Library for All: Programs and Services for All Abilities

The library is continually developing and offering new programs, collections and services for our community members including those with disabilities. Please remember that children and teens with special needs are encouraged to participate in all teen and children’s library programs. In the Youth Services department, staff has imagined a wide spectrum of programs. Children’s play groups, therapy dog book readings and Friday social nights for teens are designed to meet the needs of all. Sensory Storytime and Let’s Get Together, and librarian visits with special education classes are targeted library programs that address the unique needs of kids. See our programs offered specifically for children with special needs on page 24 and for teens on page 17. This spring, look out for adult programs featuring fun crafts and music. Special collections include large print books, audiobooks, Playaway titles and Braille books which help patrons with vision issues and striving readers. For more information, stop by any reference desk.

Middle Country Reads
If the Creek Don’t Rise

Become part of Middle Country Reads and pledge to read Leah Weiss’ riveting novel, If the Creek Don’t Rise. With equal parts Southern Gothic menace and heartbreaking optimism, If the Creek Don’t Rise explores the limits that people can endure before they are willing and able to move beyond them.

Visit www.middlecountryreads.org to pledge to read and register for Leah Weiss’ visit to the library on Tuesday, April 14th from 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Leah will speak to us about the origins of her compelling novel and sign books. We hope to see you there!

Reading Room Renovation

This spring and summer we will be redesigning our Centereach Reading Room. For more information about this project, please visit www.mcplibrary.org/reading-room-update.

Remainder: Program Registration: Children & Teens - December 12th • Adults - December 13th
**Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show**

Submit your original artwork to be featured in the 11th annual Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Exhibit. The exhibit will be on display in the Teen Resource Center at Selden from March 9 to April 6, 2020. Artists and their families are invited to attend the opening reception on Monday, March 9 from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. at MCPL Selden. Registration forms must be submitted along with your artwork to the Youth Services desk at the Selden building from February 10-14, 2020. Forms and guidelines are available online or at any reference desk (see page 13 for more information).

**Ready-made Selections**

Library staff has curated many wonderful “grab and go” collections to take home and enjoy! Discover themed kits, backpacks, totes and boxes for every age and mood.

**For adults and teens:**
- Binge Boxes: Themed DVD collections
- Book Club in a Bag: Perfect for clubs. Includes discussion questions!
- Discovery Totes: Thematic collections of books, audio CDs and DVDs

**For children and families:**
- NASA Backpacks: Be a space explorer with these backpacks!
- Nature Explorium Backpacks: Young naturalists can explore the outdoors.
- Themed story time, early literacy and Museum Corner kits.
- Kits to help children prepare for visits to the hospital or dentist!

**Media Teens**

MCPL Media Teens are hard at work creating fun and engaging content for our community about the library! You may see the Media Teens out and about at various library events taking pictures and video. Recently, the Media Teens filmed and interviewed teen performers at Island Idol and took video at National Night Out. Look forward to viewing their work on our social media and library YouTube channel!

**THINKING MONEY FOR KIDS**

*Explore. Learn. Succeed!*

Thinking Money for Kids is a new multimedia experience for children ages 7 to 11, as well as their parents, caregivers and educators. The interactive exhibit uses games, activities and a fun storyline to help children understand what money is, its function in society, money choices, and money values, such as fairness, responsibility and charitableness. MCPL has been selected to host this traveling exhibit created by the American Library Association (ALA) in partnership with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation. The exhibit will be on display in the Museum Corner for six weeks from December 16, 2019 through January, 27, 2020. Please join us for the opening event on Monday, December 16, from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and for other related programs which are listed on page 19.

*Thinking Money for Kids was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibit possible.*
Winter Reading Club
For Families with children from Birth through 5th grade

Join Pete the Cat this winter and rock out with a good book. For every thirty minutes read, you can receive a prize, book or raffle ticket! Reporting begins January 1st and ends February 21st. Once you complete two hours, you will receive an invitation to our Winter Reading Club Celebration on Saturday, February 22nd.

Nursery School Fair
Saturday, January 25th, 2020
10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
Centereach
Parents, caregivers, and families will have the opportunity to meet with representatives from local nursery schools, daycare centers and preschools. Meet the teachers, ask questions and get familiar with educational philosophies.

Photo Printing with Print Budii
Now you can print your photos at the library! It’s easy to get started – download the Print Budii app to your Apple or Android device, select your photos, and pay with your credit card. Then stop by the Print Budii kiosk, located next to the fax machine in the Centereach building, to print out your 4x6 photos. Photos are 30 cents each and there is a minimum of 2 photos per order.

Family Center
Need information or resources? Interested in free counseling? MCPL partners with the Family Service League to provide social work services at the library. Families and individuals can receive free short–term counseling as well as referrals to:

- Health and social services organizations.
- Child development specialists.
- Child care services.
- Financial assistance.
- Food, clothing, housing, or utility assistance.
- Immigration and residency information.
- English as a second language programs.

To schedule an appointment with the social worker, please call 631.585.9393 ext. 107 or email familycenter@mcplibrary.org.

Ring in the New Year
Friday, January 3rd
2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
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Black History Programs
Black History Month (also known as African American History Month) is celebrated each February as a way to honor the central role of black people in our country’s history. We’ll be featuring programs for all ages to celebrate and commemorate the black experience in America.

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Members of the community, working with library staff and artist Libby Hintz, created an impressive fourteen-foot wide mosaic mural. This striking piece of artwork is on permanent display in the community room at the Centereach building.
This project is made possible with funds from the Decentralization Program, a grant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of Governor Andrew M. Cuomo and the New York State Legislature, and administered by the Huntington Arts Council. Additional funding has been provided by the Middle Country Library Foundation.
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Program Registration
- A valid MCPL library card for each patron (adults, children and teens) is required at time of registration.
- Registration will take place 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 12th at 9:30 a.m.
- Registration for Adult programs begins on Friday, December 13th at 9:30 a.m.
- Fee-based programs require payment at time of registration, unless otherwise noted. Payment by on-line registrants is due within three days or registration will be cancelled.
- Program Fees are not refundable.
- Out-of-District patrons with a valid card from their home library may attend some programs, as designated in the brochure (*).
- Registration for programs open to the public, based on availability begins Monday, December 23, 2019 (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.
Adult/Seniors

Non-refundable materials fees are due within 3 days of registering.

Alcohol Ink Flowers (A201)
Learn how to create beautiful flowers on a 6” x 6” ceramic tile using alcohol ink. No prior painting experience is needed. The results will amaze you!
Materials Fee: $8.00
Thursday, March 5
7:00pm - 8:30pm Selden

Backyard Bat Houses (A186)
Maybe you have birdhouses, but here’s your chance to build a wooden bat house! This structure will invite some new bat neighbors to move in and help you get rid of mosquitoes. Materials Fee: $5.00
Wednesday, March 11
6:00pm - 7:15pm OR 7:30pm - 8:45pm Selden

Basic Embroidery 101 (A183)
Learn basic embroidery stitches when you make this simple and attractive project.
Materials Fee: $5.00
Wednesday, January 15
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Cause for Paws: Sewing for Shelters (A236)
Sew much-needed crate mats for shelter pets. Registrants must have basic sewing experience.
Saturday, February 8
10:00am - 12:00pm Selden

Crafting for a Purpose: Knitting Loom Hats (A228)
Many hands are needed for this wonderful community service project. Come knit colorful hats for community members in need. Looms and yarn will be provided. All levels of experience welcome.
Saturday, January 11
10:00am - 11:30am Centereach

Crochet for Beginners (A152)
Learn crochet basics such as chaining and single, double, half doubles and treble stitches. By the last class you should be able to start a simple project.
Materials Fee: $6.00
Mondays, March 2, 16, 23
7:00pm - 8:30pm Selden

Feelings into Art! Pollock Drip Painting (A224)
Discover how Jackson Pollock and other modern artists express their emotions with paint. Then express your feelings out as you create your own Pollock-inspired drip painting.
Tuesday, January 14
7:00pm - 8:00pm Selden

Mini Winter Wonderland Shaker (A241)
Create a teeny tiny winter wonderland for you to enjoy all year long.
Wednesday, January 29
6:00pm - 7:00pm Selden

Reversible Love & Luck Decoration (A222)
Create a colorful, reversible wooden sign that will double as a Valentine’s Day and St. Patrick’s Day decoration. You’ll have fun painting and decorating using paints and ribbon. Materials Fee: $10
Thursday, February 6
6:30pm - 8:30pm Selden

Quilting Instructional: Lanterns of Light (A145)
The pattern on this quilt is set out in rows that create the appearance of paper lanterns. This pattern is great to use with scraps and you can choose between two different sized blocks for your choice of quilt size. All levels welcome. Materials list available online or at any Reference Desk.
Tuesdays, January 21, 28, February 11, 18
6:30pm - 8:45pm Selden

Quilting Techniques (A146)
This hands-on session will explain aspects of the quilting process to apply to your individual projects. There are ongoing demonstrations and discussions throughout the morning. All experience levels are welcome.
Saturday, March 21
10:00am - 1:00pm Selden

Sew ‘n Sews (A147)
Interested in quilting? This is the perfect place to find out how you can make your own quilt. Through the year we make blocks for a quilt and explore many different techniques. All levels of experience are invited to join.
Wednesdays, January 8, February 5, March 4
6:30pm - 8:45pm Selden

Sewing Class: Baby Hats (A232)
First, you’ll learn the basics of how to use a sewing machine including how to thread a needle and how to wind a bobbin. Next you’ll spend time creating adorable hats using high quality knit fabric. This is an easy to sew project that’s fun and great for sewers of all levels.
Materials Fee: $10.00
Saturday, January 25
10:00am - 11:30am Selden

Sewing Class: Zippered Clutch (A233)
This sewing project has a fun, quick and easy pattern that will enhance your sewing skills and teach you how to sew a zipper! We’ll also provide a refresher on how to thread a needle and wind a bobbin!
Materials Fee: $12.00
Saturday, March 14
10:00am - 12:30pm Selden

Upcycled Snowman Mason Jar Lids (A231)
Turn your leftover mason jar lids into adorable snowman decorations! You’ll use paint, burlap and ribbon to create a set of decorations. Patrons may bring mason jar lids to class or use some of ours.
Wednesday, January 8
7:00pm - 8:30pm Selden

Women Artists: A Celebration of Women’s History Month (A223)
In this workshop, celebrate the diversity of famous women artists and share ideas about what you see in their artwork. Then, based on their innovative techniques, create your own painted-collage masterpiece inspired by Lee Krasner.
Thursday, January 16
2:00pm - 3:30pm Selden

Wood Burning 101 (A214)
Come learn the basics of wood burning. We’ll teach you how to use a wood burner and have some basic projects to get you started.
Thursday, January 9
3:00pm - 4:30pm OR 6:00pm - 7:30pm Selden

Wood Burning: Cutting Board (A213)
Create a custom cutting board using a wood burner. Please choose design upon registration. Wood burning experience is recommended.
Materials Fee: $10.00
Thursday, January 16
2:00pm - 3:30pm OR 6:00pm - 7:30pm Selden

Wood Burning: 101 (A214)
Create a custom cutting board using a wood burner. Please choose design upon registration. Wood burning experience is recommended.
Materials Fee: $10.00
Thursday, January 16
2:00pm - 3:30pm OR 6:00pm - 7:30pm Selden

Zentangle (A208)
Zentangle® is an easy-to-learn method of drawing complex looking patterns using a few very simple shapes. This mindfulness process helps you to relax, de-stress and refocus. Certified Zentangle Teacher, MaryAnn Scheblein-Dawson will provide all the materials and guidance you need to create your first Zentangle. No artistic experience is necessary.
Tuesday, January 7
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Book Discussions/Writing

Middle Country Reads with Leah Weiss (A251)
Join author Leah Weiss for a fun evening discussing her novel, If the Creek Don’t Rise. Ms. Weiss will also speak about her life as a writer and she’ll sign books too!
Tuesday, April 14
7:00pm - 9:00pm Centereach

*Open to the Public
**Book Discussion Groups**

Join a book discussion group that matches your interest!

**Open to all!**

**Book Bites: A Foodie Book Club (A188)**
Have a passion for food? Join us to read food-related books and discuss them at a local restaurant. Patrons will be called with the location prior to the meeting. Stop by or call the Reference Desk to interloan your copy. **March:** Relish by Lucy Knisley

**Thursday, March 26**

12:30pm - 2:00pm

Off Premises

**Get Graphic! Graphic Novel Book Discussion (A180)**
Join us to discuss a graphic novel, which tells a story through both words and images. Reserve your copy of the book at the Adult Services Desk. **February:** March, Book Three by John Lewis

*Books One and Two are not required to enjoy Book Three, but provide historical information on the civil rights movement.*

**Thursday, February 20**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

**History Buffs Book Club (A197)**
Join us for a lively discussion of historical books, events, and eras. Stop by or call the Reference Desk to interloan your copy.

**January:** The Boys of Winter: The Untold Story of a Coach, a Dream, and the 1980s U.S. Olympic Hockey Team by Wayne Coffey

**February:** The Professor and the Madman: A Tale of Murder, Insanity, and the Making of the Oxford English Dictionary by Simon Winchester

*Mondays, January 6, February 24

6:00pm - 7:00pm

Centereach

**True Crime Book Club (A200)**
Have a passion for true crime? Join us as we jump from state to state figuring out the who, what, and why of some of the most haunting crimes committed. Please visit the Reference Desk to reserve My Dark Places by James Ellroy.

**Tuesday, February 4**

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Centereach

**Who Picked this Book? (A156)**
Join us for a lively book discussion! We’ll be reading novels, non-fiction, and some mysteries! You may pick up your book at the Adult Reference Desk. **January:** In Cold Blood by Truman Capote

**March:** If the Creek Don’t Rise by Leah Weiss (Middle Country Reads pick!)

**Thursday, January 30, March 12**

2:00pm-3:00pm

Centereach

**Black Poets: A Poetry Workshop (A220)**
This workshop shares some of the history of African American poetry. Participants will be introduced to various styles and works from famous poets like Maya Angelou, Langston Hughes, and Toni Morrison, and have time to work on writing their own poetry.

**Thursday, February 20**

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

**Long Island Reads**
Erika Swyler, Light From Other Stars.

Visit www.longislandreads.org for information on free author event on April 19! Location to be announced.

**Tea Time with Romance Authors (A219)**
Just in time for Valentine’s Day, we welcome Long Island romance writers Jeannie Moon, Deborah Garland, Lauren Rico, and Jennifer Gracen. Hear about their writing process, inspiration and ask any questions you have about their novels. We’ll also enjoy tea, cookies, and Valentine’s Day décor.

**Tuesday, February 11**

6:30pm - 8:00pm

Centereach

**Writers’ Group (A153)**
This is a program for experienced writers seeking to share and improve their work through group critiques, suggestions and encouragement. The instructor will teach specific writing techniques and advise you how to submit work for publication based on literary genre.

**Wednesdays, January 8, February 12, March 11**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

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**Business/Finance/Careers**

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

**Business Bites**

Tips & Tricks in 1 Hour or Less

All sessions held in Centereach

9:00am - 10:00am

Wednesdays, January 15, February 12, March 18

Doors open at 8:30am for networking.

**Career and College Counseling Services**

Looking for a job? Interested in a new career? Need help with the college admissions process? Meet one-on-one with a counselor. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133 to schedule a confidential appointment.

**Community Legal Help Project**

Do you need help with a legal problem? FREE limited legal advice and assistance is available. To make an appointment call (631) 822-3272.

*Thursdays

2:00pm - 7:00pm

Selden

**Daily Budget Workshop (A192)**

Learn how to track spending on a daily basis, and reduce spending obligations and services. We will look at different ways to still enjoy your daily routine without sacrificing pleasures or completely changing your lifestyle.

**Tuesday, January 21**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

**Engineering the Future: 3D Printing (A205)**

Join us for this informative program on 3D printing and how it will affect the future of engineering.

**Thursday, February 20**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

**Handling the Job Interview (A243)**

This presentation will cover tips and strategies for handling the job interview and will address the following topic areas: preparing for the interview, commonly asked questions, handling difficult questions, and follow-up strategies.

**Thursday, February 27**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

**Identifying & Removing Barriers to Employment (A244)**

Many job seekers are unsuccessful in their attempts at finding employment because they lack strategies & resources for dealing with potential employer concerns. This program will present those resources to assist the job seeker.

**Thursday, January 23**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

**Job Skills Assessment and Resume Building (A196)**

An interactive, hands-on workshop focusing on assessing your job skills and translating them into an effective resume.

**Monday, March 23**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

Centereach

**Occupational Information Resources (A242)**

Some job seekers have limited knowledge of occupational resources available to assist them in researching and establishing career goals. This program will focus a variety of occupational information sources including print, databases, and personal contacts to help develop career objectives.

**Thursday, March 19**

7:00pm - 8:30pm

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Sign up at www.mcplibrary.org/email-newsletters to subscribe to our email newsletters and get monthly updates about library programs!
One-on-One Financial Counseling (A182)
Personalized, financial counseling sessions with a bilingual credit counselor. Topics include: housing counseling, financial management, and budget counseling, pre-purchase, home buyer education, and mortgage delinquency counseling.
One 30 minute appointment each day at 6:00pm, 6:45pm, and 7:30pm Tuesdays, January 7, February 11, March 10
6:00pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Suffolk County Department of Labor Job Fair (A172)*
Dress to impress and bring your resume. Open to the public. No registration required.
Thursday, March 26
10:00am - 1:00pm Centereach

Timeless Talents: Job Search for People Over 50 (A194)*
This workshop for individuals over 50 will cover the following topics: Self-assessment, skill identification, job choices for older workers, resume formats, and successful interviewing for 50+.
Monday, January 20
7:00pm - 8:30pm Centereach

VITA – Free Tax Preparation (A239)*
VITA offers free tax preparation for those with low-to moderate-income ($54,000 and below). This service is provided by Bethpage Federal Credit Union. Appointments are required. To make an appointment, please call or visit the Centereach Adult Reference desk.
Registration for all opens Jan. 6, 2020.
Wednesday, February 5 through April 8
3:00pm - 8:45pm Centereach

Workplace and Business Etiquette 101 (A195)*
Job etiquette refers to good manners and proper behavior that are essential for our professional growth. Attend this workshop to find out how to put your best foot forward when on the job.
Monday, February 24
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. Assistance is available in Centereach. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 248 or 274.

Basic Computer Skills for ESOL Students (A181)
Learn basic computer programs while improving your language skills.
Mondays, January 13, 20, 27, February 3
7:00pm - 8:00pm Selden

Career and School Counseling for ESOL Students (A174)
Are you trying to find the right job? Do you want to learn how to navigate the school system? Meet with our bilingual (Spanish/English) counselor to discuss and explore career options, navigate financial aid options and much more.
Mondays, February 10, March 9
4:30pm - 7:30pm Centereach
Wednesdays, January 8, March 4
10:00am - 1:00pm Selden

Citizenship Preparation Classes (A175)*
Do you need help preparing for your naturalization interview? Learn the civics, history and geography you need to pass the exam and become a U.S. citizen.
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26, March 5, 11
7:00pm - 8:30pm AND/OR
Thursdays, January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27
7:00pm - 8:30pm Selden

English Conversation Group (A179)*
Come practice your English skills in a friendly setting. A basic knowledge of English is recommended.
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26
10:00am - 11:30am AND/OR
Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12
1:00pm - 2:30pm Centereach

ESOL - Basic (A235)*
This class will provide the basics to learn English: learning the alphabet, numbers, and simple words.
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11
7:00pm - 8:30pm AND/OR
Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 27, March 5, 12
7:00pm - 8:30pm AND/OR

ESOL - Intermediate (A210)
Intermediate level class for English language learners. Students registering should be able to understand simple phrases and questions, and to express themselves although not fluently.
Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23, 30, February 6, 13, 20, 27, March 5, 12, 19
6:00pm - 8:45pm Centereach

Mujeres Latinas: Connecting Through Your Library! (A212)*
Join us for some friendly conversation about what your library can do for you and your family! At the same time you will be learning about your community and making new friends.
Saturdays, January 11, February 8, March 14
12:00pm - 1:30pm Centereach
Wednesdays, January 29, February 26, March 25
6:30pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Technology Drop-in for ESOL Students (A211)
Drop by the Literacy Center to get help using your phone or tablet. You can also learn how to use the library’s website or Mango Languages!
Saturdays, January 18, February 1, 15, March 7
11:30am – 12:30pm Centereach

Writing Workshop for ESOL Students (A176)
Take the next step in your English language learning! Focus on writing various compositions such as post cards, letters, essays, creative pieces and more. Learn the basics for writing in English and share your work with your peers.
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25
7:00pm - 8:30pm Selden

Computer Classes

Due to the demand of some classes, patrons may have to share a computer. Patrons are welcome to bring their own laptops to class. Please check that your computer has the appropriate software for the program.

Android Support Group (A157)
Register or stop by with questions or concerns about your Android phone or tablet (including Kindle Fires).
Thursday, February 27
7:00pm - 8:00pm Selden

Computer Basics (A166)
Join us to learn simple steps such as using the mouse, opening programs and finding your way around the computer.
Tuesday, January 21
6:45pm - 8:30pm AND/OR
Thursdays, January 9, 16
10:00am - 12:00pm Selden

Computer Basics: Extra Practice (A158)
Have you taken our Computer Basics class? Register to practice what you learned!
Thursday, January 23
10:00am - 12:00pm Selden

Engineering the Future: 3D Printing (A205)*
Join us for this informative program on 3D printing and how it will affect the future of engineering.
Thursday, February 20
7:00pm - 8:30pm Centereach

Excel: Introduction (A161)
Learn the basics of spreadsheets, including various functions. Knowledge of Windows is required.
Tuesdays, January 28, February 4
6:45pm - 8:30pm Selden

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Excel: Introduction to Pivot Tables (A162)
Leveraging the power of pivot tables—what they are, how to create a basic pivot table, and modify your tables. Working knowledge of Excel required.
Tuesday, March 10
6:45pm - 8:30pm  Selden

Excel: Introduction to Tables (A163)
Make managing and analyzing a group of data easier by learning how to create tables in Excel. Working knowledge of Excel required.
Tuesday, February 11
6:45pm - 8:30pm  Selden

Excel: Intermediate (A164)
Take your spreadsheets to the next level by learning techniques to manipulate and analyze your data using powerful Excel functions. Excel: Introduction required.
Tuesdays, February 25, March 3
6:45pm - 8:30pm  Selden

Google: Introduction to Chrome (A160)
Learn all about Google Chrome, a popular, free web browser that is fast, secure, easy to use, and available for many devices.
Thursday, February 20
10:00am - 12:00pm  Selden

Google: Using Google (A159)
Delve deeper into the Internet’s most popular search tool & discover the many treasures it has to offer. See how to get directions, find images, TV programs & videos, create calendars and more.
Thursdays, January 30, February 6
10:00am - 12:00pm  Selden

Introduction to Microsoft Access (A165)
Get a basic understanding of Access and its components. Learn how to use filters in tables, build queries, and more.
Tuesday, March 31
6:45pm - 8:30pm  Selden

Introduction to Powerpoint (A167)
Learn to create professional looking presentations for work or school with this easy to use program!
Tuesdays, January 7, 14
6:45pm - 8:30pm  AND/OR
Thursday, March 19, 26
10:00am - 12:00pm  Selden

Word: Introduction (A168)
Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, including copy and paste, save and print. Knowledge of Windows required.
Tuesdays, March 17, 24
6:45pm - 8:30pm  AND/OR
Thursday, March 5, 12
10:00am - 12:00pm  Selden

Cooking/Gardening/Home

Green Thumbs: House Plant Propagation (A215)
Learn the art of putting new plants using one of three methods. Take home a new plant to put on your windowsill!
Wednesday, February 26
11:00am - 1:15pm  Selden

Growing Your Own Food: Four Seasons of Gardening (A229)
Learn tips and tricks about composting, greenhouse options, seed selection, weeding, irrigation and crop rotation that will help you garden all year long!
Thursday, March 26
6:45pm - 8:30pm  Selden

High Protein Breakfast Options (A206)
Quick and easy, that’s how we like it! Chef Robert Dell’Amore demonstrates filling and nutritious breakfast ideas.
Thursday, January 23
4:00pm - 5:30pm  OR 7:00pm - 8:30pm  Selden

Instant Pot Soups (A177)
It’s soup season! Chef Aidan Bouchelle will demonstrate how to make the ultimate comfort food in the Instant Pot. We’ll prepare three delicious and seasonal soup recipes, including one vegetarian option.
Wednesday, February 5
6:30pm - 8:00pm  Selden

Seed Exchange and Celebration (A216)*
Join us for our largest seed exchange ever! We’ll be highlighting and providing tips on seeds available in our Seed Library. You can also share and swap seeds. Please label and provide information about the seeds you would like to share. Please bring empty jars, bags, or envelopes to transport seeds. Patrons do not have to bring seeds to attend.
Wednesday, March 4
6:00pm - 8:30pm  Selden

Seed Sorting Party (A227)*
Help us as we sort and package Spring & Summer seeds for the MCPL Seed Library.
Wednesday, March 11
6:00pm - 7:30pm  Centereach

Dipped and Sprinkled Sugar Cookies (A225)
Create six sugar filled cookie sandwiches that will be dipped in chocolate and sprinkles. Filling choices include marshmallow, raspberry and chocolate! Boxes for transport home will be provided.
Materials Fee: $8.00
Tuesday, February 18
3:00pm – 4:30pm  OR 6:00pm – 7:30pm  Selden

Vegan Instant Pot Meals (A178)
Going (and staying!) vegan can be overwhelming, but the Instant Pot is here to help! During this class Chef Aidan Bouchelle demonstrates three quick and flavorful plant-based dishes.
Wednesday, March 4
6:30pm - 8:00pm  Selden

Defensive Driving/Pre-Licensing*
Registration opens to the public on Monday, December 23. Payment for programs is due within three days of registration. Payment for Pre-Licensing is due at class.

AARP Smart Driver Course (A150)*
Take this defensive driving course, geared toward adults over 50 years of age, for a discount on insurance. Check that your insurance company accepts this course for a discount. The fee is $20 for AARP members, $25 for non-AARP members. Separate checks for each person are required. Payment by check or money order made payable to AARP. Please bring your AARP card to class.
Wednesday & Thursday, January 8 & 9  OR  February 5 & 6  OR  March 11 & 12
10:00am - 1:15pm  Selden
Saturday, January 18  OR  February 15  OR  March 21
10:00am - 4:15pm  Selden

Defensive Driving (A149)*
Take this six-hour course to reduce points from your driving record or get a discount on your car insurance. A fee of $25 (or $22 for High School students with High School ID), is required at the time of registration. Payment must be made by check or money order made payable to New York Safety Training Associates Inc. Participants are encouraged to bring a bag lunch. Licensed drivers 16 and over may register for this program.
Saturday, January 11  OR  February 8  OR  March 7
10:00am - 4:00pm  Selden

Pre-Licensing Class (A169)*
Pre-licensing class provides new drivers with information to help them drive safely. New drivers must complete this DMV- designed course before scheduling the driving test for their NYS driver license. Students will learn the basic rules of the road, safe driving principles, defensive driving skills, and other factors which affect driving. **Bring permit and $40.00 fee in CASH to class.**
Saturday, January 18  OR  February 22  OR  March 28
10:00am - 2:30 pm  Selden
**Films and Performances**

**Friday Films @ One (A142)**
See details in Senior Services.

**Saturday Performance: New York Photosongs (A199)**
Join us as John John Brown entertains with his imaginative new project “New York Photosongs.” At the heart of this exploration are seven original folk songs that tell the amazing true stories behind some of New York State’s most iconic and obscure photographs.

Saturday, January 4
2:00pm - 3:00pm  Selden

**Sunday Performance: Irish Tunes and Tales (A191)**
Singer/Songwriter Ed Ryan takes you on a musical journey to the Emerald Isle and back with traditional and contemporary Irish songs. You’ll hear the stories behind the songs, all told with a bit o’ Irish humor!

Sunday, March 29
2:00pm - 4:00pm  Selden

**Sunday Performance: Tj Tana Interactive Illusionist (A226)**
Enjoy an afternoon of modern trickery, featuring illusionist Tj Tana. Come as a group or even as a couple, the show is guaranteed to keep you on the edge of your seat and your jaw completely dropped!

Sunday, February 9
2:00pm - 3:00pm  Selden

**Sunday Sounds (T142)**
For all ages
Musicians are invited to play their instruments in the lobby of the Centereach building for 15 to 30 minute intervals. The library’s piano donated by Friends of MCPL will be available. If you are interested in reserving a session, please email friends@mcplibrary.org.

Sundays, January 26, February 23, March 22
1:30pm - 4:30pm  Centereach

**Games**

**Board & Broke (A184)***
You’ve played Monopoly a hundred times, but modern board games are different—and expensive. Join our monthly club for adults to disconnect from tech and play some newer board games for free!

Tuesdays, January 14, February 18, March 24
6:00pm - 8:00pm  Off Site- Kim’s Café @ Joe’s Campus Heroes

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**Family Chess Club (A136)**
An on-going chess club that meets weekly for chess lovers of all ages. All levels welcome. If you have a chess set, please bring it with you.

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

**Fun and Games (A137)**
Scrabble…Bridge…Canasta….Backgammon anyone? Come to the library with your friends or to find other players. The library will have games available, or bring your own game to share.

Mondays, 1:00pm - 4:00pm  Centereach

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

**Mah-Jongg Club (A135)**
A club for those who know how to play Mah-Jongg and would like to participate in a regularly scheduled game. Bring your own set or use ours.

Tuesdays, 6:00pm - 8:45pm  Centereach

**Genealogy**

**Genealogy Drop-In (A247)**
Did you know that your library has subscriptions to some of the most popular genealogy databases? Work on your family history and get guidance from one of our librarians. Computers will be provided, but patrons are welcome to bring their own laptops/tablets to connect to the wifi network.

Tuesday, January 14
2:00pm - 4:00pm  Centereach

**Genealogy Research Assistance (A248)**
Are you interested in researching your ancestors? Have you hit a brick wall in your research and need some assistance? Make a one-on-one appointment with a librarian to learn about some untapped resources that might help. Please stop at the Adult Services Desk in either building to fill out an appointment form.

**Health/Wellness**

**Blood Pressure Testing (A140)***
Fifty million Americans have high blood pressure and many are not even aware of the problem. Have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis at the library. No appointment is necessary.

Fridays, January 10, February 14, March 13
11:30am - 12:30pm  Selden

**Caregiver Support Group (A151)***
Being a caregiver to a loved one is never easy. Join us to connect with others who understand, share your experience in a safe environment, and find resources that might help.

Tuesdays, January 14, February 11, March 10
1:00pm - 2:30pm  Selden

**CPR & AED (A171)***
Learn how to respond to breathing and cardiac emergencies. Successful students will receive a certificate for adult & pediatric CPR & AED that is valid for 2 years. A fee of $60 payable to instructor in cash or money order on the day of the class is required.

Saturday, January 18
10:00am - 1:30pm  Centereach

**Free STD Screening (A240)***
Now is the time to take care of yourself! Drop-in to this free and anonymous STD/HIV screening today. No insurance is needed.

Thursday, February 6
10:00am - 2:00pm  Centereach

**Healing Touch Seminar (A238)***
Healing Touch is a gentle energy therapy that helps to facilitate calm and relaxation mentally, physically and spiritually. Learn self-healing techniques at this program.

Wednesday, February 12
6:30pm - 7:30pm  Selden

**Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J166)***
Long Island Cares will have a mobile food pantry van on site for a 3-day food distribution. No identification required.

Wednesday, January 29, February 26, March 25
11:00am - 12:00pm  Centereach

**Meditation: Chanting with Kirtan (A237)***
Learn about Kirtan in which you meditate using a call and response form of mantra. The mantras are accompanied by live music and rhythms that are sure to lift your spirits and warm your heart.

Wednesday, March 12
6:00pm - 8:30pm  Selden

**Strength Training for Total Body Workout (A218)***
Learn how to build strength and fitness for your upper and lower body, arms, legs and much more. Bring a floor mat and hand weights to each class.

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27, February 3, 10
7:00pm - 8:15pm  Selden

**Vision Board Workshop (A185)**
What is a vision board? Find out in this workshop and then create your own to help guide you into the new year.

Thursday, January 9
6:30pm - 7:30pm  Centereach

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**Staff Picks**

What A Body Remembers: A Memoir of Sexual Assault And Its Aftermath
by Karen Stefano

This beautifully written memoir takes readers into the mind of someone with PTSD and shows us how one minute of terror can shape and change the course of a life and alter one’s self-perception. – Lori A.
**Widowhood...the journey continues (A154)**
A monthly meeting providing emotional & informational support for those adjusting to life after the death of a spouse/partner.
*Thursdays, January 9, February 13, March 12*
7:00pm - 8:45pm  Selden

**Yoga (A230)**
Learn breathing techniques in conjunction with yoga postures to relieve stress, clear your mind, stay focused and relaxed. Wear loose, comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel.
*Saturdays, February 8, 15, 22, 29*
10:00am - 11:00am  Centereach

**History/Heritage**

**Historic Crimes of Long Island: Misdeeds From the 1600s to the 1950s (A189)**
Award-winning author and historian Kerriann Flanagan Brosky uncovers some of the most ghastly historical crimes committed on Long Island.
*Wednesday, February 12*
7:00pm - 8:30pm  Centereach

**Thomas Jefferson and American Democracy (A190)**
Thomas Jefferson has long been admired, but in his life he was hated by his political opponents and today he is often viewed as a man of contradictions. This lecture will examine this complex man and the influence he had on the ideals and practices that underpin American democracy.
*Wednesday, January 22*
7:00pm - 8:30pm  Centereach

**Leisure**

**A Night Out with the Long Island Gay Men’s Chorus (A202)**
Join us for a fun night at the “Love Is In the Air” concert performed by the Long Island’s Gay Men’s Chorus.
*Friday, February 21*
7:30pm - 8:30pm  Centereach

**Downsizing Your Stuff (A234)**
Change is hard. Don’t judge yourself if you’re not ready for taking the effort of downsizing your stuff on your own. Join this workshop and find the support and motivation you need to take on this stage of life with joy!
*Tuesday, January 14*
2:00pm - 3:00pm  Centereach

**Hoppy Hour (A246)**
This program is for rabbit fanciers and animal lovers alike! Find out what it takes to have a pet rabbit to learning about rabbits in the wild. Plus you will get to pet and hold real bunnies!
*Tuesday, March 24*
10:00am - 11:00am  OR  Wednesday, March 25
6:00pm - 7:00pm  Selden

**Seeking the Paranormal on Long Island (A207)**
If otherworldly entities exist, the Long Island Paranormal Investigators will find them! Learn about the equipment they use in their work, hear about some haunted locations they’ve investigated, and ask some questions of your own.
*Wednesday, January 15*
7:00pm - 8:45pm  Selden

**Ukulele Workshop (A249)**
Learn fundamentals of music through the ukulele in this 3-week course. All skill levels welcome. Ukuleles will be provided, but patrons may bring their own; please indicate this upon registration.
*Thursdays, February 20, 27, March 5*
6:30pm-7:30pm  Selden

**The Universe Talk (T095)**
Join us as Brookhaven National Lab’s Alessandro Tricoli walks us through space and time. You’ll see and touch parts of the detectors being constructed at the lab. Images and films about the discovery of Higgs Boson, the births and deaths of stars and the “sound” of Black Holes will also be shared.
*Tuesday, January 21*
6:30pm - 8:00pm  Centereach

**West African Dance (A217)**
Join us for a basic level dance class to African drum music. Please dress in comfortable clothing and footwear. No dance experience needed. Just be ready to dance!
*Monday, February 24  OR  March 2*
7:00pm - 8:00pm  Selden

**Senior Services**

**Friday Films @ One (A142)**
Spend Friday afternoons with us and enjoy a first-run feature film with a friend.
*Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27*
1:00pm - 3:30pm  Selden

**HIICAP (A143)**
HIICAP is a federally funded program that provides individuals with information and counseling about Medicare and other health insurance. RSVP of Suffolk provides trained volunteer counselors through the Suffolk County Office for the Aging.
*Fridays, January 10, February 7, March 6*
11:00am - 1:00pm  Centereach

**PACE: People with Arthritis Can Exercise (A155)**
This recreational exercise program is designed to increase range of motion in joints and increase muscle tone.
*Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17*
12:30pm - 2:00pm  Selden

**Ring in the New Year: 2020 (A141)**
Join us and your friends as we welcome 2020! The Precisions will entertain you with hits from the 50s, 60s, and 70s.
*Friday, January 3*
2:00pm - 4:00pm  Selden

**Senior Advocate (A204)**
Suffolk County Office for the Aging will assist senior citizens with applications for SSI, food stamps, Medicare/Medicaid/Medigap concerns, senior ID cards, HEAP benefits and other services. No appointment necessary.
*Mondays, January 27 and March 30*
2:30pm - 4:30pm  Centereach

**Senior Connections (A203)**
This library based information and referral service helps link older persons and their families to needed health and social services.
*Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, February 7, 14, 21, 28, March 6, 13, 20, 27*
11:00am - 1:00pm  Selden

**Topical Tuesday @ 2: Reverse Mortgage Basics (A198)**
Jonathan Gordon, Housing Program Coordinator for Community Development Corporation of Long Island, will discuss how a reverse mortgage can help you make the most of your home’s equity.
*Tuesday, March 10*
2:00pm - 3:00pm  Selden

**Veterans Benefits Assistance (A144)**
A representative from Disabled American Veterans will assist veterans with submitting disability claims as well as benefits for widows/widowers of deceased veterans. Veterans should bring their DD214’s and any service documents they may have in their possession. No appointment necessary.
*Wednesdays, January 8, February 5, March 4*
9:30am - 12:30pm  Selden

**Veteran Community Resource Table (A139)**
The Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will host a monthly resource table where you can learn about programs and services available in Suffolk County for veterans and their families. No registration required.
*Thursdays, January 16, February 20, March 19*
12:00pm - 2:00pm  Centereach
**Travel/Trips**

**Ride the Rails to New York City – Discounted LIRR Tickets (A193)**
Take a day trip into the city with the LIRR at a discounted rate! You will leave as a group from the Ronkonkoma train station and return on your own time—return trip tickets will only be honored on the same day as the departure date. Patrons may purchase four (4) round trip tickets per library card. **Tickets are $10.25 each.** Patrons will meet 15 minutes before departure time. **REGISTRATION CLOSES January 10th**

**Take A Trip: Frozen on Broadway (A148)**
We will depart the Centereach parking lot promptly at 10am. There will be time for lunch on your own before the 2pm show. Seats are located in the balcony and require walking up stairs. Patrons may register themselves and a guest. **For this trip only, non-refundable payments of $100 per person (cash/charge/check) will be extended to January 6th. If you have not paid by January 6th your spot will be cancelled.**

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**Let’s Give Back (T105)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
We will be building and decorating wall key holders to donate to Habitat for Humanity for families to hang in their new homes.

**Mini Winter Wonderland Snow Globe (T129)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Create a teeny tiny winter wonderland for you to enjoy all year long.

**Mosaic Heart Painting on Canvas (T099)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Get creative with mosaics and design a heart painting on canvas! Give as a gift or keep for yourself!!

**Paper Bead Bracelet (T111)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Celebrate Black History Month by creating a unique paper bead bracelet. Beads are one of the oldest forms of art and have a long history throughout the world, and especially in Africa.

**Ramen Mania (T131)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Everyone will participate in making a yummy hot ramen noodle dish! Then everyone eats!!!

**Teen Paint Night (T108)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Follow an art instructor to create a step-by-step masterpiece.

**Teens Create @ MCPL Art Show Submissions (T122)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Do you draw, paint, have an interest in photography or like to write? Submit an original piece of your artwork to be displayed at our teens art exhibit starting March 9th. The following types of work will be accepted: Original sketches, paintings, sculptures, photography, short stories and poetry. An artist registration form with guidelines is available online or at any reference desk and needs to be submitted along with your artwork. All submissions are due between February 10 – April 14, 2020. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Allen at 585-9393 ext. 275 or Kristine Tanzi at 585-9393 ext. 230.

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Decorate four jersey cookies and take home in a bakery box!

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Advanced Battle of the Books (T127)
For teens in 9th - 12th grade
Calling all teens who love reading and trivia! Join the MCPL team as we battle other libraries in the county for top spot in the Battle of the Books! Find out more in our introductory meeting.
Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Harry Potter Book Night (T101)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Let’s celebrate all things Harry Potter with this program to highlight some of the classes at Hogwarts with hands-on activities.
Thursday, February 20
6:00pm - 7:15pm Selden

Raina Telgemeier Book Club (J162)
For children & teens in 4th - 6th grade
Let’s start our brand new book club with Smile! Stop at the Children’s desk to pick up or reserve a copy.
Tuesday, March 3
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Teen Writers Café (T118)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Do you LOVE to write? Explore poetry, prose, fan fiction and more. Share your own work and participate in fun writing challenges. The first meeting of the winter season will be held at Coffee Booths.
Mondays, January 27
Coffee Booths
February 24, March 30
6:30pm - 7:30pm Selden

Career and College Counseling Services*
Looking for a job? Interested in a new career? Need help with the college admissions process? Meet one-on-one with a counselor. Call 631-585-9393 ext. 133. This confidential service is by appointment only.

Handling the Job Interview (A243)*
This presentation will cover tips and strategies for handling the job interview and will address the following topic areas: preparing for the interview, commonly asked questions, handling difficult questions, and follow-up strategies.
Thursday, February 27
7:00pm - 8:30pm Centereach

Live Homework Help & Other Online Resources (J141)
For parents/caregivers with children in K – 12th grade
Drop by to find out about free online resources, such as Brainfuse homework help and online databases that will assist you with achieving success in school. Prizes will be given to everyone who stops by the table for a demonstration.
Friday, March 6
AND/OR
Monday, March 16
5:30pm - 8:30pm Selden

Occupational Information Resources (A242)*
Some job seekers have limited knowledge of occupational resources available to assist them in researching and establishing career goals. This program will focus a variety of occupational information sources including print, databases, and personal contacts to help develop a career path.
Thursday, March 19
7:00pm - 8:30pm Centereach

SAT Prep Workshop (T090)
For teens in 11th - 12th grade
This workshop is designed for high school juniors and seniors preparing to take the SAT exam. Students will need to purchase the book The Official SAT Study Guide, 2020 Edition that is published by College Board. The book will be available for purchase in the amount of $20.69 plus tax and will be distributed the first day of class. Nonrefundable payments will be accepted in cash, check or charge. Checks should be made payable to the Middle Country Public Library. Students should bring a notebook and calculator to class.
Thursdays, January 30, February 6, 13, 27, March 5
6:15pm - 8:45pm
Saturdays, February 1, 8, 15, 29, March 7
9:30am - 12:00pm Selden

Community Service

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Art Buddies (T112)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Work on arts and crafts with younger children. If this is your first time volunteering, you must register for, and attend, the “Buddy Training Program” in order to qualify. No application necessary.
Mondays, January 27, February 3
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach
OR
Mondays, March 30, April 6
6:00pm - 7:00pm Selden

Book Buddies (T115)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Do you love reading to children? If so, become a Book Buddy volunteer. If this is your first time volunteering, you must register for, and attend, the “Buddy Training Program” in order to qualify. No application necessary.
Wednesdays, January 8, 15 OR February 5, 12 OR March 4, 11
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Buddy Training Program (T116)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
If you would like to be a volunteer at Art Buddies, Book Buddies, LEGO Buddies, or STEM Buddies, you must attend this training session first. No application is necessary.
Monday, January 13
6:30pm - 7:15pm Centereach

Crochet for a Cause (T098)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Join us to make crochet projects that we will donate to various local organizations. Projects may include newborn caps and other items. You must attend three out of five sessions in order to receive community service.
Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3
6:30pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Green Teens (T125)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Discuss environmental issues, work on eco-friendly projects, go on field trips, and receive community service credit for participating. To join, fill out a Green Teens application available online or at any reference desk.

Homework Pals (T053)
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 in 1st - 5th grades who need help with their homework. Earn community service hours! Register for as many dates as you are available.
Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
4:15pm - 5:30pm Selden

LEGO Buddies (T097)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Earn community service while assisting children in Kindergarten to 4th grade create LEGO projects. If this is your first time volunteering you must register for, and attend, the “Buddy Training Program” in order to qualify. No application necessary.
Mondays, January 6, 13 OR Mondays, March 16, 23
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Staff Picks

AMAL UNBOUND
by Aisha Saeed
A powerful, beautiful and moving story that reminds us of family, economic status, indentured servitude, resistance and hope. With compelling characters, we all learn so much from their struggles and become forever mindful of their journeys. ~ Ann K.

Raina Telgemeier Book Club (J162)

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A powerful, beautiful and moving story that reminds us of family, economic status, indentured servitude, resistance and hope. With compelling characters, we all learn so much from their struggles and become forever mindful of their journeys. ~ Ann K.
Let's Give Back (T105)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
We will be building and decorating wall key holders to donate to Habitat for Humanity for families to hang in their new homes.
Thursday, March 12
6:00pm - 7:30pm Selden

Media Teens (T091)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Get community service for helping promote library events and clubs by making videos and taking awesome pictures! We'll meet each month to discuss which events and clubs to promote and how!
Wednesday, January 15, February 19, March 18
6:00pm - 7:30pm Selden

The Mutt Club (T134)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Do you love animals? Want to personally help local shelters? Become a Mutt Club Member and get involved! The Mutt Club will meet monthly where members will be able to help animals in a variety of ways. To join, fill out an application available online or at any reference desk.

STEM Buddies (T114)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Help your younger buddy play with Osmo, Geomagic Mosaics, Marble Run and more. If this is your first time volunteering, you must register for, and attend, the "Buddy Training Program" in order to qualify. No application is necessary.
Mondays, February 3, 10 OR Mondays, March 23, 30
5:30pm - 6:30pm Selden

Teen Advisory Council (T100)
For teens in 7th - 12th grade
Teen Advisory Council members plan and implement library programs and provide input on teen services at MCPL. They also volunteer at various library events. To join TAC, fill out an application available online or at any reference desk.

Teen Book Reviewer (T106)
For teens in 7th - 12th grade
Read and review books from the most recent lists of award-winning books for Young Adults published by the American Library Association. Here is a chance to be a reader, reviewer, and critic while earning community service credit. Completed reviews will be published on our library website. Applications are available online or at any reference desk. Contact Rosetta Goddard at (631) 585-9393, ext. 270 for additional information.

Computer Classes

Intro to Google Drive (T092)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Google Drive has so much to offer! Learn about how it can help you with school and also how to collaborate with friends.
Thursday, January 30
6:00pm - 7:15pm Selden

Keyboarding Practice (T117)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Learn to type fast and accurately by playing a fun online game!
Monday, January 13
6:00pm - 7:00pm Selden

Driving/Pre-Licensing

Pre-Licensing Class (A169)*
Pre-licensing class provides new drivers with information to help them drive safely. New drivers must complete this DMV-designed course before scheduling the driving test for their NYS driver license. Students will learn the basic rules of the road, safe driving principles, defensive driving skills, and other factors which affect driving.
**Bring permit and $40.00 fee in CASH to class.**
Saturday, January 18 OR February 22 OR March 28
10:00am - 2:30pm Selden

Education Resource Center

Teen Tech Time (T126)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Explore coding and other STEM concepts with some of the library’s awesome technology.
Friday, January 24
11:30am - 12:30pm AND/OR Monday, February 3
7:00pm - 8:00pm Selden

Friday Night Teen Programs (T103)

Create-On Fridays (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Make adorable sock penguins in January, gorgeous candle holders in February and beautiful terrariums in March. So grab a friend and Create-On!
Fridays, January 17, February 21, March 20
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Hungry Hungry Hippos (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Have fun playing life-sized Hungry Hungry Hippos using scooters and laundry baskets!
Friday, January 31
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Open Door TRC (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Want a place to go with your friends to play video games, ping-pong, table top games and more? Check out Open Door TRC every Friday night.
Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28,
March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Teen Challenge Night (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Grab your friends or meet new ones when you play these fun team games and challenges.
Fridays, January 24, February 28, March 27
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Teen Computer Drop-In (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Enjoy time on the laptops or iPads on your own or with a friend. The Library’s Internet policy is applicable to all participants.
Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28,
March 6, 13, 20, 27
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Teen Game Night (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
January: Water Bottle Flip Race
February: Crab Soccer
March: Seated Basketball
Fridays, January 10, February 14, March 13
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Teen Trivia Night (T103)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Have a knack for trivia? Love games? Join us for a fun trivia night.
Fridays, January 3, February 7, March 6
6:30pm - 8:00pm Selden

Games

Switch Game Time (T102)
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Let’s play some multi-player Nintendo Switch games. We’ll have Mario Tennis, Mario Party and Super Smash Bros.
Saturdays, January 11, February 8 AND/OR March 14
12:00pm - 2:00pm Selden
**Health**

**De-Stress with Yoga (T124)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Let’s de-stress and go through sun salutation poses, meditation and breathing techniques. Bring a yoga mat and water bottle. A signed permission slip is required and available online or at any reference desk.
Saturday, February 22
12:00pm - 1:30pm Selden

**Teen Dating Violence: Love Doesn’t Hurt (T139)**
For teens in 7th - 12th grade and their parents
February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Join L.I. Against Domestic Violence to discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships and explore the dynamics of teen dating violence with interactive activities. Parents will learn how to identify abusive behavior and practical skills for effective intervention. Two separate sessions will be facilitated at the same time for teens and parents.
Tuesday, February 4
6:30pm - 7:30pm Selden

**Museum Corner**

**Money Makers (T087)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Drop by the Underground any time during winter break to make a cool money-saver project! Choose from duct tape wallets or DIY Sharpie piggy banks. No registration required.
December 20th - 30th Centereach

**Music/Performances**

**Learn the Ukulele (T109)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Learn to play the ukulele with professional music instructor, Adam. Bring your own uke or borrow one for the duration of the program.
Tuesday, January 7, 14, 21, 28
7:00pm - 8:00pm Centereach

**Sunday Sounds (T142)**
For all ages
Musicians are invited to play their instruments in the lobby of the Centereach building for 15 to 30 minute intervals from 1:30-3:00pm. The library’s piano donated by Friends of MCPL will be available. If you are interested in reserving a session, email friends@mcplibrary.org.
Sundays, January 26, February 23, March 22
1:30pm - 4:30pm Centereach

**Take A Trip: Frozen on Broadway (A148)**
We will depart the Centereach parking lot promptly at 10am. There will be time for lunch on your own before the 2pm show. Seats are located in the balcony and require walking up stairs. A non – refundable payment of $100 per person (cash/check/charge) is due. Patrons may register themselves and a guest. For this trip only, payments will be extended to January 6th. If you have not paid by January 6th, your spot will be cancelled.
Saturday, April 18
10:00am - 7:00pm Centereach - Parking Lot

**Nature Explorium**

**Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies (T113)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Cuddle some baby bunnies while learning about all aspects of a rabbit’s life.
Wednesday, April 1
8:00pm - 8:45pm Centereach

**Biodegradable Bird Feeders (T110)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Create a winter bird feeder that will take care of your feathered friends and then break down on its own.
Tuesday, February 4
6:00pm - 6:45pm Centereach

**Science & Technology**

**HTC Vive (T094)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Enter the world of virtual reality! Sign up for a ten-minute slot to play.
Wednesday, February 26
6:30pm - 8:00pm Centereach

**MCPL MAKERS**

These programs are made possible with support from The Allstate Foundation.

**Maker Teens: 3Doodlers (T119)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Come see what you can create in 3D using our 3Doodlers.
Wednesdays, February 5, 12
6:45pm - 7:45pm Centereach

**Maker Teens: 3D Print & Design Lab Rocketship! (T137)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Come in and check out our 3D printer. Learn the basics and then design your own rocketship!
Wednesday, February 5
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

**Maker Teens: Sewing for Real (T120)**
For teens in 7th - 12th grade
Learn to sew using our machines while making an awesome project.
Wednesdays, January 22, 29
6:00pm - 7:00pm OR Saturdays, January 25, February 1
10:00am - 11:00am Selden

**Media Teens (T091)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Get community service for helping promote library events and clubs by making videos and taking awesome pictures! We’ll meet each month to discuss which events and clubs to promote and how!
Wednesdays, January 15, February 19, March 18
6:00pm - 7:30pm Centereach

**Minecraft LAN Party (T096)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Join us for a session of co-op gaming. Play with (or against) your friends in Survival mode! Or make a team to take on an internet challenge.
Tuesdays, January 14, March 10
Thursday, February 13
6:45pm - 7:45pm Centereach

**Movie Making 101 (T140)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Learn movie making with a professional film maker. Over eight weeks you’ll write a script, direct, act and make your own movie. Then show it to family and friends on premiere night!
Tuesdays, January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 18, 25, March 3, 10, 17
5:30pm - 7:00pm Centereach

**Skeleton Crew (J117)**
For children & teens in 4th - 6th grade
How much do your bones reveal about you? Team up as Forensic Specialists in this exciting program from the Long Island Science Center. After being briefed about their mysterious discovery, examine real human bones for clues about the person’s age, gender, and possible demise.
Thursday, February 20
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

**Sign up at www.mcplibrary.org/email-newsletters to subscribe to our email newsletters and get monthly updates about library programs!**
All teens with special needs are encouraged to participate in all teen library programs.

**Teens Get Together (T141)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade.
Join us for a program that promotes social skills and pragmatic language for teens! This three-week program will be a great place to foster friendship and acceptance among teens of all ability levels.

*Wednesdays, January 22, 29, February 5*
5:30pm - 6:30pm  Centereach

**Maker Teens: 3D Print and Design Lab Rocketship! (T137)**
For teens in 6th - 12th grade
Come in and check out our 3D printer. Learn the basics and then design your own rocketship!

*Wednesday, February 5*
6:00pm - 7:00pm  Centereach

**The Universe Talk (T095)**
For teens and adults ages 12 and up
Join us as Brookhaven National Lab’s Alessandro Tricoli walks us through space and time. You’ll see and touch parts of the detectors being constructed at the lab. Images and films about the discovery of Higgs Boson, the births and deaths of stars and the “sound” of Black Holes will also be shared.

*Tuesday, January 21*
6:30pm - 8:00pm  Centereach

**Winter Reading Club: Rockin’ Out with Pete the Cat (J101)**
For children ages birth - 5th grade
Join Pete the Cat this winter and rock out with a good book. For every thirty minutes read, you can receive a prize, book or raffle ticket! Reporting begins January 1st and ends February 21st. Once you complete two hours of reading, you will receive an invitation to our Winter Reading Club Celebration on Saturday, February 22nd.

**1000 Books Before Kindergarten (J388)**
Families with children ages 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 the Youth Services reference desk.

**Drop-in Programs**

**No Registration Required**
As a reminder, Drop-in Programs are for Middle Country Library patrons only. A valid Middle Country library card must be presented at the time of the program.

**Crazy Craft Day (J109)**
For families with children in K - 6th grade
Winter blues? Craft them away at our free-style crafting afternoon! Supplies available as long as they last.

*Thursday, February 20*
11:00am - 1:00pm  Centereach

**Nursery School Fair (J065)**
For parents/caregivers
Representatives from local nursery schools, daycare centers and preschools will be available to answer your questions. Families will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and get familiar with educational philosophies.

*Saturday, January 25*
10:00am - 12:00pm  Centereach

**Discount Tickets ** On Sale Now **

American Museum of Natural History
Vouchers $10.00 each
Includes one admission to the museum with access to all 45 halls and the Rose Center for Earth and Space.

“Total Experience” Bronx Zoo
Tickets $29.00 each
Includes one admission to the zoo and to the following attractions: 4-D Theater, Bug Carousel, Butterfly Garden, Congo Gorilla Forest, JungleWorld, Wild Asia Monorail, and the Zoo Shuttle. Age 2 and under free.

Long Island Aquarium
Tickets $20.00 each
Includes one admission to the aquarium, aviary and butterfly exhibits. Tickets do not expire. Age 2 and under free.

The New York Botanical Garden
Tickets $15.00 each
Includes one adult admission to the garden. (While supplies last.)

Payment can be made via cash, credit card, check or money order made payable to “Middle Country Public Library.”

Available for purchase at the Customer Service desk in Centereach. All tickets are non-refundable.

Available to residents of Middle Country (limit 5 per person)
Prices are subject to change. Expiration dates may vary.

**Family Programs**

**Dinoman’s Dinosaurs Show (J108)**
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Dinosaur tracks lead right to the library... have no fear, Dinoman is here! Dinoman leads young adventurers through the Mesozoic era with magic, merry mayhem and magnificent props.

*Sunday, March 1*
2:00pm - 3:00pm  Selden

**Family Game Time (J038)**
For families with children ages 5 - 17 years old
Enjoy quality family time playing games together at the library. In addition to some classic board games, we’ll have giant versions of Monopoly and Jenga available to play.

*Friday, December 27 AND/OR Saturday, February 1*
1:00pm - 3:00pm  Centereach

*Open to the Public*
Family Gingerbread House Workshop (J130)
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Get in the winter spirit as families work together to build a gingerbread house they can then take home and enjoy.
Friday, December 20
5:30pm - 6:30pm
7:00pm - 8:00pm
Centereach

Family Meditation (J142)
For parents/caregivers with children in K - 5th grade
Meditation can be a very empowering tool to help cope with every day stresses. Life has unexpected challenges for all of us. Problems come up every day for us as adults, and our children are no different. Meditation can help children to calm themselves on the inside, so they can deal with the outside world and people around them. Parent/caregivers and children attend this program together.
Tuesday, February 1
4:00pm - 4:45pm
5:30pm - 6:15pm
Centereach

Family Style Cooking: Cocoa Oatmeal Cookies for Your Valentine (J161)
For families with children in 1st - 6th grade
Join Chef Rob Scott in making a dozen cocoa oatmeal cookies to give to your valentine or enjoy yourself. Mix and measure with your family then take home to bake!
Sunday, February 16
2:00pm - 3:00pm
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Centereach

Family Style Cooking: Grandma-Style Pizza Dip (J120)
For families with children in 1st - 6th grade
Join Chef Rob Scott in making a delicious pizza dip perfect for family gatherings. Mix and measure with your family then take home to enjoy!
Saturday, January 4
2:00pm - 3:00pm
3:30pm - 4:30pm
Centereach

Holiday for Toys (J086)
For families with children ages 3 & up
Plaza Theatrical will be here to perform “Holiday for Toys.” When the Master Toymaker sprinkles a touch of Magic Doll Dust on the wonderful dolls he has made, they come to life in a surprising way.
Sunday, December 29
2:30pm - 3:30pm
Selden

Kids Comedy Magic Show (J105)
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Join Presto Pete and Incredulous Chris for a two-man show that combines comedy, magic and tons of fun!
Friday, February 21
11:00am - 12:00pm
Centereach

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Van (J166)*
Long Island Cares will have a mobile food pantry van on site for a 3-day food distribution. No identification required.
Wednesday, January 29, February 26, March 25
11:00am - 12:00pm
Centereach

Rainbow Fish (J085)
For families with children ages 3 & up
Plaza Theatrical will be here to perform the musical of the classic book “The Rainbow Fish” with a wonderful message of friendship and belonging.
Wednesday, February 19
11:00am - 12:00pm
Selden

Sensory Friendly Movie (J094)
For children of all ages with parent/caregiver
Lights up, sound down, kids are free to move around. Children of all ages and abilities and their family members/caregivers are welcome to enjoy a movie in a relaxed environment. The audience is free to move around, talk and sing. Movie TBD.
Friday, February 21
2:00pm - 4:00pm
Centereach

Take A Trip: Frozen on Broadway (A148)
We will depart the Centereach parking lot promptly at 10am. There will be time for lunch on your own before the 2pm show. Seats are located in the balcony and require walking up stairs. A non - refundable payment of $100 per person (cash/check/charge) is due. Patrons may register themselves and a guest. For this trip only, payments will be extended to January 6th. If you have not paid by January 6th your spot will be cancelled.
Saturday, April 18
10:00am - 7:00pm
Centereach - Parking Lot

Wild Long Island (J129)
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Join an educator from the Evelyn Alexander Wildlife Refuge Center and learn about the amazing animals right here on Long Island and how our human population impacts them. You will also meet live, rescued wildlife!
Saturday, March 21
11:00am - 12:00pm
Centereach

Infant/Toddler Programs

1-2-3 Explore with Me (J069)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 - 36 months
Bring your little one and come explore some fun-filled activities that will stimulate their senses.
Friday, January 3
10:30am - 11:15am
Centereach

Babies Boogie (J067)
For parents/caregivers with children ages birth - 23 months
Come boogie, wiggle, and giggle with your little dancing partner! CHOOSE TWO DATES
Saturday, January 18, February 15, March 7
Friday, January 24, February 7
Thursday, March 12
10:00am - 10:45am
Centereach

Baby & Me (J156)
For parents/caregivers with infants ages birth - 18 months
An interactive early literacy program featuring simple songs and movement activities.
Wednesday, January 15
AND/OR February 12
10:00am - 10:30am
OR 11:00am - 11:30pm
Selden

Books & Babies (J078)
For parents/caregivers with children ages birth – 12 months (pre - walkers)
Join us for some books, songs and rhymes, followed by open play.
Mondays, January 6, AND/OR February 3 AND/OR March 2
10:00am - 10:30am
Centereach

Dance With Me (J064)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 - 36 months
Come join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement dance activities, free play, tumbling on mats and a story. Props, nursery rhymes and imagination make an exciting class.
Tuesday, January 14
AND/OR February 11 AND/OR March 10
10:00am - 10:45am
11:00am - 11:45am
Centereach

Happy Un-Birthday (J154)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 5 years old
It doesn’t have to be your birthday to have some birthday fun! Join us for some birthday stories and games!
Monday, March 9
10:30am - 11:15am (18 - 36 months)
11:30am - 12:15pm (3 - 5 years old)
Centereach
OR
Saturday, March 14
10:30am - 11:15am (3 - 5 years old)
Selden

Indoor Ball Play (J083)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 - 36 months
Let's get some of that energy out! Come play a few different ball activities.
Monday, March 23
10:00am - 10:45am
OR 11:00am - 11:45am
Centereach
Movin’ & Groovin’ Rhymes (J081)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 0 - 3 years old
Come and share songs, rhymes and finger plays, don’t miss out on the fun!
Thursdays, January 16, February 20 AND/OR March 19
10:00am - 10:30am AND/OR 10:45am - 11:15am  Centerereach

Noon Year’s Eve (J080)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 4 years old
Let’s celebrate New Year’s Eve in a toddler way! Fun activities for all and we will celebrate at noon clanging pots and pans!
Monday, December 30
11:30am - 12:15pm AND/OR 11:15am - 12:15pm  Centerereach

Penguin Parade (J150)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 5 years old
Waddle on over for some playful penguin play! We will explore with books and sensory activities along with a craft!
Monday, January 27
10:30am - 11:15am (18 - 36 months) AND/OR 11:30am - 12:15pm (3 - 5 years old)  Centerereach

Play & Sing (J079)
For parents/caregivers with children ages birth - 3 years old
There’s no better way to spend the morning than with your little one sharing stories, songs and rhymes.
Fridays, January 10, 2014 AND/OR March 13
10:00am - 10:30am AND/OR 10:45am - 11:15am  Selden

Rockin’ Babies (J155)
For parents/caregivers with children ages birth - 12 months
Interactive fun with your little rocker. We will jam out with musical props to upbeat tunes and listen to some groovy stories.
Friday, January 17 AND/OR Saturday, February 22
10:00am - 10:30am AND/OR 11:00am - 11:30am  Selden

Snow Day (J151)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 5 years old
Wanna build a snowman? Join us for some inside fun and listen to some snow day stories and crafts.
Monday, February 24
10:30am - 11:15am (18 - 36 months) AND/OR 11:30am - 12:15pm (3 - 5 years old)  Centerereach

Time for Twos (J071)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 24 - 35 months
A play-based class focusing on literacy, music, fingerplays and simple stories, filled with fun!
Wednesdays, January 22 AND/OR February 26
10:00am - 10:30am AND/OR 11:00am - 11:30am  Selden

Toddler Tales (J072)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 - 3 years old
Have fun listening to stories, sing some songs and do an activity.
Thursdays, February 6 AND/OR February 13
10:30am - 11:00am  Centerereach

Toddlers Tango (J066)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 24 months - 4 years old
Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle with the beat!
CHOOSE TWO DATES
Saturdays, January 18 AND/OR February 15 AND/OR March 7
Fridays, January 24 AND/OR February 7 AND/OR March 13
11:00am - 11:45am  Centerereach

Twinkle, Twinkle Rhymes (J084)
For parents/caregivers with children birth - 3 years old
End your evening with some stories, songs and rhymes with your little one!
Mondays, January 13, February 3, AND/OR March 16
6:00pm - 6:30pm  Centerereach

Wee Read & Play (J077)
For parents/caregivers with children ages 12 - 24 months
Join us for some books, songs and rhymes followed by open play.
Mondays, January 6, February 3 AND/OR March 2
10:45am - 11:15am  Centerereach

*Open to the Public

Folk tale Storycraft (J103)
For children in K - 2nd grade
Listen to fun folk tales and enjoy making a craft.
Tuesday, February 25
5:30pm - 6:15pm  Centerereach

Reader's Theater (J125)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Get ready to put on a show! In the first session, children will discuss and select a story to perform. Parents and guests are then welcome to attend the second session to watch and enjoy this special reader’s theater performance! Participants must be able to attend BOTH sessions.
Tuesday, March 2 6:30pm - 7:30pm AND/OR Tuesday, March 31 6:30pm - 8:00pm  Centerereach

Thinking Money for Your Child's Future (J128)
For parents with children in K - 5th grade
Learn about strategies and programs that not only prepare you for your child’s financial future, but to help your child build their own financial literacy skills as well. Parents are welcome to bring children in grades K – 5th for an activity that will take place during the program session.
Thursday, January 30
6:00pm - 7:00pm  Centerereach

Thinking Money for Kids Opening Celebration (J991)
For families with children in K - 5th grade
Older and younger siblings welcome
Join us to celebrate the opening of our new exhibition and enjoy many hands on financial literacy activities. Thinking Money for Kids was developed by the American Library Association Public Programs Office in collaboration with the FINRA Investor Education Foundation, whose support made this exhibition possible.
Monday, December 16
6:00pm - 8:00pm  Centerereach
**Drop of Nature (J110)**  
For children ages 3 & up with parent/caregiver  
Stop in for nature activities the whole family can enjoy! If weather permits, these activities will take place outdoors. Please dress appropriately for the weather.  
Tuesday, January 7, February 18  
10:00am - 11:00am  
Thursday, January 16  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Monday, February 3, March 16  
4:00pm - 5:00pm  
Thursday, March 5  
10:00am - 11:00am  
**I Love Nature (J106)**  
For children in K - 2nd grade  
Create some valentine-themed nature crafts to give as gifts or keep for yourself.  
Tuesday, February 11  
5:30pm - 6:15pm  
**Ice is Nice (J977)**  
For children in K - 5th grade  
As the weather turns cold, explore the science of ice. Create your own masterpiece by painting with colored ice and learn how to make ice cream using melted ice.  
Saturday, December 28  
10:30am - 11:15am (K - 2nd grade)  
11:45am - 12:30pm (3rd - 5th grade)  
**Nature Inspired (J100)**  
For children in 1st - 3rd grade  
Get creative with clay and lots of natural winter materials. Create winter animals, wreaths, ornaments and more.  
Wednesday, January 29  
5:00pm - 5:45pm  
**Winter Bird Feeder Craft (J093)**  
For children in K - 5th grade  
Make a bird feeder using materials that will attract the beautiful birds of winter to your backyard.  
Saturday, February 13  
10:30am - 11:00am (K - 2nd grade)  
11:30am - 12:00pm (3rd - 5th grade)  
**Learning to Take Care of YOU! (J158)**  
For parents/caregivers  
Do you put too much stress on yourself to be the “Perfect Parent”?  
If the answer is yes, join Christine Lomangiano from “A Voice Above Wellness” to learn about taking care of yourself. You will learn skills to regenerate and transform energy through mindfulness. Children ages 3 and up are welcomed to attend and will participate in activities and stories with a library staff member.  
Friday, January 17  
6:00pm - 7:30pm  
**Let’s Talk It Out (J082)**  
For parents/caregivers with children ages birth - 3 years old  
Join us and come talk with other parents and share parenting tips. A facilitator will guide you through various topics. Free play is available for children.  
Mondays, January 27, February 3, 10, 24 March 2, 9  
9:45am - 11:00am  
**Nursery School Fair (J065)**  
For parents/caregivers  
 Representatives from local nursery schools, daycare centers and preschools will be available to answer your questions. Families will have the opportunity to meet the teachers and get familiar with educational philosophies.  
Saturday, January 25  
10:00am - 12:00pm  
**Parent-Child Workshop (J070)**  
For parents/caregivers with children ages 12 - 36 months  
Spend some time together, play, experience art activities and meet new friends. A community resource specialist will be there to discuss child development, speech and hearing, nutrition, play and movement.  
Wednesday, March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1  
10:00am - 11:15am  
**SupPport (J165)**  
For parents/caregivers with infants birth - 1 year old  
Having a baby is harder than expected. You are not alone! A free group for moms feeling stress, anxiety and depression. This group is led by a therapist trained in maternal mental health.  
Tuesdays beginning January 7th  
11:00am - 12:00pm  
**Teen Dating Violence: Love Doesn’t Hurt (T139)**  
For teens in 7th - 12th grade and their parents  
February is Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month. Join L.I. Against Domestic Violence to discuss healthy and unhealthy relationships and explore the dynamics of teen dating violence with interactive activities. Parents will learn how to identify abusive behavior and practical skills for effective intervention. Two separate sessions will be facilitated at the same time for teens and parents.  
Tuesday, February 4  
6:30pm - 7:30pm  
**Thinking Money For Your Child’s Future (J128)**  
For parents with children in K - 5th grade  
Learn about strategies and programs to not only prepare you for your child’s financial future, but to help your child build their own financial literacy skills as well. Parents are welcome to bring children in grades K - 5th for an activity that will take place during the program session.  
Thursday, January 30  
6:00pm - 7:00pm  
**Are You There Spring? (J145)**  
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old  
Happy Groundhog Day! Will he see his shadow? Join us for some stories and crafts and a mystery guest!  
Friday, January 31  
10:00am - 10:45am  
11:00am - 11:45am  
**Art Buddies (J096)**  
For children ages 4 - 7 years old  
Teen Art Buddies will work with younger children on arts and crafts.  
Mondays, January 27, February 3  
Centereach  
Mondays, March 30, April 6  
Selden  
6:15pm - 7:00pm  
**Art Happenings (J074)**  
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old  
Find the gift in you with a variety of different activities and crafts!  
Wednesday, February 26  
1:00pm - 1:45pm  
Selden
**Bear Pajama Party (J144)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 - 5 years old
Wear your PJ’s and bring your special stuffed bear or animal for some reading fun and activities.
- **Tuesday, January 21**  
  Centereach
- **Tuesday, February 4**  
  Selden
- 6:30pm - 7:15pm

**Book Buddies (J138)**
For children ages 3 - 7 years old
Enjoy a story time with MCPL’s Teen Book Buddies.
- **Wednesday, January 8, 15 AND/OR February 5, 12**
  **March 4, 11**
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm
- **Centereach**

**Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies! (J111)**
For children in Pre-K - Kindergarten with a parent/caregiver
Learn how bunnies are born and develop in the first two weeks of their life. Hold and pet babies in laps and watch a funny circle play time!
- **Wednesday, April 1**
  5:00pm - 5:45pm
- **Centereach**

**Construction Zone (J148)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 - 5 years old
Bring your little construction workers for some imaginative block play. We will have lots of different blocks to enhance your child’s gross motor skills.
- **Wednesday, January 8**
  10:00am - 11:00am
- **Centereach**

**Don’t Be a Yeti! (J147)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old
Never feed a Yeti spaghetti! Come join us for some funny stories and activities! Come feed a Yeti in one of our hilarious stories!
- **Monday, January 13**
  10:00am - 10:45am
- **11:00am - 11:45am**
- **Centereach**

**Drive-In Movie Night! (J068)**
For families with children ages 3 - 6 years old
While watching a movie, create a fun drive-in movie experience with your kids using a cardboard box as a car. Popcorn will be served.
- **Friday, January 24**
  6:30pm - 8:00pm
- **Centereach**

**Fairytale BINGO (J054)**
For families with children 3 years old - 2nd grade
Join us for a picture version of the classic BINGO game. Prizes and fun for all.
- **Mondays, March 23, 30**
  5:45pm - 6:30pm
- **Centereach**

**Happy Un-Birthday (J154)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 5 years old
It doesn’t have to be your birthday to have some birthday fun! Join us for some birthday stories and games!
- **Monday, March 9**
  10:30am - 11:15am (18 - 36 months)
- **11:30am - 12:15pm (3 - 5 years old)**
- **Centereach OR**
  Saturday, March 14
  10:30am - 11:15am (3 - 5 years old)
- **Selden**

**I Heart You! (J073)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 – 5 years old
Show your love for someone special. There will be stories and Valentine themed crafts!
- **Friday, February 14**
  11:00am - 11:45am
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm**
- **Centereach**

**Just Grandma, pa and Me (J152)**
For grandparents and their grandchildren ages 1 - 3 years old
Engage in stories, games and crafts with your grandparents.
- **Tuesdays, January 14 AND/OR March 3**
  10:00am - 11:00am
- **Selden**

**Let’s Paint! (J099)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 - 5 years old
Dress to make a mess! This program is for the Picasso in all of us! There will be many painting activities.
- **Wednesday, February 19**
  10:00am - 10:45am
- **Centereach**

**Occupation Play (J149)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 - 5 years old
Calling all hardworking kids! What do you want to be when you grow up? Come into a room full of dress up and activities of your favorite occupations!
- **Wednesday, February 5**
  10:30am - 11:30am
- **Centereach**

**On My Own (J153)**
For children ages 3 - 5 years old without a parent
Art activities, free play and stories in a preschool setting.
- **Thursdays, February 27, March 5, 12**
  10:00am - 10:45am
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm**
- **Selden**

**Penguin Parade (J150)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 5 years old
See description on page 19.
- **Monday, January 27**
  10:30am - 11:15am (18 - 36 months)
- **11:30am - 12:15pm (3 - 5 years old)**
- **Centereach**

**Robot Petting Zoo (J062)**
For parents with children ages 3 - 5 years old
Even our littlest patrons can have hands-on fun with items from our Library of Things!
- **Monday, January 13**
  4:00pm - 4:45pm
- **Centereach**

**Shamrock Shenanigans (J076)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old
Enjoy the celebration of St. Patrick’s Day with a variety of lucky crafts, stories and activities. Who knows, maybe you’ll find a pot of gold!
- **Tuesday, March 17**
  11:00am - 11:45am
- **1:00pm - 1:45pm**
- **Centereach**

**Snow Day (J151)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 18 months - 5 years old
See description on page 19.
- **Monday, February 24**
  10:30am - 11:15am (18 - 36 months)
- **11:30am - 12:15pm (3 - 5 years old)**
- **Centereach**

**STEM Buddies (J137)**
For children ages 4 – 7 years old.
Your teen buddy will help you play with fun STEM activities such as Osmo, Geomagic Mosaics, Marble Run and more!
- **Mondays, February 3, 10 AND/OR**
  Mondays, March 23, 30
  5:45pm - 6:30pm
- **Centereach**

**STEM Sensations (J075)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old
Enter our room with hands on activities that include science, technology, engineering and math!
- **Friday, March 6**
  4:00pm - 5:00pm
- **Centereach**

**Superbowl Party (J146)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old
Join us for some Superbowl football fun with stories, games and crafts!
- **Wednesday, January 29**
  10:00am - 11:00am
- **Centereach**

**Winter Games (J143)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 3 - 5 years old
It may be cold outside, but join us for some winter themed games to warm you up!
- **Tuesday, February 25**
  10:00am - 11:00am
- **Centereach**

**Yoga Time (J063)**
For parents/caregivers with children ages 2 - 5 years old
Join us and learn some yoga poses at the library. Mats will be provided.
- **Mondays, January 6 AND/OR**
  March 16
  5:00pm - 5:45pm
- **Centereach**

*Open to the Public*
School Age Programs

American Girl (J092)
For children in 2nd - 5th grade
Participate in a hands-on creative program featuring an American Girl.
Mondays, February 10 AND/OR March 23 4:45pm - 5:45pm Centereach

Animals in Winter: Hibernation, Migration, or Adaptation (J101)
For children in K - 5th grade
Learn about how animals in winter survive through various hands-on activities. Some animals hibernate, some adapt to their environment and some migrate to other parts of the world.
Saturday, February 8 12:00pm - 12:45pm (K - 2nd grade) 1:30pm - 2:30pm (3rd - 5th grade) Centereach

Art Buddies (J096)
For children ages 4 - 7 years old
Teen Art Buddies work with younger children on arts and crafts.
Mondays, January 27, February 3 OR March 30, April 6
6:15pm - 7:00pm Selden

Book Buddies (J138)
For children ages 3 - 5 years old
Enjoy a story time with MCPL’s Teen Book Buddies.
Wednesdays, January 8, 15 AND/OR February 5, 12
AND/OR March 4, 11 6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies! (J111)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Learn how bunnies are born and develop in the first two weeks of their life. Hold and pet bunnies in laps and watch a funny circle play time!
(look in Preschool section for PreK - K session.)
Wednesday, April 1
6:00pm - 6:45pm (1st - 2nd grade) 7:00pm - 7:45pm (3rd - 5th grade) Centereach

Chocolate Covered Shamrock Rice Crispy Treats (J098)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
You will learn to shape and create a shamrock using rice crispy treats and cover it with green chocolate. Add a cute face with fondant or just cover with sprinkles! You will go home with two treats to enjoy!
Saturday, March 7 11:00am - 12:00pm Centereach

Comic Book Creation (J131)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Love drawing? Love comic books? This four-day workshop is taught by a professional artist. You’ll learn how to design, illustrate and create your very own comic book!
Thursdays, February 6, 13, 20, 27
5:20pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Crazy Craft Day (J109)
For families with children in K - 6th grade
Winter blues? Craft them away at our free-style crafting afternoon!
Supplies available as they last.
Thursday, February 20 11:00am - 1:00pm Centereach

Crochet for Kids (J089)
For children in 4th - 5th grade
Learn the basic stitches of crochet and practice, practice, practice.
Tuesdays, February 4, 11, 18, 25 and March 3 5:30pm - 6:30pm Centereach

Cyberspace Railroad (J114)
For children in 4th - 6th grade
Like Harriet Tubman used quilts with a secret code to help slaves navigate the Underground Railroad, participants in this program will create a coded poster by converting old school symbols into modern-day symbols, creating a positive message of appreciating diversity.
Thursday, February 6 7:00pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Dog Man Book Club (J163)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
You asked, and here it is! Hang out with us and talk about everyone’s favorite graphic novel, Dog Man! Stop at the Children’s desk to pick up or reserve a copy.
Tuesday, January 28 (3rd - 5th grade) 6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach
Tuesday, February 18 (1st - 2nd grade)

Double-Duty Language: Spanish & English (J134)
For children in 1st - 3rd grade
This dual language program will engage children in supporting the development of two languages through literacy games and fun activities. This program is for children who speak English and wish to learn Spanish or who speak Spanish and wish to learn English. This dual language approach is a great way to build language proficiency. Please let us know of any food allergies at time of registration.
Thursday, March 5, 12, 19 6:15pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Drive-In Movie Night! (J068)
For families with children ages 3 - 6 years old
While watching a movie, create a fun drive-in movie experience with your kids using a cardboard box as a car. Popcorn will be served.
Friday, January 24 6:30pm - 8:00pm Centereach

Fairytales BINGO (J054)
For children with ages 3 years old - 2nd grade
Join us for a picture version of the classic BINGO game. Prizes and fun for all.
Monday, December 30 10:00am - 10:45am 11:15am - 12:00pm Centereach

Family Game Time (J038)
For families with children ages 3 - 17 years old
Enjoy quality family time playing games together at the library. In addition to some classic board games, we’ll have giant versions of Monopoly and Jenga available to play.
Friday, December 27 AND/OR Saturday, February 1 1:00pm - 3:00pm Centereach

Shoe Box Cities - An Adventure in STEAM Crafting! (J159)
For children ages 8 - 11 years old
Let’s talk and think about what goes into planning a city or town, then create one to take home.
Wednesday, January 29 1:00pm - 2:00pm
Monday, March 9 4:15pm - 5:15pm Centereach

What Color Are You? (J115)
For children ages 5 - 8 years old
Children will join author Paul Rodriguez for a story and craft celebrating diversity and global unity.
Monday, February 24 6:30pm - 7:30pm Centereach

Freedom Quilts (J113)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
In honor of Black History Month, learn about how Freedom Quilts were used in the Underground Railroad then use tracing paper and oil pastels to create your very own Freedom Quilt pattern.
Tuesday, February 18 3:00pm - 4:00pm Centereach

Groundhog Day Dessert Cups (J097)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Come to the library and make adorable dirt cups using cookies, pudding and marshmallows. Take home two dessert cups to enjoy!
Saturday, February 1 11:00am - 12:00pm Centereach
**Happy Lunar New Year! (J126)**
For children in K - 5th grade
Welcome in the Year of the Rat with beautiful traditions and good luck symbols of the Lunar New Year. An educator from the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum will help you design a paper lantern and dragon, then try your hand at calligraphy as you learn to write “whale” in Chinese! Parents please accompany children in Kindergarten.
**Thursday, January 23**
- 5:00pm - 5:45pm (K - 2nd grade)
- 6:15pm - 7:00pm (3rd - 5th grade)  
  **Centereach**

**Homework Pals (J009)**
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 REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**
**Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31**
- 4:30pm - 5:30pm  
  **Centereach**

**Hot Chocolate Painting (J088)**
For children in 4th - 5th grade
- Who doesn’t love a cup of hot chocolate on a cold day? Use oil pastels and watercolors to create a hot chocolate themed painting.
  **Wednesday, March 18**
  - 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
    **Centereach**

**Jungle Bob Storytime (J107)**
For children in K - 2nd grade
Join Jungle Bob as he reads his new book, “Lenny, a most unusual reptile” and meet some real, live characters from the story.
**Saturday, January 18**
- 11:00am - 12:00pm  
  **Centereach**

**Leap Day Storycraft (J164)**
For children in K - 2nd grade
Celebrate this special day with Leap Day stories, songs and a craft.
**Saturday, February 29**
- 10:00am - 10:45am  
  **Centereach**

**Leap Day at the Library! (J116)**
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Leap Day is the perfect day to make a time capsule! Children should bring five small items from home including a picture of themselves to put inside a wooden time capsule they will decorate. Save it to open on the next Leap Day!
**Saturday, February 29**
- 11:00am - 11:45am  
  **Centereach**

**LEGO Buddies (J095)**
For children in K - 4th grade
Use your imagination and build LEGO creations with teen volunteers.
**Mondays, January 6, 13  OR  March 16, 23**
- 6:15pm - 7:00pm  
  **Centereach**

**Let’s Paint! (J099)**
For children in K - 2nd grade
Dress to make a mess! This program is for the Picasso in all of us! There will be many painting activities.
**Wednesday, February 19**
- 1:00pm - 1:45pm  
  **Centereach**

**Live Homework Help & Other Online Resources (J141)**
For parents/caregivers with children in K - 12th grade
Drop by to find out about free online resources, such as Brainfuse online homework help and online databases that will assist you with achieving success in school. Prizes will be given to everyone who stops by the table for a demonstration.
**Friday, March 6**
- Selden
  - AND/OR  
  - Monday, March 16  
  - 5:30pm - 8:30pm  
  **Centereach**

**Minecraft Maniacs (J132)**
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Get together with other Minecraft maniacs and play together in Creative mode or against each other in Survival mode! All skill levels welcome!
**Tuesdays, January 14, March 10  AND Thursday, February 13, 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
  **Centereach**

**Nature Buddies (J087)**
For children ages 4 - 7 years old
Nature activities with the Green Teens Environmental Club!
**Thursday, January 30, February 27, March 26**
- 5:30pm - 6:15pm  
  **Centereach**

**Peace Wreaths (J112)**
For children in K - 2nd grade
Celebrate Black History Month with stories about an iconic leader in civil rights, Martin Luther King Jr., then create a peace wreath finger paint craft to honor his memory.
**Tuesday, February 18**
- 1:30pm - 2:30pm  
  **Centereach**

**Pizza & Sundaes (J160)**
For children in K - 5th grade with parents
Let’s meet at California Pizza Kitchen in Lake Grove to make your own cheese pizza to eat, get a tour of their kitchen and then end the morning with an ice cream sundae. Parents must stay at California Pizza Kitchen with their child.
**Saturday, January 11**
- 10:00am - 11:30am  
  **California Pizza Kitchen**

**Raina Telgemeier Book Club (J162)**
For children & teens in 4th - 6th grade
Let’s start our brand new book club with Smile! Stop at the Children’s desk to pick up or reserve a copy.
**Tuesday, March 3**
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
  **Centereach**

**Read Across America Celebration (J127)**
For children in K - 5th grade
We will be participating in this nationwide celebration of literacy with a schedule of special guest readers including local children’s book author and school teacher Raymond Sabini, town councilman Kevin LaValle and more! Children will listen to stories, then design their own bookmark to take home.
**Monday, March 2**
- 6:00pm - 8:00pm  
  **Centereach**

**Maker Kids: 3Doodlers (J135)**
For children in 4th - 5th grade
Come see what you can create in 3D using our 3Doodlers.
**Wednesdays, February 5, 12**
- 5:30pm - 6:30pm  
  **Centereach**

**Maker Kids: Foosball Table (J104)**
For children in 4th - 5th grade
Get creative while making a fun game.
**Tuesday, January 21**
- 5:30pm - 6:15pm  
  **Centereach**

**Make Kids: Piper Computer Build (J133)**
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Your chance to build a computer! We will build the physical computer and then play Minecraft missions to continue programming the computer.
**Mondays, February 24, March 2, 9**
- 6:00pm - 7:00pm  
  **Centereach**

**Robot Petting Zoo (J062)**
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  **Centereach**

**STEM Sensations (J075)**
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**Friday, March 6**
- 4:00pm - 5:00pm  
  **Centereach**
DIY Pet Toys (J121)
For children in 3rd - 5th grade
Make squeaky toys for dogs and catnip toys for cats. Bring one home for your furry friend or leave them to donate to pets in animal shelters.
Monday, February 10
6:00pm - 7:00pm Centereach

Fun with Pets (J061)
For parents with children ages 18 months - 4 years old
Children will learn about pet ownership through imaginative play!
Monday, March 16
10:30am - 11:30am Centereach

K9 Reading (J122)
For children in 1st - 5th grade
Come to the library for a twenty 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.
Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 3
6:30pm - 7:30pm Centereach

What Do You Know About Snow? (J118)
For children in K - 5th grade
It’s the season of snow! Sharpen your science skills with these hands-on, snow-themed experiments. Snow slime? Sure!
Thursday, January 9
5:00pm - 5:45pm (K - 2nd grade) OR
6:00pm - 6:45pm (3rd - 5th grade) Centereach

Winter Bird Feeder Craft (J093)
For children in K - 5th grade
Make a bird feeder using materials that will attract the beautiful birds of winter to your backyard.
Saturday, February 15
10:30am - 11:00am (K - 2nd grade)
11:30am - 12:00pm (3rd - 5th grade) Centereach

World Explorers: Konnichiwa from Japan! (J119)
For children in K - 5th grade
Travel the world right here in the library! This month we are visiting the magical country of Japan. Listen to stories, take a virtual reality tour of Tokyo and Mount Fuji, and make a craft to take home!
Wednesday, March 25th
5:30pm - 6:15pm (K - 2nd grade)
6:30pm - 7:15pm (3rd - 5th grade) Centereach

Yoga Time (J102)
For children ages 6 - 12 years old
Join us and learn some yoga poses at the library. Mats will be provided.
Mondays, January 6 AND/OR March 16
6:00pm - 6:45pm (6 - 8 year olds)
7:00pm - 7:45pm (9 - 12 year olds) Centereach

Special Needs
Children with special needs are encouraged to participate in all children's library programs.

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Tuesdays, January 7, February 4, March 3
6:30pm - 7:30pm Centereach

Let’s Get Together (J140)
For children in K - 5th grade
Children of all abilities are invited to develop friendships and social skills through language, art, and physical activities.
Fridays, January 3, February 7, March 6
6:30pm - 7:30pm Centereach

Sensory Friendly Movie (J094)
For children of all ages with parent/caregiver
Lights up, sound down, kids are free to move around. Children of all ages and abilities and their family members/caregivers are welcome to enjoy a movie in a relaxed environment. The audience is free to move around, talk and sing. Movie TBD.
Friday, February 21
2:00pm - 4:00pm Centereach

Sensory Storytime (J139)
For children in Pre-K - 3rd grade
An interactive and educational program that may be enjoyed by all children, but is especially designed for children with sensory integration challenges. Books, movement, music and hands-on activities are included in this story time. Visual and textural materials stimulate all five senses and promote learning.
Saturdays, January 11, February 8, March 14
10:00am - 11:00am Centereach

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Family Center, a free school readiness and family support service, provides home visits to families with children 18-36 months of age with limited access to educational opportunities. The premise of PCHP is that children learn best through play and that learning can be fun. Resources are provided to qualifying families. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 225.

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Kids in Care, an outreach program, designed for family childcare providers residing in the MCCSD and the young children in their care. A trained children’s librarian will visit the home with kits of age-appropriate books, music and toys for the children in care. Phone 631-585-9393 ext. 240.

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**Book Sale Recap**
The November Book Sale yielded $2,500! The next Friends’ book sale is on April 3rd and 4th, 2020. Thanks to all of the volunteers that helped during the November sale! We appreciate your time and hard work.

**Join the Friends!**
Join the Friends at their next General Membership meeting on March 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Centereach building!

If you are interested in learning more about the Friends and volunteer 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/Business/Organizations ...... $ 25.00  
Platinum/Lifetime ....................... $ 100.00

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**Bank of America: Women’s EXPO Signature Sponsor**
Bank of America supported the 19th annual Women’s EXPO with a generous sponsorship of $10,000. Bank of America is a great friend of the EXPO and their wonderful employees have volunteered each year to help the EXPO vendors. Many thanks to Bank of America and its employees for helping us provide a great venue for our local women entrepreneurs!

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**BankUnited Supports Women’s EXPO**
BankUnited awarded Middle Country Library Foundation a generous grant of $2,500 as this year’s Women’s EXPO Education Sponsor. As part of its effort to build the business skills and capacities of participating women entrepreneurs, the EXPO provides educational programming throughout the year. MCL Foundation is grateful to BankUnited for its support of this valuable program.

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**Thank You Distinguished Speakers Series Sponsors**
Thanks to the 2019-20 sponsors:  

**Upcoming Program:**

**Tuesday, January 7, 2020**
Modifying Mindsets for Youth Mental Health by Dr. Jessica Schleider

For further information, please call 631-585-9393 ext. 252.
2019 Women’s EXPO Sponsors

The rain didn’t stop more than 2300 people from visiting the 19th annual Women’s EXPO and celebrating more than 80 Long Island women entrepreneurs on October 3rd. With a goal of connecting entrepreneurs to the business community, EXPO proceeds support the programs and services of the Miller Business Center. As always, we are grateful to all of our EXPO sponsors for supporting the event. Sponsors include signature sponsor Bank of America, as well as BankUnited, People’s Alliance Federal Credit Union, TD Bank, Jefferson’s Ferry Lifecare Community, the Greater Middle Country Chamber of Commerce, Campolo, Middleton & McCormick LLP, NY Association of Superintendents of School Buildings and Grounds Inc., Times Beacon Record Newspapers and WBLS. Special thanks to the EXPO Planning Committee and all the volunteers who make this event a success each year!

Business Networking

Last year the Miller Business Center hosted its first Business Networking Open House featuring 17 local business networking groups. These groups had the opportunity to engage with the more than 150 entrepreneurs and business professionals in attendance. This year the Business Networking Open House will be held on Tuesday, January 28th from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. in Centereach. Please visit www.millerbusinesscenter.org for more information.

The Great Give Back

The Great Give Back, which began two years ago, is a day of service at Long Island libraries. Participating libraries hosted a variety of meaningful, service-oriented experiences. Here at MCPL, we had several events going on throughout the day on October 19th with over 139 people participating in writing letters to service members, decorating tote bags for shelters and pantries, making pet toys for animal shelters, crafting superhero kits for children in foster care, cutting coupons for troops and planting daffodils at our Selden location.

Need SAT Review?

High school juniors and seniors with an MCPL card can register for this five-week class to prepare to take the SAT exam. Students will need to purchase the book The Official SAT Study Guide: 2020 edition that is published by College Board. The book will be available for purchase in the amount of $20.69 plus tax and distributed the first day of class. Students should bring a notebook and calculator to class. See page 14 for dates and more information.
Save The Date

- December 7, 14, 21
  12:00 - 2:00 p.m.

- December 12

- December 16
  6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- December 29
  2:30 - 3:30 p.m.

- January 3
  2:00 - 4:00 p.m.

- January 7
  9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

- January 21
  6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

- January 25
  10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- January 28
  8:30 - 10:30 a.m.

- February 21
  11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

- March 1
  2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

- March 9
  7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

- March 26

- March 27

- March 31
  2:00 - 9:00 p.m.

- April 3
  4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

- April 4
  9:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

- April 7
  9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.

- April 14
  7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Home for the Holidays – Parent/Teen Driving Contract Campaign, Allstate Readiness Series
Centered Lobby

Children’s & Teen Winter Program Registration

Adult Winter Program Registration

Thinking Money for Kids Opening Exhibit
Centered Museum Corner

Holiday for Toys
Selden

Ring in the New Year
Selden

Distinguished Speakers:
Modifying Mindsets for Youth Mental Health
Centered

The Universe Talk: NASA @ my Library
Centered

Nursery School Fair
Centered

Business Networking Open House
Centered

Kids Comedy Magic Show
Centered

Dinoman’s Dinosaur Show
Selden

Teen Art Show Reception
Selden

Children’s & Teen Spring Program Registration

Adult Spring Program Registration

Voter Registration Day
Centered

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Centered

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Centered

Library Budget and Trustee Vote
Centered

Middle Country Reads Leah Weiss, If the Creek Don’t Rise
Centered

Displays & Exhibits

January 2020
Children’s Winter Reading Club

February 2020
Teen Art Show
Children’s Winter Reading Club

December 2019 - January 2020
Thinking Money for Kids