

MCPL QUARTERLY

WINTER 2023-24

NEWS & PROGRAMS AT MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY



THE MUSEUM CORNER'S OUTDOOR ADVENTURE EXHIBIT

The Museum Corner, an interactive exhibit space located in the Children's Department at the Centereach building, is a specially designed area that features changing hands-on exhibits and programs for school-age children and their families. The environment is planned to stimulate learning, creativity and exploration through play.



The Outdoor Adventure exhibit opening in February 2024, the next-best thing to hanging out under Long Island starry skies, will focus on camping, hiking, fishing and paddling. Take an indoor hike and learn how to read a trail map, follow trail markers and use a field guide. Enjoy family time at the "MCPL Campground" featuring a real tent, kayaks, a simulated fire pit and more!

WINTER READING CLUB: READOPOLY!

For families with children birth through 5th grade. Join us for a Monopoly-themed reading adventure! Whether you're a "top hat" reader or "race car" fanatic, this reading adventure promises to be an exciting blend of strategy, exploration and adventure! Once you complete your board, come in to the library to receive a final prize and an invitation to our celebration. The Winter Reading Club program runs from December 14th through February 28th.



ME TIME: A FUN FRIDAY SERIES

Looking for something to do on a Friday evening? Interested in meeting new people? Escape to the library for Me Time. Each month we'll have a fun program such as disco bingo, trivia and more. Bring a friend or start a conversation with another attendee. Doors open 30 minutes before the program so attendees can enjoy refreshments while listening to vinyl records. For information on this season's programs see page 7.



Chocolate Fondue



Belly Dancing



Escape Room



Disco Bingo

PROGRAM CATALOG:

■ ADULTS/SENIORS	4 - 8
■ TEEN SERVICES	9 - 12
■ CHILDREN & FAMILIES	13 - 17

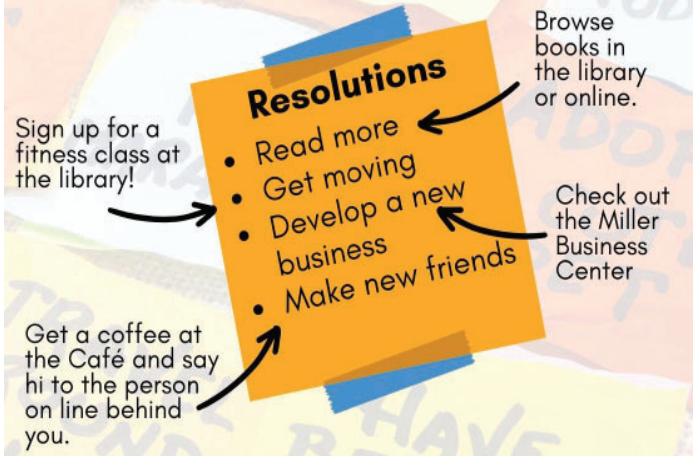
REGISTRATION: CHILDREN & TEENS - THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH
ADULTS - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 15TH

TEENS CREATE @ MCPL ART SHOW

Calling all teen artists! Do you draw, paint, have an interest in photography, or like to write? Submit an original piece of your artwork to be displayed at our teen art exhibit in the Teen Resource Center at MCPL Selden starting March 19th. The following types of work will be accepted: original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories, and poetry. An artist registration form with guidelines is available online or at any reference desk and needs to be submitted along with your artwork. All submissions are due between February 12-16, 2024. See page 9 for more information.



4 Ways the Library Can Help You Keep Your New Year's Resolutions



LIBRARY FOR ALL

The library is for everyone to learn, play & create! Designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs, Library for All attendees will make crafts, create art, play games and explore the library. This winter, join us on Wednesdays February 21st or March 13th from 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SAVE THE DATE!

VOLUNTEER FAIR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH

6:00PM - 8:00PM

SELDEN

NO
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED!

Would you like to make a difference?
Do you need community service hours?
Not sure where to start?

PARTICIPATE IN
SERVICE
OPPORTUNITIES

Come to our Volunteer Fair
for adults and teens to find out
about local opportunities
and how you can help!



Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodation due to a disability.

BUSINESS NETWORKING OPEN HOUSE

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23RD

8:30 A.M. - 10:30 A.M. CENTEREACH



The library's Miller Business Center knows how important networking is to business success. Joining various business organizations can be very beneficial to entrepreneurs, business owners and business professionals. Take the opportunity to engage with local business networking organizations at the Business Networking Open House. Open to all. No registration necessary.



SAT PREP WORKSHOP

Need to review for the SAT? High school juniors and seniors with an MCPL card can register for this five-week class held on Thursdays or Saturdays to prepare to take the SAT exam. Students will need to have a copy of the book *The Official SAT Study Guide: 2020 Edition* published by College Board. The book will be available for purchase in the amount of \$23.90 and distributed at the first session. Students should bring a notebook and calculator to class. See page 10 for dates and more information.

RING IN THE NEW YEAR!

FRIDAY, JANUARY 5TH

2:00 P.M. - 4:00 P.M. SELDEN



Celebrate with your MCPL friends and The Band Easy Street as we welcome 2024!

ATTENDING PROGRAMS

- A valid MCPL library card for each patron (adults, children and teens) is required at time of registration.
- Register online at www.mcplibrary.org, in person at Centereach and Selden, or by calling 631-585-9393.
- Registration for Children's and Teen programs begins on Thursday, December 14th at 9:30 a.m.
- Registration for Adult programs begins on Friday, December 15th at 9:30 a.m.
- Program fees must be paid at the time of registration. Payment for online or phone registrations are due within three days or the registration will be cancelled. Program fees are non-refundable.
- Out-of-District patrons with a valid card from their home library may attend programs designated with a (*). Based on availability, registration for these Adult programs begins Tuesday, December 26th (except where noted).
- For the most up-to-date registration and program information please visit www.mcplibrary.org/calendar or call 631-585-9393.
- Please let us know if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

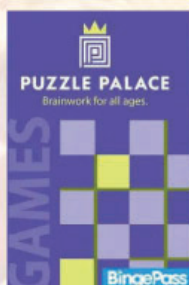


HOME DELIVERY OF LIBRARY MATERIALS

Do you, or someone you know, have trouble getting to the library? If so, please contact us to learn more about the possibility of having library materials delivered to your home. Please contact 631-585-9393 ext. 302 for more details.

hoopla BingePass lets you...well, BINGE!

Entire collections of streaming content such as movies, comics, puzzles, stories and more are at your fingertips with just one borrow.



All you need is your library card!

Visit www.hoopladigital.com/browse/binge to see all the hoopla BingePasses or contact the library for more information.



ADULTS/SENIORS

Adult programs are for patrons aged 14+.
Please see online catalog for program descriptions.

Arts & Crafts

Ceramic Spring Gnomes (A178)

Materials Fee: \$5

Wednesday, March 6 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm **OR** 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Chinese Brush Painting (A181)

Thursday, February 8 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Crafting for a Purpose: Inspirational Bookmarks (A184)

Thursday, February 15 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Crafts, Coffee & Conversation (A258)

Thursday, January 11 **AND/OR** February 8 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Crochet Group (A199)*

Tuesdays, January 9, February 13, March 12

7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Cupid's Arrow Wall Hanging (A173)

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

OR Thursday, February 1 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Diamond Art: Beach Dream (A182)

Thursday, March 14 | 2:30pm - 3:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

DIY Intention Bracelets (A186)

Wednesday, January 10 | 1:30pm - 2:30pm **OR** 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Leather Multi-Strand Pearl Necklace (A227)

Materials Fee: \$18

Monday, January 8 | 4:00pm - 6:00pm **OR** 6:15pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Lucky Rainbow Sign (A240)

Materials Fee: \$15

Thursday, March 7 | 3:00pm - 4:30pm **OR** 6:00pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Make Your Own: Corsage and Boutonniere (A242)

Materials Fee: \$10

Wednesday, January 10 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Neurographic Art (A172)

Thursday, March 7 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Paper Rose Bouquet (A180)

Wednesday, February 7 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Quilting Instructional (A156)

Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, March 12, 26

6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Quilting Sew n' Sews (A272)

Wednesdays, January 3, February 7 **AND** March 6

6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Scrapbooking & Journaling Club (A174)

Tuesdays, January 30, February 27, **AND** March 26

6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Sewing 101 (A259)

Review how to use a sewing machine and sew a fun simple project to take home!

Saturdays, January 13, 20 | 11:00am - 12:30pm **OR**

1:00pm - 2:30pm | Selden

Sewing Class: Tissue Box Cover (A260)

Materials Fee: \$5

Saturday, February 10 | 11:00am - 2:30pm | Selden

Stained Glass: Daisy (A185)

Materials Fee: \$20

Wednesday, March 27 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden **OR**

Thursday, March 28 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm **OR** 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Winter Snow Globe (A241)

Thursday, January 18 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm **OR** 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Take & Make Programs

Reserve your kit, detailed instructions included.

DIY Football Team Helmet (A0256)

Registration begins: Friday, January 12

DIY Valentines Love Letter Garland (A0265)

Registration begins: Friday, February 2

Hand-Sewn Springtime Bunny & Carrot Softies: A Creativebug Take & Make Program (A0264)

Registration begins: Friday, March 8

Book Discussions & Writing

Afternoon Book Discussion (A211)*

January: *Klara and the Sun* by Kazuo Ishiguro; **February:** *Black Cake* by Charmaine Wilkerson; **March:** *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts

Thursdays, January 18, February 22 **AND** March 21

2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

History Buffs Book Club (A166)*

Thursdays, January 4, February 15, March 28,

7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Writers' Group (A201)*

Wednesdays, January 17, February 21, March 20

7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach



Business & Careers

Visit www.millerbusinesscenter.org for the most up-to-date list of upcoming business programs.

One-on-One Financial Counseling (A212)

Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, March 5 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Smart Business Book Club (A226)*

February: *Decisive: How to make better choices in life and work* by Chip Heath and Dan Heath

Wednesday, February 7 | 8:30am - 9:30am | Offsite

Starting a Business on a Small Budget (A204)*

Wednesday, January 17 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Stress-Less: A Self-Care Guide to Growing Your Business Without Burning Out (A268)*

Thursday, January 25 | 9:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

VITA – Free Tax Preparation* In-Person Returns in 2024!

VITA offers free in-person tax preparation for low-to moderate-income individuals. This service will be provided by Bethpage Federal Credit Union. Open to the public.
Registration begins in-person or via phone on January 29th, 2024.
Please contact the library for more details.

Citizenship & ESOL & Literacy

The Literacy Office is open to assist patrons with limited literacy or English proficiency needing help accessing library services and programs. Call 631-585-9393 ext 274 or ext 248.

Career and School Counseling for ESOL Students (A187)

Wednesdays, January 10, February 7, March 6
10:00am - 1:00pm | Selden
Wednesdays, January 17, 24, February 14, 28, March 13, 20
4:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Citizenship Preparation (A192)*

Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 6, 13, 20
7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Computer Skills and Technology for ESOL Students (A193)

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

English Class: Basic (A251)*

Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27 February 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 2, 9, 16
10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach
Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25 February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & March 7, 14
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

English Class: Intermediate (A248)*

Saturdays, January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 24 & March 2, 9, 16
10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach
Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 & March 7, 14
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

English Conversation Group (A190)*

Mondays, January 8, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 4, 11, 18, 25
10:30am - 11:30am | Selden

Literacy Suffolk Tutor Training (A266)*

Train to become a Literacy Suffolk Tutor.
Saturdays February 24 & March 2 | 10:00am - 2:00pm | Selden

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A247)*

Saturdays, January 13, February 3, March 9
12:30pm - 2:00pm | Centereach
Wednesdays, January 24, February 28, March 27
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Tech Drop-in for English Language Learners (A257)*

No registration required.
Saturdays, February 10, March 2 | 11:30am - 1:30pm | Centereach

Computers & Technology

Apple Support Group (A223)

Monday, February 19 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Computer Basics (A224)

Saturday, January 20 **AND/OR** Thursday, March 14
10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Excel Formulas (A209)

Tuesday, January 9 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Excel Logic Functions (A207)

Tuesday, March 5 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Excel Lookup Functions (A208)

Tuesday, February 6 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Facebook Marketplace (A225)*

Thursday, March 14 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Laser Engraved Journal (A206)

Materials Fee: \$5

Intermediate computer knowledge required.

Wednesday, February 7 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach **OR**
Saturday, February 10 | 10:30am - 12:00pm **OR**
12:30pm - 2:00pm | Centereach

Sublimation Puzzle (A205)

Intermediate computer knowledge required.

Wednesday, March 13 | 5:00pm - 6:30pm **OR**
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach **OR**
Saturday, March 9 | 11:00am - 12:30pm | Centereach

Vision Board (A179)

Wednesday, January 3 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach



Can't get into the library for a program? MCPL patrons can access LinkedIn Learning for business, creative, and technology courses to help achieve personal and professional goals.

Visit tinyurl.com/MCPLLearn to get started.

LinkedIn Learning

Cooking & Gardening

Irish Soda Bread (A220)

Monday, March 4 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Local Eats: Winter Soups (A238)

Wednesday, February 28 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Mediterranean Cooking (A188)

Thursday, January 11 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Native Plant Winter Sowing (A236)

Saturday, January 6 | 10:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach

Now Sowing: Potatoes, Peas & Greens (A237)

Saturday, March 23 | 11:00am - 12:30pm | Selden

Seed Showcase and Exchange (A239)*

Thursday, March 21 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Seed Sorting Party (A234)*

Thursdays, February 15 **AND/OR** March 7
1:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Super Bowl Appetizers (A213)*

Thursday, February 1 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Sustainable Pollinator Garden Planning Workshop (A235)

Wednesday, March 13 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Defensive Driving & Pre-Licensing *

AARP Smart Driver (A198)*

Program Fee: \$25 for AARP Members/ \$30 for non-Members
Checks payable to AARP

Saturday, January 6 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden **OR**

Monday, February 12 **AND** Tuesday, February 13

10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden **OR**

Monday, March 11 **AND** Tuesday, March 12 | 10:00am - 1:30pm | Selden

Defensive Driving (A200)*

Program Fee: \$25 (\$22 for students with High School ID)

Check payable to NYSTA, Inc.

Wednesday, January 17 **AND** Thursday, January 18

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden **OR**

Saturday, January 20 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden **OR**

Saturday, February 17 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden **OR**

Wednesday, February 21 **AND** Thursday, February 22

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden **OR**

Saturday, March 16 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden **OR**

Wednesday March 27 **AND** Thursday, March 28

5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A221)*

Program Fee: \$55 in CASH on day of class.

Saturdays, January 6 **OR** February 3 **OR** March 2

10:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

Games

Family Chess Club (A164)*

Fridays | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Fun and Games (A167)*

Wednesdays | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Game Night (A176)*

Wednesdays, January 10, February 7, March 13

6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Mah-Jongg Club (A165)*

Tuesdays | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Genealogy

Genealogy Research Assistance

Request an appointment at www.tinyurl.com/MCPLgenealogyappt

Health & Wellness

Early Heart Attack Care (A175)*

Wednesday, March 13 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Free Hearing Test (A228)*

Friday, January 12 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

Hip Hop Fitness (A254)

Fridays February 9 **AND** 16 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Medicaid Enrollment Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (A191)

Tuesdays, January 9, February 6, March 5 | 10:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

Stony Brook Healthy Libraries (HeLP) (A261)

Tuesdays, January 30, February 13, 27, March 19

10:30am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Tuning Forks for Healing (A270)

Tuesday, March 12 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Understanding Strokes (A183)*

Monday, January 29 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Yoga (A253)

Saturdays, February 17, 24, March 2, 16, 23

10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

Zumba (A255)

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12

7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

History & Heritage

Billy Joel's New York (A219)*

Friday, March 22 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

From Slavery to Freedom: African American History on Long Island (A169)*

Tuesday, February 13 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

The Gilgo Beach Murders: What's New? (A171)*

Tuesday, January 16 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

The History of Hip Hop on Long Island and Queens (A230)*

Tuesday, February 27 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Inside the CIA (A177)*

Wednesday, January 24 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Penny Postcard View of Long Island (A168)*

Tuesday, January 23 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Playing with the Boys: The Arthur Murray Girls Baseball Team vs Patchogue Athletics (A160)*

Tuesday, March 26 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Women in the Military During WWII (A170)*

Tuesday, March 5 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Interests & Lifestyle

Country Line Dancing (A189)

Friday, January 12, 19 | 6:30pm - 7:45pm | Centereach

Eclipses: The Dance Between Earth, Moon, and Sun (A229)*

Monday, March 18 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Exploring Long Island's Underwater World (A243)*

Thursday, March 14 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Hiking Safety Basics (A269)

Tuesday, March 19 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Let's Talk About Weather (A218)*

With the Islandwide Weather Guys

Wednesday, January 31 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Library for All (A267)



This program is designed for adults with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs. Everybody is welcome to attend. If you require any special accommodations, please be sure to let us know.

Wednesday, February 21 | 10:00am - 11:30am | Selden

AND/OR Wednesday, March 13 | 10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

Long Island's Power Grid: Storms, Challenges, and the Future (A271)*

Tuesday, January 30 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Me Time: A Fun Friday Series*

Glow in the Dark Paint Night (A245)

Materials Fee: \$10

Friday, January 26 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Coffee Tasting (A246)

Friday, March 8 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Venues for Volunteering Fair (T660)

Do you need community service hours? Not sure where to begin? Come find out what volunteer opportunities are available in our area and how you can help!

Thursday, February 8 | 6:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Inclement Weather Date: Thursday, February 15

Winter Birds of Long Island (A157)*

Saturday, January 27 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

Performances

Live at MCPL: Irish Songs With Gil McLean (A197)

Sunday, March 10 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL: The Song Island Band (A214)

Sunday, January 14 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL: Sugar and Spice Band (A232)

Sunday, February 4 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

Music & Poetry Night: A Celebration of Women Artists! (A244)*

Friday, April 5 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Senior Programs

Assistive Devices for Older Adults (A231)*

Wednesday, January 10 | 10:00am - 11:00am | Centereach

Friday Films @1 (A159)

Fridays, in January, February, March, except January 5 | 1:00pm | Selden

PACE: People with Arthritis Can Exercise (A0216)

Tuesdays, January 9 through 30, February 6-27, and March 5, 12

12:30pm - 1:30pm | Selden **OR** via Zoom

Prime Time: Older Adults Connecting through the Library (A210)*

Tuesdays, January 23, March 26 | 10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

Ring in the New Year: 2024 (A158)

Friday, January 5 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Senior Advocate (A845)*

Mondays, January 29, March 25 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm | Centereach

Senior Connections (A115)*

Fridays, January 5, 19, February 2, 16, March 1, 15

11:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

AND Fridays, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 8, 22

11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Topical Tuesdays @ 2: Maybe It's Your Thyroid (A161)*

Tuesday, March 5 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Support Services

Community Legal Help*

Need help with a legal problem? Free limited legal advice and assistance is available. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome.

Please call 631-822-3272 to make an appointment.

Thursdays, January 4, 11, 18, February 1, 8, 15, March 7, 14, 21

2:00pm - 5:00pm | Centereach

HIIICAP Medicare Counseling (A215)*

Appointments take place over the phone.

Friday, January 5, 19, February 2, 16, March 1, 15

30 minute appointments between 11:00am - 1:00pm

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J431)*

Open to all

Long Island Cares will have a mobile food pantry van on-site for a three-day food distribution. No identification required.

Thursdays, January 11, February 18, March 14

11:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach-Parking Lot

Veterans Benefits Assistance (A162)*

Wednesdays, January 3, February 7, March 6 | 9:30am - 1:30pm | Selden

Mondays, January 8, February 12, March 11 | 9:30am - 1:30pm | Selden

Wednesdays, January 17, February 21, March 20

9:30am - 1:30pm | Centereach

Veterans Community Resource Table (A163)*

Thursdays, January 18, February 15, March 21

11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

What is 211 Long Island & How Can It Help Me? (A217)*

Fridays, January 12 **OR** February 9 **OR** March 8

10:00am - 11:00am | Selden

Widowhood...The Journey Continues (A202)

Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28

2:00pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Trips & Travel

Armchair Travel: Portugal Beyond Lisbon (A203)*

Thursday, January 18 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Take a Trip: Moulin Rouge (A267)*

High kick-it with us at Moulin Rouge on Broadway! We will depart the Centereach parking lot promptly at 9:30am. There will be time for lunch on your own before the 2pm show. Seats are located in the balcony and require walking up stairs. Patrons may register themselves and 1 guest. This trip is open to MCPL card holders only. Our seats are located in the rear mezzanine. **A non-refundable payment of \$120 per person (cash/check/charge) is due by February 5th or your spot will be cancelled.**

Saturday, April 6 | 9:30am - 7:00pm | Centereach Parking Lot



HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT MCPL'S INNOVATION SPACE?



MIDDLE COUNTRY PUBLIC LIBRARY
INNOVATION SPACE

The library's Innovation Space allows users of all ages to explore and combine varying creative and technical skills, utilizing equipment that might be otherwise unavailable to create unique, personalized items.

Patrons can stop by during the space's open time or make an appointment!

To learn more, visit mcplibrary.org/Innovation-Space

What you'll find in our Innovation Space:

3D Printing

Prusa 3D Printers
Ultimaker 3D Printer

Computing

Microsoft Surface Studio 2

Fabrication

Carbide 3D Shapeoko 3 XXL CNC Router
Epilog FusionEdge 12 Laser Engraver

Making & Crafting

Brother Sewing & Embroidery Machine
Button Makers
Cricut Maker 3
Mayku FormBox (Vacuum Forming)

Printing

HP Large Format Printer / Scanner
Fellowes Thermal Laminator
Sawgrass Sublimation Printer & Heat Press

Recording Studio

Rodecaster Pro
3 Heil PR-40 Pro Microphones
3 Studio Headphones
Mac Studio M1 Max
Software: Hindenburg PRO
Software: Garageband



TEEN SERVICES

All programs for teens in 6th - 12th grade unless otherwise noted.
For detailed program descriptions, please visit us online.

Reading Clubs

100 Books Before Graduation (T488)

In this exciting reading program, participating teens are challenged to read 100 books before graduating high school. Every 10 books read will earn a free book, and when the challenge is completed teens will receive a final prize and their name on the Underground Wall of Fame! Sign-up today by visiting: 100books.mcplibrary.org or call 631-585-9393 ext. 595.

Arts/Crafts/Cooking

Take and Make Program Bags

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

- Available at the Youth Services desks in Centereach and Selden.
- Open to MCPL card holders only for the first 4 days, then out-of-district patrons may also pick up bags.
- Quantities are limited, and bags are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Centereach & Selden

Chocolate Pop Molds (T674)

Friday, January 19

Cross Stitch Kit (T708)

Friday, February 2

Illuminated Paper Lantern (T714)

Friday, March 15

Make Your Own Movie Night (T691)

Friday, February 16

Nature Prints (T704)

Friday, March 1

Wood Slice Owl (T715)

Friday, January 5

Art Mashup (T681)

Learn or improve both your traditional and digital art skills. Includes 3D art creation lesson which will be printed on the 3D printer. An iPad is required; teens may bring their own or use the library's iPad.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

Beaded Friendship Bracelets (T671)

Monday, February 12

5:30pm - 6:15pm

Centereach

Bird Feeders (T707)



Monday, March 4

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Centereach

Colorful Candle Making (T706)

Thursday, March 21

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Selden

Dragon Sculpey Workshop (T676)

Thursday, February 1

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Get in the Flow (T688)

It's time to relax and get in the flow with pour painting. Follow step-by-step to create your own abstract acrylic tree painting. Please dress for a mess.

Wednesday, January 3

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Selden

Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 - Magnet Makers (T713)

For teens in 5th - 8th grade

Tuesday, February 27

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Centereach

Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 - Tape Resist Art (T712)

For teens in 5th - 8th grade

Tuesday, January 23

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

No Sew Penguin (T716)

Tuesday, January 9

5:30pm - 6:15pm

Centereach

Painted Rock Cactus Garden (T680)

Monday, March 18

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

Strawberry Chocolate Chip Muffins (T669)

Wednesday, February 14

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Selden

Tabletop Zen Garden (T709)



Thursday, January 18

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Selden

Tacos Dorados (T675)

Wednesday, January 24

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Selden

Teens Chat & Craft (T683)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Centereach

Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception (T687)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade and their families

Join us for the opening of MCPL's teen art show! This exhibit will highlight the work of MCPL teen artists. All ages are welcome to attend.

Tuesday, March 19

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Selden

Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Submissions (T686)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Do you draw, paint, have an interest in photography, or like to write? Submit an original piece of your artwork to be displayed at our teen art exhibit starting March 19th. The following types of work will be accepted: original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories, and poetry. An artist registration form with guidelines is available online or at any reference desk and needs to be submitted along with your artwork. All submissions are due between February 12th - February 16th. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Jackman at 631-585-9393 ext. 271 or Angela Perrone at ext. 276.

Tweens Chat & Craft (J428)

For children in 4th - 6th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28

5:00pm - 6:00pm

Centereach

Underground in the Afternoon - Decorate Your Own Letter Board (T703)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Friday, March 15

4:00pm - 4:30pm

Centereach

Books/Films/Writing

Advanced Division Battle of the Books (T697)

For teens in 9th - 12th grade

Do you love to read? Become part of the Advanced Battle of the Books team and compete against other libraries for the trophy! This year's books are *Skyhunter* by Marie Lu and *Hotel Magnifique* by Emily J. Taylor. Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6
5:45pm - 6:30pm Centereach
Saturday, February 10 Offsite
Time TBD

Anime Night (T700)

Tuesday, March 12
6:30pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Silent Disco (T682)

Join us for an evening of solitude and creativity as you listen to music and journal about what your favorite songs and lyrics mean to you. Please bring your own headphones and music-playing phone or device.
Thursday, March 7
5:00pm - 6:00pm Selden

Teen Writers Café (T667)

Tuesdays, January 16, February 20, March 19
6:45pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Tell Us About It Book Club (T696)

Join a group of teens who love to read! Talk about what books you love or what you didn't like so much. Get some recommendations from other readers.
Tuesdays, January 16, February 13, March 12
4:00pm - 5:00pm Selden

Underground in the Afternoon - Movie on a Monday (T666)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Monday, January 15
3:00pm - 4:30pm Centereach

Zine Club (T670)

Join us in designing and swapping Zines about a favorite topic or interest. Supplies will be provided to create and self-publish your own zine, or mini-magazine. After the last session, you will receive "Zine Mail" along with a special treat!
Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, March 5
5:00pm - 6:00pm Centereach

College/Careers

Career & College Counseling Services*

Looking for a job? Interested in a career? Need help with the college admissions process? Meet one-on-one or virtually with a counselor. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133.
This confidential service is by appointment only.

Career Conversations (T701)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade and first/second year college students

Teens are invited to learn about career paths from a panel of workers from specialized job fields who will give insights into their professions.
Monday, March 11
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

SAT Prep Workshop (T698)

For teens in 11th - 12th grade

This workshop is designed for high school juniors and seniors preparing to take the SAT exam. Students will need *The Official SAT Study Guide: 2020 Edition* published by The College Board. If you need to purchase the book, it will be available for \$23.90 and will be distributed on the first day of class. Non-refundable payments will be accepted in cash, check or charge. Checks should be made payable to Middle Country Public Library. Students should bring a notebook and calculator to class. There will not be class during the week of school break.

Thursdays, January 25, February 1, 8, 15, 29
6:00pm - 8:30pm Selden

OR

Saturdays, January 27, February 3, 10, 17, March 2
10:00am - 12:30pm Selden

Community Service

Visit <https://www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service/> for a complete list of teen community service opportunities.

Buddy Programs

Buddy Training (T693)

Let's buddy up with some kids and have fun! You must attend Buddy Training in order to volunteer in any of our Buddy programs.

Choose one date.

Wednesday, January 10
5:30pm - 6:15pm Centereach

OR Thursday, January 11
6:00pm - 6:45pm Selden

For the following programs you must have completed Buddy Training to volunteer:

Art Buddies (T679)

Tuesdays, March 5, 12
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Book Buddies (T695)

Thursdays, February 1, 8
5:30pm - 6:30pm Centereach

STEM Buddies (T694)

Mondays, January 22, 29 OR March 4, 11
5:30pm - 6:30pm Centereach

Be Proud, Be Responsible (T668)

For teens in 7th-12th grade

This multi-media, 7-module curriculum provides adolescents with the knowledge, motivation, and skills to change their behaviors in ways that will reduce their risk of contracting HIV/STIs and unplanned pregnancies. Presented by Stony Brook Children's Division of Adolescent Medicine. Pizza will be served. Earn community service hours for participating.

Thursday, March 28
11:00am - 3:00pm Selden

AND

Friday, March 29
11:00am - 2:00pm Selden

Community Service Craft: Spring Display (T710)

Tuesday, March 26
5:00pm - 6:00pm Centereach

Crochet for a Cause (T677)

Join instructor Miss Lisa to make crochet projects that we will donate to various local organizations. Everyone from beginner to experienced is welcome. All supplies will be provided. You must attend three out of five sessions in order to receive community service hours.

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, February 5, 12
6:30pm - 7:30pm Centereach

CAREER CONVERSATIONS

MONDAY, MARCH 11
6:30PM-8:00PM
MCPL-SELDEN

Explore various career paths and
speak one-on-one with professionals!



Homework Pals (T644)

For teens in 9th - 12th grade

Homework Pals is an ongoing program where high school students earn community service by assisting children in K - 5th grade with their schoolwork. Register for as many dates as you are available.

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

4:00pm - 5:00pm

Selden

Underground in the Afternoon - Drop-in Community Service (T664)

For teens in 8th - 12th grade

Tuesday, February 13

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Centereach

Venues for Volunteering Fair (T660)

Do you need community service hours? Not sure where to begin? Come find out what volunteer opportunities are available in our area and how you can help!

Thursday, February 8

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Thursday, February 15 (Inclement Weather Date)

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Teen Volunteer Clubs

To join, fill out a virtual application available at www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service/

Green Teens (T705)



For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Discuss environmental issues, work on eco-friendly projects and receive community service credit for participating.

Media Teens (T678)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Get community service for helping promote library events and clubs by making videos and taking awesome pictures! We'll meet each month to discuss which events and clubs to promote!

The Mutt Club (T699)



For teens in 6th - 12th grade

Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved! The Mutt Club will meet monthly where members will be able to help animals in a variety of ways.

Teen Advisory Council (T684)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Members plan and implement library programs, and provide input on teen services at MCPL.

Driving/Pre-Licensing

Pre-Licensing Class (A221) *

For teens in 11th - 12th grade

Students will learn the basic rules of the road, safe driving principles, defensive driving skills, and other factors which affect driving. Bring your permit and \$55 fee in CASH to class.

Saturdays, January 6 OR February 3 OR March 2

10:00am - 3:00pm

Selden

Friday Night Teen Programs (T665)

For teens in 6th - 12th grade.

Please register for each date you plan on attending.

Challenge Night (T665)

Fridays, January 26, February 23, March 22

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Computer Drop-in (T665)

Enjoy time on the computers or iPads on your own or with a friend. The Library's Internet policy is applicable to all participants.

Fridays, January through March

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Create-On Crafts (T665)

Do you love crafting? Join us for some fun projects to do with your friends. January: Snowman Mason Jar, February: DIY Heart Coasters, March: Spring Cleaning Create-On

Fridays, January 19, February 16, March 15

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Game Night (T665)

Fridays, January 12, February 9, March 8

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Kahoot Trivia (T665)

Fridays, January 5, February 2, March 1

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Movie Night (T665)

Friday, March 29

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Open Door TRC (T665)

Want a place to go with your friends to play games & hangout together? A place that's fun and best of all FREE! Check out Open Door TRC every Friday night.

Fridays, January through March

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Fun & Games

Dungeons & Dragons (T673)

Join us on an epic adventure with your Dungeons and Dragons guide, Justin!

Thursdays, January 18, February 1, 15, 29, March 14, 28

6:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

Gamers Meet-Up (T690)

Come hang out with fellow gamers, play Nintendo Switch, Xbox Series X, or try Mario Kart Live Circuit!

Tuesdays, January 23, February 27, March 26

7:00pm - 8:15pm

Selden

Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 - Game Developing with LCM (T711)

For teens in 5th - 8th grade

Monday, March 25

4:30pm - 5:30pm

Centereach

Homeschool Hangout (T717) *

Thursday, March 7

11:30am - 1:00pm

Centereach

Introduction to Dungeons & Dragons (T672)

Interested in joining Dungeons and Dragons but aren't sure how to play? Join us for an introductory program that includes a character creation workshop and explanation of basic rules of the game!

Thursday, January 4

6:00pm - 7:30pm

Centereach

Teen Discord (T0371)

For teens in 7th (age 13) - 12th grade

Drop in to our Discord server to game or just chat with one another. Fill out a Teen Discord application in order to be added to our Discord server, which will allow you to join the program: <https://tinyurl.com/mcplteendiscord>

Daily Monday - Friday, January through March

1:00pm - 9:00pm

Discord

Health & Wellness

Teen Yoga & Meditation (T689)

Bring water, yoga mat and/or towel.

Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, March 5
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Selden

Teens Chat & Craft (T683)

For teens in 7th - 12th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28
6:30pm - 7:30pm

Centereach

Tweens Chat & Craft (J428)

For children in 4th - 6th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28
5:00pm - 6:00pm

Centereach

Yoga for All (T692)



For students in 6th to 12th grade with special needs.

Parents and/or caregivers are encouraged to attend to support their child as needed. Please bring a yoga mat or towel/small blanket and water.

Wednesdays, January 31, February 14, March 27
4:00pm - 4:45pm

Centereach

Music

Black History Month: From Sea Shanties to Hip Hop (T718)

For teens in 6th - 8th grade

Explore the rich traditions of West African music found in sea shanties, Jazz and Hip Hop and then create your own sistrum – a traditional rattle using shells.

Monday, February 26
6:15pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

Teen Ukulele Workshop (T702)

Bring your ukulele or borrow one for the duration of the program!

Monday, February 19 - Thursday, February 22
11:00am - 12:00pm

Selden

Nature/Science & Technology

3D Printing with TinkerCad (T662)

Learn how to create a 3D image then have it printed on the library's 3D printer.

Saturday, February 17
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Centereach

3Doodler (T663)

Wednesday, January 10
7:00pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

Laser Engraver (T661)

Make an item to bring home using the laser engraver.

Wednesday, January 31
5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

OR

Saturday, March 9
2:00pm - 3:00pm

Centereach

Sock and Scarf Sublimation (T685)

Sublimate images to design your own custom pair of socks and scarf.

Saturday, February 3
2:00pm - 3:30pm

Centereach

Teen Spaces at MCPL



6th-12th grade
TRC Lounge at
Selden



5th-8th grade
Club 5-6-7 at
Centereach



8th-12th grade
Underground at
Centereach

Hang out with friends, do homework & study,
use computers, play videogames & get creative in any
of our welcoming spaces just for you!

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

For detailed program descriptions, please visit us online.

Reading Clubs

1000 Books Before Kindergarten (J800)

For families with children birth - 5 years old (not yet in Kindergarten)

This ongoing reading club promotes child and parent bonding through reading with infants, toddlers, and preschoolers. Children will receive a prize for every 100 books read. Sign up at a Youth Services reference desk or call 631-585-9393 ext. 559.



Winter Reading Club: READOPOLY! (J422)

For families with children birth - 5th grade

Join us for a Monopoly-themed reading adventure! Whether you're a "top hat" reader or "racecar" fanatic, this reading adventure promises to be an exciting blend of strategy, exploration and adventure! Once you complete your board, come in to the library to receive a final prize and an invitation to the celebration.

Thursday, December 14 - Wednesday, February 28

Family Programs

Dot Marker Madness (J349)

For families with children 2 - 12 years old

Drop in for some dot marker fun.

Tuesday, February 20

10:00am - 11:30am

Centereach

Family Matinee: "DC League of Super-Pets" (J414)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Join us for a viewing of "DC League of Super-Pets" and visit our pet-themed craft stations setup by our Mutt Club volunteers. Take your craft home or leave it to donate to a local animal shelter!

Monday, March 25

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

Family Matinee: "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" (J380)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Join us for a viewing of "The Super Mario Bros. Movie" on our big screen and enjoy magical Super Mario-inspired family activities and crafts.

Thursday, February 22

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Selden

Family Style Baking: Chocolate Snowstorm Cookies (J423)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Choose one session. Register one person per family.

Saturday, January 27

10:30am - 11:30am

OR 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Centereach

Family Style Baking: Football Food (J338)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Choose one session. Register one person per family.

Saturday, February 10

10:30am - 11:30am

OR 12:00pm - 1:00pm

OR 1:30pm - 2:30pm

Centereach

Family Style Baking: Irish Soda Bread (J424)

For families with children in K - 5th grade

Choose one session. Register one person per family.

Saturday, March 2

10:30am - 11:30am

OR 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Selden

The Jester Jim Show (J351)

For families with children in Pre K - 4th grade

Monday, February 19

3:00pm - 3:45pm

Centereach

Let's Go Seawolves! (J374)

For families

Let's cheer on the Stony Brook Seawolves Ice Hockey team. Meet us at the Rinx in Hauppauge for their game against Liberty University. This is sure to be an exciting game! Please register each person attending the game and the child's age. Meet us at the Rinx at 3:00pm to receive your tickets, puck drops at 3:30pm.

Sunday, January 28

3:00pm - 6:30pm

Offsite

Watercolor Wonders (J348)

For families with children 2 - 12 years old

Drop in to create something wonderful with watercolor paint.

Friday, February 23

10:00am - 11:30am

Centereach

Winter Break Scavenger Hunt: READOPOLY (J419)

For families with children 3 years old and up

Drop in anytime during winter break, Saturday February 17th through Sunday February 25th, to participate in a fun Monopoly-themed scavenger hunt on the children's floor. See the Youth Reference desk to begin your adventure!

Saturday, February 17th - Sunday, February 25th

Centereach

Infant/Toddler Programs

Babies Boogie (J356)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old

Wednesday, January 3

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Tuesdays, January 23, February 13

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Friday, February 2

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Saturday, March 9

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Tuesday, March 12

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Baby & Me (J420)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old

Friday, January 26

10:00am - 10:30am

Selden

Thursday, February 29

10:00am - 10:30am

Selden

Dance With Me (J418)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 35 months old

Thursdays, January 18 OR February 15

10:00am - 10:45am

OR 11:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Friday, March 8

10:00am - 10:45am

OR 11:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Mother Goose Mania (J355)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 4 years old

Let's have fun and create something to go along with some of our favorite Mother Goose rhymes.

Tuesday, March 5

10:30am - 11:15am

Centereach

Movin' & Groovin' Rhymes (J354)

For parents/caregivers with children birth - 3 years old

Tuesdays, January 16, February 13, March 12

10:00am - 10:30am

Centereach

Time for Twos (J421)

For parents/caregivers with children 24 - 35 months old

Friday, January 26

11:00am - 11:30am

Selden

Thursday, February 29

11:00am - 11:30am

Selden

Toddlers Explore (J362)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Bring your little one and come explore some fun-filled activities that will stimulate their senses. Dress for a mess!

Mondays, January 8, February 5, March 4

10:30am - 11:15am

Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J357)

For parents/caregivers with children 24 months - 4 years old

Wednesday, January 3

11:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Tuesday, January 23

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

Friday, February 2

11:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Tuesday, February 13

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

Saturday, March 9

11:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Tuesday, March 12

11:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Toys & Tales for Tots (J384)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old

Monday, January 15

5:30pm - 6:00pm

Centereach

Monday, March 25

5:00pm - 5:30pm

Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J431)*

Open to all

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van will be at MCPL - Centereach in the parking lot to distribute a three day food supply. No identification required.

Thursdays, January 11, February 18, March 14

11:30am - 12:30pm

Centereach-Parking Lot

Parent-Child Workshop (J358)

For parents/caregivers with children 12 - 36 months

Spend some time together, play, experience art activities and meet new friends. Community resource specialists discuss child development, speech and hearing, nutrition, play and movement.

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3

10:00am - 11:45am

Centereach

Play & Chat (J367)

For parents/caregivers of children birth - 3 years old

Come to make friends, build your confidence, learn, listen and be listened to. Bring along your little ones as play materials are provided for each session.

Mondays, January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 4

10:00am - 11:00am

Centereach

Shots for Tots (J430)*

For families

Please bring child's immunization record. Services provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health.

Tuesdays, January 2, February 6, March 5

11:00am - 3:00pm

Selden

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (J429)*

Open to all

Many families can use SNAP to assist in stretching their food budget, but are unaware that they qualify.

Wednesdays, January 10, February 14, March 13

11:00am - 3:00pm

Selden

Visualize the Possibilities (J371)*



For parents/caregivers with children birth - 5th grade

Does your child tend to tantrum? Have difficulty transitioning? Was recently diagnosed with autism and/or another disability? If you answered yes to any of the above questions, then visuals could be your very best friend! Join Miss Grace, a NYS certified General and Special Education teacher to learn all about why visuals are so crucial to help ease any challenges you may face.

Tuesday, February 20

6:30pm - 7:15pm

Centereach

Preschool Programs

Take and Make Program Bags

For preschool children

- Available at the Youth Services desks in Centereach and Selden.
- Open to MCPL card holders only for the first 4 days, then out-of-district patrons may also pick up bags.
- Quantities are limited, and bags are available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Snowball Fight! (J411)

Friday, January 5

Home on the Ice (J407)

Friday, January 19

Somebody Loves You (J412)

Friday, February 2

Land Before Time (J408)

Friday, February 16

Find Your Treasure (J406)

Friday, March 1

Sweet Smell of Spring (J342)

Friday, March 15

Beautiful Works of Eric Carle (J385)

For children 3 - 5 years old

Friday, March 1

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Tuesday, March 12

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Bilingual Storytime! (J381)

For children 3 - 5 years old

Thursday, March 14

4:30pm - 5:00pm

Centereach

Chirp, Chirp! (J386)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Friday, March 15

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

OR Thursday, March 21

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Happily Ever After (J382)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Thursday, February 8

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

OR Wednesday, February 28

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Hoop Stars (J360)

For children 3 - 6 years old

Wednesdays, March 6, 13

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

LAX Fun! (J413)

For children 3 - 6 years old

Wednesdays, January 3, 10

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Lil' Hockey Shots (J359)

For children 3 - 6 years old

Thursdays, February 22, 29

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Lil' Sluggers (J363)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 4 years old

Wednesdays, February 7, 14

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Pete the Cat (J383)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Thursday, February 1

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Monday, February 26

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Pizza Party! (J377)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Join us for some books and activities all about yummy pizza.

Thursday, January 11

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Wednesday, January 31

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Robot Petting Zoo (J410)

For parents/caregivers with children 1 - 5 years old

Wednesday, March 6

5:30pm - 6:00pm

Centereach

Seed by Seed (J387)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Monday, March 18

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Thursday, March 28

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Sensory Storytime (J397)



For children in Pre-K - 3rd grade

See description on page 17.

Wednesday, January 17

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Thursdays, February 15, March 7

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Sleepy Bear (J376)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Saturday, January 6

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Monday, January 22

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Snowmen at Night (J375)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Tuesday, January 2

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Wednesday, January 17

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Snowy Day Magic! (J378)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Friday, January 19

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Thursday, January 25

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Soccer Tots (J364)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 4 years old

Thursdays, March 14, 21

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Storytime Yoga (J394)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 5 years old

Please bring a yoga mat or towel.

Wednesday, January 10 **OR** Tuesday, February 27

OR Tuesday, March 19

10:00am - 10:45am (18 - 36 months)

11:00am - 11:45am (4 - 5 years old)

Centereach

Super Bowl Ready! (J366)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 4 years old

Friday, February 9

10:30am - 11:15am

Centereach

Sweetheart Storytime (J379)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Saturday, February 10

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Tuesday, February 13

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Things That Go! (J388)

For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old

Thursday, March 7

10:00am - 10:45am

Selden

Monday, March 25

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Touchdown! (J361)

For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 4 years old

Thursdays, January 25, February 1

10:00am - 10:45am

Centereach

Winter Dance Party (J365)

For parents/caregivers with children 1 - 5 years old

Friday, February 16

10:30am - 11:30am

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School Age Programs

Take and Make Program Bags

For school age children

- Available at the Youth Services desks in Centereach and Selden.
- Open to MCPL card holders only for the first 4 days, then out-of-district patrons may also pick up bags.
- Quantities are limited, and bags are available on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Bags are for K - 5th grade students, unless otherwise noted.

Create-A-Calendar (J346)

Friday, January 5

Make Your Own Movie Night (J427)

Friday, January 19

Valentine's Day Wooden Puzzle Gift (J345)

Friday, February 2

Make Your Own Squishies (J403)

Friday, February 16

Personalized Dog Stuffie (J343)

Friday, March 1

St. Patrick's Day (J344)

Friday, March 15

3Doodler Start (J335)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, January 10

5:45pm - 6:45pm

Centereach

All Abuzz (J401)

For children in Pre K - 3rd grade

Become a junior entomologist with help from the Long Island Children's Museum.

Thursday, March 28

11:00am - 12:00pm

Centereach

Art Buddies (J334)

For children 4 - 7 years old

Tuesdays, March 5, 12

6:15pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

Beginner Chess for Kids (J415)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Tuesdays, January 23, 30

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Selden

Black History Month: Sea Shanties to Hip Hop (J433)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Explore the rich traditions of West African music found in sea shanties, Jazz and Hip Hop and then create your own sistrum – a traditional rattle using shells.

Thursday, February 26

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Book Buddies (J373)

For children 3 - 7 years old

Come sit for a story with our Teen Buddies!

Thursdays, February 1, 8

5:45pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

Build It (J417)

For children in K - 5th grade

Let's work together as a team to build structures using various materials.

Saturday, March 30

10:00am - 10:45am (K - 2nd grade)

11:00am - 11:45am (3rd - 5th grade)

Centereach

Building with the Long Island Children's Museum (J398)

For children in Pre K - 3rd grade

Tuesday, January 2

1:00pm - 2:00pm

Selden

Clay Creations (J405)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Monday, March 4

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Cloud Critters (J340)



For children in K - 2nd grade

What do you see when you look at the clouds? Using markers and pens add details to create a character or animal in the clouds.

Tuesday, March 26

5:15pm - 6:00pm

Centereach

Comic Book Creation (J336)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20, 27

5:30pm - 6:30pm

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Crafting Fun with the Teen Advisory Council (J337)

For children in K - 5th grade

Mondays, January 22, February 12, March 11

6:00pm - 6:45pm

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Crochet for Kids (J333)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Mondays, January 8, 15, 22, February 5, 12

5:00pm - 6:00pm

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Dragon Shrinky Art Workshop (J332)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Tuesday, February 6

4:30pm - 6:00pm (K - 2nd grade)

6:30pm - 8:00pm (1st - 5th grade)

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Exploring Museum Corner (J331)



For children in K - 2nd grade

Tuesday, January 30

5:15pm - 6:00pm

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Fun with Ozobots (J352)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, March 20

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

Guinea Pig Storytime (J330)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Wednesday, February 21

11:00am - 11:45am

OR 12:00pm - 12:45pm

OR Tuesday, February 27

5:00pm - 5:45pm

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Hand-Sewn Miniature Fruit (J369)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, March 13

5:00pm - 6:30pm

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Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 – Game Developing with LICM (T711)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

Monday, March 25

4:30pm - 5:30pm

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Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 – Magnet Makers (T713)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

Tuesday, February 27

5:00pm - 5:30pm

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Hangin' @ Club 5, 6, 7 – Tape Resist Art (T712)

For teens in 5th - 7th grade

Tuesday, January 23

5:00pm - 5:45pm

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Homeschool Meetup (J432) *

For children in K - 5th grade

Thursday, March 7

11:30am - 1:00pm

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Homework Pals (J242)

For children in K - 5th grade

WEEKLY PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Tuesdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27 March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2, 9

4:15pm - 5:00pm

Selden

Kids' Chess Club (J416)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Tuesdays, February 13, March 12

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Selden

Lego Builders (J353)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesdays, January 10, February 7, March 13

5:30pm - 6:30pm

Centereach

Leprechaun Wooden Craft (J402)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Time to get creative in this art program. Make a special wooden pallet craft. Please dress for a mess.

Thursday, March 7

7:00pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

Let's Get Together (J409)



For families with children K - 5th grade

An inclusive environment where families and children are invited to develop friendships and social skills through language, art, and physical activities!

Fridays, January 5, February 2, March 29

6:00pm - 7:00pm

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Little Coders (J347)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Wednesday, February 7

5:30pm - 6:15pm

Centereach

Lucky Fortune (J399)

For children in 1st - 5th grade

Wednesday, February 21

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Selden

Museum Corner Rewind (J350)



For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Tuesday, January 30

6:30pm - 7:15pm

Centereach

Painted Rock Tic Tac Toe (J391)



For children in 1st - 5th grade

Tuesday, March 19

6:00pm - 6:45pm

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Pine Cone Snowy Owl (J390)



For children in K - 2nd grade

Tuesday, February 13

6:00pm - 6:45pm (3rd - 5th grade)

Tuesday, February 20 (K - 2nd grade)

10:00am - 10:45am

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Sensory Friendly Film (J395)



For children and families in K - 5th grade

A unique movie experience where we turn the lights up and the sound down! Children are encouraged to get out of their seat, fidget, dance, sing and shout! This program is specifically designed for children with sensory integration, auditory processing challenges, autism and other special needs, but is open to all!

Friday, February 23

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

Sensory Storytime (J397)



For children in Pre-K - 3rd grade

An interactive and educational program for children to enjoy books, music, movement, and hands-on activities. This program is specifically designed for children with sensory integration or auditory processing challenges but is open to all! Visual, textural, and sensory conscious materials will be provided to stimulate the use of all five senses to best fit each child.

Wednesday, January 17

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Thursdays, February 15, March 7

5:00pm - 5:45pm

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Sewn by You Sleep Masks (J368)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Wednesday, January 10

5:00pm - 6:30pm

Selden

Snowman Hill Snow Globe (J393)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Friday, January 19

5:00pm - 6:00pm

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Squishy Circuits (J339)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Saturday, January 27

2:00pm - 3:00pm

OR Wednesday, February 28

5:30pm - 6:30pm

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STEM Buddies (J372)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Mondays, January 22, 29, **AND/OR** March 4, 11

5:45pm - 6:30pm

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Talent Show (J389)

For children in K - 5th grade

Let's rehearse your talent on Wednesday (2/21) and then put on a show for your friends and family on Thursday (2/22).

Wednesday, February 21 (Rehearsal)

5:30pm - 7:00pm

Selden

Thursday, February 22 (Show)

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Selden

Tweens Chat & Craft (J428)



For children in 4th - 6th grade

Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!

Thursdays, January 25, February 29, March 28

5:00pm - 6:00pm

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What's Up? in the Clouds (J341)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Tuesday, March 26

6:30pm - 7:30pm

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Winter Cottage Mixed Media Painting (J392)

For children in 3rd - 5th grade

Thursday, January 11

5:00pm - 6:00pm

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Winter Snow Globe (J396)

For children in K - 2nd grade

Thursday, February 22

10:00am - 10:30am

Centereach

Yoga for All (J370)



For children in K - 5th grade with their parent/caregiver

Yoga for children with special needs and their parents or caregivers. Please bring yoga mat or towel/small blanket and water. Please register child only.

Wednesdays, January 31, February 14, March 27

5:00pm - 5:45pm

Centereach

Zen Zone (J400)



For children and families in K - 5th grade

An inclusive environment where families and children are invited to explore by participating in a variety of sensory conscious activities using specific materials.

Wednesdays, January 24, February 21

5:30pm - 6:15pm

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Monday, March 18

5:30pm - 6:15pm

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BankUnited continues its support as the Women's EXPO Education sponsor with a generous award of \$2,500. As part of its effort to build the business skills and capacities of participating women entrepreneurs, the EXPO provides educational programming throughout the year. The MCL Foundation is grateful to BankUnited for supporting the visions of these enterprising women!



Pictured (l to r): Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; Alexandra Mallilo, vice president, commercial private banking, BankUnited; and Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator, Miller Business Center.

PAFCU SPONSORS EXPO CAFÉ!



Pictured (l to r): Micah Schwartz, business development representative; Erica Donoghue, marketing manager; Lisa Mitnick, senior business development manager; Victor Castro, strategic relationship manager, People's Alliance Federal Credit Union; Janice Boscarino, manager, public services; Salvatore DiVincenzo, business librarian; Marlene Gonzalez, adult services librarian, MCPL.

People's Alliance Federal Credit Union has provided a \$2,500 sponsorship to support the EXPO Café. The Café provides a welcome respite for hundreds of hungry EXPO visitors looking to refuel and give their tired feet a much-needed rest. Many thanks to PAFCU for keeping our enthusiastic EXPO visitors going and helping our vendors succeed!



TD BANK SUPPORTS THE WOMEN'S EXPO

TD Bank continues its support of the Women's EXPO with a generous award of \$2,500 as the event's Raffle Table sponsor. With almost 40 wonderful prizes to hope for, the raffles were once again a highlight of the day at the EXPO. Thank you, TD Bank, for supporting this exciting annual event!

Pictured (l to r): Elizabeth Malafi, coordinator, Miller Business Center; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; Cindi Dudek, store manager, Shirley; Maryellen Ferretti, vice president, retail market manager; Edward Pesapane, vice president, store manager, Lake Ronkonkoma; and Dosheni Balram, store supervisor, TD Bank.

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Libraries from all around New York State participated in a day of service on October 21, 2023. At MCPL, we had over 300 patrons participate in various community service activities. Thank you to everyone that contributed!

SUPER COOL SPACE DAY

Over 200 patrons attended Super Cool Space Day on October 14. It was a fun-filled day with space activities for all ages that kicked off with the library's annual model rocket launch. In the morning, families had the opportunity to build and launch model rockets from the parking lot. Following the launch, families viewed live-stream video of the partial solar eclipse and participated in activities at the library's Astronaut Academy, where they made their own sun cookies, created eclipse chalk drawings, flew a drone, and much more.



WOMEN'S EXPO SPONSORS

On October 5th, over 2,000 visitors came to enjoy the festivities at this year's Women's EXPO. With a wide assortment of products, from wildly creative to sensibly practical, the 70 vendors had something for everyone. Proceeds from the EXPO support the programs and services of the Miller Business Center. We are grateful to all of our EXPO sponsors for supporting this annual event that seeks to connect entrepreneurs with the business community. Sponsors include People's Alliance Federal Credit Union, BankUnited, TD Bank, the Greater Middle Country Chamber of Commerce, the NYS School Facilities Association, Corporate Synergies, and Times Beacon Record Newspapers. Special thanks to the Women's EXPO Planning Committee and all of the volunteers who make the event a success!



SHED THE MEDS



The library held a Shed the Meds event at the Selden building with NY State Senator Dean Murray and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office. Pictured (l to r): Ryan Gessner, assistant library director; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director; deputies from the Sheriff's office; and NY State Senator Dean Murray.

COMMUNITY RECYCLING



Thanks to our Brookhaven community, we saved 10 TONS of waste from the landfill at our Community Recycling Event on September 23rd. We collected 13,492 lbs. of paper, 6,458 lbs. of electronic waste, and 8 boxes of medicines. Special thanks to Brookhaven Town Councilman Neil A. Manzella and Suffolk County Sheriff's Office for organizing this event.

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| ■ December 7
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Distinguished Speakers Series: Autism & Attention Deficit Disorder
Centereach |
| ■ December 14 | Program Registration for Children & Teens |
| ■ December 14 | Children's Winter Reading Club: Readopoly! Begins |
| ■ December 15 | Program Registration for Adults |
| ■ December 17
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Live at MCPL: Vinyl Revival Concert
Selden |
| ■ January 5
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Ring in the New Year
Selden |
| ■ January 14
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Live at MCPL: The Song Island Band
Selden |
| ■ January 23
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Business Networking Open House
Centereach |
| ■ January 24
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Centereach |
| ■ February 4
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Selden |
| ■ February 6
9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Distinguished Speakers Series: Executive Function
Centereach |
| ■ February 8
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Venues for Volunteering Fair
Selden |
| ■ February 28 | Children's Winter Reading Club: Readopoly! Wraps Up |
| ■ March 10
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Live at MCPL: Irish Songs with Gil McLean
Selden |
| ■ March 19
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception
Selden |
| ■ March 21 | Program Registration for Children & Teens |
| ■ March 22 | Program Registration for Adults |



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