November 1999

Books for Growing Minds

Celebrating National Children’s Book Week, November 15-21

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FOR ADULTS

Fireside Friday

Swing with The Sophisticated Ladies
(EN) Friday, November 12, 7:30 p.m.
Come on along and join the fun! The Sophisticated Ladies take us on a sentimental journey back to the “Fabulous Forties.” Listen to the memory-jogging tunes of Cole Porter, Duke Ellington, Irving Berlin, Glenn Miller, and the Gershwin's. We guarantee you'll start singing and forget to stop! All are welcome.

Travel & Fly Without Fear
(N) Monday, November 8, 7:30 p.m.
Twenty-five million Americans are too nervous to fly, while millions more fly with "white knuckles." Carol Cott Gross, director of Travel & Fly Without Fear, offers help for those who suffer from travel phobias or fear of bridges, tunnels, elevators, parkways, or heights. Ms. Gross is a frequent lecturer and freelance contributor to Newsday and the New York Times. All are welcome.

Art Museum Victorian Angel
(EN) Friday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.
Create a Victorian heirloom angel dressed in an elegant gown of lace, gold beads, ribbons, and rosebuds. She will grace your home for the holidays or make a beautiful gift. Instructor Helen Ensmenger will supply materials and inspiration. A $12 materials fee is payable at registration which begins November 6 at the East Northport Library.

The New Treasure Chest: Buying & Selling on the Internet
(N) Tuesday, November 30, 7:30 p.m.
Whether you are a serious collector or a garage sale junkie, the world of buying and selling is at your fingertips if you learn how to use Internet auction and trading sites. Judi Culbertson will show you how to assess the monetary value of items you already own, sign on with auction services such as e-Bay, write descriptions and scan in photos, and find merchandise that you're looking to buy for yourself. Bring your questions. All are welcome.

Defensive Driving
(EN) Mondays, November 22 & 29, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Fee: $30
Applications for this six-hour course may be picked up at either Library beginning November 1.

Patch Adams
(N) Friday, November 5, 2:00 p.m.
Robin Williams stars as a young doctor who believes humor is the best medicine and will do just about anything to make his patients laugh. Rated PG-13. 116 min.

My Best Friend's Wedding
(N) Friday, November 19, 2:00 p.m.
Commitment-shy Jules Potter (Julia Roberts) has four days to steal back her best friend, Michael, before he marries someone else. Rated PG-13. 105 min.

to Bethlehem, PA at Christmas Tuesday, December 7, 1999
Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the Laurel Ave. School parking lot (across from Northport Library)
Return: 11:00 p.m.
Cost: $56 per person (checks only; payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library; non-refundable)
Itinerary: Savor the charm and beauty of Bethlehem decorated for the holidays. Our day begins with a visit to the Moravian Putz, an elaborate nativity scene with heirloom figurines. There will be time for shopping followed by dinner at the historic Hotel Bethlehem. A spectacular Bethlehem Night Light Tour with a costumed narrator tops off the day.
Register in person (limit 2 on first day of ticket sale) at the Northport Library beginning November 13.
**55/Alive Driver Program**
(N) Thursday, November 11, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Register November 6 at the Northport Library.
(EN) Mondays, December 6 & 13, 7:00-11:00 p.m.
Register November 20 at the East Northport Library.
(EN) Thursday, December 9, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Register November 27 at the East Northport Library.

AARP's Mature Driver Program is open to library card holders who are 50 years of age or older. There is an $8 fee payable to AARP by check or money order only. Please bring your library card to registration.

**Novel Ideas**
(N) Friday, November 12, 1:00 p.m.
(N) Monday, November 15, 7:00 p.m.
*Damascus Gate* by Robert Stone will be discussed this month. Please call discussion leader Dodie Gillman at 261-6930 if you would like to join this group.

**Book & Sandwich (W)rap**
(N) Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 p.m.
(EN) Thursday, November 4, 1:00 p.m.
This month we take a look at "Now You See Her," "Dog Fight," and "Tenant" from *Dog Fight and Other Stories* by Michael Knight. To join us and reserve a copy of the stories, call discussion leader Michelle Epstein or the Reference Department at 261-6930.

**Remembering Frederick DeGeorge, Sr.**
Frederick DeGeorge, Sr., who lived in Northport for more than 40 years, loved many things about his community, especially the Library where he worked as a maintenance contractor. When Mr. DeGeorge passed away this February at the age of 88, his family requested that memorial donations be made to the Children's Department of the Northport-East Northport Public Library.

This memorial fund was recently used to purchase a unique terra cotta sculpture entitled "He's Like Me," created by Northport artist David Jackier. The sculpture will be dedicated to Mr. DeGeorge's memory on Monday, November 15, 10:00 a.m. in the Northport Library Children's Room. The community is invited.

**The Millennium Bookball Assembly**
(N) Saturday, November 13, 2:00 p.m.
The moment we have been waiting for is here! You are invited to witness the assembly of The Millennium Bookball, a 5-foot-diameter sculpture made up of 60 interlocking books. Artist George Hart will direct the assembly process as volunteers from the community hold the pieces in proper relative position and slide them together simultaneously.

Patrons of all ages are invited to come watch this exciting and creative process. If you would like to volunteer to be a helper in the assembly process, please call the Community Services Department at 261-6930.

**Introducing a new OPAC feature . . .**
**Place a Request**
Is there a book you'd like to read but can't find on the shelf? Of course you may go to the Reference Desk to ask for a reserve. But now you may also place a request for a reserve on your own by using the Library's Online Public Access Catalog (OPAC) or online from your home computer.

The Library is pleased to offer this new service for our patrons: Place A Request. When you find the item you want on the OPAC screen choose "G" and then follow the prompts to enter your name, barcode number and pin number. A library staff member will process your request and you will be notified when your material is ready to be picked up. Please limit your requests to three items per day. If you would like a demonstration of this new feature, please ask a Reference Librarian.
FOR FAMILIES

Sunday Family Special: A SHEL-ABRATION
Sunday, November 28, 2:00 p.m.
Northport Library

"If you are a dreamer, come in..."
Our Sunday Family Special celebrates the words and wisdom of one of America’s most beloved children’s authors, Shel Silverstein.

Actor Jeffrey Sanzel, director of Theatre Three, brings dozens of Silverstein’s most popular and memorable works to life in this whimsical one-man show. Free tickets for this performance are available November 6 at both libraries.

FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Songs & Stories for Everyone
Children ages birth to 5 years with parent/caregiver

You may register for one session. Registration begins November 5 at the Northport Library.

(N) Fridays, November 12 & 19, 9:30 a.m.
Preschool children are introduced to a variety of early musical experiences in this special Preschoolers Door To Learning program exploring the wonders of autumn. From falling leaves to turkey dinners, early childhood educator Dara Linthwaite teaches children new and traditional songs and fingerplays about the season.

(N) Fridays, December 3 & 10, 9:30 a.m.
(EN) Saturdays, December 11 & 18, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
Singer and storyteller Debra Domingo provides a musical storytime for preschool children and parents.

Study Skills Workshop
(EN) Tuesdays, November 16 & 23, 4:30-6:00 p.m.
Grades 7-9

Your social studies project is due Monday...you need to study for a math exam...an English paper is due on Thursday! Where do you start?

Start by attending this two-session Study Skills Workshop. Professor Gail Rough Stratford will help you develop the skills you need to manage your time, take class notes, and finally get a handle on your homework. Please bring paper and pencil to the sessions. Refreshments will be served.

Registration is limited. Please call the East Northport Library beginning November 8 to register.

Homework Clinic for Parents
(EN) Thursday, November 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Your teenager is due Monday...you need to study for a math exam...an English paper is due Thursday! Where do you start?

Professor Gail Rough Stratford will help you develop the skills you need to create a homework-helpful environment. With both you and your teenager (see Study Skills Workshop) benefitting from these workshops, you can cooperate in your new education-friendly environment. Call the East Northport Library to register beginning November 8.

New in the Homework Center
YAs now have their own reference collection at the Homework Center in the YA Corner in each library building. For all your assignments and research needs, head straight to this new homework helper. And please remember, our Reference Librarians are always available to assist you.

When You Want to Use the Internet

Young Adults wishing to use the Library’s Internet terminals must obtain an Internet Access Agreement Form and complete it at the Library with a parent or guardian. Once you both sign, you may use the Internet right away. You can also request full Internet service at home via SuffolkNet. Ask a Reference Librarian for details.
FOR CHILDREN

National Children’s Book Week
November 15-21, 1999
National Children’s Book Week is a time-honored tradition. Celebrated since 1919, it is dedicated to spreading the word about children’s literature and encouraging the joys of reading. Our Library’s theme this year is “Books for Growing Minds.”

Textile Weaving
(N) Thursday, November 18, 3:30 p.m. Grades 1-4
Join weaver Judy Gloston to learn the skills and patterns used by colonial weavers. You will weave your own piece of art on a take-home loom. Registration begins November 4 at the Northport Library.

How to Choose a Nursery School
(EN) Wednesday, December 15, 7:30 p.m.
“How do I decide which school is best for my child?” Parent-educator Leah Dombroff will give you guidelines for answering this important question. Registration begins December 1 at the East Northport Library.

This year’s Nursery School Night will be held January 5.

Book Babies
(N) Saturday, November 13, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Children, ages 12-36 months, enjoy rhymes, songs, and board books with a parent. Register November 6 at the Northport Library.

Saturday Storytime
(EN) Saturday, November 20, 9:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Children, aged 3-5, are invited to hear stories and enjoy rhymes and songs with a parent. Register November 13 at the East Northport Library.

Effective Discipline
(N) Tuesdays, November 2, 9, 16 & 23, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Nancy Armbruster and Margaret Stoduto, elementary counselors, will present a variety of disciplinary methods which have proven effective in the everyday management of the elementary-age child. Registration is now underway.

Meeting The Needs of Your Gifted Child
(N) Wednesday, December 1, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
School district teachers Fran Berto, 2nd grade, and Chelsea Brown, 4th grade, will present a workshop for parents of gifted students in the regular elementary classroom. They will discuss a teacher’s approach to enrichment as well as ideas for home enrichment. Please register at the Northport Library beginning November 17.

Parenting Your Teen
(EN) Thursdays, December 2 & 9, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
This two-session workshop will be facilitated by Tom Fazio, Time Out Room counselor, and Paige Mack, school counselor. It will focus on adolescent development and communication skills. Conflict management and developmental issues will be emphasized throughout. Please register at the East Northport Library beginning November 18.

Teaching Problem-Solving
(N) Mondays, December 6 & 13, 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Jim Durand and Linda Goodman, elementary counselors in the school district, will discuss methods of teaching empathy, impulse control, and problem-solving to children. Please register at the Northport Library beginning November 22.
Northport Arts Coalition
Millennium Poster Project
Opening Reception

(N) Saturday, November 20, 3:00 p.m.

The Millennium — people, ideas, and events — that's what area artists have celebrated in The Millennium Poster Collection, a project sponsored by the Northport Arts Coalition. Join us for an opening reception and slide show of this historic community exhibit which has been curated by Barbara Wells Fitzgerald, director of the Northport Historical Museum.

EXHIBITS

Northport Gallery:
Photographs by Michael Lettera
November 1-19

Michael Lettera, a freelance photographer and native of Northport, shares his landscapes, still lifes, and architectural works. His photographs have been exhibited throughout Long Island, including shows at Guild Hall in East Hampton and at the Nassau County Museum of Art. Popular Photography recently featured one of his photographs taken at the Ketchum Farm in Fort Salonga. His work is also in the permanent documentary collection of the Farnsworth Art Museum in Rockland, Maine.

Northport Arts Coalition Millennium Poster Collection
November 20 - December 20

The Millennium Poster Collection, sponsored by the Northport Arts Coalition, will be displayed in the Northport Library Gallery through December 20. The collection is comprised of posters created by area artists to celebrate the new millennium. The exhibit will open with a slide show and reception on Saturday, November 20.

East Northport Gallery:
"Uhh...lusions": Photographs by Erik Stone
November 1-20

Erik Stone, a student at Northport High School, reflects his point of view on the fragile "super model" industry. His photographs also showcase everyday objects, putting them in a new light.

East Northport Display Case:
Handcrafted Greeting Cards by Rodee Hansen
Northport artist Rodee Hansen crafts unique greeting cards from pressed flowers.

Floral Decorations:
Northport: Arrangement courtesy of Flower Basket.

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**Appointments Available for Nort**

(EN) 9:00 am & 10:30 am

*On My Own (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am

*For Fours (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am

*Story Parade (EN) 3:45 pm

Word 101: A Beginner's Course (EN) 7:30 pm

**Registration begins at Northport Library for Songs & Stories for Everyone** (N) 9:30 am & 10:45 am

*Parent/Child Workshop (EN) 9:30 am & 10:45 am

*For Fours (EN) 1:30 pm

*Story Parade (EN) 3:45 pm

Knitters' Circle (EN) 7:30 pm

**Library Board of Trustees Meeting** (N) 7:30 pm

**Library Closes at 5 pm**

**Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance**

(EN) Thursday, November 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

(N) Friday, November 12, 9:30 am-1:00 p.m.

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

Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to library card holders. Tickets limited to 2 per patron on the first day of registration.

**Blood Pressure Check**

Wednesday, November 3

East Northport Library: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

East Northport Library: 11:00 a.m.-12:00 noon

The visiting nurse service will provide free blood pressure check at the Library this month. All are welcome.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all patrons to participate in programs and activities. Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.
The "Best Books of the Century" were selected by patrons of the Northport-East Northport Library in a summer-long voting campaign. Nearly 1,500 votes were cast. The 60 winning titles will be engraved on The Millennium Bookball which will hang in the Northport Library. The titles are listed in order from most to least votes. A collection of the "Best Books of the Century" can be found at both libraries.

1. The Catcher in the Rye
   J.D. Salinger

2. To Kill a Mockingbird
   Harper Lee

3. The Great Gatsby
   F. Scott Fitzgerald

4. Gone with the Wind
   Margaret Mitchell

5. The Grapes of Wrath
   E.B. White

6. Charlotte's Web
   Dr. Seuss

7. The Cat in the Hat
   John Steinbeck

8. Of Mice and Men
   John Steinbeck

9. One Hundred Years of Solitude
   Gabriel Garcia Marquez

10. A Tree Grows in Brooklyn
    E.B. White

11. The Godfather
    Mario Puzo

12. Harry Potter & the Sorcerer's Stone
    J.K. Rowling

13. Angela's Ashes
    Frank McCourt

14. Catch-22
    Joseph Heller

15. Green Eggs & Ham
    Dr. Seuss

16. The Sun Also Rises
    Ernest Hemingway

17. Winnie the Pooh
    A.A. Milne

18. The Giving Tree
    Shel Silverstein

19. The Hobbit
    J.R.R. Tolkien

20. Number the Stars
    Lois Lowry

21. Slaughterhouse-Five
    Kurt Vonnegut

22. Ulysses
    James Joyce

23. For Whom the Bell Tolls
    Erast Hemingway

24. Harold and the Purple Crayon
    Crockett Johnson

25. Invisible Man
    Ralph Ellison

26. The Lord of the Rings
    J.R.R. Tolkien

27. Anne of Green Gables
    L.M. Montgomery

28. Beloved
    Toni Morrison

29. Where the Sidewalk Ends
    Shel Silverstein

30. Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
    Roald Dahl

31. I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings
    Maya Angelou

32. The Jungle
    Upton Sinclair

33. 1984
    George Orwell

34. On the Road
    Jack Kerouac

35. The Outsiders
    S.E. Hinton

36. Silent Spring
    Rachel Carson

37. The Stand
    Stephen King

38. A Wrinkle in Time
    Madeleine L'Engle

39. Anne Frank: The Diary of a Young Girl
    Anne Frank

40. The Little Prince
    Antoine de Saint-Exupery

41. The World According to Garp
    John Irving

42. A Farewell to Arms
    Ernest Hemingway

43. The Fountainhead
    Ayn Rand

44. Hatchet
    Gary Paulsen

45. The Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe
    C.S. Lewis

46. Lolita
    Vladimir Nabokov

47. Of Human Bondage
    W. Somerset Maugham

48. The Sound and the Fury
    William Faulkner

49. Where the Red Fern Grows
    Wilson Rawls

50. An American Tragedy
    Theodore Dreiser

51. Brave New World
    Aldous Huxley

52. The Call of the Wild
    Jack London

53. Heart of Darkness
    Joseph Conrad

54. Lord of the Flies
    William Golding

55. Night
    Elie Wiesel

56. One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest
    Ken Kesey

57. The Wizard of Oz
    L. Frank Baum

58. Fahrenheit 451
    Ray Bradbury

59. Mary Poppins
    P.L. Travers

60. Morris's Disappearing Bag
    Rosemary Wells

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