

FOR ADULTS

An Evening

e Hamill (N) Thursday, April 29, 7:30 p.m. The Library is

pleased to present an evening with

award-winning journalist Pete Hamill, author of this year's "Long Island Reads" selection Snow in August. Born in Brooklyn of Irish immigrant parents, Hamill

his writing career as a reporter for the New York Post. He has been a columnist for the New York Post, the Daily News, and Newsday and has covered wars in Vietnam, Nicaragua, Lebanon, and Northern Ireland. He has served as editor-in-chief of both the *New York* Post and the New York Daily News.

In addition to his distinction as a journalist, Mr. Hamill is the author of eight novels, two collections of short stories, and the bestselling memoir A Drink*ing Life*. Copies of *Snow in August* will be available for purchase and autographing. Tickets are available

"Snow in August" Book Discussion

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

Join Donna Diamond for a discussion of Pete Hamill's evocative novel set in 1940s Brooklyn. Please pick up a copy of the book at the Northport Library.

Current Events in Perspective

(N) Tuesday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.

Michael D'Innocenzo, professor of history at Hofstra University, joins us to explore significant developments both nationally and internationally. All are welcome.



Book-A-Trip: **Delaware Mansions** Thursday, June 24, 2004

Departure: 7:00 a.m. from the Laurel Ave. School parking lot (across from Northport Library) **Return:** 6:30 p.m.

Cost: \$66 per person (checks only; payable to Northport-East Northport Public Library; non-refundable)

Itinerary: Tour of the Greek Revival mansion Andalusia followed by a buffet lunch at Pen Ryn Mansion. Afternoon tour of Glen Foerd.

Ticket sale: Saturday, April 17, 10:00 a.m. at Northport Library. Ticket limit: 2 per library patron on the first day of sale. Library card required for registration.

An Afternoon of Opera & Operetta

(N) Sunday, April 18, 2:00 p.m.

Mezzo soprano Biruta Grunwald, concert pianist Charlotte Zand, and baritone David Mitchell present an afternoon of music from the world's most beloved operas. Arias by Mozart, Bizet, Puccini, and Humper-dinck will be featured as well as selections from oper-ettas by Lehar and Offenbach. The concert will end with selections from Gershwin's "An American in Paris." Tickets are available April 3 at the Northport Library.



"What's All That Jazz About?"

(N) Friday, April 2, 7:30 p.m.

Did vou know that underneath jazz's complex harmonies are patterns and formats that can make it as easy to follow and enjoy as other musical styles? Jazz saxophonist She-

nole Latimer and his trio will bring us an evening of live music, recorded samples from jazz icons, and discussion. Tickets are available now at both libraries.

Wardrobe & Accessories

• (N) Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m. Learn how to dress with finesse! Certified • beauty and image consultant Rebecca Kopcienski • will give tips on matching your wardrobe — casual, work, and dressy — to your body type and personality. Please call the library to register.

Book & Sandwich (W)rap

(EN) Thursday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. (N) Tuesday, April 6, 7:00 p.m.

This month we discuss *Tokyo Sketches*, a collection of short stories by Pete Hamill. Pick up a copy of the stories at the Circulation Desk in either building.

Novel Ideas

(N) Monday, April 12, 7:00 p.m.

(N) Friday, April 16, 1:00 p.m.

Join us to discuss *The Namesake* by Jhumpa Lahiri. Pick up a copy at the Northport Circulation Desk.

55/Alive Driver Program

(EN) Saturdays, April 24 & May 1, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Register April 3 at East Northport Library. (¹/2 hour break)

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

AARP's Mature Driver Program is open to Library card holders who are 50 years of age or older. There is a \$10 fee payable to AARP by check or money order.



Computer Third Grade

for Adults

(N) Monday, April 12, 10:00 a.m.-12 noon Register April 2 at Northport Library.

This follow-up to Computer Second Grade covers multi-tasking, working with graphics, and using drawing and painting tools. There is a \$5 materials fee, payable at registration.

Computer First Grade for Adults (EN) Thursday, April 22, 7:00-9:00 p.m. Register April 8 at East Northport Library.

This user-friendly workshop is a follow-up to Computer Kindergarten. Topics will include word processing and working with text and files. There is a \$5 materials fee, payable at registration.

Buying & Using a Digital Camera (EN) Tuesday, April 27, 7:00 p.m.

Professional photographer Lyndon Fox will explain what features and capabilities to look for when you buy a digital camera. Bring your questions and learn how to get the most out of your new camera. All are welcome.

Defensive Driving

(N) Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Fee: \$35

Applications are available April 5 at either library. (EN) Mondays, May 10 & 17, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Fee: \$35 Applications are available April 12 at either library.

"Our Town Huntington"

(EN) Friday, April 30, 1:00 p.m.

Town of Huntington Historian Robert Hughes will present "Our Town Huntington," a film tracing the development and growth of the town from its glacial origins to the place we know today. All are welcome.

FOR TEENS

Annual Teen Drawing Contest

Have one of your own drawings become part of a banner to be displayed in the Teen Centers at both library buildings! Entries must be submitted on $8\frac{1}{2} \ge 11$ inch paper and be hand-drawn in color. Submit your entry at the Reference Desk in either building between March 1 and April 13. This contest is open to all students in grades 6-12.

Chess Club

(EN) Thursday, April 1, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Join chess expert David Leone and fellow teens. This club meets monthly and is open to all teens and "tweens" in grades 5 and up. New members are always welcome.

FOR ADULTS

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Do-ing Music (N) Friday, April 23, 7:30 p.m.

The Northport Arts Coalition, in cooperation with the Library, presents Oliver Messianen's "Quartet for the End of Time." This moving work for piano, cello, violin, and clarinet was composed while the original musicians and the composer were captives in Nazi Germany. Cellist Bernard Tomosaitis, pianist Sayuri Iida, clarinetist Jess Gross, and violinist Maria Conti will be featured and there will be an appearance by the Northport Wind Quintet. Tickets are available April 3 at both libraries.

Boater's Safety Course

(N) Mondays, May 10, 17, 24 & June 7, 7:00 p.m.

The Neptune Power Squadron conducts this fourweek course for boaters ages 10 and up. A fee of \$30 for adults (ages 16+) or \$25 for teens (ages 10-15) is payable at registration which begins April 16 at the Northport Library. Please bring your Library card and a check or money order only, payable to Neptune Power Squadron.



World War I through the Depression, 1915-1938

The Northport Public Library shed its nomadic past in 1915 and settled into its new Carnegie building at 215 Main Street. Throughout this period George Babcock provided continuity as president of the board of trustees.

The library aided the World War I effort by participating in a program to send books to troops overseas. During the Depression the Library's meeting room was used by local women to mend clothing that was then donated to families in need.

FOR CHILDREN

Long Island's Seashore

(N) Wednesday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. Grades K-3 Educators from the Museum of Long Island Natural Sciences explore how sea creatures have adapted to Long Island's varied environment. Registration is now underway.

Paiama Storvtime

Children ages 3 and up with parent/caregiver (EN) Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

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

Children may wear their PJs and bring their teddy bears to this evening storytime. All are welcome.

Open for Discussion:

Parent/Child Book Discussion Grades 4-6 with parent

(EN) Wednesday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.

Children's Librarian Lisa Herskowitz will lead children and their parents in a discussion of the historical novel A Long Way from Chicago by Richard Peck. Registration begins March 31 at the East Northport Library.

Story Parade

(N) Wednesdays, April 14, 21, 28 & May 5, 4:00 p.m. Register March 31 at Northport Library.

(EN) Thursdays, April 15, 22, 29 & May 6, 4:00 p.m. Register April 1 at East Northport Library.

A story and craft program for children in grades K-5.

ADD/ADHD: Practical Solutions



(N) Tuesdays, April 20 & 27, 7:00-8:30 p.m. School psychologist Lisa Quartararo and school counselor Mary Ann Quince will present valuable information to help children who have been diagnosed with Attention Deficit

Disorder or Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder. Register at the Northport Library beginning April 1.

FOR TEENS

Teen Volunteer Opportunities:

The Critics Club: High School Students'

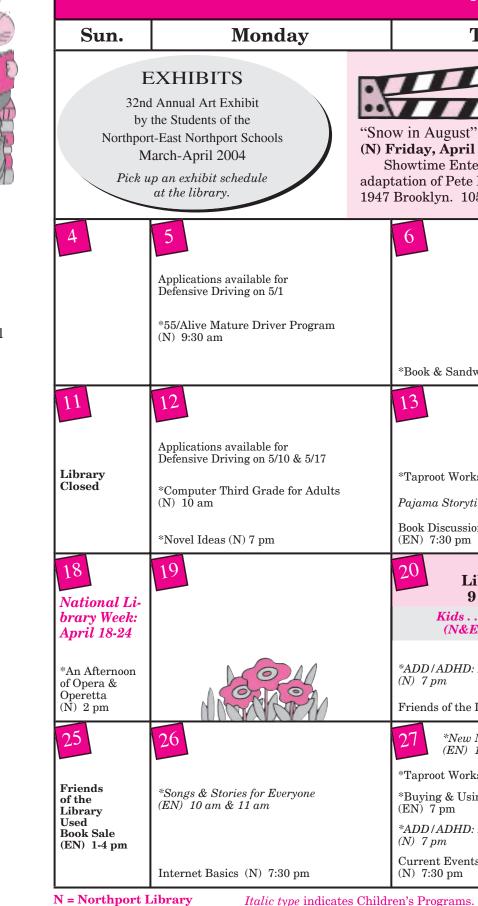
Book Reviewers Club (EN) Thursday, April 22, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down: Middle School

Students' Book Reviewers Club

(EN) Thursday, April 29, 7:00-8:00 p.m. Talk with other teens about the books you've been reading. Obtain book review forms that you can submit

to earn volunteer credit. These clubs meet monthly. New members are always welcome. Registration begins April 1 at the East Northport Library.



EN = East Northport Library



(EN) Wednesday, April 7, 3:00-4:30 p.m. Register April 1 at the East Northport Library. Meet your friends at the Library to see a

movie! When you register, cast your vote for the movie vou'd like to see — Holes, Freaky Friday, or Tuck Everlast ing. The movie that receives the most votes will be shown.

Babysitting Workshop

Popcorn and a Movie

(N) Thursday, April 8, 1:00-5:00 p.m.

Registration began last month. Call the Library to see if there are still openings remaining in this program.

Teens ... are you interested in getting your boater's certification? See Boater's Safety Course above.

April 2004 • Northport-East Northport Public Library • April 2004						
	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
(N) F S adapt	Friday w in August" Triday, April 2, 1:30 p.m. howtime Entertainment presents an tation of Pete Hamill's novel set in Brooklyn. 105 min. Rated PG-13.	y Movies for Adults "Whale Rider" (N) Friday, April 23, 1:30 p.m. Academy Award nominee Keisha Castle-Hughes stars in this story set among the Maori of New Zealand. 161 min. Rated PG-13.	 Registration begins at East Northport for Story Parade Registration begins at Northport for ADD / ADHD Registration begins at East Northport for Popcorn & Movie and Teen Book Reviewers AARP Tax-Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Parent / Child Workshop (N) 10 am *On My Own (EN) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (EN) 1 pm Introduction to Microsoft Word (N) 7 pm Teen Chess Club (EN) 7:30 pm 	2 Registration begins at Northport for Computer Third Grade on 4/12 AARP Tax-Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm *Fours and More (N) 9:30 am Movie: Snow in August (N) 1:30 pm *Fours and More (EN) 1:30 pm *What's All That Jazz About? (N) 7:30 pm	3 Registration begins at East Northport for 55/Alive Mature Driver Program on 4/24 & 5/1 Tickets available for Do-Ing Music on 4/2 Tickets available for Pete Hamill, Author of <i>Snow in August</i> on 4/29 Tickets available for An Afternoon of Opera & Operetta on 4/18	
	6 *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (N) 7 pm	 Blood Pressure Check (N) 9:30-10:30 am (EN) 11 am-12 noon *Long Island's Seashore (N) 10 am *Teen Popcorn and a Movie (EN) 3 pm Internet User Group (N) 7:30 pm 	8 Registration begins at East Northport for Computer First Grade on 4/22 AARP Tax-Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Babysitting Workshop (N) 1 pm	9 AARP Tax-Aid (N) 9 am-1 pm	10 Registration begins at Northport for 55/Alive Mature Driver Pro- gram on 5/10	
	13 *Taproot Workshop (EN) 1 pm Pajama Storytime (EN) 7 pm Book Discussion: Snow in August (EN) 7:30 pm	14 *Stories in Motion (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *SAT Review Class (N&EN) 6:15 pm	15 AARP Tax-Aid (EN) 9 am-1 pm *Music for Little Ones (N) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm	16 Registration begins at Northport for Boater's Safety Course *Music for Little Ones (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Novel Ideas (N) 1 pm	17 Ticket sale begins 10 am at Northport for Book-A-Trip to The Delaware Mansions on 6/24	
	20 Annual Library Vote 9 am - 9 pm Kids Cast Your Vote! (N&EN) 9 am-8:45 pm *ADD/ADHD: Practical Solutions (N) 7 pm Friends of the Library (N) 7:30 pm	21 *Stories in Motion (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *SAT Review Class (N&EN) 6:15 pm	 *Book-A-Trip to "Snow in August" Tour departs 8 am *Music for Little Ones (N) 10 am & 11 am Library Board of Trustees Meeting (N) *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *The Critics Club (High School Book Reviewers) (EN) 7 pm *Computer First Grade for Adults (EN) 7 pm 	23 *Music for Little Ones (EN) 10 am & 11 am Movie: Whale Rider (N) 1:30 pm Pajama Storytime (N) 7 pm *Do-Ing Music (N) 7:30 pm	24 *55/Alive Mature Driver Pro- gram (EN) 9:30 am Friends of the Library Used Book Sale (EN) 11 am-4 pm	
	 *New Mothers Discussion Group (EN) 10 am *Taproot Workshop (EN) 1 pm *Buying & Using a Digital Camera (EN) 7 pm *ADD / ADHD: Practical Solutions (N) 7 pm Current Events in Perspective (N) 7:30 pm 	 *Stories in Motion (N) 9:30 am & 10:30 am *Story Parade (N) 4 pm *SAT Review Class (N&EN) 6:15 pm *Open for Discussion (EN) 7:30 pm *Wardrobe & Accessories (N) 7:30 pm 	 *Music for Little Ones (N) 10 am & 11 am *Story Parade (EN) 4 pm *Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down (Middle School Book Reviewers) (EN) 7 pm *An Evening with Pete Hamill (N) 7:30 pm 	30 *Music for Little Ones (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Film: Our Town Huntington: A 350th Anniversary Tribute (EN) 1 pm	The Friends of the Library USED BOOK SALE East Northport Library Saturday, April 24, 11 am-4 pm and Sunday, April 25, 1-4 pm	

*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited. Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to library card holders. Tickets limited to 2 per patron on the first day of registration.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all patrons to participate in programs and activities. If you require any special accommodations because of a disability, please let us know.



Annua Library Vote

Tuesday, April 20, 2004 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

The Polling Places for the Vote are the East Northport or Northport Library (see instructions below)

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. This position is presently held by William Martin.

Candidates for Trustee:

William Martin name to come

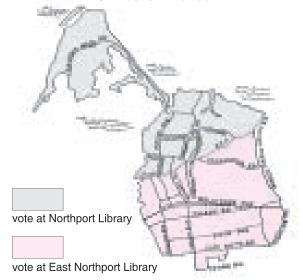
YOU MAY VOTE in the library election if:

- 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;
- 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 in the portion of the library district that is SOUTH OF ROUTE 25A your polling place is the EAST NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY 185 Larkfield Road

If you live in the portion of the library district that is NORTH OF ROUTE 25A your polling place is the NORTHPORT PUBLIC LIBRARY 151 Laurel Avenue



Patrons Share Their Comments

With reference librarians such as we have in Northport & East Northport I have no desire or intention of moving. Our library taxes are well spent.

doing, I thank you.

I have been visiting the li brary frequently and would like to comment on the wonderful attention I have received. Everyone in all departments makes sure they try every attempt to assist me and make my research easier. I also attend the library with my children and the staff downstairs is equally as help-

I wanted to take the time to let you know what a wonder ful staff work at the Northport Library. Great coffee too!

I just wanted to let you know how much my family en joys and appreciates the Children's Services that the library provides. These programs are For all the nice things you're so wonderful and the librarians that run them are always professional, knowledgeable, and friendly. I feel so fortunate to live in a community with such an outstanding library system!

> Once again, the Northport-East Northport Library has demonstrated excellence in creating a program which met the needs of its patrons. These young patrons were shown that there truly is joy to be experienced in reading and learning.

Thank you for being our partner in sharing this joy of learning with our children.

A Message from the Library Board of Trustees

Dear Community Residents:

Public libraries have been touted nationally this year as powerful environments. They satisfy a variety of our population's needs in a cost-saving manner which, in turn, garners the strong support of the taxpaying public. The Board of Trustees, as elected officials charged with the governance of your Library, are recipients of the public trust. Economy, efficiency, and accountability were the fundamentals in our directive to the administration when preparing the budget. Our goal is to ensure that every dollar is used wisely in the public interest.

In the coming year, the Library, along with every public entity in the state, faces a major mandated increase in the cost of New York State Retirement System contributions. The amount is set by law and is not discretionary. Based on the latest projections from the state, this cost will more than triple. This one item alone has a very significant impact on the budget. To this we must add the increasing cost of insurance, both health and general, coupled with a static level of state aid and a decline in non-tax revenue sources such as interest and commissions. Given this situation, great care has been taken to prepare a budget that will continue to provide the best in traditional and innovative library service in a fiscally responsible manner.

As the Library enters its 90th year of service to the community, it is imperative that we maintain and protect the long-term investment that the community has made in their libraries, the content that is stored in these beautiful buildings, and the intellectual capital that embodies its tradition, spirit, and future. We are confident that the budget presented for your consideration accomplishes this goal.

> **Library Board of Trustees** Elizabeth McGrail, Chairperson William Martin, Vice Chairperson C. Annette Carr Robert R. Little Ruth McKay

- More than **3.348** new patrons obtained Library cards
- **90%** of the people in the community have Library cards
- **571,577** visits were made to the Libr
- Our programs entertained and educa 11.354 adults 3,636 young adults 15,925 children
- The Library has 157.753 books for adults 89,969 books for children 24,222 videos, compact discs, DVDs, audiobooks, and more than **1,000** newspapers and magazine subscriptions **521.350** items were checked

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	monthly cost			
Avg. Homeowner's 2003/2004 Library Taxes Subscription to <i>The New York Times</i>	\$29.90			
Subscription to Newsday				
Family Cable Subscription (TV)	\$40.00			
Subscription to Optimum Online				
Avg. Cost of a New Hardcover Book (fiction & non-fictios)21.67				
Night at the Movies (for family of 4 without popcorn)				

Your public library, which offers services to everyone from infants to senior citizens, returns more value to the community than it costs. The sharing of resources which can be used over and over saves individuals the cost of purchasing books, newspapers, subscriptions, and other materials. The quality of the public library is a reflection of how a community views itself. The Library is a focal point of community pride.

Library Statistics 2003

	• out by patrons	DEBT SERVICE -	
		TOTAL EXPEND	
	11,166 items were interlibrary loanedfor patrons	ANTICIPATED R	
	193,396 reference questions	TOTAL TO BE RA	
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ated	100,773 asked by children 92,623 asked by adults	TA	
	4,864 patrons received free access		
	 to the Internet through SuffolkWeb 		
	87,984 patrons used the Library's In-ternet stations	Amount to be ra Assessed Valua Tax rate per \$10 \$ Change in tax	
	12,944 patrons used the Library's ap-	% Change in tax	

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Northport-East Northport Public Library Your Community Library

Proposed Operating Budget 2004/2005

	APPROVED BUDGET 2003/2004	
LIBRARY MATERIALS & PROGRAMS		
Books & Periodicals	422,400	432,100
Videos, CDs, DVDs, Audiobooks	116,500	118,100
Adult, Young Adult & Children's Programm	a 84,200	84,200
LIBRARY OPERATIONS		
Computer Hardware & Software	103,000	105,500
Online Public Access Catalog	46,700	45,000
Telecommunications	73,500	73,500
Circulation Control	11,000	11,000
Equipment	30,000	30,000
Office, Library, and Cafe Supplies	101,800	103,800
Publications & Printing	51,000	51,000
Postage & Freight	23,900	23,000
Conference & Delivery Service	20,000	20,000
Professional Fees	47,000	50,400
SCLS Plan of Service Participation	53,000	59,000
LIBRARY BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCH	E	
Fuels & Utilities	65,000	75,000
Facilities Repairs & Improvements	59,700	61,800
Maintenance Supplies	37,000	42,000
Building & Equipment Service Contracts & Lea		136,100
Insurance	82,000	97,000
EMPLOYEE SALARIES		
Sunday & Holiday Service	202,500	212,400
Professional	1,999,300	2,137,600
Clerical, Cafe & Library Pages	1,623,400	1,647,400
Custodial & Security Service	353,300	372,400
EMPLOYEE & MANDATED BENEFITS		
Social Security, Retirement	450,000	738,000
Health Insurance, Disability, and Group Lif	fe 364,300	425,100
DEBT SERVICE - PRINCIPAL & INTER	EST <u>616,300</u>	<u>598,200</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,178,800	7,749,600
ANTICIPATED REVENUE	<u>499,900</u>	<u>455,900</u>
TOTAL TO BE RAISED BY TAXATION	6,678,900	7,293,700

AX RATE HISTORY AND PROPOSAL ON THE OPERATING BUDGET

	Approved <u>2003/2004</u>	Proposed 2004/2005
Amount to be raised by taxes	\$6,678,900	\$7,293,700
Assessed Valuation of District	\$81,220,875	\$81,320,875 (est.)
Tax rate per \$100	\$8.22	\$8.97
\$ Change in tax rate	0.38	0.75
% Change in tax rate	4.85%	9.12%

The estimated increase in the tax rate is 75¢ per \$100 assessed valuation which, based on a \$4,000 assessment, amounts to \$30 for the year.

Kids...Cast YOUR Vote!

Tuesday, April 20, 2004 at East Northport or Northport Library 9:00 a.m.-8:45 p.m. Ages 3-up

When your parents come to vote on Tuesday, April 20, you will also have the opportunity to vote using a real voting machine* in the galleries in both libraries.

This year we ask you to vote for your favorite storybook duck!

Come Along, Daisy! by Jane Simmons



In the Rain with Baby Duck by Amy Hest

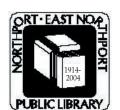
Make Way for Ducklings by Robert McCloskev

The Story About Ping by Marjorie Flack

The Tale of Jemima Puddle-Duck

by Beatrix Potter

All children who vote will receive a "Voter Exit Coupon" to use at the Library Cafe!



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The Bookmark Spot

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A reading list, compiled by

our Children's Librarians.

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