

THE LIBRARY

October 1997



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*Our library family will welcome you this month
to the new public library at East Northport.*

To all our patrons,



October 1, 1997

This month we will open the new library at East Northport! What has been a construction site for many months will now be transformed by the library staff into your community library. The stacks and furniture will soon be arriving. Books and all other materials and collections will be brought out of storage and arranged on shelves. Computer systems will be installed and then networked. All reference, children's, young adult and media collections will then be put in place. Circulation systems will be set up. Additionally, the many other components of the library's services will be organized.

While this work is underway, we are taking measures to close the Northport Library for the final phase of interior reconstruction, renovation and tie-in of the new addition. All technical processing, accounting and administrative functions have been relocated. The Northport Library's collections and materials will now be packed and moved to storage. Coordination of the building project has been planned to provide continuous library service to the community.

The scope of this entire effort is enormous and our talented library staff has undertaken it with patience and commitment. I feel tremendous pride in orchestrating the work of such a highly competent and dedicated group of people — our library family.

This fall promises to be an exciting season for the Northport-East Northport community. Our entire library family looks forward to greeting you in your new library!

Yours sincerely,
Stephanie Heineman
Library Director

— For Adults —

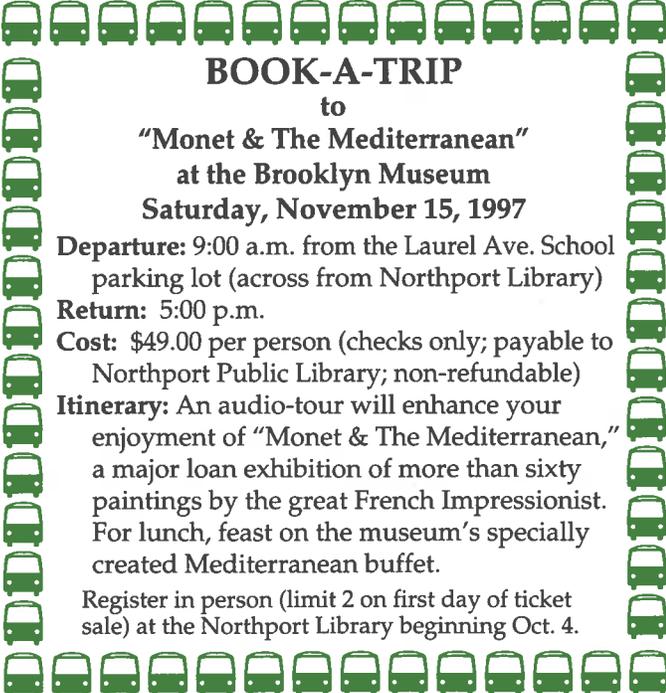
WHAT IS DYSLEXIA?

(EN)Monday, October 27, 7:30 p.m.

Judy Gilligan of the Suffolk Orton Dyslexia Society will discuss the characteristics of individuals with dyslexia and recommend educational strategies to maximize success for the dyslexic. All are welcome.

NETWALK BASICS

Internet account holders are invited to join us for an introduction to using the text-based version of the Internet. **NETWALK** Basics is held each month and you are invited to attend once or several times. For more information on October's meeting, please call the Reference Department.



BOOK-A-TRIP
to
"Monet & The Mediterranean"
at the Brooklyn Museum
Saturday, November 15, 1997

Departure: 9:00 a.m. from the Laurel Ave. School parking lot (across from Northport Library)

Return: 5:00 p.m.

Cost: \$49.00 per person (checks only; payable to Northport Public Library; non-refundable)

Itinerary: An audio-tour will enhance your enjoyment of "Monet & The Mediterranean," a major loan exhibition of more than sixty paintings by the great French Impressionist. For lunch, feast on the museum's specially created Mediterranean buffet.

Register in person (limit 2 on first day of ticket sale) at the Northport Library beginning Oct. 4.

NOVEL IDEAS

Friday, October 17, 1:00 p.m.
Monday, October 20, 7:00 p.m.



Our new season of book discussions begins with a look at *Native Speaker* by Chang-Rae Lee. This debut novel won the Ernest Hemingway Foundation Award recognizing the first publications of young or developing writers. To join this group call Dodie Gillman at 261-6930.

BOOK & SANDWICH (W)RAP

Tuesday, October 7, 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 9, 1:00 p.m.

This month's short stories are from *New Stories from the South: 1996*. We'll discuss "Gauguin" by Moira Crone, "Paradise" by Jill McCorkle, and "The Happy Memories Club" by Lee Smith. To join us, call Michelle Epstein at 261-6930.

— For Young Adults —



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Can't make it to the library today, but need some help for a school assignment?

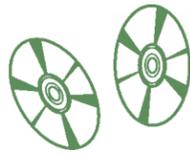
<http://www.suffolk.lib.ny.us/libraries/network/ya> is your link to HOMEWORK HELPER, a virtual reference shelf filled with resources for your English, Math, Social Studies, and Science assignments.

After you finish your school work, take a break and link to TEENS PAGE. You'll find the Teen Driver's Homepage, with lots of great tips for new drivers, Dan's World Skateboarding, and FAFSAS Express, which makes the paperless financial aid application a reality. Check out the entertainment, sports, information, and megasites.

With a NETWALK account through the library, you can log on to HOMEWORK HELPER or TEENS PAGE using your home computer or the Internet terminal available to you at the library. You will need a parent or guardian's signature on the application, which is available at the Reference Desk, and there is a waiting period until the account is activated.

Coming in November . . .

The '97-'98 Young Adult Book Reviewers. Look for the announcement in next month's newsletter. If you need to know now, call Mrs. Romer, YA Librarian, at 261-6930.



**MULTIMEDIA FAMILY FUN:
CIRCULATING CD-ROM
SOFTWARE DEBUTS IN
EAST NORTHPORT**

Now you can enjoy CD-ROM computer software at home on your family computer. We're opening the East Northport Library with a new collection of CD-ROM software for you to check out and use on your Windows or Macintosh home computers. The collection includes software titles for adults, young adults and children. *Ortha Home Gardener's Problem Solver*, *Home Medical Advisor*, *ABC Newslink*, *Mooky Takes Manhattan*, and *Road Construction Ahead* are just some of the enticing titles to take along with you when you're checking out materials from the new East Northport Library.

CD-ROM software circulates for 7 days and can be renewed once. Overdue fines are \$1.00 per day, \$10 maximum per CD-ROM. There is a multitude of multimedia fun for everyone at the library.

**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 **Tuesday, October 14 at 7:30 p.m.**

Northport-East Northport Public Library

Calendar of Events

October 1997



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Free Blood Pressure Check (N) 1-3 pm	2	3	4 Ticket sales begin for Book-A-Trip to "Monet & The Mediterranean," on 11/15 
5	6	7 *Book & Sandwich (W)rap 7 pm	8	9 *Book & Sandwich (W)rap 1 pm	10	11
12	13 Columbus Day - Library Open	14 *Book & Sandwich (W)rap 7 pm	15	16 Library Board of Trustees Meeting *Netwalk Basics 7 pm	17 *Novel Ideas 1 pm	18
19	20 <i>Program schedule for Preschoolers' Door to Learning available</i> *Novel Ideas 7 pm	21 *Book-A-Trip to Yale University and Stratford Antique Center departs 8 am Oral History Project 7:30 pm Friends of the Library 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25 
26	27 What Is Dyslexia? (EN) 7:30 pm	28	29	30 <i>Registration begins for Story Parade</i>	31 <i>Halloween Storytime Specials (EN) 10 am, 11 am, 1 pm & 2 pm</i>	

Note: Italic type indicates Children's Programs.

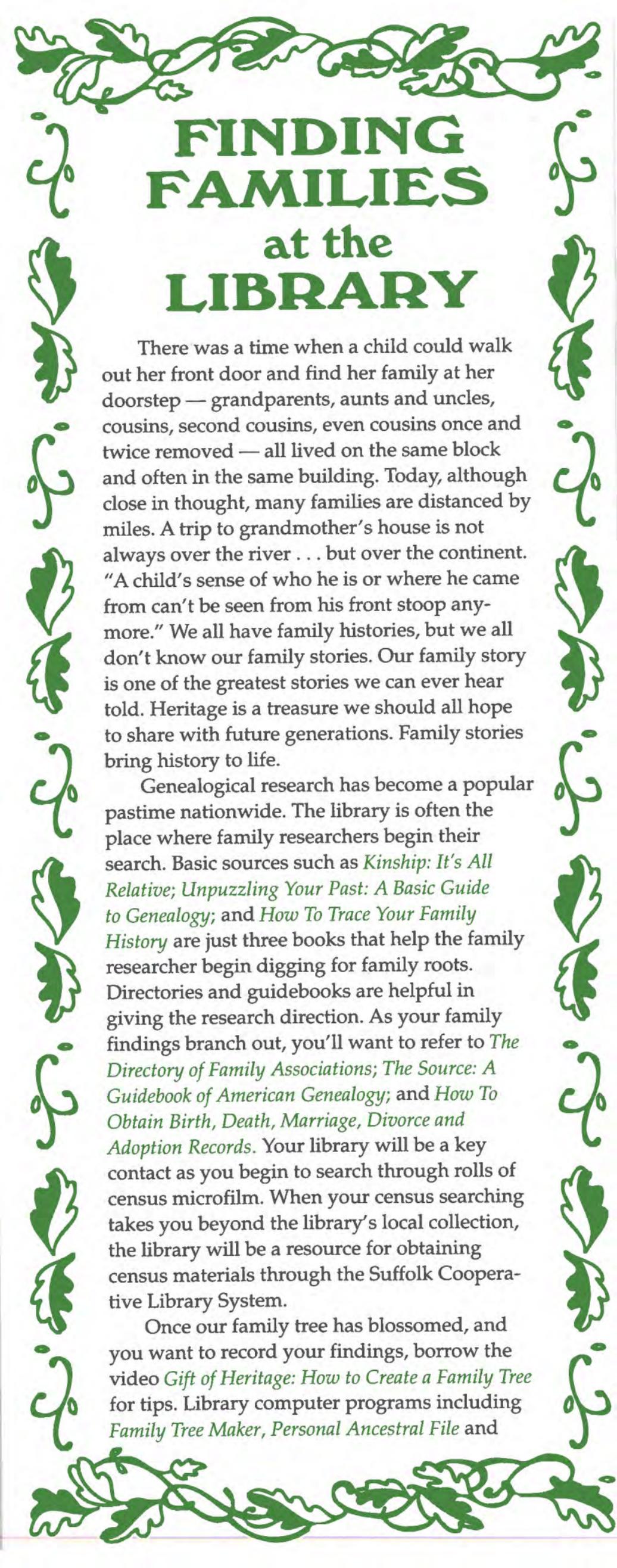
N = Northport Library

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.



FINDING FAMILIES

at the LIBRARY

There was a time when a child could walk out her front door and find her family at her doorstep — grandparents, aunts and uncles, cousins, second cousins, even cousins once and twice removed — all lived on the same block and often in the same building. Today, although close in thought, many families are distanced by miles. A trip to grandmother's house is not always over the river . . . but over the continent. "A child's sense of who he is or where he came from can't be seen from his front stoop anymore." We all have family histories, but we all don't know our family stories. Our family story is one of the greatest stories we can ever hear told. Heritage is a treasure we should all hope to share with future generations. Family stories bring history to life.

Genealogical research has become a popular pastime nationwide. The library is often the place where family researchers begin their search. Basic sources such as *Kinship: It's All Relative*; *Unpuzzling Your Past: A Basic Guide to Genealogy*; and *How To Trace Your Family History* are just three books that help the family researcher begin digging for family roots. Directories and guidebooks are helpful in giving the research direction. As your family findings branch out, you'll want to refer to *The Directory of Family Associations*; *The Source: A Guidebook of American Genealogy*; and *How To Obtain Birth, Death, Marriage, Divorce and Adoption Records*. Your library will be a key contact as you begin to search through rolls of census microfilm. When your census searching takes you beyond the library's local collection, the library will be a resource for obtaining census materials through the Suffolk Cooperative Library System.

Once our family tree has blossomed, and you want to record your findings, borrow the video *Gift of Heritage: How to Create a Family Tree* for tips. Library computer programs including *Family Tree Maker*, *Personal Ancestral File* and



Family Album Creator are also essential tools for chronicling family facts.

There is a practical function of the family tree that should also be pursued and that is the medical family history. A comprehensive health tree benefits the entire family. Sometimes the health details of key family figures can only be obtained through personal contact.

A family reunion is one great way to learn about your ancestry and gene pool. The library is a great place to begin planning for that family get-together. Answers to questions such as "How do I find any long-lost relatives?" "Where will the reunion be held?" "Where will out-of-town people stay?" and "What kind of menu will be most suitable?" can be answered in book, magazine, and newspaper resources. Recent articles such as "Real Family Trip: Plan a Reunion" (*New York Times*, June 1997); "It's a Family Affair" (*Family PC* July/August 1996) and "A Potluck Family Reunion Feast" (*McCall's*, July 1996) help answer and find answers to these and other questions.

There are many ways to share the sense of family with youngsters. Children love to learn about when "grandma and grandpa were little." Look for the return of the popular library program Grand Memories, once library building construction is completed. Grand Memories captures grandparents on videotape as they read favorite stories for their grandchildren to view again and again.

The library has always been a family place. From Grand Memories to Sunday Family Specials to Read-to-Me summer reading programs, families connect at the library. In addition to traditional family connections, library Internet connections also help keep families close. E-mail to kids at college and family abroad is a popular use of Internet accounts obtained through the library. And the Internet is another powerful tool for family genealogy research for finding relatives and keeping in touch.

Family fun at the library takes place in many forms. The books you and your children share, the videos you borrow and enjoy together, the workshops and lectures you attend as a family, the computer programs that challenge you and your children, and the family research you venture into as a family help strengthen family ties and create new family memories.





— For Children —

Reading Aloud is a Family Affair

We all know that young children love hearing a story. But do you know that older children love it as well? Many studies show that reading aloud should continue through the school years, even after a child has learned to read for him or herself. Here's why:

- The shared experience of reading aloud provides the opportunity for family bonding.
- Hearing a story promotes a child's desire to read independently.
- Reading aloud improves a child's vocabulary.
- Wonderful books that are "hard to get into" are more accessible when read aloud.
- Reading aloud broadens children's reading interests and tastes.
- Seeing adults reading with enjoyment increases the chance that children will become lifelong readers.



Great Books To Read Together

For Young Readers (Gr. 1-3)

A Bear Called Paddington by Michael Bond

The delightful misadventures of a shy, marmalade-loving Peruvian bear who comes to live in London.

The Cricket in Times Square by George Selden

A country cricket with musical talent finds friends, fortune, and fame in a New York City subway station.

The Read-Aloud Treasury compiled by Joanna Cole and Stephanie Calmenson

A delightful collection of stories, poems, and nursery rhymes.

A Toad for Tuesday by Russell Erickson

The wintertime adventures of a kind-hearted toad.

For Older Readers (Gr. 4-6)

Hey! Listen to This: Stories to Read Aloud edited by Jim Trelease

A collection of fairy tales, folklore, and famous stories from around the world arranged for reading aloud.

The Bookmark Spot

Stop by the library and pick up October's bookmark by Scott Variano. Look for a special reading list, compiled by our children's librarians, on the back.



Shiloh by Phyllis Naylor

Marty must decide what to do when he finds a mistreated dog in the woods.

Tuck Everlasting by Natalie Babbitt

The Tuck family returns to the wood which has kept the secret of the fountain of youth, but this time their secret is discovered.

A Wrinkle in Time by Madeline L'Engle

Two children travel in the fifth dimension to save their scientist father and the world from IT.

HALLOWEEN STORYTIME SPECIALS

(EN) Friday, October 31

10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. & 2:00 p.m.

Children ages 2-5 years are invited to come to the library in costume for this special storytime treat. No registration is necessary.

Coming next month:

STORY PARADE

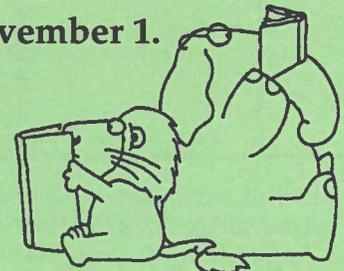
(EN) Thursdays, November 6, 13, 20, 4:00-4:45 p.m.

A story/craft series for children in grades K-4. Registration begins Oct. 30 at East Northport.

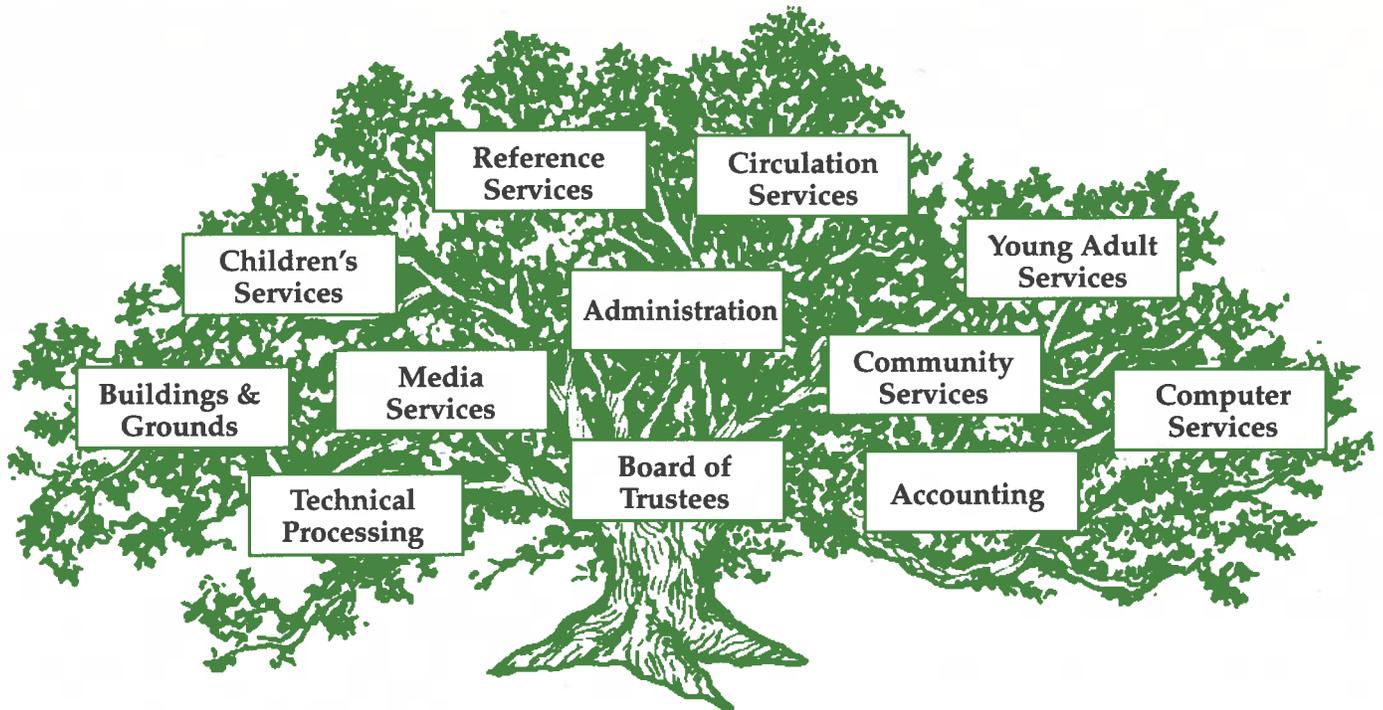


Registration for the fall session
of Preschoolers' Door to
Learning begins
Saturday, November 1.

Pick up a
schedule at
the library
beginning
Oct. 20.

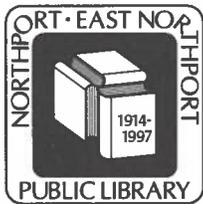


OUR LIBRARY FAMILY



The many branches of our library family are entwined to provide you with library service that is deeply rooted in tradition yet flourishes with innovation and technological growth.

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THE **LIBRARY IS A GOOD PLACE TO START.**



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