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.
**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 Funding Information Network

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.

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.

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.
**ADULTS**

**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
**Business/Finance/Careers**

Visit [www.millerbusinesscenter.org](http://www.millerbusinesscenter.org) for the most up-to-date list of upcoming business programs.

**Better Business Book Club (A0481)**

*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

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**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

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**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

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**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)**

Spreadsheet 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!

**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

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*Open to the Public*
**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

**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 OR Tuesday, January 17 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden OR
Monday, February 6 OR Tuesday, February 7 | 5:30pm - 8:30pm | Selden OR
Saturday, February 25 | 10:00am - 4:00pm | Selden OR
Saturday, March 4 OR 10:00am - 4:00pm | Centereach OR
Monday, March 13 OR 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

**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 in Centereach

**Fun and Games (A419)**
Every Wednesday 1:00pm - 4:00pm in 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 Research Assistance**
Hit a brick wall in your genealogy research? Request an appointment with our expert at [www.tinyurl.com/MCPlgenealogyappt](http://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

**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

**NOT SURE WHAT TO READ NEXT?**
Visit [www.mcplibrary.org/suggested-reading](http://www.mcplibrary.org/suggested-reading) for staff picks, genre reads and to sign-up for e-newsletters.
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 (A0480) *
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

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

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

Black History Month Program  Women’s History Month Program
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

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.

Support Services

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

CULINARY PROGRAMS*

Check out this season’s culinary programs and learn how to create new meals!

Chinese New Year (A446)
Celebrate the new year with authentic Chinese dishes.
Thursday, January 5th
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden

Super Bowl Appetizers (A506)
Be the MVP of the Super Bowl party with these winning appetizers.
Thursday, January 12th
7:00pm - 8:30pm | Centereach

Authentic & Healthy Mediterranean Cooking (A482)
Learn how to make basic dough, spinach pies, za’atar flatbread and hummus.
Monday, March 6th
6:30pm - 8:00pm | Selden
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JAN 8
THE RUSTLERS (A422)
Classic Country Hits
2:00pm | Selden

EVAN & JAMES (A424)
Acoustic Classic Rock
7:00pm | Centereach

FEB 5
FOUR WAYS FROM SUNDAY (A411)
Hits from the 60s, 70s, and 80s
2:00pm | Selden

MAR 19
BUOY-34 (A468)
Folk & Irish Music
2:00pm | Selden

JOIN US AFTER THE PERFORMANCE FOR LIGHT REFRESHMENTS!

Register at www.mcplibrary.org
**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
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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 6th - 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

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  5:30 - 6:30pm  Centereach

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 (T0411)

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
Community Service Craft: Heart Garland (T466)
Make heart garlands to decorate the library’s teen spaces.
Wednesday, January 18

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

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

Homework Pals (T438)
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

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.

Saturday, January 28 OR February 25 OR March 25
10:00am - 2:30pm

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

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 (T0354)
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
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

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
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

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

Infant/Toddler Programs

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

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
Tuesday, 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
Tuesday, January 10, February 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

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For detailed program descriptions, please visit us online.

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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.
Thursdays, January 5, February 2, March 2
10:00am - 12:00pm Selden

Preschool Programs

Take and Make Program Bags
For preschool children
- Available at the Youth Services desks in Centereach and Selden
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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 6:30pm - 7:15pm Centereach
  10:00am - 10:45am Tuesday, January 31

Aquarium Life (J836)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
- Thursday, February 9
  10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am Centereach
- Monday, February 27
  10:00am - 10:45am Selden

Birds of a Feather (J837)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
- Wednesday, February 2
  10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:15am - 11:45am 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 11:00am - 11:45am 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 11:00am - 11:45am 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 11:00am - 11:45am Centereach
- 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 11:00am - 11:45am 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 OR 11:00am - 11:45am Centereach
- Wednesday, January 25
  10:00am - 10:45am Selden

Snowman Story & Craft (J844)
For parents/caregivers with children 3 - 5 years old
- Monday, January 23
  10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am 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
- Wednesday, March 8
  6:30pm - 7:15pm

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)
For parents/caregivers with children 4 - 7 years old
Parents and children will work with the Smithsonian Talk With Me Tool Kits to enhance literacy skills. This project was made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Dinner will be served at each session beginning 15 minutes prior to the start of the program. This is a pilot program supported by IMLS and parents will be asked for feedback and to participate in focus groups following completion of sessions.
- 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 storytime 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

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

Welcome to the Jungle (J851)
For parents/caregivers with children 2 - 5 years old
- Thursday, March 9
  10:00am - 10:45am OR 11:00am - 11:45am Centereach
- Tuesday, March 28
  10:00am - 10:45am Selden

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 11:00am - 11:45am 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 11:00am - 11:45am 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

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### School Age Programs

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For school age children  
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**Arctic Animals (J0544)**  
Friday, January 6

**Ceramic Birdhouse (J0545)**  
Friday, January 20

**Valentines Day Craft (J0546)**  
Friday, February 3

**Family Style Baking: Chocolate Pop Molds (J0547)**  
Friday, February 17

**Avocado Fleece Tied Pillow (J0548)**  
Friday, March 3

**Women’s History Month: Famous Women in STEM (J0549)**  
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

**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  
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**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
Friday, January 27
4:00pm - 4:45pm

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

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

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

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

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

Rockin’ Air Plant Holder (J883)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Monday, March 6
5:00pm - 5:45pm

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

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

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

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

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

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

Talk With Me Tool Kit (J847)
For parents/caregivers with children 4 - 7 years old
Parents and children will work with the Smithsonian Talk with Me Tool Kits to enhance literacy skills. This project was made possible by the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Dinner will be served at each session beginning 15 minutes prior to the start of the program. This is a pilot program supported by IMLS and parents will be asked for feedback and to participate in focus groups following completion of sessions.
Wednesdays, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, April 12
6:00pm - 7:00pm

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

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

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

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

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KITS FOR KIDS TO BORROW!

STOP BY THE YOUTH SERVICES DESK TO LEARN MORE OR CHECK ONE OUT!

- American Girl Kits
- Dentist Kits
- Hospital Kits
- Museum Corner Kits
- Nature Explorium Kits
- New Sibling Kits
- Project Link Kits

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**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!

**Pictured (l to r):** Ryan Gessner, assistant library director; Alexandra Mallilo, V.P. commercial private banking, BankUnited; Sophia Serlis-McPhillips, library director, MCPL.
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
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Save The Date

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

- December 8
  2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  Children & Teen Winter Program Registration
  Centereach

- December 9
  2:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.
  Adult Winter Program Registration
  Centereach

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

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

- January 10
  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
  Distinguished Speakers Series: Socioeconomic Disparities in Child Development
  Selden

- January 13
  7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
  Live at MCPL! Evan & James: The Concert
  Centereach

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

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

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

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

- February 17
  5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
  Drop-In Family Time
  Centereach

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

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

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

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