



The

December 2019

LIBRARY

The Newsletter of the Northport-East Northport Public Library

FOR ADULTS



Pajama and Book Collection



December 1-30

Help local children and teens keep warm and cozy this winter *and* enjoy a good read! Please donate **new** pajamas—sizes infant, child, or teen—and a **new** book to go along with them. All donations will be given to the Family Service League for distribution to area families and individuals in need. Drop off your donations at the display table in the lobby of either Library building through December 30.

Open to all

Vaccines 101: Q & A with a Pediatrician

(N) Monday, December 2, 11:00 a.m.

Many parents have questions about their children's vaccines. Dr. Allison Driansky of Northwell Health will answer your questions so that you can make informed decisions regarding immunizing your child according to CDC recommendations. The vaccine schedule, how vaccines work, and the diseases that vaccines can protect against will be discussed.

Mental Health First Aid

(N) Mondays, December 2 & 9, 5:30-9:30 p.m.

(must attend both sessions)

Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This 8-hour training is for anyone 18 years and older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem, and help connect them to the appropriate care. Registration is underway. (NENR229) *This program is cosponsored by the Northport-East Northport Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force.*

Open to all

Census Job Workshop

(N) Tuesday, December 3, 11:00 a.m.

The U. S. Census Bureau is hiring temporary workers for the 2020 Census. In this workshop led by a U. S. Census Bureau Partnership Specialist you will learn about employment opportunities and receive assistance with the online application.

Open to all

Social Work Intern Available for Consultations

**(EN) Tuesdays, December 3, 17,
1:00-5:00 p.m.**

**(N) Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18,
10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**

A Social Work intern from Stony Brook University's School of Social Welfare will be available to assist with information and referrals for social services including mental health, substance abuse, unemployment, housing, support groups, and more. Open to all. Call or visit the Adult Reference Desk for details.



Open to all

Family Service League

**(EN) Wednesday, December 4,
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**



Representatives from Family Service League will be available to answer questions about the programs this organization provides from its various locations across Long Island.

Open to all

Grief Through the Holidays

(N) Wednesday, December 4, 3:00 p.m.

Holidays can be particularly difficult for individuals who have experienced a loss. Join our Social Work Intern for a guided activity to help process and manage your thoughts and feelings. Information and referrals regarding local services will also be available.

Inside: More Programs for Adults, Teens, and Children

FOR ADULTS

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Route 25A: Long Island's Country Road

(N) Thursday, December 5, 2:00 p.m.

Route 25A runs from the very western parts of Long Island in Queens all the way to its terminus in Calverton. This often scenic, sometimes bustling, road is a part of the fabric of life on Long Island. Join Eco-Photo Explorers for a fast-paced tour of Long Island's country road and learn how it has contributed to the history and culture of our home.



On-Your-Own Train Trip to New York City



(N) Saturday, December 7, 9:19 a.m.

Departure from Northport Station, Round Trip \$12 per person

Take in the sights and sounds of New York City! Meet a Library staff member at the station house at 9:00 a.m. (transfer at Huntington). Your return ticket is good on any Northport-bound train that leaves Penn Station before midnight.

A nonrefundable \$12 fee (cash or check payable to *The Friends of the Library*) is due at the time of registration. In person registration is underway. (NENA865)

Open to all

The Karpenteers: Carpenters Holiday Show

(N) Sunday, December 8, 2:00 p.m.

The Karpenteers, well known for bringing you the unforgettable music of the Carpenters, will thrill you with their holiday show. The Karpenteers will fill your hearts with memories as they perform some of the most popular holiday songs recorded by the Carpenters from their endeared Holiday Collections as well as some favorite year-round melodies from the '60s and '70s.



Open to all

Hygge: The Year of Living Danishly

(N) Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.

There is a reason the Danes are consistently voted the "happiest people on earth." Come and learn about the Danish philosophy of embracing the seasons while enjoying every moment with friends and family. Cozy up your living spaces and workplace. Adjust your mindset to live a happy and healthy life—it's easy to do! Authentic recipes will be shared.

Open to all

Medicine Collection

(N & EN) Wednesday, December 11, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

The Northport Police Department and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office will collect unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. Proper disposal of these items is essential for risk reduction and environmental protection. No questions asked and no personal information is required.

Northport: Items in pill form only. **East Northport:** Items in pill form as well as hypodermic needles and liquids. The hypodermic needles must be stored in a heavy-duty plastic container with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid and labeled "sharps." This event is co-sponsored by the Northport-East Northport Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force.



Medicare Counseling

(EN) Wednesday, December 11, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, or 11:30 a.m. (NENA869)

(N) Tuesday, December 17, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, or 11:00 a.m. (NENA870)

A volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program (HIICAP) will answer questions one-on-one about Medicare and supplementary insurance by appointment. Registration begins December 2.

Open to all

Northport Arts Coalition presents Acoustic Apple: "Two Guitars & Two Voices"

(N) Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 p.m.

Stephen Angliss and Gary Schoenberger have been performing their interpretations of folk songs, popular melodies, and Americana tunes across Long Island for years. Some of the songs may be familiar, some less well-known, and the audience is always invited to sing along.

Open to all

Holiday Concert

(N) Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.

Enjoy festive holiday music performed by the talented members of the Northport-East Northport UFSD Middle School's districtwide Chamber Ensemble, under the direction of Jon Preddice and Anthony Tramontana.



Open to all

Author Visit and Poetry Reading Featuring Elizabeth Macaluso

(N) Saturday, December 14, 11:00 a.m.

Join local author and poet Elizabeth Macaluso as she describes her writing process and reads from her recently-published book *The Lighthouse*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and signing.



Open to all

Long Island reSound Handbell Ensemble

(N) Sunday, December 15, 2:00 p.m.

Celebrating five years together, the Long Island reSound Handbell Ensemble is proud to present their "Five Golden Rings" Holiday Concert. Join us as we help ring in the holiday with some of your favorite Christmas Carols.



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Rating America's Presidents

(N) Tuesday, December 17, 2:00 p.m.

Michael D'Innocenzo, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Hofstra University, will lead this final session in his series based on the 2019 C-SPAN book *The Presidents*.

Open to all

Changing Brains: New Therapies in Migraines

(N) Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.

Headache disorders are among the most common causes of disability worldwide. Migraines affect nearly 12% of the population. Dr. Noah Rosen of Northwell Health will discuss the different types of headaches, review the current understanding of migraines, and update participants on the latest treatments available.

Holiday Star Sugar Cookie Tree

(N) Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

In this program, adults will have a chance to assemble and decorate a holiday cookie tower tree from prebaked star-shaped sugar cookies of varying sizes. The Baking Coach will supply all of the materials—just bring your holiday spirit! A \$10 nonrefundable materials fee is due at the time of registration. In person registration begins December 2. (NENA867)



Open to all

Funeral Preplanning

(N) Saturday, January 4, 2:00 p.m.

New York State Funeral Directors Association (NYSFDA) Board Member Mark J. Nolan will discuss how to preplan and prefund a funeral for yourself or a loved one, important documents to gather, types of accounts, and other important details to consider.

Falun Dafa Exercise Class

(N) Fridays, January 10, 17, 24, 31, 11:00 a.m.

This four-part series led by a representative from the Long Island Chinese Culture Presentation Team will introduce a traditional practice that uses easy-to-learn exercises and meditation to promote physical health, mental balance, and inner peace. Registration begins December 20. (NENA868) As with all exercise programs, please check with your healthcare provider before registering.

Maximize Your Career Potential

(EN) Monday, January 13, 7:00 p.m.

Former personnel and recruiting managers Stephanie Ragolia and Libby Yoskowitz will help you start the New Year with tips for directing your career path. Learn how to build a resume, write a cover letter, and hone your interview skills. This presentation is ideal for recent college graduates as well as seasoned professionals who are contemplating a career move. Registration begins December 23. (NENR231)

Computer Classes



Hands On

Computers for Home Use: Microsoft Excel

(N) Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Learn how to use Microsoft Excel to manage your personal finances. Create a check register and format it for bank reconciliation, track investments and expenses, and create a simple database. Basic knowledge of Excel is required. Registration is underway. (NENC320)

SeniorNet:

Introduction to Microsoft Windows 10

(EN) Tuesday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.

See a demonstration of the Microsoft Windows 10 Operating System that runs on desktops, laptops, and tablets. Learn about key features and how to personalize your computer's display and tools. Registration is underway. (NENC321)

All About Craigslist

(N) Tuesday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.

Would you like to buy or sell items on the popular classified advertising website Craigslist.org? This lecture will cover the basics of account creation, checking reliability of sellers and buyers, online safety, and more. Registration is underway. (NENC330)



AARP Smart Driver Course

(EN) Wednesdays, December 4 & 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

In person registration is underway at the East Northport Library only. (NENA866) Fee: \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for nonmembers) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.

(EN) Saturday, January 18, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

In person registration begins December 30 at the East Northport Library only. (NENA871) Fee: \$20 for AARP members (\$25 for nonmembers) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.

Defensive Driving

(N) Saturday, December 7, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Applications are currently available in both library buildings. Fee: \$36

(EN) Tuesdays, January 7 & 14, 7:00-10:00 p.m.

Applications will be available in both library buildings beginning December 17. Fee: \$36

Please note: These courses promote safe driving and help participants maintain their driving skills. Check with your insurance company about the specific premium and point reductions available.

FOR ADULTS

Friday Movies

The Peanut Butter Falcon
Fridays, (N) December 6, and
(EN) December 13, 2:00 p.m.

A young man with Down syndrome, runs away from the nursing home where he lives to chase his dream of becoming a professional wrestler, and Tyler, a small-time outlaw on the run, becomes Zak's unlikely coach and ally.
Rated PG-13. 97 minutes.

Blinded By the Light
Fridays, (N) December 20, and
(EN) December 27, 2:00 p.m.

In England in 1987, a British teen of Pakistani descent learns to live his life, understand his family, and find his own voice through the music of American rock star Bruce Springsteen.
Rated PG-13. 118 minutes.

Closed captioning will be displayed.

There Is Nothing Like a Dame: Judi Dench

(N) Tuesday, December 3, 2:00 p.m.

Join lecturer Marc Courtade as he presents the life and career of Dame Judi Dench. She has been a major force in British theatre for over 60 years, has starred on television in two hit series, and has been nominated for seven Academy Awards. Dench remains one of the most highly respected actresses of the post-war era and, in her eighties, shows no signs of stopping.

Beyond Downton Abbey: Gilded Age Society in New York & London

(N) Tuesday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.

Presenter Marilyn Carminio will examine three decades of high society on both sides of the Atlantic—beginning in 1870's New York and concluding with the Edwardian Era in London—and the intricate social codes of conduct that defined proper etiquette for ladies and gentlemen of the period. Learn about the influence of the Astors and Vanderbilts in New York, and the American "Dollar Princesses" in England who exchanged money for titles.

Adult Winter Reading Club



ESL Game Night

(EN) Tuesday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Looking to practice and improve your English language skills? Join in a fun-filled evening playing games and making new friends. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome. Registration begins November 25. (NENR230)

Dynamic English

(EN) Thursdays, December 5 & 19, 7:00 p.m.

Develop your English vocabulary, grammar, reading, and pronunciation with this friendly conversation group. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome. Registration is underway. (NENR227)

Quick Reads

(EN) Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.

This informal reading group is designed for intermediate English language learners and for those who would like to develop their literacy skills. Pick up this month's reading selection at the East Northport Circulation Desk.

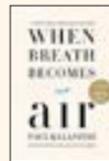


Copies of the discussion books are available at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

Truth Be Told

(N) Thursday, December 5, 7:00 p.m.

Our nonfiction group will discuss *When Breath Becomes Air* by Paul Kalanithi.



Page Turners

(N) Thursday, December 12, 2:00 p.m.

The group will discuss *Tiffany Blues* by M.J. Rose.



Novel Ideas

(N) Monday, December 30, 7:00 p.m.

The group will discuss *Meet Me at the Museum* by Anne Youngson.



Blood Pressure Check

Wednesday, December 4,

(N) 9:30-10:30 a.m. &
(EN) 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

A nurse from Visiting Nurse Service is available to provide a blood pressure check.



FOR TEENS

Registration for the following Teen Programs and Volunteer Opportunities begins December 3.

Chill Out and Create: Festive Holiday DIY Surprise Balls

(N) Wednesday, December 4, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(NENY623)

(N) Wednesday, December 11, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(NENY624)

Learn how to make handmade trinket surprise balls out of paper streamers to give as gifts for the upcoming holiday season.

Socrates Café

(N) Wednesday, December 4, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Our philosophy club is a great opportunity for teens to delve into life's big questions in an enthusiastic atmosphere of free thinking, energetic exchange, and unique perspectives. Food for thought (refreshments) will be served. (NENY613)

Snack Around the World: Italy

(N) Friday, December 6, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Come join our Friday night teen program where we try different snacks and beverages from around the world. This month we will explore the culinary treats of Italia! (NENY625)

LEGO Boost Star Wars R2D2 Robotics and Programming Workshop

(N) Saturday, December 7, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Learn how to build a LEGO R2D2 and program it to move. (NENY626)

Nintendo Night: Luigi's Mansion

(N) Friday, December 13, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

If you love Nintendo, you will not want to miss this monthly meet up. We will discuss Nintendo games old and new, make fun gamer crafts, and participate in gaming competitions for prizes. This month we will be celebrating Luigi's Mansion for the Nintendo Switch. (NENY627)



Ugly Sweater Cookie Party

(N) Saturday, December 14, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Embrace the ugly holiday sweater trend by joining The Baking Coach and decorating ugly sweater cookies using sugar glaze, fondant, and royal icing. (NENY630)



Gingerbread Houses

(EN) Tuesday, December 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Enjoy building a gingerbread house using cookie cutouts, icing, and lots of candy! Each teen will go home with a completed gingerbread house to share with family and friends! (NENY631)



Teen Writers Workshop

Open to students in grades 8-12

(N) Friday, December 20, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Do you love to write? Join fellow writers to discuss your ideas and get feedback on your work. New members are always welcome. (NENY628)

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Open to students in grades 7-12

You may choose one volunteer opportunity in addition to Teen Advisory Board.

Teen Advisory Board: Local History Project

(EN) Monday, December 9, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Enjoy taking photos? We are looking for teens to take photos of buildings and places in our community and then submit them to the Library's Local History Department. Earn one hour of credit for attending the meeting and an additional hour for taking and submitting photos. (NENY632)

Kindness Rocks

(EN) Tuesday, December 10, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

(NENY635)

(N) Saturday, December 21, 2:00-3:00 p.m.

(NENY636)

Pass on a positive message and give someone a reason to smile by decorating rocks with kind words and colorful designs.

Chess Club Volunteers

(N) Thursday, December 12, 6:45-8:00 p.m.

Earn volunteer credit as you help children play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required. (NENY633)

Crafty Teens

(EN) Saturday, December 14, 2:45-4:15 p.m.

Help children create a craft. (NENY634)

Winter Wonderland Pop-Up Craft Volunteers

(EN) Thursday, December 19, 3:45-5:45 p.m.

Assist children with a winter-themed craft. (NENY638)

Noon Year's Eve Party Volunteers

(N) Monday, December 30, 10:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m.

Celebrate New Year's Eve with a countdown to noon! Help children with games, crafts, music, snacks, and more to ring in the New Year. (NENY637)



FOR CHILDREN

Babies Boogie

(EN) Wednesday, December 4, 10:00 a.m.
Registration is underway. (NENJ824)
(EN) Friday, January 10, 10:00 a.m.
Registration begins December 19. (NENJ854)
Children 6-23 months with adult; siblings welcome
Your little musician will be singing and moving to songs from around the world and keeping the beat with props and musical instruments. (45 min.)

Toddlers Tango

(EN) Wednesday, December 4, 11:00 a.m.
Registration is underway. (NENJ826)
(EN) Friday, January 10, 11:00 a.m.
Registration begins December 19. (NENJ855)
Children 2-4 years with adult; siblings welcome
Clap your hands and stomp your feet in this high-energy music and movement program. (45 min.)



Chess Club

(N) Thursday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 2-6
Improve your game by playing matches with other children and teen volunteers. Players may enter a raffle for a chess set made using our 3D printer! (45 min.)

Gingerbread House Wars

(N) Friday, December 13, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades 4-6
Teams will compete and create gingerbread houses using graham crackers, candy canes, gum drops, and more! Prizes and certificates will be awarded to the winning teams. (60 min.) Registration is underway. (NENJ840)



Crayons, Scissors, and Glue

(EN) Saturday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.
Children 3 years and up with adult; siblings welcome
Enjoy a room full of seasonal craft projects to make and take home. (60 min.)

Newbery Book Club

(N) Tuesday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 4 and up
Nominate your favorite book as we set the ballot for our Mock Newbery election on January 21. Check the Newbery Book Club page on the Library's website for a list of books the Club members have been reading this year. (60 min.) New members are always welcome.



Paper Skyscraper

(N) Thursday, December 19, 10:00 a.m.
Children 2-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Children will practice fine motor skills as they design and build with crystal blocks as well as create a skyscraper craft, including Spiderman on the top! (60 min.) Registration begins December 5. (NENJ849)

**Children's Room
December Display:
The Gift of Reading**



Books a Poppin'

(N & EN) Fridays, December 6, 13, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Stop by for this drop-in storytime and have fun in this interactive program for families. (30 min.)

Sensory Fun

(N) Monday, December 9, 11:00 a.m.
Children 3-6 years with adult; siblings welcome
Participate with your child in a storytime followed by a hands-on experience designed to stimulate the senses. (45 min.)

Comfy Cozy Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, December 10, 7:00 p.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Get your cozy on at the Library as we read classics and dance to fan favorites! (30 min.)

Block Party!

(N) Wednesday, December 11, 10:00 a.m.
Children 1-4 years with adult; siblings welcome
Children learn to use their minds as well as their muscles while having fun building with various blocks and playing with other children. (45 min.)



Baby Signing Time

(N) Thursday, December 12, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-23 months with adult; siblings welcome
Learn some basic signs with your baby to enhance their developing communication skills. (45 min.) Registration is underway. (NENJ841)

FOR CHILDREN

The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up the December bookmark by Marco Giurlanda. A reading list compiled by Children's Librarians is on the back.



Winter Wonderland Pop-Ups

(EN) Thursday, December 19, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades 2-5
A professional artist provides step-by-step instructions to create a spectacular pop-up card to celebrate the beauty of winter. (90 min.) Registration begins December 5. (NENJ850)

Paws to Read

(N) Friday, December 20, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, or 7:15 p.m.
Children in grades 1-5
Dogs are great listeners and provide a calming environment for kids to read aloud. Fetch a good book and sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a certified therapy dog. Registration begins December 5. (NENJ851)

Monday Movie and Craft: The Polar Express



(EN) Monday, December 23, 3:00 p.m.
Suggested for children 5 years and up with adult; siblings welcome
The lights are up, the sound is down and kids are free to move around. Come see a holiday favorite and create a craft inspired by the movie. All are welcome to attend. Rated PG. (115 min.)

Calm, Cool, and Connected

(N) Friday, December 27, 3:00 p.m.
Children in grades 3-5
Children will enjoy learning simple mindfulness and relaxation techniques. Stress-reducing exercises help kids focus, develop better study habits, prevent boredom, and build self-esteem. (45 min.)

Noon Year's Eve Party

(N) Monday, December 30, 11:00 a.m.
Children 4 years and up with adult; siblings welcome
Celebrate New Year's Eve with a countdown to noon! We will have games, crafts, music, snacks, and more to ring in the New Year. (60 min.)



Registration for Children's and Teen Programs is limited to Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders. Preference is given to NENPL cardholders for Adult programs and Children's drop-in programs.



Congratulations to Fifth Avenue Elementary School for winning the Summer Reading Recognition Award for the fourth year in a row! The school had the highest percentage of students participate in the 2019 summer reading program *A Universe of Stories!*

Library Director James Olney presents the award to Principal Thomas Harrison. Head of Children and Family Services Lisa Herskowitz and School Librarian Rosemary Becker were also present.

Snow Babies

(EN) Monday, January 6, 10:00 a.m.
Children 6-23 months with adult; no siblings
Develop your child's early literacy and gross motor skills in this active music and movement program. (30 min.) Registration begins December 19. (NENJ856)

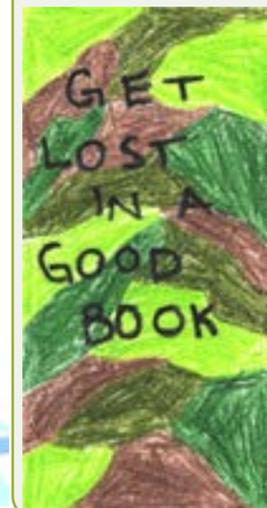
BenAnna Band Family Concert

(N) Thursday, January 9, 10:00 a.m.
Children 2-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Kids will go bananas for this high-energy musical duo that will have them singing, dancing, and playing along on instruments. (45 min.) Registration begins December 19. (NENJ858)



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The newsletter is available in Large Print.

Northport Gallery Exhibit

"The Sea" and Other Recent Work
by Sal Gentile

Acrylic and pen/pencil on paper and canvas.

East Northport Gallery Exhibit

Illuminated Christmas on the East End
by Kathryn Odell-Hamilton

Framed photography.

Art Talk

(EN) Friday, December 6, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

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(N) 631-261-6930 • (EN) 631-261-2313
or check the Library website: www.nenpl.org



PHOTOGRAPH & POSTCARD DIGITAL COLLECTION

New York Heritage Digital Collections contains historic photographs and postcards of the Northport-East Northport Library community. This collection is available for viewing on our library website: www.nenpl.org

Speaking of Writing

On October 24, the Teen Services Department welcomed acclaimed author Tony Abbott to its 28th Annual Speaking of Writing Distinguished Author Visit. Approximately 200 students from our district's middle schools learned about Mr. Abbott's life, writing process, and books. After his presentation, the students were able to ask questions and speak with the author.

View the complete list of distinguished authors who have participated in the Speaking of Writing program inspiring thousands of middle school students over the years:

www.nenpl.org/teens/speakingofwriting

