

FOR ADULTS

The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan

(N) Wednesday, June 30, 7:30 p.m.

Calling all Mets fans! Meet Dana Brand, author of *The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan*, who will talk about the trials and tribulations of being a Mets fanatic. Mr. Brand is a professor of English and American literature at Hofstra University. Gary Cohen, SNY Mets broadcaster, called *The Last Days of Shea* "a truly terrific book. Filled with passion and sincerity, it offers a deeper understanding of what it means to be a fan." Copies of the book will be available for purchasing and signing. No registration required.

Organize Those Papers

(N) Thursday, June 10, 7:30 p.m.

Are you overwhelmed by financial statements, tax forms, invoices, or other important papers? Join professional organizer Jennifer Ryan and learn how to organize your important papers and create a simple, no-fail system to find and protect everything you need. This workshop will help you master the worry of getting your "affairs in order" by showing you how to prepare important records for your heirs. No registration required.



Exotic Chocolate Tasting

(N) Thursday, June 24, 7:30 p.m.

Did you know that chocolate—one of the world's favorite foods—has many health benefits? Join chocolate sommelier Roxanne Browning for a guided tasting as she shares artisan organic dark chocolates from around the world. Learn about the many nuances of chocolate, what to look for or avoid on a label, the health benefits, and the history of chocolate. Discover how cocoa farming helps the rain forests and its indigenous people. A holistic nutritionist will be on hand to discuss the healthy attributes of quality chocolate. Registration begins June 3 at either library or online. (NENA181)

Northport Arts Coalition presents The Northport Reader's Theater

(N) Wednesday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.

The Northport Arts Coalition, in cooperation with the Library, presents The Northport Reader's Theater in its third annual "NAC Wednesday" presentation. This year the group presents a staged reading of three plays written by playwright and Greenlawn resident Michael Casano and directed by Jo Ann Katz: "Who Knew?," "Hidden in the Past," and "The Annie Parker Show." The theme of the evening's plays is "family and where to find it." A discussion with the playwright will follow the performance. No registration required.

Green Initiatives: Save Energy, Save Money & Save the Earth

(N) Tuesday, June 8, 7:30 p.m.

The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act includes tax rebates for home energy efficiency and renewable energy incentives. Learn how you can implement energy savings in your home or business in this program presented by Engelmann Energy. Guest speakers will include Northport Mayor George Doll, LIPA Cool Homes Program manager Maria Anzalone, certified public accountant Victor Howard, and Pete Engelmann, an Energy Star and Cool Homes-approved contractor. No registration required.

Resumes That Get Interviews

(N) Monday, June 7, 7:00 p.m.

Are you unemployed or have found yourself in a dead-end job? Does your resume truly reflect your skills? Career coach Joan Enright will help you develop a resume that will get you the interview you want. She will explore style and format, content, and cover letters. Your questions are welcome. No registration required.



Current Events in Perspective

(N) Wednesday, June 23, 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 West Point & River Rose Cruise

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

Departure: 7:20 a.m. from the William J. Brosnan building parking lot (across from Northport Library)

Return: 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$85 per person (checks only, non-refundable, payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library)

Itinerary: Our morning begins with a guided bus tour of West Point Military Academy followed by lunch at Torches on the Hudson, a waterfront restaurant in Newburgh. After lunch we board the River Rose, an authentic New Orleans paddle boat, for a narrated cruise on the Hudson River.

Registration: Register in person beginning Saturday, June 26, 9:00 a.m. at the Northport Library. Ticket limit: 2 per patron on first day of sale. N-EN Library card required. (NENA182)

West Point requires that all bus trip groups complete a security manifest. Please bring your driver's license or other form of photo I.D. to the Library when you register for this trip.

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Outdoor Concert in the Library Courtyard

The Liverpool Shuffle

(N) Tuesday, July 13, 7:30 p.m.

If you are a fan of Beatles music, this show is for you. Formed in 2003, The Liverpool Shuffle features musicians Joe Refano, Mike Green, Mike Ponella, and Pete Bross. Join them for a musical journey through the repertoire of their favorite band. Registration begins June 12 at either library building or online. In the event of rain, the concert will be held in the Library's Community Room and ticket holders will be seated first. (NENA180)

Defensive Driving

(EN) Mondays, July 19 & 26, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$36

Applications for this point/insurance reduction safety course are available June 12 at both library buildings.

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.

(N) Tuesday, June 29 & Thursday, July 1, 7:00-11:00 p.m. Register June 5 at Northport Library. (NENA183)

(N) Monday, July 12, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Register June 19 at Northport Library. (NENA184)

Internet User Group

(N) Thursday, June 3, 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.

Intermediate PowerPoint 2007

(EN) Thursday, June 3, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration began May 20 at either library or online. This workshop will cover slide animation and graphics, transitions, formatting, and more. (NENC072)

Introduction to Photoshop Elements

(EN) Tuesday, June 8, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration begins May 27 at either library or online. This basic workshop will give you an overview of the workspace, tools, options bar, and palettes. (NENC051)

Intermediate Photoshop Elements

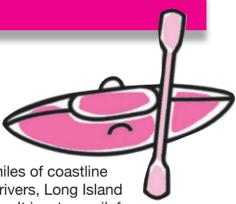
(N) Tuesday, June 15, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Registration begins June 1 at either library or online. This class will cover raw and batch processing techniques, layers, sharpening, collage techniques and adjustments. (NENC059)

Kayaking on Long Island

(N) Wednesday, June 2, 7:30 p.m.

With more than 1,600 miles of coastline including ocean, bays, and rivers, Long Island is an ideal place for kayaking. It is a tranquil, fun activity that provides excellent upper body and aerobic exercise. Nick DeNezzo, president of the Long Island Kayak Club, will talk about the many different types of kayaks and which one is right for you. He will cover basic strokes and rescues, how to choose equipment, and where to kayak. No registration required.



Kayaking: Strokes & Rescue Techniques

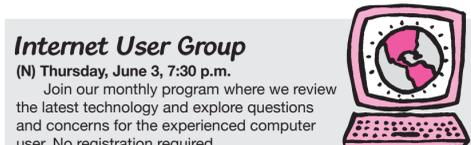
(N) Tuesday, July 20, 7:30 p.m.

Nick DeNezzo of the Long Island Kayak Club will demonstrate common kayaking strokes such as the forward and reverse sweep stroke, the power stroke, the draw stroke, and the rudder stroke. He will also discuss and show video of the various rescue techniques and Eskimo rolling. No registration required.

SuffolkWave Workshop

(N) Thursday, June 17, 7:30 p.m.

Imagine listening to great music or a bestselling novel while relaxing on the beach or riding in the car. Learn how to download and transfer audiobooks, eBooks, and music onto your portable device or home computer for free through the SuffolkWave digital library. No registration required.



Computer Kindergarten

(EN) Thursday, June 10, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration begins June 1 at either library building or online.

This hands-on workshop for the novice covers using the mouse and the Windows desktop, opening programs, and saving files. (NENC004)

Computer First Grade

(N) Tuesday, June 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration begins June 8 at either library building or online.

This follow-up to Computer Kindergarten introduces word processing and working with text and files. (NENC006)

Computer Second Grade

(N) Thursday, July 8, 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Registration begins June 24 at either library building or online.

Learn how to create spreadsheets and workbooks, input and edit data, use formulas and functions, and work with columns and rows. (NENC005)

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Short Story Central

(N) Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.

Selections from *Happy Trails to You* by Julie Hecht 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.

Page Turners

(N) Thursday, June 10, 2:00 p.m.

Loving Frank by Nancy Horan will be the topic of this month's discussion. Copies of the book will be available at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

Novel Ideas

(N) Monday, June 14, 7:00 p.m.

This month we take a look at *The Strength in What Remains* by Tracy Kidder. Please pick up your copy of the book at the Northport Library Circulation Desk.

GALLERY EXHIBIT

Northport Gallery:

"Visions of the World" by Jack Grimando
Artist Jack Grimando, now retired, worked as a professional illustrator for the U.S. Postal Service. He has painted murals in various Post Office lobbies, some of which have been featured in *Newsday* articles. In this exhibit he shares his landscape and seascape oil paintings that were inspired by his travels.



Read, Rate and Review

How would you review the books, movies, and music that you've borrowed from the Library? Would you give them a thumbs up or a thumbs down—and why? A new feature of the Library's online catalog invites you to join the community of online reviewers. Lend your voice to the discussion about the newest bestseller by Patterson, an award-winning Indie Film, or the Billboard chart topper.

Moderated by the staff at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in cooperation with LibraryThing.com, this service includes a core selection of reviews for local patrons to build upon. Any item in the online catalog can be reviewed and rated with 1, 2, 3 or 4 stars. You can even click on the reviewer's username to read more of that person's opinions. To submit a review, begin at the Library catalog. For example, search for the book title or author name and click on the link "add a review." Start the conversation—write your review today.

There's a Topic Guide for That!

Looking for information on a particular topic? A "Topic Guide" will lead you through the Internet toward the subject-specific information that you need. Delve further into Environmental Issues, Government Information, Health and Medicine, History, Art, Veterans Affairs, Boating and Fishing, Long Island, and Movies—the list of Topic Guides continues to grow. Each Topic Guide is subject-specific and features web links and library resources including books, databases, multimedia, and the latest news. Click on a topic guide today at <http://suffolktopicguides.org/>



Friday Movies for Adults

Valentine's Day

(EN) Friday, June 4, 10:30 a.m.

(N) Friday, June 11, 1:30 p.m.

In this star-studded comedy, Los Angeles couples and singles break up and make up based on the pressures and expectations that come with Valentine's Day. Rated PG-13. 125 min.

Dear John

(EN) Friday, June 18, 10:30 a.m.

(N) Friday, June 25, 1:30 p.m.

A soldier falls for a conservative college student while he's home on leave in this drama based on the novel by Nicholas Sparks. Rated PG-13. 108 min.



Television Series on DVD

Did you miss an episode of your favorite television show or would you like to watch a series at your own pace from the very beginning? You can find many popular television series, including mysteries, on DVD in the Library's media collection. You can even reserve television series DVDs ahead of time either at the Reference Desk or from your home computer through the Library's website.

To find a series DVD in the media collection look for the red dot with a white "N" in the Northport Library and a blue dot with a white "EN" in the East Northport Library.

Here is a sampling of just some of the series in our collection:

- Agatha Christie's Poirot
- Battlestar Galactica
- Big Love
- Black Adder
- Cadfael
- Californication
- Crash
- Curb Your Enthusiasm
- Deadwood
- Entourage
- Extras
- Family Guy
- Father Ted
- Fawlty Towers
- Friday Night Lights
- Heroes
- The Honeymooners
- I Love Lucy
- In Treatment
- Life on Mars
- The Last Detective
- Lost
- Mad Men
- Murdoch Mysteries
- Numbers
- Nurse Jackie
- The Office
- Rescue Me
- Rome
- Rosemary & Thyme
- Sex and the City
- Six Feet Under
- The Sopranos
- 30 Rock
- The Tudors
- The Twilight Zone
- Upstairs, Downstairs
- The Wire

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| Display Tables in the Libraries Featured in June: Museum Passes | | 1 Registration begins for Computer Kindergarten on 6/10 and Intermediate Photoshop Elements on 6/15 <i>*Stories in Motion (N) 9:30 & 10:30 am</i> <i>*Kindergarten Reading Fun (EN) 1 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (EN) 7 pm</i> Short Story Central (N) 7 pm | 2 Registration begins for Teen Volunteer Opportunities: Summer Kick-Off Party & Chess Club <i>*Rock-a-Bye Readers (EN) 9:30 am</i> <i>*Kindergarten Reading Fun (N) 9:30 am</i> Blood Pressure Check (N) 9:30-10:30 am (EN) 11 am-12 noon Kayaking on Long Island (N) 7:30 pm | 3 Registration begins for Exotic Chocolate Tasting on 6/24 <i>*Intermediate PowerPoint (EN) 7 pm</i> <i>Newbery Book Club (N) 7:30 pm</i> Internet User Group (N) 7:30 pm | 4 <i>Tales at Ten (N) 10 am</i> Movie: <i>Valentine's Day (EN) 10:30 am</i> *AARP Driver Safety Program (N) 7 pm | 5 Registration begins for AARP Driver Safety Program on 6/29 & 7/1 |
| 6 | 7 *AARP Driver Safety Program (N) 9:30 am Resumes That Get Interviews (N) 7 pm | 8 Registration begins for Computer First Grade on 6/22 Registration begins for Teen Volunteer Opportunities 1 *Introduction to Photoshop Elements (EN) 6:30 pm Green Initiatives: Save Energy, Save Money & Save the Earth (N) 7:30 pm | 9 | 10 Page Turners Book Discussion (N) 2 pm *Computer Kindergarten (EN) 7 pm Organize Those Papers (N) 7:30 pm | 11 <i>Tales at Ten (N) 10 am</i> Movie: <i>Valentine's Day (N) 1:30 pm</i> <i>Pajama Storytime (N) 7 pm</i> | 12 Registration begins for The Liverpool Shuffle on 7/13 Applications available for Defensive Driving on 7/19 & 7/26 Friends of the Library Book Sale (EN) 11-4:30 pm |
| 13 Friends of the Library Book Sale (EN) 11-4:30 pm | 14 | 15 Registration begins for Teen Summer Reading Programs *Intermediate Photoshop Elements (N) 6:30 pm | 16 | 17 Library Board of Trustees Meeting (EN) *Chess Club Volunteers (N) 6:45 pm <i>Chess Club (N) 7 pm</i> SuffolkWave Workshop (N) 7:30 pm | 18 <i>Tales at Ten (N) 10 am</i> Movie: <i>Dear John (EN) 10:30 am</i> | 19 Registration begins for AARP Driver Safety Program on 7/12 *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Summer Kick-Off Party (N & EN) 1:45 pm <i>Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party (N & EN) 2 pm</i> |
| 20 | 21 <i>Summer Reading Club begins 10 am-8 pm</i> | 22 Registration begins for Children's Programs from June 28-July 10 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> | 23 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> | 24 Registration begins for Computer Second Grade on 7/8 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> | 25 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> Movie: <i>Dear John (N) 1:30 pm</i> | 26 Registration begins at Northport for Book-A-Trip to West Point & River Rose Cruise on 8/24 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-4 pm</i> |
| 27 | 28 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> *Moving with Mike (N) 10 am *Teen Volunteering 101 (EN) 7 pm *Defensive Driving (N) 7 pm | 29 <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> *Babies Boogie (EN) 10 & 11 am *Teen Program: Monsters in Literature Drawing Workshop (EN) 7 pm *AARP Driver Safety Program (N) 7 pm | 30 *Teen Volunteer Opportunity: Wing-It Wednesday (N) 9:45 am <i>Summer Reading Club 10 am-8 pm</i> <i>Wing-It Wednesday (N) 10 am</i> *Welcome 6th Graders (N) 3:30 pm The Last Days of Shea: Delight and Despair in the Life of a Mets Fan (N) 7:30 pm | Friends of the Library Book Sale (EN) Saturday, June 12, 11:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m. (EN) Sunday, June 13, 1:00-4:30 p.m. Come to the Spring Book Sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library for a great selection of gently-used books for all ages. | | |

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.

MAKE A SPLASH READ!

Lifeguards

(That's you, PARENTS!)

Summer Reading Clubs are not only fun, they are essential. Early involvement in reading programs makes a difference in a child's life. Studies have found that children who read more than ten books during the summer vacation make significant gains in reading ability over those who read fewer. A reading program based on a fun theme is a great way to encourage and support your child's reading interests and curiosity so that reading remains an enjoyable challenge.

VISIT YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY OFTEN. Help your child discover the adventure and fun of choosing books from the Library's collections. Be sure that children have their own Library cards. At the Northport-East Northport Public Library, children are eligible for Library cards from the day they are born!

Swimming Instructors

(Your LIBRARIANS!)

Our Librarians for Children and Teens have constructed unique programs that make summertime reading fun for all ages. They will be happy to help your children discover new books and expand their reading horizons.

Dive Right In

Any child can join the reading clubs. Children as young as three years old have participated. In the **Guppy Club**, books are read to preschoolers by parents, grandparents, siblings, and babysitters. Children in grades 1-3 are encouraged to join **The Reading Sharks**. Older children in grades 4-6 are part of **The Book Divers** program.

Teens who participate in the Summer Reading Club have an added benefit. They will become familiar with the friendly staff and resources available to them throughout the Library. This will be helpful in September when homework assignments are underway once again.

Off to the Ocean

A record number of children and teens participated in last year's summer reading program. Discover an unlimited opportunity to explore, learn, create, investigate, socialize, and read in the Library. Join the fun!

FOR CHILDREN

MAKE A SPLASH— READ!

Children (preschool through grade 6) may join the Summer Reading Club anytime throughout the summer at either the East Northport or Northport Library, or online at www.nenpl.org. During the first week (June 21-26) children may report on one book they have read. Throughout the summer, children may report on books they have read and receive stickers and prizes. A schedule of all summer programs will be available in print and on our website beginning June 7. You may register at either library building or online.

Children's programs are for Northport-East Northport residents. You will need to show your Northport-East Northport Library card to attend all programs that do not require registration.

Summer Reading Club Kick-Off Party

(N) Saturday, June 19, 2:00 p.m.
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Children ages 3-10 years; adults and siblings welcome
Drop in any time between 2:00-3:30 p.m. at either library building to help celebrate the first day of **Make a Splash—READ!** Dive into a room full of crafts and games. (90 min.) No registration required.

Pajama Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, June 1, 7:00 p.m.
(N) Friday, June 11, 7:00 p.m.
Children with an adult
Children can come ready to sit and listen to some great stories. (30 min.) No registration required.

Registration for the following programs begins Tuesday, June 22 at either library building or online.

Moving with Mike

(N) Monday, June 28, 10:00 a.m.
Children ages 3-5 years or entering K with adult; siblings welcome
Award-winning recording artist, musician, and composer Mike Soloway will lead families through a diverse repertoire of children's songs. (45 min.) (NENJ334)

Babies Boogie

(EN) Tuesday, June 29, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.
Children ages birth-2 years with adult; siblings welcome
Sing, play instruments, and dance to music from around the world with energetic Nicole Sparling. (45 min.) (NENJ335)

Wing-It Wednesday

(N) Wednesday, June 30, 10:00 a.m.
Children ages 4-10 years; adults and siblings welcome
Get creative in a room full of exciting craft projects. (60 min.) No registration required.

Frogs, Bugs & Animals

(N) Thursday, July 1, 10:00 a.m.
Children entering grades 1-5; adults and siblings welcome
Interact with small mammals, reptiles, and insects while learning from Green Meadow Farm educators. (60 min.) (NENJ337)



Reading Club Hours

Monday-Friday
June 21 to August 6
10 am to 8 pm
Saturday
June 26 to August 7
10 am to 4 pm

Make a Musical Splash

(N) Tuesday, July 6, 3:00 p.m.
Children birth-3 years with adult; siblings welcome
Have waves of fun singing aquatic songs with music educator Dara Linthwaite. (40 min.) (NENJ342)

Pajama Storytime

(EN) Tuesday, July 6, 7:00 p.m.
Children with an adult
Wear your PJs and bring your favorite stuffed animal to listen to some great stories. (30 min.) No registration required.

Crafty Kids: Stars and Stripes Forever

(N) Wednesday, July 7, 2:00 or 3:00 p.m.
Children entering grades 3-5
Take pride in creating a patriotic wreath suitable for hanging. (45 min.) (NENJ344)

Wing-It Wednesday

(N) Wednesday, July 7, 7:00 p.m.
Children ages 4-10 years; adults and siblings welcome
Let your imagination run wild in a room full of after-dinner crafts. (60 min.) No registration required.

Ocean Adventures

(EN) Thursday, July 8, 10:00 or 11:00 a.m.
Children ages 4-5 years or entering K
Find underwater excitement while searching for sunken treasure with creative movement instructor Beth Hagedorn. (45 min.) (NENJ346)

Chess Club

(N) Thursday, July 8, 7:00 p.m.
Children entering grades 3-6
Play challenging matches with other chess enthusiasts. All skills are welcome, but a basic knowledge of the game is needed. (45 min.) No registration is required.

Bubbleology

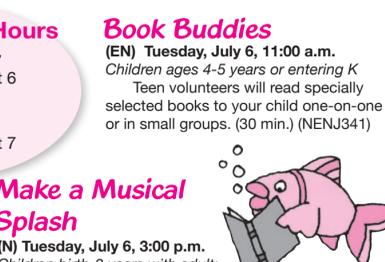
(N) Friday, July 9, 10:00 or 11:30 a.m.
Children entering grades 1-2
Learn how to create square bubbles and how to make bubbles bounce with science educator Susan Sears. (60 min.) (NENJ348)

A Note About Program Attendance:

Our goal is to maximize attendance and thereby offer as many Northport-East Northport children as possible the opportunity to enjoy Library programs.

We request that you arrive ten minutes before the beginning of a program. If you have not arrived by the start time of the program, your child's place may be given to someone waiting. Preference will be given to children on the waitlist. If you call to tell us that you will be late, your place will be held.

Those registered for a program will be seated first. All others will be seated as space permits.



FOR CHILDREN

Salt Marsh Madness

(EN) Friday, July 9, 3:00 p.m.
Children entering grades 3-5
Discover the importance of Long Island's marshes and learn to classify seashells while starting your own shell collection with educator Victoria DeLuise. (60 min.) (NENJ349)

Saturday Afternoon @ the Movies: Free Willy, Escape from Pirate's Cove

(N) Saturday, July 10, 2:00 p.m.
Children ages 6 years and up; adults and siblings welcome
Kirra discovers a baby orca whale stranded in a lagoon and must help him get back to his family in this live action film. Rated PG. (100 min.) No registration

Open for Discussion: The Music of Dolphins

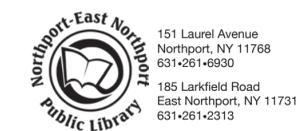
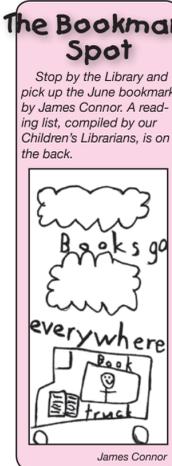
(EN) Wednesday, July 14, 7:30 p.m.
Children entering grades 4-6 with adult
Children's Librarian Lisa Herskowitz will lead parents and their children in a discussion of *The Music of Dolphins* by Karen Hesse. A girl who has been raised by dolphins records her thoughts about her reintroduction into the human world in this thought-provoking novel. Pick up your book at either library building. (75 min.) (NENJ351)

Stress Less

(EN) Monday, July 19, 3:00 p.m.
Children entering grades 3-5
Make your own stress ball and learn various techniques for managing personal stress. (90 min.) (NENJ345)

Touch Base

(EN) Tuesday, July 27, 4:00 p.m.
Children entering grades 4-6
Join Children's Librarian Lisa Herskowitz and Teen Services Librarian Candace Reeder in a discussion of *Travel Team*, a novel by best-selling sports writer Mike Lupica. Pick up your book at either library building. (60 min.) (NENJ352)



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Libraries Change Lives

★ ★ Our patrons share comments about how the Library has changed their lives. ★ ★

It was a trip that took at least 30 minutes for seven-year-old legs, but arrival at the Macon Street Library was a moment to be celebrated. Like the appearance of Emerald City, the huge brownstone building stood there like a bastion and my heart skipped a beat at what I might find within. Of course I would head for the Children's Section and I can still conjure the fragrance of the waxed wooden floors and feel the glow of the globes that hung from chains and provided light. After browsing for longer than I should have, I would finally choose my prized four books and approach the LIBRARIAN'S DESK. There I would glimpse the most impressive piece of equipment in the building. Attached to the librarian's #2 wooden pencil was a metal ring that held a tiny rotating calendar with the "due date" for any book checked out that day.

Now, some sixty years and miles of printed words later, when I want a book I turn on my computer, go to the catalog section, search for a title, push a button and wait for the forthcoming call that will tell me my book is waiting for me at the desk in my local neighborhood. The search procedure has changed, but the thrill of anticipation remains the same each time I open a new book. I'm blessed that the lines in my face do not equal the lines I've read in my lifetime.

I have very fond memories of the Northport Library and these memories go back to my childhood. I participated in the summer reading program each year and I continued the tradition with my own children. I often used the library to research projects I was working on in high school and the library was a huge help to me when I was researching colleges I might like to attend. I eventually moved away for 12 years and I lived in three different communities where the local library didn't come close to what I was used to in Northport.

Northport is a wonderful community and I really feel the library is the heart of it. It is not just a library. It is a community center. There are so many fantastic ways of utilizing the library, from the incredible and knowledgeable staff, the sources, the classes, the media center, the up-to-date computers and the programs for young and old.

What makes the Northport Library extra special to me is the courtyard. This is truly a wonderful and magical space. There is such a sense of calmness and peacefulness there. It is by no means hidden. It can be enjoyed by all, whether you are outside in it or viewing it from the Children's Room, the café, or the incredible bridge you walk across as you enter the library. The library has given our family the opportunity to create Harris' Circle in memory of our son Harris Stack. We are grateful we were able to create a place for the entire community to experience and reflect. That's what is so great about our library . . . just look around. There are contributions from so many people in our community. It's a wonderful place to learn, make friends and express yourself.

— Margaret E. Chellis
(Ms. Chellis shared this story with us before her passing in April.)

The facilities as they've been upgraded technically have forced me to learn how to operate the computer. Notwithstanding my luddite approach to all "new" things, the help I've gotten from a most friendly staff has helped the transition. This library is a retreat from noisy venues and I do my best writing there.

You guys are great. Keep up the good work.

— Ray Forest

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