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For Children and Families

Fairy Tale Winter: A Live Performance
Sunday, December 22, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
This program is for infants, toddlers, and children (up to and including 6th graders) with their caregiver(s). It’s the most wonderful time of the year in the land of “Happily Ever After!” Cinderella and Snow White are preparing for the Crystal Ball with all your favorite fairy tale characters!
ADULT PROGRAMS

SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

English and Spanish Conversation Group ISL201
4 Wednesdays: November 6, 20; December 11, 18
(Please Note: No classes on November 13 or 27; December 4)
11:00 am – 12:30 pm
-And-
4 Thursdays: November 7, 21; December 5, 12
(Please Note: No classes on November 14 or 28)
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Join librarian Adriana LoDolce for this informal conversation group. Anyone who wants to improve his/her English speaking skills, as well as anyone who wants to improve his/her Spanish speaking skills is invited to attend. Let’s learn from each other and get some good conversations going! Conversation starters will be provided. Quiet activities for young children will be available for those who need to bring along their little ones. You do not need to sign up in advance, but it would be helpful to know how many patrons to expect. Walk-ins are welcome!

Morning Games
Thursdays: November 7, 14, 21; December 5, 12, 19, 26
9:30 am – 12:30 pm
Have fun and meet new people at the Library to play your favorite board or card games - Bridge, Mah Jongg, Scrabble, Pinochle, Canasta, Chess... or whatever you’d like. BYOG (bring your own games). This program is only for adults. No registration is necessary.

English for the Entire Family ISL200
4 Thursdays: November 7, 21; December 5, 12
(Please Note: No classes on November 14 or 28)
7:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn to communicate in English with greater confidence. Practice speaking with a native speaker. Adults and children (with their adults) are welcome. Attend all or some of the dates – your choice!

Senior Exercise with Joy ISA125
Fridays: November 8, 15, 22; December 6, 13, 20, 27; January 3
9:30 – 10:30 am
Fee: $45.00
This 9-week class series led by Joy Walker, is a low impact interval training workout. Please bring a set of light hand weights to class.

Latin Rhythms - Dancing with Miss Adriana Mascari ISL209
2 Saturdays: November 9 & 16
12:00 – 1:00 pm
Enjoy Latin dancing while improving your English or Spanish speaking skills. Adults and children (with their adults) are welcome.

Estate Planning Workshop ISA314
Tuesday, November 12
7:00 pm
This is a follow-up to the Estate Planning Workshop held on September 10 with investment advisors Matt Pisani and Andrew Buttleman. Anyone with questions about estate planning is welcome to attend. A question and answer session will follow the presentation.

Quilting Workshop ISA241
Wednesday, November 13 & Wednesday, December 11
6:30 pm
Professional quilters Gloria Bleidner and Sandra Sievers will assist quilters of all skill levels with quilting techniques in this group setting. Please bring your own supplies and sewing machine if you have one. New patterns and projects are available each month.

AARP Defensive Driving ISA106
Thursday, November 14 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
OR
Thursday, December 12 9:00 am – 4:00 pm
Fee: $20.00 AARP members / $25.00 non-AARP members
AARP sponsors this one-day course geared for drivers aged 50 and over. Fee via check or money order, payable to AARP, is due upon registration. No cash accepted. A separate check or money order and an Islip Library card is required for each registrant. You must bring your NYS Driver’s License to the class. Please arrive to the program on time, otherwise you will not be admitted.

Better Choices, Better Health: Type 2 Diabetes Education Workshop ISL202
Thursday, November 14 2:00 – 3:00 pm
Join Dr. Eschler, Endocrinologist affiliated with Stony Brook University Hospital, to find out if you are at risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes. Learn about the steps you can take to help delay or even prevent developing the condition. Research has shown that moderate weight loss and exercise can have a positive impact in adults at a high risk for developing Type 2 Diabetes. Learn how making some simple changes in your diet and exercise routine can go a long way towards improving your overall health.

Chicken Cutlets and Nuggets to Die For ISA315
Saturday, November 16 2:30 pm
Fee: $5.00
Enjoy a demo and tasting of delicious, succulent, and easy to prepare chicken nuggets and cutlets like you’ve never tasted before! From start to finish, Chef Dell’Amore shows you how to serve up a great meal in half the time! Simple, yet so satisfying, and served with a pasta medley in homemade red sauce.
Senior Advocate  
**Monday, November 18**  **10:00 am – 12:00 noon**
An advocate from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will be available in the Library to answer your questions regarding various programs and services for seniors. You can receive help in filling out forms and applications, and obtain referrals to agencies that may be of further assistance. **No registration is necessary for this one-on-one, walk-in service.** Anyone with questions regarding services to seniors is welcome. This service is available every other month at the Library.

Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands: Alzheimer's Disease Caregiver Support Initiative  
**Monday, November 18**  **11:30 am – 12:30 pm**
As part of the Parker Jewish Institute Caregiver Ambassador Program, a licensed social worker will meet one-on-one with caregivers to assist with information and referrals regarding caregiver programs, medical care for the patient, respite care, benefits, support groups, etc... **No registration is necessary for this one-on-one, walk-in service.**

Free Blood Pressure Walk-in Screening  
**Monday, November 18**  **12:00 – 1:00 pm**
Have your blood pressure taken by a registered nurse from the Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center. **Please Note: medical insurance is Not required for this program and No registration is necessary for this walk-in screening.**

HIICAP: Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program  
**ISL203**  
**Monday, November 18**  **12:30 – 2:30 pm**
A volunteer from the Retired & Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) will be here to meet, one-on-one, with seniors to assist in selecting and using Medicare and other health and long-term care insurance. **Please register in advance to make an appointment for this program.**

Tech Help in Spanish or English  
**ISL208**  
**Monday, November 18**  **6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Come in to have your computer, tablet, or cell phone questions answered. Basic questions will be covered. (If you need more in-depth help please call to make an appointment through our Book-a-Librarian service). Registration is suggested but walk-ins are welcome. Please note, if you need help with data entry, proofreading, typing, or computer virus issues we will provide referral suggestions.

Holiday Holly Flower Painting with Laura Goetz  
**ISA316**  
**Monday, November 18**  **7:00 pm**
**Fee: $5.00**
Join artist Laura Goetz, and let your creativity flow. Have fun creating a unique flower painting of holly and red berries. We will be sponge painting the background and adding a little sparkle for the holidays. Beginners are welcome - no experience necessary!

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**Holiday Photo Shoot**  
**ISA317**
**Tuesday, November 19**  **5:00 – 8:00 pm**
Sign up for your FREE portrait session today!
Professional photographer Jim Kennedy will be at the Library to take photos of individuals, couples, and/or families/groups absolutely free, by appointment only. We will email the digital images to you (1-1½ weeks after program session) so that you can print them to give as holiday gifts or cards. Please make your appointment in person or by phone (631-581-5933) at the Adult Reference Desk. **Please Note: this program is for Islip Public Library cardholders only and registration is required.**
ADULT PROGRAMS

Free Flu Vaccinations –
St. Francis Hospital Mobile Bus
Wednesday, November 20  10:00 am – 2:00 pm
A bus from St. Francis Hospital will be in the Islip Public Library parking lot, offering free flu vaccinations. Patient education and referrals will be provided as needed. No registration or insurance necessary; all adults ages 18 and over are welcome. In the case of inclement weather please call ahead to ensure the van is here!

Medicare Basics: Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP)
ISL205
Wednesday, November 20  1:00 – 2:00 pm
HIICAP sponsors this presentation to assist those who are Medicare eligible in understanding original Medicare, Medicare Supplemental Plans, Medicare Part D, and Medicare Advantage plans. Options to help pay for Medicare such as Extra Help, EPIC, and the Medicare Savings Program will be addressed. HIICAP is co-sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Suffolk, and the Suffolk County Office of the Aging.

Apricot Cranberry Bread with Chef Rob Scott
ISA318
Thursday, November 21  1:00 pm
Fee: $5.00
The combination of apricot preserves and cranberries make this loaf moist and delicious! It’s great to serve for the holiday. Everyone will take home one loaf - ready to bake. Please bring to the program: large bowl, small bowl, whisk, rubber spatula, and a 9x5 loaf pan.

Book Discussion: The Cat’s Table
ISA319
Friday, November 22  11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Join librarian Alicia Collumbell for a discussion of The Cat’s Table by Michael Ondaatje. In the early 1950s, an 11 year-old boy in Colombo, boards a ship bound for England. At mealtimes he is seated at the “cat’s table” —as far from the Captain’s table as can be—with a ragtag group of “insignificant” adults and two other boys. As the ship crosses the Indian Ocean, the boys tumble from one adventure to another, “bursting all over the place like freed mercury.” There are many diversions as they are exposed to the magical world of jazz, women, and literature by their eccentric fellow travelers. Together they even spy on a shackled prisoner, his crime and fate a galvanizing mystery that will haunt them forever. The Cat’s Table is a spellbinding story about the magical, often forbidden discoveries of childhood, and a lifelong journey that begins unexpectedly with a spectacular sea voyage. Refreshments will be provided. A copy of the book will be available to check out upon registration at the Adult Reference Desk, beginning November 6.

No-Bake Crisp and Cobbler
ISA320
Tuesday, November 26  7:00 pm
Join Islip patron Amy Gordon to make a delicious crisp and cobbler to serve for your Thanksgiving dessert. No baking required!

Gift Wrapping by Teens
ISA321
Monday, December 2  4:00 – 6:00 pm
Too busy to wrap? Bring a maximum of 3 gifts to the Library for our teen volunteers to wrap! Teens will be on hand to offer their time and wrapping skills! Paper and ribbons provided by the Library! Registration recommended, but walk-ins welcome too.

Holiday Frame Craft Class with Julé Gaudioso
ISA322
Tuesday, December 3  6:30 pm
Fee: $22.00
Start with an unfinished frame and place red and black buffalo plaid ribbon around it. Then glue on flowers, branches, and leaves. Instructional bow making included!

On-Your-Own LIRR Trip to NYC
ISA173
Date: Saturday, December 7
Cost: $10.25/person for round-trip ticket
Cash, check, or money order payable to Islip Public Library
Meet at the Islip Train Station: 8:50 am
Travel at group discount on the Long Island Railroad, departing from the Islip train station. With your ticket you can return home anytime the same day. On the day of the trip, please arrive at the Islip train station by 8:50 am where you will be issued your return ticket(s) by a Library staff member. Please make sure that you receive your return ticket(s) before you board the train! Everyone will board the 9:02 am train as a group and must sit together in the FIRST CAR from Islip to Jamaica and from Jamaica to Penn Station (change trains in Jamaica). Then you’re on your own! Come home anytime that day (before midnight). Please note: Last day to register is Tuesday, December 3 at 9:00 pm. Heads up! Our December trip usually fills quickly, so register early!

Steel Silk Band Holiday Show
ISA323
Sunday, December 8  2:00 pm
Enjoy an afternoon of holiday music with the Steel Silk Band featuring holiday music performed on guitar, drums, bass, saxophone, and keyboards with vocals.
Party Favorites: Appetizers and Hors d’Oeuvres in the Instant Pot
ISA324
Tuesday, December 10  6:30 pm
Fee:  $5.00
Hosting is a breeze with the Instant Pot! Learn how to make three easy, but impressive appetizers with Aidan Bouchelle of Pressure Cooker Passion.

Beaded Holiday Wire Pendant
ISA325
Tuesday, December 17  6:30 pm
Fee:  $10.00
Jewelry designer Donna Irvine will teach you some wire wrapping techniques to make a unique wire beaded pendant. You will have a choice of bead colors and the shape of your pendant.

Book Discussion:
Benjamin Franklin: An American Life
ISA326
Thursday, December 19  7:00 – 8:30 pm
Join librarian Carol Curtis to discuss Walter Isaacson’s Benjamin Franklin, a colorful, intimate biography of America’s favorite Founding Father. Franklin led an amazing life, from his days as a runaway printer to his triumphs as a Statesman, scientist, and Founding Father. We read about Franklin’s tumultuous relationship with his illegitimate son and grandson, his practical marriage, and his experiences as American Ambassador in Paris. Franklin was truly the first American – he helped to create the American character, and his wisdom has a particular resonance now, in the twenty-first century. Refreshments will be provided. Registration begins at the Adult Reference Desk on Wednesday, November 6. A copy of the book will be available to check out beginning Monday, November 18.

Crafting Your Grief
ISL206
Thursday, December 19  7:00 – 8:00 pm
Make a lasting memorial with Gina Seymour, school library media specialist, to honor a loved one who has passed away, and to help you process your grief. This program is intended for patrons ages 14 yrs. through adult.

Brooklyn Holiday Lights Bus Trip/ Luncheon at Junior’s Restaurant
ISA466
Date: Saturday, December 14
Fee: $80.00
Bus departs East Islip Library: 11:30 am
Bus departs Islip Library: 11:45 am
Registration begins:
Wednesday, November 6 at 6:00 pm
Registration ends:
Tuesday, November 19 at 9:00 am
Please note: No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, November 19 unless you seat can be filled by someone else.
We will begin with a 1:30 pm lunch at the well-loved Brooklyn classic, Junior’s Restaurant – consistently awarded the prize for the best cheesecake in New York City! Following lunch, we’ll meet our step-on tour guide, Eliot Niles, to discover Brooklyn and experience the excitement of Brooklyn’s holiday lights! We will tour some beloved brownstone neighborhoods during the day, then in the evening we’ll view the remarkable holiday displays and decorations of the stately homes of Dyker Heights – an upscale neighborhood near the Verrazano Narrows. Imagine thousands of dazzling white and colored lights, 12-foot snowmen, reindeer, gigantic nutcrackers, holiday carols, and much, much more. Join us for a taste of this genuine, homegrown, over-the-top Brooklyn celebration. What a great way to begin the holiday season!  Please note: the bus cannot drive through the side streets in Dyker Heights so there will be some walking involved; please dress appropriately. Approximate return time: 9:30 pm.

SAVE THE DATES!
Registration for these Bus Trips will begin in January 2020

Philadelphia Flower Show 2020: Riviera Holiday
Saturday, March 7

Overnight Bus Trip to Lancaster PA
Thursday, April 16-Friday, April 17, 2020
Enjoy overnight accommodations Thursday at the Heritage Hotel, after attending Queen Esther, a new show at the Sight & Sound Theatre. On Friday, enjoy shopping at the Green Dragon Market. Complete details will be available in our January/February newsletter!
COMPUTER CLASSES

Computer Classes are for Islip Library Cardholders only

See Front Cover for Registration Information

Book a Librarian

Schedule a 30-minute one-on-one appointment with a librarian to assist you with computer or device help, e-downloads, online databases, and other Library services. Fill out a form online from our website or at the Adult Reference Desk. For more information, please call us at (631) 581-5933.

Please Note: This service is available only to Islip Library cardholders.

November

Streaming TV

Wednesday, November 13

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Streaming TV services are an inexpensive alternative to cable TV for people looking to “cut the cord.” Librarian Greg Klein will share information about a variety of streaming services as well as about the equipment needed to stream.

Tech Help in Spanish or English

Monday, November 18

6:30 – 8:30 pm

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Shopping, Safety and Security Online

Wednesday, November 20

7:00 pm

Learn to safely browse and shop online this holiday season without fear of identity theft, hackers, viruses, spyware, and annoying pop-up ads. This lecture-style class will be taught by and instructor from Sharper Training Solutions.

December

Introduction to Microsoft Excel: Part 1

Wednesday, December 4

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Join librarian Greg Klein in this hands-on workshop about Microsoft Excel. Excel is a software program used to create and manage spreadsheets. During this workshop you will learn the basic features of Microsoft Excel: how to input data into cells, add formulas, and how to format the sheet. This program is intended for those who already have basic computer knowledge.

Introduction to Microsoft Excel: Part 2

Wednesday, December 18

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Join librarian Greg Klein in this hands-on workshop about Microsoft Excel. During this workshop you will learn how to create charts, graphs, and advanced formulas. You must have taken Introduction to Microsoft Excel: Part 1 class, or have good knowledge of Microsoft Excel before you take this class.
BIENVENIDOS

Esquina español

Las clases son gratis. No se requiere tener una tarjeta de biblioteca. Para más información o para obtener ayuda gratis e individual de un bibliotecario con una cita de aproximadamente 30 minutos comuníquese con la Sra. LoDolce (631-581-5933 ext. 215 / alodolce@isliplibrary.org) o hable con nosotros en el escritorio de información y referencia.

Grupo de conversación de inglés y español  
ISL201
4 miércoles, el 6 y 20 de noviembre; el 11 y 18 de diciembre (no habrá clases el 13 o 27 de noviembre ni el 4 de diciembre)
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

y

4 jueves, el 7 y 21 de noviembre; el 5 y 12 de diciembre (no habrá clases el 14 o 28 de noviembre)
6:30 – 7:30 pm

Ven a nuestro grupo de conversación con Adriana LoDolce. Si deseas mejorar tu inglés o español conversacional estás invitado a asistir. Aprendemos juntos con unas buenas conversaciones. Actividades sencillas estarán disponibles si necesitas traer a tus hijos pequeños. No necesitas inscribirte.

Inglés para toda la familia  
ISL200
4 jueves, el 7 y 21 de noviembre; el 5 y 12 de diciembre (no habrá clases el 14 o 28 de noviembre)
7:30 – 8:30 pm

En estas clases aprenderás a comunicarte en inglés con mayor confianza. Los adultos y niños acompañados por un adulto son bienvenidos.

Ritmos latinos  
ISL209
2 sábados, el 9 y 16 de noviembre
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Aprende nuevos movimientos de baile mientras mejoras tu inglés. Los adultos y niños acompañados por un adulto son bienvenidos.

Los niños leen a un perro  
ISL101
jueves, el 14 de noviembre
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Los niños pueden practicar la lectura con un perro de terapia de Pet Partners en un ambiente relajado y sin presiones.

Examen de la tensión arterial
lunes, el 18 de noviembre
12:00 – 1:00 pm

Los adultos mayores de 18 años pueden tomar su presión arterial gratis con enfermeras del Good Samaritan Hospital Medical Center en la biblioteca de Islip. No necesitas inscribirte ni seguro médico.

Ayuda con su tecnología  
ISL208
lunes, el 18 de noviembre
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Obtenga asistencia gratis con usando su computadora, tableta, o teléfono celular.

Vacunas gratuitas contra la influenza
miércoles, el 20 de noviembre
10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Enfermeras del St. Francis Hospital estarán disponibles para administrar vacunas contra la influenza a adultos mayores de 18 años en la biblioteca de Islip. No necesitas inscribirte ni seguro médico.

Tiempo amigable y divertido para niños con necesidades especiales  
ISL102
2 martes, el 26 de noviembre y el 10 de diciembre
4:30 – 5:15 pm

Recomendado para los niños de 18 meses a 8 años y sus cuidadores

Un programa diseñado para proveer un ambiente más tranquilo y sereno para niños con necesidades especiales y sus familias, pero abierto a todos los niños. Se requiere registrarse.

Boletos de tren con descuento a la ciudad  
ISA173
sábado, el 7 de diciembre
Viaje en grupo, regrese a cualquier hora el mismo día: $10.25 ida y vuelta. Los boletos deben ser comprados antes de martes, el 3 de diciembre en la biblioteca de Islip. Reúna se con un representante de la biblioteca a las 8:50 am en la estación de tren de Islip. El representante le dará su boleto de regreso antes de abordar el tren. El grupo tiene que sentarse en el primer vagón, incluso después de cambiar de tren en la estación de tren de Jamaica. Puedes pagar usando cheque, efectivo o giro postal.

Película familiar en español  
ISL104
sábado, el 14 de diciembre
10:00 – 11:30 am

Recomendado para los niños de 3 meses a 12 años y sus cuidadores

Disfruta de uno de los últimos lanzamientos en DVD en español con subtítulos en inglés. Los participantes votarán al comienzo del programa para determinar la película que se mostrará.

Prepárese para solicitar la ciudadanía estadounidense
Ayuda gratis e individual con una cita

Usted practicará la entrevista y las preguntas de la sección de educación cívica del examen de naturalización con un bibliotecario. Una cita se puede hacer en línea (http://isliplibrary.org/espanol/), en persona, por teléfono (631-581-5933 ext. 215), o correo electrónico (alodolce@isliplibrary.org) con la Sra. LoDolce.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

For all programs you may register in person with a valid Islip Public Library card. • Children too young/old for a program may attend with preschool-aged siblings when a caregiver is required. • If you are more than 5 minutes late for a program and have not called to have your child’s spot held, we will assume you are not planning to attend and will allow patrons in the library to fill available spots. • If you do not want us to use a photo/video of your child, please notify a Librarian.

CHILDREN’S BOOKMOBILE DISPLAY
Do you have a special collection that you would like to share in our Children’s Bookmobile display case? For three weeks you can show us your personal artwork, erasers, stuffed animals, etc. See a Children’s Librarian for details.

BOOK a LIBRARIAN
Do you need assistance with the children’s computers, databases, or online tutor? Please register for assistance using the Book a Librarian link on the Islip Public Library homepage.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten or 1KB4K Club!

Reading to your children, from birth through 5 years, is an important step in helping them acquire the skills they need to be ready to read. The library is here to help you create a love of reading. Register to participate at the Children’s Reference Desk.

All Aboard to the North Pole!

This holiday season we’ll have the magical Polar Express train set for your children to enjoy. No train ticket needed! Try your hand at controlling the trains throughout the month of December. We also added a Holiday Village I Spy game to make it extra exciting!

BABIES, TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS
(Ages birth to five years old with caregiver; see program descriptions for specific age ranges)

Tuesday Drop-in Storytime & Playtime!
Every Tuesday from 10:30 – 11:30 am
Ages 2 ½ – 5 years with caregiver; siblings welcome.
Join us as we read an assortment of stories, directly followed by songs, crafts, and always playtime! You don’t have to wait, this is a drop-in program EVERY Tuesday, come on down! Child or caregiver must have an Islip Library card to attend. Grandparents are welcome to bring their grandkids!

Ultimate Playdate
Every Wednesday from 10:00 – 11:30 am ISJ330
(Please Note: For Wed. November 6, 13, and 20, this program will be from 10:00 – 10:45 am to accommodate Ultimate Playdate Plus)
AND
Every Friday from 10:00 – 11:30 am ISJ395
Ages infant – 5 years with caregiver
Read...Play...Grow! Playing and learning go hand in hand. Join our fun playdate group where children can connect with other children while enjoying the opportunity to build their social skills and engage in creative and unstructured play. Registration for this session is for 11/8 – 1/3. Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

Tots’ Night Out ISJ790
Tuesday, November 12, Thanksgiving Turkey;
Monday, December 16, Home for the Holidays
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver
Get ready for an hour’s worth of fun with Tots’ Night Out, filled with a craft, listening activities, movement, music, puzzles and more. Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

Dinovember ISJ791
Monday, November 18 10:30 – 11:15 am
Ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver
Get ready to stomp and roar in this program especially for dino fans!

Sing and Sign (Language): Planes, Trains and Automobiles with Lisamarie Curley ISJ315
Friday, November 22 1:30 – 2:15 pm
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver
You can learn to sign at any age. Preschoolers who sign are learning a second language. Babies who learn sign language have the ability to tell you what they want before they can talk. Help your child develop future literacy. We sing, we play, we sign. Come have fun with us.

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**Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers Continued**

(Ages birth to five years old with caregiver; See program descriptions for specific age ranges)

**Evening Edition:**
**Finger Paint Fun**  
ISJ785  
Monday, November 25  
5:30 – 6:15 pm  
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver  
Come join in as we paint away the morning using our fingers, stencils, Q-tips, and more. Dress for a mess.

**Evening Edition: Ultimate Playdate**  
ISJ354  
Tuesdays, November 26 and December 10  
5:30 – 7:00 pm  
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver  
Read...Play...Grow! See the full description on page 8. This is a No Stress Program! If you cannot make the 5:30 pm start time, notify us and we will hold a spot. *Please indicate dates you cannot attend.*

**Starry Night Storytime**  
ISJ732  
Monday, December 2  
6:30 – 7:00 pm  
Ages 2½ – Grade 1 with caregiver  
Get ready for some super stories, crafts, and fun. We will end it with our patent pending sleep routine guaranteed to get your kids to sleep. Pajamas and siblings welcome!

**Things That Go: Time for Kids**  
ISJ792  
Thursday, December 5  
1:30 – 2:30 pm  
Ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver  
Get ready for an hour’s worth of fun, filled with a craft, listening activities, movement, music, puzzles, and more.

**Let’s Move with PlayHooray**  
ISJ793  
Monday, December 9  
6:30 – 7:15 pm  
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver  
Have a groovy time playing, dancing, marching, and Playing Hooray!

**Finger Paint Fun**  
ISJ746  
Saturday, December 21  
10:30 – 11:00 am  
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver  
Come join in as we paint away the morning using our fingers, stencils, Q-tips, and more. Dress for a mess.

**Happy Noon Year’s Eve!**  
ISJ794  
Monday, December 30  
11:30 am – 12:15 pm  
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver  
Happy Noon Year! Celebrate with us as we countdown to noon with balloons, crafts, and music!

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**Backpack Storytime – Bugs!**

Get to know your insect friends with our Backpack Storytime: Bugs! This interactive kit contains books (*The Very Clumsy Click Beetle; Hi, Fly Guy; National Geographic’s Little Kid’s First Big Book of Bugs*), a DVD (*Diary of a Spider*), toy insects to play with, and an extra–large floor puzzle. We also have a *Dinosaurs; Oceans; Princess; Community Helpers; Feelings; ABC/123; Trains; Firefighters; and Gardening* themed backpacks.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

SCHOOL AGE (see program descriptions for specific grade ranges, denotes programs with age-ranges that include toddlers/preschoolers)

Chess Buddies: Knights of the Square Table ISJ327
Monday, November 4
6:30 – 7:15 pm
Grades K – 4
Grades 5 – 6 are welcome to participate as assistants
Checkmate! Have you ever wanted to learn how to play chess? Do you already know how to play chess and are looking for someone to play with? Join us for chess buddies and play against your friends or our Master Chess Librarian!

Book Buddies ISJ313
Wednesday, November 13
5:30 – 6:00 pm
Ages 48 months – Grade 3
Ms. Barell will kick off Book Buddies with a story and some cookies. Afterwards, the kids will break off to read to or with teen volunteers. This is a super fun way to get your kids into reading!

Paws for Reading: Children Read to a Dog! ISL101
Thursday, November 14
7:00 – 8:00 pm
This program is for any child (with caregiver) who is practicing their reading. Practice reading aloud to a registered therapy dog from Pet Partners in a fun, non-judgmental atmosphere. The dogs’ handlers will be present with the dogs.

Drop-in Crafts ISJ763
Saturdays, November 16 and December 28
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Ages 36 months – Grade 6 with caregiver
Drop in and create a unique craft with a variety of materials while supplies last. Children aged 9 and under must be accompanied by an adult as per Library policy.

Juice Box Paint Club ISJ763
Wednesday, November 20
5:30 – 6:15 pm
Grades K-2
Gobble Gobble! Come join our fun club and get creative! We will read a Thanksgiving story, paint a turkey picture, and make a turkey craft too! Easy step-by-step instructions will be given, and teen helpers will be on hand to assist the artists. Juice boxes will be provided.

Special Needs Playdate ISL102
2 Tuesdays, November 26 & December 10
4:30 – 5:15 pm
Ages 18 months to 8 years with caregiver
Join our fun playdate group where children can connect with other children as they build their social skills and engage in creative and unstructured play in a calm supportive environment. This program is designed especially for children with developmental delays, for those along the autism spectrum, and for others with special needs. A representative from Islip School District’s Special Education PTA (SEPTA) will discuss additional resources that may be available. This is an inclusive program; all children are welcome. If you need special accommodations to attend, please contact us one week prior to the program.

Reindeer and Sled Centerpiece ISJ796
Saturday, November 30
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Grades K – 4 with caregiver (hammer used)
Register and come in anytime between 10:00 am and 4:00 pm. Build your own holiday centerpiece. We provide the pieces - you assemble, and decorate. We will be using hammers, so a caregiver is required to be in attendance.

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Happy 50th Birthday, Sesame Street! ISJ795
Tuesday, November 19
6:30 – 7:15 pm
Grades K – 2
America’s favorite children’s show is having a BIG birthday! Come join the party and celebrate all your favorite Sesame Street characters!
Tech Club: Building with Snap Circuits
ISJ300
Tuesday, December 3
6:30 – 7:15 pm
Grades 3 – 6
Join us for the second session of our Technology Club! We are using Snap Circuits to build some exciting creations.

Paint Night Party
ISJ724
Wednesday, December 4
5:30 – 6:30 pm
Grades 3 – 4
No experience necessary for this open studio canvas program. Create your own masterwork or try your hand at following the examples provided. Let your imagination soar!

Paint the Night Away
ISJ725
Wednesday, December 4
7:00 – 8:00 pm
Grades 5 – 6
Join us to create a beautiful painting of a snowy landscape - just in time for winter!

Lego Block Party
ISJ324
Wednesday, December 11
5:30 – 6:15 pm
Grades K – 6
Are you ready to build? Come to our Lego program and build something grand. The best creations will be featured on our Library’s Facebook page.

Candle Making: Chrissy Lehat
ISJ797
Tuesday, December 17
Grades K – 3, 6:00 – 6:45pm
Grades 4 – 6, 7:00 – 7:45pm
Easy, fun, safe! Similar to sand art, you scoop and layer different colors of scented wax into a pre-wicked candle glass. No two candles come out alike. (Not appropriate for those with fragrance allergies.) One candle per child.

The Snow Queen’s Enchanted Celebration
ISJ798
Saturday, November 23
10:30 am – 12:30 pm
For families with children in grade 6 and under
The castle gates of Arendelle are officially open! You are invited to spend the morning with a very special Snow Queen, Olaf, and friends! Come and enjoy music, crafts, games, and a special frozen treat! This celebration is sure to be a BLAST!

Gingerbread Castles
ISJ799
Saturday, December 7
10:30 – 11:30 am or 3:00 – 4:00 pm
For families with children 36 months – grade 6 with caregiver
Hear ye, Hear ye! Create a royal gingerbread castle and decorate it with frosting and candy galore! *Please bring in 1 clean half gallon paper milk container per family for this program*

Family Movie in Spanish
ISL104
Saturday, December 14
10:00 – 11:30 am
Ages infant to 12 years with caregiver
Improve your family’s Spanish speaking skills while enjoying snacks and one of the newest releases to DVD on the big screen presented in Spanish with English subtitles. There will be a vote at the beginning of the program to determine the movie that will be shown.

Fairy Tale Winter
ISJ301
Sunday, December 22
1:30 – 2:30 pm
Infants – grade 6 with caregiver
It’s the most wonderful time of the year in the land of Happily ever After! Cinderella and Snow White are preparing for the Crystal Ball with all your favorite fairy tale characters!
TEEN PROGRAMS

NOVEMBER

PS4 VR Drop-In Fridays
Fridays:
November 8, December 13, 20 & 27
2:00 – 4:30 pm
Do you want to play virtual reality games with your friends after school? Hang out in our teen room and explore the world of PS4 VR!

Slice & Dice with the Quest Master’s Guild
ISY249
Saturdays: November 9 & December 14
1:30 – 4:30 pm
The Quest Masters Guild will be running D&D 5E! Players will have their choice of characters from dozens of pre-made sheets that you can customize and equip! There will also be a Magic the Gathering Tournament with prize cards to win! Lay waste to the nasty critters with a roll of the dice and eat pizza while playing!

Socrates Café
ISY275
Tuesday, November 12  4:00 – 5:00 pm
Join Ms. B for a friendly philosophic conversation every other month. We welcome any teen who wants to engage in the Socratic method of learning by questioning and reflecting with others in open-minded dialogue. Don’t worry about the fancy name, it will be fun!

Cookie Dough Bites with Amy Gordon
ISY201
Thursday, November 14  4:30 – 5:15 pm
Learn how to make yummy ready-to-eat cookie dough bites with local pastry wonder Amy Gordon from a Touch of Sweetness.

Thanksgiving Centerpieces
ISY202
Friday, November 15  3:00 – 4:30 pm
Make your holidays warmer with these hand painted pumpkin candleholders!

Creative Writing Workshop:
Superhero/Supervillain World Building
ISY203
Monday, November 25  6:00 – 8:00 pm
Have you always wanted to write a superhero or supervillain story? Join a published creative writing author as he helps you with creative world building and story setting!

DECEMBER

Afternoon at the Movies: Home Alone
ISY204
Friday, November 29
2:30 – 4:30 pm
Need a break from your Thanksgiving break? Stop by the Library to watch Home Alone with your friends and snack on yummy themed desserts.

Paint the Night Away
ISY237
Wednesday, December 4  7:00 – 8:00 pm
Create a beautiful painted snowy landscape just in time for winter!

Holiday Desserts
ISY205
Friday, December 6  3:30 – 4:30 pm
Make some amazing homemade holiday treats! We will be making awesome hot chocolate dessert spoons and cookie dough mix that you can either “gift” away or keep all for yourself!

Teen Trivia: Mythology
ISY206
Monday, December 9  3:00 – 4:00 pm
Do you think you’re a mythology master? Challenge other teens to win a cool prize!

Snack Around the World
ISY281
Tuesday, December 10
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Join us to try some yummy and interesting snacks from around the world. This is the place for you! Hang out with your friends as we take our taste buds on a trip while playing “Country Jeopardy!” This month we sample treats from South America!

Marvel Ultimate Alliance 3:
The Black Order Tournament
ISY207
Wednesday, December 11  6:00 – 8:00 pm
Do you think you’re the Marvel Ultimate Alliance 3 ultimate champion? Compete on our big screen TV and find out if you have what it takes to win it all! Prizes and bragging rights will be awarded to the winner.
ATTENTION PARENTS:
Please be aware that permission of a parent or guardian is not required for teens to access Library PCs and the Internet in our Adult and Teen areas. If you have any concerns in that regard, please contact the Library Director or speak with a librarian at the Adult Reference Desk.

Volunteer

Book Buddies
ISY298
Wednesday, November 13
5:15 – 6:00 pm
Become a book buddy by reading to young children and listening while they practice their reading with you! Training, prep-time, and clean-up are included. You will receive a certificate that day stating the time you’ve earned.

Teen Advisory Board
Thursday, November 21
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Get involved in the Library by joining our Teen Advisory Board. We welcome your suggestions for teen programs and materials. Snack on some goodies. You will receive a certificate that day stating the hours you’ve earned.

Fidget Blankets
ISY211
Friday, November 22
2:30 – 4:30 pm
Help to create fidget blankets using a variety of materials. We will be donating these for Alzheimer’s patients to use. You will receive a certificate that day stating the hours you’ve earned.

DIY Ugly Holiday Bandanas for Cats & Dogs
ISY215
Thursday, December 19
3:30 – 4:30 pm
Let’s help shelter pets look adorable enough to be adopted in these hilariously tacky bandanas. You will receive a certificate that day stating the number of hours you’ve earned.

Teens Care-Gift Wrapping
ISY213
Monday, December 2
4:00 – 6:00 pm
Offer your time and wrapping skills to assist busy gift givers! Paper and ribbons will be provided by the Library! You will receive a certificate that day stating the number of hours you’ve earned.

Gingerbread Castle Helpers
ISY214
Saturday, December 7
10:30 – 11:30 am
OR
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Come in to help families as they create awesome gingerbread castles! You will receive a certificate that day stating the number of hours you’ve earned.

Library Escape Room
ISY208
Tuesday, December 17
5:00 – 6:00 pm
In this interactive game, you’ll have just one hour to solve puzzles, find hidden keys, and piece together clues to... escape the room!

Evening at the Movies:
How the Grinch Stole Christmas
ISY209
Monday, December 23
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Start your week off in style here at the Library. Watch How the Grinch Stole Christmas with friends and have a feast fit for Whoville!

Swing in the New Year 1920s Style!
ISY210
Monday, December 30
2:00 – 4:00 pm
It’s gonna be the bee’s knees! Swing into the New Year with a Gatsby-esque party! Dance, snack on some goodies, and learn a few things about Long Island’s wondrous and historic Gold Coast! Dress in 20s style if you’d like!
LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to Adriana LoDolce, our Outreach Librarian. Winner of the 2019 Islip Town Hispanic Heritage Award!

Pictured left to right
First row: Donna White, John White, Islip Town Supervisor Angie Carpenter, Adriana LoDolce, Analisa LoDolce, Robert LoDolce
Second row: Councilwoman Mary Kate Mullen, Town Clerk Olga H. Murray, Mary Schubart, Lauraine Farr, Councilman John Cochrane

Thank you to the following local businesses for donating a gift certificate or prize(s) for our 2019 Adult Summer Reading Club!
Bubba’s Burrito Bar • Caroline’s Flower Shoppe • Dang BBQ • Grilli’s Gourmet Deli • Islip Meat Market
JMJ Hair Studio • Lemon Tree Hair Salon • Maxwell’s Restaurant • Nook ‘n’ Cranny • Oconee Diner
Universal Cuts • Verace Restaurant

Display Cases & Gallery Hallway

In November, the Historical Society of Islip Hamlet will share an exhibit in our Display Cases about their Annual Holiday House Tour.
In December, Sue Martin will share an exhibit of favorite childhood books in our Display Cases.
The Gallery Hallway will feature the Library’s collection of Islip local history memorabilia during the months of November and December.
In November, the History Display Case (located across from the Circulation Desk) will feature an exhibit on loan to us from Claire Putman, in remembrance of the Armistice signed on November 11, 1918 that ended WWI.

Do you have a special collection or artwork that you would like to share? The Library welcomes individuals and community groups to exhibit their items in our Display Cases and/or in our Gallery Hallway. The Library Display Cases are located in the Lobby of our Main Entrance. The Gallery Hallway is the hallway leading to our smaller meeting room. Call the Library at (631) 581-5933 to speak with us about setting up an exhibit.
Join the fun in our Teen Room on Fridays after school!

Project TOY
The Islip Library will once again be collecting toys and other items for children and teenagers this holiday season. You can help to make someone’s holiday brighter by donating an item. Please bring a new and un(gift)-wrapped toy, book, clothing item, or other gift to the Library. The collection box will be located at the Adult Reference Desk. Donated items need to be received in the Library by Thursday, December 12 for distribution at The Family Service League (www.fsl-li.org) event in time for the holidays. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

FAMILY SERVICE LEAGUE'S
PROJECT TOY

Special Needs Playdate
Bringing Families Together

Special Needs Playdates ISL102
To be held on the first Tuesday of every month beginning in January 2020 and on
2 upcoming Tuesdays:
November 26 & December 10
Time: 4:30 – 5:15 pm
Ages 18 months to 8 years with caregiver
Join our fun playdate group where children can connect with other children as they build their social skills and engage in creative and unstructured play in a calm supportive environment. This program is designed especially for children with developmental delays, for those along the autism spectrum, and for others with special needs. A representative from Islip School District’s Special Education PTA (SEPTA) will discuss additional resources that may be available. This is an inclusive program; all children are welcome. If you need special accommodations to attend, please contact us one week prior to the program.

Stay and Play in our Beautiful Atrium
Our playroom is full of toys that will inspire a child’s imagination. It’s a great place to meet and play with other children from the community.

Eye Spy…. See if you can find these items in our playroom: train table, barn, cars, puppet theater, colorful blocks, books, purple square.
I recently joined a 21st century book discussion group – an online one. The club connects over the Internet in a private forum open to alumnae of my alma mater. As much as I’d love to meet with club members face to face, this format is more doable for someone with a full-time job, kids, and a to-do list a mile long. No driving involved – I open my laptop and I’m in my book discussion group. It’s perfect.

I am looking forward to engaging with alums from across generations and around the world, enjoying (hopefully) thought-provoking discussion, and reading books that I would not have necessarily chosen for myself. Perhaps the real truth is I just wanted an excuse to read. My current nightly reading consists of trying to move the bookmark by ten pages or so before the grip of fatigue, which was making itself felt hours earlier, becomes too hard to shake off. I wanted a reason to be able to tell the family “I can’t, I’m reading.” Aren’t parents supposed to model reading in order to instill good reading habits in their children? If so, then this book discussion group is not a self-indulgence but a parental duty.

Speaking of books we must read, I’ve heard it said that bookstores are critical to reading because it’s in the bookstores – the brick and mortar ones as well as the online ones – where readers often get their first exposure to many books that they eventually do read. Think of the millions of travelers who peruse the small airport bookstores every day around the world. Those millions of people aren’t buying books on the spot, but they are often making mental notes of what to buy, what to download, or what to check out of their libraries back home. If we could only put libraries into airports and turn passports into library cards….

My suggestion this holiday season is to make time for reading. There are countless reasons to read and many pithy quotes about the benefits of reading. Let’s just boil it down to this: after healthy living, reading might be the healthiest thing you can do to de-stress, find yourself and lose yourself all at the same time. Come to the Library, browse our displays, peruse our shelves and see where reading can take you.