



Mattituck-Laurel LIBRARY

September/October 2025

Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The pace of life continues to increase, even for our small East End town. Major changes in the world affect us directly, and often we find ourselves caught up in the rapid dance of caring for families, pursuing careers, and keeping up with social events and changing circumstances. For over 120 years, the library has served as a dependable, helpful, and safe space in the community. Beyond a location for lending books, the library is a beacon of unity, equality, and opportunity. Here, we have a chance to tend to life's daily needs, enjoy a fun program together, or even take a quiet moment for ourselves. When in doubt or need, you can turn to the library to find support — and that comforting fact is worth supporting in turn.

Mattituck-Laurel Library — your community library — is a vibrant, welcoming hub that facilitates lifetime learning, personal discovery, cultural enrichment, patron interaction, and social assistance. We focus on offering a wide range of essential resources as well as relevant and engaging programs to enhance life in the community. If you haven't made a connection with your library, please stop in. We are always eager to welcome you.

This past year, we welcomed just over 49,000 visitors and 277 new patrons. We circulated over 74,000 items, both print and digital, with our digital resources continuing to expand in popularity. Access to eBooks, audiobooks, movies, tv series, magazines and more are made possible through our e-resources such as Hoopla, Libby, Kanopy and Flipster, to name a few. Explore our full offering of e-resources by navigating to our website; select "Research and Learn" on the menu bar, and then select "A to Z resources".

With the help of community partnerships and the careful planning of our Adult Services, Youth and Parenting, and Teen Departments, we hosted 653 programs and saw over 10,000 attendees.

Our library building plays a central role in keeping our community connected not only through our materials, classes and programs, but also through our Wi-Fi and computer services. Patrons and visitors enjoy access to our six public access computers which saw 3,314 unique sessions while our Wi-Fi had 3,865 guest connections.

Our three public meeting spaces saw increased use from various community groups, library programs and folks needing a quiet space to study, tutor or work from home. We hosted 607 room reservations in 2024, a 38% increase (439 room reservations in 2023).

For a small community library, we offer a wealth of services, resources and opportunities to connect.

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FALLING FOR JANE AUSTEN RAFFLE

Ongoing

We're celebrating Jane Austen this fall with a special raffle! Anyone can purchase raffle tickets at the circulation desk—10 for \$5 (cash or check only)—and attendees of Jane Austen-themed programs will receive one free ticket per program. Prizes include four themed baskets:

- Jane Austen Lover's Basket
- Tea Lover's Basket
- Pleasures & Pastimes Basket
- Letters & Legacy Basket

The raffle drawing will take place on November 30th. Don't miss your chance to win something delightful!



This symbol indicates programs that will award one free Falling for Jane Austen raffle ticket to each attendee.

September is
Library
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Month

ALA Library of Congress OverDrive

GREAT GIVE BACK EVENT DONATION DRIVE

October 1st-October 31st



For the month of October we will be collecting items to be donated to the Southold Animal Shelter. Some of the items requested are blankets, paper towels, wet dog food, treats for cats and dogs and toys for cats and dogs. Teens who donate items can earn community service hours!

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BANNED BOOKS WEEK
Oct. 5-11, 2025

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September/October Adult Programs

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



EMBROIDER A TEA TOWEL

Sat., Sept. 6th, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Join us for an all-level embroidery workshop, perfect for beginners, those refreshing their skills, or anyone eager to learn advanced stitches. Participants will explore supplies, design sources, transfer techniques, and a variety of stitches while creating a sampler, with the option to continue on to a Regency-inspired floral design. Take-home handouts are included to support continued practice. There is a \$10 nonrefundable fee for this program.

VACCINE CLINIC

Mon., Sept. 8th, 12 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Stay healthy this season with a convenient vaccine clinic at your local library! Rite Aid pharmacists will be on-site to administer flu, COVID-19, and RSV vaccines. Don't miss this opportunity to get protected—no appointment necessary. Visit us at the library and take a step toward a healthier you!

A PERFORMANCE BY HOMEGROWN STRING BAND

Sat., Sept. 13th, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The Homegrown String Band is a family trio—mother, father, and daughter—reviving American folk traditions with a mix of original and traditional music. Their acoustic arrangements draw from the rich roots of folk and string band music, featuring songs by the Carter Family, Delmore Brothers, and Jimmy Rodgers, alongside original tunes inspired by centuries of American musical heritage.

UNDERSTANDING ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., Sept. 16th, 7 p.m.

Join the Alzheimer's Association of Long Island to learn about the impact of Alzheimer's, the difference between Alzheimer's and dementia, stages and risk factors, current research and treatments available, and Alzheimer's Association resources. An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

BINGO

Wed., Sept. 17th, 4 p.m.

Participants will play at least six fun games of bingo. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each game. Light refreshments will be served.

SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS THIS FALL (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., September 17th, 7pm and Oct. 22nd, 7:30pm

Join Ron and Jackie from "Stand Out for College" for a Zoom presentation designed to help high school families navigate the college admissions process. They'll cover key trends, holistic admissions, test-optional policies, and tips to help students stand out—plus advice on finding the right college fit.

LILPA PRESENTS: VACCINE UPDATE FOR ADULTS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., Sept. 18th, 12 p.m.

Vaccines remain one of the most effective tools we have to prevent disease, protect vulnerable populations, and promote long-term community health. Dr. Charles Guida, board-certified in internal medicine and geriatrics, will give an update on routine and seasonal adult immunizations and guidance to help stay protected throughout the year.

BOOK DISCUSSION: AMERICAN DIRT BY JEANINE CUMMINS

Thurs., Sept. 18th, 5 p.m.

Join us for a discussion of *American Dirt* by Jeanine Cummins, a gripping novel that follows Lydia and her son as they flee cartel violence in Mexico and journey toward the U.S. border. We'll explore themes of migration, survival, identity, and the controversy surrounding the book's portrayal of the migrant experience. Whether you loved it or had mixed feelings, come share your thoughts in a respectful and engaging conversation. Please see the circulation desk for a copy of the book.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING (NATIONAL POINT & INSURANCE REDUCTION COURSE)

Sat., Sept. 20th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

This 6-hour class, approved through the NYS DMV, is sponsored by the National Point and Insurance Reduction Course. Upon completion, participants receive a 10% reduction from their liability, collision and no-fault insurance for a total of 3 years. It also reduces 4 points from one's driving record. Please bring lunch or snacks 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.

AMERICAN HISTORY SEMINAR WITH JOHN VITERITTI

Mon., Sept. 22nd, 2 p.m.

Join us for this month's seminar as John Viteritti, a local retired professor, shares a unique personal account of a conversation he had with President Richard Nixon at a public event on June 15, 1981, which offered insights into Nixon's personality. He will also discuss a 2004 conversation with Dwight Chapin, Nixon's former Deputy Assistant, who spoke candidly about his role in the Watergate scandal.

WRITER'S TOOLBOX: SKILL-BASED SESSIONS FOR HONING YOUR CRAFT

Tues., Sept. 23rd, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Learn techniques that will help you write authentic, compelling stories. Participants will explore fundamentals, strong beginnings and endings, authentic dialogue, powerful verbs, how to "show" and not "tell," finding your true voice, and more. Writers will be encouraged to share their work in a supportive environment.

MANAGING MONEY: A CAREGIVER'S GUIDE TO FINANCES (VIA ZOOM)

Tues., Sept. 23rd, 7 p.m.

The financial aspect of caregiving can have a direct impact on your effectiveness as a caregiver. The Alzheimer's Association of Long Island will examine: the costs of caregiving; the benefits of early planning; how to avoid financial abuse and fraud; how to assess financial and legal needs. Also included will be information on how to start the conversation around these issues and find support. An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

WEEKLY BOOK DISCUSSION: THE GREAT GATSBY BY F. SCOTT FITZGERALD

Wednesdays beginning Sept. 24th, 1 p.m.

Celebrate the 100th anniversary of *The Great Gatsby* with a weekly book discussion starting Wednesday, September 24th. We'll meet every Wednesday from 1–2 p.m. and continue until our group finishes the book. Come explore the characters, themes, and lasting impact of this American classic.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: LA Fanciulla DEL WEST

Wed., Sept. 24th, 1 p.m.

This sweeping romance set during the California Gold Rush stars Soprano Eva-Maria Westbroek in a fearless performance as Minnie. Tenor Jonas Kaufmann performs the role of Dick Johnson, the mysterious outlaw who wins Minnie's heart despite his unsavory past. Baritone Željko Lučić rounds out the trio. Marco Armiliato conducts a vividly cinematic staging by Giancarlo del Monaco.

UNDERSTANDING YOUR EXPLANATION OF BENEFITS

Wed., Sept. 24th, 5:30 p.m.

Join Kiersten Palma, RN, for an informative session designed to help you understand your Explanation of Benefits (EOB). Learn how to interpret your EOBs, recognize your financial responsibilities for medical services, and avoid common billing issues. This session will empower you to prevent double billing and ensure proper balance billing when appropriate—helping you take control of your healthcare costs and potentially save money.

COFFEE WITH A COP

Thurs., Sept. 25th, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Coffee with a Cop is dedicated to encouraging communication and positive interactions between law enforcement agencies and our community. During the event, Senator Palumbo and members of the Southold Police Department and Suffolk County's District Attorney's office will be available to discuss public safety and criminal justice issues.



THURSDAY MATINEE: BRIDE AND PREJUDICE

Thurs., Sept. 25th, 1:00 p.m.-3:15 p.m.

Join us as we continue to celebrate Jane Austen's 250th birthday with a screening of *Bride and Prejudice*. This modern musical retelling of Jane Austen's classic *Pride And Prejudice* is an hilariously entertaining tale of one girl's unlikely search for love! Rated PG-13.

FOREVER SIMON & GARFUNKEL: A TRIBUTE

Sat., Sept. 27th, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

With humor, soaring energy, charm, and laser precise harmony, Sean Altman & Jack Skuller lead the audience on a concert journey through Paul Simon and Art Garfunkel's teenage roots, their early success as a groovy folk act, their global dominance as hit-makers, and even some of Paul Simon's solo career. *The Sound Of Silence, Bridge Over Troubled Water, Mrs. Robinson, I Am A Rock, The Boxer, Homeward Bound, Cecilia, Hazy Shade Of Winter, Feeling Groovy, Me & Julio, Kodachrome*, and many more!

PINK LADY CINNAMON SCONES WITH CHEF ROB

Tues., Sept. 30th, 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Join Chef Rob for this hands-on class! Prepare delicious Pink Lady Cinnamon Scones—ready to take home and bake fresh in your oven. Registrants will need to bring to class 2 apples, a box grater, a whisk, and a large and medium bowl. There is a \$10 nonrefundable fee for this program.

SAVVY SIGHTSEER: HAUNTING TALES FROM SALEM TO LONG ISLAND (PRERECORDED VIDEO)

Available Wed., Oct. 1st – Sat., Nov. 1st

When the leaves turn and fall arrives, it's the perfect time for eerie tales and ghostly lore! Join Savvy Sightseer Jeanne Schnupp as she explores Salem's witch trials, a lesser-known Long Island trial, and ghost stories from Sleepy Hollow to Oyster Bay. From Revolutionary-era spirits to eerie woods and ghostly laughter, these stories blur the line between fact and folklore.

September/October Adult Programs

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AMERICAN CIVIL WAR RETOLD

**Thursdays: Oct. 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd;
5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for a four-part program series retelling the pivotal events of the Civil War through the voices of Jefferson Davis, Frederick Douglass, and Abraham Lincoln. New York, the top contributor of Union soldiers, plays a central role in this story of sacrifice, transformation, and the struggle for equality.

METALSMITH NECKLACE MAKING

Sat., Oct. 4th, 12:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

In this hands-on jewelry workshop, participants will learn to forge metal into a personalized amulet pendant. Choose meaningful symbols or words and bring them to life using hammers, metal stamping, and antiquing techniques. You'll complete your custom piece with a leather cord, ready to wear or share. No experience needed—just bring your creativity! There is a \$10 nonrefundable fee for this program.

ESTATE PLANNING

Mon., Oct. 6th, 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to structure your estate plan no matter your age. Discussions will include the basic documents that all adults should have in place such as Health Care Proxies, Living Wills and Powers of Attorney, as well as a brief overview of more advanced estate planning tools.

FILM: BANNED TOGETHER - THE FIGHT AGAINST CENSORSHIP

Thurs., Oct. 9th, 1:30 p.m.

Join us for a screening of *Banned Together: The Fight Against Censorship*, a compelling documentary that explores the rise in book bans and censorship across the country—and the individuals fighting back to protect the freedom to read, learn, and express. Runtime approx. 90 minutes.

WHEN WE SPOKE TO THE DEAD: HOW GHOSTS GAVE AMERICAN WOMEN THEIR VOICE (VIA ZOOM)

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

From wartime séances to televangelists, from Victorian ghosts to wellness gurus, author and journalist Ilise Carter unearths the connections between faith, fraud, feminism, and financial opportunity. Open the book. Turn the page... An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

INTRODUCTION TO ITALIAN LANGUAGE & CULTURE

Sat., Oct. 11th, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Celebrate Italian Heritage and Culture Month with an enjoyable and engaging introduction to Italian language and culture! In this beginner-friendly class, you'll learn basic Italian phrases and explore the rich traditions, art, and lifestyle of Italy—no experience necessary.

CANVA KINDERGARTEN: A BEGINNER'S GUIDE TO CREATING WITH CANVA

Tues., October 14th, 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Join us for a beginner-friendly introduction to Canva, a free online design tool for creating everything from flyers to Instagram posts. We'll cover the essentials and tailor the class based on your interests—let us know what you'd like to create when you sign up!

WHAT STAYS AND WHAT GOES: AN ORGANIZER'S GUIDE TO MAKING DECISIONS (VIA ZOOM)

Wed., Oct. 15th, 6 p.m.

Join professional organizers Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan of Organize Me!, for an engaging workshop on how to make confident, stress-free decisions about what to keep and what to let go. With over 17 years of experience, they'll share practical strategies for tackling clutter, creating a clear vision for your space, and using your "prime real estate" areas effectively. Their fun, non-judgmental approach helps attendees feel at ease while learning how to overcome common organizing challenges. This program is co-sponsored by Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library and Southold Free Library.

FREE FOR ALL FILM & PANEL DISCUSSION @ NORTH FORK ARTS CENTER

Wed., Oct. 15, 6 p.m.

Join us at the North Fork Arts Center for a special screening of *Free for All*, a powerful documentary exploring the vital role of public libraries in American democracy. Stick around after the film for a thought-provoking panel discussion featuring North Fork librarians as they reflect on the challenges and future of libraries in our own communities. Don't miss this engaging evening of film and conversation!

LILPA PRESENTS: BREAST CANCER AWARENESS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., Oct. 16th, 1 p.m.

Dr. Edna Kapenhas, who leads the breast surgery and breast surgical oncology program at Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, and who is also the Medical Director of the Ellen Hermanson Breast Center, will speak about the risk factors, warning signs, and treatment options that are available to patients diagnosed with breast cancer. Dr. Kapenhas will also answer questions after her lecture. This program is sponsored by Stony Brook Southampton Hospital.

BOOK DISCUSSION: THE SILENT PATIENT BY ALEX MICHAELIDES

Thurs., Oct. 16th, 5 p.m.

Join us as we discuss *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides, a psychological thriller about a woman who stops speaking after a shocking act of violence—and the therapist determined to uncover her truth. Perfect for fans of intricate, suspenseful reads. Please see the circulation desk for a copy of the book.

A PERFORMANCE BY RHONDA DENET AND HER TRIO: FROM JAZZ TO SOUL

Sat., Oct. 18th, 2 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

Celebrate the history, culture, and enduring impact of jazz and soul music through a captivating live performance from Rhonda Denet and her Trio. From Jazz to Soul features classic songs and stories from legendary Black artists such as Ella Fitzgerald, Aretha Franklin, Sam Cooke, and Stevie Wonder. This engaging program blends education and entertainment, making it perfect for music lovers, history buffs, and intergenerational audiences alike.

AMERICAN HISTORY SEMINAR WITH JOHN VITERITTI

Mon., Oct. 20th, 2 p.m.

In this month's American History seminar, retired professor John Viteritti will discuss David Halberstam's *The Best and the Brightest*, examining the decisions that led the U.S. into the Vietnam War. He will also discuss the roles of Daniel Ellsberg and Neil Sheehan in the release of the Pentagon Papers, and reflect on a personal conversation he had with Sheehan about his Pulitzer Prize-winning book, *A Bright Shining Lie*.

CASTAN AND CANIO: A FALL POETRY READING

Tues., Oct. 21st, 2 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Join us for a fall poetry reading from two Long Island literary figures. Fran Castan will share new poems from a book nearing completion, as well as her poems from "The Widow's Quilt" and "Venice: City That Paints Itself." She has won prizes from The Poetry Society of America, The Hippocrates Society for Poetry and Medicine, N.Y.U. & The Academy of American Poets and, in 2013, she was named Long Island Poet of the Year by The Walt Whitman Birthplace Association. Canio Pavone, founder of the iconic Canio's Books in Sag Harbor, will present a brief history of Italian poetry, highlighting works from the Early Renaissance to today in both Italian and English.

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: VERDI'S OTELLO

Wed. Oct. 22, 1 p.m.

Domingo's singing has a nervous intensity that Muti's instinctive dramatic intelligence tracks faultlessly. Leo Nucci's Iago may not have quite the presence and scale to match Domingo, but is still an immensely stylish, complex villain, while Barbara Frittoli's Desdemona is unfailingly believable and touching. Verdi's masterpiece.



THURSDAY MATINEE: PRIDE AND PREJUDICE AND ZOMBIES

Thurs., Oct. 23rd, 1 p.m.-3 p.m.

Let the Jane Austen festivities continue! Join us for a screening of *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies*, featuring Elizabeth Bennet as a master of martial arts, and Mr. Darcy as a fierce zombie killer. Together, the pair must swallow their pride in order to conquer the undead. Rated PG-13.

THE GIFT OF NOTHING AND THE GIFT OF EVERYTHING WITH PATRICK MCDONNELL (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., Oct. 23rd, 7 p.m.

Patrick McDonnell's world-renowned comic strip MUTTS touches hearts and changes lives every day. Join creator Patrick McDonnell in celebrating the timeless friendship of Mooch the Cat and Earl the Dog with the release of the 20th anniversary edition of *The Gift of Nothing* and the new addition to their story, *The Gift of Everything*. An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.

BEYOND SPRING: WHY FALL IS PRIME TIME FOR NATIVE PLANTS

Tues., Oct. 28th, 5 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

This lecture will address the 'spring planting' myth and prove that fall is the best time to plant native plants. Kimberly Simmen, owner of KMS Native Plants LLC, will cover the benefits of native plants and explain why fall is the optimal season for planting; focusing on root development, weather conditions, reduced maintenance, benefits for spring growth, and support for pollinators and wildlife. This program is co-sponsored by Southold Free Library.

FLAMENCO DANCE PERFORMANCE

Sat., Nov. 1st, 2 p.m.

Experience the passion and artistry of Flamenco in a special performance by professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicalé. Originating in southern Spain, Flamenco is a powerful blend of music, dance, and song that reflects diverse cultural roots. With its rhythmic footwork, expressive gestures, and emotional storytelling, Flamenco captures the depth of human feeling—from sorrow to joy.

Youth and Parenting Department

Please register for programs using the online calendar beginning Monday, August 4, 2025

BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

COLORFUL STORYTIME ADVENTURE

Wednesday, September 10, 10 a.m.

Ages Birth – 4 years (preschool)

Join us for a tail-wagging good time 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.

BABIES BOOGIE

Monday, September 15, 4 p.m.

Ages Birth – 2 years

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

TODDLERS TANGO

Monday, September 15, 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.

DOT DAY

Monday, September 15, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

All ages

Join us as we celebrate the creativity of Peter Reynolds' book, The Dot. You will get a paper with a dot and see what you can create.

ONCE UPON A TUNE

Tuesday, September 23, 11 a.m.

Birth – 4 years (preschool)

Experience musical stories, sing along to your favorite tunes, and get creative with a fun craft activity. Enjoy hands-on time with various instruments as you play and explore!

PARENT/CHILD RHYME AND PLAY

Wednesdays, September 24, October 1, 8, 15,

9:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Birth – 3 years

Spend time playing with both fine and gross motor skill toys. Then join us for nursery rhymes, puppets, stories, and action songs. Drop in welcome.

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KINDERGARTEN – 6TH GRADE

LEGO

Monday, September 8, 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, September 8, 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.

COLORFUL STORYTIME ADVENTURE

Wednesday, September 10, 4 p.m.

Grades K-3

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MINECRAFT – SCARECROW BUILDING CONTEST

Thursday, September 18, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Grades K-3

The excitement begins in the Hay Maze, where players must hack and slash through a maze infested with mobs, battling enemies and searching for resources as they navigate their way to the exit. Once through the maze, the fun continues at the Fall Festival, featuring a variety of mini-games and a scavenger hunt, all rewarding players with valuable currency and resources. Did you build the scarecrow?

RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Friday, September 19, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Recommended Grades K-6

Drop in and have some fun.

LEGO FAMILY BUILD

Monday, September 29, 4 p.m.

Families

Use library LEGO, work as a family and create something amazing. See it on display in our LEGO case.

MAGNETS, MOTION AND MYSTERY

Tuesday, September 30, 4 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Enter a world where invisible forces move objects, power inventions, and spark curiosity. Learn about the fascinating world of magnetism through stories, science, and hands-on exploration.

FLASHLIGHT FUN

Tuesday, October 7, 4 p.m.

Grades K-2

Get ready to explore the magic of light, shadows, and imagination with this hands-on program where flashlights are keys to discovery. Through stories and games kids will investigate how light works, what shadows can do, and how to turn a simple flashlight into an adventure of science, creativity, and wonder. Do you like making shadow puppets?

INFLATABLE EXPRESSIONS

Tuesday, October 14, 4 p.m.

Grades K-6

Get ready for some hands-on fun! In this playful science program, kids will explore how air pressure works by creating their very own inflatable hand using just a glove, a cup, and a straw. As they build and test their creations, young scientists will learn how air can move, push, and fill space, even when they can't see it.

MINECRAFT – PUMPKIN PATCH FUN

Thursday, October 16, 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Grades K-3

Begin with the Pumpkin Scavenger Hunt, where you'll search for 11 hidden pumpkins scattered around the map. Explore the mysterious wizard's hut, where hidden secrets await, and use the golden pumpkin chunks to unlock a special activity! Next, test your skills on the way to the witch's hut while navigating tricky jumps and obstacles. Venture into the witch's maze, a winding labyrinth full of surprises, and keep your eyes peeled for five elusive golden pumpkin chunks. Finally, take on repairing the village by building houses and statues to protect the villagers from mischievous witches.

RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Friday, October 17, 3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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Grades K-6

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LEGO GRADES K-6 WITH FAMILIES

Monday, October 20, 4 p.m. – 4:45 p.m.

Grades K-6

Use library LEGO to create and then see them displayed in our case.

LEAF IT TO ART

Thursday, October 23, 4 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Create beautiful autumn-inspired artwork using real leaves as natural stencils! When the leaves are removed, they leave behind striking silhouettes surrounded by rich, colorful backgrounds. It's a fun and creative way to explore negative space, seasonal colors, and the beauty of nature.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

SUNFLOWER PROCESS ART

Tuesday, September 9, 4 p.m.

Families

Let's have some fun as we create Sunflowers using different art mediums.

PAINTING AND POPSICLES

Thursday, September 25, 4 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!

SPOOKY ART

Tuesday, October 21, 4 p.m.

Families

Join us for a not-too-spooky art adventure at the library! In this fun and imaginative program, young children will create artwork using a mix of craft supplies and their own creativity.

PUMPKIN PICK UP

Pick up a family pumpkin starting Wednesday, October 8 through Thursday, October 9. Carve out and design your pumpkin. Bring it back by 2 p.m. on Friday, October 10. Come back between 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. and enjoy.

PUMPKIN CARVING DISPLAY

Friday, October 10, 5 – 7 p.m.

Families

Join us in the green space for a fun fall time. Enjoy games, make a themed craft, and enjoy the pumpkin display. Watch those singing pumpkins again while enjoying popcorn, face painting, and balloon twisting.

GREAT GIVE BACK EVENT DONATION DRIVE

October 1st - October 31st

For the month of October we will be collecting items to be donated to the Southold Animal Shelter. Some of the items requested are blankets, paper towels, wet dog food, treats for cats and dogs and toys for cats and dogs. Teens who donate items can earn community service hours!

WEDNESDAYS IN THE GREEN SPACE

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Watch for toys and activities you can enjoy while soaking up some sun. These are self-directed activities.

Teen Programs

Register for programs online at
www.mattitucklaurellibrary.org

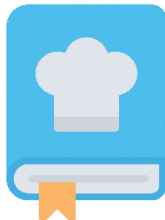
Follow us on Facebook at Mattituck-Laurel Library
or Instagram @matt_teens

Registration begins August 4th

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

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

SUBMIT YOUR FAVORITE RECIPE FOR OUR COMMUNITY COOKBOOK!



September 1st-October 31st

Help us create a Teen Community Cookbook to be circulated in the library! Share one of your favorite recipes, including ingredients, instructions, and a photo (optional).

Submissions can be made online or in person at the library. A printed copy of the cookbook will be available for each teen who submits a recipe. Submit your recipe by October 31st!



GREAT GIVE BACK EVENT DONATION DRIVE

October 1st-October 31st

For the month of October we will be collecting items to be donated to the Southold Animal Shelter. Some of the items requested are blankets, paper towels, wet dog food, treats for cats and dogs and toys for cats and dogs. Teens who donate items can earn community service hours!



JACK O'LANTERNS CARVING

Fri., October 10th 3:00-5:00pm

We're looking for creative teens to help carve Jack O'Lanterns for the Children's Department's annual Pumpkin Event! Carved pumpkins will be used as part of the event display. Space is limited and registration is required—sign up through our online calendar.

PUMPKIN EVENT:

Fri., October 10th 4:00-7:00pm

The library is looking for teen volunteers for the Children's Department annual Pumpkin Event, on October 10th from 4-7pm. Tasks would include set up/break down as well as helping running different games.

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: 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:

FALL MINI CANVAS PAINTING

Sat., Sept. 13th, 11am

Celebrate the season with a relaxing morning of painting and creativity! Design your own fall-themed mini canvas—pumpkins, leaves, cozy scenes, or anything you imagine. No experience needed and all supplies are provided. This activity can be done just for fun or counted toward community service hours. Bagels and juice will be served.

DIY SELF CARE KITS

Tues., Sept 16th, 4:30pm

Feeling stressed about the start of the school year? Take a break and treat yourself! Join us to create your own personalized self-care kit with hands-on stations including stress balls, face masks, mindfulness journals, and aromatherapy sachets. All supplies provided—just bring yourself and a little creativity!

SUCCESSFULLY NAVIGATING COLLEGE ADMISSIONS THIS FALL VIA ZOOM

Wed., September 17th, 7pm and Oct. 22nd at 7:30pm

Join Ron and Jackie from Stand Out for College for a Zoom presentation designed to help high school families navigate the college admissions process. They'll cover key trends, holistic admissions, test-optional policies, and tips to help students stand out—plus advice on finding the right college fit.

SNACKS AROUND THE WORLD

Mon., Sept., 22nd, 5:30pm

Take your taste buds on a trip! Join us to sample popular snacks from different countries and learn a little about their cultures along the way. Try something new and discover your next favorite treat!

ESCAPE THE LIBRARY!

Thurs., Oct 2nd, 3:00pm

Think you have what it takes to break out? Grab your friends and test your puzzle-solving skills in our library escape room! Work together to crack codes, find clues, and beat the clock. Can you escape in time? Prizes for the winners!

DECORATE A PUMPKIN!

Wed., October 15th, 4:00pm

Get into the fall spirit with a fun and artsy mini pumpkin decorating session! Use paint, Mod Podge, and pressed flowers to transform your own mini pumpkin into a seasonal masterpiece. Supplies will be ready for you to dive right in!

CANDY SCIENCE

Mon., October 27th, 5:30pm

Dive into the science behind your favorite sweets! Explore hands-on experiments with candy to uncover the chemistry and physics at work. Test dissolving rates, melting points, and chemical reactions—all while having a blast with tasty treats.

FALLING FOR JANE AUSTEN RAFFLE

Ongoing

We're celebrating Jane Austen this fall with a special raffle! Anyone can purchase raffle tickets—10 for \$5 (cash or check only)—and attendees of Jane Austen-themed programs will receive one free ticket per program. Tickets can be purchased at the circulation desk. Prizes include four themed baskets:

- Jane Austen Lover's Basket
- Tea Lover's Basket
- Pleasures & Pastimes Basket
- Letters & Legacy Basket

The raffle drawing will take place on November 30th. Don't miss your chance to win something delightful!

On-Going Classes/Services

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays: Sept. 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th; Oct. 1st, 8th; 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: Oct. 6th, 20th, 27th; Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th; Dec. 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd; 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 ten-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 \$50 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: Sept. 8th and October 20th, 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.

In the Library Art Gallery

SEPTEMBER 2025:

"Look Up!" — Photography by Jean Schweibish

I've been a photographer for over 40 years, with particular interest in the natural world and its opposite - the man-made one. Inspiration often comes from what hovers above a landscape or a structure, and when I can incorporate clouds, I happily do so. Clouds, in their many forms, sizes, and gradations appeal to the inner kid in me – the one who looked up as I once did, lying on my back on the small incline that served as a hill in my childhood home's backyard, fully connected to the ground underneath me, the scents of fresh mown grass and flowering shrubs tickling my nose, the trees rustling like music, the sun's warmth on my skin, as I observed the clouds scudding by above, shape-shifting into faces or animals, or morphing into more enigmatic forms; traversing the sky plane and departing for parts unknown.

As an adult I became more interactive with my looking up. Camera in hand, I was inevitably drawn to images that invited a visual conversation between terra firma and the celestial sphere. I can't help but see unmistakable connections, ephemeral suggestions, humorous interplay, mutual compliments, majestic formations, and random configurations, all in need of capturing before they move on. I hope you'll be reminded as you look at these images to tap into your inner child and remember - Look Up! — Jean Schweibish

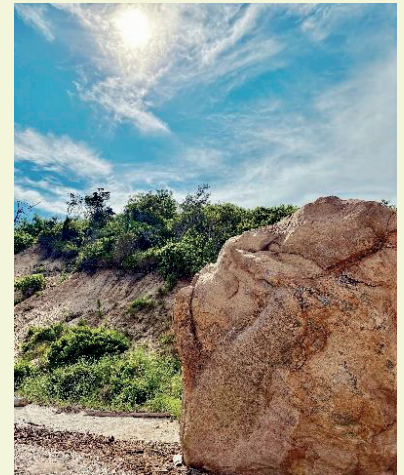
All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Sunday, September 7th from 1:30- 3:30 p.m.

OCTOBER 2025:

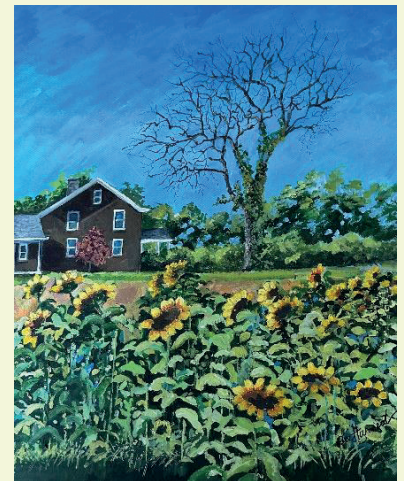
"Abundance" — A Group Show

A collection of artworks by a group of retired educators who inspired their students with an "abundance" of energy and now dedicate themselves to their work with that same spark and enthusiasm! The exhibition centers around the "abundance" of natural beauty on the North Fork! Together they are a mutual source of inspiration. Exhibitors include Lisa Baglivi, William Behrle, Patricia Feiler, Imelda Corcoran Farrell, Lee Harned and Wanda Nardollilo.

All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Sunday, October 5th, from 1:30- 3:30 p.m.



"Look Up!" – J. Schweibish



"Fields of Sun, Aquebogue" – L. Harned

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**Mattituck-Laurel Library**

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Postal Patron**2026 Budget Vote**

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For your consideration, the Board of Trustees present a budget for 2026 of \$1,816,067. This includes a Tax Levy of \$1,789,817 an increase of \$2.77 per thousand of assessed valuation. For the average household (assessed valuation of \$7,000) this year's increase amounts to approximately \$19 for the year.

Please support your community library by voting at the Budget Vote and Trustee Election at the Library on Tuesday, September 16th from 9am – 7pm. More information about the 2026 operating budget and trustee candidates will be available on the library webpage. A Budget Information Meeting will be held at the Library on Monday, September 8th, at 5:30pm.

2026 Proposed Budget Summary

Income		Disbursements	
Mattituck-Cutchogue School District	1,789,817	Personnel Costs	1,195,487
NYS Incentive	1,800	Library Materials	145,050
Interest	50	Capital Expenditures	20,000
Direct Public Support	7,000	Technology	9,300
Copy Machine	4,500	Operations & Maintenance	130,160
E-Rate Discount	5,400	Misc. Expense	216,070
PILOT Funds	7,5000	Debt Service	100,000
Total Income	1,816,067	Total Disbursements	1,816,067

Friends of the Mattituck-Laurel Library

Friends of Mattituck-Laurel Library kicked off its membership drive on July 15, following the monthly meeting. Led by Denise, 16 volunteers prepared 4,000 letters for mailing in just under two hours! A big thank you to the following: Catherine F., Catherine M., Diane, Elena, Fred, Gini, Linda M., Linda S., Loretta, Lorna, Marie, Nancy, Pamela, Pauline, Peggy and Robin.

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:****Labor Day - September 1****Columbus Day - October 13****BOARD MEETING DATES:****MON., SEPTEMBER 8, 6PM****MON., OCTOBER 20, 6PM***Friends Meeting Schedule***September 16, at 9:30 a.m.**Jim Underwood
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