

FOR ADULTS



Northport Symphony Orchestra presents

Ideas to Music: Composer, Orchestra & Listeners
(N) Sunday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.
Orchestra composers work with a wide palette of musical colors. Members of The Northport Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Richard Hyman, will demonstrate the instruments that create this palette and will explore how composers use instrumentation, rhythms, melodies, and other musical techniques to convey their intentions. Orchestra members will examine the first movement of Mozart's 35th Symphony, and will then perform the entire work. No registration required.

Do-ing Music presents The Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble

(N) Friday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.
The Northport Arts Coalition, in cooperation with the Library, is pleased to present the Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble of flute, harp, and strings. Featured music will include an exciting mix of styles and time periods including works by composers Villa Lobos, Handel, Beethoven, D'Indy, Bax, and contemporary composer Nancy Gufstafsen. A meet-the-artists reception will follow. No registration required.



Wills and Estates with Surrogate Judge John M. Czygier

(N) Monday, April 26, 7:30 p.m.
People often put off making a will using the common excuses that they are too busy or they think they're too young. If you don't make a will before your death, state law will determine who gets your property or a judge may decide who will raise your children. John M. Czygier, a judge of the Surrogate's Court of Suffolk County and a respected jurist in matters of estate administration, will talk about the importance of making a will. Your questions are welcome. Registration begins April 5 at either library building or online. (NENA169)

Current Events in Perspective

(N) Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Join Michael Libresco-D'Innocenzo, professor of history at Hofstra University, to explore significant national and international developments. All attending the program are welcome to share their views.



Book-A-Trip to Newport, Rhode Island

Monday, May 17, 2010
Departure: 6:45 a.m. from the William J. Brosnan building parking lot (across from Northport Library)
Return: 10:00 p.m.
Cost: \$96 per person (checks only, non-refundable, payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library)
Itinerary: Enjoy the day in beautiful Newport! Following our ferry ride from Orient Point, we will enjoy lunch and spectacular ocean views at the Atlantic Beach Club Restaurant. Our afternoon itinerary will include a tour of Marble House, the opulent "summer cottage" of the William K. Vanderbilts. We will end the day with a guided bus tour of Newport.
Registration: Register in person beginning Saturday, April 3, 9:00 a.m. at the Northport Library. Ticket limit: 2 per patron on first day of sale. N-EN Library card required. (NENA170)

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Successful Job Search Strategies

(N) Friday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.
Searching for a new job may be the toughest "job" you'll ever have, especially in today's economy. Amy Datkun of Long Island Cares will help you develop a job search strategy that will showcase your best skills. Topics will include preparing a resume and cover letter, interview techniques, job search resources, and more. No registration required.

Job & Career Accelerator

Are you looking for a job or planning a career change? The **Job & Career Accelerator**, a comprehensive online job search system, is now available through the Library's website. This easy-to-use application provides assistance for job seekers at all experience and education levels. With **Job & Career Accelerator** users can easily create professional resumes and cover letters, master interviewing and networking techniques, improve work-related skills, and prepare for occupational exams. In addition, users can explore detailed occupation profiles and search available jobs from more than 5 million job postings. Please ask a Reference Librarian for help using this valuable online database.

"Time Together with Time to Spare"

(N) Sunday, May 2, 2:00 p.m.
The unforgettable melodies of "West Side Story," along with favorites from the Great American Songbook, will be featured in this lively cabaret show featuring singer Yvette Malavet-Blum, accompanied by Bob Boucher on piano and guitar, and Brian Wishin on percussion. Registration begins April 5 at either library building or online. (NENA171)



Internet User Group

(N) Thursday, April 1, 7:30 p.m.
Join our monthly program where we review the latest technology and explore questions and concerns for the experienced computer user. No registration required.

Digital Photography 101

(N) Monday, April 5, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Registration begins March 22 at either library or online. Explore the basics of digital photography including camera functions, shooting techniques, archiving, and more. (NENC066)

Computer Second Grade

(N) Thursday, April 8, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Registration begins April 1 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. (NENC005)

AARP Driver Safety Program

AARP's program is a refresher course designed especially for motorists age 50 and older. There is a \$14 fee (\$12 for AARP members) payable to AARP by check or money order only at registration. Be sure to bring your New York State driver's license to class.

(EN) Tuesdays, April 20 & 27, 6:30-10:30 p.m.
Register April 3 at East Northport Library. (NENA172)

(N) Monday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
Register April 10 at Northport Library. (NENA173)

Defensive Driving

(EN) Mondays, May 17 & 24, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$36
Applications for this point/insurance reduction safety course are available April 10 at both library buildings.

The 5 Ps of Successful Home Improvement

(N) Wednesday, May 5, 7:30 p.m.
Whether you're a do-it-yourselfer looking to complete some small projects or a homeowner gearing up for a major renovation, you need some basic information to get the job done. Join Gary Dymski, former Home Work columnist at *Newsday*. From new, innovative products to the most updated technology, he will guide homeowners through the right steps. The result is that you'll be sure to approach your next project with more confidence. No registration required.

AARP Tax Aid

(EN) Thursdays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
(N) Fridays, 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
AARP counselors, trained by the IRS, will be available in both library buildings through April 15. If possible, please bring last year's tax forms with you. Assistance is available on a first-come, first-served basis.

All About eBay

(EN) Thursday, April 15, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Learn how to use this popular online auction site. Topics will include creating a user name and password, posting items to sell, finding feedback on sellers and buyers, and more. No registration required.

Computer Third Grade

(EN) Thursday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Registration begins April 7 at either library or online. This workshop covers multitasking, working with graphics, and using drawing and painting tools. (NENC010)

The iPhone & Smartphones

(EN) Thursday, April 29, 7:00-9:00 p.m.
Learn more about the iPhone and other smartphones such as the Motorola Droid and the Nexus One. An Apple-certified trainer will explain the different features available such as a touch screen or QWERTY screen. No registration required.

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"Long Island Reads"

The River of Doubt

(N) Thursday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.
In April our Library will join with public libraries throughout Long Island to read and discuss Candice Millard's bestseller *The River of Doubt: Theodore Roosevelt's Darkest Journey*. An incredible adventure narrative and a penetrating biographical portrait, *The River of Doubt* is the true story of Roosevelt's harrowing exploration of the Amazon. From the soaring beauty of the rain forest to the darkest night of Theodore Roosevelt's life, Millard recounts the thrilling adventure that changed the map of the western hemisphere forever.

Join Donna Diamond, the Library's Page Turners book discussion leader, to explore this exciting narrative. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Circulation Desk at either library building.

(EN) Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.
Stories from *Too Much Happiness* by Alice Munro 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 12, 7:00 p.m.
This month we take a look at *The English Major* by Jim Harrison. Please pick up your copy of the book at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

Page Turners

(N) Thursday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.
The River of Doubt, this year's "Long Island Reads" selection, will be the topic of this month's discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

SAT Preparation Workshop

(N) Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22, 29, 6:15-8:45 p.m.
High school students can prepare for the SAT exam with teachers Barbara White and Donald Loeffler. A non-refundable check for \$100 payable to the Northport-East Northport Public Library must be brought to the East Northport Library within three days of registration. **Your registration is not complete until payment is received.** Registration is underway at the East Northport Library or online. (NENY110)

FOR FAMILIES

Sunday Family Special

For adults and children in grades K and up

"The Secret Garden"

(N) Sunday, April 11, 2:00 p.m.
The Hampstead Players present an enchanting play about a young orphan girl who goes to live with her uncle in the English countryside. Her youth and enthusiasm breathe life into each character she meets, bringing love back into the family. Registration is underway at either library or online. (NENA159)

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Friday Movies for Adults

Blind Side
(EN) Friday, April 2, 10:00 a.m.
(N) Friday, April 9, 1:30 p.m.

Sandra Bullock stars in the true story of a homeless African-American youngster who is taken in by a well-to-do white family. Rated PG-13. 128 min.

Sherlock Holmes

(EN) Friday, April 23, 10:00 a.m.
(N) Friday, April 30, 1:30 p.m.

Sherlock Holmes (Robert Downey, Jr.) and his stalwart partner Watson (Jude Law) unravel a deadly plot that could destroy the country. Rated R. 128 min.

FOR TEENS

Press-and-Glo Light

(N) Thursday, April 1, 3:30-4:30 p.m.
Teens will use permanent markers and foam shapes to embellish their own press-and-glow light. Color themes, patterns, and room décor will be discussed as inspiration for individual designs. Registration is now underway at the East Northport Library or online. (NENY109)

Kaplan's ACT vs. SAT Workshop

(EN) Monday, April 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Planning for college but not sure which standardized test you should take? This seminar will explain the content and format differences between the SAT and ACT. Sample questions will be given and you will learn basic Kaplan test strategies. Students in grades 9-12 and parents are welcome. Registration begins April 1 at the East Northport Library or online. (NENY113)

SAT Preparation Workshop

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High school students can prepare for the SAT exam with teachers Barbara White and Donald Loeffler. A non-refundable check for \$100 payable to the Northport-East Northport Public Library must be brought to the East Northport Library within three days of registration. **Your registration is not complete until payment is received.** Registration is underway at the East Northport Library or online. (NENY110)

Teen Volunteer Opportunities

Teen volunteer opportunities are open to students in grades 7-12. Registration begins April 1 at the East Northport Library or online.

Teen Advisory Board

(EN) Monday, April 12, 7:00-8:00 p.m.
Earn volunteer credit as we plan teen library programs, develop the teen webpage, and plan community service activities. Refreshments will be served. (NENY112)

Chess Club Volunteers

(N) Thursday, April 29, 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 all volunteers. (NENY111)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Display Tables in the Libraries <i>Featured in April: Celebrating National Poetry Month</i>	EXHIBITS 38th Annual Art Exhibit by Students of the Northport-East Northport School District April-May 2010 <i>A schedule of exhibit dates is available at both library buildings.</i>			1 Registration begins for Computer Second Grade on 4/8 Registration begins for Kaplan's ACT vs. SAT Workshop on 4/19 & Teen Volunteer Opportunities AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-12 noon *April Fools' Bingo (N) 11 am *Press-and-Glo Light for Teens (N) 3:30 pm Internet User Group (N) 7:30 pm	2 AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-12 noon Movie: <i>Blind Side</i> (EN) 10 am	3 Registration begins at Northport for Book-A-Trip to Newport on 5/17 Registration begins at East Northport for AARP Driver Safety Program on 4/20 & 4/27
4 Easter — Library Closed	5 Registration begins for Wills and Estates on 4/26 and "Time Together with Time to Spare" on 5/2 *AARP Driver Safety Program (N) 9:30 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Digital Photography 101 (N) 6:30 pm	6 Registration begins for Children's Series Programs *Preschool Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 1:30 pm	7 Registration begins for Computer Third Grade on 4/22 Blood Pressure Check (N) 9:30-10:30 am (EN) 11 am-12 noon	8 AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-12 noon Registration begins for An Earth Day Celebration on 4/22 *Computer Second Grade (N) 10 am Page Turners/Long Island Reads Book Discussion (N) 2 pm *SAT Preparation Workshop (N) 6:15 pm Newbery Book Club (N) 7 pm	9 AARP Tax Aid (N) 9 am-12 noon *1, 2, 3 Play with Me (EN) 10 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Movie: <i>Blind Side</i> (N) 1:30 pm	10 Registration begins for Family Fun on 4/24 Registration begins at Northport for AARP Driver Safety Program on 5/3 Applications available for Defensive Driving on 5/17 & 5/24 *Defensive Driving (N) 9 am
11 National Library Week April 11-17 *Sunday Family Special: "The Secret Garden" (N) 2 pm	12 Registration begins for Babies Boogie on 4/21 *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 & 11 am *Taproot Writers Group (EN) 1:30 pm *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Teen Advisory Board (EN) 7 pm Novel Ideas (N) 7 pm	13 ANNUAL LIBRARY VOTE 9 am - 9 pm Kids Cast Your Vote 9 am-8:45 pm *Preschool Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 1:30 pm *Preschool Storytime (EN) 7 pm *Supporting Your Child's Social Skills (N) 7:30 pm	14 Celebrate International Children's Book Day (EN) 2 pm *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *Boating Safety Course (EN) 7 pm Northport Arts Coalition presents The Poetry of Walt Whitman (N) 7 pm	15 Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N) AARP Tax Aid (EN) 9 am-12 noon *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *SAT Preparation Workshop (N) 6:15 pm All About eBay (EN) 7 pm	16 Registration begins for Tacos, Quesadillas, Salsa, ¡Ole! on 4/30 *1, 2, 3 Play with Me (EN) 10 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Township Theatre Group (N) 7:30 pm	17 Book to Movie Matinee: James and the Giant Peach (N) 2 pm
18 Northport Symphony Orchestra presents Ideas to Music (N) 2 pm	19 *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 & 11 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm *Taproot Writers Group (EN) 1:30 pm Kaplan's ACT vs. SAT Workshop (EN) 7 pm How to Have a "Sell Out" Garage Sale (N) 7:30 pm	20 Registration begins for Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten Reading Fun *Book-A-Trip to the Philadelphia Museum of Art departs 7:45 am *Preschool Storytime (EN) 9:30 am & 1:30 pm *New Moms (EN) 10 am *AARP Driver Safety Program (EN) 6:30 pm *Defensive Driving (EN) 7 pm	21 *Babies Boogie (N) 10 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm	22 *An Earth Day Celebration (N) 10 am *Computer Third Grade (EN) 10 am *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *SAT Preparation Workshop (N) 6:15 pm	23 Tales for Toddlers (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am Movie: <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> (EN) 10 am Successful Job Search Strategies (N) 10 am *Preschool Storytime (N) 1:30 pm Pajama Storytime (N) 7 pm Do-ing Music presents The Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble (N) 7:30 pm	24 Registration begins for Fairy Houses on 5/8 *Family Fun (N) 10 am
25	26 *Songs & Stories (EN) 10 & 11 am *Taproot Writers Group (EN) 1:30 pm Wills and Estates with Judge John M. Czygier (N) 7:30 pm	27 *New Moms (EN) 10 am *AARP Driver Safety Program (EN) 6:30 pm Short Hikes for the Novice Hiker (N) 7:30 pm	28 *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *Boating Safety Course (EN) 7 pm Current Events in Perspective (N) 7:30 pm	29 *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *SAT Preparation Workshop (N) 6:15 pm *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Chess Club (N) 7 pm Chess Club (N) 7 pm The iPhone & Smartphones (EN) 7 pm	30 Tales for Toddlers (EN) 9:30 & 10:30 am Movie: <i>Sherlock Holmes</i> (N) 1:30 pm *Tacos, Quesadillas, Salsa, ¡Ole! (N) 7 pm	

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 Programs is limited to Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders.
Preference is given to Northport-East Northport Public Library cardholders for Adult and Teen 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 and the Library staff do.

Eileen Minogue Library Director
James Olney Assistant Director

Annual Library Vote

Tuesday, April 13, 2010

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:
Robert R. Little

Proposed Tax Rate Increase:
1.6%

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

Museum Cove FOR CHILDREN



An Earth Day Celebration

(N) Thursday, April 22, 10:00 a.m.

Children 4 and 5 years old (not in kindergarten) with adult; siblings welcome

Enjoy an interactive hour with Donna Green featuring stories, songs, and hands-on activities. Each family will create a special Earth Day craft to take home. (60 min.) Registration begins April 8 at either library building or online. (NENJ278)

Fairy Houses

(N) Saturday, May 8, 10:00 a.m.

Children in grades K-5 with adults; siblings welcome

We have all heard stories about fairies, but do you know where they live? Join an educator from Seateck Environmental Association and learn about some of the different types of fairies and what kinds of houses they live in. We will then go outside to the Library Courtyard and each family will create a fairy masterpiece. (90 min.) Registration begins April 24 at either library building or online. (NENJ279)

Book to Movie

Matinee: James and the Giant Peach

(N) Saturday, April 17, 2:00 p.m.

Based on the book by Roald Dahl, this is the story of a young boy who escapes from his wicked aunts and embarks on adventures with giant insects he meets inside a giant peach. A copy of the book will be raffled off. Rated PG. (79 min.) No registration required.



FOR PARENTS



Supporting Your Child's Social Skills

(N) Tuesday, April 13, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Special education teachers Tanya Perry and Deborah Huntsman will provide strategies and resources to enhance your child's social skills beyond the school day. Registration begins March 30 at either library building or online. (NENJ290)

Getting Your Child Ready for Kindergarten

(EN) Tuesday, May 4, 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Kindergarten teacher Kim O'Shaughnessy will offer creative ideas and suggest activities parents can do with preschoolers. The skills recommended for beginning kindergarten will be discussed. Registration begins April 20 at either library building or online. (NENJ303)

Babies Boogie

(N) Wednesday, April 21, 10:00 a.m.

Children birth to 23 months with adult; siblings welcome

Sing, play instruments, and dance to music from around the world with Nicole Sparling. (45 min.) Registration begins April 12 at either library building or online. (NENJ304)

Family Fun

(N) Saturday, April 24, 10:00 a.m.

For one, two, and three-year olds with adult; siblings welcome

Enjoy a creative play environment with your child as you explore a variety of toys and activities. There will be a circle storytime and a craft activity as well. (60 min.) Registration begins April 10 at either library building or online. (NENJ305)

Celebrate International Children's Book Day

(EN) Wednesday, April 14, 2:00 p.m.

Children birth to five with adult; siblings welcome

Join children all over the world as we celebrate the universality of children's books in this early literacy storytime. (30 min.) No registration required.

Newbery Book Club

(N) Thursday, April 8, 7:00 p.m.

Children in grades 4 and up

Children and tweens are invited to participate in our Library's 6th annual Newbery Book Club. Each year students join Mrs. Gebel, who served on the 2006 Newbery Award Committee, to read and review books published during the year. Club members have access to advance reading copies of books donated by the publishers before their publication date. Reader reviews are posted on the Newbery Club website. A mock Newbery Election will be held in January 2011 and club members will determine the book they think is the most distinguished book published in 2010. No registration required.

Tacos, Quesadillas, Salsa, iOle!

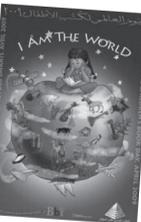
(N) Friday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.

For children in grades K-5 with adults; siblings welcome

Come be a part of El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day) at the Library! With help from the Baking Coach, families will prepare and enjoy several Mexican delicacies. What a great way to celebrate the joys and wonders of childhood with preparing a tasty meal together as a family. (60 min.) Registration begins April 16 at either library building or online. (NENJ308)

The Bookmark Spot

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



FOR CHILDREN

Registration for the following series programs begins April 6 at either library building or online.

- 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. Programs are designed with these age specifications in mind.
- 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.

New Moms

For babies birth to 11 months with mother

First-time mothers and babies network with other new moms to discuss pertinent topics and learn songs and Mother Goose rhymes. (2 hours) (NENJ309)

East Northport: Tuesdays, 10:00 am

April 20, 27, May 4, 11, 18, 25

Tales for Toddlers

For two and three-year-olds with adult; no siblings

Experience a beginning storytime, share books and flannelboard stories, and participate in a hands-on activity. (30 min.) (NENJ310)

East Northport: Fridays, 9:30 or 10:30 am

April 23, 30, May 7, 14

Chess Club

(N) Thursday, April 29, 7:00 p.m.

For children grades 3-6

Research has shown that playing chess at a young age helps children develop visualization, concentration, planning, and problem-solving skills. Join us and have some fun, learn to better your game, and practice good sportsmanship! No registration required. (45 min.)

Pajama Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

(N) Friday, April 23, 7:00 p.m.

Children with their adults can come ready to sit and listen to some great stories. Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite teddy bear or stuffed animal. (30 min.) No registration required.

Songs & Stories

For one, two, and three-year-olds with adult; siblings welcome

Sing songs and rhymes and respond rhythmically to music as you and your child listen to musical stories in this interactive group experience. (30 min.) (NENJ311)

East Northport: Mondays, 10:00 or 11:00 am

April 12, 19, 26, May 3

Story Parade

For children in grades K-2

Children in grades K-2 will enjoy specially chosen stories featuring a broad range of literature and participate in a related hands-on activity. (45 min.)

Northport: Wednesdays, 4:00 pm (NENJ314)

April 14, 21, 28, May 5

East Northport: Thursdays, 4:00 pm (NENJ315)

April 15, 22, 29, May 6

Kindergarten Reading Fun

For children in kindergarten

This special five-week program for kindergartners will encourage and reinforce early literacy skills. Registration for all sessions begins April 20 at either library building or online. (45 min. program)

East Northport: Tuesdays, 1:00 pm (NENJ312)

May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1

Northport: Wednesdays, 9:30 am or 1:00 pm (NENJ313)

May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2

Kids ... Cast YOUR Vote!

Tuesday, April 13

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 13, you will also have the opportunity to vote using a real voting machine* in the Children's Rooms of both library buildings.

*Voting machines courtesy of Election Machine Service Company.

Meet the "Kids Cast Your Vote" Characters in Person

Tuesday, April 13, 4:00 p.m. at the Northport Library

Come in and meet this year's children's book characters and get their autographs.



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HOURS
9 to 9 Monday thru Friday
9 to 5 Saturday
1 to 5 Sunday

There have to be numerous reasons to use and enjoy our Northport-East Northport Library. In 45 years I've seen the library expand in many dimensions. The lovable, tiny East Northport building became an impressive modern facility and the Northport building was redesigned and enlarged to provide additional space and services. Computers are now everywhere. Video tapes were succeeded by DVD collections, audiobooks now come as CDs, not to mention other exotic formats available via the Internet. WiFi brings Internet connection to those with their own laptops. Hardly a month goes by without something new in available services. Many library matters can be addressed from our home computers. Alongside these physical changes something else is going on. The staff seems to be growing younger as I grow older. Their knowledge, abilities and eagerness to assist are outstanding. The Library has become a major player in my retirement. Rarely a day goes by without a visit to either or both buildings. The monthly Newsletter is carefully scanned and all classes and programs of interest are posted on my calendar. The art galleries are always good for a visit as is the Children's Cove when a new exhibit opens. Relaxing in the outdoor garden during warm weather is a treat. Musical performances, plays and lectures liven many of my afternoons and evenings. Newspapers and magazines tempt me to linger. In many respects the library is truly my 'home away from home' for which I am ever grateful.

— Howard Boltson

To me the library is a new world, a world where I can escape to lands of adventure, fantasy and so many other genres. The library has helped me so much with school, it has made my day better. Whenever I step into it, I just am so happy because I can get out books, movies, and other things. I have been to other libraries on Long Island and this one is the definite best. Everything about my library is awesome. The librarians here are so friendly and kind. They help me so much and I just want to thank them. The library is so much to me. I just love my library!

—Karl J. Salzmann (age 12)

Our community library enhances my life on a daily basis with varied resources including academic and pleasure reading, cultural programming, current events, lectures, media, multi-faceted discussion groups, and ongoing innovation. Its staff and Board of Trustees are fiscally responsible, positive, responsive visionary advocates for all ages. They balance ever-changing and challenging technology with the needs of the computer illiterate.

Our library's cooperation and interaction with our schools, public and private, and with myriad institutes of higher learning encourages diversity of interest. It embraces patrons' suggestions and assesses ongoing community needs, fostering opportunities for its growth.

As a partner, for over 50 years, with our library, I matured as a parent, community activist, teacher, and preschool director. Now as a retiree, the advocacy, commitment, energy, and professionalism of our Library will create new opportunities for my personal change and growth.

— Eleanor Roll

When education is discussed, the subject of libraries is often overlooked. That is a shame, because I believe that the library is a basic building block of every facet of education. It presents a forum for the expression of the best (and worst) thoughts of the human race. It provides a place to go to bring new, young minds into the learning experience; it provides a place to come to casually read, think and explore.

Whether you are planning to remodel a house, look at a magazine, read a newspaper or just drop in to have a cup of coffee and sit down and relax, the library is the first place that comes to mind. Our libraries have grown over the years to provide a large population the ability to sit down at a computer and search the web, send and receive emails, or download an entire book. As technology grows, so does our library and so does the technical knowledge of our library staffs.

I believe that a library is a treasure that every community should have.

— Robert C. Smith



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Libraries Change Lives

When I lost my job (laid off) I almost never went to the library. As time went along I had to cut out things in my life that weren't essential including Internet access from home. Somebody told me about how great the computers were at the library. As I started using them I learned how wonderful they were. Equally nice was that as I used them and had questions the staff went out of their way to answer them and teach me. One of the librarians put a presentation together where for over an hour and a half she showed me how to access all the things the library had to offer. (It sure has changed since I was a child.) Because of all the caring the staff has shown I can now comfortably navigate many of the things that are available. I even have utilized the free museum passes. Maybe I should say being laid off in 2007 was a blessing in disguise. I never would have understood all the great services and people that are there to help make my life a little better.

—John Borders

How has the library changed my life? Since my early childhood, the library has always been the place to go for books, but it has become even more. Whether I need scholarly texts for work, fiction both new and obscure, upbeat music or relaxing movies, the library is the first place I look. If whatever I'm seeking is anywhere in the library system, I know that it's only a web page click away, and that the exceptional library staff will take it from there.

One might think that in the age of the Internet, libraries would be less important, but in fact the exact opposite is true. From browsing the library stacks and the online catalog alike, I've been able to find new authors just as I finished going through everything my previous favorites had written. Speaking with the librarians has led me to books, movies and music I would never have considered on my own. And that doesn't even start to include the cafe, magazines, special programs and more the library offers.

In the end, I can't say that the library has changed my life so much as I simply can't imagine life without it.

— Aaron E. Meyer

When I moved to this neighborhood nine years ago, I was thrilled to learn we had two new library buildings! It did not take long to discover that what really made the Northport-East Northport Libraries special was not the buildings but the amazing staff.

My daughters have always taken advantage of the wonderful programs in Youth Services. The librarians there are patient, respectful and knowledgeable, always trying to help my girls find the reading material they want or need. My older daughter has moved on to the Teen Section and is afforded the same respect and support in her new realm.

When I became ill, one librarian went so far as to pull books for me based on her knowledge of my past requests. Other times I have requested titles that are not part of the library collection and cannot be loaned through Suffolk County – the librarians have done their best to order the books and add them to the Northport collection.

The staff at the circulation desk has also been kind and helpful to our family. I do believe the staff is why my children leave the building with a smile and the proclamation that the library is their favorite place – it is mine too!

— Ivy Van Wickler

The library is a terrific resource for research and provides a great working environment—knowledgeable librarians, security, and a café. One of the best things is the computer stations, complete with high-speed Internet, Microsoft Office programs, tutorials, and more. The library has been particularly helpful with job searching. There are business publications, newspapers, a career center, workshops, computer classes, and employment-related books. In addition, resumes and cover letters can be faxed free of charge anywhere within the U.S., and books and material can easily be obtained from other libraries through interlibrary loan.

Some other perks are: a) senior citizens age 65 and over can get a Silver Star Coupon booklet with discounts on café items, fines, copying, trips, book sales and computer classes; b) suggestion boxes to submit ideas about how to make the library better or report a problem; c) free movies every Friday; d) wireless Internet access; e) quiet-study rooms; and f) a full-service website allowing patrons to access their account and renew items remotely from home. In these challenging economic times, the library is, by far, the best source of free information and services you can find.

— James D'Ambrosio

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