In April, our Library joins other libraries throughout Long Island to read and discuss *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer. The following Library programs complement this year’s Long Island Reads selection:

**Melanie Lipton & David Houston present, as Radio Drama, Scenes from *The Female Persuasion***

(N) Wednesday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

In a radio-style reading, this program features one of the novel’s storylines: the relationship of Greer and her boyfriend Cory—how, over time, they learn what they really want from life and each other.

**Indie Film Spotlight: *Tea with the Dames***

(N) Thursday, April 4, 2:00 p.m.

Dames Maggie Smith, Judi Dench, Eileen Atkins, and Joan Plowright are among the most celebrated actresses of all time. They are also longtime friends who invite viewers to join them for a weekend in the country as they catch up with one another, reminisce, and share their candid, delightfully irreverent thoughts on everything from art to aging.

**Page Turners***

(N) Thursday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.

Our monthly Page Turners Book Group will discuss this year’s Long Island Reads selection: *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer.

**Northport Arts Coalition’s Do-ing Music presents Cross Island***

(N) Friday, April 5, 7:30 p.m.

The duo of cellist Suzanne Mueller and pianist Elinor Abrams Zayas is joined in concert by clarinetist Josh Redman, presenting a program that seamlessly blends beloved classics and delightful discoveries spanning centuries and styles.

**“I Dwell in Possibility:” Reading and Writing Poetry***

(N) Saturday, April 6, 10:00 a.m.

In this comprehensive workshop, participants will learn to read and write poetry. With the guidance of Dr. Elizabeth Macaluso, you will gain an appreciation for poetry, write your own, and participate in readings. The workshop will meet on a Saturday once a month through July.

**The Kenn Morr Band***

(N) Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.

Enjoy the original folk rock sound of The Kenn Morr Band. Based in New England, the band is known for catchy, thoughtful original songs highlighted by three-part harmony and unique instrumentation—guitar, bass, mandolin, bouzouki, accordion, and violin.

**GRASP Home Study Orientation***

(EN) Tuesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m.

The GRASP Home Study Program will help you to prepare for the New York State TASC Test (formerly GED). Attend this orientation conducted by instructors from Western Suffolk BOCES to see if you are ready to get your high school equivalency diploma. This program is for adults 21 years and older. Registration is underway. [NENA813](#)

**Northport Arts Coalition presents “Far and Away: Shaded Hues of Humanity”***

(N) Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 p.m.

Join former Suffolk County Poet Laureate Robert Savino and friends reading poetry in the language of Dante about the Italian immigrant experience. There will be an international open mic following the reading.
FOR ADULTS

Medicare Counseling
(EN) Wednesday, April 10, 10:00, 10:30, 11:00, or 11:30 a.m. (NENA817)
(N) Tuesday, April 16, 9:30, 10:00, 10:30, or 11:00 a.m. (NENA816)
A volunteer from the Health Insurance Information, Counseling, and Assistance Program (HiICAP) will answer questions about Medicare and supplementary insurance. Registration begins April 1.

Plant a Pollinator Garden to Celebrate Earth Day
(EN) Friday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.
Pollinators play a key role in our ecosystem. They are responsible for one of every three bites of the food we eat. They also sustain our green landscape where creatures large and small thrive. Although pollinators are everywhere on Long Island, their habitat is shrinking. Join master gardener Roxanne Zimmer and learn how to create a place in your yard for three seasons of pollinator activity.

Becoming American: “My American Girls”—A Case Study of Latin Americans in the U.S.
(N) Monday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.
Michael D’Innocenzo, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Hofstra University, will present the part of a three-part series exploring the topic of immigration. Through a documentary film screening followed by a moderated discussion, explore the lives of hardworking immigrants in Brooklyn who dream of retiring to their native Dominican Republic while their American-born daughters have other ideas.

Citizenship Drive
(EN) Monday, April 15, 10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
The New York State Office for New Americans and Literacy Nassau are now scheduling appointments to meet with a legal counselor to help fill 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 U.S. citizen. By appointment only. To schedule an appointment, please call Literacy Nassau at 516-437-3580.

The Obama Portraits
(N) Tuesday, April 16, 11:00 a.m.
Art historian Mary Vahey will discuss the two artists who created the presidential portraits of Barack and Michelle Obama: Kehinde Wiley and Amy Sherald. Wiley is known for his portraits of both everyday people as well as the rich and powerful, and Sherald explores the ways people construct and perform their identities in response to political, social, and cultural expectations.

Youth Mental Health First Aid
(EN) Tuesday, April 16 & Thursday, April 18, 5:30-9:30 p.m.
Youth Mental Health First Aid teaches you how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental illness and substance use disorders. This 8-hour training gives parents/guardians and adults who work with youth the skills to reach out and provide initial support to adolescents ages 12-18 who may be developing a mental health or substance use problem and help connect them to the appropriate care. Registration is underway. (NENA212)

Brain Fitness Workshop
(N) Thursday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.
The Long Island Alzheimer’s Foundation Brain Fitness Workshops are designed for those individuals of any age who want to maintain and enhance their cognitive abilities. Activities will include word retrieval, music trivia, and recall of famous people and places. Registration begins April 4. (NENA185)

Caregiver Ambassador Program
(EN Thursday, April 18, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
A Caregiver Ambassador from Parker Jewish Institute will be in the lobby to meet with caregivers of people with Alzheimer’s disease or another dementia. The licensed social worker is trained to assist with information and referrals regarding caregiver programs, medical care, respite care, benefits, and support groups.

Thai Cooking
(N) Tuesday, April 23, 6:00 p.m.
Chef, author, and YouTube host Penn Hongthong will demonstrate how to make Massaman curry with beef, Panang curry with chicken, and coconut jasmine rice. A nonrefundable $5 materials fee is due at the time of registration. Registration begins April 2. (NENA814)

Spirituality: A Journey to Wholeness
(EN) Thursday, April 25, 1:00 p.m.
Come join Kenneth Corbin, Program Director at Northwell Heath’s South Oaks Hospital, pastoral minister, and licensed clinical social worker, and explore spiritual wellness—a topic that is universal to all. Understand the difference between religion and spirituality and how one can enhance the other.

Blood Pressure Check
(EN) Wednesday, April 3 (N) 9:30-10:30 a.m., and (EN) 11:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
A nurse from Visiting Nurse Service will be on hand to provide free blood pressure screenings.

FOR ADULTS

Natural Elements Wall Hanging
(EN) Thursday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.
It is thrilling to be able to create with nature! Learn how to make a beautiful miniature wall hanging with natural materials such as reeds, feathers, dried stalks, and shells. Basic weaving and knotting techniques will be taught. Participants can experiment creatively based on inspirational examples or follow instructor Lauren Singer’s sample. Registration begins April 4. (NENA815)

Let’s Talk Tea Time
(N) Saturday, May 11, 11:00 a.m.
Learn to make three different types of tea sandwiches with the Baking Coach. You will also sample assorted scones and watch a demonstration on how to make clotted cream to go with them. Feel free to bring your own tea cup to make the experience extra special. A nonrefundable $5 materials fee is due at the time of registration. Registration begins April 20. (NENA168)

Computer Classes
Microsoft Excel Classes
(EN) Monday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Introduction to Microsoft Excel (NENC289)
(EN) Monday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.
Intermediate Microsoft Excel (NENC290)
(EN) Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.
Advanced Microsoft Excel (NENC291)
Registration is underway.

SeniorNet: The Cloud Demystified
(EN) Tuesday, April 23, 2:00 p.m.
Dropbox, Apple Cloud, Google Drive. Microsoft OneDrive. Until recently, most files were stored solely on your home computer. Cloud computing allows storage and access to files through the Internet. Registration is underway. (NENC296)

Introduction to Digital Photography
(EN) Thursday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
Learn how to use the basic features of a digital camera, whether it is a mobile phone, tablet, or “traditional” digital SLR camera. We will review flash settings, optical and digital zoom, menu settings, optical and digital zoom, menu settings, storage and access to files through the Internet. Registration is underway. (NENC294)

FOR ADULTS

Annual Library Vote
Tuesday, April 2, 2019
9:00 a.m.—9:00 p.m.
Voting will be for two purposes:
To vote on the Library budget for 2019/2020 and to elect one trustee whose term will commence on July 1, 2019 as a result of the expiration of the term of office presently held by Jacqueline Elsas.

Candidate for Trustee: Jacqueline Elsas
Proposed Tax Rate Increase: 0.85 %
Who Can Vote: Anyone who is
1. At least 18 years of age;
2. A citizen of the United States;
3. A resident of the Northport-East Northport School District for at least 30 days;
4. Registered to vote.
Where to Vote: If you live North of 25A vote at Northport Public Library, 151 Laurel Avenue. If you live South of 25A vote at East Northport Public Library, 185 Larkfield Road.

Library budget details were published in the March newsletter. Copies are available on the Library’s website at www.nenpl.org. Trustee candidate information is available at the Reference Desk.

Defensive Driving
(N) Saturday, April 13, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Applications will be available at both library buildings beginning March 23. Fee: $36
(EN) Monday, May 13 & Tuesday, May 14, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Applications will be available at both library buildings beginning April 22. Fee: $36

AARP Smart Driver Course
(N) Saturday, April 27, 9:30 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 6 at the Northport Library only. NENA819
Fee: $20 for AARP members ($25 for nonmembers) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.

(EN) Wednesdays, May 15 & 22, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 24 at the East Northport Library only. NENA820
Fee: $20 for AARP members ($25 for nonmembers) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration.

Please note: These courses promote safe driving and help participants maintain driving skills. Check with your insurance company about the specific premium and point reductions available to you.
FOR ADULTS

Dynamic English (EN) Wednesdays, April 3, 10, 7:00 p.m.
Develop your English vocabulary, grammar, reading, and pronunciation with this friendly English conversation group. Registration is underway. (NENR190)

How Do You Say It?! (EN) Saturdays, April 6, 10, 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25, 10:00 a.m.
"Way," "Weight," and "Whye,"...yes, we know it's crazy! Learning to pronounce English words correctly can be hard. Expand your vocabulary while practicing pronunciation in this fun workshop. Registration begins April 1. (NENR200)

Quick Reads (EN) Monday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.
This informal reading group is designed for intermediate English language learners and for those who would like to develop their literacy skills. Pick up this month’s reading selection at the East Northport Circulation Desk.

Everyday Spanish (EN) Tuesdays, April 2, 9, 16, 30, 4:00 p.m.
This Spanish conversation course will focus on mastering key vocabulary words to help you start conversing in Spanish immediately. Great for both beginning and intermediate Spanish language learners. Registration is underway. (NENR199)

Destinos Telenovela (EN) Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 2:30 p.m.
This Spanish soap opera immerses you in an entertaining story while viewing everyday situations with native speakers from Mexico, Spain, Argentina, and Puerto Rico. Registration is underway. (NENR199)

Literacy in Action (EN) Monday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.
Are you a Literacy Suffolk Volunteer? Connect with other volunteers who provide literacy services for our community and share techniques and practices that help your literacy student succeed. Registration begins April 1. (NENR201)

FOR TEENS

Registration for Teen Programs and Volunteer Opportunities begins April 2.

Wednesday Night Gaming: “Hollow Knight”
(N) Wednesday, April 3, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m. (NENY461)
(N) Wednesday, April 10, 5:30, 6:00, 6:30, or 7:00 p.m. (NENY463)
Take a break and play the Indie Nintendo hit game “Hollow Knight.”

Super Smash Brothers Ultimate
(N) Saturday, April 6, 6:00-3:00 p.m.
Compete against your friends in the Super Smash Brothers Ultimate gaming competition. Prizes for the top players! (NENY454)

Snack Around the World: Spring Favorites!
(N) Friday, April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Come join our monthly Friday night teen program where we try different snacks and beverages from around the world. This month we will enjoy foods that celebrate springtime. (NENY466)

Fondant Cupcake Decorating
(N) Tuesday, April 23, 1:00-4:30 p.m.
Learn how to transform cupcakes into sweet works of art using marshmallow fondant and basic decorating techniques. (NENY468)

FOR ADULTS

SCORE Small Business Training 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. Register for each session separately.

Starting a Successful Business (N) Wednesday, April 24, 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 3. (NENR192)

Business Plan: Why You Need One (N) Wednesday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 24. (NENR190)

Medical Collection (N & EN) Saturday, April 27, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
The Northport Police Department and the Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office will collect unused or expired prescription and over-the-counter medications. Proper disposal of these items is essential for risk reduction and environmental protection. No questions asked and no personal information is required.

Northport: Items in pill form only.
East Northport: Items in pill form as well as hypodermic needles and liquids. The hypodermic needles must be stored in a heavy-duty plastic container with a tight-fitting, puncture-resistant lid and labeled “sharps.” This event is cosponsored by the Northport-East Northport Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force.

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Teen Writers Workshop (Open to students in grades 8-12)
(N) Friday, May 3, 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 always welcome. (NENY467)

Saturday, April 13, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
St. Joseph’s College, Patchogue

Newbury Club Volunteers
(For teens in grades 7-8)
(N) Tuesday, April 16, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Be the first to read advance copies of new books and participate in informal book discussions. New members are always welcome. (NENY472)

Chess Club Volunteers
(N) Thursday, April 18, 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Earn volunteer credit as you help children learn how to play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required. (NENY473)

LEGO Volunteers
(EN) Thursday, April 25, 10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Volunteers will assist children in grades 1-5 with LEGO projects. (NENY463)

Mini-Golf Volunteers
(N) Friday, April 26, 2:45-5:15 p.m.
Assist children as they play mini-golf around the Children’s Room. (NENY474)
FOR CHILDREN

Preschool Storytime
(EN) Tuesdays, April 9, 16, 30, May 7, 1:00 p.m.
Children 4-5 years; independent
Children listen to stories, sing songs and rhymes that increase vocabulary and letter knowledge, and participate in hands-on activities. (40 min.)
Registration is underway. (NENJ644)

Program for children and accompanying adult; no siblings please
Moose Goose Rhyme Time
(N) Tuesdays, April 30, May 7, 14, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-23 months with adult; no siblings
Sing songs and rhymes while using scarves, bells, and hoops that engage children in musical and physical activity to reinforce early literacy skills and foster a love of language. (30 min.)

Books a Poppin’
(N & EN) Friday, April 5, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Singing songs and rhymes while using scarves, belts, and hoops that engage children in musical and physical activity to reinforce early literacy skills and foster a love of language. (30 min.)

Pajam-“MO” Jam
(EN) Tuesday, April 9, 7:00 p.m.
Children birth-5 years with adult; siblings welcome
Sing, dance, play musical instruments, and listen to hilarious Mo Willems books starring Elephant & Piggie, Pigeon, and Knuffle Bunny. (30 min.)

Kids . . . Cast Your Vote for Your Favorite Mo Willems Character!
(N & EN) Tuesday, April 2, 9:00 a.m.-8:45 p.m.
Children 3 years and up
When parents come to the Annual Library Vote, kids will also have the opportunity to cast their own vote in the Children’s Room. Each young citizen exercising their right to vote will receive several election day goodies. Read “Mo” books and vote for your favorite character created by bestselling author Mo Willems:
• Pigeon
• Elephant (Gerald)
• Piggie
• Knuffle Bunny
• Leonardo the Terrible Monster

Paws to Read
(N) Monday, April 15, 6:30, 6:45, 7:00, or 7:15 p.m.
Children in grades 1-5
Catch a good book and sign up for a 15-minute reading session with a certified therapy dog. Registration begins April 4. (NENJ665)

Newbery Club
(N) Tuesday, April 16, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 3 and up
Be the first to read advance copies of new books and participate in informal book discussions. The club meets monthly through January 2020 when an election begins April 4. (NENJ666)

Chess Club
(N) Thursday, April 18, 7:00 p.m.
Children in grades 2-6
Chess teaches children foresight, helps them 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.)

Animals Alive!
(N) Tuesday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.
Children in grades K-5; adults and siblings welcome
Animal experts will be presenting interesting facts while guiding audience animal interaction with furry, scaly, and feathered creatures. (60 min.)
Registration begins April 3. (NENJ666)

Celebrate World Penguin Day
(EN) Wednesday, April 24, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades K-5
Learn about penguins with instructors from The Whaling Museum & Education Center. Activity begins April 3. (NENJ680)

Anything Goes LEGOs
(EN) Thursday, April 25, 11:00 a.m.
Children in grades 1-5
Use the Library’s LEGOs to design your own creation or have fun building with friends. All finished projects will go on display in the Children’s Room. (45 min.)

Library Mini-Golf
(N) Friday, April 26, 3:00, 3:20, 3:40, 4:00, 4:20, or 4:40 p.m.
Children in grades K-5
Play mini-golf inside the library! Putt your way through the aisles and around the Children’s Room on our indoor mini-golf course decorated with your favorite children’s book characters. Choose one 20-minute tee time. Registration begins April 4. (NENJ671)

Operation Child Safe Photo ID Cards
(N) Friday, April 26, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Parents of young children
Officers from the Sheriff’s Office will be available to photograph and fingerprint children and submit their relevant information to the New York State Department of Criminal Justice Services (AMBER Alert). Parents are issued ID cards to keep for their children. This event is sponsored by Assemblyman Andrew Raia.

Celebrate Children’s Book Week
(N) Saturday, April 27, 2:00-3:30 p.m.
Children in grades K-5
Stop by to help kick off the 100th anniversary of Children’s Book Week. Have fun making a craft and meeting a Paws to Read therapy dog. (60 min.)

Babies Boogie (EN) Wednesday, May 1, 10:00 a.m.
Children 6-23 months with adult; siblings welcome
Your little musician will be singing and moving to songs from around the world and keeping the beat with props and musical instruments. (45 min.)
Registration begins April 17. (NENJ672)

Toddlers Tango
(EN) Wednesday, May 1, 11:00 a.m.
Children 2-4 years with adult; siblings welcome
Clap your hands and stomp your feet in this high-energy music and movement program. (45 min.)
Registration begins April 17. (NENJ673)

A Whale of a Mom
(EN) Wednesday, May 8, 4:00 p.m.
Children 4-7 years, independent
Instructors from The Whaling Museum & Education Center will teach kids about the special bond between mother whales and their calves, as well as how other sea creatures care for their babies. Kids will also design their own card to give to someone special. (45 min.) Registration begins April 17. (NENJ674)

Celebrate Financial Literacy Month with our Money Matters Backpack Storytime. This interactive backpack includes books, music, fun activities, a toy ATM, and pretend wallet. Check out our newest backpack and start building your child’s financial literacy.
The newsletter is available in Large Print.

Local History Department is looking for Donations of Local Postcards

Post Card

The Library is looking for postcards of the Northport-East Northport community including Asharoken, Eatons Neck, Crab Meadow and Fort Salonga. New or old postcards are welcome. These postcard donations will assist with expanding the New York Heritage digital postcard collection for our community. Please bring your postcard donations to either Reference Desk.

WiFi Hotspots

Do you need easy access to the Internet? The Library now offers WiFi Hotspots, portable devices that connect mobile devices—laptops, smartphones, or tablets—to the Internet via wireless networking technology. Use them at home, at the beach, on the train, in the park, or on vacation. Please speak to a Reference Librarian or visit www.nenpl.org/hotspots for more information.

ink stories: symbols of service

Military tattoos tell the story of a service member's achievements and/or remembrance of fellow soldiers. The Library would like to honor our local veterans with a special art gallery exhibit showcasing photographs of military-inspired tattoos and the unique stories behind them. If you are interested in sharing the inspiration behind your military tattoo(s), please contact Kathryn Heaviside, Gallery Coordinator, at 631-261-6930 or library@nenpl.org.

Gallery Exhibits

Annual Art Exhibit by Students of the Northport-East Northport School District