The Call Number

"Do you have a copy of Mars on Five Dollars a Day?"

An Insider's Guide to Telephone Services at Your Library
Dear Library Patrons,

On Monday, August 11, 1997, we will take the next step toward the move to our new East Northport Library. The temporary site located at 86 Larkfield Road, which has served our community for the past 12 months, will be closed. The books, videos, and other materials will be packed up in preparation for their move to the new East Northport Library. This interim facility will then be transformed to serve as temporary office space for the technical and administrative departments now located at the Northport Library.

Your Northport Library will continue to serve all patrons as the new East Northport Library is readied for a grand opening this autumn. And remember, no matter what the address, the library is always just a phone call away.

Very truly yours,
Stephanie Heineman
Library Director

— For Adults —

BOOK-A-TRIP

to

Mystic Seaport, CT

Tuesday, September 23, 1997

Departure: 7:30 a.m. from the parking lot across from the Northport Library

Return: 9:00 p.m.

Cost: $50.00 per person (checks only; payable to Northport Public Library; non-refundable)

Itinerary: Authentic 19th century ships, historic homes, and working craftsmen are all part of the Mystic Seaport experience. We'll enjoy fabulous luncheon fare at the Seamen's Inne and have plenty of time afterward for shopping at Olde Mystick Village.

Register in person (limit 2 on first day of ticket sale) at the Northport Library beginning Aug. 9.

HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION, COUNSELING & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

(N) Thursday, August 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
(N) Friday, August 15, 9:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

HIICAP-trained counselors answer questions about Medicare, HMOs, and supplementary health insurance. Call 261-6930 to make an appointment in Northport.

SET SAIL WITH TIDES AND CURRENTS

Plan a summertime visit to the library to use a powerful new computer program. Tides & Currents is a tool that can instantly calculate tides and tidal currents for thousands of locations in the Eastern region of the United States.

Information is presented through easy-to-read graphs, tables and reports that you can take along on your trip. You get to spend your time sailing to the next port, fishing, or diving location without worrying about correction factors. Forecasting tides and currents for both sailing professional and boating enthusiast has never been easier!
Northport-East Northport Public Library
Calendar of Events
August 1997

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<td>Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to district residents. Tickets limited to 2 per patron on the first day of registration. The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all residents to participate in programs and activities. Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.</td>
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Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs.
N = Northport Library
EN = East Northport Library

Dial M for Murder & Other Classic Phone Movies

Check out these videos, both old and new, where the telephone is a featured "player."
- Call Northside 777
- Play It Again Sam
- Butterfield 8
- Sorry, Wrong Number
- Midnight Lace
- The Telephone
- Pillow Talk
- Dial M for Murder
- Desk Set
- The Story of Alexander Graham Bell

Pick up an annotated bibliography of classic phone movies available now at the library.

Keep Reading!
It's obvious from the record number of children who joined this summer's reading club that many of you are keeping up the good habit of reading all year round. As an additional help, our children's librarians have prepared four annotated bibliographies of the best new children's books from the past year.

Looking ahead... Our librarians have also prepared a reading list of books to help parents prepare children for starting school. It's available now in Children's Services.

Hearts lifted and spirits soared this July as Pathfinder landed on Mars. Fromer's Mars may still be a far off glimmer, but your library has many ways you can travel to Mars and our vast universe in fact and fiction.

In Mars Beckons, John Noble Wilford examines the mysteries, the challenges, and the expectations of this next great adventure in space. The Case for Mars by Robert Zubrin reinforces our hopes and dreams by arguing that other worlds can be reached affordably and within our lifetimes.

The epic of an earthing born and educated on Mars who arrives on our planet with superhuman powers is the subject of Robert Heinlein's well-known novel Stranger in a Strange Land. In Mars, Ben Bova takes twenty-five astronauts on the first manned expedition to what astronomers have for centuries described as the "bloody planet." "It had a head with two enormous eyes and a mouth without teeth. Around the mouth were many pairs of tentacles." Thus H.G. Wells launched his War of the Worlds and our idea of what Martians really look like. Carl Sagan gives us one afternoon when the course of human history is abruptly changed. Contact is the long-awaited message from out there. And speaking of Carl Sagan, keep in mind his multipart video Cosmos, an immense journey that begins eight billion light years from earth. The video version of Ray Bradbury's Martian Chronicles confronts the earth's inevitable extinction and a star-crossed expedition to the shrouded red planet.

The sites and sights of Mars are available on the World Wide Web. Links to the Mars Pathfinder are available at
- http://www.jpl.nasa.gov/mpfin/m
- http://quest.arc.nasa.gov/mars/
- http://mars.tc.comell.edu

Whether or not the planet harbors life, the inevitable pull of human curiosity has proven that Mars attracts.

Log On @ the Library — NETWALK@suffolk.lib.ny.us

Come to the library and apply for your free NETWALK Internet account. The next meeting of the NETWALK Internet User Group is Wednesday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northport Library.

East Northport Floral Decorations — Alma Monitto of the Larkfield Community Garden Club
The Call Number

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No matter the seasonal slowdown, an insatiable curiosity does not take a summer break. Even when you are on vacation, your thirst for knowledge can be quenched with a quick phone call to the library.

Call When You Can’t Come

Call from the beach, from the train, from the park, from a picnic, from a porch, from a patio, from the family barbecue, from the easy chair in your air-conditioned home, from the road when you are stuck in holiday traffic ... yet feel the need to know.

Call us for all kinds of information ... we can find answers to the myriad of questions that present you with puzzles. From who won the World Series in 1959 to who starred in the motion picture Call of the Wild, no question is too trivial.

Call For a Spell Check

Even in this age of computers, one of our most frequently-asked question types is for the spelling of a word. When you are spell-bound, we’ll consult desk dictionaries, medical dictionaries, foreign language dictionaries, and the 20-volume Oxford English Dictionary.

Call For Departures ... Arrivals ... Directions

The library keeps transportation information on hand. Whether you are travelling by train, plane, bus or boat, we can check current schedules for information you need to see you on your way. Extensive travel resources include the Hotel and Travel Index, 1997 Mobil travel guides, and Woodall’s Campground Directory. For your local travels, we’ll consult the Hagstrom atlases for maps for Suffolk, Nassau, Westchester counties, and the New York City five boroughs.
Call for Reservations

Give us a call before you come to the library. We will check the shelf for a book, magazine, or compact disk and we will put it aside for you.

Book reviews are abundant — new or favorite titles are featured in daily newspapers and on radio and television talk shows. These talked about books are popular and often generate waiting lists. If you want to read the books that have everyone buzzing, just call us — we’ll put your name on a hold list and will call you when a copy comes in and your name is at the top of the list. If school is on your summer schedule, call us from class and we’ll try to locate some of the titles on your reading list — if we don’t own a title, we’ll contact neighboring libraries and ask them to send us the book.

Call about Songs

Often, we are called to exercise our musical memories and have been known to hum a tune and sing a song when asked to locate lyrics or melodies. We have access to sheet music for many popular and classical titles, Billboard CD-ROM data, and Song Index.

Call Us When You Are Planning a Meal

How do you cook up a favorite recipe when that recipe card is missing from your recipe box? Call the library . . . we have aisles of cookbooks, access to the Internet chefs, and back files for Newsday and the New York Times. We can find a recipe for just about anything . . . except maybe Aunt Mabel’s secret recipe for carrot cake.

Call for Future Connections

There are many ways to keep in touch with a library — especially when its buildings are under construction. The telephone is “an old technology” that keeps on working. We also answer questions sent to us by fax. E-mail is another reliable way to connect to the library. Once construction is completed, you will be able to call the library after hours and a tape machine will lead you to the information you seek about storytimes, upcoming programs, library hours, and other activities. You will also have the capability of dialing in to the library catalog — you can “browse the collection” in the comfort of your own home.

Call Us Old Fashioned ...

... but we believe your call should be answered personally, not by a machine. For now and always, when you call during regular library hours, you will be greeted by a member of our friendly, courteous staff.
— For Children —

Beach Bonanza

Spending some time at the beach this month? Here are some of our favorite books to read before . . . or during your visit.

J574.5 Cooper, Jason. Tide Pools
Learn how tide pools are formed and about some of the plants and animals found in them.

J745.5 Heinz, Brian. Beachcraft Bonanza
A book of year-round arts, crafts and activities for the ocean beach.

J Holling, Holling C. Paddle to the Sea
A young boy puts his canoe into a tumbling mountain stream and it begins a perilous journey to the sea.

JP Levine, Evan. Not the Piano, Mrs. Medley!
A boy and his grandmother prepare for a day at the beach.

J970.1 Peters, Russell. Clambake: A Wampanoag Tradition
A twelve-year-old Wampanoag learns how to prepare a clambake in the tradition of his people.

JP Selby, Jennifer. Beach Bunny
Harold and the bunny enjoy an active morning at the beach.

Family Fun

Whether you’re planning a day trip or a weekend getaway for the family, here are some travel resources about Long Island and the Northeast that will help you plan ahead.


J917.47 Frommer's Family Travel Guide: New York City with Kids by Bubbles Fisher Enjoy the best New York City family vacations with this comprehensive, easy-to-use guide.

JR Zim's Guide: A Survey of Family Attractions by Mark D. Zimmerman More than 200 family recreation sites on Long Island are described and rated.

On the Web:

Virtual Huntington http://www.huntingtonli.org/
This site provides links to attractions, cultural events, dining, and many more local sites.

Long Island Travel Guide http://licvb.com/liguide/
Places to visit on Long Island are divided into regions. (The front page features a beautiful picture of Northport Harbor.)

New York City Transit http://www.mta.nyc.ny.us/nyct/travel/travmain.htm
Find travel directions to hundreds of places of interest in New York City including links to many of their web sites.

Tourism in New York State http://www.iloveny.state.ny.us
This official state tourism site separates attractions into regions and offers themed vacation ideas.
Books, Bytes & Beyond...

In 1988 an eager group of middle schoolers met for the first time as the library's Young Adult Book Reviewers. Meeting monthly, the reviewers shared their thoughts about the books they read, and in May, 1989, produced the first compilation of young adult book reviews in a slender booklet they named Journey Into Books.

As Journey Into Books grew over the years, reviewers expanded their reviewing beyond books. Reviews of computer games, music, magazines, movies and, occasionally, a Broadway show began to appear within the covers of Journey Into Books.

The Spring 1997 publication boasts a new design and new title. Recognizing that more is being reviewed than just books, we introduce BOOKS, BYTES & BEYOND. Credit for the title goes to David Crean, and credit for the logo concept goes to Elizabeth's Richards, both longtime book reviewers.

As we look forward to the tenth year of YA Book Reviewers, we also look forward excitingly to welcoming that 1997-98 group of reviewers in the fall at the new East Northport Library.

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