



The

December 2020

# LIBRARY

The Newsletter of the Northport-East Northport Public Library

## FOR ADULTS



**ALL ADULT PROGRAMS WILL BE VIRTUAL FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER and offered through Zoom unless otherwise indicated. Please register on the library website, [www.nenpl.org](http://www.nenpl.org), using your library card barcode and password. Registration and a valid email address are required to receive log in information. Log in information will be emailed to registrants before the start of the program. If you have questions or need assistance with registration, please contact the Library at (631) 261-6930 or (631) 261-2313.**



### Oysters: A New York Legacy

Tuesday, December 8, 11:00 a.m.

Oysters are a key contributor to healthy bays by reducing contaminants in the marine environment. Once the oyster capital of the world, learn how and why New York City and Long Island are restocking local waterways with oysters, clams, and scallops. This presentation will be led by an educator from Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County. Registration is underway. **NENA967**

### Holiday Magic!

#### At the Piano with Alexander Wu

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Back by popular demand, Yamaha piano artist and arranger Alexander Wu takes us through a winter's journey of songs and music from around the world of traditional, folk, Latin, and contemporary classics. Come join us in toasting the holiday season. Registration is underway. **NENA968**



### Healthy Holiday Eating

Thursday, December 10, 3:00 p.m.

The holidays are a time for friends, family, and food. Many of our traditional holiday dishes can be particularly decadent. Stephanie Schiff, CDE, RD of Northwell Health will discuss how to plan a healthy holiday meal and offer tips to take to any dinner table or menu. Recipes for several delicious plant-based dishes will be provided. Registration is underway. **NENA969** This program brought to you courtesy of the Public Libraries in the Town of Huntington.



### Sugar Cookie Baking and Decorating

Monday, December 14, 3:00 p.m.

Follow along with The Baking Coach and learn how to make a simple sugar cookie dough, roll out the dough, cut the cookies, and bake and decorate them. Registration begins December 1. **NENA970**

### Toward Inauguration 2021: The Presidency and Beyond

Wednesday, December 16, 1:00 p.m.

Join Michael D'Innocenzo, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of History at Hofstra University, for a virtual analysis of the presidential election as well as those in the Congress, Senate, House, states, and courts. All views are welcome. Registration begins December 1. **NENA971**

### Visual History of Santa Claus

Friday, December 18, 3:00 p.m.

Think you know about Santa Claus? Think again! The legend of Santa began with St. Nicholas in modern-day Turkey, and the image of Santa was largely a product of commercialism. Join artist Chris Vivas and explore this iconic symbol of generosity and the season of giving. Registration begins December 1. **NENA972**



### Sound Meditation with Guided Imagery

Monday, December 21, 7:00 p.m.

Relax and rejuvenate while listening to quartz crystal bowls, Tibetan bowls, and other meditative sounds. As you relax, practitioner Donna will provide a guided imagery which allows your body to feel a sense of calm. Registration begins December 1. **NENA973**



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## The Craft of Writing

**Mondays, January 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22,  
March 1, 1:00 p.m.**

Each session will begin with a brief discussion of an aspect of the writing process. Participants who wish to may then read aloud short samples of their writing—up to 500 words—for group discussion and analysis. The workshop is open to all genres: fiction, nonfiction, poetry, dialogue, letters to the editor, memoir, opinion pieces, etc. The workshop leader is a veteran journalist and professor. Registration begins December 21.

**NENA978**

## Brain Fitness Program

**Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26, 11:00 a.m.**



Join us for fun games and exercises to keep your mind and body in shape! A representative from Long Island Alzheimer's & Dementia Center (LIAD) will lead participants through some brain teasers, trivia, Jeopardy-style games, and chair exercises. Registration

begins December 21. **NENA977**

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## Language Learning & Literacy

### Dynamic English

**Thursdays, December 3, 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Registration is underway. **NENR281**

**Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11, 25,  
7:00 p.m.**

Registration begins December 21. **NENR287**

Develop your English vocabulary, grammar, reading, and pronunciation with this friendly English conversation group.

### Let's Learn English

**Fridays, December 4, 11, 18, 2:00 p.m.**

In this fun, interactive beginners' program you will learn Basic English vocabulary, pronunciation, conversation, and reading and writing skills in collaboration with Literacy Suffolk. New students may apply through Literacy Suffolk and be matched with a personal tutor to help you on your English language journey.

Registration is underway. Call 631-261-2313 ext 210 to register.



## Medicare Counseling (by phone)



**Wednesday, December 9 NENA975**

**Tuesday, December 15 NENA976**

**10:00, 10:30, 11:00, or 11:30 a.m.**

A volunteer from the Health Insurance Information Counseling Assistance Program (HIICAP) will answer your questions about Medicare and supplementary insurance in a one-on-one phone consultation. Registration begins December 1.

## Medicine Collection

**(N & EN) Wednesday, December 9,  
3:30-6:30 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 building:** Items in pill form only. **East Northport building:** 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." **All medication must be placed in plastic Ziploc bags before arrival or it will not be accepted.** *This event is cosponsored by the Northport-East Northport Community Drug and Alcohol Task Force.*

## Pronunciation Practice

**Mondays, December 7, 14, 5:00 p.m.**

Registration is underway. **NENR280**

**Mondays, January 4, 11, 25, February 1, 8, 22,  
5:00 p.m.**

Registration begins December 21. **NENR286**

Develop your English pronunciation skills with a certified Speech Language Pathologist and Accent Modification Trainer. You will learn how to use Standard American English sounds and strategies that will help you to get your point across.



## Everyday Spanish

**Tuesdays, January 5, 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 23,  
4:00 p.m.**

Spanish conversation with a focus on building listening skills, improving comprehension, and mastering key vocabulary to help you start conversing in Spanish immediately. Please note: this is not a traditional leveled Spanish language class. Registration begins December 21. **NENR288**

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## SCORE Small Business Workshops

SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) Workshops are for existing as well as new businesses. Registration is underway for all workshops listed below.

### Creating a Marketing Plan

**Wednesday, December 2, 7:00 p.m.**

Learn how to develop a marketing plan, perform market research, track results, and more. **NENR277**

### Creating an Email Strategy

**Monday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Learn what email marketing is and what it can do for your business by creating and customizing contact lists, templates, content, and more. **NENR283**

### Creating a Social Media Strategy

**Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Discuss social media networking, which platforms to use, the benefits for marketing, how to create content, and more. **NENR284**



## Page Turners: Book Discussion

**Thursday, December 10, 2:00 p.m.**

Join Page Turners leader Donna Diamond to discuss *The Power of One* by Bryce Courtenay. Print copies of the book will be available for pickup at the Northport building Circulation Desk, or you may access a copy of the ebook on the library Downloads page: [www.nenpl.org/downloads/index.php](http://www.nenpl.org/downloads/index.php)

Registration begins December 1. **NENA974**



## Email Newsletters from the Library!

Get the scoop on the latest bestseller lists, new books, reading recommendations, computers and technology, and other topics. Request books or audiobooks directly from the email newsletters with just a click. The Library sends emails throughout the month on many subjects of interest. Select the email alerts that interest you. Visit [www.nenpl.org/newsletters](http://www.nenpl.org/newsletters) and sign up today!

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## Computer Classes

via GoToMeeting

### All About Streaming Services

**Tuesday, December 1, 7:00 p.m.**

There are ways to access TV and movies other than using a cable provider. In this class you will learn about Internet-based streaming and the services available from various providers, including the Library. Registration is underway. **NENC386**

### Introduction to QuickBooks (part 1 of a 3-part series)



**Thursday, December 3, 7:00 p.m.**

This lecture and demo class teaches the fundamentals of QuickBooks including creating a Chart of Accounts, understanding Items, Asset, Liability, and Equity Accounts, and creating invoices. Accounting or bookkeeping knowledge and basic computer skills required. Registration is underway. **NENC363**

### Intermediate QuickBooks (part 2 of a 3-part series)



**Tuesday, December 8, 7:00 p.m.**

Learn additional features of QuickBooks, including customizing for your business, transactions in modules, banking, reporting, and creating new accounts. Introduction to QuickBooks or equivalent skills are required. For intermediate and advanced computer users. Registration is underway. **NENC366**

### Advanced QuickBooks (part 3 of a 3-part series)



**Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Learn advanced features of QuickBooks including working with Reports, Assets and Liabilities, properly depreciating assets, and implementing comparable equity for long-term liabilities. Intermediate QuickBooks or equivalent skills are required. For intermediate and advanced computer users. Registration is underway. **NENC368**

### Computers for Home Use: Microsoft Excel

**Thursday, January 7, 7:00 p.m.**

Learn how to use Microsoft Excel to manage your personal finances. Create a check register and format it for bank reconciliation, track investments and expenses, and create a simple database. Basic knowledge of Excel is required. Registration is underway. **NENC401**



# FOR TEENS



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Registration for the following Teen Programs begins December 1.

## Winter Wonderland Pop-Up Cards

Monday, December 14, 7:00–8:30 p.m.

Artist Chris Vivas presents a tutorial on how to make your own pop-up cards! Have your creation pop out at you or slide across the page. The materials for this program may be picked up at the Northport building Teen Center upon registration. **NENY773**

## Macramé Bracelet

Monday, December 28, 7:00–7:45 p.m.

Using embroidery thread and a simple pattern, you will learn how to make a beautiful bracelet. The materials for this program may be picked up at the Northport building Teen Center upon registration. **NENY776**



## TAKE AND MAKE KITS

Registration and pick up begin December 1. All kits are to be picked up at the Northport building Teen Center.



### Winter-Themed Tea Towel

Use fabric paint, a stencil, and a sponge brush to make two festive towels to display or give as a gift. **NENY778**



### DIY Wooden Gingerbread House

Assemble and decorate a gingerbread house to display all season long. **NENY779**



### Gingerbread House Door Knob Hanger

Bring the joy of the season to a family member or friend with this festive door knob hanger. **NENY782**

Registration for the following Teen Volunteer Opportunities begins December 1.  
**Open to students in grades 7–12**

## Teen Advisory Board: Bullying Prevention

Tuesday, December 8, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join us for this program on bullying prevention. We will discuss what a bully is, how to spot a bully, and how to deal with a bully. You will also learn skills to help build your awareness and confidence. **NENY780**



## Dog Biscuits for the Town of Huntington Animal Shelter



Tuesday, December 15, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

Join The Baking Coach and make dog treats to donate to the pooches at the Town of Huntington Animal Shelter. Earn two hours of volunteer time in total for making the biscuits and delivering them to the Northport building Adult Reference Desk. Please deliver your biscuits no later than December 21. **NENY781**

When you can't get to the Library in person, take advantage of these online and remote services. Downloads and streaming services are available with your teen library card barcode and password.

- Download ebooks and audiobooks with Libby and OverDrive
- Stream music, movies, and TV shows from Hoopla
- Stream movies from Kanopy
- Read magazines online with Flipster



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Registration for the following  
Road to Reading programs  
is underway.

Individual registration is required  
for each session of the series programs.

## Babies Boogie/Toddlers Tango

Choose one or more of the following sessions:

**December 2–15 NENJ139**

**December 16–29 NENJ160**

Children 6 months–4 years with adult;  
siblings welcome

Clap your hands and stomp your feet in this high energy music and movement program for little ones.

**Registrants will be emailed a link to watch the video at the time of their choosing. The link will only be active during the dates listed above.**

(30 min.)

## Signing Stories

Choose one or more of the following sessions:

**Thursday, December 3, 2:00 p.m. NENJ161**

**Thursday, December 10, 2:00 p.m. NENJ162**

**Thursday, December 17, 2:00 p.m. NENJ163**

Children birth–5 years with adult; siblings welcome

Children will get an introduction to sign language in this fun and interactive program that will help enhance their developing communication skills.

**Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.** (30 min.)

## Storytime Virtual Tidbits

Choose one or more of the following sessions:

**Friday, December 4, 10:00 a.m. NENJ164**

**Friday, December 11, 10:00 a.m. NENJ165**

**Friday, December 18, 10:00 a.m. NENJ166**

Children birth–5 years with adult; siblings welcome

This quick splash of great books, fingerplays, and songs—specially selected by our Librarians—will add a little fun to your Fridays. Participate live via Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Friday, or watch the video anytime through Sunday night. **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting as well as a link for additional viewings.** (20 min.)

## Simple Cake Decorating

**December 1 through December 31**

Children in grades K–5

Have fun learning the basics of cake decorating from The Baking Coach. **Registrants will be emailed a recipe as well as a link to watch the video at the time of their choosing. The link will be active from December 1, 9:00 a.m. through December 31, 9:00 p.m. only.** (20 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ167**



## Take 'n Make EZ Loooper

**Kits available to registrants beginning Monday, December 7**

Children in grades 3–5

The colorful bracelets, key chains, and zipper pulls you can create will make wonderful holiday gifts. The kit includes: EZ Loooper loom, crochet hook, dozens of mini rubber bands, and instructions. **Please include your preference for pick up location (Northport or East Northport building) with your registration.** Registration is underway. **NENJ168**

## Dancing in December with Darlene

**Tuesday, December 8, 10:00 a.m.**

Children birth–5 years with adult; siblings welcome

Grab something to shake and rock along with musician Darlene Graham and Ms. Lucy the puppet as they introduce your child to a variety of musical instruments in this interactive family

program. **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.** (40 min.) Registration is underway.

**NENJ169**

## Family Dinner Magic

**Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.**

Children in grades 3–5

Amaze your family with illusions you create from items you find at the dinner table. A professional magician will provide easy-to-follow instructions for magic tricks that will liven up any holiday dinner. **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.**

(45 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ171**



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WELCOME WINTER

with the BenAnna Band

**December 14 through January 17**

*Children birth–5 years with adult; siblings welcome*

The BenAnna Band ushers in the season with winter classics and some new favorites. This pre-recorded video will be available for families to enjoy over and over. **Registrants will be emailed a link to watch the video at the time of their choosing.** (30 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ172**

## Take 'n Make Gingerbread Playdough

**Kits available to registrants beginning Monday, December 14**

*Children 4 years and up*

Make your own fun-to-play with (but not to eat) sensory playdough. Your kit includes an easy recipe for sweet-smelling homemade clay, 3D printed cookie cutters to make gingerbread people, and a gingerbread cookie-shaped book to create your own story. **Please include your preference for pick up location (Northport or East Northport building) with your registration.** Registration is underway. **NENJ173**



## Sugar and Syrup Storytime

**Tuesday, December 15, 7:00 p.m.**

*Children birth–5 years with adult; siblings welcome*

What's sweeter than syrup? Storytime! Enjoy an evening of stories and music as sweet as a spoonful of sugar. **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.** (30 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ170**

## Disney Family Trivia

**Wednesday, December 16, 7:00 p.m.**

*Children in grades K–5*

Celebrate Walt Disney's birthday with an online trivia game. Participants will need two devices to participate: one to watch the questions via Zoom and one to submit answers. Families can work together or compete against one another! **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.** (60 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ174**



## Paws to Read

**Thursday, December 17, 6:30 p.m.**

*Children in grades 1–5 with adult*

Grab a book and Zoom with a certified therapy dog. Kids can practice their reading in a safe and nonjudgmental environment. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Please select a 10-minute time slot when registering. **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.** (10 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ175**



## Juggling Funny Stories

**December 21 through January 4**

*For families*

The entire family will be laughing out loud as nationally-known entertainer Chris Fascione brings children's stories to life with his high-spirited and innovative performance. Full of energy, humor, and imagination, Chris creates colorful characters through his unique combination of acting, storytelling, comedy, and juggling. **Registrants will be emailed a link to watch this performance at the time of their choosing. The link will be active from December 21, 9:00 a.m. through January 4, 9:00 p.m. only.** (40 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ177**

## The Story of Ebenezer Scrooge

**December 28 through January 3**

*Children in grades K–5*

The Traveling Lantern Theatre Company provides a humorous twist on the Charles Dickens classic *A Christmas Carol* in this pre-recorded theater production. **Registrants will be emailed a link to watch this performance at the time of their choosing. The link will be active from December 28, 9:00 a.m. through January 3, 7:00 p.m. only.** (60 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ179**

## SO Circus!

**Monday, December 28, 2:00 p.m.**

*Children 5–12 years*

Step right up . . . The circus is in town! Josh from SO Fun City will take participants on a silly adventure while practicing and mastering fun circus skills using items found around the house. **Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.** (30 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ178**

## Adventures in Art

*Children in grades K–5*

Recorded art lessons with museum educator

Tami Wood are still available for viewing this month. Please visit the Children's Page on the library website for more information about accessing these videos: [www.nenpl.org/childrens/index.php](http://www.nenpl.org/childrens/index.php)



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## HAPPY ☆ NEW ☆ YEAR

### Noon Year's Eve Party Kit

**Kits available to registrants beginning Monday, December 21**

Your party-in-a-bag kit includes: New Year's crafts, a hat, a noisemaker, a lei, streamers, and coloring and puzzle sheets.

**Please include your preference for pick up location (Northport or East Northport building) with your registration.**



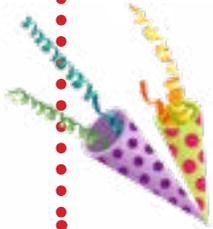
### Virtual Noon Year's Eve Party

**Wednesday, December 30, 11:30 a.m.**

Children 4 years and up

Let's get the party started! Say goodbye to 2020 with a New Year's Eve countdown to noon.

**Registrants will be emailed a link to the Zoom meeting.**  
(30 min.) Registration is underway. **NENJ176**



The Children's Librarians have recorded a special reading of the classic story, *The Mitten*. Celebrate the season with us by viewing the video on the library's YouTube channel: [www.youtube.com/nenplibrary](http://www.youtube.com/nenplibrary)



## BACKPACK STORYTIMES ARE BACK!

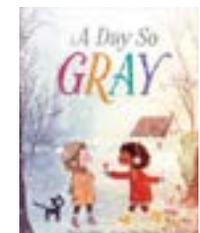
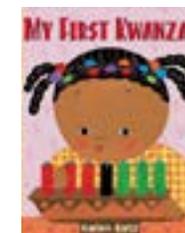
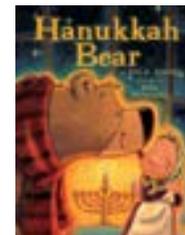


Our Backpack Storytimes are once again available to check out. Each thematic backpack contains books, a music CD, manipulatives such as puppets and puzzles, and suggested enrichment activities. Storytime subjects include: dinosaurs, princesses, superheroes, shapes, sight words, learning Spanish, animals, outer space, toilet learning, and so much more. Designed for children three years and up, Backpack Storytimes circulate for seven days.

Backpack Storytimes promote early literacy skills by providing age-appropriate literature, music, and activities. These kits will help you create a fun and stimulating environment wherever you are, which is key to creating a lifelong love of books and learning.



Ask a Children's Librarian for a holiday surprise when you borrow any seasonal book or movie during the month of December. Some suggestions:





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9 to 5 Saturday  
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**January 11 - March 12, 2021**  
open to all  
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**Gallery Exhibits**

**Northport:**  
"Ed's Art" by Ed Hall  
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**East Northport:**  
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