

Longwood Public Library March_April 201

Newsletter

Annual Message to the Community

2017 was another busy year at the LPL!

Our talented librarians and other staff always strive to provide the best service to you. We've enhanced library programs by adding more outdoor programming on the terrace, drop-in community service opportunities for teens, and TASC (high school equivalency) classes. We launched our new annual author program with a visit from bestselling author Nelson DeMille. We expanded our collection: you can now borrow Chromecast, hotspots and Kindle Paperwhites, and we added Kanopy, another streaming video service. We launched a seed library, Longwood Grows. Our first Earth Day Fair was held, following the commemoration of the library's LEED Platinum building award. We began work on the new Learn & Play children's sensory garden, located near the terrace. We installed our first Little Free Library at Bartlett Pond Park.

Many new services are planned for the coming year:

- The opening of the Learn & Play Garden this spring
- A new, mobile-friendly, accessible website
- More equipment and gadgets to borrow
- The introduction of the Longwood Collective, an online archive of photos taken around our community

We will hold our **Annual Budget Vote and Trustee Election on Tuesday, April 10**, from 8:00 am to 9:00 pm. The Library Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that there will again be no override of the state tax cap. The Board will hold a budget information meeting on Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm. Petitions for library trustee are due by 5:00 pm on Monday, March 12, and information about trustee candidates will be available in the library and on our website shortly thereafter. If you have any questions about the budget or the library, please contact Library Director Lisa Jacobs, at (631) 924-6400 x275, or by email at lisa@longwoodlibrary.org.

A Few Statistics from 2017

- LPL cardholders topped 51,000, the highest number ever
 - Library visits totaled more than 260,000
 - More than 370,000 physical items were checked out; more than 75,000 ebooks, audio and video were streamed or downloaded
 - Public computers were accessed more than 52,000 times
 - Free museum passes were borrowed more than 1,500 times, saving taxpayers more than \$48,000
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Budget Information Meeting Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

IT'S AMNESTY DAY!

on April 10, 2018 – no fines will be collected for library materials returned late

2018-2019 Annual Budget Vote & Trustee Election - Remember to Vote!

Tuesday, April 10 at 8:00 am-9:00 pm

VOTER REGISTRATION INFORMATION

REQUIREMENTS TO VOTE IN THIS ELECTION

- You are at least 18 years of age
- You are a citizen of the United States
- You have been a resident of Longwood Central School District for at least 30 days
- You have voted in any general, school or other election in the last four years

VOTER REGISTRATION

Registration is available every school day through April 5 at the Longwood Central Office,
35 Yaphank-Middle Island Road, Middle Island

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Mailed applications must be completed and received by the District Clerk on or before **Tuesday, April 3, 2018**.
(Applications are available at the library.)

2018-2019 PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET		
	2017-2018	2018-2019
Library Materials & Programs:	\$794,000.00	\$807,000.00
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Books & Ebooks• DVDs• Books on CD, Music CDs• Magazines & Newspapers		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Programs, Lectures, Concerts & Museum Passes• Downloads & Streaming• Research Tools
Library Operations:	\$985,975.03	\$921,650.12
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Circulation & Security System• Audit, Legal, Printing, Postage• Training		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Copy Machines, Equipment & Supplies• Utilities, Insurance
Staff:	\$3,394,158.64	\$3,561,615.08
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Librarians• Support Staff		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sundays & Holidays
Employee Benefits:	\$1,276,691.33	\$1,302,113.55
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NYS Retirement System• Social Security• Health Insurance		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Unemployment, Disability, Workers Compensation
Total Operating Budget:	\$6,450,825.00	\$6,592,378.75
Bond Payment Approved October 2012	\$1,139,744.00	\$1,148,656.25
Subtotal	\$7,590,569.00	\$7,741,035.00
Less Anticipated Revenue	(\$141,950.00)	(\$128,950.00)
Less Fund Balance	(\$75,000.00)	(\$75,000.00)
Amount to be raised by taxation	\$7,373,619.00	\$7,537,085.00

The proposed operating budget for **2018-2019** is below the NYS tax cap. It is estimated that the adoption of this budget will raise the library's tax rate to \$14.59 per \$100 of assessed valuation. **This would increase the average homeowner's tax payment by \$7.22 per year.**

Library Board Meetings

Budget Information Meeting:

Wednesday, March 28 at 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm

Library Closed

Sunday, April 1 – Easter

Hours

Monday–Friday: 9:30 am–9:00 pm

Saturday: 9:30 am–5:00 pm

Sunday: 1:00 pm–5:00 pm

The book drop is open 24 hours

Children's Classes

Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own.

Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.

Please note that classes are now broken down by age group. Questions? Contact the Children's Reference Desk.

1000 Books before kindergarten winners: Lucia and Hanalei

BABY, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL CLASSES

Parent Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays OR Thursdays at 9:45 am OR 11:00 am

Begins the week of March 6 and ends April 26

Children (12 months–3 years)

Registration begins February 12

Parents and children will have a chance to spend time together filled with crafts, toys, songs, and games. This weekly program also includes a resource person who will discuss issues such as toilet learning, nutrition, child safety, and other parenting questions you may have. Please register for one session either on Tuesdays or Thursdays at 9:45 am or 11:00 am.

Evening Parent Toddler

Wednesdays, March 14, 21 & 28 at 6:30 pm

Children (12 months–3 years)

Registration begins February 20

Are you unable to attend our day time sessions of Parent Toddler Workshop? Then join us for a three-week evening version of this great program that allows parents and children to spend time together filled with crafts, toys, songs, and games.

Preschool Playtime

Thursdays at 1:00 pm

Begins March 8 and ends April 26

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Registration begins February 12

Join us for this weekly program with friends and fun where your child will have an hour of play and learn time. Each session will start with an extended circle time in which stories and songs are shared followed by a related craft and free play.

Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!

Thursday, March 1 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Registration begins February 12

Celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday with library friends, stories, and crafts! To commemorate this author's birthday, children and parents are encouraged to Read Across America, so what better place to start than your library!

Shape Up!

Children (2-3 years)

Thursday, March 1 at 6:30 pm OR

Friday, March 2 at 10:00 am

Registration begins February 12

Children will make a special shape book while discovering basic shapes through activities, sensory stations, and art!

Babies n' Books

Monday, March 5 at 10:00 am OR 6:30 pm

Children (infant–11 months)

Registration begins February 20

This early literacy experience for parents and their babies includes an introduction to the best of board books, simple songs, and nursery rhymes.

Stretchy Storytime

Wednesday, March 7 & 14 at 10:30 am

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Registration begins February 20

Join us for a two-week session of a storytime for wiggle worms. We will listen and move to stories, sing songs, and explore some simple yoga poses. Be dressed for stretching!

Little Lambs

Friday, March 9 at 10:00 am

Children (18-35 months)

Registration begins February 20

March comes in like a lion and out like a lamb! Listen to a simple story and then make a lion and lamb mask with your child.

Lovable Lions

Friday, March 9 at 11:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Registration begins February 20

March comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb! Listen to some stories, then make a lion and lamb mask and explore other fun activities.

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Monday, March 12 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Registration begins March 1

Listen to a bunny story, learn about baby rabbits, and then get to hold one! Judy Wilson will be here with her basket of baby bunnies and all the facts you need to know about baby rabbits and how they grow up!

Leprechaun Fun

Friday, March 16 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years–Pre K)

Registration begins March 1

Come and have a shamrockin' good time as we learn about St. Patrick's Day through arts, crafts, and fun! Everyone will catch a leprechaun to take home and keep for good luck!

Bouncing Babies

Monday, March 19 at 10:00 am OR 6:30 pm

Children (infant–23 months)

Registration begins March 1

Bring your babies for a morning of songs, stories, and a craft you can do together!

1,2,3 Full STEAM Ahead

Wednesdays, March 21 and 28 at 10:30 am

Children (30 months–Pre K)

Registration begins March 9

Thursday, April 19 at 6:30 pm

Children (30 months–Pre K)

Registration begins April 2

Join A Time for Kids for this interactive, educational program for children and their grown-ups that stimulates and engages thinking as they explore, play, and build together. Enjoy singing, dancing, storytelling and make and bring home a craft activity.

Babies Boogie

Tuesday, April 3 at 10:00 am

Children (infant–17 months)

Registration begins March 20

Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, April 3 at 11:00 am

Children (2-4 years)

Registration begins March 20

Boogie with your little one, sing along and have some fun! Nicole Sparling will visit for this wonderful movement class featuring instruments and music from around the world.

Big & Me "Earth and Space"

Friday, April 6 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am

Children (2 years–Pre K)**Registration begins March 20**

Join the Art Nanny and create a masterpiece with your little one. Each child will make a beautiful picture with the theme “Earth and Space” to take home and display!

Playtown**Monday, April 9 at 10:00 am OR 2:00 pm****Children (3 years–Pre K)****Registration begins March 26**

Children will use their imaginations as they visit and play in Playtown’s supermarket, animal hospital, library, and other community centers. By participating in dramatic play with costumes and acting out behaviors of community helpers, children develop important social and emotional skills.

Rainy Day Duck**Saturday, April 14 at 10:00 am OR Monday, April 16 at 10:00 am****Children (18-35 months)****Registration begins April 2**

Listen to some duckling stories then waddle over and make a cute craft and explore some spring-themed activities.

Feathered Friends**Saturday, April 14 at 11:30 am****Monday, April 16 at 11:30 am****Children (3 years–Pre K)****Registration begins April 2**

Listen to some stories about baby birds, make your own family of baby birds in a nest, then explore some spring-themed activities.

The eggs are back!**Join us in welcoming our egg-cellent spring visitors!**

Beginning March 21, we will be incubating eggs, which will hatch 21 days after we begin! We will have information nearby about a chicken’s life cycle and raising backyard chickens. The eggs will be housed in the Children’s Department where you can “chick” them out through our craft room window when you visit. After they hatch we will have them near the reference desk for about 2 weeks so you can visit them until they go back to the farm at the beginning of May.

Egg-cellent Chickens**Monday, April 23 at 10:00 am OR 11:00 am****Children (2 years–Pre K)****Registration begins April 11**

At this program you will learn all about a chicken’s life cycle and have a chance to see our chicks up close.

Mostly Mother Goose**Saturday, April 21 at 10:00 am****Children (infant–3 years)****Registration begins April 2**

Parents and children can join in on nursery rhymes and songs led by a children’s librarian!

Baby Games**Monday, April 30 at 10:00 am****Children (infant–12 months)****Registration begins April 11**

Babies and young children learn to speak by listening to you, so together we will sing songs and rhymes perfect to share with your little ones!

Story Times

Come and listen to some favorite childhood tales as well as new ones, along with songs and movement activities. This will create an experience beneficial to your child's development of early literacy skills. These are the building blocks necessary for your child's success in learning to read. At the end of each session you will be given a fun take-home activity to share with your child. These interactive sessions support the Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library initiative. Choose from one of our sessions!

Registration begins April 2

Toddler Tales

Children (2-3 years)

Wednesdays, April 18, 25, May 2 and 9 at 10:00 am

Pajama Jam

Children (3 years–Pre K)

Mondays, April 16, 23, 30 and May 7 at 6:30 pm

Celebrate National Library Week April 8-14

"Libraries Lead"

National Library Week is a great time to celebrate the contributions of our libraries and librarians!

Visit us during this week for one of our great programs, discover our many services, check out some materials, and see our "Mystery Board" where you will get a chance to guess the mystery book characters on the board and enter a raffle ticket to win a giant cookie!

SCHOOL-AGED CLASSES

Winter Scrapbooking

Tuesday, March 6 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins February 20

Using scrapbooking materials and embellishments, you will make personalized pages that you can take home and make into a scrapbook. Bring winter and holiday photos you would like to include in your book.

-Kiddie Cafe- "Veggies and Dip"

Wednesday, March 7 at 4:45 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins February 20

Children will participate in preparing (and eating!) a delicious snack based on a classic tale that children will listen to first. Registration is in-person or over the phone if you have an allergy form already on file. You must have a food allergy form on file prior to registration. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies, but we will make every effort to accommodate food allergies of those that are registered.*

Minecraft Club

Friday, March 9 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins February 20

Join your library friends for a fun game of Minecraft! Build your own castle, fight the Ender Dragon, or explore the Nether – the possibilities are endless! We'll be playing the Minecraft.edu version of the game, so you do not need to have a personal account to play.

-Kindness Kids-

Firefighter Appreciation Bags

Tuesday, March 13 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 1

This month we will be making bags of goodies and cards to give to the firefighters in our community as a show of our appreciation. Earn one hour of community service, while bringing joy to others and having fun!

Paws for Reading

Wednesday, March 14 or Monday, March 19 starting at 4:30 pm

Children who are readers—grade 6

Registration begins March 1

Wednesday, April 18 OR Monday, April 23 starting at 4:30 pm

Children who are readers—grade 6

Registration begins April 2

Research now suggests that dogs can actually help children learn to read. Children can meet with a certified therapy dog and their owner for a 15-minute reading session.

Lucky Charms

Friday, March 16 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K–2)

Friday, March 16 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 1

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day by making your own lucky charm key chain with perler beads. Miss Danielle will help you choose a simple pattern to design and make.

Bunnies, Bunnies, Bunnies

Thursday, March 22 at 4:30 pm OR 5:30 pm

Children (grades K–2)

Registration begins March 9

Listen to a bunny story, learn about baby rabbits, and then get to hold one! Judy Wilson will be here with her basket of baby bunnies and all the facts you need to know about baby rabbits and how they grow up!

Minecraft Junior

Friday, March 23 at 6:00 pm OR 7:00 pm

Children (grades K-3)

Registration begins March 9

Join your library friends for a fun game of Minecraft! Build your own castle, fight the Ender Dragon, or explore the Nether – the possibilities are endless! We'll be playing the Minecraft.edu version of the game, so you do not need to have a personal account to play.

Exploring our Planet

Monday, April 2 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Monday, April 2 at 3:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 20

Children will take a trip around the globe without leaving their seats as they meet a variety of animals from the Sweetbriar Nature Center. They will meet a dragon from Australia, a spiny creature from Africa, a tree climber from South America and more.

Embossed Metal Art

Wednesday, April 4 at 2:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Wednesday, April 4 at 3:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 20

In this class with artist Cheryl Frey Richards, children will create embossed drawings on metal foiling and color them using encaustic techniques. Each piece will be mounted and ready to display!

Zumba Kids

Monday, April 9 and 16 at 5:30 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Monday, April 9 and 16 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 26

Join Zumba instructor Kristina Fenelli from Kindred Fitness for an energetic and fun Zumba class for kids! She will break down the steps, and add games and cultural exploration elements into the class structure. Be dressed and ready for movement and bring a water bottle!

Kiddie Cafe “Big Bear Mix”

Wednesday, April 11 at 4:45 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Registration begins March 26

Children will participate in preparing (and eating!) a delicious snack based on a classic tale that children will listen to first. Registration is in-person or over the phone if you have an allergy form already on file. You must have a food allergy form on file prior to registration. *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies, but we will make every effort to accommodate food allergies of those that are registered.*

-Kindness Kids- “Earth Day Everyday Prep”

Thursday, April 12 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins March 26

This month we will be helping to prepare crafts and activities for the library's annual **Earth Day Everyday program on Saturday, April 28**. Earn one hour of community service, while bringing joy to others and having fun!

Invent with LittleBits

Friday, April 13 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 4-6)

Registration begins March 26

Learn the basics of circuitry and electronics using the library's LittleBits set. LittleBits are snap together circuits that you can use to build projects like motion sensors and more.

Fly the Coop

Friday, April 20 at 4:45 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Friday, April 20 at 5:30 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 2

Join our library in welcoming our newly hatched egg-cellent spring visitors! After incubating eggs this spring for 21 days, our eggs have finally hatched! At this program you will learn all about a chicken's life cycle and get to see our chicks up close. The chicks will be housed in the Children's Department for a few weeks after they hatch so you can “chick” them out when you visit.

-Creator Club- “Painted Planter”

Tuesday, April 24 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 11

In this monthly program you will make a unique treasure that you can display in your room or give as a gift! This month we will be painting planters for a succulent plant.

Bridge Building

Wednesday, April 25 at 6:30 pm

Children (grades K-3)

Registration begins April 11

Listen to the story *Twenty-One Elephants and Still Standing* by April Prince, a true story of how P.T. Barnum marched his 21 circus elephants over the newly-built Brooklyn Bridge to prove its strength. Then, make and test the strength of your own bridge!

Games & Goodies Junior

Friday, April 27 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Games & Goodies

Friday, April 27 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 11

Come down to the library, have some snacks and play fun games with your friends. We will have assorted board games for you to explore as well as Wii Mario Go-Karts! Goodies may include pretzels, cookies, apple juice, potato chips, brownies, or fruit snacks. *Snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Build It!

Monday, April 30 at 6:00 pm

Children (grades K-2)

Monday, April 30 at 7:00 pm

Children (grades 3-6)

Registration begins April 11

Children are invited to let their imaginations run wild with Legos and other building materials like Marble Maze, Kinex, Magnatiles and Playstix!

April is National Poetry Month!

Visit the library to borrow a poetry book, take home a poem to carry in your pocket, and fill-in our poetry form for display on our *Poet Tree* bulletin board!

Kids Can Vote from 9:00 am-9:00 pm

It's Library Budget Vote Day! Tuesday, April 10

Children of all ages are invited to vote for their favorite authors, books, characters, and movies. Voting will be available all day at the library. **Each child who votes gets to pick a prize from our treasure chest!**

FAMILY PROGRAMS

-Morning at the Movies-

Saturday, March 3 at 11:00 am

Monday, April 2 at 11:00 am

Families with children

No registration required

See a newly released movie on our big screen with your family. In March we'll show *Coco*. Check the children's calendar to find out April's movie.

Family Yoga

Thursdays, March 8 and March 15 at 6:30 pm

Children (3 years–grade 3)

Registration begins February 20

Join yoga instructor Mary for a two week session of yoga with your family. Please be sure that your family is dressed and ready for movement.

Spring Nature Walk at Rocky Point Pines in Ridge

Saturday, March 24 at 11:00 am

Families with children (4 years–grade 6)

Registration begins March 9

Join a trail leader from the DEC on an informative nature trail around the recently added Rocky Point Pine Trail in Ridge. Please meet in the parking lot of the Rocky Point Pines Park located on Middle Country Road in Ridge.

Celebrate Women's History Month

-Explore It-

"Women in STEAM"

Friday, March 30 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

and 6:00-8:00 pm

Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 am–12:00 pm

Families with children

No registration necessary

The craft room will be transformed into a museum-like experience open for exploration and discovery. Stations will have interactive and display exhibits and informative facts for all of our young visitors. This month you are invited to explore our stations designed to celebrate **Women's History Month** through activities and displays about women in STEAM!

Backyard Birds

Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm

Families with children (3 years–grade 3)

Registration begins March 20

Learn about the birds that live in your very own backyard with Miss Rosemary. Each family will make a feeder for the birds and a craft to help them get ready for spring.

Stop, Drop and Paint!

Wednesday, April 4 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Families with children

No registration necessary

Stop, drop-in, and paint! Drop-in between 10:00 am and 12:00 pm and visit a variety of art stations guaranteed to stimulate your child's creative abilities in this open-ended art program. Don't forget to dress for a mess!

Celebrate National Library Week!

Book Character Celebration

Thursday, April 5 at 11:00 am

Families with children (through grade 1)

Registration begins March 20

Families are invited to listen to stories, play games, and create crafts along with your favorite book characters in celebration of **National Library Week!** This fun-filled literacy event is sure to bring your favorite books to life! Be sure to bring your camera!

Life-Sized Candyland Game

Friday, April 6 starting at 6:00 pm OR Saturday, April 7 starting at 10:00 am

Children (3 years–grade 3)

Registration is in-person or over the phone only and begins March 20

Families are invited to experience the classic game Candyland as they never have before! Walk through a life-sized game board with teen volunteers playing the roles of King Kandy, Queen Frostine, Gramma Nutt, and all the rest. Games will begin at 10-minute intervals starting at 6:00 pm with the last session starting at 8:00 pm. Each group may have up to 3 players; each player may bring 1 non-playing guest. For example, parents with small children may play as one. Each game will take about 30 minutes.

**All are welcome to celebrate
Earth Day at the library!
Earth Day Everyday
Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm
No registration necessary**

All are welcome to celebrate Earth Day at the library! Make a bee bundle and create a seed bundle to take home for your garden. Visit our interactive displays, get information about nature and environmental organizations, learn about local marine wildlife in a touch tank provided by Cornell Cooperative Extension, and meet a few animal guests who have been rehabilitated and cared for by Sweetbriar Nature Center. Learn about various topics that can positively shape Earth's future, like home gardening, beekeeping, backyard chickens, and composting. Also, meet the chicks hatched in the Children's Department before they go back to the farm!

The first 30 families or patrons to arrive will receive a special earth friendly gift!

Teen Programs

Teen Services programs are open to students in grades 7-12

Students who have not yet completed 6th grade are welcome to register for programs in our Children's Department

Everyone who registers for a Teen Services program needs a valid LPL card

Authors Unlimited 7 **Saturday, April 28 from 10:00 am-3:00 pm**

Earn community service credit for attending this event, which celebrates reading by connecting teens and authors. It's a free program where teens and tweens get preferred seating! Attendees will get the chance to meet dynamic authors of young adult literature first at an author panel and then in smaller breakout sessions afterward. Books will be available for purchase with a chance to have them signed at the end of the day. For registration and other information visit

<http://authorsunlimited.org>

Location: St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd. in Patchogue

Rube Goldberg Challenge

Friday, March 2 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration is ongoing

Put your wacky engineering skills to the test, and create an ingeniously and unnecessarily complicated contraption! Compete to see who can make the craziest chain reaction.

Minute to Win It Games

Friday, March 9 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration is ongoing

How far can you carry a potato using your knees? How many cups can you knock over using the air in a balloon? Compete in challenges and find out what you can do when you have a minute to win it!

Marvelous Magazine Art

Friday, March 16 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

Create a marvelous masterpiece! Design a colorful piece of artwork with Teen Services Librarian Ms. Sabatino to display at home from recycled magazine pages!

Coding: App Lab

Monday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 3

Join Teen Services Librarian Ms. Leviness to learn how to make an app! We will use App Lab to learn the basics of coding in Javascript, then design and build our own simple apps!

Flower Burst Mixed Media Painting

Friday, March 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Join Doris Benter to welcome spring with a bright and colorful flower painting made from mini mosaic stones, glitter, and paint on canvas.

Games and Goodies

Thursday, March 29 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 10

Play board games, Wii, and enjoy delicious snacks! *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Pom-Pom Pillow

Monday, April 2 from 6:30-8:30 pm AND

Tuesday, April 3 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 17

Learn how to make pom poms out of yarn and design a fluffy throw pillow for your room! You must be available to attend both sessions to complete the craft.

Teen Trivia

Thursday, April 5 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 17

What are the names of the three fairies in Sleeping Beauty? What animal has the largest ears? Come show off your knowledge of books, movies, music, animals, and more!

Family Feud

Friday, April 13 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 24

It's time to play Family Feud! Compete to see if you can guess the most popular answers to survey questions asked to our library staff.

5-Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday, April 21

from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Registration is ongoing

Phone and in-person registration only, no online registration

Cost: \$40

Cash, exact change, on day of class

The five-hour pre-licensing class is required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles for all applicants who would like to schedule a road test. The class will be taught by an instructor from a local driving school and is open to both district and non-district residents ages 16 and up. You must bring your NY State Learner's Permit to class. Please also bring your lunch with you – you will not have time to leave for lunch.

Super Smash Bros. Tournament

Friday, April 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 7

Put your video game skills to the test as we battle to find the ultimate Super Smash Bros. champion! We will also bring out our giant games for you to enjoy during the tournament. *The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Coding: MicroBits

Thursday, May 3 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 14

Learn how to code with MicroBits and make simple games! MicroBits are tiny programmable computers which we will use to learn the basics of coding with JavaScript.

Cupcake Wars

Friday, May 4 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 14

Put your creativity, imagination, and sweet tooth to the test! You will be given a pantry of ingredients and a limited amount of time to turn cupcakes into themed designs to impress our panel of judges! We will also have a special Wookiee Cookie Star Wars themed round to celebrate May the 4th! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Painted Cake Plate

Friday, April 20 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 17

Join Linda O'Connell to paint a beautiful flower design on a glass cake plate just in time to give as a gift for Mother's Day! Wear old clothes or bring a smock.

Happy Mother's Day Cake

Friday, May 11 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 20

Join the Baking Coach to decorate a special cake for a special person with buttercream icing and fondant flowers! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

*SAT Preparation Class

Thursdays, April 12, 19, 26, and May 3 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Cost: \$50 due at time of registration

Either by cash only in exact change, or debit or credit card

In-person registration is ongoing

Uncover the secrets of the SAT! Teacher Gregg Zehentner will teach you tips and tricks, and get you ready to take the test. All teaching materials will be provided. Bring a notebook, pen, and calculator to class.

Bookstormers: After-School Book Club for 7th & 8th Graders

Come read up a storm! with our newest book discussion

Join librarians from both the LPL and LJH as we discuss the following titles:

March – *I Will Always Write Back*

by Caitlin Alifrenka & Martin Ganda

Wednesday, March 14

from 2:45-4:00 pm

Registration is ongoing

Have you ever had a pen pal? Caitlin is about to get one thanks to a school assignment, in which everyone has to write to an unknown student in a foreign country. After she picks Zimbabwe, her letter winds up going to Martin. It's the start of a new friendship that will change both of their lives forever.

April – *Ghost* by Jason Reynolds

Wednesday, April 18
from 2:45-4:00 pm
Registration begins March 14

Running is something that Ghost knows well, and he proves it by challenging the best sprinter at his school to a race. When he wins, he's chosen to run for the middle school's elite track team with the chance to qualify for the Junior Olympics. Ghost could be the best sprinter in the city if he manages to get along with his new teammates and outrun his past.

Register and pick up a copy of the book in the Teen Services Department of the Longwood Public Library. Our book discussion will take place after school in the library at the **Longwood Junior High School**.

The snacks provided may not be suitable for those with food allergies.

This program will take place in the library at the Longwood Junior High School.
A late bus will be provided at 4:00 pm, but you must be registered to attend.

Teen Community Service Opportunities

If you need community service hours or if you just like the idea of helping others, sign up for a fun program:

Drop In Community Service Spend some time in True North working on a variety of projects to help make a difference in our community! Call the True North Reference Desk at (631) 924-6400 x249 to schedule a one-hour time slot. Teens entering grades 7-12 may schedule one time slot per day and up to two time slots per month.

*Book Review

Read a newly published teen novel and write a brief review, based on our guidelines, which will be published on Facebook! To become a teen reviewer, stop by True North to pick up a community service book review packet and a book from our New Fiction section.

Certificates for 3 hours of community service

Study Buddies

Tuesdays, January 16 – April 24 from 6:00-8:00 pm

Registration is ongoing

This program is open to teens in grades 9-12 only

Earn community service by helping kids in grades K-6 with their homework! To be considered as a Study Buddy, stop by the Teen Services Department to pick up a Study Buddies Application. *Study Buddies* will only be held on days when school is in session, and there will be no Study Buddies on February 20 and April 3.

Community service certificates will be awarded for each session you attend

Life-Sized Candyland Assistance

Tuesday, April 3 from 2:00-4:00 pm (prep)

Wednesday, April 4 from 2:00-4:00 pm (prep)

Friday, April 6 from 5:00-9:00 pm (game)

Saturday, April 7 from 9:30 am-1:00 pm (game)

Registration begins March 1

Sign up to build sets, design costumes, and act a role in the Longwood Public Library's *Life-Sized Candyland* program, in which YOU bring this classic board game to life. Please note that this program is only open to Longwood teens in grades 7-12 who can commit to all sessions (no partial service credit will be given).

Certificate for 15 hours of community service

Seed Spree

Wednesday, February 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Thursday, March 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration is ongoing
Limited to one session per person

Help us sort peas, beans, flowers, and other seeds that will be available to our community's gardeners as part of our seed library!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Craft Kits for Donation

Tuesday, March 6 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Wednesday, March 7 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration is ongoing

Tuesday, April 10 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Wednesday, April 11 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 24

Monday, May 7 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Wednesday, May 9 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 21

Limited to one session per person per month

Help us prepare some simple crafts and activities that will be donated to service agencies in our community!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Decorating to Donate

Monday, March 12 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Thursday, March 15 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Limited to one session per person

Join us to make some spring themed decorations to donate to our local nursing home.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Database Dash

Tuesday, March 13 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 1

Wednesday, May 2 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 11

Learn all about databases that are available to you with your library card and put your new knowledge to the test with a trivia relay race! Then, share what you liked about the databases to help the library promote our online research collection.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Design a Gingerbread Man!

Tuesday, March 20 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Wednesday, March 21 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Limited to one session per person

Design a giant cardboard Gingerbread Man that will be used as a game piece in our *Life-Sized Candyland* program!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Cards for Hospitalized Kids

Thursday, March 22 from 7:00 pm-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Brighten up someone's day with a handmade card and a friendly message!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Operation Gratitude Bracelets

Monday, March 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR

Wednesday, March 28 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 10

Limited to one session per person

Design paracord bracelets that will be sent to soldiers through Operation Gratitude!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Explore It Assistance

Friday, March 30 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm OR 6:00-8:00 pm OR

Saturday, March 31 from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 10

Help the Children's Department with their *Explore It* program by running interactive displays and operating activity stations about different topics when the families arrive for exploration fun!

Certificate for 2 hours of community service

Talking Newsletter

Thursday, April 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

We have a link on our homepage so that visually impaired patrons can click n' listen to our newsletter being read to them. We need teens willing to read the Children's and Young Adult sections of our newsletter out loud while we record you.

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

DIY Dog Toys

Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR Thursday, April 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 28

Limited to one session per person

Design rope toys that will be donated to our local animal shelter!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Gift Bags for Our Troops

Monday, April 23 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR Wednesday, April 25 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 4

Limited to one session per person

Decorate a drawstring sack with appliques and fabric paint. Then create handwritten cards and notes to stuff in the stocking and mail them to troops serving overseas.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Crochet for a Cause

Tuesday, April 24 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins April 4

Learn how to crochet with Teen Services Librarians Ms. Leviness and Mrs. Allen, and create your own blanket square that we will put together and donate!

Certificate for 1.5 hours of community service

Game Buddies

Friday, April 27 from 6:00-7:00 pm

Registration begins April 7

Buddy up with the younger members of our Children's Department for some board game fun!

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Earth Day Everyday

Assistance

Saturday, April 28 from 9:45 am-12:15 pm

Registration begins April 7

Help the library celebrate Earth Day by running simple stations to help kids and community members create seed bundles and design recycled wind chimes.

Certificate for 2.5 hours of community service

Hugs Project

Monday, April 30 from 7:00-8:00 pm OR Tuesday, May 1 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 11

Limited to one session per person

Create a pocket-sized teddy bear to donate to troops serving overseas, who will pass along your gift to children they meet during their daily routines or hospital visits.

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Baking to Donate:

Leprechaun Cupcakes

Monday, March 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration is ongoing

Join the Baking Coach to decorate a St. Patrick's Day themed treat for the residents of our local veteran's home! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Baking to Donate: Basketball Cake Truffles

Monday, April 16 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 28

Decorate sports themed cake truffles with the Baking Coach to donate to our local veteran's home! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Baking to Donate: Cookie Monster Cupcakes

Monday, May 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 25

Cookie Monster loves cookies, and the veterans at our local veteran's home will surely love these character themed cupcakes! *This program may not be suitable for those with food allergies.*

Certificate for 1 hour of community service

Adult Classes

Public Speaking 101

Monday, March 19 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 2

Public speaking is a highly sought-after skill – in fact, if you want to be an executive with your company, an author, a salesperson, a trainer or any other public-facing professional, you're probably going to need to get comfortable with public speaking. Come and listen to Vince Lancelli of *Speak Freely* for ideas on becoming more relaxed with this necessary life skill. You will not have to speak at this program.

Antiques Roadshow "Trash or Treasure"

Sunday, April 8 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 19

Free appraisals on any ONE item for the first 40 patrons

Do you have something that is old, unusual or perhaps even bizarre? Come to the library and meet with Eddie and Jean Costello for a free appraisal and lecture on identifying today's hottest antiques and collectibles.

Career Counseling

Beginning March 20 on Tuesdays from 4:00-7:00 pm AND

Saturdays 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 for an appointment, no walk-ins

Richard Gluck, career advisor, will be available to assist with your resume, give you direction on a new career path, and help you navigate the ever-changing world of job searching.

New York Blood Center Blood Drive

Friday, April 6 from 1:00-7:00 pm

No registration necessary

There is a critical shortage of blood in our area. The entire donation process takes less than an hour, and a single donation can be used to save multiple lives. You may donate if you are at least 17 years old (16 years old with written consent from a parent or legal guardian), weigh at least 110 pounds, and are in good health. If you have further questions, you may contact the New York Blood Center at 1-800-933-BLOOD.

Arts & Crafts

Earring Extravaganza

Tuesday, March 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm

In-person registration begins March 12

Material Fee: \$6 cash, exact change or credit/debit card

Join Juliana for a relaxing and creative evening of jewelry making. Choose from a huge selection of beads to create two pairs of earrings.

Coloring for Adults Spring Theme

Monday, April 9 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Wednesday, April 25 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins on March 20

Have you heard? Coloring isn't just for kids. It stimulates our creativity, promotes wellness, and reduces anxiety. Join us for this relaxing activity with a focus on spring. Music will be played, light refreshments will be served, and supplies will be provided.

Paper Beads

Thursday, April 12 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 26

Make a bracelet by using recycled paper, many choices of beads, silver spacers, and your creativity. Keep your tool and bring home any extra beads you make for future projects.

Music & Entertainment

Elvis

Sunday, April 15 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins April 2

Elvis impersonator Randy Mancini has performed Elvis shows for over 18 years. "It's Now or Never," so "Don't be Cruel"... join us for a great afternoon.

Neal Stuart and the Empire State:

The Ultimate Johnny Maestro Tribute Band

Sunday, May 6 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins April 23

An exciting all-star collaboration of veteran musicians will pay tribute to the music of the late, great Johnny Maestro.

Jamory

Fridays, March 30 and April 13

from 6:30-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 16

This community jam session led by guest artists incorporates a mix of jam and open mic based on musical themes.

Freegal just got even better!

In addition to being able to download up to 5 songs per week, you can now stream up to 3 full hours of music per day ☐ ad free. Call **(631) 924-6400 x250** or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to find out how to begin your musical journey.

Saturday Afternoon Movie

All ages welcome. No registration

Daddy's Home 2 **March 3 at 2:00 pm**

Starring Mark Wahlberg, Will Ferrell, and Mel Gibson. In the sequel to the 2015 global smash, Dusty and Brad have joined forces to provide their kids the perfect Christmas. Their newfound partnership is put to the test when Dusty's old-school, macho dad and Brad's ultra-affectionate and emotional dad arrive just in time to throw the holiday into complete chaos.

(Comedy, PG-13, 99 mins.)

Thor: Ragnarok

April 7 at 2:00 pm

Starring Chris Hemsworth, Tom Hiddleston, and Cate Blanchett. Thor is imprisoned on the other side of the universe and finds himself in a race against time to get back to Asgard to stop Ragnarok, the destruction of his homeworld and the end of Asgardian civilization, at the hands of an all-powerful new threat, the ruthless Hela.

(Action/Adventure, PG-13, 130 mins.)

Watch-a-Movie Wednesday!

Every Wednesday at 2:15 pm

Too busy to watch a movie this weekend? If so, why not...Watch-a-Movie Wednesday?

Every Wednesday at 2:15 pm, the library will show a newly released film for all to enjoy.

Come on in, sit back, and relax to a great film every week... without filling up your weekends!

MARCH/APRIL SELECTIONS...

MARCH 7

Battle of the Sexes

(Comedy, PG-13, 121 mins.)

Starring Emma Stone & Steve Carell

MARCH 14

Loving Vincent

(Animated/Drama, PG-13, 95 mins.)

Starring Douglas Booth & Jerome Flynn

MARCH 21

Geostorm

(Action, PG-13, 109 mins.)

Starring Gerard Butler & Jim Sturgess

MARCH 28

Wonder

(Drama, PG, 113 mins.)

Starring Jacob Tremblay & Julia Roberts

APRIL 4

Oldie but Goodie –

Long Island Reads Selection

October Sky

(Drama, PG, 108 mins.)

Starring Jake Gyllenhaal & Laura Dern

APRIL 11

Roman J. Israel, Esq.

(Drama, PG-13, 122 mins.)

Starring Denzel Washington & Colin Farrell

APRIL 18

Same Kind of Different as Me

(Drama, PG-13, 119 mins.)

Starring Renee Zellweger & Jon Voight

APRIL 25

Murder on the Orient Express (2017)

(Drama, PG-13, 114 mins.)

Starring Kenneth Branagh & Penelope Cruz

Please note that films may be rated PG or PG-13.

Games

Hey! Let's Play!

Fridays from 10:00 am-12:00 pm

No registration is required

Chess? Checkers? Bridge? Canasta? Want to play? Bring along your friends or find others to share a game on Friday mornings. Bring your playing cards, Mah Jongg sets, and other favorites.

Canasta

Mondays, April 16, 23 & 30 from 10:00-11:30 am

Registration begins March 22

Enjoy a beginner or refresher class of this card game that was popular in the 50s and is once again making a big comeback. Played with partners, it is a great way to socialize.

General Defensive Driving

Saturdays, March 10 OR April 14 from 10:00 am-4:00 pm OR

Wednesday and Thursday evenings, March 28 and 29 OR April 25 and 26 from 6:00-9:00 pm

You **MUST** attend both evenings to obtain your certificate

Fee: \$35

Major credit card OR cash, exact change, required at first class

Seniors ages 62+ and veterans pay \$30

Registration is ongoing

Completion of this course helps those who attend to become better, safer drivers and may include a reduction of violation points on your license and a discount on automobile insurance.

Cooking Classes

Titanic Tea

Tuesday, May 1 from 2:00-3:30 pm

Registration begins April 13

Margaret M. Johnson weaves tea history and Titanic lore into a formal three-course menu that includes sandwiches, savorys, scones, tea bread, and decadent sweets, many based on period recipes.

Feel free to bring your own tea cup and saucer.

Farmer's Kitchen

Cooking Class

Wednesday, May 2 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins April 12

Emilie Zaweski from Farmer's Kitchen in Riverhead will demonstrate the many local options of flavorful, healthy cooking for springtime. Emilie will bring a soup along with several other options for fresh farm to table dining.

Noticias con Elma Lugo - Literacy & Multicultural Services Librarian

Conversational Spanish

Mondays, beginning April 9

from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 26

Learn and improve your Spanish language skills in this six-week session.

Book Discussions

Books will be available at the circulation desk one month prior to the book discussion.

Registration is ongoing and required for the Daytime and Nighttime book discussions

The 2018 LI Reads Selection

Author Event

***Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe* by Mike Massimino**

Sunday, April 15 at 2:00 pm

Event registration begins March 1 online at longislandreads.org

Long Island Reads will honor Mike in person at an award ceremony and author talk at the Patchogue Theatre for the Performing Arts.

Call the Adult Department at

(631) 924-6400 x250 for more information.

Daytime Book Discussion

2018 Long Island Reads Selection

Olive Kitteridge

by Elizabeth Strout

Thursday, March 15 at 3:15 pm

At times stern, at other times patient, at times perceptive, at other times in sad denial, Olive Kitteridge, a retired schoolteacher, deplores the changes in her little town of Crosby, Maine, and in the world at large, but she doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her: a lounge musician haunted by a past romance; a former student who has lost the will to live; Olive's own adult child, who feels tyrannized by her irrational sensitivities; and her husband, Henry, who

finds his loyalty to his marriage both a blessing and a curse. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life—sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty. *Olive Kitteridge* offers profound insights into the human condition—its conflicts, its tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires.

Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe

by Mike Massimino

Thursday, April 19 at 3:15 pm

This is the spellbinding true story of the Long Island boy who became one of our best-known living space travelers. Despite daunting challenges and numerous setbacks, Mike never gave up his dream of becoming an astronaut. His book brings the reader into a rare, wonderful world where nerdy science meets thrilling adventure, and pulls back a curtain on just what it really means to have “the right stuff.”

Nighttime Book Discussion

The 2018 LI Reads Selection

Spaceman: An Astronaut's Unlikely Journey to Unlock the Secrets of the Universe by Mike Massimino

Tuesday, April 3 at 7:00 pm See **Daytime Book Discussion** for details.

In the Midst of Winter by Isabel Allende

Tuesday, May 1 at 7:00 pm

A sweeping novel about three very different people who are brought together in a mesmerizing story that journeys from present-day Brooklyn to recent Guatemala, to 1970s Chile and Brazil. Allende explores the issues of human rights and the plight of immigrants and refugees and she does so with passion, humor, and wisdom that transcends politics.

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REMINDER: March Nighttime Book Discussion

Red Sparrow by Jason Matthews is on March 6 at 7:00 pm

Long Island Flying Eagles

Sunday, April 22 from 2:00-4:00 pm

No registration required

The Long Island Flying Eagles is a club devoted to the hobby of radio-controlled model airplanes. Drop-in between 2:00 and 4:00 pm to see demos featuring pilot instructors, master builders, and commercial drone pilots. **Come by and watch, ask questions, and meet the pilots!**

BOOK MY FAVORITES

Join **Book My Favorites**, a new service for readers that ensures your automatic reservation for upcoming best-selling fiction. We've made a list of popular authors for you to select from – pick as many as you like! When your author publishes a new fiction book, we will place it on hold for you.

- This service is available for LPL cardholders in good standing.
- Reservations will be made on hardcover releases in regular print and large print only.

See the Adult Department for more details.

This service begins on March 1.

Longwood Collective

Preserving Yesterday & Today for Tomorrow

The next theme is “Parades” for March & April

Participating in a local St. Patrick’s Day Parade?

Do you have photos from local Memorial Day, Homecoming, or Longwood school parades?

Share them with us to include in our new **online archive!**

Submit your photos to: **baylesroom@longwoodlibrary.org** and be sure to include all the information you can remember including names, dates, and places.

Check back in May to see our next theme!

Nature & Environment

Birding with the Fish Guy

Thursday, March 22 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 8

Take a look at the sea’s feathered friends with Chris Paparo in this multi-media presentation. Find out which Long Island birds you can observe close to the shore. Learn details about wading birds, waterfowl, and raptors, and where you can go to see them.

Get Ready for Earth Day

Wednesday, April 11 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 23

Do you want to live a more eco-friendly lifestyle? Maybe you just want to find a way to participate and celebrate Earth Day. Join us in our LEED Platinum building for a series of lectures conducted by Town of Brookhaven Environmental Educator Nicole Pocchiare on sustainability, conservation and eco-friendly living. The first discussion in this lecture series will provide information about the importance of being green.

Renewable Energy Resources

Monday, April 16 from 6:30-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 23

Join Gordian Raacke, executive director of Renewable Energy Long Island, for a presentation on solar panels and other renewable energy sources you can use in your home.

From Plankton to Whales

Wednesday, April 18 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Registration begins March 28

With endless stories and photos of fish kills, harmful algae blooms, oil spills, beach closures, etc. filling our daily newsfeeds, it appears that our environment is in a horrific state of doom and gloom. Don’t be discouraged! This program will help you regain your enthusiasm for protecting our marine environment. Learn about some of the fascinating marine life that inhabits the waters of Long Island.

Seed Saving Workshop & Swap

Saturday, March 3 from 10:30 am-12:00 pm

Registration is ongoing

The practice of saving seeds for future use is as old as cultivation. Learn how to retrieve, sort, and store seeds in this workshop led by homestead gardener Julia Priolo. After the discussion, swap seeds with other gardeners, then check out seeds from the seed library!

Benner’s Farm presents

Seed Starting

Saturday, March 24 from 1:00-3:00 pm

Registration begins March 8

Learn the best ways to start your seeds so you can expect beautiful, big plants and veggies later in the season. Take home a six-cell container and six different seeds to start your garden.

Transplanting and Container Gardens
Saturday, April 14 from 2:00-4:00 pm
Registration begins March 28

When your seeds are ready to move out it can be an exciting but confusing time. When and where is it best to transplant? Don't stress; this class will help you with your planting conundrums!

Local History

Preservation Week: April 22-28
Registration begins April 2

Pass It On:

Care and Keeping of Family Photos
Monday, April 23 from 7:00-8:30 pm

This hands-on workshop offers an introduction to the care, digitization, and organization of family photographic materials. Learn about the proper care, handling, and storage of these materials as well as the best practices and guidelines for their digitization process. Participants are encouraged to bring photographs for examination and discussion.

Pass It On: Save Your Stuff

Thursday, April 26 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Learn all about saving files on USB drives, SD cards, external hard drives and more in this one-hour lecture.

Pass It On:

Care and Keeping of Your Family Documents
Friday, April 27 from 7:00-8:30 pm

Many of us have old certificates, diaries, and letters in our personal collections. These paper-based items can deteriorate over time, but making small changes in their storage and handling can have a huge impact on the lifespan of the materials. Join us for a hands-on class to learn simple tips to help you preserve your family papers and photographs for the next generation. Participants are encouraged to bring documents for examination and discussion.

Into the Blue Water:

a Middle Island Boy Goes a-Whaling
Wednesday, May 2 at 7:00 pm
Registration begins April 18

In 1843, Daniel H. Buckingham left Middle Island and set sail on a whaling voyage that took him around the world. Join Dr. Stephen Sanfilippo as he incorporates historic songs and poems to recount the lives of Daniel and other mid-19th century Long Islanders who went whaling out of Sag Harbor and Greenport.

Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, April 21, on the 9:40 am train
from LIRR's Ronkonkoma Train Station
Fee: \$9.75 per ticket round trip

Cash only, exact change please, and no refunds
Ticket sales begin Saturday, March 24 at 9:30 am
at the Circulation Desk. 4 ticket limit per adult
LPL cardholder.

Travel as a group at a reduced rate from the Ronkonkoma Train Station to Penn Station NYC. Please remember that you must sit in the first two cars of the train because you'll be travelling with a library group ticket for the westbound leg of the trip. For your return (eastbound) trip, you may use your ticket for any other train that day and sit wherever you like.

**** Due to potential track work throughout the spring and summer, please check the LIRR website for important updates and schedule changes prior to your trip. ***

SmileAwhile is geared towards patrons with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs. *As with all of our programs, everybody is welcome to attend.*

SmileAwhile

with a Rabbit Habit!

Friday, March 23 from 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Registration begins March 7

Judy Wilson will present on the habitat of our Long Island rabbits. She will bring a basket of baby bunnies along with a springtime craft.

SmileAwhile

at the Movies – **Coco**

Tuesday, May 1 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm

Registration begins April 12

Coco is the story of a young boy who wants to be a musician and somehow finds himself communing with talking skeletons in the land of the dead.

If there are any accommodations you need to make this program more accessible to you, please let us know.

Friends of the Longwood Public Library

The Friends of the Library work in cooperation with the library to provide financial support for programs and special projects that enhance library services to the community.

There are several LPL programs that are totally or partially supported by the Friends membership dues and fundraising activities.

Please consider joining the Friends to support our endeavors!

You can find a membership form online at longwoodlibrary.org or at the library's Circulation Desk

Health & Wellbeing

Spring into Beginner's Yoga

Fridays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 2:30-3:30 pm

Registration begins March 1

If you are brand new to yoga or want to reconnect with the basics, this is the perfect class for you. We will explore basic postures (asana) to get you moving and breathing techniques (pranayama) to deepen your breath capacity. Please bring a yoga mat and water bottle.

Meditation:

An Antidote to Stress

Wednesday, March 14 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration is ongoing

Join John Bednarik to explore the healing power of meditation and learn how to create peace in your life in spite of the stress around you. This simple technique can be practiced daily for health, serenity, and joy.

Lavender Bath Bomb

Monday, March 19 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 3

Make a lavender bath bomb with the Modern Primal Soap Company. Inspire your senses and renew yourself in the fragrant setting of herbal lavender.

Soap Making

Thursday, April 5 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 20

Carly McAllister of Modern Primal Soap Company will demonstrate how to make and pour soap including information on proper safety techniques and equipment needed to make your melt and pour project at home. Attendees will receive soap to take home as well as an instruction sheet with a recipe.

Body Butter

Tuesday, April 17 from 7:00-8:00 pm

Registration begins March 26

Body butter is beautifully smooth cream you can use any time of year. Learn how to create body butters and incorporate essential oils for physical and emotional wellbeing with Tara Penske, Certified Aromatherapist.

Savvy Seniors - A Special Section For Older Adults

Blood Pressure Screening

Fridays, March 2, April 6 and May 4 from 10:30-11:30 am

No registration required

A representative from St. Charles Hospital will offer free blood pressure screenings for adults upstairs in a study room.

HICAP Medicare/Medicaid Assistance

Monday, March 5

Tuesdays, April 3 and May 1

from 10:00 am-2:30 pm

Call (631) 924-6400 x250 for appointment No walk-ins.

This free, confidential counseling service is available to assist you with your entitlement benefits.

Medicaid Enrollment

Assistance for Aged, Blind, and Disabled

Tuesdays, March 6 and 27

Tuesdays, April 3 and 24 from 12:00-4:00 pm

First-come, first-served

No appointment necessary

Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council's facilitated enrollers will assist the aged, blind, and disabled populations to enroll into the following programs: Medicaid, Medicaid Buy-In for Working People with Disabilities (MBI-WPD), Medicaid Spend-Down, Medicare Savings (MSP), and Medicaid for Institutional Care in a Nursing Home. For more information, please call the Nassau-Suffolk Hospital Council at (631) 435-3000.

AARP Smart Driver Course

Monday, March 12 from 10:00 am-4:30 pm

30-minute lunch break; please bring your lunch

Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and April 11 from 6:00-9:00 pm

You MUST attend both sessions to receive your certificate

Fee: \$20 for AARP members; \$25 non-members

Check or money order, payable to AARP, due at first class

Registration is ongoing

AARP's program is a refresher driving course designed for motorists age 50 and over.

Taproot

Mondays, March 19–May 21 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Fee: \$70

All participants must pay in advance.

Download the form here <http://bit.ly/2k80PcM> and mail directly to Taproot

Taproot is a writing workshop for persons age 55 and over.

The Benefits of Advance

Funeral Planning

Thursday, March 22 from 10:00-11:00 am

Registration begins March 8

When you plan ahead for loved ones, you have true peace of mind knowing everything has been taken care of. Topics for this presentation include benefits of advance funeral planning, Medicaid as relating to pre-planning, veterans' benefits as well as a brief discussion on the ten mistakes to avoid.

Headline News

Wednesdays, March 28 and April 25 from 2:00-4:00 pm

Registration begins March 13

John Merenda discusses today's current events.

Free Technology Classes

All Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Publisher classes are taught using Microsoft Office 2010 programs

Out-of-district patrons can register a week before the program date

Computer class registration is ongoing

Introduction to Microsoft Word

Wednesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisite: Basic computer experience

Learn the basics of word processing including creating a document, saving, editing, formatting and much more.

Staying Safe Online

Tuesday, March 20 at 10:00 am

Learn how to stay safe online by protecting your personal information and avoiding common Internet scams.

Windows 10

Tuesday, March 20 at 7:00 pm

Windows 10 is the latest version of Microsoft's operating system for PCs and tablets. Learn the basics of this operating system.

Streaming 101:

Cable TV Alternatives

Wednesday, March 21 at 7:00 pm

Roku, Amazon Firestick, Chromecast, Apple TV: there are more options than ever for watching television! In this one-hour lecture, we'll guide you through different streaming programs and services so you can make the best choice.

Google Drive

Monday, March 26 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisite: Must have a Gmail address to attend this class

Learn how to create, edit, and share online documents using Google's ever-evolving word processing, spreadsheet, and presentation programs. You must have a Gmail address to attend this class.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, April 4 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisite: Basic computer experience

Learn the basics of the world's most popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more.

Adobe Photoshop Elements

Monday, April 16 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisite: Basic computer experience

Are you interested in graphic design or digital art? Learn how to use Adobe Photoshop Elements in this hands-on class!

Tech Thursdayss

Open Lab is every Thursday from 10:00 am-1:00 pm

Did you attend one of our classes or one-on-one appointments, but you still need to practice the skills you learned? Need help searching the Internet, applying for a job or using Microsoft Word?

Come to the computer lab, where we will have an instructor on hand to assist you with whatever you are working on.

No need to register, just drop in!

SPRING CLEANING!

These tech programs will help you get organized – online and in real life!

Craigslist 101

Thursday, March 22 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisite: Computer Basics: Getting Started or basic computer skills

Looking for a job, an apartment, or someone to buy your old sofa? Craigslist can help! Learn how to use this free online classifieds tool to buy and sell goods, apply for jobs, and much more!

iCloud for the iPhone and iPad

Thursday, April 5 at 7:00 pm

What is iCloud? In this short lecture and demonstration, learn more about cloud storage, iCloud and how to use it to free up space on your device.

Organizing your Gmail Inbox

Tuesday, April 17 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisite: Must have a Gmail address to attend this class

Flooded with emails? Learn how to take control of your inbox in this lecture!

How to be an eBay Seller

Wednesday, April 18 at 7:00 pm

Prerequisites: Familiarity with eBay, comfort with computers

You've been shopping on eBay and now you're ready to sell. How do you set up an eBay seller's account? How do you describe your items? How much will it cost? How do you get a picture online? These questions and many more will be answered in this class.

Save Your Stuff

Thursday, April 26 at 7:00 pm

Learn all about saving files on USB drives, SD cards, external hard drives and more in this lecture.

GALE Courses

FREE online classes for LPL card holders available anytime, anywhere, and through a variety of devices — perfect for busy lifestyles and different learning styles. Gale Courses is well-suited for people who want a self-paced learning environment and engagement with fellow students and instructor.

Features include:

- On-the-go, mobile-friendly classroom environment
- 365+ online courses available 24/7

- Classes are 6 weeks long and new courses begin each month
 - Courses focus on professional development, technology skills, and personal enrichment
 - Professionally taught by college instructor
 - Certificate of completion is awarded
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Gale Small Business Builder

Step-by-step guidance for:

- **New entrepreneurs**
- **Experienced small business owners**
- **Those starting or running a nonprofit**

Gale Small Business Builder is a step-by-step online planning tool for starting, managing and optimizing a business or nonprofit. The program's intuitive dashboard walks users through five areas of exploration in order to develop a business plan focused on long-term success. Gale Small Business Builder is equipped with popular, proven business planning tools and templates to assist users in creating documents and other deliverables such as a Lean Canvas, Break-Even Analysis, Lean Business Plan, a variety of financial statements, and more.

- Genealogy -

Did My Great-Grandmother Have a Family?

Saturday, April 21 from 11:00 am-12:30 pm

Registration begins April 3

Do you have a "floating" female ancestor who cannot be attached to a larger tree? This case study will demonstrate ways to break through that brick wall with problem-solving strategies utilizing records, oral history, photographs, DNA, mapping, and cluster techniques.