Library Update

Thank you for your patience, cooperation and ongoing support during these challenging times. We also wish to thank and express our gratitude to all of the essential workers. We’re happy to welcome you back! The Centereach and Selden buildings are open to the public and have resumed regular library hours but are operating with limited capacity and services. We encourage you to continue to use our curbside assistance to reserve items in advance and have them delivered to you in one of our curbside designated parking spots. We look forward to resuming on-site programming but anticipate that we’ll be offering virtual programs and virtual one-on-one appointments for the fall program season. Notary services, 3D printing, the reservation of museum passes and the lending of the Library of Things collection have resumed. Please continue to check our website for updates.

The library’s budget vote has been rescheduled for September 15th from 9:30 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Centereach building, provided that an Executive Order of the Governor does not require the utilization of absentee ballots. The proposed 2020/2021 budget reflects a decrease of 1.8%.

MCPL Take and Make Programs

The library is offering Take and Make programs for all ages! While you can’t come for programs yet, you can take some home with you and join us online to complete various projects. Check our online program calendar (www.mcplibrary.org/calendar/) and Facebook page for more information on scheduled sessions. There is a limit of Take and Make program supplies for each session, so be sure to sign up early. After you’re registered, come in to the Centereach building to pick up the supplies or schedule a curbside pickup.

Nature Explorium and Museum Corner Reservations!

We are happy to announce that Middle Country district residents with a valid library card can now pre-register for hour-long sessions for their family in our Nature Explorium and Museum Corner! Families may register for a maximum of one session per week and an adult must be present at the time of the session. Registration may be completed via the website, over the phone, or in person. We look forward to seeing many of our MCPL families in the Nature Explorium and Museum Corner!

To make Nature Explorium reservations visit www.tinyurl.com/nature-explorium-reservations

To make Museum Corner reservations visit www.tinyurl.com/museum-corner-reservations
Annual Message

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We strive to be financially prudent while providing exemplary services, programs and resources, to remain a steady local employer and as always, be your neighborhood library. While we are not asking you to increase your tax levy, we hope that you come to vote on September 15th.

Please contact Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, at 631-585-9393 ext 219 or email at serlismc@mcplibrary.org with any questions you may have about the budget.

Library Budget Vote
& Trustee Election
Tuesday, September 15th, 2020
9:30 A.M. to 9:00 P.M.
at the Centereach building

In order to vote you must be:
• A citizen of the United States
• 18 years of age or older
• Registered to vote*
• A resident of Middle Country School District #11 for at least 30 days prior to the vote

* You are registered if you have voted in a general, school, or library election within the last four years. If you have not, you may register on Tuesday, September 8th between 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Centereach Building.

Absentee ballot applications are available at the Customer Service Desk.

How to Determine Your Household’s Proposed Library Tax

Proposed Tax = (Home’s Assessed Value x Tax Rate per $100) ÷ 100

2020-2021 Proposed Estimated Tax Rate per $100 = $28.74

For a Home Assessed at:
$2,000
$3,000

Proposed Estimated Annual cost for Library Services:
$564.62
$846.93

Decrease
$10.20
$15.30

Based on the most recent data at time of printing.

Como determinar el impuesto de la biblioteca propuesto por su propiedad

Impuesto Propuesto = (Valor Tasado de la Casa x tasa de impuesto por $100) ÷ 100

2020-2021 Tasa de Impuesto Estimada Propuesta por $100 = $28.74

Para una Casa Valorada en:
$2,000
$3,000

Costo Anual Estimado Propuesto por Servicios Bibliotecarios:
$564.62
$846.93

Incremento Anual
$10.20
$15.30

Basado en la información más reciente al momento de la impresión.
**Attend Programs From Home**

View and attend MCPL programs from home! Please visit www.mcplibrary.org/online-programs/ for a continuously updated list of upcoming programs for children, teens, and adults! We have something for everyone!

Since the end of March, MCPL has offered over 100 programs online. Many of these programs were recorded and are available to view now on our YouTube channel, www.mcpl.tv. Included are programs for all ages including yoga, cooking programs, art and sensory activities, and story times.

Programs take place on a variety of online platforms including Facebook Live, YouTube and Zoom.

**Zoom information:**
Learn how to connect to a live program on Zoom at this link: www.mcplibrary.org/connecting-to-zoom/

**YouTube information:**
View upcoming and recorded programs on the library’s YouTube channel at www.mcpl.tv. Subscribe to our channel so you will not miss any of our offerings.

**Facebook Information:**
Follow Middle Country Public Library on Facebook as daily announcements will keep you informed of our online program offerings.

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**Connect with Library Services Remotely**

**Family Center Services**
By appointment
The Family Center at MCPL provides clients with free counseling, information & referral, and case management. Our social worker, Veronica, will continue to offer these services via phone. To make an appointment, please email Veronica at familycenter@mcplibrary.org. All Services are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL.

**Career & College Counseling**
By appointment
The library is pleased to offer our career and college counseling services remotely via telephone or e-mail. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133 for more information on how to connect with a counselor for a virtual appointment.

**Book-a-Librarian**
By appointment
Having trouble accessing any of our online resources? Please fill out the form at www.tinyurl.com/MCPLBookaLibrarian to get in touch with one of our Digital Services librarians who can help you through the process.
While we can’t be together, the Adult Services Department is still offering some of your favorite programs virtually!

Visit our online program calendar to see what’s coming up: www.mcplibrary.org/online-programs. If you are looking for something to do on a particular day, check out our calendar at www.mcplibrary.org/calendar.

Watch recorded programs on MCPL.tv!

Culinary Programs
September 2nd: Spicy Chicken and Butternut Squash over Quinoa
September 10th: Chocolate Banana Snickerdoodle Bread: A Take and Make Program

Game Nights
Join with a Friend!
Trivia (80s Movie Night on October 2nd!)
Board and Broke: Game Club
Murder Mystery Games

Join us virtually!

Book Discussions
Join us on Zoom to discuss new books every month.
FALL FUN
FROM THE YOUTH SERVICES DEPARTMENT

FOR FAMILIES

This fall, look forward to participating in various virtual programs for children and families. Families will also have the opportunity to participate in The Great Give Back on Saturday, October 17. There will be a number of ways to participate in this statewide community service celebration!

For families that like to cook together, be on the lookout for more MCPL Take and Make programs with Chef Rob Scott!

COMING SOON:

Family Style Cooking To Go!
Harvest Apple Brownies on September 25 at 3pm
Pumpkin Pie Scones on November 25 at 3pm

JUST FOR TEENS...

In the fall, teens entering 6th -12th grade will have a variety of fun programs to look forward to joining with their friends virtually -- arts and crafts, cooking, trivia, gaming, there’s something for everyone!

Teens looking for community service can take advantage of our updated Virtual Volunteering opportunities by visiting www.mcplibrary.org/teens/just-for-fun/community-service

Stay tuned for a new virtual teen space just for you on Discord, where you can connect with your teen librarians and friends, attend programs, and much more!

Check out all of the fun programs the Youth Services Department has planned in the fall by visiting the program calendar www.mcplibrary.org/online-programs
Your library card is your ticket to movies, documentaries, TV and more!

Watch anytime, anywhere using your favorite streaming device or Smart TV... ...or download an eBook, Audiobook, Comic, TV series or Music!

Visit www.mcplibrary.org/edownloads to access these free amazing services!

PLUS: WATCH LIBRARY PROGRAMMING AND SPECIAL EVENTS ON DEMAND!

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Virtual Classes

Looking for support with navigating Google Classroom? Ms. Melia, a Google instructor, will help you live via Zoom to become familiar with logging in, finding assignments, submitting assignments, seeing due dates, identifying grades, communicating with your teacher, and more. All questions will be answered. Fall sessions will be offered for teens, school-age children, special needs students, and their parents.

If you’re a high school junior or senior planning to take a fall SAT exam and are in need of extra review, stay tuned for our upcoming virtual SAT Quick Study Tips verbal and math workshops taught by certified teachers. For Middle Country teens entering 11th & 12th grade.

Visit www.mcplibrary.org/calendar for dates and other program information.

Live Homework Help

The new school year is on the horizon, and your library barcode is the key to helpful resources that will virtually assist you with homework, test taking, study skills, as well as FAFSA application assistance. Check out these resources to make the transition back to school less stressful!

Use Brainfuse from home to connect with a live tutor for one-on-one homework and skills assistance from 1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. www.mcplibrary.org/teens/school/homework-help/.

CHILDREN
Access library databases, including multi-media encyclopedias and eBooks and reference books on a variety of subjects by visiting www.mcplibrary.org/children/school-age/kids-databases/

TEENS
Access library databases that will help you ace your assignments 24/7 by visiting www.mcplibrary.org/teens/school/online-resources/

COLLEGE
Library databases covering history, science, literature and more can be accessed 24/7 from anywhere with your library card by visiting www.mcplibrary.org/adults/services/reference-database/

STUDENTS

Biography Resource Center

An online database with full-text biographies covering notable figures in the areas of literature, science, multicultural studies, business, entertainment, politics, sports, government, history, arts and newsmakers. Visit www.mcplibrary.org/teens/school/online-resources/

Literati

A great starting point for school research projects where you may search multiple reference books for background information on thousands of topics. It visually explains the connections between topics using Mind Maps www.mcplibrary.org/children/school-age/kids-databases/

Opposing Viewpoints

This online resource covers today’s social issues, from offshore drilling to climate change, health care to immigration. Opposing Viewpoints In Context helps students research, analyze and organize data for conducting research, completing writing assignments, creating presentations and more. Visit www.mcplibrary.org/teens/school/online-resources/

World Book Online

Allows kids to explore various topics within this entertaining and educational knowledge database. This visual resource has thousands of articles, multimedia content, and an abundance of educational games, activities and projects. Visit www.mcplibrary.org/children/school-age/kids-databases/
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Join the Friends and support your library!
The Friends of the Middle Country Public Library (a.k.a. the Friends) is a non-sectarian, non-commercial organization [501(c) (3)] that was founded in 1994.

Become a member online at www.mcplibrary.com/friends/.
An online payment option is available or you may print out a membership form and return it to the library in a Friends’ payment box.

The levels of membership are:
Bronze ................................................. $5.00
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MCPL Podcasts
The MCPL Podcast is our weekly podcast available through your favorite podcast app! Join the librarians of Middle Country as they chat about upcoming virtual programs, hear entertaining discussions on what to read and what to watch, and their favorite online resources.

Centered on Business is the newest bi-weekly podcast from the Miller Business Center! The podcast focuses on the concerns of the business community and how the Miller Business Center can support local businesses. Listen anywhere you download your podcasts!

www.mcplibrary.com/curbside  Mon. - Fri. 10am - 8:30pm  Sat. 10am - 4:30pm
CURBSIDE PICKUP
Available in Centereach & Selden