

FOR ADULTS



The Island Hills Chorus

(N) Sunday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.
Enjoy an afternoon of four-part harmony with the award-winning Island Hills Chorus, a Huntington-based chapter of Sweet Adelines International. Billed as "real women, real harmony, real fun," the chorus consists of nearly 40 women, ranging in age from 20 to 87. Some of their more notable songs include "What a Wonderful World," "Heart of My Heart," "Somewhere Over the Rainbow," "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," and "Tuxedo Junction." Join us for a delightful afternoon of fun and music. Registration is now underway at either library building or online. (NENA233)

Do-ing Music presents The Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble

(N) Friday, April 29, 7:30 p.m.
The Northport Arts Coalition, in cooperation with the Library, is pleased to present the Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble which returns to its home base after an exhilarating year being featured live on WNYC Public Radio as well as at Lincoln Center. This evening's performance will include exciting works composed and arranged for Canta Libre, including Soviet Georgian composer Tamara Salukvadze, as well as the Latin-inspired "Mambosa" by Michael Colina. A meet-the-artists reception will follow. No registration required.



The History of the Yankees

(N) Monday, April 11, 7:30 p.m.
What do Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Mickey Mantle, and Yogi Berra have in common? They all played for the Yankees, one of the most celebrated teams in Major League Baseball history. What was the team's original name and where did they play before Yankee Stadium? John DeSpagna, Nassau Community College Sport Management Professor, takes you through 100+ years of Yankee history. No registration required.



The Job Connection: Employment at SUNY Stony Brook

(EN) Tuesday, April 26, 7:00 p.m.
Did you know that Stony Brook University is Long Island's largest single-site employer with a work force of nearly 13,500? Representatives from Stony Brook's human resources department will give tips on searching for both New York State and SUNY Stony Brook jobs. They will describe the JOBS website, provide information on the State civil service process, and share tips for preparing your resume. No registration required.

St. Francis Hospital Outreach Mobile Bus

(EN) Friday, April 1, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
St. Francis Hospital's Outreach Mobile Bus will visit the East Northport Library to provide free health screenings and information for patrons age 18 and older. The screenings will include a brief cardiac history, blood pressure check, and a simple blood test for cholesterol and diabetes. Outreach professionals will also provide patient education and referrals as needed. No registration required.



Obesity: Risks & Treatment

(N) Thursday, April 7, 10:00 a.m.
It is estimated that between 60-70% of Americans are either overweight or obese, putting them at higher risk for cancer, heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, and diabetes. Dr. Richard Fried and Joanne Vitale, PA of the Digestive Health Center of Huntington will explain the health problems associated with obesity and explore current medical and surgical treatments. No registration required.

Keys to Better Sinus Health

(N) Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m.
An estimated 33 million Americans suffer from sinus ailments every year. Joshua Rosenthal, M.D., a board certified otolaryngologist, will explore the latest information on sinus health in both adults and children. He will explain natural and over-the-counter remedies, prescription treatments, and new minimally invasive surgery techniques. No registration required.

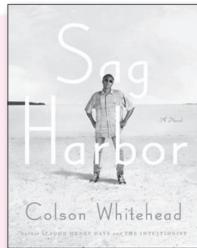
Book-A-Trip to Staten Island Guided Tour

Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Departure: 7:15 a.m. from the William J. Brosnan building parking lot (across from Northport Library)
Return: 6:00 p.m.
Cost: \$84 per person (checks only, non-refundable, payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library)
Itinerary: Join historian and tour leader extraordinaire Justin Ferate on an unforgettable adventure through Staten Island. During this all-day bus and walking tour we'll discover beautiful waterfront vistas, elegant churches, and Victorian mansions. We will enjoy a private tour of the Chinese Scholar's Garden and make a stop at the Staten Island World Trade Center Memorial. Lunch will be at the waterside restaurant R.H. Tugs.
Registration: Register in person beginning Saturday, April 9, 9:00 a.m. at the Northport Library. (Registration line forms at June Avenue entrance.) Ticket limit: 2 per patron on first day of sale. N-EN Library card required. (NENA234)

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"Long Island Reads"

Sag Harbor
(N) Thursday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.
In April our Library will join public libraries throughout Long Island to read and discuss *Sag Harbor* by award-winning author Colson Whitehead.



Donna Diamond, our Page Turners discussion leader, will explore this fiercely funny coming-of-age novel which probes the elusive nature of both personal and communal identity. Copies of the book are available at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

Short Story Central

(N) Tuesday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.
Stories from *Irish Girl* by Tim Johnston will be the focus of our discussion this month. Please pick up your copies of the stories at the Circulation Desk in either library building.

Novel Ideas

(N) Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.
This month we take a look at *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hosseini. Please pick up your copy of the book at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

Northport Arts Coalition presents "Two Visionary Sisters"

(N) Wednesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.
The Northport Arts Coalition presents a special celebration of Poetry Month. Sor Juan Ines De La Cruz & Abbess Hildegard Von Bingen were both nuns, poets, educators, and visionaries. Given the medieval and baroque periods in which they lived, both were extremely forward thinking. Join Charlotte Koons as she performs "A Hildegard Homily" and a Spanish poet or two inspire us in this partly bilingual celebration of Poetry Month and NAC's 12th birthday. No registration required.



Internet User Group

(EN) Thursday, April 7, 7:30 p.m.
Join our monthly program to review the latest technology and explore questions and concerns of the experienced computer user. No registration required.

Introduction to PowerPoint 2007

(N) Thursday, April 21, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 7 at either library or online. In this hands-on class you will learn the basics of Microsoft PowerPoint 2007 including creating a slideshow, adding multimedia objects and animation effects, and much more. (NENC008)

Introduction to Microsoft Office 2007

(EN) Thursday, April 28, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 13 at either library or online. Learn about the features of Microsoft Office 2007 including the Office button, Ribbons, and Command Tabs. (NENC063)

Cinema at the Library: Film & Discussion

Join us on the first Wednesday evening of each month for a viewing and discussion series that alternately explores classic and contemporary films.

Joan Leonard, who created Northport High School's film studies program, moderates the discussion of classic American films. Dylan Skolnick of the Cinema Arts Centre leads the discussion of contemporary films. No registration required.

Annie Hall discussion with Joan Leonard

(N) Wednesday, April 6, 6:30 p.m.
Woody Allen's classic comedy about a "nervous romance." Rated PG. 93 min.



Waste Land discussion with Dylan Skolnick

(N) Wednesday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.
This uplifting feature documentary highlights the transformative power of art and the beauty of the human spirit. Not rated. 99 min.

Current Events in Perspective

(N) Wednesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.
Michael Libresco-D'Innocenzo, professor of history at Hofstra University, will explore significant national and international developments. All attending the program are welcome to share their views. No registration required.

Discover Your Passions

(EN) Wednesday, May 4, 7:00 p.m.
Join Stan Broitman, a career, re-career, and retirement coach, for a practical workshop that will help you discover and use your passions to begin a new life course. Topics will include self assessment, creating a mission statement, experimenting, project planning, and implementing a new direction for yourself. No registration required.

Computer Second Grade

(EN) Thursday, April 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 2 at either library or online. Learn how to create spreadsheets and workbooks, input and edit data, use formulas and functions, and work with columns and rows. (NENC008)

Computer Third Grade

(N) Tuesday, April 26, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 12 at either library or online. This workshop covers multitasking, working with graphics, and using drawing and painting tools. (NENC009)

Computer Fourth Grade

(EN) Thursday, May 12, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Registration begins April 28 at either library or online. This hands-on class provides an overview of Windows file management. (NENC012)

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Health Insurance Counseling

(N) Tuesday, April 12, 9:30-11:30 a.m.
A volunteer from the Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP) will provide individual counseling to answer your questions about Medicare and supplementary insurance. Registration begins April 2 at either library building or online. (NENA235)

Defensive Driving

(EN) Monday, May 2 & Tuesday, May 3, 7:00-10:00 p.m.
Fee: \$36
Applications for this point/insurance reduction safety course are available April 9 at both library buildings.

EXHIBITS

Annual Art Exhibit by Students of the Northport-East Northport School District
April-May 2011
A schedule of exhibit dates is available at both library buildings.

FOR TEENS

Registration for the following programs begins April 4 at either Library building or online.

High School Fashion Show

(N) Monday, April 4, 7:00 p.m.
Meet the students from Northport High School's fashion design and illustration class taught by Robin O'Neill-Gonzalez. Let them dazzle you with their own creations of desserts as they rock our runway. No registration required.

High School Students Employment Workshop

(EN) Tuesday, April 12, 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Join representatives from the Huntington Youth Bureau's Project Excel as they discuss summer youth employment, internships, career exploration workshops, and job referral and placement. (NENY205)



Clay Treats

(N) Tuesday, April 19, 3:00-3:45 p.m.
Learn how to make awesome miniature food charms like ice cream cones, cupcakes, and hamburgers out of polymer clay. (NENY209)

Printmaking

(N) Wednesday, April 20, 3:00-4:00 p.m.
Join printmaker and artist Michael Krasowitz for this fun and informative workshop as you learn the basics of printmaking and design your own cards. (NENY208)

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Teen volunteer opportunities are open to students in grades 7-12. You may choose one volunteer opportunity in April. Registration for all programs begins April 4 at either library or online.

Lego Volunteers

(EN) Wednesday, April 6, 3:45-5:15 p.m.
Earn volunteer credit while you assist children in grades 2-5 as they create Lego projects. (NENY212)

Chess Club

(N) Thursday, April 21, 6:45-8:00 p.m.
Help children in grades 3-6 learn to play chess. A basic knowledge of the game is required for volunteers. (NENY206)

Helping Hands

(EN) Tuesday, April 26, 4:00-5:00 p.m.
Help us create spring decorations to send to the Dolan Center and Huntington Hospital. (NENY213)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 *The Island Hills Chorus (N) 2 pm	4 *AARP Driver Safety Program (N) 9:30 am *Taproot Writers Group (EN) 1 pm *American Sign Language (N) 3 pm High School Fashion Show (N) 7 pm	5 Registration begins for Teen Programs and Teen Volunteer Opportunities *AARP Tax Aid (EN) Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon *AARP Tax Aid (N) Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon AARP counselors will be available through April 15. First-come, first-served basis.	6 Blood Pressure Check (N) 9:30-10:30 am (EN) 11 am-12 noon *Tales for Toddlers (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Legos (EN) 3:45 pm *Anything Goes Legos (EN) 4 pm Cinema at the Library: Annie Hall (N) 6:30 pm *Boating Safety (EN) 7 pm	7 Registration begins for Introduction to PowerPoint on 4/21 AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-12 noon Obesity: Risks and Treatment (N) 10 am *SAT Preparation Workshop (N) 6:15 pm Internet User Group (EN) 7:30 pm	1 Registration begins for Children's Series Programs *Registration begins for Coping with Toilet Learning on 4/11 & The Scoop on Dirt on 4/14 AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-12 noon Tales at Ten (N) 10 am St. Francis Hospital Outreach Mobile Bus (EN) 10 am-2 pm *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Trax 'n Snax (N) 7 pm	2 Registration begins for Health Insurance Counseling on 4/12 Registration begins for Computer Second Grade on 4/14 *Defensive Driving (N) 9 am *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Crafty Teens (EN) 10:45 am Crayons, Scissors, and Glue, Oh My! (EN) 11 am
10 National Library Week April 10-16 *Sunday Family Special: "Alice in Wonderland" (N) 2 pm	11 *AARP Driver Safety Program (N) 9:30 am *Taproot Writers Group (EN) 1 pm *American Sign Language (N) 3 pm *Coping with Toilet Learning (EN) 7 pm The History of the Yankees (N) 7:30 pm	12 Registration begins for Computer Third Grade on 4/26 Registration begins for Kindergarten Reading Fun *Preschool Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 1:30 pm *Health Insurance Counseling (N) 9:30-11:30 am by appt. *New Moms (EN) 10 am *Healthy Living (EN) 1 pm *High School Students Employment Workshop (EN) 7 pm Short Story Central (N) 7 pm	13 Registration begins for Introduction to Microsoft Office on 4/28 *Tales for Toddlers (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Boating Safety (EN) 7 pm Northport Arts Coalition presents "Two Visionary Sisters" (N) 7 pm	14 Registration begins for El Dia de los Niños/ El Dia de los Libros on 4/28 AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-12 noon Tales at Two (N) 2 pm Page Turners/Long Island Reads Book Discussion (N) 2 pm *The Scoop on Dirt (EN) 4 pm *SAT Preparation Workshop (N) 6:15 pm *Computer Second Grade (EN) 7 pm	8 Registration begins for Meet Author Maryrose Wood on 4/29 AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-12 noon *1, 2, 3, Play with Me (EN) 10 am Tales at Ten (N) 10 am Movie: The Fighter (N) 1:30 pm *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Pajama Storytime (N) 7 pm	9 Applications available for Defensive Driving on 5/2 & 5/3 Registration begins for Book-A-Trip to Staten Island on 6/1
17	18 *Taproot Writers Group (EN) 1 pm	19 *New Moms (EN) 10 am *Clay Treats for Teens (N) 3 pm	20 Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N) Family Movie: Tangled (EN) 2:30 pm *Printmaking for Teens (N) 3 pm *Boating Safety (EN) 7 pm	21 Registration begins for 100 Years Ago with Roxey the Rail Road Dog on 5/5 *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Chess Club (N) 6:45 pm *Mini Bloom Necklace for Teens (EN) 7 pm Chess Club (N) 7 pm *Introduction to PowerPoint 2007 (N) 7 pm	15 AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-12 noon *1, 2, 3, Play with Me (EN) 10 am Movie: The Fighter (N) 1:30 pm *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Pajama Storytime (N) 7 pm	16
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N = Northport Library
EN = East Northport Library
Italic type indicates Children's Programs.

*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Registration for Children's and Teen Programs is limited to Northport-East Northport Library cardholders. Preference is given to Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders for Adult programs.

If you require any special accommodations because of a disability, please let us know. Library staff may take photographs or recordings at Library programs for use in publicity. Please inform us if you do not want photos taken of you or your child.

Libraries Change Lives

Residents of all ages and backgrounds turn to our Library to help them learn, grow, and achieve their goals. This month we have called on some of them to share their stories in the newsletter. We are thankful that the Library is making a difference in their lives. It is the most important part of what we do.

Eileen Minogue Library Director
James Olney Assistant Director

Annual Library Vote

Tuesday, April 5, 2011

9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Polling Places for the Vote are the Northport or East Northport Library

Voting will be for two purposes:

1. to vote on the annual operating budget for the next fiscal year and
2. to elect one trustee.

Candidates for Trustee:

Margaret Hartough
Robert Runyan

Proposed Tax Rate Increase:
2.26%

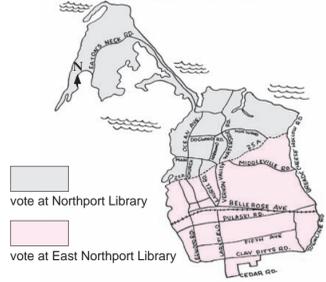
YOU MAY VOTE in the library election if:

1. You are at least 18 years of age;
2. You are a citizen of the United States;
3. You have been a resident of the Northport-East Northport School District for at least 30 days;
4. You are registered to vote. (You are registered if you have voted within the last four years in a general, school, or library election.)

WHERE TO VOTE

If you live **NORTH OF ROUTE 25A** vote at **NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
151 Laurel Avenue

If you live **SOUTH OF ROUTE 25A** vote at **EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY**
185 Larkfield Road



Library budget details were published in the March newsletter. Copies are available at the Library. Budget details are also available on the Library's website at www.nenpl.org

FOR CHILDREN



Trax 'n Snax

(N) Friday, April 1, 7:00 p.m.
Children ages 5 and up; adults and siblings welcome
Make tracks to the Library for train-inspired activities and treats for the whole family. (60 min.) Registration is underway at either library or online. (NENJ504)

100 Years Ago with Roxey the Rail Road Dog

(N) Thursday, May 5, 4:00 p.m.
Children ages 8-12 years; adults welcome
Heather Hill Worthington, author of *Miles of Smiles: The Story of Roxey, the Long Island Rail Road Dog*, will be here to delight children and adults with the tale of the little dog that rode the rails with Teddy Roosevelt in the early 1900s. Each registrant will create a novelty postcard, and copies of the book will be available for purchase and autographing. (60 min.) Registration begins April 21 at either library building or online. (NENJ505)

Pajama Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, April 5, 7:00 p.m.
(N) Friday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.
Children with their adults can come ready to sit and listen to some stories. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. (30 min.) No registration required.

Chess Club

(N) Thursday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.
Children grades 3-6
Research has shown that playing chess at a young age helps develop visualization, concentration, planning, and problem-solving skills. Join us and have some fun, learn to improve your game, and practice good sportsmanship! (45 min.) No registration required.

FOR FAMILIES

Sunday Family Special

For adults and children in grades K and up

Hampstead Stage Company

presents "Alice in Wonderland"

(N) Sunday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.
Lewis Carroll's immortal classic about a young girl whose boredom takes her on a journey of the imagination is brought to life by the Hampstead Stage Company. Registration is now underway at either library or online. (NENA232)



Coping With Toilet Learning

(EN) Monday, April 11, 7:00 p.m.
Is your child physically and emotionally ready for toilet learning? Are you? Parent educator Kerri Kreh Reda will discuss signs of readiness and offer guidelines to successful toilet learning. (90 min.) Registration begins April 1 at either library building or online. (NENJ468)

The Scoop on Dirt

(EN) Thursday, April 14, 4:00 p.m.
Children grades 1-6
Celebrate Earth Day with the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum and explore what's under our feet. Create a dirt painting, or decorate a plant pot and plant a seed to take home. (45 min.) Registration begins April 1 at either library building or online. (NENJ528)

Kindergarten Reading Fun

For children in kindergarten
This special five-week program encourages and reinforces early literacy skills. (45 min.) Registration begins April 12 at either library building or online.

East Northport: (NENJ529) Tuesdays, 1:00 p.m.
Northport: (NENJ530) Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.
May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2

Crayons, Scissors, and Glue, Oh My!

(EN) Saturday April 2, 11:00 a.m.
Children ages 4-10 years; adults and siblings welcome
Let your imagination run wild in a room full of exciting seasonal craft projects. (60 min.) No registration required.

Tales at Two

(N) Thursday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.
Children birth-5 years (not in kindergarten) with adult; siblings welcome
Read stories, sing songs, share rhymes and fingerplays, and have fun in this interactive program for families. (30 min.) No registration required, however space is limited.

Tales at Ten

(N) Fridays, April 1, 8, 15, 29, 10:00 a.m.
Children birth-5 years not yet in kindergarten with adult; siblings welcome
Stop by on Friday mornings to read stories, sing songs, share rhymes and fingerplays, and have fun in this interactive program for families. (30 min.) No registration required, however space is limited.

The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the Library and pick up the April bookmark by Annie Mara. A reading list, compiled by our Children's Librarians, is on the back.



FOR CHILDREN



Registration for the following series programs begins April 1.

— for children —
and accompanying adult;
no siblings please

Tales for Toddlers

Children ages 2-3 years with adult; no siblings
East Northport: Wednesdays, 9:30 or 10:30 a.m.
April 6, 13, 27

Experience a beginning storytime that will emphasize narrative skills as we share books and flannelboard stories. Read a board book together to give your child an opportunity to understand that the print they see consists of the same words they speak and hear. Participate in a hands-on activity. (30 min.) (NENJ531)

Family Movie: Tangled

(EN) Wednesday, April 20, 2:30 p.m.
Children ages 5 years and up; adults and siblings welcome

When the kingdom's most wanted bandit hides in a mysterious tower, the last thing he expects to find is Rapunzel! Together the unlikely duo sets off on a journey filled with laughter and suspense. Rated PG. (100 min.) No registration required.

Anything Goes Legos

(EN) Wednesday, April 6, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades 2-5
Make new friends while building with Legos at the Library. All you need to bring is your creativity. (60 min.) No registration required, however space is limited.



Calling all Incorrigible Children!

Meet Author Maryrose Wood

(N) Friday, April 29, 4:00 p.m.
Children in grades 3 and up; adults welcome
Imagine living with three children who have been raised by wolves. Meet Maryrose Wood, author of the popular new series *The Incorrigible Children of Ashton Place*. Books will be available for purchase. Registration begins April 8 at either library building or online. (NENJ534)

— for families —

1, 2, 3, Play With Me

Children ages 1-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
East Northport: Fridays, 10:00 a.m.
April 8, 15, 29, May 6

Children play and learn in a stimulating environment that develops fine and gross motor skills. Families can share a circle storytime, enjoy an art experience, and talk to a child development specialist. (60 min.) (NENJ532)

Please note:
• Series programs are offered according to age on a monthly basis.
• Please ensure your child meets the specific age criteria of the particular program for which you are registering.
• Your child may register for one series program per month. If the program you want is full, you may place your child's name on one wait list only.
• Please use your child's Library card to register and be sure to provide all necessary information in the "note to instructor" field.



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HOURLS
9 to 9 Monday thru Friday
9 to 5 Saturday
1 to 5 Sunday (mid Sept. through mid June)

Libraries have always been magical places to me—places where nothing is asked of you and which exist solely to meet your needs and desires.

This is particularly true of the library here in Northport. A physically beautiful and inviting facility, offering up-to-the-minute technology, extensive resources, and even entertainment, our library has an especially warm and welcoming feel to it because of the friendly, caring, and extremely competent people who staff it.

As a young person, my life was changed by reading because it opened my eyes and introduced me to all kinds of people, their unique customs, emotions, dreams and conflicts, both external and internal. It seemed only natural for me to become a psychotherapist, a profession in which I worked closely with others. None of this would have been possible without public libraries.

By the way, as much as I love my iPad, I wouldn't dream of downloading books on it. There is no substitute for the feel of a book in your hand!

Thank you for all that you and your staff continue to do.
—Madeleine Frattalone

After enjoying and appreciating our libraries for decades—as an avid reader; as a harried graduate student juggling family, job and thesis; as a parent; as a local classroom teacher; and as a newcomer to the world of computers—the ultimate gift has been a post-retirement "career." I am a longtime member of a community theatre group (Township Theatre Group) and the renovated community room in Northport inspired me to develop a touring company that brings productions to area libraries each winter. With the cooperation of Northport Library, we gave our debut performance in that very room in 2003 and have returned every year since then. Coordinating all that goes into each season of performances provides a rewarding kind of volunteer work for my golden years. Thank you, Northport-East Northport Public Libraries.
—Judy Bensimon

Over the years, I have spent so much time at the library it seems like a second home. The librarians are wonderful and they have introduced me to many of my favorite books, from *The Hunger Games* to *Harry Potter*. They have often helped me with projects on rather obscure topics, most recently a project on the history of ladders. The programs offered are something not to miss, whether you are volunteering or part of the class. The topics vary from music to card making to braille and more. The Newbery Book Club has given me the opportunity to meet some of my favorite authors, most notably Katherine Marsh of *The Night Tourist*.

The library has many other free services. I used the computers and printers when my home computer crashed, and I enjoy looking at the photos of pets for adoption as well as flyers for programs and contests going on in the neighborhood. I love sitting out in the courtyard, getting a snack, and doing puzzles with my little brother and cousins. At Northport, everyone races to see the newest artwork and Museum Cove exhibit. At East Northport we play chess and look out at the bear statue and park. The Northport-East Northport Library is a great place.
—Marissa D'Alonzo (age 14)

This library has affected the lives of my family in many ways. When my children were little, my wife and I took them to the library weekly, either for story time or just to play. This experience instilled in them a love of learning and has helped make them successes in their adult lives. The library has helped further my knowledge of many different things. Since my retirement, I joined the book club (and started to read fiction) and I go to Professor D'Innocenzo's lectures. My wife also uses the library to read many types of books.
—Phil Silvers

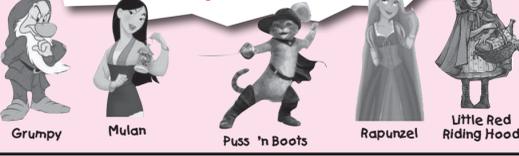
Kids...Cast YOUR Vote!

Tuesday, April 5
at East Northport or Northport Library
9:00 a.m. - 8:45 p.m. Ages 3 and up

When your parents come to the Annual Library Vote on Tuesday, April 5, you will also have the opportunity to vote using a real voting machine in the Children's Rooms of both library buildings.

Meet the "Kids Cast Your Vote" Characters in Person

Tuesday, April 5, 4:00 p.m. at the Northport Library
Come in and meet this year's children's book characters and get their autographs.



The LIBRARY

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The Newsletter of the Northport-East Northport Public Library

Libraries Change Lives

"Libraries? With computers, we don't need libraries anymore," commented an acquaintance at a party recently. "I can't imagine life without them," was my incredulous reply. "Here's why I need mine."

Books! I savor the latest in current events or summer's guilty pleasure of mysteries for beach reading. Magazines galore—I love quilting and have a free "subscription" to the best periodicals! Our library's cultural offerings, from art exhibits to musical programs are a gift for our community to enjoy.

Professor Mike D'Innocenzo was my favorite professor when I was a student at Hofstra. Now that I'm retired, I'm learning from him again at his intriguing, entertaining current events and history programs.

The library's website puts Suffolk's libraries a key-stroke away. I request and renew books, subscribe to monthly newsletters recommending books on favorite topics, then add titles to my reading list or download audiobooks to my iPod. I had trouble mastering how to download, and the library staff was available, as always, to assist.

My children's first library cards, Summer Reading Club, and their wonderful librarians, are treasured family memories. For learning, exploring, enjoying life—we need libraries!

—Bette Ingoglia

The public library has been a source of relaxation, mystery, humor, adventure and research for me since I received my first library card. My parents and grandparents nurtured a love of reading in me and my siblings and that nurturing included regular trips to our local public library. I started out reading science fiction novels that introduced me to time travel and mischief with super computers. My tastes expanded to adventures, mysteries, historical fiction, and eventually nonfiction. Unfortunately my love for reading also resulted in numerous phone calls to my home from exasperated librarians looking for long-overdue books.

I have become far more punctual with library books and moved to Northport twelve years ago. My visits to the Northport-East Northport Public Library are always enjoyable. Whether I am looking for a good novel to relax with or conducting detailed research for my masters degree, I can always count on the staff at the Northport-East Northport Public Library to point me in the right direction. They consistently embody the highest standards of their profession and are exceptionally courteous and patient no matter how complex my requests may be. And the facilities in Northport are excellent in all aspects from the collection to the café. I always feel good recommending my new public library and look forward to my visits there.
—William Taggard

As a journalist, I am often called upon to write on subjects about which I have little or no knowledge. The library comes to my aid by providing reference materials which enable me to write from a position of enlightenment. The librarians always find exactly what I need, and I invariably end up feeling like somewhat of an expert on subjects which have ranged from sea glass and Christmas collectibles to the history of Halloween. I will never forget my excitement when the local history librarian showed me how to access historic newspapers online from home. I was writing an article about submarine chasers which protected American merchant ships during World War II. I was amazed to read actual newspaper accounts about the local war effort in Northport dating from 1943. It touched my heart to learn that our beloved village financed a sub-chaser called the "Spirit of Northport" via the sale of war bonds. I thank the library for this unforgettable excursion into the past. Our library has also had its own glorious historic moments. The unveiling of the statue of the Little Prince in the courtyard of the Northport Library, and the dedication of the East Northport Library Bear were two such wonderful events joyfully embraced by the community.
—Elise Pearlman

In addition to the many resources and programs the library offers, I particularly appreciate the friendliness of the ladies behind the desk as well as the knowledge that reference help is always cheerfully available when I need it. Northport Library is always a pleasure to visit. I have only one problem. With the combined resources of our library system adding up to an incredible number of books, films, and audio books, I have no excuses. If I am not well-informed and up-to-date in my reading, I have to admit it's sheer laziness on my part.
—Joan G. Hauser

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