The Newsletter of the Northport-East Northport Public Library

The January 2017

FOR ADULTS

Four-Star Library

Library Receives National Recognition for Ninth Year!

For the ninth consecutive year, The Northport-East Northport Public Library has earned a four-star rating in Library Journal’s 2016 Index of Public Library Service, a national rating system designed to recognize and promote America’s public libraries.

The four-star rating is awarded on the basis of four measures of service—patron visits, material circulation, program attendance, and Internet usage. This year, 35 libraries were awarded Star status in New York State, the highest number for any state.

Northport Arts Coalition presents The Feinberg Brothers

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

The Feinberg Brothers, an authentic bluegrass band from Long Island, will entertain you with their tight, soulful harmonies and masterful fiddle, mandolin, and guitar playing. Brothers Rourke and Patrick, together with their father Ronnie, have toured extensively throughout the Northeast, playing festivals and country music shows, and will delight you with their unique sound.

Mort Künstler: The New Nation

(N) Friday, January 13, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a presentation by The Heckscher Museum of Art on the current exhibition of Mort Künstler’s historic paintings. Known as America’s Civil War painter, Künstler has devoted his career to the entire swath of American history, and his paintings vividly bring scenes from our iconic past to life. “The New Nation” includes some of the artist’s most recent works.

Create a Circle of Life Mandala

(N) Wednesday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.

In this creative and educational workshop, participants will design an expressive circle of life mandala using watercolor, design tools, and colored pencils. Artist, teacher, and creative arts therapist Lauren Singer will guide you in the process as you relax to meditative music and enjoy inspirational images on display. Registration begins January 3 (NENA618).

Reminder: Scarf, Hat, Mitten & Glove Collection

Drop off your donations at the display table in the lobby of either library building through January 8.

Inside: More Programs for Adults, Teens, and Children

Open to all

Make Your Life a Blue Zone

(N) Tuesday, January 10, 11:00 a.m.

The Blue Zones are regions on the globe where people live the longest and, decade for decade, have the best health metrics. Dr. Stacey Funt, clinical professor in lifestyle medicine and health coaching at Stony Brook University Medical Center, will explore the common characteristics that these communities share, including diet, exercise, and stress management. Participants will come away with steps that they can take toward creating their own Blue Zones.

Staying Independent for Life

(EN) Wednesday, January 11, 10:00 a.m.

Falls are the leading cause of injury for older adults. Mindy Giambalvo of the Suffolk County Department of Health Services will explain how to build confidence and reduce the probability of falls. Topics include balance and strength training, vision and medication review, and how to keep the home environment safe. Registration is underway. (NENA617)

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Wok ‘N Roll: A Chinese New Year Culinary Celebration
(N) Thursday, January 19, 12:00 p.m.
Simply Creative Chef Rob Scott will be on hand to prepare a delicious banquet of orzo vegetable salad, coleslaw with roasted peanuts, and barbecued chicken in lettuce cups. Join us in celebrating the Year of the Rooster in culinary style! Nonrefundable $5 materials fee per person due at the time of registration. Registration begins January 3. (NENA615)

Childhood Concussions
(N) Wednesday, January 25, 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Marjorie Serotoff of Northwell Health will discuss childhood concussions. What is a concussion? What tools are used to make a diagnosis? How are concussions treated? Dr. Serotoff is a board-certified pediatrician in private practice for 32 years and has been involved with concussion management since the NYS concussion law came into effect in 2011. Registration begins January 3. (NENA620)

The Longest War:
 Battles Between the Sexes
(N) Friday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.
Michael D’Innocenzo, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Hofstra University, offers this first installment in a series of monthly discussions. Key themes examining the changing roles of men and women in history and globally will be explored. All themes examining the changing roles of men and women in history and globally will be explored. All

Do-ing Music presents Zentripetal String Duo
(N) Friday, January 27, 7:30 p.m.
Labeled “up-and-coming” by Time Out NY and “dynamic duo” by Classics Today, Zentripetal made its debut in 2006. Longtime collaborators, violinist Lynn Bechtold and cellist Jennifer DeVore, have been performing together since they were students at the New England Conservatory of Music in Boston. There will be a meet and greet with refreshments after the performance.

Long Island reSound Handbell Ensemble
(N) Sunday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.
Founded in 2014, this handbell ensemble from Babylon Village will help ring in the new year by performing a program of popular songs. Ringing on 5 octaves of Whitechapel handbells and 3 octaves of Malmark handchimes, the group will show you what handbells can really do—they are not just for holidays anymore!

Learn to Play Canasta
(N) Mondays, January 30, February 6, 13, 10:00 a.m.
Join instructor Jacqui Palatnik for this beginner/ refresher canasta series. This exciting card game is an oldie but a goodie that was popular in the 1950s and is now making a big comeback. Plan on using your mind and having lots of fun. Come and bring a friend or make new ones! Registration begins on January 9. (NENA621)

Pretzel Nuggets and Honey Mustard
(N) Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.
Guided by the Baking Coach, you will learn how to prepare a classic snack of pretzel nuggets and honey mustard. This delicious treat is perfect to enjoy during the Big Game, or anytime! Registration begins January 17. (NENA623)

Dried Flower Heart Wreath
(EN) Saturday, February 4, 11:00 a.m.
Come design a beautiful wreath to brighten your winter into spring. Grower-wraper Diana Conklin will supply lavender, herbs, hydrangea, and many other brightly colored botanicals to create your unique project. A nonrefundable $10 materials fee due at the time of registration. Registration begins January 17. (NENA623)

AARP Smart Driver Course
(N) Tuesdays, January 17 & 24, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Registration begins January 3 at the Northport Library only. (NENA624)
Fee: $20 for AARP members ($25 for non-members) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.

Defensive Driving
(EN) Tuesday, January 3, and Wednesday, January 4, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Fee: $36
Applications are currently available at both library buildings.
Please note: These courses promote safe driving and help participants maintain their driving skills. Check with your insurance company about the specific insurance and point reductions available to you.

FOR ADULTS

Career Programs
Interviewing Etiquette & Techniques
(EN) Monday, January 9, 7:30 p.m.
Join Career Counselor Casey Savin to learn tips and tricks to ace your interview and come out as the strongest candidate. Registration is underway. (NENA10)
The Job Search: How to Find Your Dream Job
(EN) Wednesday, February 1, 7:00 p.m.
This seminar is designed for job seekers who need updated job placement skills in order to land their dream job. Topics will include resumes, references, networking, interviewing, and negotiating your dream job! Registration begins January 18. (NENA11)

Adult Winter Reading Club
January 11- March 11, 2017 open to all Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders, 18 or older
How Do I Participate?
• Choose a book. Any format will do—print, eBook, or audiobook.
• Fill out a “Winter Reading Club” form, which includes the book title, author, and a brief review or comment from you about the book.
• Submit your “Winter Reading Club” form at the Reference Desk or online. Each form you submit entitles you to one raffle ticket.
• When the Winter Reading Club ends, a drawing will be held for a Grand Prize.

How Do I Get Started?
Beginning January 11, visit the Reference Desk at either library building to pick up your “Winter Reading Club” form(s), or access the forms online, and start reading. The more books you read, the more chances you have to win!
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**Friday Movies**

Florence Foster Jenkins
Fridays, (N) January 6, and
(EN) January 13, 2:00 p.m.
This is the story of Florence Foster Jenkins, a New York heiress who dreamed of becoming an opera singer despite having a terrible singing voice. Rated PG-13. 133 min.

The Magnificent Seven
Fridays, (N) January 20, and
(EN) January 27, 2:00 p.m.
Seven gunmen in the Old West gradually come together to help defend a poor village against savage thieves. Rated PG-13. 133 min.

Closed captioning will be displayed.

**Book Groups**

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

**Truth Be Told**
(N) Thursday, January 5, 7:00 p.m.
Our nonfiction group will discuss The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of Our nonfiction group will discuss The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of Our nonfiction group will discuss The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of Our nonfiction group will discuss The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of Our nonfiction group will discuss The Family: Three Journeys into the Heart of

**Page Turners**
(N) Thursday, January 12, 2:00 p.m.
The group will discuss The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah.

**Novel Ideas**
(N) Monday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.
The group will discuss Ella and Otto by Russell and James by Emma Hooper.

**Cinema at the Library**
(N) Tuesday, January 24, 6:30 p.m.
Join Huntington’s Cinema Arts Centre co-director Dylan Skolnick to discuss The Light Between Oceans. This film is about a lighthouse keeper, living off the coast of Australia with his wife, who finds a baby adrift in a rowboat. They rescue and raise the child as their own. Rated PG-13. 130 min.

**Let’s Talk English Conversation**
(EN) Fridays, January 6 & 20, 7:00 p.m.
Meet new friends and practice your English language conversation in a relaxed and friendly environment.

**Quick Reads**
(EN) Friday, January 27, 7:00 p.m.
This informal reading group is designed for intermediate English language learners. Pick up this month’s reading selection at the East Northport Circulation Desk.

**ESL for Adults**
(EN) Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 7:00 p.m.
This series will continue to help you develop your English reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills. Registration begins January 9.

**Registration for Teen Programs and Volunteer Opportunities begins January 4.**

**Teen Writers Workshop**
Open to students in grades 7-12
(N) Friday, January 13, 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 welcome.

**Super Smash Saturday!**
(N) Saturday, January 14, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Join your friends in this Super Smash Brothers Wii U Competition. Prizes will be awarded to the top three players.

**Socrates Café**
(N) Wednesday, January 18, 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. Newcomers are always welcome!

**Escape the Teen Room**
(N) Friday, January 20, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Participate in a collaborative library clue hunting game with the Huntington Public Library and South Huntington Public Library.

**Fun with Fondant**
(N) Saturday, January 21, 1:00-2:30 p.m.
Have fun, get creative, and learn how to cover and decorate cupcakes using marshmallow fondant.

**Fandom Friday: A Taste of Korea**
(N) Friday, January 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Come join your fellow fandom friends as we try Korean snacks and explore Korean pop culture!

**Teen Volunteer Opportunities**
Open to students in grades 7-12
You may choose one volunteer opportunity in addition to Teen Advisory Board.

**Chess Club Volunteers**
(EN) Thursday, January 26, 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Earn volunteer credit while you help children learn how to play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required.

**SAT Preparation Workshop**
(EN) Thursdays, February 2, 9, 16, & March 2, 6:15-8:45 p.m.
Students in grades 10-12 Registration begins Wednesday, January 18. (March 9 will be held as a make-up date if a class needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather.) Students in grades 10-12 can prepare for the SAT exams with teachers Barbara White and Jay Berger. A non-refundable check for $114 payable to the Northport-East Northport Public Library must be paid to the Library within 3 days of registration. Your class placement is not complete until payment is received.

**Can’t make the SAT Workshop?**
Ask a Librarian about ePrep, an online SAT study program.
**FOR CHILDREN**

**Registration for the following**

Road to Reading series programs
begins January 5.
(One series program per child please)

**Programs for families**

**Signing with Your Baby**
(N) Thursdays, January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 10:00 a.m.
Children 6-23 months with adult; siblings welcome
Learn some basic signs with your baby to enhance
communication before their language skills develop.
This class will include stories, songs, and sign
language. (45 min.) Registration is underway.

**Singing and Play**
(EN) Mondays, January 23, 30, February 6, 10:00 a.m. (NENJ116) or 11:00 a.m. (NENJ117)
Children 1-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
Sing songs and chant rhymes while using scarves,
bells, balls, and hoops that engage children with music
and physical activity to reinforce early literacy skills
and foster a love of language. (30 min.)

**1, 2, 3, Learn with Me**
(N) Tuesdays, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 10:00 a.m.
Children 1-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
Child development experts will be on hand to
answer your questions while your children play with
age-appropriate toys. This program also includes an
open-ended art activity and a circle time with stories
and songs. (60 min.)

**Preschool Storytime**
(EN) Tuesdays, January 24, 31, February 7, 14, 1 p.m. (NENJ116) or 4:00 p.m. (NENJ120)
Children 4-5 years; independent
Children listen to stories, sing songs and chant
rhymes that increase vocabulary and letter knowledge,
and participate in hands-on activities to recreate the
narrative elements of the stories. (40 min.)

**Sensory Fun**
(N) Saturday, January 7, 10:00 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.) Registration is underway.

**PJ Storytime: Bundle Up!**
(EN) Tuesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Enjoy lots of music and movement in this active
family storytime about keeping warm in winter. (30 min.)

**Anything Goes Legos**
(EN) Wednesday, January 11, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades 1-5
Use the Library’s Legos to build your own
creation that will go on display in the Children’s Room.
(45 min.)

**Sensory Friendly Film:**
**The Little Prince**
(N) Sunday, January 15, 2:00 p.m.
Suggested for children 8 years and up with adult;
siblings welcome
The lights are up, the sound is down, and kids are
free to move around. Come see the 2015 animated
feature based on the children’s book classic written
right here in Northport by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry.
Rated PG. (108 min.)

**Newbery Club: Mock Election**
(N) Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 4 and up
Members of the Newbery Club have been busy
reading books published in 2016. Join us for our 11th
Annual Mock Newbery Election. The ballot of books
under consideration is available on the Newbery Book
Club webpage at: www.nenpl.org. Come to the election
prepared to defend your favorite books or just to hear
about great new books. (75 min.)

**Story Parade**
(N) Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades K-2
A creative, hands-on activity enhances this story-
time that introduces school-age children to a wide
variety of literature including fantasy, humor, and
folklore. (45 min.) Registration begins January 5.

**Moms’ Group at the Library**
(EN) Wednesdays, January 18, 25, February 1, 8, 15, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-3 years with mother; siblings welcome
This is a weekly discussion for moms and their
children. Part of Mom-mentum, a national association
of mothers’ centers and led by a trained facilitator,
this program will introduce various topics and activities
that celebrate and explore motherhood while your children
play with toys beside you. (90 min.) Registration begins
January 5. (NENJ128)

**Books a Poppin’**
(EN) Fridays, January 20, 27, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult
Stop by for this drop-in storytime. We’ll read
stories, sing songs, share rhymes and fingerplays,
and have fun in this interactive program for families.
(30 min.)

**Paws to Read**
(N) Friday, January 20
Children in grades 1-5
Children will practice reading aloud to a certified
therapy dog. Select a book from the Library’s collec-
tion or bring a book from home. Registration begins
January 5. Choose one 15-minute session:
6:30-6:45 p.m. (NENJ129) 7:00-7:15 p.m. (NENJ130)
6:45-7:00 p.m. (NENJ131) 7:15-7:30 p.m. (NENJ132)

**Read with Rita Meade**
(N) Tuesday, January 24, 4:00 p.m.
Children 4 years and up; adults and siblings welcome
Former member of the Northport-East Northport
Public Library staff, Librarian Rita Meade will read
The author will discuss her writing process
and journey to publication. Books will be
available for purchase and autographing, and a
“messy” art experience will also be provided.
(60 min.)

**Chess Club**
(N) Thursday, January 26, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 3-6
Chess teaches children foresight, helps
them to expand self-confidence, and sharpens
their ability to focus. All skill levels are welcome,
but a basic knowledge of the game is required.
(45 min.)

**Parenting Program:**
**Temper Tantrums**
(N) Tuesday, January 31, 7:00 p.m.
Although temper tantrums are normal for young
children, they can leave parents feeling frustrated and
embarrassed. Learn about their cause, what can be
done to minimize them, and the best ways to deal with
them when they do occur. (90 min.) Registration begins
January 5. (NENJ139)

**Open for Discussion:**
**Liar & Spy**
(EN) Tuesday, February 21, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 4-6 with adult
Parents and their children will take part in a lively discussion of
Newbery Award winning author Rebecca Stead’s novel
Liar & Spy. Georges moves to Brooklyn and
becomes spy partners with his new friend
Safer. When snooping on a mysterious neigh-
bor gets out of hand, Georges begins to wonder what
is a lie, and what is a game—and how far is too far to
go for your only friend? After registering, please pick
up a copy of the book in the Children’s Room to add
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See any of our
Children’s Librarians
for more information
and to sign up!
LIBRARY HOURS
9 to 9 Monday thru Friday
9 to 5 Saturday
1-5 Sunday

LIBRARY TRUSTEES
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Jacqueline Elsas, Vice Chairperson
Andrea Gladding
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Georganne White
Board Meeting: (N) January 19, 10:00 a.m.

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**Design a Bookmark Contest:**

January 3 - February 6

Children in grades K-5 are invited to submit their original designs for our annual Design a Bookmark Contest. Entry guidelines and forms are available in the Children’s Room. Twelve winning designs will be selected to decorate monthly bookmarks for the upcoming year. The deadline for entries is February 6. Winners will be announced in the March newsletter.

All participants are invited to a reception on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:00 p.m. to celebrate their creativity and enjoy a drawing workshop with a visiting art teacher.

**AARP Tax-Aide** (registration required)

(EN) Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (NENA628)
February 2, 9, 16, 23

(N) Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon (NEN629)
February 3, 10, 17, 24

Registration for all February appointments begins January 23.

AARP Tax-Aide is a free service for low and middle income taxpayers, with special attention to seniors. Prepared tax forms will be filed electronically. Please bring current tax records and copies of your last filed federal and state tax returns. To expedite the preparation process, please pick up an **Intake/Interview Form (#13614-C)** at the Reference Desk prior to your appointment. All persons listed on the tax return must be present and provide photo ID and their Social Security card.

**Gallery Exhibits**

Northport:
“Works—Old and New” by Jim Scovel
Northport resident Jim Scovel, a retired Newsday reporter, has been painting for 30 years. He studied with the Art League of Long Island and the Smithtown Township Arts Council, and has participated in various Long Island exhibits.

East Northport:
Landscape paintings in oils by Michelle Kollmeier
Scenes from Long Island, Pennsylvania, and abroad.