

THE LIBRARY

March 1997

BACK TO BASICS



Photo courtesy of the King County Library System, Seattle, WA.

"It's all here at the library! The inspiration and knowledge to create that brave new world my generation and all before and after pledge to create. The resources to shape and test new ideas, to learn new ways of looking at the world or to conclude that the old ways of looking weren't so bad. Plus all we need for good old basic fun!"

From the remarks of Douglas K. McNally, keynote speaker at the Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new East Northport Library, July, 1996.

— For Adults —



FRONT AND CENTER: CIRCULATION

At any time of day, the library's circulation desk is a busy center of activity. Personal service is always the focus. As patrons check out and return library materials, they often "swap" reviews of favorite books and videos with the circulation staff. Members of the circulation staff interact with virtually every patron who enters the library. The circulation desk is where the "business" of the library is transacted — apply for a new library card, renew your library card, pick up a book that was reserved or borrowed for you from another library — all at the circulation desk.

In February we made the transition to a new circulation system which has helped to enhance personal service. How many times have you left the library only to receive a phone call from us when you arrive home saying that a book is being held for you? With our new system this won't happen anymore. When you check out materials, the computer will notify us if there are any other materials being held for you. Another check-out feature involves the receipts. In the past, if a book you checked out accidentally slipped under the car seat or a video got mixed up with one of your personal videos (and went out of sight, out of mind) you did not have a printed record of that item until the first overdue notice was mailed. Now, you receive a printed list of titles and due dates of all the items you have borrowed

at the moment they are checked out. This receipt is for your information, we do not need it back. If you like, you may save the receipts and over time you will have a history of the books read and videos watched — a great way to remember those titles when you want to make a recommendation to a friend!

Remarkable Remarks On Our New Receipts!

"I love the new slips — they keep me organized."

"Just a note to say how much I like the new system. It's a pleasure to have all that information available on such a small piece of paper."

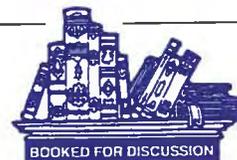
"I really like the idea of getting a receipt of books due which I will tack up near my calendar. Good luck with the new system!"

NOVEL IDEAS

(N) Friday, March 14, 1:00 p.m.

(N) Monday, March 17, 7:00 p.m.

This month we will discuss two short novels: *Felicia's Journey* by William Trevor and *The Birthday Boys* by Beryl Bainbridge. To join this group call Dodie Gillman at 261-6930.



BOOK & SANDWICH (W)RAP

(N) Tuesday, March 4, 7:00 p.m.

(N) Thursday, March 6, 1:00 p.m.

This month's short stories are "Happiness," "In the Middle of the Fields," and "The Sand Castle," from the *Collected Stories* of Mary Levin. Call Michelle Epstein at 261-6930.

IT'S TAX TIME AGAIN!

Reference Resources

Need a particular tax form for this year's filing?

You can find most of the more "popular" state and federal forms at the reference desks in both library buildings. In addition, both libraries have IRS manuals with reproducible tax forms as well as other resources for tracking down forms from earlier years.



Volunteer Income Tax Assistance

Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. - 12 noon

(Northport & East Northport) through April 12

VITA volunteers will be at both library buildings to answer your questions and help fill out tax forms. VITA is sponsored by Hofstra University in conjunction with the Internal Revenue Service.



Tax-Aide Program for Seniors

AARP counselors, trained by the IRS, will be available at the Northport library on Thursday mornings from 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., through April 10. If possible, bring last year's completed tax forms with you.



HEALTH INSURANCE INFORMATION, COUNSELING & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

For Seniors Only

(N) Thursday, March 13, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

(N) Fridays, March 14 & 21, 9:15 a.m. -12:15 p.m.

Stu Goldblatt, Tom Henry, and Carolyn Streitwieser serve our patrons as HIICAP certified counselors, answering questions about Medicare and Medicaid. Call 261-6930 to make an appointment in Northport.



Michael Fennelly of Northport displays his artwork in the library in August, 1965.

BACK TO BASICS

This photograph, discovered in the library's archives, was taken over 30 years ago. Except for the difference in clothing and hair style, it might have been captured in the library's children's room today. And, like the photograph on this month's cover, it evokes memories of the basic, simple pleasures of visiting the library.*

When we think of the library it is often the basic materials and services which have been available for decades which come to mind. Books, storytimes, newspapers, statistical sources, telephone reference, information and referral, personal service . . . the list is lengthy.

History Lives at the Library

Newspapers capture tomorrow's history and libraries are a home to that history. Each year, many young scouts come with their troops to the library to learn what happened on July 20, 1969**. Then, they turn to the newspapers from the date of their own birth. These are not quiet times at the library; there is much excitement as the youngsters explore their own histories.

Some Things Never Go Out of Style

Thirty years ago, books by Philip Roth, James Clavell, and Irving Wallace topped the bestseller lists. These popular authors continue to publish titles that attract readers and engender followings. When we discover a new author, having read that author's latest book, we want to read more just like it. Often, the library's fiction shelves are home to the previous works by that author. Interlibrary

*Do you have any old photographs of people using the library? If so, we'd like to hear from you. Call MaryEllen Moll, Community Services Librarian, at 261-6930.

**Man lands on the moon!

loan services also play a part in tracking down an author's previous works — if we don't have it, we can often get it from another library. Cooperation is at the foundation of library service and interlibrary cooperation serves the best interests of all public library patrons.

Yesterday and Today Come Together

Many of us collect issues of magazines, but how many of us have room for a favorite "keeper" such as the *National Geographic*? The library has back issues of *National Geographic* back to 1919. *Fortune*, *Life*, and *The Saturday Evening Post* are other titles which the library has kept for decades. During the age of computers, we still rely on printed indexes and long runs of journals when doing extensive historical research. Although computer databases are best for recent information, the library puts it all together in one place — you can search online or explore our archives.

Talk is Always "In"

When we read a good book, we love to talk about it. Novel Ideas, our book discussion group, began in 1982. To date, the group has read more than 70 fiction books. Novel Ideas "reads" such as *Remains of the Day*, *The Joy Luck Club*, and *Prince of Tides* will ring bells with film buffs too — our Novel Ideas librarian has an uncanny talent for choosing books that are subsequently made into movies. Short stories are also fun to read and the art of the short story is basic to the conversations shared during our monthly Book & Sandwich (W)rap meetings. This short story discussion group is enjoying its 14th season at the library. Great Books have been sparking lively debate at the library for more than two decades. This community book discussion group proves the point that the classics know no generation gaps.

Storytelling: The Heart of Our Culture

We all enjoy a good story. Children love to curl up on a favorite lap to listen and read the very same story again and again. Storytimes in the library's children's room continue to be among our most popular programs. Some of the children who enjoy our storytimes today come with moms and dads who were storytime kids at our libraries years ago.

Just a Phone Call Away

Just give a librarian a telephone and you have a community reference resource. Telephone reference has been a cornerstone of the library's information and referral service since its earliest days. Patrons call with all kinds of queries. Whether you are looking for a particular book, want to know when a holiday falls in the year 1999, or need the telephone number for a government official, a professional librarian is as close as your nearest telephone.

A Foundation of Personal Service

Personal service is always basic to the way we run the library. When you call the library, the phone is answered by one of our circulation clerks. Your call will then be "circulated" to the department that can best answer your question. Courteous, efficient, friendly, knowledgeable — our staff wants to help you. Access to yesterday . . . help for today . . . a plan for tomorrow. The library is the place to start.

Northport-East Northport Public Library

— For Children —



Design A Bookmark Contest! and the winners are ...

The Northport-East Northport Public Library is happy to announce the winners of our 1st Annual Design a Bookmark Contest. The winning designs will be reproduced in the Children's Room each month for the next year.

	<u>grade</u>	<u>bookmark</u>		<u>grade</u>	<u>bookmark</u>
Dominic Ancona	2nd	March	Joshua Seideman	3rd	September
Lea Bellomo	3rd	April	Scott Variano	5th	October
Jillian Kehoe	5th	May	Suzanne Rebholz	3rd	November
Samantha Alessi	5th	June	Danielle Saudino	5th	December
Larry Bellomo	1st	July	Brian Powers	1st	January
Brooke Taylor Catanzano	K	August	Andrea Marie Miller	K	February

Talent and inspiration were evident in all 89 entries, making our judges' job extremely difficult! All of the contest entries will be displayed on the bulletin board outside the Children's Room in the Northport Library. Congratulations everyone!

The Bookmark Spot

Each month's winning bookmark will be featured here.

Stop by either library building and pick up March's bookmark by Dominic Ancona! Also, look for a special reading list, compiled by our children's librarians, on the back of each bookmark.

Read books at night. Keep the pictures in your head and you'll never feel lonely at night... when you're in bed.



Dominic Ancona



Preschoolers' Door to Learning

Registration for Preschoolers' Door to Learning spring programs begins at 9:15 a.m.

on Saturday, March 22, 1997, at both library buildings. Please check the schedule and corresponding birthdays below to determine the programs your child is eligible to attend.

FOR FOURS

Northport

Mondays, April 7, 14, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 10:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.
Thursdays, April 10, 17, 24, May 1, 8, 15, 10:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m.

East Northport

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Fridays, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

ON MY OWN

Northport

Tuesdays, April 8, 15, 29, May 6, 13, 20, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 12:30 p.m. & 1:30 p.m.

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Wednesdays, April 9, 16, 30, May 7, 14, 21, 10:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

birth eligibility

FOR FOURS April 8, 1993 - April 7, 1994

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— For Young Adults —



ANNOUNCING A CONTEST FOR YOUNG ADULTS!

Look above and you will see the now familiar kids that are the YA logo. They've been announcing the YA News since October, '96. Isn't it time to name them? Pick up an entry form in either building and give us your suggestions for their names. The winning entry will be announced in the library newsletter.

PAPERBACK BIOGRAPHY COLLECTION

What do John Lennon, Elvis, Shaq, Steffi Graf, Amelia Earhart, and Stephen Hawking have in common? They are all found in the YA paperback biography collection in the YA Corner. This is the place to look for that book about your favorite musician, scientist or athlete. A paperback biography . . . check it out.

YA BOOK REVIEWERS

Book reviewers meet this month on Friday, March 14, from 4:00-5:00 p.m. in the Prime Time room at the Northport building.

VOTING INFORMATION

Each April, the Library Board of Trustees calls on the community to vote on the annual operating budget for the next fiscal year and to elect a trustee. This year one trustee will be elected whose term will commence on July 1, 1997.

You Should Know These Important Voting Facts:

Public Information Meeting — Thursday, March 20, 8:00 p.m.
Northport Library Building. Trustee candidates will be invited to attend.

Vote — Tuesday, April 8, 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Northport Library Building

Who Can Vote

1. At least 18 years of age;
2. A citizen of the United States;
3. A resident of the Northport-East Northport School District for at least 30 days;
4. Registered to vote.

If you have not voted within four years in a general, school, or library election, reregistration is required.

Registration may be made in person prior to April 1 at the following locations: 1) any school in the district between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m., any day that school is in session, 2) the offices of the School District Clerk, 110 Elwood Road, Northport, Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

You may register prior to March 28 at the Suffolk County Board of Elections, Yaphank Ave., Yaphank, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

You may register by mail using application forms available in both library buildings. Applications must be received at the Suffolk County Board of Elections no later than March 14.

Absentee Applications — Applications for absentee ballots are available in both library buildings.



BOOK-A-TRIP

to the

Stock Exchange, Trinity Church & "Grandma Sylvia's Funeral"

Wednesday, April 30, 1997

Departure: 8:00 a.m. from the Middleville School Parking Lot.

Return: 7:00 p.m.

Cost: \$52.00 per person (checks only; payable to Northport Public Library; non-refundable)

Itinerary: Experience the excitement of the New York Stock Exchange followed by a guided tour of historic Trinity Church. Grab a light snack in Soho before the 2 p.m. performance of the raucous comedy "Grandma Sylvia's Funeral." Lox and bagels served at the show!

Register in person (limit 2 on first day of ticket sale) at the Northport Library beginning March 7.

Log On @ the Library —

NETWALK@suffolk.lib.ny.us



Come to the library and apply for your free NETWALK Internet account. The next meeting of the NETWALK Internet User Group is **Wednesday, March 5, at 7:30 p.m.** at the Northport Library.

Northport-East Northport Public Library

Calendar of Events

March 1997

Exhibits

Northport

Case — Collectible Pewter Ice Cream Molds of Nancy Neal
East Northport Floral Decorations — Marilyn DeLuca of the Larkfield Community Garden Club

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



Be a Card Carrying Patron!

Take advantage of all the services your library has to offer. Get a library card . . . and carry it with you when you visit the library!



Get acquainted with OPAC, the library's new online public access catalog. Our regularly-scheduled training sessions are posted at the OPAC station.

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	*Tales for Two (EN) 10 am & 11 am *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm Lyme Disease Support Group (N) 7 pm	*For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Tales for Two (N) 10 am & 11 am *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (N) 7 pm	*Tales for Two (EN) 10 am & 11 am *Tales for Two (N) 12:30 pm & 1:30 pm Free Blood Pressure Check (N) 1-3 pm; (EN) 3:15-4 pm Netwalk Internet User Group (N) 7:30 pm	*Book-A-Trip to the Philadelphia Flower Show departs 7:30 am AARP Tax-Aide Program (N) 9 am - 1 pm *For Fours (N) 10 am & 3:30 pm *Book & Sandwich (W)rap (N) 1 pm	Ticket sales begin for Book-A-Trip to The Stock Exchange, Trinity Church, and "Grandma Sylvia's Funeral," on 4/30 *For Fours (EN) 10 am & 11 am Knitters' Circle (N) 7 pm	Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (N & EN) 9 am - 12 noon
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Library Closed						

Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs.

N = Northport Library

EN = East Northport Library

Enrollment in our programs is limited, with preference given to district residents. Tickets limited to 2 per patron on the first day of registration.

The Northport-East Northport Public Library encourages all residents to participate in programs and activities. Please let us know in advance if you require any special accommodations because of a disability.

*Pre-registration or tickets required for this program. Occupancy of our meeting room is limited.

A Stitch in Time

A cross-stitch replica of the old East Northport Public Library will find a new home in the new library at 185 Larkfield Road when the building is opened later this year. Tucked away in the storage room of the old library, this historical treasure was found when staff members were packing for the move to temporary quarters. Nearly a quarter of a century old, this community craft piece is in excellent condition — just a few stitches have slipped and the frame needs to be replaced.

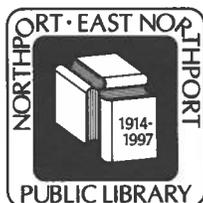


The Friends of the Northport-East Northport Public Library will be raising funds to cover framing costs. Look for the cross-stitch at the Northport Village Park Earth Day Celebration in April. **Wanted . . . Storytime Stitchers from '76!**

Did you work on this East Northport Library cross-stitch? We'd like to hear from you. Call Peg Vespe, East Northport Branch Librarian, at 261-2313.

"Made by the children of East Northport in honor of our U.S.A. bicentennial, East Northport Public Library's 35 years of service, and as part of our Laura Ingalls Wilder (Little House on the Prairie) Storytime and Party in the Spring of 1975."

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9 to 9 Monday thru Friday
9 to 5 Saturday
1 to 5 Sunday, through June 8 (Northport only)

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