beneficial for those recovering from injury or trauma.

DISCOVERY WRITING WORKSHOP: TELLING YOUR STORY

Tues., August 5th, 11:00 a.m.

This class is designed for those just beginning their writing journey, focusing on nonfiction forms such as narrative, memoir, personal essays, and short form writing. Under the guidance of Maria, a journalist and writer, you will explore the foundations of storytelling. Through engaging exercises and discussions you'll discover your voice, learn the basics of structure, and start putting your experiences and thoughts into words.

MAKE YOUR OWN SUCCULENT TERRARIUM

Thurs., August 7th, 5:30 p.m.

\$10 Fee
Learn how to design and assemble your own succulent terrarium while gaining insight into proper succulent care. The planting process, the importance of using the right soil, and fascinating facts about the history of succulents and terrariums will be discussed. Each participant will get to choose their own container and succulent, with access to a wide variety of decorative elements to personalize their creation. There is a \$10 nonrefundable fee for this program.

DANCE LESSON WITH MICHELLE VICALE-SMITH

Fri., August 8th, 5:00 p.m.

\$5 Fee
Learn to dance the Hustle with professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicale-Smith. Let's take a trip to New York City's Studio 54! Hustle originated in the 1970's during the disco era. It evolved from latin dance styles including mambo, swing, ballroom, and jazz. No experience necessary and no partner required.

DANCE LIKE JANE AUSTEN: ENGLISH COUNTRY DANCING LESSON

Sat., August 9th, 1:00-2:45 p.m.

Step into Jane Austen's world with a Regency-era dance lesson! Learn English Country Dances popular in Austen's time—no partner or experience needed. Led by historical dance expert Gene Murrow, the class welcomes both devoted Austen fans and anyone who simply loves to dance. In between dances, enjoy delightful excerpts about dancing from Austen's novels, read aloud by our instructor. Light refreshments will be served.

BOOK TALK WITH AUTHOR STEVE WICK: ALL THAT REMAINS

Tues., August 12th, 5:30 p.m.

Join us as Steve Wick discusses his book, *All That Remains*, in collaboration with Cutchogue-New Suffolk Free Library. Books will be available for purchase in the amount of \$150 by cash or check only.

WINSLOW HOMER'S WATERCOLORS FROM CULLERCOATS VILLAGE (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., Aug. 13th, 1 p.m.

In 1881, Homer made his way to Cullercoats, a small fishing village on the northeast coast of England. There he perfected traditional English techniques, laying out compositions with broad, overlapping washes of color. His figures became more monumental and strongly modeled.

HOW TO MAKE YOUR OWN ELDERBERRY SYRUP

Sat., August 16th, 11:30 a.m.

Learn how to make your own elderberry syrup using dried elderberries, honey, cinnamon, and essential oils. Elderberries are one of the world's most healing plants, with anti-inflammatory and antioxidant properties along with many more health benefits. Participants will leave with a sample of elderberry syrup as well as a recipe.

SHED THE MEDS

Sat., August 16th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

The Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will be here to collect unwanted or expired medications for safe disposal. Safely disposing of medication prevents pollution of our ground water and keeps them out of the hands of young children and others who might abuse them. Liquid medications and sharps will not be accepted at the events. While you're here, check out all of our other health fair vendors to learn about other resources available in our community!

MEDICAL ID CARDS

Sat., August 16th, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Stop by during the hours of 11 a.m.-2 p.m. to obtain a Medical ID Card from the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. These cards will assist seniors or those with medical needs to keep all required medical information with them at all times in case of emergency. While you're here, check out all of our other health fair vendors to learn about other resources available in our community!

AMERICAN HISTORY TALK WITH JOHN VITERITTI

Mon., August 18th, 2:00 p.m.

In this monthly seminar on American History, John Viteritti, a local retired professor, will discuss President Kennedy and the contrast between his handling of the Bay of Pigs fiasco in 1961 and the Cuban Missile Crisis in 1962. This seminar will illustrate how Kennedy learned from the mistakes made during the Bay of Pigs and chose a more measured course of action during the Cuban Missile Crisis—one that ultimately helped avoid nuclear war with Russia

BOOK TALK WITH AUTHOR JOSEPH PETER KRUPSKI: BAILIE BEACH

Tues., August 19th, 4 p.m.

Join Joseph Peter Krupski, a former North Fork resident, as he discusses his novel *Bailie Beach*, inspired by the true events that unfolded on the North Fork of Long Island during the summer of 1962 at Mattituck's own Bailie Beach. Books will be available for purchase in the amount of \$28 by cash or check only.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: THE HOURS

Wed., August 20th, 1:00 p.m.

Adapted from the Pulitzer Prize-winning novel, this work focuses on three women: Virginia Woolf, outside London in 1923; Laura Brown, a housewife in the Los Angeles suburbs in 1949; and Clarissa Vaughan, an editor at the end of the 20th century. Sopranos Reneé Fleming and Kelli O'Hara and mezzo-soprano Joyce DiDonato star.

LILPA PRESENTS: OSTEOPOROSIS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., August 21st, 12:00 p.m.

Osteoporosis is a disease that weakens bones, making them thinner and less dense. This can result in bone fractures which significantly impact quality of life. Dr. Heidi Roppelt, board-certified rheumatologist at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, will discuss osteoporosis and osteopenia, the causes, as well as diagnosis, treatment and disease management.

SCENTS AND SENSIBILITY: FASHION AND PERFUME IN THE AGE OF JANE AUSTEN

Thurs., Aug 21st, 5:30 p.m.

Join historian Christine Griffiths for a scented journey through the fashionable and fragrant world of Jane Austen and her contemporaries. Selected aromas from the era will be available to sample.

CARNE ASADA WITH MARIA'S MEXICAN COOKING

Sat., August 23rd, 12:00-1:30 p.m. \$10 Fee

Join Chef Maria for a Flavor-Packed Mexican Barbecue Experience! Maria will be cooking delicious, authentic Mexican barbecue, sharing her expert techniques for cutting and marinating meats and proteins. Watch as she demonstrates how to prepare flavorful carne asada and chicken.

THURSDAY MATINEE: THE JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB

Thurs., August 28th, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

The *Jane Austen Book Club* follows six modern-day friends who form a book club dedicated to reading the novels of Jane Austen. As they delve into each of Austen's works, their own lives begin to mirror the dramas, romances, and revelations found in the books.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE WOMEN BY KRISTIN HANNAH

Thurs., August 28th, 5 p.m.

Join us to discuss *The Women* by Kristin Hannah, a powerful novel about a nurse's experience during and after the Vietnam War. Through Frankie McGrath's journey, the book explores courage, trauma, and the bonds between women. We'll consider the themes of identity and resilience in the often-overlooked story of women who served in the Vietnam War. Pick up a copy of the book at the circulation desk beginning August 4th.

Youth and Parenting Department

Program Sign up begins Monday, June 2. Reading Program begins Monday, June 30.

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

BOUNCING INTO SUMMER

Tuesday, July 1, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recommended ages 2-9 years

Dress for bouncing fun. Loc: Cutchogue Village Green

BABIES BOOGIE

Tuesday, July 8, 10 a.m.

Ages Birth – 24 months

Join Nicole Sparling for this bouncing fun time while singing songs and playing with instruments.

TODDLER TANGO

Tuesday, July 8, 11 a.m.

Ages 25 mo. – 3 years

Join Nicole Sparling for this action packed program singing songs, playing instruments and more.

READ & RIDE THE TRAIN

Tuesday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Ages up to 10 years

Hop aboard the Greenport Express Miniature Railroad for a trip through the woods along a quarter mile track in Greenport. Must be signed up.

GUINEA PIG FUNNY FARM

Wednesday, July 16, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-5

Join Mr. James and enjoy a classic Fairy tale along with live guinea pigs.

DOG DAYS OF SUMMER: COLORFUL STORYTIME ADVENTURE

Thursday, July 17, 2 p.m.

Families

Join us for a tail-wagging good time during the Dog Days of Summer as we dive into the playful, messy world of Dog's Colorful Day by Emma Dodd! This interactive storytime invites young readers to follow Dog on his colorful adventure, picking up bright spots of color throughout his day. After the story, we'll explore fun, hands-on activities inspired by Dog's colorful mess and a colorful snack.

MOVE & GROOVE BUS

Thursday, July 24, 11 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.

(Group A: Ages 3-5 preschool)

Thursday, July 24, 11:30 a.m. - Noon

(Group B: Ages 6-9)

This fun & fitness on wheels will have you enjoying an obstacle course and a twist on gymnastics. Dress in sneakers.

STUFFED ANIMAL BUILD

Friday, July 25, 11 a.m. - Noon

Join us for this "Build-a-Bear" type program. Build a spotted teddy bear. One animal per in-person child. First come first serve. Stop into the children's room on Friday Morning to pick up your numbered ticket. There are only 30 bears. This is not a grab and go program. Child must be present to stuff the animal.

FOODIE PICASSO

Monday, July 28, 11 a.m.

Ages 2 – 5

In this deliciously creative workshop, kids will transform graham crackers into edible canvases using creamy yogurt "paint" and colorful cut-up fruits. It's a hands-on experience where imagination meets healthy snacking. Watch masterpieces come to life—one tasty bite at a time!

SHAKE N MAKE MUSIC FOR BABIES

Wednesday, July 30, 10 a.m.

Birth – 18 months

Start your morning off with music and movement. High energy fun-filled program incorporates instruments, bean bags, bubbles and more.

SHAKE N MAKE MUSIC FOR TODDLERS

Wednesday, July 30, 11 a.m.

19 months – 3 years

Get moving with your toddler as you enjoy instruments, bean bags, bubble and more.

BABIES BOOGIE

Tuesday, August 5, 4 p.m.

Ages Birth – 24 months

Join Nicole Sparling for this bouncing fun time while singing songs and playing with instruments.

TODDLER TANGO

Tuesday, August 5, 5 p.m.

Ages 25 mo. – 3 years

Join Nicole Sparling for this action packed program singing songs, playing instruments and more.

SPOT-TACULAR SUMMER: COLORFUL CELEBRATION OF PUT ME IN THE ZOO

Monday, August 11, 1 p.m.

Families

Get ready for a wildly colorful adventure inspired by the beloved book Put Me in the Zoo by Robert Lopshire! Join us as we read about a spotted creature who dreams of being part of the zoo, and shows off some magical color-changing tricks along the way. After storytime, the fun continues with hands-on activities celebrating colors, patterns, and creativity and of course a colorful snack.

KINDERGARTEN – 6TH GRADE

BOUNCING INTO SUMMER

Tuesday, July 1, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recommended ages 2-9 years

Dress for bouncing fun. Loc: Cutchogue Village Green

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Monday, July 7, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

All ages

No sign up required. Stop in and play.

FIERO CODE CLUB

Tuesdays July 8 – August 13, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m. Recommended for ages 8+

Drop-ins welcome. Play for 20+ minutes. At Code Club you will create a free account. Start coding immediately. Work independently. Play with your friends. Get help from a librarian if needed. A computer and headphones are provided by the library (limited to 5, no reservations). You can bring your own computer and headphones if you choose. Snacks provided.

BALLOON TWISTING WORKSHOP

Tuesday, July 8, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Grades 2 and up

Learn how to make a variety of balloon sculptures including a dog, sword, hat and flower. You will make them and take them home. Program provided by Thoroughly Modern Lilly.

MINECRAFT PIRATE QUEST

Thursday, July 10, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Grades K-2

Embark on a high-stakes pirate adventure! Explore mysterious islands, outsmart cunning traps, and engage in epic naval battles with pirate ships. Minecraft accounts will be provided. Just bring yourself. Expect to stay for 2 hours.

SCIENCE & SKITTLES WHO KNEW?

Friday, July 11, 3 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Grades 2-6

Join us for a fun-filled, hands-on science program where candy meets chemistry! In this colorful and interactive workshop, we'll use Skittles to explore scientific concepts like solubility, diffusion, color mixing, density, and more.

LIGHTS COLOR ACTION

Monday, July 14, 3 p.m.

Grades 1-6

Children observe demonstrations that blend colors to produce white light, and others that separate white light into colors. Experiments with prisms and diffraction lenses give children the opportunity to explore the color spectrum of various light sources. A chromatography activity demonstrates separating printed colors on a filter. The instructor leads an activity from white light to the ultraviolet range. Children look at the world through tinted lenses to experience colorblindness and see through the eyes of animals. A light-induced, optical effects Technicolor Blender Take-Home completes this illuminating adventure! Program provided by LI STEAM.

READ TO A DOG

Monday, July 14, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Each child will have a 15-minute reading session. Come read to Blitz, a certified therapy dog, and his handler Maura.

ICE CREAM SCIENCE

Tuesday, July 22, 3 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Perform hands-on experiments that explore the molecular nature of matter. Experimentation culminates in the production of a particularly tasty crystallized concoction, better known as ice cream. A yummy experience! Program provided by LISC.

POTATO SACK FUN

Friday, July 25, 3 p.m.

Grades 2-6

How fast can you hop in a sack? Enjoy this jumping fun in the greenspace.

STUFFED ANIMAL BUILD

Friday, July 25, 11 a.m. - Noon

Join us for this "Build-a-Bear" type program. Build a Bunny. One animal per in-person child. First come first serve. Stop into the children's room on Monday morning to pick up your numbered ticket. There are only 30 bears. This is not a grab-and-go program. Child must be present to stuff the animal.

SPINNING ART

Monday, July 28, 1 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Unleash your inner artist in this fun and unexpected fusion of motion and creativity! Using recycled music CDs as spinning canvases, attach magic markers to them in inventive ways. As the CDs rotate, colorful patterns emerge, transforming everyday materials into mesmerizing works of art.

DOUBLE DUTCH

Tuesday, July 29, 5 p.m.

Grades K-3

Join American Double Dutch League World Champion Erica Dantzer and have fun learning to jump rope double dutch. No experience necessary.

EXPRESS YOURSELF! POLLOCK DRIP PAINTING

Thursday, July 31, 3:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Grades 1-6

What do you do when you are happy, sad, silly, or mad? Discover creative ways that Jackson Pollock and other famous artists express their feelings in innovative art. Then express your emotions as you create drip paintings inspired by Pollock. The program is offered by the Pollock-Krasner House and Study Center. Conducted by artist-author, Joyce Raimondo, Education Coordinator.

THE ART OF THE SLICE

Friday, August 1, 2 p.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Grades K-6

Each participant gets a juicy slice of watermelon as their canvas. With a rainbow of fresh fruit, dollops of creamy yogurt, and a splash of imagination, you'll design your own edible masterpiece that's as fun to make as it is to eat.

READ TO A DOG

Monday, August 4, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Each child will have a 15-minute reading session. Come meet Blitzen and his handler Maura. Blitzen is a Certified Therapy Dog. He is a mix of Siberian Husky, Akita, and Golden Retriever.

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Monday, August 4, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Grades 2-6

No sign up required. Stop in and play.

PET PORTRAITS FOR TWEENS

Wednesday, August 6, 5:30 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Paint an Adopt Me Pet Portrait.

MINECRAFT – LOST EGYPT

Thursday, August 7, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Completed Grades K-3

Unleash your inner explorer in Ancient Egypt! Solve puzzles, navigate traps, and battle mobs to uncover the secrets and hidden tombs of the Great Pyramid.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

YARN ART

All Summer Long • Thursdays • 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. • Green Space

Help us brighten up the Green Space with color, creativity, and cozy vibes! You can pick up a yarn roll from the library to work on your creation at home, or join us onsite to craft something together. All finished pieces will be used to decorate the area. This is part of a larger East End Libraries color celebration—be sure to visit our neighboring libraries and enjoy their colorful events too! Open to all ages. Registration required—space is limited!

BOUNCING INTO SUMMER

Monday, July 1, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Recommended ages 2-9 years

Dress for bouncing fun. Loc: Cutchogue Village Green

THE BENANNA BAND

Monday, July 7, 1 p.m.

Families

The BenAnna Band wants to see you singing, playing, and dancing with them so there will be plenty of opportunities to follow the lyrics for group dancing, playing, and singing along with spotlight moments for everyone to rock out their own way!

CHRISTOPHER AGOSTINO STORYFACES ART AND STORIES

Wednesday, July 9, 1 p.m.

Families

Presenting a creative performance of stories and painted faces designed to encourage and inspire young artists, with fantastic, colorful folktales like The Rainbow Bat and The Power of the Jaguar; original tales like The Amazing Face Story and Picasso the Thief; plus fun bits of tales from the lives of famous artists like Leonardo da Vinci, Matisse and Monet. In addition to folktales and original stories, this summer's show includes exploring origins, inspirations and appropriations from the history of art, including the fundamental questions of what is art and why do we make it?

PAINTING AND POPSICLES

Thursday, July 10, 1 p.m.

Families

Grab a popsicle, pick up a brush, and let your imagination take the lead! Artists will bring magical scenes to life with paint-by-number fun — all while enjoying a frosty treat. It's the perfect blend of sweet and creative for a delightfully chill day!

UNCLE TONY'S REPTILE SHOW

Friday, July 11, 11 a.m.

Families

This traveling reptile show will bring exciting 6-8 animals, such as ball python mother with baby & egg, bearded dragon & worm feeding, tarantula, ferret, alligator, snapping turtle and 8 ft. boa constrictor. The show will include a hands-on presentation and the children will then have the opportunity to hold and take pictures with the animals! Loc: Cutchogue – New Suffolk Library

READ & RIDE THE TRAIN

Tuesday, July 15, 11 a.m.

Ages up to 10 years

Hop aboard the Greenport Express Miniature Railroad for a trip through the woods along a quarter mile track in Greenport.
Loc: 170 Moore's Lane Greenport 11944 (Skate Park)

SCIENCE HEROES ADVENTURE OF THE MISSING COLOR

Friday, July 18, 1 p.m.

Families

Enjoy this interactive STEM show combining the magic of stories with the wonders of science. Loc: Southold Free Library

BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE PRESENTS STORYBOOK TALES, PETER PAN

Wednesday, July 23, 1 p.m.

Families

We are very excited to introduce Bright Star Touring Theatre and their live presentation of Storybook Tales, Peter Pan. This traveling theatre company has performed across the country for two decades, delighting and entertaining children of all ages. Loc: Cutchogue New Suffolk Library

BRADY RYMER IN CONCERT

Tuesday, July 29, 6 p.m.

Families

Please bring a chair or blanket! Rain Cancells. Loc: Mitchell Park Greenport

LADY BLUE SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Friday, August 1, 2 p.m.

Families

Enjoy these four talented musicians – can you recognize any of the songs? Appropriate for all ages. Loc: Floyd Memorial Library

MAGIC, LAUGHS & MORE FAMILY SHOW WITH JOHN REID

Tuesday, August 5, 1 p.m.

Families

Join us for one of New York's favorite family entertainers for an unforgettable experience filled with magic, laughs, and more. World Record-Holding professional magician, John Reid, provides a robust array of magic shows for all ages! He'll have the crowd roaring with laughter and amazement as he harnesses the power of imagination. Unforgettable family fun! Loc: Cutchogue – New Suffolk Library

BROWNIE ALL THE WAY

Monday, August 4, 11 a.m.

Families

Join Chef Rob and create this delicious brownie trifle filled with Chocolate Pudding, Fruits, Whipped Cream, Brownies and more tasty toppings.

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATIONS LONG ISLAND PONY PARTIES & PETTING ZOO

Wednesday, August 13, 11 a.m.

Families

Meet sheep, goats, bunnies, chickens and Daffy the miniature donkey.

HOT DOG PICNIC

Wednesday, August 13, Noon

Join the Friends of the Library for the Hot Dog Picnic.

BUBBLE TRUCK A FOAM FUN EVENT

Wednesday, August 13, Noon

Families

Help us celebrate the end of summer reading with the Bubble Truck. Have a magical time while our greenspace is turned into a wonderland of music, laughter, and foam. Enjoy energetic tunes as you play among the sea of soft, safe bubbles. Foam is safe for all persons and plant life.

SUMMER READING AND PROGRAMMING

Welcome to Summer 2025! As a Mattituck-Laurel Library cardholder, you're welcome to sign up for any of our summer programs, space permitting. If you have a library card from another library, you may be placed on a waitlist and added to programs as spots become available. Everyone is invited to join our Summer Reading Club—no matter which library you belong to. We encourage everyone to read with us this summer! Sign-up begins June 30th!

SUMMER READING 2025

Join the Color Our World summer reading program at the library by downloading the ReadSquared app. Find the library and then the club that matches your age group and sign up to start your reading journey! Track your reading to earn fun prizes and raffle tickets for our grand prize drawing. As a member of the reading club, you'll also get to participate in the weekly Guessing Jar challenge—submit your best guess (without going over) for a chance to win a Magic Fountain gift card. Plus, don't miss your chance to enter the raffle for the LEGO Disney and Pixar "Up" House!



COLOR SERIES EVENT SCHEDULE:

Yarn Art

Monday, July 7 @ 11:00 a.m.

Mattituck-Laurel Library

Holi Celebration

Monday, July 14 @ 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Southold Library

Water Blaster & Spray Bottle Painting

Monday, July 21 @ 1:00–2:00 p.m.

Cutchogue Library

Chalk Art

Monday, July 28 @ 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

Floyd Memorial Library

Teen Programs

Register for programs online at
www.mattitucklaurellibrary.org

Follow us on Facebook at Mattituck-Laurel Library
or Instagram @matt_teens

Registration begins Monday, June 2nd

ONGOING EVENTS:

SUMMER READING 2025

Grades 6th-12th, June 30th-August 15th

Registration for Summer Reading opens June 30th! Register in person or online and then come to the library to receive a welcome gift! This program is designed for teens entering 6th grade through completed 12th grade to encourage life-long reading habits. Once you've earned 12 points (12 hours of reading), you'll receive a completion certificate and raffle tickets for our reading prizes and grand prizes! In addition, for every 4 hours of reading you will earn a drawer prize!

FIERO CODE CLUB

Tuesdays, July 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, 3:00-4:00pm

Drop in and code with Fiero Code! Play for 20+ minutes, work at your own pace, get help from a librarian, and enjoy snacks. Parent email required; computers and headphones provided (limited supply) or bring your own!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

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

Grab and go kits are available on an ongoing basis:

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

PROGRAMS:

COLOR CONQUEST CHALLENGE AT CUTCHOGUE-NEW SUFFOLK LIBRARY

Mon., July 7th, 1:00-2:30pm

Get ready for the ultimate summer showdown! Team up with friends for wild, colorful challenges such as dart canvas wars, a color powder toss, and more. Please wear an old white shirt and dress for a mess. Let's color our world for an unforgettable summer! Prizes awarded to the winners! Ice pops for all! Rain date will be August 4th, 1-2:30pm.

SEAGLASS JEWELRY MAKING FOR TEENS

Tues., July 8th, 4:00pm

Create your own sea glass jewelry pieces under the guidance of Robyn Romanoff, owner of RoRo's Seaglass Jewelry.

BUILD YOUR OWN MODEL TRAIN

Thurs., July 10th, 6:30-8:00pm

Curious about trains or just love to build stuff? In this hands-on workshop, you'll assemble your own battery-powered HO scale model train using a custom 3D printed kit—yours to keep! Learn how trains work and get a glimpse into the engineering behind them. No experience needed!

LIP BALMS AND LOTIONS

Sat., July 12th, 11:00am

In this fun, hands-on class, you'll make your own lip balm and body lotion using natural ingredients. Follow Tara Penske, a Certified Aromatherapist, as she walks you through each step and shows you how essential oils and simple ingredients can create amazing self-care products you'll want to use every day!

LIGHTHOUSE SUNSET PAINTING

Mon., July 14th, 4:00pm

Channel your inner artist and paint a scenic lighthouse masterpiece—no experience needed! Relax, get creative, and take home your very own canvas painting by the end of the session. All supplies provided, just bring your imagination!

PARMESAN CRUSTED QUESADILLAS WITH CHEF ROB

Tues., July 15th, 5:30pm

Join Chef Rob to make crispy parmesan-crust quesadillas with local tomatoes, herbs, and mozzarella cheese. Everyone will sample their creation in class and take some home to make for dinner. Plus, play some fun games while you cook!

WREATH MAKING WITH UPSULPT

Thurs., July 17th, 4:00pm

Get creative and make a one-of-a-kind wreath using plastic marine debris—real materials collected from the environment. Learn how the circle of the wreath represents the ongoing cycle of plastic in our oceans and how art can inspire change. Led by UpSculpt, this hands-on workshop blends creativity with environmental action, showing how we can come together to find solutions through art and awareness.

TEEN SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Fri., July 18th, 4:30pm

Join us for a practical and applicable class in self-defense. Together we will go over preventive awareness, de-escalation methods, and simple, straightforward strategies that may help you escape dangerous situations. Parents are welcome to attend. **Parent or guardian – please arrive early to sign the instructor's liability form.

SKATING AT THE AMERICAN LEGION

Tues., July 22nd, 6:00pm

Take an adventure and meet at the Greenport American Legion with North Fork library friends to skate together at our own private party. Roller skate rental included or bring your own skates. Located at 102 3rd St., Greenport, NY. Join the fun!

MASON JAR LANTERNS

Thurs., July 24th, 4:00pm

Make your summer nights a little brighter! Paint and decorate your own Mason jar lantern, then add fairy lights to bring it to life. Great for your room, a gift, or just some cozy vibes. All supplies provided—just bring your creativity.

EDIBLE BEACH HUTS

Fri., July 25th, 11:00am

Create your own beachy getaway—out of candy! Use icing, sweets, and other tasty treats to build a fun, edible beach hut. Design it your way, then take it home (or snack on it right away).

S'MORES MUFFIN TOPS WITH CHEF ROB

Mon., July 28th, 5:30pm

Make the best part of the muffin—just the top! Mix up gooey, chocolatey s'mores muffin tops to take home and bake. Plus, have fun with some games while everything comes together. Chef Rob will guide you step-by-step!

HENNA TATTOOS FOR TEENS

Tues., July 29th, 4:00-6:00pm

Eakta Gandhi is back! Enjoy your beautiful and authentic temporary Henna tattoo on your hand while learning about the history of henna.

COLLEGE APPS BOOTCAMP @ CUTCHOGUE-NEW SUFFOLK FREE LIBRARY

Tues., July 29th, 6:00pm

Get a head start on the college application process in this hands-on, 1-hour workshop designed just for teens. We'll cover everything from exploring the right college fit to crafting standout applications.

BEGINNER CROCHET CLASS FOR TEENS

Fri., Aug 1st, 11:00am

Learn the basics of crochet in this relaxed, hands-on class. You'll get started with simple stitches and work on a fun project you can take home. Whether you're totally new or already know a stitch or two, all skill levels are welcome!

GAMES IN THE GREENSPACE

Mon., Aug. 4th, 5:30pm

Grab your friends and head outside for an evening of fun! Chill out in the library's greenspace and choose from a variety of outdoor games from our Library of Things collection, like Kan Jam, Cornhole, giant Jenga, and more. Whether you're in it to win or just want to hang out, there's something for everyone.

PET PORTRAITS FOR TEENS AND TEENS

Wed., Aug. 6th, 5:30pm

Help a shelter animal get adopted by painting them. Using paint and canvas we will paint adoptable animals from the North Fork Animal Welfare League. The portraits will make a perfect keepsake for when they get adopted. Teen participation in this program will earn 1 hour of community service.

SUCCULENT TERRARIUMS

Thurs., Aug. 7th, 4:00pm

Design your own mini plant world with rocks, soil, and real succulents. You'll create a unique terrarium to take home—perfect for your room or desk. All supplies provided—just come ready to get your hands a little dirty and get creative.

COMIC BOOK SELF PORTRAIT FOR TEENS

Mon., August 18th, 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'd like to turn into art, 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.

On-Going Classes/Services

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays: July 16th, 23rd & 30th; August 6th, 13th & 20th; 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: July 14th, 21st, 28th; August 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th; 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 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. No walk-ins; all participants must be registered in advance. Please bring a pair of 3-4 pound dumbbells. There is a \$35 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: July 14th & August 11th, 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

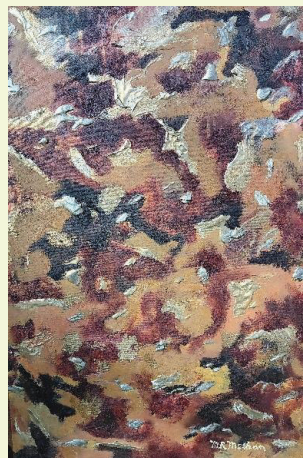
Schedule an appointment with our technology coordinator, Sharon, if you have questions about a device, the Internet, e-books or any other software issue. Please come prepared with a specific question, fully-charged device, and know your passwords. Time slots are 30 minutes long. It may be necessary to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

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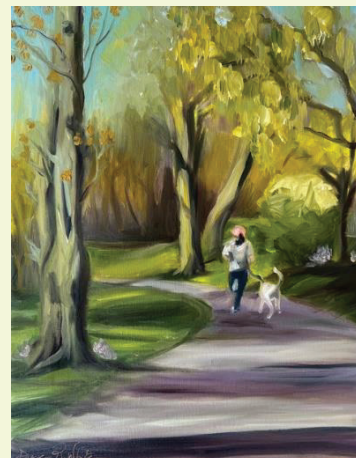
Tuesdays, July 8th - 29th, 3:00-4:00 p.m.

Drop in for some coding fun! Bring your own device. All ages welcome (recommended 8+).

In the Library Art Gallery



"Mother Lode" – M. Meehan



"Morning Routine" – D. White

JULY 2025:

"Abstract and Surreal" — A Group Show

Explore genres of art that take you away from reality into a mind-bending world; challenging your senses to determine what art is! **All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Saturday, July 12 from 1-3 p.m.**

AUGUST 2025:

"Catching the Moment" — Diane White

Diane R. White is retired from Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York, where she worked as the Project Manager for the Electron-Ion Collider, a \$2.8B project to construct a scientific user facility on the Brookhaven campus. She now has more than just a few hours here and there to explore art! Since retiring, she is doing a lot of artistic discovery - reading about painting techniques, taking online and in-person classes, and soaking everything in by painting with other artists. She is a resident of Southampton, New York and a member of the Southampton Artists Association and the Artists Alliance of East Hampton. She also paints with the East Hampton "Wednesday Group", exploring plein air locations throughout the South Fork.

All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Saturday, August 2nd from 1:30-3:30 p.m.

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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With your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet, you'll visit public libraries all around Suffolk County any time from July 1st through August 31st. While you visit, be sure to find that library's Color Swatch and then locate their Stamp Station to receive a stamp in your booklet. At 5, 15, and 25 library visits you will be entered into fun raffles. At your 25th library you will officially be a Summer Tour Library Artist and receive a special commemorative patch (while supplies last)! Starting July 1st pick up your booklet from our Circulation Desk and receive your first stamp!

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 recent involvement with the Dolly Parton Imagination Library.

In addition, through donations from local businesses, the Friends hold monthly raffles, from June through December, benefiting a scholarship fund for graduating Mattituck-Cutchogue High School seniors. Our next meetings are June 17 and July 15, at 9:30 a.m. The July meeting will be followed by the annual membership drive mailing. Volunteers are welcome to join us.

UPCOMING EVENT

The Friends will be holding a Book Sale on Saturday, June 21, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.; and Sunday, June 22, from 1-3 p.m.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS & BOARD MEETING DATES

LIBRARY CLOSINGS:

Independence Day -
July 4, 2025

BOARD MEETING DATES:

MON., JULY 14, 6PM
MON., AUGUST 11, 6PM



Friends Meeting Schedule

June 17 & July 15, at 9:30 a.m.

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