National Leadership Grant

We are pleased to announce the Institute of Museum and Library Services has awarded the Middle Country Library Foundation (MCLF) a National Leadership Grant to support Enriching Library Family Programming Using the Smithsonian Institution’s Talk with Me Toolkits. More than 130 institutions applied for this federal grant program and only 39 received this prestigious funding. In partnership with the Smithsonian Office of Educational Technology (OET) and Goodling Institute for Research in Family Literacy at the Pennsylvania State University, Family Place Libraries, an initiative of MCLF, will work to adapt and evaluate the Smithsonian OET’s free, online Talk with Me Toolkits (TMTs) for use in libraries’ family literacy and engagement efforts. Pilot tests of these toolkits will take place at multiple Family Place Libraries throughout the country including the Middle Country Public Library.

Parents and children (ages 4-7) are invited to participate in programs that utilize the toolkits, hands-on activities, and literature to enhance literacy skills while providing feedback on how these tools can assist families throughout the country. This pilot program will be open to Middle Country residents for registration beginning December 8th.

“As pillars of our communities, libraries and museums bring people together by providing important programs, services, and collections. These institutions are trusted spaces where people can learn, explore and grow,” said IMLS Director Crosby Kemper. “IMLS is proud to support their initiatives through our grants as they educate and enhance their communities.”
MCPL Awarded Digital Literacy Incentive

MCPL is among 160 public libraries nationwide awarded funding by the Public Library Association (PLA) to conduct digital literacy workshops using DigitalLearn.org resources. The incentive, supported by AT&T, provides library funding to conduct digital literacy training and help close the digital divide, especially for English language learners. Programs will include lessons on video conferencing, digital basics, travel apps and a technology drop-in program. Participants will receive one raffle ticket for each workshop attended for a chance to win a Samsung Galaxy Tab S6 Lite tablet. Registration is required, but this program is open to all. For more information, please call 631-585-9393 and speak with Gilda Ramos, ext. 248 or Amber Gagliardi, ext. 274.

100 Books Before Graduation

This winter we are launching an exciting new reading initiative for teens in 6th - 12th grade called 100 Books Before Graduation. 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 https://100books.mcplibrary.org.

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 opening on March 20th. The following types of work will be accepted: original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories, and poetry. All submissions are due between Monday, February 27th – Friday, March 3rd.
Community Legal Help Project

Do You Need Help with a Legal Problem? The Community Legal Help Project will have attorneys providing free legal information to Suffolk County residents on various areas of law on the first, second, and third Thursday of each month. Beginning in January, this program will meet from 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at the Centereach building. Areas of law include family and criminal related issues, bankruptcy, mortgage foreclosure and more. Appointments are preferred but walk-ins are welcome. Please call (631) 822-3272 to reserve your spot.

Engineering at Work

The Museum Corner’s Engineering at Work exhibit is opening in February 2023! Upon entering the exhibit families will be immersed in fun, hands-on learning activities that will increase their interest in and knowledge of different types of engineering including mechanical, civil, structural, aeronautical and biomedical. The exhibit will include several activity stations providing role-play, experimentation and problem-solving opportunities and displays featuring real life engineers, including those from diverse backgrounds. These are just some of the exciting elements to be found in the Engineering at Work exhibit.

Ring in The New Year Is Back!
Friday, January 6th 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Join us as we celebrate the new year with good friends and entertainment! The Precisions will entertain with hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s.

Coming Soon: New Program Registration System

Soon the library will be moving to a new registration system for library programs. Developed with a modern interface designed to be easy to use on both desktop and mobile devices, this new registration platform will make it even easier to search for, discover, and register for all the programs that MCPL offers, like crafts, storytimes, and performances. Look for our new registration platform to launch in the near future. Once the new platform goes live, current registration for any upcoming programs will be carried over to the new system. Keep an eye on the library’s website and social media, where we’ll be posting tutorials on how to navigate and use the new platform.
The Miller Business Center is now a part of the Funding Information Network, a network of libraries, community foundations and other nonprofit resource centers around the world. As a network partner we provide access to the Foundation Directory Online and Foundation Grants to Individuals Online as well as programming directed to the needs of the nonprofit community. Please note that these databases are only accessible inside the library. Visit www.millerbusinesscenter.org/nonprofits/ for more information.

Winter Reading Club: Dig Up A Good Book

Stomp, Roar, Read! For Children Birth-5th Grade. Let the library hear your roar by signing up for our Winter Reading Club. Read a total of 4 hours to receive a special prize and an invitation to our Dino-Man Show! Stomp down to the library, register and dig up some good books!

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.

Friends of Middle Country Public Library

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Join to support your library.

Join the Friends and support your library. Your membership supports the library in a variety of ways – special equipment, program support and staff recognition. The Friends are actively looking for members that are interested in volunteering at fundraising opportunities, such as the book and garage sales. If you are interested in learning more about the Friends and these opportunities, please email them at friends@mcplibrary.org. Membership applications are available at the library and online at www.mcplibrary.org/friends.html.

The levels of membership are:
Bronze $5.00 Silver $10.00 Gold $25.00
Business/Organizations $25.00 Platinum/Lifetime $100.00

BankUnited Is The Women’s EXPO Education Sponsor

As the Women’s EXPO Education sponsor, BankUnited helped women entrepreneurs learn new business skills that will help them succeed in the marketplace. With a generous award of $2,500, BankUnited ensured that the EXPO could provide valuable educational programming for these small business owners.

PAFCU Sponsors EXPO Café!

People’s Alliance Federal Credit Union provided a $2,500 sponsorship to support the EXPO Café, where hungry EXPO visitors were able to get a delicious snack, drink or dessert throughout the day or enjoy a mouthwatering lunch provided by the Fifth Season. Thanks to the generosity of our friends at PAFCU, the Café can provide the fuel that serious EXPO shoppers need and help our vendors to 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. As always, the raffles were one of the highlights of the day at the EXPO! Back in the library for the first time since October 2019. Thank you, TD Bank, for supporting this exciting annual event!
2022 Women’s EXPO Sponsors

Beautiful fall weather welcomed more than 2,000 to the 22nd Annual Women’s EXPO on October 6th. Featuring more than 70 exhibitors, the EXPO showcased local women entrepreneurs. Proceeds from the EXPO support the programs and services offered to businesses throughout Long Island by the Miller Business Center. EXPO sponsors include BankUnited, People’s Alliance Federal Credit Union (PAFCU), TD Bank, the Greater Middle Country Chamber of Commerce, Times Beacon Record Newspapers, Flushing Bank, and the NYS Association for Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds, Inc.

MCCSD Students Visit Nature Explorium

The Theresa Alessandra Russo Foundation provided a generous award of $3,200 to bring special education classes from the Middle Country Central School District and their families to the library’s Nature Explorium for multiple sessions of hands-on learning and fun. More than 100 students visited during spring and summer of 2022.

Teen Recognition Ceremony

On October 12th, the Middle Country Public Library held a recognition ceremony to honor approximately 185 teen volunteers who participate in community service at the library. Teens enjoyed a reception with their families and were each presented with a certificate for their dedication and help making a difference all year long.

Soaring! Community art project

Throughout the summer community members designed 244 feathers which were combined into a beautiful and colorful bird wing photo opportunity installed in the art gallery area at the Centereach building. The Soaring! Community art project is on display through the end of December 2022. Be sure to stop by before it is gone, take your photo and share on Instagram. #MCPLSoaring
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 8th at 9:30 a.m.

• Registration for Adult programs begins on Friday, December 9th 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 Monday, December 19th (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.
ADULTS

Non-refundable material fees are due within 3 days of registering. Adult programs are for patrons aged 14+. For complete program information, please visit the online catalog.

Take & Make Programs

Reserve your kit and watch the instructional video!

Learn to Draw (AO507)
Register on Friday, January 13. This program will be a live virtual Program. Supplies picked up for this program can be used for all programs in the Learn to Draw series.

Make a Crystal Yeti: A Creativebug Take and Make Program (AO508)
Create a free Creativebug account using your library card and get access to this Make a Crystal Yeti class and thousands of other classes. Register on Friday, February 3

Leprechaun Hat Button Art (AO509)
Decorate a wooden Leprechaun Hat using green, black and gold buttons. Register on Friday, March 3

Arts & Crafts

Anyone Can Draw (AO519)*
Learn simple techniques and basic contour drawing skills in this class geared to all levels.
Thursday January 26th | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Via Zoom

Crafts, Conversation + Coffee (A450)
Join us for a seasonal craft, great conversation and delicious coffee.
Thursday, January 12 AND/OR March 9 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

Cause for Paws: Cat Toys (A491)
Make cat toys for local shelters!
Wednesday, March 22 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
Diamond Art: Valentine Hearts (A483)
Relax and enjoy making fun diamond art!
Wednesday, January 18 OR Thursday, January 19
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

DIY Gnome (A501)
Create an adorable gnome using felt, fabric and other accoutrements.
Materials Fee: $5 | Wednesday, March 1 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Etched Valentine’s Day Candy Jar (A464)
Learn how to etch hearts onto a glass jar and add a cute saying in vinyl
to create a personalized Valentine’s gift.
Wednesday, February 8 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm OR 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Knit a Lightweight Scarf (A469)
Beginners welcome, but a basic knowledge of knitting is necessary.
Mondays, March 20 AND 27 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Long Island Magnet Craft (A461)
Create a custom Long Island-themed magnet. Materials Fee: $5
Tuesday, January 31 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Paint and Listen: Northern Lights Painting (A454)
Create a painting inspired by the mood and tone of live acoustic guitar
music. Materials Fee: $12
Tuesday, January 17 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Quilting Instructional: Wintry Mix Quilt (A444)
Quilting knowledge is recommended for this program. All levels of
experience are invited to join.
Tuesdays, January 24, February 7, March 7, 21
6:30pm - 8:45pm | Selden

Sew ‘n Sews (A440)
This is the perfect place to find out how to make your own quilt. All
levels of experience are invited to join.
Wednesdays, January 4, February 1 AND March 1
6:30pm - 8:45pm | Selden
Sewing 101 (A452)
Learn the basics of using a sewing machine.
Saturdays, January 14 AND 21 | 11:00am - 12:30pm | Selden

Sewing Class: Shamrock Pillow (A465)
Celebrate St. Patty’s Day by learning how to machine sew an adorable shamrock-shaped pillow. Materials Fee: $10
Saturday, March 4 | 11:00am - 12:30pm | Selden

Stained Glass Red Cardinal (A485)
Make a red cardinal to brighten your days! Craft requires use of soldering iron. Materials Fee: $20
Wednesday, January 25 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden
OR Thursday, January 26 | 1:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden

What’s My Line? Pencil Drawing (AO510)*
From cross hatching, blending, and highlighting, learn creative ways that you can use pencil to create light and shade.
Thursday, February 9th | 6:30pm - 7:30pm via Zoom

Who Am I? Self Portraits (AO511)*
Create expressive self-portraits working alongside Joyce Raimondo live on Zoom. Have drawing supplies on hand.
Thursday, February 16th | 6:30pm - 7:30pm via Zoom

Book Discussions & Writing

Afternoon Book Discussion (A403)
January: The Cartographers by Peng Shepherd
February: Black Buck by Mateo Askaripour
March: Island Queen by Vanessa Riley
Thursdays, January 19, February 16 AND March 16
2:00pm - 3:00pm | Selden
History Buffs Book Club (A427)
February: Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption by Bryan Stevenson
March: Liar, Temptress, Soldier, Spy: Four Women Undercover in the Civil War by Karen Abbott
Thursdays, February 9 AND March 23 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Writers’ Group (A455)*
Wednesdays, January 18, February 15, March 15
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

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

Better Business Book Club (AO481)*
February: The Cashflow Quadrant by Robert T. Kiyosaki, with Sharon L. Lechter
Wednesday, February 8 | 9:00am - 10:00am | Virtual

Business Innovation Space Open Time (A441)*
Small business owners have the opportunity to visit our Innovation Space. Learn about and see demos of our equipment and resources.
Tuesday, January 31 | 8:00am - 9:30am | Centereach

Business Networking Open House (A517)*
Meet representatives from Long Island business networking organizations. No registration required.
Tuesday, January 24 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Centereach

Franchising: In Business for Yourself But Not by Yourself (A479)*
A representative from SCORE will provide an overview of franchising, tools for selecting the franchise that best fits you, and how to evaluate a franchise. Tuesday, February 21 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach
One-on-One Financial Counseling (A462)
Tuesdays, January 3 OR February 7 OR March 7
Appointments: 6:00pm OR 6:45pm OR 7:30pm | Centereach

Resources & Job Strategies for Youth & Adults with Disabilities (A442)*
A presentation for job seekers on how they can overcome the challenges they may face finding employment.
Monday, February 6 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

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.

Basic Computer Skills for ESOL Students (A453)
Mondays, January 16, 23, 30, February 13 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Career and School Counseling for ESOL Students (A408)
Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 8, 15, March 15, 22
4:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
Wednesdays, January 11, February 1, March 1
10:00am - 1:00pm | Selden

Citizenship Preparation (A412)*
Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, March 1, 8, 15
7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Citizenship Review Drop-in (A406)*
Thursdays, January 12, February 9, March 9
11:00am - 12:00pm | Centereach

English Class: Basic (A497)*
Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden
Saturdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 4, 11
10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach
English Class: Intermediate (A496) *
Thursdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

English Conversation Group (A231)*
Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Selden

Literacy Suffolk Tutor Q&A (A512)*
Wednesday, January 18 AND/OR Wednesday, March 8
6:00pm - 7:00pm | Selden

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A505)*
This program will be conducted in Spanish.
Saturdays, January 14, February 11, March 11
12:30pm - 2:00pm | Centereach
Wednesdays, January 25, February 22, March 29
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Technology Drop-in for English Language Learners (A499)*
Saturday, January 21 | 11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Writing Workshop for ESOL (A449)
Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7
7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

Computer & Technology Classes

Android Support Group (A473)
Join our informal group to have your Android questions answered. Open to any skill level.
Thursday, January 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Apple Support Group (A472)
Sit with fellow Apple users and ask questions about your device, or just talk Apple. Open to any skill level.
Monday, January 9 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Selden

Check Out eBooks @ Your Library (A471)
Learn how to use Libby & Hoopla to borrow free eBooks & eAudiobooks!
Thursday, January 5 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden
Excel Formulas I (A477)
Spreadsheets can do amazing calculations! Take the next step in Excel and learn the basics of formulas. Knowledge of Excel required.
Tuesday, March 7 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Excel: Introduction (A470)
Learn the basics of Excel, including creating, editing and formatting.
Tuesday, January 3 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Introduction to Computers (A475)
Saturdays, February 4 AND February 11 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Laser Engraved Spotify Tape (A474)
Make a Spotify playlist and laser engrave a code to make a modern day mix tape! Spotify account required.
Thursday, February 2 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Sublimation Printed Travel Mug (A478)
Choose from designs on Canva and use our sublimation printer to make a travel mug for your coffee or tea! Knowledge of computers required.
Thursday, March 9 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Word: Introduction (A476)
Learn to create and edit Word documents including saving, entering and editing content, proofing tools and page options.
Tuesday, February 28 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Cooking, Gardening, & Home

Authentic & Healthy Mediterranean Cooking (A482)*
Chef Naela will demonstrate how to make basic dough, spinach pies, za’atar flatbread and hummus.
Monday, March 6 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Backyard Berries (AO516)
Learn how to successfully grow and harvest different types of berries in your own backyard.
Wednesday, March 15 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Via Zoom
Chinese New Year (A446)*
Celebrate the new year with some popular Chinese cuisine.
Thursday, January 5 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Chocolate Dipped Fruit Arrangements (A489)
Create a delicious arrangement of chocolate dipped fruit that will sweeten up your day. Materials Fee: $5
Friday, February 10 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Green Thumbs: House Plants (A498)
Learn about different house plant varieties and how to take care of them properly. Thursday, January 19 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Local Eats: Precious Peas (A502)*
Learn about their nutritional benefits, growing tips, and ways to liven up your meals with peas.
Monday, March 20 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Seed Exchange & Celebration (A503)*
Please bring empty jars, bags or envelopes to transport your seeds.
Wednesday, March 22 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Seed Sorting Party (A513)*
Come help sort and package seeds for our Seed Library.
Thursday, March 2 | 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Centereach

Sugar Cookie Truffles (A500)
Shape and mold sugar cookie truffles using prepared edible dough and dip into melted chocolate. Materials Fee: $10
Saturday, January 28 | 11:00am - 12:15pm | Centereach

Super Bowl Appetizers (A506)*
Celebrate the big game with these winning appetizers.
Thursday, January 12 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach
Defensive Driving & Pre-Licensing*

AARP Smart Driver (A451)*
Program Fee: $25 for AARP Members/ $30 for non-Members
Saturdays, January 14 OR March 25 | 10:00am - 4:30pm | Selden

Defensive Driving (A448)*
Program Fee: $25 ($22 for students with High School ID)
Saturday, January 7 | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Selden  OR
Monday, January 16 AND Tuesday, January 17
5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden OR
Monday, February 6 AND Tuesday, February 7
5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden OR
Saturday, February 25 | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Selden OR
Saturday, March 4 | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Centereach OR
Monday, March 13 AND Tuesday, March 14
5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A458)*
Program Fee: $55 in CASH on day of class.
Saturdays, January 28 OR February 25 OR March 25
10:00am - 2:30pm | Selden

Games

Books and Bingo (A488)*
Play bingo and learn about upcoming books!
Thursday, February 2 | 1:30pm - 3:30pm | Centereach

Family Chess Club (A420)*
Every Friday 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Fun and Games (A419)*
Every Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Game Night (A400)*
Join us as we play some fun, modern tabletop games!
Wednesdays, January 11, February 8, March 8
6:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach
Mah-Jongg Club (A445)*
A club for those who know how to play Mah-Jongg and would like to participate in a regularly scheduled game.
Tuesdays, except January 24 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Murder Mystery Club (A487)
Investigate the murder of New Orleans artist Celestine Broussard and unmask the killer on Royal Street.
Fridays, February 3, 17, March 3 | 6:30pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Genealogy

Genealogy Research Assistance
Hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? Request an appointment with our expert at www.tinyurl.com/MCPLgenealogyappt

D.I.G.: Drop-In Genealogy (A443)*
Drop in to work on your family history and get guidance from one of our librarians. Tuesday, January 31 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Health & Wellness

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer’s (A490)*
Thursday, March 9 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Effective Communication Strategies for People with Dementia & Alzheimer’s (A486)*
Provides practical information and resources to help dementia care partners learn to decode verbal and behavioral messages from people living with dementia.
Thursday, February 9 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden

Family Dinner Project (J830)
Please see page 14 for more details.
Friday, January 20 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body (A484)*
Learn about lifestyle changes to help maintain or improve our health at any age. Thursday, January 12 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden
Mat Pilates (A463)
Stretch, lengthen, sculpt and strengthen your body. Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothes to each class.
Tuesdays, February 7, 14, 21, 28 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

S.O.S. Nutrition Basics (AO480)*
Learn how to create plant-based meal plans to reach your own individual wellness goal.
Wednesdays, January 25 AND February 15
6:00pm - 7:30pm | Selden & Virtual

Strength Training for Total Body Workout (A466)
Bring a floor mat and hand weights to each class.
Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

What’s in a Brain? Exploring Memory & Emotion (A492)*
Find out more about this exciting topic with the Neurobiology and Behavior Department at Stony Brook University.
Thursday, March 16 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Yoga (A456)
Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.
Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

History & True Crime

Cuban Giants: The First Black National Baseball Team (A409)*
Learn about the Babylon-based Cuban Giants: the first established, fully-salaried black professional baseball club.
Wednesday, February 1 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

The Gettysburg Experience: History and Highlights (A431)*
Join librarian Jim Ward for the history of this famous Civil War battle as well as tips for traveling to Gettysburg.
Tuesday, March 21 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach
Long Island Naval History in Wartime (A410)*
Bill Bleyer will explore highlights of Long Island’s naval history from the American Revolution up to World War II.
Tuesday, January 10 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Madam Justice: The Women of the US Supreme Court (A428)*
Learn about the lives of the Madam Justices and their impact on our understanding of the Constitution, the law and our nation.
Wednesday, March 1 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Hobbies & Interests

Conversational Spanish (A504)
Learn conversational Spanish to use in everyday situations.
Thursdays, January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Hiking Long Island (A425)*
Naturalist, photographer & author Lee McAllister will discuss hiking opportunities through Long Island’s various landscapes.
Tuesday, January 24 | 7:00pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

Intermediate Sign Language (A429)
Have fun while learning reviewing the basics of sign language and moving on to more advanced signing skills.
Wednesdays, March 8, 15, 22 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Introduction to Surf Fishing (A402)*
Learn basic surf fishing (surfcasting) techniques from a NYS-certified Fishing Guide with over 30 years of experience.
Wednesday, January 18 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Train to be a Homicide Hunter (A493)*
Robert Boyce, retired NYPD Chief of Detectives, will give an overview of the NYPD Training Bureau Homicide Investigation Course.
Monday, January 23 | 7:00pm - 8:45pm | Centereach
NY State Unclaimed Funds: How to Find Lost Money (A518)*
Learn how to search for unclaimed funds turned over to the NY State Comptroller’s Office. Monday, January 9 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Performances

Live at MCPL!: Evan and James Concert (A424)*
Join us for this acoustic duo covering classic rock. Friday, January 13 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

GHOST: Magician Among the Spirits (A426)*
Mentalist Amore brings you unexplained events and demonstrations from the Victorian era, including a re-creation of a 19th century séance! Friday, January 27 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Live at MCPL!: Buoy-34 (A468)*
Celebrate St. Patrick’s Day with acoustic folk rock and Irish music. Sunday, March 19 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL!: 4 Ways From Sunday (A411)*
This lively show will feature classic hits from the 60s, 70s, 80s. Sunday, February 5 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Live at MCPL!: The Rustlers (A422)*
Join us for a concert of classic country hits. Sunday, January 8 | 2:00pm - 3:30pm | Selden

Senior Programs

Friday Films @1 (A423)
Fridays at 1pm in Selden

HIICAP Medicare Counseling (AO405)*
Speak with a volunteer counselor to get answers to your questions about Medicare, Medigap and Medicare Drug Plans, Part D. Appointments by phone only. Fridays, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, March 10, 24 11:00am - 1:00pm | Via Phone
Prime Time: Older Adults Connecting through the Library (A460)*
Meet with old and new friends, learn about senior services and get help with your technology in a fun and social environment.
Tuesdays January 31, February 28, March 21
10:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

PACE: People with Arthritis Can Exercise (AO413)*
Tuesdays January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, 21 | 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Selden OR Zoom

Senior Connections (A447)*
Senior Connections is a confidential service providing information for seniors and their families.
Fridays, January 6, 20, February 3, 17, March 3, 17
11:00am - 1:00pm | Selden OR
Fridays, January 13, 27, February 10, 24, March 10, 24
11:00am - 1:00pm | Centereach

Ring in the New Year: 2023 (A421)
Let’s welcome 2023 with friends and entertainment from The Precisions who will entertain with hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s.
Friday, January 6 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Selden

Senior Advocate (A459)*
Suffolk County Office for the Aging Senior Advocate will assist seniors with questions regarding government programs. Dates are subject to change, please call the reference desk to verify. No appointment necessary. Can’t attend? Call 631-853-8200.
Monday, January 30 AND March 27 | 2:30pm - 4:30pm | Centereach

Widowhood: The Journey Continues (A457)
Thursdays, January 26, February 23, March 23
2:00pm - 3:45pm | Selden
Support Services

Community Legal Help Project (A759)*
Appointments and walk-ins welcome on the first, second, and third Thursday of the month from 3pm-6pm. December: Selden; January through March: Centereach. For an appointment call (631) 822-3272.

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J896)*
Open to all
Long Island Cares will have a mobile food pantry on-site to distribute a three-day food supply. No identification required.
Thursdays, January 12, February 9, March 9 | 11:30am - 12:30pm
Centereach Parking Lot

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (J834)
Open to all
To schedule an appointment to see if you qualify for SNAP, call or email SNAP Program Coordinator, Carolina Flores Cruz at (631) 697-1124 or cflores@hwcli.com.
Thursdays, January 5, February 2, March 2 | 10:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Veterans Benefits Assistance (A418)*
A representative from Disabled American Veterans (DAV) will be available to assist veterans submit disability claims and widows/widowers of deceased veterans apply for benefits. Please bring DD214s and any other relevant service documents.
Wednesdays January 4, February 1, March 1
9:30am - 1:30pm | Selden
Wednesdays January 18, February 15, March 15
9:30am - 1:30pm | Centereach

Veterans Community Resource Table (A433)*
Representatives from the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will be available to assist veterans and their families find help with the programs and services available in Suffolk County. No registration required. Thursdays, January 19, February 16, March 16
12:00pm - 2:00pm | Centereach
Trips & Travel

America’s National Parks: Planning Tips for Your Next Visit (A401)*
Learn how to plan a perfect trip from locals Bill and Caleb, who have visited over 270 National Parks. You’ll gain valuable insight from their experience visiting parks in 49 of the 50 U.S. states.
Wednesday, January 11 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Armchair Travel: Ireland (A467)*
Experience the beauty & enchantment of Ireland; a magical island of isolated moors, coastal towns & bustling cities.
Thursday, March 16 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Roads, Rails & Ferries: The Future of Transportation on Long Island (A432)*
Stony Brook Adjunct Richard Murdocco will discuss the current state of Long Island’s transportation network. Where are we going? Where are we headed? All this and more will be explored.
Thursday, March 30 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

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TEEN SERVICES

All programs for teens entering 6th - 12th grade unless otherwise noted.

Reading Club

100 Books Before Graduation (T488)
In this exciting new 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
  Fridays, January 20, February 3, 17, March 24  Centereach & Selden

Cricut Vinyl Tumblers (T444)
Customize your own tumbler using Cricut Design Space.
Tuesday, March 14 | 5:45pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Digital Art & Design (T446)
Learn 3D drawing and sculpting. iPads will be provided or you may bring your own.
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Having a Matisse Moment (T445)
Enjoy painting this playful cat getting into a bit of mischief on a 5”x 7” plastic picture frame; based on a famous Henri Matisse painting.
Wednesday, February 15 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Paint and Listen (T447)
For teens in 8th - 12th grade
Music and visual art intersect! Follow along with an instructor to create a painting inspired by the mood and tone of live acoustic guitar music.
Tuesday, February 21 | 11:00am - 12:30pm | Selden

Positive Affirmation Painting (T448)
Create a visual reminder that you are uniquely you and keep a positive perspective through the winter and beyond.
Tuesday, January 10 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Selden

Pot of Gold Cake Truffles (T449)
Everyone will crush cupcakes, mix in frosting to create the truffles. Coat in chocolate and candy, marshmallows and sprinkles to create this amazing treat!
Thursday, March 9 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Selden
Pretzel Dogs! (T450)
Make pretzel dough from scratch and create these pretzel dogs ready for the oven. Wednesday, January 11 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Splatter Painted Animal Art (T451)
Celebrate the famous artist Jackson Pollock with this unique splatter painting. Choose from many different animals, then trace, paint and use a splatter effect. This is super fun! *Dress for a mess.*
Wednesday, January 25 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception (T453)
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.
Monday, March 20 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden

Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Submissions (T452)
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 20th. 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 to the Selden building between February 27th and March 3rd, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Jackman at 631-585-9393 ext. 271 or Kristine Tanzi at 631-585-9393 ext. 230.

Ugly Sweater Party (T454)
Come dressed in your ugliest sweater and vote on the best and most creative looks while enjoying wintery crafts, games, and challenges.
Tuesday, December 20 | 5:45pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Books/Films/Writing

Advanced Division Battle of the Books (T489)
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!
Wednesdays, January 4, 11, 25, February 1, 8 | Centereach
5:30 - 6:30pm
Saturday, February 11 | Time TBA | Offsite

**Black History Month: Hidden Figures (T455)**
For teens in 6th - 9th grade
Read Hidden Figures: Young Readers’ Edition prior to meeting. Even if you didn’t finish the book, let’s talk about the true story of four African-American women who helped launch our nation into space. We’ll also work on a STEM activity together.
Wednesday, February 8 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

**Let’s Go to the Movies (T456)**
Let’s meet at Movieland Cinemas in Coram to see the new release of Ant-Man and the Wasp: Quantumania (PG-13). Movie starts at 10:30 AM; please arrive by 10:00 AM. You will receive a small popcorn and soda. A signed permission slip is required and will be available online or at any reference desk.
Saturday, February 18 | 10:00am | Offsite - Movieland Cinemas

**Teen Writers Café (T457)**
Do you LOVE to write? Meet up at the library to explore poetry, prose, fan fiction and more. Share your own work and participate in fun writing challenges!
Tuesdays, January 17, February 7, March 7
6:30pm - 8:15pm | Centereach

**Tell Us About It Book Club (TO411)**
For teens in 6th - 8th grade
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 17, February 14, March 14
4:00pm - 5:00pm | Zoom
Zine Club (T459)
Mini-magazine or just Zine! Draw, write and collage about your favorite topic or interest and become the author of your very own zine. Join at any session, supplies will be provided.
Tuesdays, January 24, February 28, March 28
5:30pm - 6:30pm | 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 (T460)
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.
Tuesday, March 7 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Resources & Job Strategies for Youth & Adults with Disabilities (A442)*
A presentation for job seekers on how they can overcome the challenges they may face finding employment.
Monday, February 6 | 7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

SAT Prep Workshop (T461)
For teens in 8th - 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 $22.47 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.
Thursdays, January 26, February 2, 9, 16, March 2
6:00pm - 8:30pm | Selden
Saturdays, January 28, February 4, 11, 18, March 4
10:00am - 12:30pm | Selden

**Community Service**

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

**Buddy Programs**

**Buddy Training (T462)**
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.
Tuesday, January 10 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach
OR
Thursday, January 12 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Selden

**Art Buddies (T463)**
Work on crafts and art projects with our younger buddies! You must have completed Buddy Training to volunteer.
Thursdays, February 2, 9 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

**Book Buddies (T464)**
Read a story in person to our younger buddies! You must have completed Buddy Training to volunteer.
Mondays, January 23, 30 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

**STEM Buddies (T465)**
Work with younger children playing fun STEM-related activities. You must have completed Buddy Training to volunteer.
Wednesdays, March 22, 29 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

**Community Service Craft: Heart Garland (T466)**
Make heart garlands to decorate the library’s teen spaces.
Wednesday, January 18 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
Community Service Craft: Valentine Dog Treat Bouquets (T467)
Earn community service hours by making Valentine dog treat bouquets to give to local non-profit animal groups.
Wednesday, February 1 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Crochet for a Cause (T468)
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, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Homework Pals (T438)
For teens in 9th - 12th grade
Are you a high school student who wants to help younger students excel in school? Then we want you to be a Homework Pal. Work with students 1st - 5th grades who need help with their homework. Earn community service hours! Register for as many dates as you are available.
Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 4:45pm - 6:00pm | Selden

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

Green Teens (T469)
Discuss environmental issues, work on eco-friendly projects and receive community service credit for participating.

Media Teens (T470)
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 and how!
The Mutt Club (T471)
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 (T472)
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 (A458)*
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 28 OR February 25 OR March 25
10:00am - 2:30pm | Selden

Friday Night Teen Programs (T473)
Please Register for each date you plan on attending.

Challenge Night (T473)
Grab your friends or meet new ones when you play these fun team games and challenges.
Fridays, January 27, February 24, March 24 |
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Computer Drop-in (T473)
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 Fridays (T473)
Do you love crafting? Join us for some fun crafting projects to do with your friends. January: Paint Night, February: Decoupage Vases, March:

**Mystery Craft**
Fridays, January 20, February 17, March 17 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

**Escape Room: The Upside Down (T474)**
Have fun taking part in the Stranger Things Upside Down escape room! Friday, March 31 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

**Game Night (T473)**
Game on! Join us for an evening of fun games with friends. Fridays, January 13, February 10, March 10 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

**Kahoot Trivia (T473)**
Play trivia at the library with your friends. Fridays, January 6, February 3, March 3 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

**Open Door TRC (T473)**
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

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**Games**

**Dungeons & Dragons (T475)**
Join us on an epic adventure with your Dungeons and Dragons guide Justin! Thursdays, January 5, 19, February 2, 16, March 2, 16, 30 | 6:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach
Gamers Meet-Up (T476)
Let’s play some popular games on the Nintendo Switch!
Tuesdays, January 10, March 21 | 6:45pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Hangin’ @ Club 5, 6, 7 (T477)
For teens in 5th - 8th grade
Come hang out at our space created just for you. Enjoy crafts, games and group challenges!
Thursdays, January 5, February 2, March 2 |
6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Teen Discord (TO354)
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 | 1:00pm - 9:00pm | Discord

Underground After School (T478)
For teens in 8th - 12th grade
Drop by the Underground after school for different craft and gaming activities! Follow @mcplteens on Instagram for a sneak peek of each week’s activity! Every Monday & Friday | 2:30pm - 5:00pm | Centereach

Health & Wellness

Teens Chat & Craft (T479)
For teens in 7th - 12th grade (6th grade see school age)
Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker! Sponsored by NY Community Bank Foundation.
Thursdays, January 19, February 2, 23 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
Monday, March 13 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Time for Meditation (T480)
Let’s make time to meditate. We’ll do simple breathing techniques and movements before lying down and doing a guided meditation. Bring a yoga mat, pillow, and/or light blanket.
Tuesdays, January 31, February 28, March 28 |
7:00pm - 8:00pm | Selden
Museum Corner

Straw Bridge Challenge (T481)
Use your engineering skills to build a weight bearing bridge out of plastic straws and tape. Will you or your team win the challenge?
Tuesday, February 28 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Strawbees Structures (T482)
Become an inventor using Strawbees! Using straws and plastic connectors you will be able to engineer mechanical objects with moving parts. Tuesday, January 17 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Nature/Science & Technology

3D Printing with TinkerCad (T483)
Learn how to create a 3D image using TinkerCad then have it printed on the library’s 3D printer.
Tuesday, February 7 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

3Doodler (T484)
Learn to draw in 3D! Monday, February 6 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Laser Engraved LED Light (T485)
Make your own LED light.
Tuesday, February 21 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
Wednesday, February 22 | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Rockin’ Air Plant Holder (T486)
Bring the beauty of the outdoors in by creating a rock and wire holder for your very own air plant.
Tuesday, March 7 | 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Centereach
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

For detailed program descriptions, please visit us online.

**Reading Club**

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten (J800)**
For families with children birth - 5 years old (not yet in Kindergarten)
Middle Country Public Library is participating in the national initiative known as 1000 Books Before 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.

**Dig Up a Good Book! Winter Reading Club (J895)**
For children birth - 5th grade
Let the library hear your roar by signing up for our winter reading club. Read a total of 4 hours to receive a special prize and an invitation to our Dino-man show! Stomp down to the library, register and dig up some good books!

**Family Programs**

**Crazy Craft Day (J808)**
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Drop-in and craft the afternoon away with family and friends! No registration required.
Wednesday, February 22 | 11:00am - 2:00pm | Centereach

**Drop-In Family Time (J809)**
For families with children 3 years old - 5th grade
Come play, create, build, draw and read at the library. Interactive stations will be available for families to spend time together. No registration required.
Tuesday, February 21 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach
Family Night: Hands-on, Minds-on! (J810)
For families with children 3 years old - 5th grade
Families should bring their creative minds to this hands-on family night. We will provide LOTS of recyclable materials, tape, string and markers and you bring creativity to make something unique and interesting. Robots, cars, chairs, instruments, castles – the sky is the limit!
Wednesday, February 22 | 6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Family Style Baking: Shamrock Cookie Decorating (J811)
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Choose one session. Register one person per family.
Saturday, March 11 |
11:00am - 12:00pm OR 12:30pm - 1:30pm | Selden

Let’s Go Seawolves! (J812)
For families
Let’s cheer on the Stony Brook Seawolves Basketball team! Meet us at Stony Brook University for their game against Hofstra Pride! This is sure to be a great night out! Please register each person that is attending the game.
Saturday, February 18 | 5:45pm - 8:45pm | Offsite - Stony Brook University

One-Man Circus and Variety Show (J813)
For all families with children in K - 5th grade
Saturday, February 25 | 2:00pm - 3:00pm | Centereach

The Rainbow Fish: The Musical (J814)
For families with children 3 years old - 5th grade
Tuesday, February 21 | 11:00am - 12:00pm | Selden

Infant/Toddler Programs

Baby Builders (J815)
For parents/caregivers with children 8 months (sitting up) - 18 months old. Tuesday, March 21 | 10:30am - 11:00am | Centereach
**Babies Boogie (J816)**
For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old  
January 5, February 11, March 3 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

**Baby & Me (J817)**
For parents/caregivers with children birth - 23 months old  
CHOOSE TWO DATES.  
January 27, February 16, March 27 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Selden

**Dance with Me (J818)**
For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 35 months old  
Wednesdays, January 18, February 15, March 1 |  
10:00am - 10:30am OR 11:00am - 11:30am | Centereach

**Huggy Kissy Storytime (J819)**
For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 36 months old  
Tuesday, February 14 |  
10:00am - 10:30am OR 10:45am - 11:15am | Centereach

**Movin’ & Groovin’ Rhymes (J820)**
For parents/caregivers with children birth - 35 months old  
Tuesdays, January 10, February 7, March 7 |  
10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

**ROAR! February Break Dinosaur Scavenger Hunt! (J882)**
For children  
Visit the library anytime during February break week, Saturday, Feb. 18th through Saturday, Feb. 25th, to participate in our dinosaur-themed library scavenger hunt! Have a roaring good time and earn a cool prize for participating. No registration required. While supplies last.  
Centereach

**Time for Twos (J821)**
For parents/caregivers with children 24 - 35 months old  
CHOOSE TWO DATES.  
January 27, February 16, March 27 | 11:00am - 11:30am | Selden
Tiny Tales (J822)
For parents/caregivers with children 18 - 35 months old
Tuesdays, January 17, March 14 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach
Wednesday, February 8 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

Toddlers Explore (J823)
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.
Mondays, January 9, February 6, March 6 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Toddlers Tango (J824)
For parents/caregivers with children 36 months - 4 years old
January 5, February 11, March 3 | 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Museum Corner

Easy Engineering (J825)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Listen to some stories and explore different engineering and building methods. Thursday, February 16 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Hot Air Balloon Workshop (J826)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Create a 3-dimensional sculpture using cardboard, paper, string, and other materials. Learn about form and balance as you build a hot air balloon. Tuesday, February 7 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Movable Toy Vehicle (J827)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Create a cardboard car capable of movement through the use of magnets, balloons, and rubber bands.
Tuesday, March 21 | 6:30pm - 8:00pm | Centereach
Super Simple Machines (J828)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Listen to some stories and explore different engineering methods. Build a catapult and see how it affects force and motion - and see how far your marshmallow can fly!
Tuesday, March 28 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Nature Explorium

Animals in Winter (J858)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Animals have to be smart in the winter and at times they have a lot of preparation to do. Let’s learn some interesting information about animals in winter, read a story and participate in a STEM activity.
Monday, January 2 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Let’s Build Ice Castles (J829)
For children in K - 2nd grade
This program takes place outdoors, please dress warm. Weather permitting. Tuesday, February 21 | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Centereach

Love Bugs (J877)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Give someone special the gift of nature with a special pinecone “Love Bug” made by you. Thursday, February 9 | 4:45pm - 5:30pm | Centereach

Parenting and Child Care Providers

Family Dinner Project (J830)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 5 - 16 years old
Join Cornell Cooperative Extension for food, fun and conversation! In this program, we will cook together, have activities for the kids and learn about the importance of family mealtime! Research has confirmed that sharing a family meal is good for the physical, mental, emotional, and nutritional health and well-being of all family members. Please register one person per family. Friday, January 20 | 5:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach
Let’s Talk it Out (J831)
For parents/caregivers with children birth - 3 years old
Let’s meet in person and talk with other parents and share parenting tips. A facilitator will guide you through various topics. Toys will be out for children to play with. Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, March 6 | 9:45am - 11:00am | Centereach

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J896)*
Open to all
Long Island Cares will have a mobile food pantry on-site to distribute a three-day food supply. No identification required.
Thursdays, January 12, February 9, March 9 | 11:30am - 12:30pm | Centereach-Parking Lot

Parent-Child Workshop (J832)
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 8, 15, 22, April 5 | 10:00am - 11:15am | Centereach

Shots for Tots (J833)
For families
Please bring child’s immunization record. Services provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health.
Tuesdays, January 3, February 7, March 7 | 11:00am - 3:00pm | Selden

SNAP - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (J834)*
Open to all
Many families can use SNAP to assist in stretching their food budget, and are unaware that they qualify. To schedule an appointment to see if you qualify for SNAP, call or email SNAP Program Coordinator, Carolina Flores Cruz at (631) 697-1124 or cflores@hwcli.com.
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Preschool Programs

Take and Make Program Bags
For preschool children
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- Quantities are limited, and bags are available on a first-come, first-serve basis

Party Penguins (JO538)
Friday, January 6

Prehistoric Adventures (JO539)
Friday, January 20

Love is in the Air (JO540)
Friday, February 3

Bundle Up! (JO541)
Friday, February 17

Lucky Day! (JO542)
Friday, March 3

Up, Up and Away! (JO543)
Friday, March 17

Adventures with Bear & Friends (J835)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Friday, January 13 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Tuesday, January 31 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Aquarium Life (J836)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Thursday, February 9 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Monday, February 27 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Birds of a Feather (J837)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Thursday, February 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Thursday, February 23 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Bug in a Rug (J838)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Friday, March 10 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Monday, March 20 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden
Dinosaurs Galore! (J839)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Tuesday, January 24 | 10:30am - 11:00am OR 11:15am - 11:45am | Centereach

Fun & Games! (J840)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Saturday, February 4 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Monday, February 13 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Honk, Honk, Beep, Beep (J841)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Thursday, March 2 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Selden
Saturday, March 18 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Put on Your Overalls & Hop on Your Tractor! (J842)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Monday, March 13 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Thursday, March 23 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Slumber Party! (J843)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Saturday, January 14 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach
Wednesday, January 25 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Snowman Story & Craft (J844)
For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old
Monday, January 23 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach

Stay & Play (J845)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old, including kindergarten students. Drop in, play and meet other families with young children. No registration required.
Friday, February 10 | 10:30am - 11:30am | Centereach
Wednesday, March 8 | 6:30pm - 7:15pm | Centereach
Storytime Yoga (J846)
For parents/caregivers with children 18 months - 3 years old
Saturday, January 28
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach
Tuesday, February 28
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach
Friday, March 24
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

Talk With Me Tool Kit (J847)
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Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 12 |
6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

The Three Little Guinea Pigs (J848)
For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old
Join Mr. James and his guinea pigs Buttercup, Beverly, and Abby for a special interactive story time of the three little pigs. Do a craft and have time to pet the guinea pigs.
Saturday, January 21 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

Tot Time (J849)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 4 years old
Thursday, February 9 | 10:00am - 10:30am | Centereach

Valentine’s Day Bilingual Storytime! (J850)
For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old
Tuesday, February 14 | 11:45am - 12:15pm | Centereach

Welcome to the Jungle (J851)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Thursday, March 9 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Selden
Tuesday, March 28 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Centereach
Winter Dance Party (J852)
For parents/caregivers with children 1 - 5 years old
Come boogie on down to the library this winter! Enjoy some music, dancing and winter activities.
Wednesday, February 1 | 10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

The Year of the Rabbit (J853)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Wednesday, January 4 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Thursday, January 19 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

You Can’t Catch Me! (J854)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
Wednesday, January 11 | 10:00am - 10:45am OR | Centereach
Thursday, January 26 | 10:00am - 10:45am | Selden

Zumbini (J855)
For parents/caregivers with children birth - 4 years old
Friday, January 6
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach
Saturday, February 18
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach
Thursday, March 16
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am | Centereach

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-serve basis

Arctic Animals (JO544)  Ceramic Birdhouse (JO545)
Friday, January 6  Friday, January 20
Valentines Day Craft (JO546)
Friday, February 3

Family Style Baking: Chocolate Pop Molds (JO547)
Friday, February 17

Avocado Fleece Tied Pillow (JO548)
Friday, March 3

Women’s History Month: Famous Women in STEM (JO549)
Friday, March 17

3Doodler Start (J856)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Wednesday, January 25 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

All Abuzz (J857)
For children K - 3rd grade
Monday, March 6 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Are You a Bad Seed or a Good Egg? (J859)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Friday, February 17 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm | Centereach
Thursday, March 9 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm | Centereach

Art Buddies (J860)
For children 4 - 7 years old
Thursdays, February 2, 9 | 6:15pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

Black History Month: The Girl With a Mind for Math: The Story of Raye Montague (J861)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Wednesday, February 15 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Book Buddies (J862)
For children 3 - 7 years old
Come sit for a story with our Teen Buddies!
Mondays, January 23, 30 | 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Centereach
Bubble POP! (J863)
For children K - 3rd grade
Monday, March 27 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Selden

Build It (J864)
For children in K - 5th grade
Saturday, February 11
10:00am - 10:45am (K - 2nd grade)
11:00am - 11:45pm (3rd - 5th grade) | Centereach

Business Builders Club: Becoming a Young Entrepreneur (J894)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Every child has a dream! Some dream about owning their own company. It’s never too early to start tapping into your creative entrepreneur ideas. Students will develop strong leadership skills and confidence that they can use for a lifetime.
Monday through Thursday, February 20 - 23 | 2:00pm - 4:00pm | Centereach

Chinese New Year Storycraft (J865)
For children 1st - 3rd grade
Wednesday, January 4 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Comic Book Creation (J866)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 | 5:30pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Creative Puppet Making (J867)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Thursday, February 23 |
10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:30am - 12:15pm | Centereach

Crochet for Kids (J868)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Mondays, February 27, March 6, 13, 20, 27 |
5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach
Dinosaur Mania! (J869)
For children in K - 5th grade
Friday, February 3 | 5:00pm - 5:45pm (K - 2nd grade)
Friday, February 10 |
5:00pm - 5:45pm (3rd - 5th grade) | Centereach

Fun with Ozobots (J870)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, February 6 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Fun with Sphero (J871)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, January 9 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Hangin’ @ Club 5, 6, 7 (T477)
For teens in 5th - 8th grade
Thursdays, January 5, February 2, March 2 |
6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

Homework Pals (J771)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Do you need help with your school work? High school students will assist you with school subjects where you need extra help.
WEEKLY PREREGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
Tuesdays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Selden

K9 Reading (J872)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Come to the library for a 20-minute reading session with a certified therapy dog. Bring your own book to read or pick one from our collection. These canines will help all readers become more confident and excited about reading.
Monday, February 13 | 6:30pm - 6:50pm OR 6:50pm - 7:10pm OR 7:10pm - 7:30pm | Centereach
Klimt Meets VanGogh Tree Sculpture (J873)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, January 23  | 6:30pm - 7:30pm | Centereach

LEGO Builders (J874)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Wednesdays, January 11, February 8, March 8
5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Let’s Be Brave! (J875)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Tuesday, January 17 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm | Centereach
Friday, January 27 | 4:00pm - 4:45pm | Centereach

Let’s Dance (J876)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Thursday, January 26  | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

Lucky Fortune (J878)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Monday, January 2 | 11:30am - 12:15pm | Centereach

Modern Art Window (J879)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Tuesday, March 7 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

Mondrian Style Painting (J880)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Tuesday, March 7 | 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Owl You Ready? (J881)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Tuesday, March 14 | 5:45pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Rockin’ Air Plant Holder (J883)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, March 6 | 5:00pm - 5:45pm | Centereach
Snow People Cupcakes (J884)
For children in K - 5th grade
Please register each child attending for one class only.
Wednesday, January 18 |
5:30pm - 6:30pm OR 7:00pm - 8:00pm | Centereach

Snowstorm Playdoh (J885)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Thursday, January 12 | 5:00pm - 5:45pm | Centereach

Snowy Stories and Craft (J886)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Friday, January 20 | 5:30pm - 6:15pm | Centereach

Squishy Circuits (J887)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Wednesday, February 1 | 5:30pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

STEM Buddies (J888)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Wednesdays, March 22, 29 | 5:45pm - 6:30pm | Centereach

Stuffed Animal Sleepover (J889)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Have you ever wondered what happens in the library when it’s closed? We will share our secret world with your stuffed animal friend during the “Stuffed Animal Sleepover”. Join us for a bedtime story, craft and tuck your animals in for the night.
Tuesday, January 24 | 6:30pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

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6:00pm - 7:00pm | Centereach

**Tweens Chat & Craft (J890)**
For children in 4th - 6th grade
Relax, socialize and craft at the library with our MCPL social worker!
Thursdays, January 19, February 2, 23 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach
Monday, March 13 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

**Weekend Adventure: Stories and More (J891)**
For children in K - 2nd grade
Saturdays, January 7, February 4, March 4
10:30am - 11:15am | Centereach

**Winter Forest Sculpture (J892)**
For children in K - 2nd grade
Monday, January 23 | 5:00pm - 6:00pm | Centereach

**Winter Small World Play (J893)**
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Tuesday, January 10 | 6:00pm - 6:45pm | Centereach

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**Save The Date**

December 4    Live at MCPL! The Sondheim Years
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Selden

December 8    Children & Teen Winter Program Registration

December 9    Adult Winter Program Registration

January 6    Ring in the New Year | 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. | Selden

January 8    Live at MCPL! The Rustlers
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Selden

January 10    Distinguished Speakers Series: Socioeconomic Disparities in Child Development | 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Selden
January 13  Live at MCPL! Evan & James: The Concert
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Centereach

January 24  Business Networking Open House
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. | Centereach

February 5  Live at MCPL! 4 Ways from Sunday
2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Selden

February 7   Distinguished Speakers Series: ACES (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and Trauma: Supporting Families
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. | Selden

February 21   The Rainbow Fish: The Musical for Families
11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Selden

February 21   Drop-In Family Time | 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. | Centereach

February 22   Crazy Craft Day for Families
11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | Centereach

February 25   One-Man Circus and Variety Show for Families
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Centereach

March 19   Live at MCPL! Buoy 34 | 2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. | Selden

March 20   Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Reception
7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. | Selden

**Hours of Service**

CENTEREACH & SELDEN
Monday - Friday 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Saturday 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
(September through June)

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www.mcplibrary.org/curbside
Monday - Friday 10:00 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.
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Sunday 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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