Library Receives National Recognition for Tenth Year!

For the tenth consecutive year, the Northport-East Northport Public Library has earned a four-star rating in the Library Journal 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 five measures of service—circulation, library visits, program attendance, public Internet computer use, and circulation of electronic materials. This year, 31 libraries were awarded Star status in New York, the highest number for any state.

Current Events in Perspective

(N) Tuesday, January 9, 1:00 p.m.
Join Michael D’Innocenzo, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Hofstra University, to explore significant national and international developments. All attending are welcome to share their views and pose questions.

Northport Arts Coalition presents Rose Tree

(N) Wednesday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.
Rose Tree will perform traditional Scottish folk music using a variety of instruments including fiddle, hammered dulcimer, English and Anglo-German concertina, guitar, accordion, and banjo. Their show features a variety of tunes, from lively to poignant, and includes several by Robert Burns. The Rose Tree Scottish show is a great way to start the New Year!

Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction

(N) Thursday, January 11, 11:00 a.m.
While it is not always possible to eliminate the sources of stress in our lives, we can teach ourselves better ways to deal with life’s stressors and thereby reduce the negative impact on our health. Dr. Joseph Diamond of Northwell Health will discuss mindfulness, the practice of moment to moment awareness by purposely focusing on the present.

The Wonders of the Winter Landscape

(N) Wednesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.
Lecturer, author, and horticultural consultant Vincent Simeone will reveal why winter is one of the most beautiful times of the year to appreciate the garden. His lecture will focus on how to enhance aesthetic value and interest by using horticultural treasures such as winter fruiting plants, broad-leaved evergreens, conifers, and trees with interesting bark.

Fireside Friday: Happy Harps Duo

(EN) Friday, January 19, 7:30 p.m.
Mother/daughter harpists Maya and Juliette Passer will delight you with some favorite melodies. Classically trained, the two have performed around the world and have combined experience from Kharkiv Conservatory, Symphony Orchestra of the Kharkiv Philharmonic, and Manhattan School of Music.

Casablanca

(N) Sunday, January 21, 1:30 p.m.
Filled with dark humor, a powerful script, expressionist lighting, and classic leading roles, Casablanca is a wartime romance that can be seen again and again. Whether you are a student of film, a hopeless romantic, or just someone that enjoys great cinema, join historian Larry Wolff for a lecture followed by a viewing of the movie.
FOR ADULTS

Hummus
(N) Monday, January 22, 11:00 a.m.
Learn how to make this popular vegan and naturally gluten-free appetizer. The class will include a lecture and demonstration of how to make this protein-packed dip, including variations using natural flavorings. Patrons will make their own hummus to take home and enjoy. Registration begins January 5. (NENA707)

The Broad Museum
(N) Tuesday, January 23, 7:00 p.m.
The Broad is a new contemporary art museum built by philanthropists Eli and Edythe Broad in downtown Los Angeles. The museum is home to nearly 2,000 works, and is among the most prominent holdings of postwar and contemporary art by artists such as Jean-Michel Basquiat, Cy Twombly, Cindy Sherman, and Chuck Close, plus an ever-growing representation of younger artists. Thomas Germaino will present a visual lecture featuring highlights from the collection.

Latinology
(Sunday, January 28, 2:00 p.m.
Latinology pays tribute to the legends of Afro-Cuban jazz and salsa with creative arrangements of pop, soul, R&B, and jazz songs infused with salsa, merengue, bachata, cha-cha, and bolero rhythms. All ages are welcome to come and enjoy this dynamic six-member music ensemble as they present their own irresistible blend of sophistication and fire.

Gene Kelly: Actor, Dancer & Director
(N) Monday, January 29, 2:00 p.m.
Join lecturer Marc Courtade as he discusses the life and career of Gene Kelly, a dominant force in Hollywood from the mid 1940s through the late 1950s. His many innovations transformed the musical film, and he is credited with almost single-handedly making the ballet game necessary. Meet new friends in different categories and all players are welcome (some knowledge of the rules is necessary). Registration begins January 9. (NENA708)

Canasta Party
(N) Tuesday, January 30, 1:00 p.m.
Jacqueline Palatin will be hosting a Canasta Party, complete with prizes. During the event there will be contests in different categories and all players are welcome (some knowledge of the game is necessary). Meet new friends and have fun! Registration begins January 9. (NENA708)

FOR ADULTS

Cinema at the Library
(N) Wednesday, January 31, 6:30 p.m.
Join Cinema Arts Centre co-director Dylan Skolnick to discuss Victoria & Abdul. Queen Victoria strikes up an unlikely friendship with a young Indian clerk named Abdul Karim. Rated PG-13, 112 minutes.

Chinese Cooking Demonstration
(N) Tuesday, February 6, 6:30 p.m.
Celebrate the Chinese New Year with chef and author Penn Hongthong. On the menu will be several simple and healthy Chinese dishes: vegetable fried rice, shrimp with vegetables, and chow fun with beef. A nonrefundable $5 materials fee is due at the time of registration. Registration begins January 16. (NENA709)

Hoop Dancing
(Saturday, February 10 & 17, 11:00 a.m.
Try something new in this two-part series designed to introduce you to hoop dancing, a rhythmic free-flowing art form and a fun new way to exercise. Certified hoop dance instructor Jami Goleksi brings custom hoops and will guide you in the basic techniques needed for this creative activity. Registration begins January 20. (NENA70)

Free State and Federal Income Tax Preparation
AARP Tax-Aide is a free tax counseling and preparation service helping low and middle-income taxpayers, with special attention to those ages 60 and older. This service is administered by the AARP Foundation in cooperation with the IRS. Electronic filing (e-Filing) is included.
Please bring your current tax records and copies of your last filed federal and state tax returns. If filing jointly, both must be present and bring a photo ID and a Social Security Card or another form of Social Security verification. To expedite the preparation process, please pick up an Intake/Interview Form (#13614-C) at the Reference Desk prior to your appointment. (AARP Tax-Aide volunteers cannot prepare returns that include rental property, military income, alternative minimum tax, or those with many stock transactions.) Registration for all February appointments begins January 16.
(EN) Tuesdays, February 6, 15, 22, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m., or 12:00 p.m. (NENA705)
(EN) Fridays, February 9, 16, 23, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 a.m., or 12:00 p.m. (NENA706)

Medicare Counseling
(Tuesday, January 16, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, or 11:00 a.m. (NENA713)
(EN) Wednesday, January 24, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, or 11:30 a.m. (NENA712)
A volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program (HIICAP) will answer questions, one-on-one, about Medicare and supplementary insurance by appointment. Registration begins January 2.

AARP Smart Driver Course
(N) Wednesday, January 16 & 23, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Registration is currently underway at the Northport Library only. (NENA704)
Fee: $20 for AARP members ($25 for nonmembers) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.
(EN) Saturday, February 10, 9:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Registration begins January 27 at the East Northport Library only. (NENA711)
Fee: $20 for AARP members ($25 for nonmembers) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.

Defensive Driving
(EN) Tuesday, January 17 & 23, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Applications are currently available in both library buildings. Fee: $36
(EN) Tuesdays, February 13 & 20, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Applications are available in both library buildings beginning January 30. Fee: $36

Blood Pressure Check
Wednesday, January 3, 9:30-10:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
A nurse from Visiting Nurse Service is available to provide a free blood pressure check.

Medicare Counseling
(Tuesday, January 16, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, or 11:00 a.m. (NENA713)
(EN) Wednesday, January 24, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, or 11:30 a.m. (NENA712)
A volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program (HIICAP) will answer questions, one-on-one, about Medicare and supplementary insurance by appointment. Registration begins January 2.

SCORE Small Business Workshops
Are you an entrepreneur seeking help with the formation, growth, and success of your business? A representative from SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will discuss strategies you can implement to establish and grow your business. You may attend one or multiple sessions, however please register for each session separately. Registration begins January 8.
(EN) Monday, February 5, 7:00 p.m.
Starting Your Own Business Plan (NENA131)
(EN) Monday, February 12, 7:00 p.m.
How to Write Your Business Plan (NENA132)
(EN) Monday, February 26, 7:00 p.m.
Marketing Your Business (NENA133)
(EN) Monday, March 5, 7:00 p.m.
Social Media Marketing for Your Business (NENA134)
(EN) Monday, March 12, 7:00 p.m.
The Power of Successful Email Marketing (NENA135)

Computer Classes

iCloud for iPad & iPhone
(EN) Monday, January 8, 7:00 p.m.
Learn how to navigate and organize your iPad or iPhone, and computer using iCloud. Bring your iPad or iPhone, or just come and listen. Prerequisite: basic knowledge of your iPad or iPhone.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel
(N) Tuesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m.
Learn the basics of this popular spreadsheet program, including creating, editing, and formatting worksheets, formulas, and much more. Prerequisite: basic Windows computer knowledge. Registration begins January 2. (NENC237)

Intermediate Microsoft Excel
(N) Wednesday, January 24, 7:00 p.m.
Learn more about this popular spreadsheet program including functions, working with ranges, macros, charting, and much more. Prerequisite: Introduction to Microsoft Excel or equivalent. Registration begins January 10. (NENC238)

Mastering Your iPad & iPhone
(EN) Tuesday, February 6, 7:00 p.m.
Join Apple-certified trainer John Budavich and learn how to navigate and organize your iPad and iPhone. In this class, explore new features and learn helpful tips and tricks, including the use of Siri. The iPhone 8, iPhone 8 Plus, and iPhone X will be discussed. Bring your device and your questions, or just come and listen.
FOR ADULTS

Friday Movies
Home Again
Fridays, (N) January 5 and (EN) January 12, 2:00 p.m.
Life for a single mom in Los Angeles takes an unexpected turn when she allows three young men to move in with her. Rated PG-13. 98 minutes.

Dunkirk
Fridays, (N) January 19 and (EN) January 26, 2:00 p.m.
Allied soldiers from Belgium, the British Empire, and France are surrounded by the German Army and evacuated during a fierce battle in World War II. Rated PG-13. 156 minutes. Closed captioning will be displayed.

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

Truth Be Told
(N) Thursday, January 4, 7:00 p.m.
Our nonfiction group will discuss Five Chiefs: A Supreme Court Memoir by John Paul Stevens.

Page Turners
(N) Thursday, January 11, 2:00 p.m.
The group will discuss The Last Days of Night by Graham Moore.

Novel Ideas
(N) Monday, January 29, 7:00 p.m.
The group will discuss Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue.

LET’S TALK: English Conversation
(EN) Thursdays, January 16, 30, February 13, 27, March 13, 17, 7:00 p.m.
Meet new friends and practice your English language conversation skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome. Registration begins January 2. (NENR138)

Folktales for Today
(EN) Wednesday, January 24, 2:00 p.m.
Reconnect with timeless cultural stories passed down from one generation to another. Meet with your neighbors to share and discuss the similarities and differences of the stories you were told while growing up. Open to all, including English language learners. A different folktale will be selected for discussion each month. Registration is preferred, but drop-ins are welcome. Registration begins January 4. (NENR137)

ESL for Adults
(EN) Thursdays, February 1, 8, 15, March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 7:00 p.m.
Meet new friends and practice your English reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills in this series of classes. Registration begins January 11. (NENR138)

Literacy in Action
(EN) Monday, February 5, 2:00 p.m.
Are you a Literacy Suffolk Volunteer? Connect with other volunteers who provide literacy services in our community to share techniques and practices that can help your literacy student succeed. Learn about new materials added to the Library’s Adult Learners collection as well as useful electronic databases and free online resources available to basic literacy and English language learners.

LET’S READ: Poetry Readers
(EN) Thursdays, January 11, 18, 25, 2:30 p.m.
Brighten up your winter by sharing poetry, both classic and modern, with the Poetry Readers.

Spanish with MANGO Conversation
(EN) Tuesdays, February 6, 13, 27, March 6, 13, 20, 2:30 p.m.
Learn basic Spanish conversation skills by using the popular MANGO online language learning software that the Library subscribes to. These six meetings will get you on your way then continue learning on your own. Each meeting will focus on a chapter. Registration begins January 16. (NENR139)

Citizenship Drive with Literacy Nassau
(EN) Wednesday, February 28, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Meet with a legal counselor from the office of Literacy Nassau to help file your application for naturalization. Counselors will also be available to provide referrals for green card renewals, family petitions, and to answer any questions you have about your path to becoming a United States citizen. To schedule an appointment, please call Literacy Nassau at (516) 867-3580 ext. 15, or email cca@literacynassau.org.

FOR TEENS

Intro to Virtual Reality: Eagle Flight
Open to teens 13 years and older
Please choose one date and one 20-minute session
(N) Wednesday, January 10, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m. (NENY215)
(N) Wednesday, January 24, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m. (NENY216)
Come experience PlayStation virtual reality and try the stunningly beautiful Eagle Flight game that features a first person perspective of an eagle flying over Paris!

Rocket League Competition
(N) Friday, January 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Join your friends in this PlayStation 4 2v2 Rocket League Competition. Prizes will be awarded to the top four players. (NENY217)

Teen Writers Workshop
Open to students in grades 8-12
(N) Friday, January 19, 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. (NENY218)

Retro Gaming
Saturday, January 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
Get ready to revisit the gaming golden era in this fast-paced, retro-gaming competition where we will play games from the 8-bit and 16-bit era. Top players will win retro-inspired prizes! (NENY219)

Snack Around the World: Poland
(EN) Wednesday, January 3, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m.
Join us as we make no-sew blankets for Project Linus. Project Linus provides new, handmade, washable blankets to be given as gifts to children who are seriously ill. (NENY225)

SAT Preparation Workshop
Students in grades 10-12
(EN) Thursdays, January 25, 1, 8, and 15, 6:15-8:45 p.m.
Registration begins January 9. (March 8 will be held as a makeup day if a class needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather)
Students 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 within 3 days of registration. Payment includes the workbook for the SAT exam. Your class placement is not complete until payment is received. (NENY227)

FOR TEENS

Registration for the following Teen Programs and Volunteer Opportunities begins January 3.

Teen Volunteer Opportunities
Open to students in grades 7-12.
Nassau County Library System
(EN) Thursday, January 11, 3:45-5:00 p.m.
Volunteers will assist children in grades 1-5 with LEGO projects. (NENY222)

Chess Club Volunteers
(EN) Thursday, January 12, 3:45-5:00 p.m.
Meet young children as they learn to play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required. (NENY223)

Teen Advisory Board:
Project Linus
(N) Thursday, January 18, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
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Project Linus

LEGO Volunteers
(EN) Thursday, January 11, 3:45-5:00 p.m.
Volunteers will assist children in grades 1-5 with LEGO projects. (NENY222)

You may volunteer for Chess Buddies and Chess Club

Chess Buddies
(EN) Friday, January 12, 3:45-5:00 p.m.
Earn volunteer credit as you help children learn how to play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required. (NENY224)

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FOR CHILDREN

Registration for the following Road to Reading series programs begins January 4.
(One series program per child please)

Programs for families

Time for Tots
(N) Tuesdays, January 16, 23, 30, 10:00 a.m.
Children 2-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
You and your child will enjoy fun and educational activities designed to encourage early reading, math, and social readiness skills, and also create a craft. (60 min.) (NENJ337)

Sing and Play
(EN) Mondays, January 22, 29, February 5, 10:00 a.m. (NENJ340) or 11:00 a.m. (NENJ341)
Children 1-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
Sing songs and rhymes while using scarves, bells, balls, and hoops that engage children in musical and physical activity to reinforce early literacy skills and foster a love of language. (45 min.)

Preschool Storytime
(EN) Tuesdays, January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 10:00 a.m.
Children 3-5 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.)

Sensory Fun
(N) Tuesday, January 9, 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.)

Moms’ Group
(EN) Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-3 years with mother; siblings welcome
Children in grades K-2
A creative hands-on activity enhances this storytime that introduces school-age children to a wide variety of literature including fantasy, humor, and folklore. (45 min.) Registration begins January 4. (NENJ349)

Books a Poppins’
(N & EN) Fridays, January 19, 26, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Stop by for this drop-in storytime. We will read stories, sing songs, share rhymes and fingerplays, and have fun in this interactive program for families. (30 min.)

Soccer Saturday
(N) Saturday, February 3, 11:00 a.m.
Children in grades K-2
Kids will enjoy playing active games while learning soccer skills. All levels of athletic ability are welcome. (60 min.) Registration begins January 20. (NENJ355)

Open for Discussion:
Half a Chance
(EN) Thursday, February 22, 7:30 p.m.
Children in grades 4 and up with adult
Parents and their children will take part in a discussion of Half a Chance by Newbery Honor-winning author Cynthia Lord. When Nate and Lucy spend the summer taking photos for a contest, they discover that sometimes pictures reveal more than people are willing to see. Registration begins January 18. After you register, please pick up a copy of the book in the Children’s Room to add to your personal library. (NENJ356)

Newbery Club: Mock Election
(N) Tuesday, January 30, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 4 and up
Members of the Newbery Club have been busy reading books published in 2017. Join us for our 12th Annual Mock Newbery Election. The ballot of books under consideration is available on the Newbery Club web page at www.nenpl.org. Come to the election prepared to defend your favorite books or just to hear about great new books. (75 min.)

FOR CHILDREN

Block Play
(N) Friday, January 5, 10:00 a.m.
Children 1-4 years with adult; siblings welcome
Playing with blocks helps children develop problem-solving skills, sharpen creativity and cooperation, and lets their imaginations run wild. Come have fun constructing with our unique variety of building materials. (45 min.)

Sensory Fun
(N) Tuesday, January 9, 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.)

PJ Storytime
(EN) Tuesday, January 9, 7:00 p.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Get your body moving in this evening family storytime. Enjoy action rhymes and songs as well as stories! (30 min.)

Air-Crafts
(EN) Wednesday, January 10, 3:00 p.m.
Children 4 years and up; adults and siblings welcome
Visit our “Lift off at the Library” airport play space anytime between 3:00-4:30 p.m. for a special craft opportunity, and let your creativity take flight! (90 min.)

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

Introduction to Chess
(N) Friday, January 12, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades 1-5
Kids will learn the basics of this challenging game which helps to expand self-confidence and sharpens their ability to focus. (45 min.)

Chess Club
(N) Thursday, January 18, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 3-6
Learn new strategies to improve your game while playing matches with other children and teen volunteers. All skill levels are welcome, but a basic knowledge of the game is required. (45 min.)

Sensory Fun
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Children 3-6 years with adult; siblings welcome
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Moms’ Group
(EN) Wednesdays, January 17, 24, 31, February 7, 14, 21, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-3 years with mother; siblings welcome
This is a weekly discussion for moms and their children. Led by a trained facilitator, this program introduces various topics and activities that celebrate and explore motherhood while your children play with toys beside you. (90 min.) Due to the unique nature of this program we will not be able to accommodate drop-ins. Registration begins January 4. (NENJ338)
**Get Started with Downloadable Media**

The new year is a great time to learn how to download media to your electronic devices! Meet with a Librarian one-on-one to learn how to download eBooks, audiobooks, magazines, music, movies, and graphic novels using services available through the Library including OverDrive/Libby, Flipster, hoopla, and more. No appointment is necessary, just visit the special display table during one of the following sessions:

- (EN) Thursday, January 4, 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- (N) Thursday, January 11, 5:00-8:00 p.m.
- (N) Thursday, January 18, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
- (EN) Thursday, January 25, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

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**Adult Winter Reading Club**

**January 8- March 9**  
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 at www.nenpl.org. 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 8, 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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**Gallery Exhibits**

**Northport Gallery**

*Moments in Time*
by Stan Mehlman
Photographs of people and birds.

**East Northport Gallery**

*History in the Making*
by Northport Historical Society

**Art Talk**
(N) Friday, January 5, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Open to all