Friday, May 8, 7:30 p.m. **Northport Public Library**

Defibrillators

Aging Baby Boomers now have a band whose music reflects their refusal to grow old gracefully. As pioneers of Senior Citizen Rock and Blue-Haired Blues, The Defibrillators poke good-natured fun at the foibles of aging with their contagious blues-based rock originals. Billing themselves as "the World's Oldest Boy Band," The Defibs show they can kick it as energetically (if not as high as) any of the young bands on the scene. The Defibrillators have become a mainstay at the Riverhead Blues Festival, the Cedar Beach Blues Festival, and the Huntington Fall Festival. With humor, compassion, great musicianship, and splendic live performances, The Defibrillators will jump-start your heart and revive your spirit. Free tickets are avail able April 11 at both library buildings. (NENA047)



Book-A-Trip

Nemours Mansion & Gardens in Wilmington, Delaware

Wednesday, June 10, 2009

Departure: 7:15 a.m. from the William J. Brosnan building parking lot (across from Northport Library) **Return:** 8:30 p.m.

Cost: \$83 per person (checks only, non-refundable,

payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library) **Itinerary:** Our morning begins with a visit to scenic

Peddlers Village, followed by lunch at the Cock 'n Bull Restaurant. In the afternoon we will tour Nemours, the 300-acre country estate of the late industrialist Alfred I. duPont. Located on the grounds of the renowned Alfred I. duPont Hospital for Children in Wilmington, Delaware, the mansion and gardens were re-opened in 2008 following a \$39 million restoration.

Ticket sale: Saturday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. at Northport Library. Ticket limit: 2 per patron on the first day of sale. N-EN Library card required. (NENA048)

"Long Island Wait Till Next Year

Book Discussion

(N) Monday, April 27, 7:30 p.m. In April our Library will join with public libraries

throughout Long Island to read and discuss Wait Till Next Year by Doris Kearns Goodwin. The Pulitzer Prize-winning historian wrote this personal memoir of growing up with

baseball and books on Long Island. When she was six, Goodwin's father taught her how to keep score for "their team," the Brooklyn Dodgers. Goodwin's mother shared with her a love of reading. The setting is the fifties when baseball was truly the national pastime and Kearns includes stories of baseball's greats—Jackie Robinson, Roy Campanella, Peewee Reese, and Gil Hodges. The Cold War, the Rosenberg trial, and the McCarthy hearings are also part of her coming of age story.

Doris Kearns Goodw

Join Librarians Deborah Formosa and Michelle Epstein for a book discussion and readings from this tender and entertaining book. Pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk at either library building.

Northport Arts Coalition presents Northport Cello Rhapsodies: A Teacher and His Students (N) Wednesday, April 22, 7:00 p.m.

Almost 15 years ago, Dustin Bartley began playing the cello in the Northport-East Northport school district's summer music program. Later he returned to the district as a teacher. Through that program and other musical opportunities in the community, students and aspiring teachers are able to share in the wonderful experience of making music. In honor of the Northport Arts Coalition's anniversary, this performance celebrates the influence that the community has had on the musical development of both teacher and student. No registration required.

M.J. Sullivan, Author of Necessary Heartbreak (EN) Tuesday, May 5,

7:30 p.m.

Does time heal all wounds? That is the question that Northport author M.J. Sullivan

poses in his debut novel Necessary Heartbreak. Equal parts mystery, romance, and spiritual journey, the novel tells the story of a single father and his 13-year-old daughter who are transported to ancient Jerusalem. Mr. Sullivan is a sports journalist who has written for The Sporting News, New York Post, and New York Newsday. He will discuss the writing and self-publishing process and copies of Necessary Heartbreak will be available for purchasing and signing. No registration required.



Current Events in Perspective (N) Tuesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

Join Michael D'Innocenzo, professor of history at Hofstra University, to explore significant national and international developments. Mr. D'Innocenzo is the 2008 winner of the American Historical Association's Distinguished Teaching Award. All attending the program are welcome to share their views. No registration required.

Short Story Central (N) Tuesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

This month we will focus on stories from Above the Houses by Susan Engberg. Please pick up your copies of the stories at the Circulation Desk in either library

Novel Ideas

(N) Monday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

This month we take a look at The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao by Junot Díaz. Please pick up your copy of the book at the Northport Library Circulation

Job Search & Interviewing Techniques

(EN) Thursday, April 2, 7:00 p.n An instructor from Sharper

Training Solutions will help you hone your job search skills and get ready for your next interview. Topics will include responding to job ads, pre-interview research, interview techniques, and follow-up. The workshop will include time for some interview role-playing. No registration required.



Do-ing Music presents Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble (N) Friday, April 24, 7:30 p.m.

The Northport Arts Coalition, in cooperation with the Library, is pleased to present Northport's premier chamber ensemble of flute, harp, and strings. Exciting new pieces will be featured including a transcribed Latin piece exclusively arranged for Canta Libre, as well as an ethereal work by the brilliant French composer Daniel-Lesur. A meetthe-artists reception will follow. Free tickets are available April 6 at both library buildings. (NENA049)

Give Yourself the Gift of Health

(EN) Thursday, April 23, 7:30 p.m. Would you like to learn how to

change the harmful eating habits that get in your way of living a healthful life? Registered dietician Susan Miller will show you the importance of when, what, and how much to eat. She will discuss topics such as why regular eating is so important, creating realistic goals, and using behavioral therapy to "give yourself the gift of health." No registration

Internet User Group

(N) Wednesday, April 1, 7:30 p.m. Share your favorite websites and exchange ideas. All are welcome.

Hands-on Microsoft Excel 2007

(EN) Tuesday, April 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Register April 7 at either library building.

In this hands-on class you will create spreadsheets using the newest version of Microsoft Excel. A non-refundable \$5 fee is payable at registration. (NENC026)

Digital Photography 102 (N) Wednesday, April 29, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Register April 10 at either library building.

This class is the sequel to the Digital 101 class The class will cover color settings, white balance, exposure control, depth of field, and techniques to get the best photos out of your camera. (NENC020)

Computer Kindergarten

(N) Thursday, April 16, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon Register April 4 at either library building.

This slow-paced, hands-on workshop covers using the mouse and the Windows desktop, opening programs, and saving files. A non-refundable \$5 fee is payable at registration. (NENC003)

Computer First Grade

(EN) Tuesday, April 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Register April 10 at either library building.

This follow-up to Computer Kindergarten introduces word processing and working with text and files. A non-refundable \$5 fee is payable at registration. (NENC006)

Computer Second Grade

(EN) Thursday, May 7, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Register April 13 at either library building.

Learn how to create spreadsheets and workbooks, input and edit data, use formulas and functions, and work with columns and rows. A non-refundable \$5 fee is payable at registration. (NENC008)

FOR ADULTS

Defensive Driving

(EN) Mondays, May 11 & 18, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$35 Applications for this point/insurance reduction safety course are available April 4 at both library buildings.

AARP Driver Safety Program

(N) Monday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Register April 3 at Northport Library. (NENA050)

(N) Monday, May 4, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Register April 17 at Northport Library. (NENA051)

AARP's program is a refresher course designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$12 fee payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration. A Northport-East Northport Library card is required to register.



Seven Pounds (N) Friday, April 3, 1:30 p.m.

In this poignant drama, Will Smith stars as a gifted engineer who tries to atone for the accidental deaths of seven people. Rated PG-13, 123 min.

Marley and Me

(N) Friday, April 17, 1:30 p.m.

Jennifer Anniston and Owen Wilson star in the unforgettable story of a family and the wondrous dog who teaches them about happiness. Rated PG. 110 min.

FOR TEENS

SAT Preparation Workshop

(N) Thursdays, April 2, 16, 23, and 30, 6:15-8:45 p.m. High school students can prepare for the SAT with certified Math and English teachers. Bring your Teen Library card and a non-refundable check for \$100 payable to the Northport-East Northport Public Library. Registration begins March 20 at the East Northport

Babysitting Workshop (N) Monday, April 6, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

An instructor from Cornell Cooperative Extension will be here to teach this workshop. You will learn about keeping children entertained and safe while in your care and vou'll also earn a certificate. Registration begins March 20 at the East Northport Library. (NENY006)

Teen Volunteer Opportunity

Teen volunteer opportunities are open to students n grades 7-12. Registration begins April 3 at the East Northport Library.

Teen Advisory Board: Little Shelter Visits the Library

(N) Monday, April 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Earn volunteer credit as you join us for a very

special Teen Advisory Board. Our guest speaker is Arleen Leone from the Little Shelter Animal Rescue Center in Huntington. Little Shelter Animal Adoption Center, one of Long Island's oldest no-kill shelters, is dedicated to saving all

companion animals whose lives are in jeopardy. Ms. Leone will discuss the shelter's no-kill policy, the problems with puppy mills, how to be a responsible pet owner, and ways that the public can help. The goal of the shelter is to end pet overpopulation and place all

dogs and cats in loving homes.

(NENY035)

Author Visit

(EN) Monday, April 6, 3:30 p.m. Take advantage of this unique

opportunity to meet the renowned children's and young adult author Graham Salisbury. Some of his award-winning books include Under the Blood-Red Sun, Eyes of the Emperor, and House of Red Fish. The inspiration for many of

his books comes from his boyhood years in the Hawaiian Islands. Registration is underway. (NENJ071)

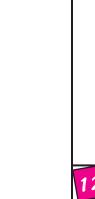
Cartooning Workshop (N) Tuesday, April 7, 3:00-4:30 p.m.

Whether you prefer Japanese manga or American superheroes, join illustrator David Miller and learn how to draw your own cartoon favorites. Registration is underway at the East Northport Library. (NENY034).

(N) Friday

The Multi-Colored Ties. Our fashion show commentator is model and actress Susan Bodell. In keeping with our fashion show theme we will be accepting donations of nearly-new, cleaned, interview-appropriate women's garments that will be donated to Dress for Success, an nternational non-profit organization which promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women. No registration required. Parents and teens are welcome.





Sunday

AARP Tax Aid

East Northport

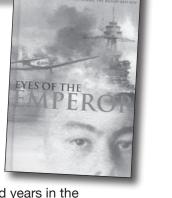
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Bullying & Bugs to Blue

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Tuesday

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*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program.

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

to participate in programs and activities. If you require any special accommodations because of a disability, please let us know.

Friday

Registration begins for

(EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am

*Family Storytime

Teen Advisory Board on 4/20

AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-12 pm

Registration begins at

Northport for AARP Driver

Safety Program on 4/13

Saturday

Computer Kindergarten on 4/16

Defensive Driving (N) 9 pm

Registration begins for

Applications available for

Defensive Driving on

5/11 & 5/18

Annual **Library Vote**

Tuesday, April 14, 2009 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Polling Places for the Vote are the **Northport or East Northport Library** (see instructions below)

Voting will be for two purposes:

- 1. to vote on the annual operating budget for the next fiscal year and
- 2. to elect one trustee.

Candidate for Trustee: Patricia Flynn

Proposed Tax Rate Increase:

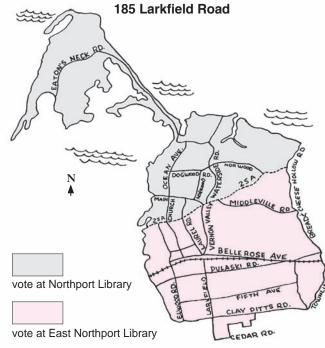
YOU MAY VOTE in the library election if:

- 1. You are at least 18 years of age;
- 2. You are a citizen of the United States; 3. You have been a resident of the Northport-East
- Northport School District for at least 30 days: 4. You are registered to vote. (You are registered if you have voted within the last four years in a

general, school, or library election.) WHERE TO VOTE

If you live in the portion of the library district that is NORTH OF ROUTE 25A your polling place is the NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY 151 Laurel Avenue

If you live in the portion of the library district that is **SOUTH OF ROUTE 25A** your polling place is the EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY



Library budget details were published in the March newsletter. Copies are available at the Library. Budget details are also available on the Library's website at www.nenpl.org

FOR CHILDREN



Author **Graham Salisbury** Visits the Library

(EN) Monday, April 6, 3:30 p.m. Children in grades 4 and up

Graham Salisbury, award-winning author of historical fiction and adventure novels set in Hawaii, will visit the library

to introduce students to his latest book Calvin Coconut: Trouble Magnet. Mr. Salisbury's powerful historical fiction titles, Under the Blood-Red Sun and House of the Red Fish, are set in Hawaii during World War II. They explore powerful themes of patriotism and prejudice. In his book, The Night of the Howling Dogs, disaster strikes as a scout troop hikes down into an ancient lava flow to camp on a small beach below the volcano. Come and meet this fascinating writer who believes that "meaningful fiction may just possibly urge kids to think about a few things while it entertains them. It can enlighten. It can suggest options and possible consequences. It can offer hope in an often frightening and uncertain world." Books will be available for purchasing and signing. Registration is underway. (NENJ071)

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Spot



Amelia Libbey

Book Babies

(N) Saturday, April 4, 10:00 am

Children ages 6-23 months adult; no siblings please Share a special time with your child as we read

stories and board books and sing songs and rhymes. No registration required. (30 min.)

Stav and Plav

(N) Monday, April 6, 10:30 a.m.

For one, two and three-year olds with parents and siblings Drop in for some family fun during this open

playtime with educational toys and games, an art activity, and a closing circle time with stories and songs. No registration required. (60 min.)

Pajama Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 p.m. (N) Friday, April 24, 7:00 p.m. Children with an adult

Children can come in their PJs, ready to listen to some great stories. Children must be accompanied by an adult. No registration required. (30 min.)

Chess Club

(N) Thursday, April 30, 7:00 p.m. Children in grades 3-6

All skill levels are welcome, but a basic knowledge of the game is needed. Come on down and flex your mental muscles! No registration required. (60 min.)



Blue Whales

(N) Wednesday, April 15, 4:00 p.m. Children in grades K-3

Learn about skeletons and exoskeletons in a fun way. Meet a live bug, touch a real whale bone, and etch your own message into your scrimshaw keychain. Registration begins April 1. (NENJ069)

Kindergarten Reading Fun

For children in kindergarten

This special five-week program for kindergartners will encourage and reinforce early literacy skills. Registration for all sessions begins April 15 at either library. (45 min. program)

(EN) Thursdays, 1:00 p.m. April 30, May 7, 14, 21, 28 (NENJ067)

(N) Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. or 1:00 p.m. May 6, 13, 20, 27, June 3 (NENJ068)

El Dia de los Niños/ El Día de los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day)

(N) Thursday, April 30, 4:00 p.m.

For children in grades K-5 with parents and siblings

This week, libraries across the country will be hosting celebrations embracing children, families, and reading. Join us for our "fiesta," complete with stories, games, music, crafts, and snacks. Registration begins April 16 at the Northport Library. (NENJ073)

Calling All **Mystery Fans!**

(EN) Friday, May 1, 4:00 p.m. For children grades 4 and up

Katherine Marsh, winner of the 2008 Edgar Award for Best Juvenile Mystery for The Night Tourist, returns to the library to talk about the sequel The Twilight Prisoner. The title of this book was suggested to Ms. Marsh by members of the Newbery Book Club when

she visited the Library in 2007.

Both books will be available for purchasing and signing. Registration begins April 17. (NENJ072)

FOR PARENTS

Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten

7:30-8:30 p.m. Kindergarten teacher Michele Maldari and elementary teacher Kathryn Amundsen will offer creative ideas and suggest activities parents can do with preschoolers. The skills recommended for beginning kindergarten will be discussed as well as

the wide range of abilities expected from children

of this age. Registration begins March 31 at either

library. (NENJ043)

Preventing Teasing and Bullying (EN) Mondays, April 20 & 27, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Bullying can be verbal, physical, emotional, racial, or sexual. Elementary counselors Nicole Barbier-Adil and Alan Tener will discuss how to help your child and work with the community and school to eliminate this destructive behavior. Please register at either library beginning April 1. (NENJ042)

Autism Awareness Month

In order to highlight the growing need for awareness about autism, April has been designated as National Autism Awareness Month. The Parents Collections, located at both library buildings, have many resources available on this important topic for both parents and professionals. Some new titles include:

Autism 24/7: A Family Guide to Learning at Home and In the Community by Andy Bondy, Ph.D.

The Autism Sourcebook: Everything You Need to Know About Diagnosis, Treatment, Coping, and Healing by Karen Siff Exkorn

Does My Child Have Autism? A Parent's Guide to Early Detection and Intervention in Autism Spectrum Disorders by Wendy L. Stone

Kids in the Syndrome Mix of ADHD, LD, Asperger's, Tourette's, Bipolar, and More! The One Stop Guide for Parents, Teachers, and Other Professionals by Martin L. Kutscher, M.D.

Understanding Brothers and Sisters on the Autism Spectrum (DVD)

Kids...Cast YOUR Vote!

Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at East Northport or Northport Library 9:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m. Ages 3 and up

When your parents come to the Annual Library Vote on Tuesday, April 14, you will also have the opportunity to vote using a real voting machine* in the Children's Rooms of both library buildings.



4:00 p.m. at the Northport Library Come in and meet this year's picture book characters.

will share their stories and explain why you should cast your vote for them. (60 min.)



All children who vote will receive a "Voter Exit Coupon" to use at the Library Café!

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Libraries Are Highly Valued*

Libraries Receive Top Grades.

In a national survey, libraries received the best grades of any of the community institutions covered. Nearly half the public gave libraries an "A"-higher than public schools, the police, and the local news media. More than six in ten "strongly agree" that public libraries are essential for "maintaining a productive community."

Libraries Are Important 21st Century Resources.

The public considers having computers and Internet access in libraries essential and many also want libraries to provide other multimedia resources. Almost two-thirds of Americans say that having enough computers and online services should be a high priority for libraries.

Libraries Use Tax Funds Wisely.

More than three-quarters of library users believe libraries spend tax dollars well. Even among non-users, six in ten say they believe libraries use their funds wisely.

The Public Welcomes a Greater Role for Libraries.

Interviews with nearly three dozen national and community leaders and an in-depth public opinion survey highlighted four specific opportunities for public libraries to integrate themselves more fully into the life of their communities and to position themselves as positive "community players." The four areas are:

• A safe and engaging place for teens

- Literacy skills for a strong workforce
- Center for community information
- Greater access to technology

*From "Long Overdue: A Fresh Look at Public and Leadership Attitudes About Libraries in the 21st Century a public opinion study published b Public Agenda

In its February 15, 2009 issue. Library Journal featured America's Star Libraries," and recognized the Northport-East Northport Public Library as a four-star library. This distinction was awarded to the **Northport-East Northport Public Library** based on the quantitative criteria of patron visits, circulation, program attendance,

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and public Internet computer use.

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