Warm Up With Performances at the Library!

**Cabaret Night**  
*ISA327*
**Tuesday, January 14**  
7:00 pm  
Join pianist Steven Lynch as he performs standards and patron requests on our Steinway grand piano! Mr. Lynch has a repertoire of over 1,000 songs! Light refreshments will be served.

**70s Flashback Band**  
*ISA329*
**Sunday, January 26**  
1:30 pm  
Take a journey back to the 1970s to the era of Foreigner, Styx, Doobie Brothers, Wings, Cheap Trick and more featuring Paul Blomstrom on bass guitar and vocals; Bob Bellucci on keyboards, sax and vocals; Steve Pisani on guitars and vocals; Tom Pantaleo on drums and vocals.

**The Bob Dell’Amore Quartet**  
*ISA332*
**Sunday, February 23**  
1:30 pm  
Enjoy an afternoon of music with the Bob Dell’Amore Quartet, featuring piano, saxophone, bass, and drums. The group will perform jazz standards, Sinatra, R&B, and other timeless classics with a modern sound.

**For Children and Families**

**Winter Talent Show:**  
*ISJ319*
**Saturday, February 29 (Leap Day!)**  
3:00 – 3:45 pm  
(Snow Date: Sunday, March 1; 1:30 – 2:15 pm)  
Ages 48 months – Grade 6 with caregiver  
The Winter Talent program is a ventriloquist show for the whole family, featuring comedy, illusions, music, audience participation, and a cast of big mouth puppet characters.

**PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

In-person registration begins: Saturday, January 4 at 9:00 am  
Telephone registration begins: Saturday, January 4 at 2:30 pm

When registering online for children please enter child’s name and age/grade in the note field.  
Out-of-district residents may register beginning Saturday, January 11 at 9:00 am space providing unless otherwise noted.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

Quilting Workshop  
Wednesday, January 8  
and  
Monday, March 2

(Please Note: No February meeting)
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. Please note: beginning in March, the Quilting Workshop will be on Mondays (usually the first Monday of the month).

English for the Entire Family  
4 Thursdays: January 9, 16, 30; February 6

(Please Note: No class January 23)
7:30 – 8:30 pm
Learn to communicate in English with greater confidence. Practice conversing with a native speaker. Adults and children (with their adults) are welcome. Attend all or some of the dates – your choice!

Introduction to Spanish  
4 Thursdays: January 9, 16, 30; February 6

(Please Note: No class January 23)
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Join librarian Adriana LoDolce and learn Spanish for everyday situations while watching a short and entertaining Spanish-language soap opera in class. Anyone who wants to improve his/her Spanish speaking skills, is invited to attend.

Senior Advocate  
Monday, January 13  
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. Anyone with questions regarding services to seniors is welcome. This service is available every other month at the Library. No registration is necessary for this one-on-one, walk-in service.

Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands: Alzheimer’s Disease Caregiver Support Initiative

Monday, January 13
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.

HIICAP: Health Insurance Information Counseling and Assistance Program  
ISL203
Monday, January 13  
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.

English and Spanish Conversation Group  
ISL201
4 Wednesdays: January 15, 29; February 5, 26
(Please Note: No classes on January 22; February 12 or 19)
11:00 am – 12:30 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!
AARP Defensive Driving
Saturday, January 18
9:00 am – 4:00 pm
OR
Thursday, February 13
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.

70s Flashback Band
ISA329
Sunday, January 26
1:30 pm
Take a journey back to the 1970s to the era of Foreigner, Styx, Doobie Brothers, Wings, Cheap Trick and more featuring Paul Blomstrom on bass guitar and vocals; Bob Bellucci on keyboards, sax and vocals; Steve Pisani on guitars and vocals; and Tom Pantaleo on drums and vocals.

GRASP Orientation: High School Equivalency Study-at-Home Program
ISA328
Tuesday, January 28
5:00 – 8:45 pm
Prepare for the New York State TASC (Test Assessing Secondary Completion) High School Equivalency Test at your own pace, and at your own place through a BOCES teacher. Assignments are based upon individual needs. You will be able to study from home by regularly picking up your study packets at the Library. Assistance will be available via telephone with the teacher. Adults 21yrs. and older are eligible to participate. Ask about the Fast Track Program eligible to those who have taken any NYS Regents exams in the past.

Book Discussion: My Name is Lucy Barton
ISA330
Friday, January 31
11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Join librarian Alicia Collumbell for a discussion of the novel, My Name is Lucy Barton by Elizabeth Strout. In this New York Times bestseller, Lucy Barton is recovering slowly from what should have been a simple operation. Her mother, to whom she hasn’t spoken for many years, comes to visit her. Gentle gossip about people from Lucy’s childhood in Amgash, Illinois, seems to reconnect them, but below the surface lies the tension and longing that have informed every aspect of Lucy’s life: her escape from her troubled family, her desire to become a writer, her marriage, her love for her two daughters. Knitting this powerful narrative together is the brilliant storytelling voice of Lucy herself: keenly observant, deeply human, and truly unforgettable. Light refreshments will be provided, but please bring your own beverage. A copy of the book will be available to check out upon registration at the Adult Reference Desk, beginning Saturday, January 4.

WINTER FILM FESTIVAL:
Family Sagas
ISA328
Join us on Tuesday evenings and Friday afternoons for these films portraying the lives and events of multigenerational families.

Opening Night Pizza Party
Tuesday, January 21
6:00 pm
Join us for an opening night pizza party before the showing of Downton Abbey.

Downton Abbey (2019)
Tuesday, January 21
6:30 pm
Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery

The Farewell (2019)
Friday, January 24
2:00 pm
Shuzhen Zhao, Awkwafina, X Mayo

The House of the Spirits (1993)
Tuesday, January 28
6:30 pm
Jeremy Irons, Meryl Streep, Maria Conchita Alonso

Dan in Real Life (2007)
Friday, January 31
2:00 pm
Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche, Dane Cook

Mother and Child (2009)
Tuesday, February 4
6:30 pm
Naomi Watts, Annette Bening, Kerry Washington

An Unfinished Life (2005)
Friday, February 7
2:00 pm
Jennifer Lopez, Robert Redford, Morgan Freeman

Home Again (2017)
Tuesday, February 11
6:30 pm
Reese Witherspoon, Michael Sheen, Candice Bergen

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ADULT PROGRAMS

**Chicken Soup for the Soul**
**ISA337**
**Saturday, February 1**
**3:00 pm**
Enjoy a demo and tasting of this soup prepared with grilled chicken and garlic, with roasted red peppers, tomatoes, onions, hot and mild sausage, Spanish olives and sherry. Easy, fast, and totally different! Served with flavorful and aromatic toasted cumin seed rice, it’s perfect ‘comfort food’.

**AARP Tax Assistance**
**Thursdays: February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9**
**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Volunteers from AARP are available by appointment only, for free income tax assistance in the Library. Please make an appointment at the Adult Reference Desk, or call us at (631) 581-5933. This service is limited to Islip Library cardholders only. Out-of-district residents may contact the Library five (5) days before any session and if there is appointment availability we will try to accommodate you.

**Gourmet Chinese Takeout Favorites**
**with Chef Rob Scott**
**ISA331**
**Wednesday, February 12**
**1:00 pm**
Fee: $5.00
Learn to prepare cashew chicken and broccoli in a wok as well as pineapple and green onion fried rice. Enjoy a taste of everything!

**Healthy Living for Your Brain & Body: Alzheimer’s Association**
**ISA335**
**Thursday, February 13**
**7:00 – 8:00 pm**
At any age, there are lifestyle habits we can adopt to help maintain or even potentially improve our health. These habits may also help to keep our brains healthy and delay the onset of cognitive decline as we age.

**The Bob Dell’Amore Quartet**
**ISA332**
**Sunday, February 23**
**1:30 pm**
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**Social Security Planning:**
**What Baby Boomers Need to Know**
**ISA333**
**Wednesday, February 26**
**7:00 pm**
During this PowerPoint presentation with investment advisor Richard Barnes, learn about the many aspects of Social Security. It’s not only retired people who can receive benefits. Mr. Barnes will help you understand how you can maximize your Social Security benefits.

**Downsizing, Moving, or Just Too Much Stuff: How to Get Rid of It---and Make Some Money Too!**
**ISA334**
**Tuesday, February 25**
**7:00 pm**
Are you attempting to downsize or move? Have you been left with a loved one’s furniture, crystal, and dishes that no one in the family wants? These tasks can feel overwhelming. You spent good money for your items, now how do you get some of it back? Or, maybe you just want it all to disappear. “Sales Warrior” Cynthia Smith will provide answers to many questions so you can make the best decisions for you and your family, depending on your situation. Do you need a professional appraiser or tag sale company? How do you hire one? What will –and won’t--local charities accept? What do you do with the stuff no one seems to want? See description of the March 3 follow-up program below.

**Book Discussion:**
**Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine**
**ISA335**
**Thursday, February 27**
**7:00 – 8:30 pm**
Join librarian Carol Curtis to discuss this heartbreaking, funny, and brilliant novel by Gail Honeyman, an award-winning debut novelist. No one ever told Eleanor Oliphant that life should be better than ok. She struggles with appropriate social skills, says exactly what she’s thinking, phone chats with her mother, and drinks two bottles of vodka on the weekend. Her life changes when she meets Raymond, a bumbling IT guy from her office. Eleanor and Raymond save an elderly gentleman who has fallen on the sidewalk, and these three people become the kind of friends who rescue one another from the lives of isolation they each have been living. This is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes the only way to survive is to open your heart. Refreshments provided.

Registration begins at the Adult Reference Desk on Saturday, January 4. You may pick up a copy of the book to check out beginning January 25.

**Step-by-Step Guide to Selling Your Stuff Online**
**ISA336**
**Tuesday, March 3**
**7:00 pm**
During this follow-up workshop to Downsizing, Moving or Just Too Much Stuff, Cynthia Smith returns to discuss in more detail Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and eBay. During this presentation, she will discuss these popular sales platforms and guide participants step-by-step through the online posting/selling process.
**BUS TRIPS**

**2020 Philadelphia Flower Show: Riviera Holiday  ISA467**
Date:  Saturday, March 7  
Fee:  $70.00  
Bus departs East Islip Library:  7:15 am  
Bus departs Islip Library:  7:30 am  
Registration begins:  Saturday, January 4 at 9:00 am  
Registration ends:  Tuesday, February 4 at 9:00 am  
*Please note: No refunds issued after Tuesday, February 4 unless we can fill your seat.*  
This year’s flower show theme, Riviera Holiday is inspired by the world’s exotic Mediterranean gardens. Lunch will be on your own at the show, or at the Reading Street Market located directly across the street. The Liberty Bell, Constitution Center, and the Betsy Ross House are all only a few blocks away (information about these other locations will be provided on the bus). We will spend approximately 6 hours at the show. Cost for trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motor coach and admission to the show.  
Please note: lunch and bus driver gratuity is not included in the cost.  
*Approximate return time: 8:00 pm*

**Ellis Island / Statue of Liberty  ISA468**
Date:  Wednesday, April 1  
Fee:  $45.00  
Bus departs Islip Library:  7:30 am  
Registration begins:  Saturday, January 4 at 9:00 am  
Registration ends:  Tuesday, February 18 at 9:00 pm  
*Please note: No refunds issued after Tuesday, February 18 unless we can fill your seat.*  
Enjoy a day visiting both Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty with pedestrian access and the Fort Wood section. We will board the ferry at Battery Park for the quick trip to Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty. Self-guided audio tours will be available about both locations. The audio tour is available in different languages including Arabic, English, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish. You will have approximately 5 ½ - 6 hours to visit both Liberty Island and Ellis Island at your own pace. Ferries depart every 20 minutes and you can ferry back and forth between Liberty Island and Ellis Island with your ticket. Spend as much time as you would like at each location. Lunch is on your own; there are concession stands at both Liberty and Ellis Island as well as a cafe at Ellis Island. Your ticket does not allow access to the Crown (you would have to purchase those on your own - in advance of the trip, and there is a maximum of 4 tickets per family). Your ticket does provide access to the new Statue of Liberty Museum which opened in May 2019.  
*Security notice: All visitors must pass through airport-style security before boarding the ferry at Battery Park. All items considered inappropriate or prohibited will be confiscated and retained by the United States Park Police. Large bags are not allowed on Liberty Island or Ellis Island. Cost for trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motor coach and admission to both Liberty Island and Ellis Island.*  
Please note: lunch and bus driver gratuity is not included in the cost.  
*Approximate return time: 7:00 pm*

**Overnight Bus Trip to Lancaster PA  ISA469**
Dates:  Thursday, April 16 - Friday, April 17  
Bus departs East Islip Library parking lot:  7:00 am  
Bus departs Islip Library parking lot:  7:15 am  
Fee:  $300.00/person single room  
$240.00/person double room  
*Check or money order payable to: Islip Public Library*  
Registration begins:  Saturday, January 4 at 9:00 am  
Registration ends:  Tuesday, March 3 at 9:00 pm  
*Please Note: No refunds given after Tuesday, March 3 unless we can fill your seat.*  
Upon arrival in Lancaster (with a rest stop en route) we will enjoy a buffet luncheon at Shady Maple Smorgasbord. Following lunch, we will drive to the Sight and Sound Theatre for a 3:00 pm performance of their newest show, Queen Esther. Set in the opulent yet perilous Persian Empire, Queen Esther is a captivating tale of beauty and bravery. Esther’s ordinary life changed forever when she was taken through the palace doors, entering a new world of royalty and risk. Experience this story as it comes to life with magnificent sets, special effects, and live animals in this brand-new, original stage production! Following the show we’ll check into the Heritage Hotel. You will have some time to relax and freshen up prior to dinner as a group at Loxley’s Restaurant (inside the hotel). On Friday, enjoy a breakfast buffet at the hotel before we check out at 9:30 am. Then we’ll board the bus for a two-hour Amish Farmlands tour with a step-on tour guide. Following the tour, we’ll drive to the Green Dragon Flea Market for an afternoon of shopping! You will have approximately 4 ½ hours of shopping at this Amish flea market. It is open only on Fridays and is known for the wide variety of merchandise including food, clothing, furniture, and household items. Lunch will be on your own at the Green Dragon. Cost for trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motor coach, lunch at Shady Maple, tickets to Queen Esther, overnight accommodations at the Heritage Hotel, dinner, breakfast buffet, and two-hour Amish farmlands tour. Please note: bus driver gratuity is not included.  
*Approximate return time: 10:00 pm on Friday April 17.*
## JANUARY

**Introduction to Microsoft Word: Part 1**  
Wednesday, January 15  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Join librarian Greg Klein in this hands-on computer class. Microsoft Word is an advanced word processing program used in many offices and schools. During this workshop you will learn the basic features of Microsoft Word, how to enter data, format a document, and proof your work. *Please Note: This program is intended for those with basic computer knowledge.*

**Introduction to Microsoft Word: Part 2**  
Wednesday, January 22  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Join librarian Greg Klein in this hands-on computer class. You will learn more basic features of Microsoft Word. Topics include: page layout, headers & footers, page numbering, spacing, lists, tables, and inserting images. You must have taken the Introduction to Microsoft Word: Part 1 class, or have basic knowledge of Microsoft Word before taking this class.

## FEBRUARY

**Canva - Graphic Design**  
Wednesday, February 5  
6:30 – 8:30 pm  
Creating your own graphic designs is easy with Canva software. Join librarian Greg Klein in this hands-on class to learn how to create designs for work and personal use. Canva offers the logo creation, social media posts, invitations, photo collages, business cards, infographics, and more! *Please bring your email, Facebook, or Google account username and password to participate in this class. You must have basic knowledge of computers and the Internet before taking this class.*

**All About Smart Home Devices: Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod**  
Saturday, February 8  
10:00 am  
During this lecture class with an instructor from Sharper Training Solutions, learn all about the features offered in your smart device. Presenter will discuss how to set up an account, communicate with your device, the apps you will need, and how to set an alarm, turn on lights, play music, and much more!

**Step-by-Step Guide to Selling Your Stuff Online**  
Tuesday, March 3  
7:00 pm  
During this follow-up workshop to *Downsizing, Moving or Just Too Much Stuff*, Cynthia Smith returns to discuss in detail Craigslist, Facebook Marketplace, and eBay. During this presentation, she will discuss these popular sales platforms and guide participants step-by-step through the online posting/selling process.
**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.

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**Tiempo silencioso y amigable para jugar** ISL102

2 martes, el 7 de enero y el 4 de febrero
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.

**Introducción al inglés para niños** ISL103

4 jueves, el 9, 16 y 30 de enero; el 6 de febrero
6:00 – 6:30 pm
Recomendado para los niños de 18 meses a 8 años y sus cuidadores

Disfrute aprendiendo un nuevo idioma con su hijo en un ambiente divertido y relajante.

**Inglés para toda la familia** ISL200

4 jueves, el 9, 16 y 30 de enero; el 6 de febrero
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.

**Grupo de conversación de inglés y español** ISL201

4 miércoles, el 15 y 29 de enero; el 5 y 26 de febrero
11:00 am – 12:30 pm

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

**Película familiar en español** ISL104

sábado, el 1 de febrero
3:00 – 4:30 pm
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.

**Cuerpo y Cerebro Sano es Vida Sana: Consejos de las Últimas Investigaciones** ISL205

jueves, el 13 de febrero
6:00 – 7:00 pm

A cualquier edad, existen hábitos del estilo de vida que podemos adoptar para mantener o potencialmente mejorar nuestra salud. Puede que estos hábitos también ayuden a mantener nuestro cerebro saludable mientras envejecemos y posiblemente retrasen el comienzo de un deterioro cognitivo.

**Los niños leen a un perro** ISL101

jueves, el 27 de febrero
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.

**Isla Ellis / Estatua de la Libertad** ISA468

miércoles, el 1 de abril
Precio: $45.00

El autobús sale de la biblioteca de Islip a las 7:30 a.m. La inscripción comienza el 4 de enero a las 9:00 a.m. El último día para registrarse u obtener un reembolso es el 18 de febrero a las 9:00 p.m.

Disfrute de un día visitando la isla Ellis y la Estatua de la Libertad con acceso al pedestal, así como la sección Fort Wood. Abordaremos el ferry en Battery Park. El ferry es un circuito entre las dos islas. La audioguía está disponible en español. Tendrá aproximadamente cinco horas. Pase todo el tiempo que desee en cada isla. El almuerzo es por su cuenta. Hay puestos de comida y un café. Su boleto no permite el acceso a la corona (tendría que comprarlos por separado, por su cuenta, antes del viaje y hay un máximo de 4 boletos por familia), pero tendrá acceso al nuevo museo. El viaje incluye el transporte en autobús Hampton Jitney, la isla Ellis y la Estatua de la Libertad pero el almuerzo y la propina del conductor del autobús no están incluidos. El autobús regresará a la biblioteca de Islip alrededor de las 7:00 pm. Hay un control de seguridad antes de abordar el ferry y si llega con algún artículo prohibido no podrá pasar con él. No se permiten bolsas grandes.

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 librarians are here to help you foster a love of reading. Register to participate at the Children’s Reference Desk.

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

Evening Edition: Finger Paint Fun ISJ785
Monday, January 6
6:30 – 7:00 pm
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver
Come join in as we paint away using our fingers, stencils, Q-tips, and more. Dress for a mess.

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 ISJ330
Every Wednesday
10:00 – 10:45 am (1/8-2/5)
10:00 – 11:30 am (2/12-3/4)
and/or
Every Friday ISJ395
10:00 – 11:30 am
Ages infants – 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 providing them with the opportunity to build their social skills and engage in creative and unstructured play. Registration for this session is for Jan. 8 - March 4. Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

Ultimate Playdate PLUS ISJ304
5 Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22, 29 and February 5
11:00 am – 12:15 pm
Ages 18 months – 42 months with caregiver
While the children enjoy a playdate, caregivers will have the chance to meet and talk about raising children in the 21st Century! Professionals (P) will attend to offer information and answer parents’ questions about early childhood topics. Topics include: (P) 1/8: Toddler Milestones, (P) 1/15: Sibling Rivalry, 1/22: Let it Snow!, (P) 1/29: Dental Health, 2/5: Happy Valentine’s Day! Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

Ultimate Playdate ISJ354
1st Tuesday of every month!
(Tuesdays January 7, February 4, March 3)
5:30 – 7:00 pm
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver
Read...Play...Grow! See the full description above. This is a No Stress Program! If you cannot make the 5:30 start time, notify us and we will hold spot. Please indicate dates you cannot attend.
**Babies, Toddlers, & Preschoolers Continued\(^{1}\)**

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

**Musical Mother Goose**
Monday, January 13
10:30 – 11:00 am
Ages infants – 24 months with caregiver
Have fun with songs, fingerplays, rhymes, and more using puppets and props.

**Time for Kids**
Thursday, January 16, Snowman Fun,
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Monday, January 27, All Aboard the Circus Train,
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. Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

**Starry Night Storytime**
Wednesday, January 22
7:00 – 7:30 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!

**Sing and Sign (Language), 'Moove' and Groove:**
Lisamarie Curley
Thursday, January 23
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.

**Parachute Party**
Saturday, January 25 and/or Monday, February 24
10:30 – 11:00 am
Ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver
Let's have fun playing games, doing silly dances, and more starring our giant parachute! Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

**Zumbini: Lauren Blum**
Thursday, January 30
6:00 – 6:45 pm
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver
Come have the ultimate bonding experience with your child. Zumbini is an early childhood educational program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development for children. Enjoy can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, dancing, and laughing with Miss Lauren!

**Tots' Night Out**
Wednesday, February 5: Valentine's Surprise
Thursday, March 5: Shamrock Silliness
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.

**Finger Paint Fun**
Thursday, February 6
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.

**Jump for Joy: Colors**
Saturday, February 8
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver
Everyone will Jump for Joy with Joy Oddo’s lively, upbeat program. Joy's favorite story books come to life through music and dance. Have fun with musical instruments, parachutes, puppets, and props.

**Bee My Valentine**
Monday, February 10
10:30 – 11:15 am
Ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver
Celebrate the sweetest day of the year with songs, dance, crafts, and a treat at the end!

**Zumbini: Lauren Blum**
Monday, March 2
10:30 – 11:15 am
Ages infants – 5 years with caregiver
Come have the ultimate bonding experience with your child. Zumbini is an early childhood educational program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skills, and emotional development for children. Enjoy can't-stop, won't-stop bonding, dancing, and laughing with Miss Lauren!

**Backpack Storytime**
You (and maybe a friend) can be royals for a while when you borrow our Princess backpack! Contents include 3 books, 2 tiaras, 4 fuzzy boas, Music cd, lenticular puzzle, and erasable activity book to design your own gowns.
CHILDREN’S PROGRAMS

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

○ Lights Up, Sound Down Playdate ISL102
3 Tuesdays, January 7, February 4 and March 3
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.

Juice Box Paint Club ISJ763
Wednesday, January 8 and March 4 5:30 – 6:15 pm
Grades K – 2
Come join our fun paint club this winter while we create masterpieces that are inspired by colorfully illustrated picture books. In January we will read *The First Day of Winter* by Denise Fleming. Participants of the January group will have their artwork exhibited in the Library’s Gallery Hallway this winter! In March we will read *The Leprechaun Who Lost His Rainbow* by Nancy Cote. Easy step-by-step instructions will be given, and teen helpers will be on hand to assist the artists with their paintings. Juice boxes will be provided. Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

Introduction to Spanish ISL103
4 Thursdays: January 9, 16, 30; February 6
(Please Note: No class on January 23)
6:00 – 6:30 pm
Recommended for ages 3 months to 10 years and their caregivers
Enjoy learning a new language with your child in a fun, relaxing atmosphere.

We Love Chinchillas: Michelle Skoblicki ISL307
Saturday, January 11
11:00 – 11:45 am
Grades K – 2
Meet a very cuddly friend and learn all about these unique and interesting animals.

Snowflakes ISJ308
Tuesday, January 14
6:30 – 7:15 pm
Grades 3 – 5
Just like people, no two snowflakes are alike. Join us to discover how and why snowflakes are formed, and have fun making different kinds to take home.

Return of the Warriors ISJ309
Wednesday, January 15 7:00 – 8:00 pm
Grades 4 – 6
Gather together with other fans of this tremendously popular series by Erin Hunter to talk about your favorite title, characters, storylines, etc. Create a cat toy to donate to our local shelter and earn community service credit. Refreshments will be provided.

Mosaic Snowman on Canvas: Doris Benter ISJ310
Thursday, January 16
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Grades K – 3
Create a snow-filled winter scene using mixed mosaics and acrylic paint.

○ Drop-in Crafts: Wintertime, Holidays of the Month
Sat. Jan 18 & Feb 15 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.

Tech Club: Designing with 3D Printing ISJ300
Tuesday, January 21
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Grades 4-6
Get ready to jump into the world of 3D printing! Design an amazing nameplate which will be printed out on our Makerbot 3D printer. Nameplates may be picked up the week after the program at the Children’s Desk.

○ Starry Night Storytime ISJ732
Wednesday, January 22 7:00 – 7:30 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!

Hovercrafts: LI Science Center ISJ311
Thursday, January 23
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Grades 1 – 4
Examine the effects of friction on moving vehicles and explore alternative types of energy and locomotion. Test various hovercrafts and then design a vehicle that floats on air.
Chess Buddies: Knights of the Square Table
ISJ327
Monday, January 27
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! Please indicate dates you cannot attend.

Book Buddies ISJ313
Wednesday, January 29
5:30 – 6:00 pm
Ages 48 months – Grade 3
Ms. Barell will kick off Book Buddies with a story and some cookies. After that the kids will break off to read to or with teen volunteers. This is a super fun way to get your kids into reading!

Circle of Friends ISJ326
Saturday, February 1
11:00 am – 12:00 pm
Ages 24 months – Grade 6 with caregiver
Partner with your child in a calm, supportive environment that provides an intimate setting for learning through sensory activities. Lisa Joy Walters, a NYS certified special education teacher with over 20 years of experience, will be teaching this program. This program is designed for children with developmental delays, for those along the autism spectrum, and for others with special needs. This is an inclusive program; all children are welcome. If you need special accommodations to attend, please contact us one week prior to program.

Up in the Air – Long Island Children’s Museum ISJ312
Monday, February 3
6:30 – 7:30 pm
Grades 2 – 4
Explore the science of flight and dream BIG as you make your own gliders based on your observations of various AIR-MAZING experiments, and learn about milestones in the history of aviation.

Sandpiper Craft Club ISJ314
Thursday, February 6
5:30 – 6:15 pm
Grades K – 2
Come and join our new and fun craft club. This month’s crafts are all about Valentine’s Day! Teen helpers will be on hand to assist crafters with their creations. This program is going to be craftastic!

Family Builders Unite ISJ788
Sunday, February 9
2:00 – 3:00 pm
3 years old – 6th grade
Calling all builders! Build with blocks, train tracks, magnet tiles, ‘k’nex, puzzles, and more! Caregivers are encouraged to join in the fun and help create some elaborate masterpieces!

Sample Art Heart ISJ316
Wednesday, February 12
6:00 – 8:00 pm
Grades 5 – 6+
Make a cool 3-D Valentine heart on canvas while you snack on cupcakes and watch old-school 90s Nickelodeon cartoons!

Love Monsters: Baking Coach ISJ317
Thursday, February 13
6:00 – 7:00 pm
Grades K – 3
Back by popular demand. Decorate 2 cupcakes in the design of two adorable love monsters.

Lego Block Party ISJ324
Wednesday, February 19
3:00 – 3:45 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.

Shrink Your World ISJ318
Thursday, February 20
3:00 – 4:00 pm
Grades 3 – 6
Using your own designs, personalize (and then shrink!) a keepsake keychain or pendant!

Paws for Reading: Children Read to a Dog! ISL101
Thursday, February 27
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.

Build Your Own Bird Feeder ISJ755
Saturday, March 7
10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Grades K – 4 with caregiver
Register and come anytime between 10:00 am - 4:00 pm. Build your own birdfeeder. We provide the parts, you assemble, nail, and decorate. Please Note: We will be using hammers so a caregiver is required to be in attendance.
**Storytime Yoga: Pajama Edition**  
**ISJ720**  
**Thursday, January 9**  
**6:00 – 6:45 pm**  
**Ages 36 months – Grade 4 with caregiver**  
Children and caregivers will enjoy storytime together in a way that combines literacy, physical activity, and creativity. This program will get children ready for bedtime, so wearing pajamas is encouraged! Please bring 2 yoga mats or towels: 1 for the caregiver and 1 for the child. Namaste.

**Family Movie Matinee:**  
**Abominable**  
**ISJ775**  
**Sunday, January 12**  
**1:00 – 3:00 pm**  
**Ages infants – Grade 6 with caregiver**  
Join us as we watch *Abominable*, rated PG. Snacks provided.

**Family Movie in Spanish/español**  
**ISL104**  
**Saturday, February 1**  
**3:00 – 4:30 pm**  
**Ages infant – 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.

**Sensory Friendly Movie:**  
**Dora and the Lost City of Gold**  
**ISJ778**  
**Sunday, February 2**  
**1:00 – 3:00 pm**  
**Ages infants – Grade 6 with caregiver**  
Children and caregivers are invited for a showing of a sensory friendly film on our big screen. The lights will be slightly turned up, and the sound slightly turned down to ensure that everyone can enjoy the film in a comfortable and relaxed setting. This is an inclusive program; all children are welcome.

**Winter Talent Show: PetraPuppets**  
**ISJ319**  
**Saturday, February 29**  
**3:00 – 3:45 pm**  
(Snow Date Sunday, March 1; 1:30 – 2:15 pm)  
**Ages 48 months – Grade 6 with caregiver**  
The Winter Talent program is a ventriloquist show for the whole family, featuring comedy, illusions, music, audience participation, and a cast of big mouth puppet characters. Starring: Mr. Freeze the Penguin, Penelope the Balancing Seal, The Great Chimpini - Monkey Magician, Krusty the Donut, and Kevin the Carsick Rabbit, plus kids from the audience showing off their own amazing talents. Ventriloquist Steve Petra trained at the National Theatre of Puppet Arts and at Jim Henson Productions. He and his wife Jeanie have created over a hundred characters for their shows. They also write their own scripts, songs, and music. Steve is in demand as a lecturer for family performers and has taught workshops on puppet manipulation and character voices. Steve is a member of The International Ventriloquist Society and the Puppeteers of America.
JANUARY

PS4 VR Drop-In Fridays
Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24 & February 7 2:00 – 4:30 pm
Do you want to play VR games with your friends after school? Hang out in our teen room and explore the world of VR! Just drop in, no need to sign up!

Socrates Café ISY275
Tuesday, January 7 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.

MyIntent Maker Kit ISY234
Thursday, January 9 3:00 – 4:00 pm
MyIntent is a great way to hand stamp your own affirmation word onto a metal washer that can be turned into a bracelet or necklace. What will your word be?

Button Art Collage ISY217
Monday, January 13 4:00 – 5:00 pm
Using colorful buttons, create a colorful masterpiece on canvas. Use your imagination!

Candy Sushi Experiments ISY228
Tuesday, January 14 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Join Ms. B for some awesome candy sushi creations. Use a variety of colorful candies to make yummy treats and play the Nintendo Switch!

Slice and Dice with the Quest Masters Guild ISY249
Saturdays: January 18 & February 29 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!

Winter Wonderland Cupcake Decorating ISY219
Wednesday, January 22 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Decorate yummy cupcakes to look like snowflakes, frozen lakes, and snowpeople!

FEBRUARY

Techy Teens: Snap Circuits ISY220
Monday, February 3 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Are you interested in all things tech? Join us for our first ever teen tech program where we will explore the field of technology, learn about cool tech-centered jobs and play with our Snap Circuits collection!

Winter Book Talking ISY221
Monday, February 10 3:00 – 4:00 pm
Is there a book you read this past year that was the most amazing book ever? Was there a book that made you say “wait a minute, what just happened?!” Join Mr. Irish to share your opinions on teen books while you snack on goodies!

Teen/Tween Heart Art ISY230
Wednesday, February 12 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Come make a cool 3-D Valentine heart on canvas while you snack on cupcakes and watch old-school 90s Nickelodeon cartoons!

Blackout Poetry ISY257
Friday, February 14 3:30 – 4:30 pm
Not in the Valentine’s spirit? Join us as we take old books and use markers to black out the words we don’t want to see, creating an amazing personalized work of art. All poems will be framed and displayed in the Teen Room.

Board Game Night! ISY282
Wednesday February 19 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Join Ms. B to try out our new board games for the Teen Room. Snack on some goodies and meet new friends at the same time.

Custom Gamer Wood Sign ISY235
Friday, February 21 3:00 – 4:30 pm
Make a cool wood pallet sign with your favorite console controller and a unique gamer quote! We’ll have our PS4 VR available to play as well!

Snack Around the World ISY281
Monday, February 24 3:30 – 4:30 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 the Middle East!

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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**

**Juicebox Paint Volunteers**
**Wednesday, January 8, March 4**
5:30 – 6:15 pm
Calling all artists at heart! Would you like to help younger children develop a love of painting? We could use your help during our awesome Juice Box Painting program. You will receive a certificate that day stating the time you’ve earned.

**Teen Advisory Board**
**Thursdays, January 23 & February 27**
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.

**Book Buddies**
**Wednesday, January 29**
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.

**Sandpiper Craft Club Volunteers**
**Thursday, February 6**
5:15 – 6:15 pm
Do you love to make crafts? Join us as we assist the younger kids with their brand new craft club! You will receive a certificate that day stating the time you’ve earned.

**Blankets for Shelter Pets**
**Friday, February 28**
3:00 – 4:30 pm
Help make blankets that we’ll donate to the local animal shelter. You will receive a certificate that day stating the number of hours you’ve earned.

**Ongoing Volunteer Opp**
Pen-Pal program through TRF! Do you want to be a pen-pal to a child in the hospital who could use a friend? Stop by the Library to write your pen-pal letter and make a child’s day. You will receive one hour per letter, once a month. You will receive a certificate that day stating the number of hours you’ve earned.
Children’s Department

We offer an array of STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) programs for children of all ages. We are working with the Brookhaven National Laboratories, Long Island Science Center, and the Long Island Children’s Museum to provide enriching STEM programs for our young patrons. Here is a sampling of what’s been planned for this year: Up in the Air (2/3), Crime Lab (3/18), Magnets To Go (4/23), In the Mind’s Eye: Optical Illusions (5/12), Static Electricity (6/4), Bubble POP (6/20), Game On: Creating Video Games (7/15), and Robotic Tinkering (8/10). In addition to those upcoming programs, we also now have a Tech Club that meets bi-monthly. This month the Tech Club is working with 3D printers (1/21), and will be learning about 3D pens soon.

Teen Advisory Board

Teens - we take your suggestions seriously! Do you have an idea for a great program, volunteer opportunity, services, resources or just have questions? Join the TAB and earn “volunteer” credit while you help create new library experiences and hang out with other teens! Snacks always provided too!

Outreach Services

Thank you to the following not-for-profit organizations for participating in our Trick-or-Treat event for children on Monday, October 28: AARP, Alzheimer’s Association, Department of Social Services, Guide Dog Foundation, Islip Park Rangers Association, Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project, L.I. Doula Association, Medical Advocacy Professionals, Parker Jewish Institute, Pet Partners, Peconic Bay Medical Center, Islip’s SEPTA, Shelter Link, Suffolk County Sheriff’s Office, Usher Syndrome Coalition, Youth Enrichment Services.

Display Cases & Gallery Hallway

In January, the Library Display Cases will feature an exhibit by Nancy Kane about the original Islip Town Leaseholders, Captree, Havemeyer, and Sexton Island history.

In February, Clara Kudder will share an exhibit of dolls from other countries in their traditional dress for our Library Display Cases.

Our Gallery Hallway exhibit for early January is from our own Local History Collection and features memorabilia, photographs, postcards, maps and more. Later in January and in February, the Gallery Hallway will feature artwork of the children from our Juice Box Paint Club!

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!! 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 and speak with L. Farr about setting up an exhibit.
FROM THE HELM
Mary Schubart, Library Director

Start Your Life Edit at the Library

As I write this column in the middle of November, the dark evening has already descended at 4:30 pm in the afternoon, there is plenty in the news to feel glum about, Christmas tunes are prematurely filling the airways, and the growing holiday to-do list defies completion. Basically, there is more than enough to feel Grinchy about. Still, even I have to admit that there is something about an upcoming New Year that inspires hope and a sense of new possibility. It’s not just that the holiday marathon will be behind me. The long winter that yawns ahead offers a chance to hunker down, slow down, and turn over a new leaf. I might get in shape this year. I might inject some mindfulness into my life. I might incorporate some healthy recipes into my cooking (takeout?) routine. Hope for New Year’s resolutions springs eternal, at least until the end of February.

Whatever resolutions I might set, the Library is the perfect starting place. Below are a few new or newish books that I am looking forward to reading in early 2020 and am hoping will give me a jumpstart:

- The Skinnytaste Cookbook: Light on Calories, Big on Flavor by Gina Homolka
- The Complete Slow Cooker: From Appetizers to Desserts - 400 Must-Have Recipes That Cook While You Play (or Work) by America’s Test Kitchen
- A Year For You: Release the Clutter, Reduce the Stress, Reclaim Your Life by Stephanie Bennett Vogt
- The Abundance of Less: Lessons in Simple Living from Rural Japan by Andy Couturier

If there is a new book that you think could lead you to a better self or a restart, let us know. If we do not have it on our shelves, we will try to get it into your hands, and quickly. In 2020, will you be striving for better money management, a decluttered home, a long wished-for vacation, a simplified routine, a healthier diet, help unplugging from technology, or some other self-improvement goal? All these paths to a life edit can start at the Library.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Library staff, I would like to extend our patrons our best wishes for a New Year of health, happiness, and personal growth.