**Fireside Fridays**

Join us around the fireplace at the East Northport Library. Limited seating is available. Please pick up tickets at either Library beginning January 2.

**The Alley Cat Jazz Quintet**

(EN) Friday, January 29, 7:30 p.m.

Young jazz musicians Matt Carlozzi, Mike Chiavaro, Bryan Reeder, Dave Reeder, and Ryan Stokes perform popular jazz standards for your enjoyment.

**Poets Night & Open Reading**

(EN) Friday, January 22, 7:30 p.m.

Our guest poet this month is Kimberly Issakson. Ms. Issakson is a poet and educator whose work has been published both locally and nationally. Please bring your own verse to share at our open reading time.

**The Nature Photographs of Stanley Twardowicz**

(N) Wednesday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Twardowicz, whose work is on display in the Northport Library gallery this month, will present a slide show of his nature study photographs. All are welcome to meet this renowned artist.

**Poetry Workshop**

(N) Saturdays, January 16, 23 & 30, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Start the New Year Write-ing! Do you write poetry? Did you write in the past? Then you might like the new Long Island Poetry Society's peer review poetry workshop. Bring your own verse, come to get inspired, or just drop in to listen and enjoy! Remember... on the second Saturday of each month we host a guest poet in the cafe.

**Poetry in the Northport Cafe**

(N) Saturday, January 9, 2:00 p.m.

Join fellow poetry lovers in the Northport Library Cafe to hear our featured reader, Steven Zetschka. Mr. Zetschka will read from his own poetry and poems of Long Island poets past and present.

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**The John Johnson Jazz Quintet**

(N) Sunday, January 17, 2:00 p.m.

The John Johnson Jazz Quintet brings us an afternoon of traditional jazz favorites, swing, and Dixieland. Quintet members John Johnson (piano), Artie Miller (clarinet), Bob Smith (vibraphone), Willy Wayman (bass), and Jimmy Pirone (percussion), are veterans of the New York jazz scene, having performed in jazz clubs, at concerts, and on television and radio locally and throughout the United States and Europe.

Tickets for this performance go on sale January 2 at both libraries. Tickets are $1 for adults, 50¢ for students, senior citizens, and persons with disabilities.

**Introduction to Needlepoint**

(N) Thursday, January 28 & Thursday, February 25, 7:00 p.m.

Needlepoint instructor Eleanor Klein will present an introductory program designed for those who would like to learn basic needlepoint techniques. While working on a decorative project, participants will learn how to use stretcher bars, how to bury knots, when and why to use different threads, and basic stitches and combinations. All instructions, materials, and tools will be provided in kit form. Please bring household thumb tacks, a hammer, and masking tape. There is a $20 materials fee, payable at registration, which begins January 9 at the East Northport Library.

**Novel Ideas**

(N) Friday, January 8, 1:00 p.m.

(N) Monday, January 11, 7:00 p.m.

This month we'll discuss *The Blue Flower* by Penelope Fitzgerald. Call discussion leader Dodie Gillman at 261-6930 if you would like to join this group.

**Book & Sandwich (W)rap**

(N) Tuesday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.

(EN) Thursday, January 7, 1:00 p.m.

Our short stories this month are from *Legal Briefs* edited by William Bernhardt. We will discuss "Poetic Justice" by Steve Martini, "Voir Dire" by Jeremiah Healy, "The Client" by Richard North Patterson, and "Roads" by Philip Friedman. To join us, call discussion leader Rosalie Toja or the Reference Department at 261-6930.
**Bisque Rose Wreath**  
(N) Monday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.  
Enhance your home with a beautiful wicker wreath adorned with dainty bisque roses, satin ribbons, and baby's breath. Instructor Helen Ensmenger will supply all materials. A $12 materials fee is payable at registration, which begins January 23 at the Northport Library.

**“Rules of the Road” for Individual**  
(EN) Thursday, January 14, 7:30 p.m.  
Thomas Dougherty, an investment representative with Edward Jones, will offer guidelines for making investment decisions. Topics will include formulating an investment plan, researching quality, considering tax implications, looking for value, and seeking diversity. All are welcome.

**Friday Afternoon at the Movies**  
Join us in the Community Room at the Northport Library for our new series of afternoon feature-length movies for adults.

**Ulee’s Gold**  
Friday, January 15, 2:00 p.m.  
Peter Fonda received an Oscar nomination for his role as beekeeper Ulee Jackson who methodically tends his bees while carefully providing for those who need him. Rated PG. 113 min.

**In and Out**  
Friday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.  
Kevin Kline and Tom Selleck on the sidewalks of Northport! A frantic teacher (Kline) asserts his manliness after being “outed” on national television by a former student. Rated PG-13. 92 min.

**Defensive Driving**  
(EN) Monday, January 25 & Tuesday, January 26, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: $30  
Applications for this six-hour course may be picked up at either library beginning January 2.

**Health Insurance Information, Counseling, & Assistance**  
(N) Thursday, January 14, 1:00-4:00 p.m.  
(EN) Friday, January 22, 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 or 261-2313 to make an appointment in East Northport.

**55Alive Driver Program**  
(EN) Saturday, January 23, 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.  
Register January 9 at the East Northport Library  
(N) Monday, February 1 & Wednesday, February 3, 6:00-10:00 p.m.  
Register January 16 at the Northport Library  
AARP’s Mature Driver Program is open to district residents who are 50 years of age or older. There is an $8 fee, payable to AARP by check or money order only. To facilitate registration, please bring your library card.
For Your Listening Pleasure

Would you like to hear a waltz or an aria or rhythm and blues? You can hear all of these and much more right in the Library. Both the Northport and East Northport Libraries now have portable CD players with earphones in their media departments so that you can listen to any of the 5,000 plus works in our collection. But please... no dancing in the aisles!

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Valentine's Day Craft
(EN) Saturday, February 6, 2:00-3:30 p.m.

He's back! Renowned artist Christopher Reisman returns to share his special talents with you. Using brilliantly colored foils and chipboard, you will create a beautiful three-sided vase in this art workshop. A sample of this perfect Valentine gift, for yourself or that special friend, will be on display in the YA Corner at the East Northport Library. Refreshments will be served following the workshop.

Sign-up begins January 19 at the East Northport Library.

CD-ROMs . . . CD-ROMs

It's that time of year! Time to get ready for Regents and AP exams. We have the CD-ROMs you need in the YA Corner at both the Northport and East Northport Libraries. You'll find all the CASTLE programs: AP European History, AP United States History, and AP U.S. History and Government. Available as well are Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, Economics, Global Studies, and Physics. At the Northport Library look for them on the multimedia computer. In East Northport you'll find them on the applications computer.

For research and report writing we offer the Student Reference Library, Student Writing and Research Center, ABC News Link, Grolier Multimedia Encyclopedia, and Word 97.

And for a little fun when your homework's done, pick up a "Homework Helper" at the Library Cafe. It's a special for students, Monday through Friday from 3-6 p.m. For $1 (plus tax) treat yourself to a delicious hot chocolate and a package of cookies.

YA Book Reviewers . . .

Your first meeting of 1999 is Friday, January 8, 4:00-5:00 p.m., at the East Northport Library. See you then!
Introducing The Museum Cove in Children's Services

The Children's Services Department is proud to introduce the Museum Cove, an area set aside in the children's program room at the Northport Library. The Museum Cove has been created to feature thematic educational displays. It is specially designed to present an informal, hands-on learning environment for school-aged children, grades K and up.

Each Museum Cove display will feature a variety of components, including an exhibit, books, a listening center, and hands-on interactive items, which have been selected to excite a child's imagination about various themes. A computer station has been incorporated and will contain an appropriate multimedia CD-ROM. During each exhibit, programs will be presented which are designed to enhance the museum experience. Museum displays will change twice a year.

The Museum Cove will premier with an exhibit entitled Birds Around Us. Puzzles, models and plush birds will be on display along with a selection of books. The winter months will feature presentations by naturalists and related craft programs.

Read, Explore, Discover

Read About Birds

Our current museum book display features both non-fiction and fiction books about birds. Here are some highlights:

J Arnosky, Jim. Crinkleroot's Guide to Knowing the Birds 598 Arn The jovial woodsman, Crinkleroot, provides useful information and adds joy to this young person's nature guide.


J Johnson, Jinny. Simon and Schuster Children's Guide to Birds 598 Joh This ideal introduction to birds of all kinds includes facts, figures, and colorful illustrations.

J Cherry, Lynne. Flute's Journey: the Life of a Wood Thrush 598.8 Che This is the charming story of a young wood thrush's first migration.

J Halpern, Shari. Little Robin Redbreast 398.8 Lit Robin Redbreast outfoxes the cat in this classic Mother Goose rhyme.

J Oppenheim, Joanne. Have You Seen Birds? JP Opp Creative claymation illustrations introduce a variety of different birds.

"Birds Around Us" Activities in the Museum Cove

Our Children's Librarians have designed hands-on activities for grades K and up to help you explore and discover many new things about our feathered friends.

This month's activities include:

- directions for a birdhouse and feeder that you can build at home
- a mystery box
- an observation station
- a bird identification board
- a bird footprint quiz
- puzzles
- activity sheets

Museum Day for Preschoolers

(N) Saturday, February 6, 9:30 a.m.

Most of the materials in the Museum Cove are selected for school-aged children, but there are attractions for preschoolers too. Come enjoy the interactive Bird Exhibit in our Museum Cove with a specially designed storytime for families with children ages 3 and up (no younger siblings please). Children will hear stories, and complete a craft. Registration begins at the Northport Library on January 23.

The cover illustration on this month's newsletter is from Every Autumn Comes the Bear by Jim Arnosky. Reprinted courtesy of G.P. Putnam's Sons.
A Reminder to Northport Library patrons:

Towardowicz, who is also an accomplished sculptor, has just completed a sculpture entitled "Road" for an outdoor gallery. The piece, which is made of bronze, will be featured in our gallery.

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Mr. Towadrowicz's work has been acquired by distinguished private collectors and museums such as the Milwaukee Art Center, the Los Angeles County Museum, the Joseph Hirshhorn Museum, the Fogg Museum, the Newark Museum, and the Heckscher Museum.

Sculptor and painter Lillian Dodson has been on the Long Island art scene since the 60s. A versatile painter and sculptor, her preferred media are clay and wood. Ms. Dodson's paintings have been exhibited at the Heckscher Museum and the Barter Gallery, among others. Her sculpture has been in individual and group shows in more than thirty museums and galleries.

East Northport Gallery: Faces & Flowers

Artist Renee Brown shares her pastel portraits and watercolor flowers. Although currently specializing in pastels, Mrs. Brown also paints in oils and her portraits of people and animals have been acquired by many collectors.

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A Delightful
Northport Library Dedication Day

The community gathered on Sunday, December 6 to dedicate the renovated and expanded Northport Library.

Members of Boy Scout Troop 41 lead the pledge of allegiance at the Dedication Ceremony.

Library Board of Trustee members (from left to right) Michael Glennon, Annette Carr, Stuart Goldblatt, Elizabeth McGrail, and Ruth McKay cut the ceremonial ribbon.

Michael Glennon, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, and Library Director Stephanie Heineman greet patrons.

More than 150 people enjoyed the special presentation “In Celebration of Libraries.”

Doris Gebel (left), Coordinator of Children’s Services, and Eileen Minogue (right), Library Assistant Director, joined patrons listening to sea shanties in the Children’s Room.

Members of the Siani and Tribley families gathered in the Children’s Room for the dedication of The Imagination Center.

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