

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Adults: All November Programs AND Bus Trips

In-person and online:

Begins on Wednesday, November 1, at 6:00 pm

Phone: Thursday, November 2, at 9:30 am

All Children's and Teen Programs:

In-person and online: Begins on Wednesday, November 1, at 5:30 pm

Phone: Thursday, November 2, at 10:00 am

Adults:

All December Programs

In-person and online:

Begins on Wednesday, November 15, at 6:00 pm

Phone: Thursday, November 16, at 9:30 am



*Our Holiday Programs
are Merry and Bright!*

Holiday Craft Fair

Saturday, December 9

10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Join us for the Islip Library's first Holiday Craft Fair! We are seeking vendors who specialize in handmade/homemade gifts (soaps, jams, crafts, quilts, etc.). The cost per table is as follows: \$25 for Islip cardholders; \$50 for out of district cardholders. Registration forms will be available starting Wednesday, November 1st, at the Reference Desk.



Holiday Bake Sale

Saturday, December 9

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

(or until supplies last)

Join us for our annual Holiday Bake Sale! All proceeds will be donated to the Toys for Tots Foundation.



Jolly Gingerbread House Party ISJ721

Saturday, December 2

10:00 – 11:00 am OR 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Recommended for families with children ages 48 months – grade 6 with caregiver

Please register for one session

Join us for this annual delight! Design one gingerbread house per family. Families can take pictures in front of a fun backdrop and more! **Please bring one empty cardboard half-gallon milk container. Wear a seasonal silly sweater to get an additional treat!**

One registration per family.

This program might not be suitable for those with food allergies.



ADULT PROGRAMS

SEE FRONT COVER FOR
REGISTRATION INFORMATION

CANDY GUESSING JAR

Friday, December 1 –
Sunday, December 31

Stop by the Reference Desk and **guess how many holiday candies** are in the jar for a chance to win. The person who guesses the closest without going over will win the candy jar. The winner will be announced on **Tuesday, January 2!**



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

2023 Book Wrap-Up ISA248

Friday, November 17
10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Librarian Laurie Aitken to talk about the books you read in 2023. What books inspired, motivated and captivated you? Were there any particular authors that you really enjoyed or disliked? Bring a list of your recommended reads so we can share our book lists with each other. Refreshments will be served.



Books & Bagels ISA249

Saturday, December 2
10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Librarian Kelly Harvey to discuss Harlan Coben's newest book *I Will Find You*. Copies will be available to check-out at registration. Bagels and juice will be served.



CONCERTS & MUSIC

Holiday Concert with *Our Generation* ISA250 Sunday, December 17 1:30 – 2:45 pm

Enjoy a fun afternoon concert with *Our Generation*, who will perform holiday favorites along with memorable music from the 1960s and 70s!



CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Candle Workshop

Wednesday, November 8

Fee: \$7

ISA251

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Learn the history of candle making and then create your own colorful and scented candle. The process of layering wax granules can create different patterns like rainbow, ombre, quilted, tie-dye or cascade.

Kraft Sac Holiday Centerpiece

ISA252

Monday, November 13

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$18

Create and arrange a brightly colored seasonal centerpiece made with dried botanicals including: hydrangea, herbs, leaves and much more, arranged in a kraft paper bag.



Holiday Wreath Workshops ISA253

Choose one (1) of two (2) sessions:

Sunday, November 19

1:00 – 2:30 pm OR 2:00 – 3:30 pm

Fee: \$25

Join Laura Barrella and create a 14-inch wreath with a variety of fresh greens, berries and ribbons. Enjoy some hot cider and music while you create!



Holiday Mug Workshop

Friday, December 1

Choose one (1) of four (4) sessions:

10:00 – 11:00 am; 11:30 am – 12:30 pm;

2:00 – 3:00 pm; 3:30 – 4:30 pm

Join Librarians Kelly Harvey and Laurie Aitken and design a holiday mug using a mug heat press. Complete details will be available when you register!

ISA208

Alcohol Ink Art

Winter Scene

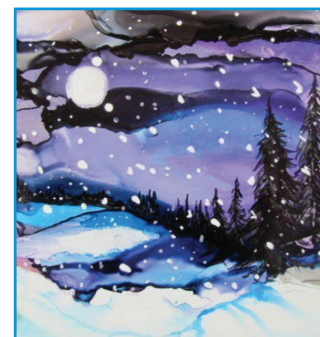
ISA254

Monday, December 4

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Fee: \$12

Join artist Bonnie Schwartz and paint a snowy winter landscape on a ceramic tile using alcohol inks.



Holiday Magnolia

Painting Class

Tuesday, December 5

Fee: \$6

Join artist Laura Goetz and paint a pink magnolia with water-based paint sprinkled with some glitter.

ISA255

7:00 – 8:30 pm

GENERAL INTEREST

Friends Trivia

ISA235

Thursday, November 9
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Are you the ultimate *Friends* expert? Join Librarian Kelly Harvey for a fun night of trivia with everyone's favorite TV show! Play in groups or play solo. Prizes will be given out for the guest with the most knowledge! Snacks will also be served.



Senior Advocate

Monday, November 13

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

An advocate from the Suffolk County Office of the Aging will be available to answer your questions regarding senior programs, services, applications, referrals and more. Anyone with questions regarding services to seniors is welcome. **No registration is necessary for this one-on-one, walk-in service, but please call ahead to confirm that there are no changes in the Senior Advocate's schedule.**

Friday Funnies Comedy Show

Friday, November 17

ISA256

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Enjoy an afternoon of laughter with a variety of comedians. Laughter is the best medicine!

Shredding Day

Saturday, November 25

9:00 am – 12:00 pm

A shredding truck from A Shred Away will be in the Islip Library parking lot for on-site shredding of your personal documents. All office paper (staples, small and large clips do not need to be removed), CDs (taken out of the plastic case or sleeve), credit cards, and checkbooks can be shredded. Please **do not** bring newspapers, magazines, black carbon sheets, plastic or cardboard.



Pinstripes and Tales: Extra Innings

Tuesday, November 28

ISA257

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join us for this entertaining and informative presentation with author Bill Schulman, a former writer for various New York Yankee publications. During the presentation he will share interesting stories of his interactions with former players as well as a general discussion of Yankee history. Mr. Schulman is also a stand-up comedian so prepare to be entertained!



Defensive Driving

Wednesday, December 6

10:00 am – 4:00 pm (½ hour lunch break)

Fee: \$25

Check or money order payable to New York Safety Training Associates (NYSTA).

ISA106

HEALTH & WELLNESS

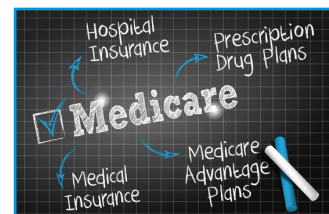
The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare

Wednesday, November 15

ISA258

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Learn about Medicare parts A and B, Medicare Advantage part C, and Prescription Drug Plans Part D. Also, to be discussed will be the Medicare Savings Plans, as well as special benefits for Veterans and Medicaid recipients currently on Medicare. Note: the Medicare Open Enrollment runs from October 15 – December 7.



Lowering Prescription Drug Costs

Thursday, November 16

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

ISA259

Tom McCann from Senior Services of North America will provide you with information on prescription safety, as well as education on how to reduce the cost of medications.



MOVIES

Friday Afternoon Movies: New Releases

Join us on the following Friday afternoons at 1:00 pm.



Mission: Impossible - Dead Reckoning Part One
Friday, November 10

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED



Oppenheimer
Friday,
December 15



A Christmas Story
Christmas
Friday, December 29

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TECHNOLOGY CLASSES



Buying and Selling on Ebay, Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace

ISA260

Wednesday, November 29

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join Arooj Chaudhry and learn how to buy and sell items on Ebay, Craigslist and Facebook Marketplace. Topics discussed will include creating an account, checking the reliability of buyers and sellers, shopping safely and more!

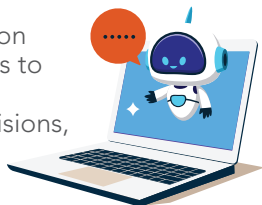
Artificial Intelligence (AI): An Introduction

ISA264

Tuesday, December 12

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Come learn about Artificial Intelligence (AI) with Islip patron Jolynn Sapia. The goal for AI is to be able to do things such as recognize patterns, make decisions, and judge like humans. Come learn all about it! No computer experience necessary.



WHAT'S COOKIN'!

Healthy Holiday Cooking

ISA261

Monday, November 20

2:00 – 3:30 pm

Chef Kathryn, an integrative nutritional health coach, will demonstrate how to prepare an elegant, nutritious butternut soup, made with root vegetables for the holidays. The many health benefits of this family of vegetables will be discussed. Techniques for cutting hard squashes will also be demonstrated, and tastings will be offered.



Holiday Cooking Demo with Naela's Organics

ISA262

Monday, December 11

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join Chef Naela for a demonstration and tasting of Kibbeh meatballs, made from fine bulgur and organic meat stuffing, with sauteed onions and chopped walnuts. Chef Naela will also make tzatziki sauce with cucumbers, sour cream and garlic, followed by a baklava filo dough dessert, with walnuts and syrup.



Holiday Stuffed Hot Cocoa Cookies

ISA263

Tuesday, December 19

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join A Mano Baking Company and make a batch of ¼ pound Stuffed Hot Cocoa Cookies. They are the perfect choice to warm up on a cold winter's day or to give away. **Please bring your own mixing bowl and mixing spoon.**



TRIPS

Please note that all trips are rain or shine

On-Your-Own LIRR Trip to NYC

ISA173

Date: Saturday, December 2

Cost: \$11.00/person for round-trip ticket

Cash, check, or money order payable to Islip Public Library

Itinerary:

- Arrive at the Islip train station by **8:50 am** where you will be issued your return ticket(s) by a Library staff member.
- Everyone will board the **9:03 am** train as a group and must sit in the FIRST CAR from Islip to Jamaica and from Jamaica to Penn Station (change trains at Jamaica). Then you are on your own!
- Return home ANYTIME the SAME DAY (before midnight).
- **Please note: Last day to register is Sunday, November 26, at 4:00 pm.**

Brooklyn Holiday Lights Bus Trip: Lightscape and Dyker Heights

ISA490

Saturday, December 16

Bus Departs Islip Library's Parking Lot: 12:00 pm

Fee: \$165

Registration begins Wednesday, November 1, at 6:00 pm

Registration ends: Tuesday, November 21, at 9:00 pm

No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, November 21 unless your seat can be filled by someone else.

Itinerary:

- Bus departs Islip Library's parking lot at **12:00 pm**.
- **2:00 pm** luncheon at **Via Roma Restaurant** in Brooklyn.
- **Fulton Ferry Pier** for views of the **Brooklyn Bridge** and **Manhattan skyline**.
- Walk and shop around the **DUMBO** area of Brooklyn on your own.
- **Brooklyn Botanical Gardens - Lightscape** display. We will be there for 1 ½ hours (note: Brooklyn Botanical Gardens is closed – access only to the Lightscape).
- **Dyker Heights** - walk around the neighborhood on your own and see the holiday lights.

***PLEASE NOTE:** the bus cannot drive through the side streets in Dyker Heights so there will be walking involved. Dress comfortably. **Approximate return time: 10:30 pm.**



Overnight Bus Trip to Boston, MA

ISA491

Friday, April 26 – Saturday, April 27, 2024

Bus Departs Islip Library's Parking Lot: 7:30 am

Fee: \$500 single room, \$350 double room, \$300 triple room

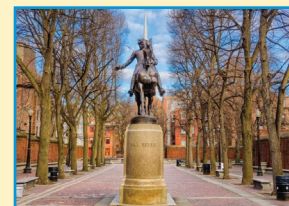
Accommodations: Hyatt Regency Downtown Boston

Registration begins on Wednesday, November 1, 2023 at 6:00 pm

Registration ends on Tuesday, February 27, 2024 at 9:00 pm

PLEASE NOTE: No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, February 27 unless your spot can be filled by someone else.

Pick up a brochure with the complete itinerary beginning on October 25.



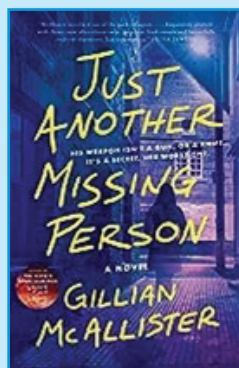
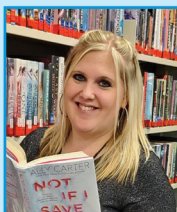


BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

Just Another Missing Person by Gillian McAllister

Not everyone who is lost should be found. "McAllister delivers another novel yet again full of suspense, mystery and twists!"

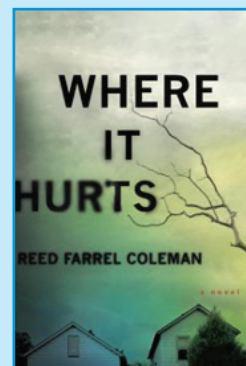
~ Kelly Harvey



Where it Hurts by Reed Farrel Coleman

"A down and out ex-cop takes on a dangerous case taking place in Suffolk County, Long Island. Coleman's writing is beautiful and readers will be hooked early on in this suspenseful thriller. Highly recommended!"

~ Greg Klein



The Golden Doves by Martha Hall Kelly

"Page-turning historical fiction, inspired by two real-life French Resistance spies, Virginia d'Albert Lake and Violetta Szabo. The alternating chapters tell the story of two female spies who hunt down a Nazi doctor in the aftermath of WWII."

~ Laurie Aitken



LIBRARY NEWS

LATE FALL EDITION

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

ON EXHIBIT

DECEMBER

Front Entrance Display Case
and Gallery Hallway

The artwork of Gary Fagerland

Enjoy the artist's exhibit of landscapes and more, using acrylic on canvas, glass, and upcycled cigar boxes.

Do you have a special collection that you would like to share? The Library welcomes individuals and community groups to exhibit their items in our display cases and gallery hallway. Call the Library at (631) 581-5933 to speak with us about setting up an exhibit. We look forward to seeing your collections.



Teens are welcome to spend time in the Teen Room to do homework, play games, use the PS5 and so much more!

BEYOND THE BOOKS

MUSEUM PASSES

The Library has museum passes that grant you entrance into museums and parks for free. Prior to your visit, contact the location for hours of operation.

- Empire Pass • Fire Island Lighthouse
- Long Island Children's Museum • Sagtikos Manor
- Children's Museum of the East End
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex
- Lt. Michael P. Murphy Navy SEAL Museum
- Cradle of Aviation (Garden City) • Harbes Farm (Mattituck)
- Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame (Stony Brook)
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum (Garden City)



Scan the QR code for a direct link to passes and tickets.

DISCOUNT TICKETS

Long Island Aquarium - \$27 per ticket.

Long Island Science Center - \$10 per ticket.

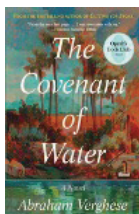


- Ticket prices are for children and adults.
- Prices are subject to change.



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Islip High School Yearbooks online: Genealogy

Brainfuse: Tutoring

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Consumer Reports: Product Reviews

Universal Class: Enrichment learning

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Reserve Today for Parties and Events!

Corn hole
Cricut
Giant 4 in a row
Croquet Set
GoPro
Sewing Machine
Telescope



Sewing Machine



Giant 4 in a row



Corn hole



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Children's Department

Enjoy these items in the Children's Room

Dot and Dash, Duplo, Cubetto, Snap Circuits Pro, Carle the Robot, KEVA Structures, Magnatiles, Sphero



Snap Circuits Pro



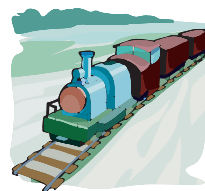
Dot and Dash



Duplo

Themed Activity Backpacks for Checkout

Birdwatching
Dinosaur
Princess
Restaurant
Train



Children's Programs

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INFORMATION



RUNNING LATE TO YOUR PROGRAM? CALL AHEAD TO SAVE YOUR SPOT!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten or 1KB4K Club!

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



DiNovember Scavenger Hunt

Think you know your dinosaurs?
Then you're ready to go on
safari in the Children's
Department to find some of
your ferocious favorites!



WONKA WONDERLAND

Sweet, nutty, chewy, melty, crispy, and delicious! It's the most popular flavor in the world! In honor of the release of the latest Willy Wonka movie this December 15th, stop by the Children's Department for a scavenger hunt in celebration of everything chocolate.



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

If you do not want us to use a photo or video of your child, please notify a librarian.

Family Bingo

Saturday, November 4
Grades K – 6 with caregiver

Looking for something fun to do with the family? Join us for Family Bingo!

ISJ700

10:30 – 11:15 am

Fall Wreath and Treats

ISJ710

Monday, November 6
6:00 – 6:30 pm
Grades K – 2

Celebrate the season and create a beautiful autumn wreath. Enjoy some delicious fall treats too!



Fingerpaint Fun

Tuesday, November 7, 3:00 – 3:30 pm OR
Monday, December 11, 10:30 – 11:00 am
Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver
Please register for one session

Join us as we paint away the time using our fingers, stencils, Q-tips and more. Veggie Baby finger paints are available for our youngest guests. Dress for a mess.

ISJ708

Scarecrow Cupcakes

ISJ712

Tuesday, November 7
6:00 – 6:45 pm
Grades 1 – 6

When you think of a scarecrow, what comes to mind? Hay, rosy cheeks, hat? Join Fanny Cakes as we make these delicious scarecrow cupcakes which are totally cute....but not too cute to eat!



Poppies to Remember

Wednesday, November 8
Grades 2 – 4

Learn the story behind this symbol of Veterans Day and create some bright red mementos of your own.

ISJ713

6:30 – 7:15 pm



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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Muddy and Not-So-Muddy Buddies

Thursday, November 9

11:00 – 11:45 am

Recommended for ages
24 months – 5 years
with caregiver

Join us outside, wearing clothes that can get messy, while we play in the dirt, and do other messy things. Non-messy activities include: a nature scavenger hunt, kinetic sand play, a STEM station, and a craft (may or may not be messy). In case of rain, please contact the Library for a rescheduled date.



ISJ398



Great South Bay Dance

Friday, November 10

10:00 – 10:45 am, Recommended for ages 36 months – 5 years with caregiver

Let's Dance Jr.: Join *Great South Bay Dance* for a fun-filled dance class that includes a circle time warmup, creative movement dance games, across the floor dance exercises, and basic tumbling in a fun obstacle course. Class ends with a special dance storytime!

11:00 – 11:45 am, Grades K – 2

Let's Dance: School's closed! Enjoy a fun dance class in which basic movement principles and vocabulary are explored. Props and creative games foster an exciting and engaging class.

ISJ714

Ultimate Playdate

Mondays: November 13, 20, 27 and December 4

10:00 – 10:45 am OR 11:00 – 11:45 am OR
5:45 – 7:00 pm (Evening session will not meet on November 13)

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver
Please register for one session

Ultimate Playdate is fun for all! Children will connect with other children while enjoying our fun toys in unstructured play.

ISJ330



1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime:

Super Shapes!

ISJ715

Tuesday,

November 14

10:00 – 10:45 am

Recommended
for ages infant –
5 years with caregiver

Join Mrs. Darcy for a storytime about shapes. We will make a craft, sing fun songs, and dance, dance, dance! Learn about the impactful 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program too!



Rocking and Rolling

Wednesday, November 15

10:00 – 10:30 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver
Join Mrs. G and shake out your sillies at this fun dance party!

ISJ716

Hang in There, Rocky Raccoon!

ISJ717

Wednesday, November 15

6:30 – 7:15 pm

Grades K – 5

Let's grab a brush and paint this adorable raccoon in all of its fall splendor. Kathy Reccardi will guide you each step of the way.



A Time for Kids

Saturday, November 18, 12:00 – 1:00 pm,

Feathered Friends OR

Thursday, January 4, 5:30 – 6:30 pm,

Celebrate the New Year

Recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years
with caregiver

Join *A Time for Kids* in this family fun preschool program. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development and storytelling. Create a themed craft!

ISJ718

Perky Penguins

Tuesday, November 28

Grades 3 – 6

Create an amazing penguin lantern while learning fun facts about these cold weather creatures. Waddle like a penguin in some wacky penguin games!

ISJ719

6:00 – 6:45 pm



Musical Mother Goose

Wednesday, November 29

Recommended for ages infant – 24 months
with caregiver

Have fun with songs, fingerplays and rhymes.

ISJ305

10:00 – 10:30 am

Family Fun Night: Games

Wednesday, November 29

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Recommended for ages 48 months –
grade 6 with caregiver

Relax and enjoy some family time playing different types of games with those you love! Snacks will be provided.

ISJ380



DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Jolly Gingerbread House Party ISJ721

Saturday, December 2
10:00 – 11:00 am OR 2:30 – 3:30 pm

Recommended for families with
children ages 48 months – grade 6
with caregiver

Please register for one session

See front cover for details.



PlayHooray with Molly Mouse ISJ372

Tuesday, December 5
5:30 – 6:15 pm

Recommended for ages
infant – 5 years with
caregiver

Sing, play, and dance to
children's music and contemporary pop music. Move
along to the beat with shakers, hula hoops, bells, scarves,
instruments, and more!



Chess Club

Wednesday, December 6

6:30 – 7:30 pm OR 7:35 – 8:35 pm

Recommended for grades K – 6

Please register for one session

Learn key strategies from a chess master from NY Chess
Academy in this introduction to chess. You may borrow a
chessboard to use in the Library from our Library of Things.

ISJ207

Elf-Tastic Fun

ISJ722

Tuesday, December 12

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 1 – 3

Let's play some fun holiday games,
make a craft, and decorate
elf donuts.



Swiftie Birthday Bash

Thursday, December 14

Families with children in grades 2 – 6

Yesterday was Taylor Swift's birthday and we want to
celebrate her big day! Join us for a fun night of music,
photos, friendship bracelets, refreshments and more! You
(caregivers and children) are invited to dress-up in your
favorite Taylor Swift era, but watch out, the "paparazzi"
may snap some pictures of you arriving on the red carpet!

ISJ723

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Homey Holiday Centerpiece

Wednesday, December 20

Grades 4 – 6

Make something sparkly for the holiday table this year that
will make it even more special!

ISJ726

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Winter is Here: Snowflake Painting

Friday, December 22

Grades K – 2

Create a beautiful winterscape using paint, salt, and
glitter!

ISJ727

3:00 – 4:00 pm

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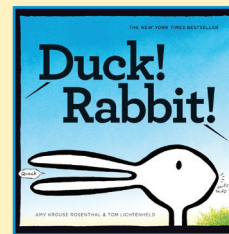
Duck! Rabbit!

A picture book
by Amy Krouse
Rosenthal

Recommended
for preschoolers

"This unique and interactive
book makes reading fun for the
entire family."

~ Mrs. LoDolce



Zip, The World's Greatest Robot

A board

book by
Rebecca Purcell

Recommended for preschool – grade 1

"A fun story about a robot who finds out being loved
is better than being the greatest."

~ Mrs. R



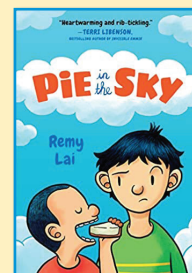
Pie in the Sky

A chapter book
by Remy Lai

Recommended for
grades 4 – 6

"When Jingwan
moves to a new country where he
does not know the language, he
assuages his loneliness by baking
cakes with his younger brother."

~ Mrs. G



Kid's Book Talk

Smile by Raina Telgemeier

"This book is a part
of a series which is
so good, I have read
them multiple times.

Smile is about a
girl who fell on her
face and her two front teeth fell out.
Raina learns to accept her new smile over time."

~ Keelin Rao, Grade 5





TEEN Programs

For Teens in Grades 7-12

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CANDY GUESSING JAR

Friday, December 1 –
Sunday, December 31

Stop by the Reference Desk and guess how many holiday candies are in the jar for a chance to win. The person who guesses the closest without going over will win the candy jar. The winner will be announced on **Tuesday, January 2!**



NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

Game Day!

Friday, November 10

ISY270

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Join us for an afternoon of games and some yummy snacks!

Awful Movie Night

Thursday,

November 16

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Come in and make fun of a truly awful movie – **SPACEBALLS!** Enjoy some tasty snacks too.

ISY263



Thanksgiving Bingo

Friday, November 17

ISY222

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of Bingo!

Crafternoon

ISY240

Tuesday,

November 28

3:00 – 4:30 pm

Crafts, crafts, and more crafts! Teens will have access to a whole area of craft materials to make anything they wish!



TEENSHIP BOXES

ISY290

The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out on **Saturday, December 1st** and **Tuesday, January 2nd**. Registration for these boxes will begin on **Wednesday, November 1st**.

The theme for December will be "Warm and Cozy." **The theme for January will be "1920s,"** in honor of our 100th Anniversary.



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DECEMBER PROGRAMS

National Cookie Day

ISY230

Monday, December 4

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Celebrate **National Cookie Day** by taste-testing different kinds of cookies!



Ugly Sweater Cookie Swap

Thursday, December 7

ISY231

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come wear your best "ugly" sweater and take part in a cookie swap! Please bring a batch of your favorite cookies to share with us, along with the recipe and an empty container. Teens will go home with a batch of cookies. Come hungry! The ugliest sweater will win a prize.

Holiday Wreath

Tuesday, December 12

ISY241

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Have some fun at the Library with an afternoon of holiday wreath making. All supplies will be provided.



**Football
Sunday Funday!
New York
Giants vs. New
Orleans Saints
ISY272
Sunday,
December 17
12:30 – 3:45 pm**



Can Daniel Jones and the Giants beat Derek Carr and the Saints? Come in with your friends for a Sunday afternoon of football on the big screen and lots of yummy snacks!



**Holiday Movie Day –
Home Alone ISY265
Wednesday,
December 20 3:00 – 4:30 pm**
Enjoy a fun afternoon watching Ms. H's favorite holiday movie, *Home Alone*. Snacks will also be served!

**Make Your Own
Gingerbread Houses ISY232
Thursday, December 21
6:00 – 7:15 pm**

Design your own gingerbread house with lots of creative, yummy toppings! The best gingerbread house will win a prize!

SAVE THE DATE

**Vision Board Day!
ISY243
Thursday, January 4
6:00 – 7:00 pm**

Set the tone for 2024 by making your own vision board using magazines, newspapers, and craft supplies!



COMING IN 2024

The Teen Art Club

Teens will meet once a month and have an open art day. Some months will be themed, while other months teens can create anything they wish!



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

**Letters to Veterans ISY201
Monday, November 6 6:00 – 7:00 pm**
Come in and help us write letters to Veterans thanking them for their service. You will receive one hour of volunteer credit.

**Ultimate Playdate Buddies ISY205
Mondays: November 20, 27; December 4
7:00 – 8:00 pm**
Help us organize the playroom and clean the toys. You will earn one hour of community service.

**Teen Think Tank ISY203
Wednesday, December 6
3:00 – 4:00 pm**

Get involved in the Library by joining our Teen Think Tank. Hear about our upcoming programs and help us plan ahead for our fall programs! All ideas are welcome! You will receive one hour of community service



**Holiday Craft Fair Helpers ISY206
Saturday, December 9
9:00 – 10:00 am; 2:00 – 3:00 pm**
Come help us with our first ever Holiday Craft Fair! Volunteers will help our Islip cardholders set up their tables (this may include some small lifting of supplies). You will receive one hour of community service.

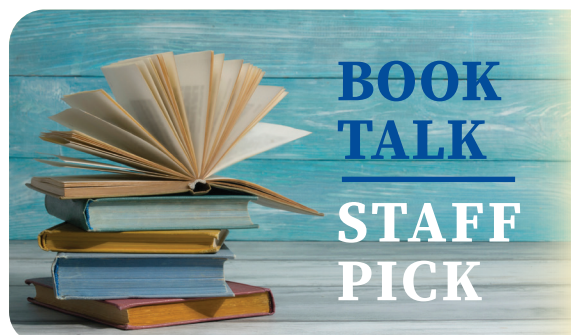


**Holiday Bake Sale ISY207
Saturday, December 9 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**
Do you like to bake? The Islip Library will be holding its second annual Holiday Bake Sale, and we want you to be a part of it! Help us bake some treats for our sale (brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc.), and then help us sell our baked goods! All proceeds will be donated to **Toys for Tots**. You will receive community service for baking and/or volunteering.



Book Recommendations

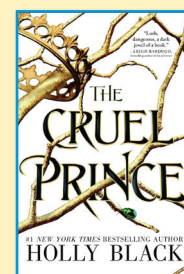
CALLING ALL TEENS! Are you interested in reading some new teen books and writing a review for your fellow peers? Teens can choose from a cart of pre-selected books at the Reference Desk. Guidelines will be given to all teen readers. Teens will earn two hours of community service credit (for reading the book and giving a one-page review).



The Cruel Prince by Holly Black

"A fantastic fantasy story that revolves around Jude, a human girl, and her experiences in Faerieland. This is a great book for fantasy readers seeking a rousing, epic tale."

~ Mark Irish





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Library Hours

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm
Sunday: 12:00 – 4:00 pm

*Hours are subject to change.

Board Meetings

2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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FROM THE HELM

Mary Schubart, Library Director

National Library Card Sign-Up Month is celebrated in libraries around the country every September, and in that month, intrepid librarians challenge themselves to get library cards into the hands of as many people as possible. The annual campaign slipped my mind this year, until early October when a Board member visited the Library with her kids. Her youngest, Emilia, had just received her first library card. The nearly four-year-old held up her new card with a shy grin then walked to the circulation desk to check out a book by herself for the first time. Emilia's older sister, Charlotte, tugged on her mom's arm saying "she used it, she used it." It was one of those small but magical moments that unfold regularly at the Library.

There is indeed a kind of magic in a library card. The savings alone can astonish. Assume the cost of a child's hardcover picture book is \$10 (a lowball price). If a family borrows fifteen picture books a month, that family is saving \$1800 annually. Then there is access to magazines, audiobooks, video games, magazines, and movies. Don't forget digital materials. With the push of a button, wherever you are, you can access hundreds of thousands of ebooks and audiobooks without ever opening your wallet. Our Library of Things is another shared economy that offers the opportunity to borrow items that you may not necessarily want to own or be able to purchase. If you are interested in exploring the Cricut craze without committing to a purchase, need an Elmo cake pan for a child's birthday, or want to offer cornhole at your once-a-year family gathering, you can use your library card. Electronic resources for

students, job seekers, hobbyists, and lifelong learners are extensive and free, including Homework Help and Universal Class. Free and discounted passes to parks and museums are also available with your card. By the way, there are no "catches" with a library card – you will not be charged exorbitant interest or membership fees, and your inbox will not overflow with unwanted mail.

Library cards bring varied and plentiful enrichment opportunities as well. Craft, cooking, concert, exercise, child development, movie, history, wellness, storytelling, technology, book discussion, family, trip, and senior advocate programs abound. A library card is a pass to enhance leisure time, support educational objectives, and improve quality of life.

A library card also helps you get stuff done. Show your library card and you can receive one-on-one tech assistance with a personal tech device that is giving you trouble, get documents notarized, catch up on a health screening, get a start on your family tree, make a craft gift for someone you love, shred sensitive papers, or reserve a meeting room for your not-for-profit organization. The Library also saves you space at home. Remember Marie Kondo and her campaign to get us to tidy up? She reminded us that no matter how much we may love books, we don't need to own every book we read. Enter your library card.

My hope is that no matter where Emilia's path may take her as she grows, a library card to her local library will be one of her most prized possessions, and that she will unwrap the gifts that a library offers over her lifetime. Because as Peanuts creator Charles Schulz wrote, "Happiness is having your own library card!"