

TIDINGS

NEWS & PROGRAMS IN YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

This winter enjoy programs that promote **Calm, Comfort and Coziness**

Enjoy a night of **Calm...**

Family Hygge Night (hoo-gah) ISJ703
Wednesday, January 17
6:00 – 7:00 pm
Recommended for families with children in grades K – 6



Join us for a calm and relaxing evening of hygge, a Danish phenomenon where families enjoy activities in a cozy and peaceful environment together. We will have board games, desserts, candlelight, soft music, a craft, a tranquil backdrop for photos, and more! Dress comfortably.



Indulge in some **Comfort** food...

1920s Cooking Demonstration:
Chicken à la King ISA283
Saturday, February 10 2:00 – 3:00 pm



Join Chef Robert Dell'Amore as he prepares Chicken à la King, a popular dish served in the 1920s. Enjoy a sample following the program.

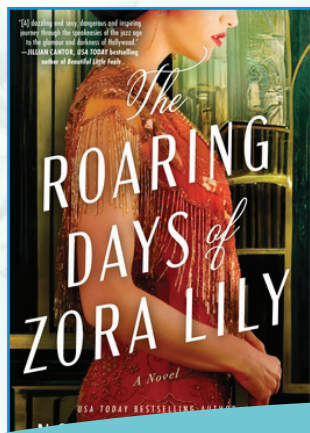


Cozy up with a good book...

Book Discussion:
The Roaring Days of Zora Lily ISA266
Thursday, February 15 7:00 – 8:30 pm



Join Librarians Carol Curtis and Laurie Aitken for a discussion of Noelle Salazar's newest book *The Roaring Days of Zora Lily*, a journey through the speakeasies of the jazz age to the glamour and darkness of Hollywood. Following our discussion, the author will Zoom in for a question & answer session and general discussion.



JANUARY 3, 2024
ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY
TURNS 100!

Come in and celebrate with crafts and refreshments!

Please see *Library News* on page 5 for more details.

PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Programs for Adults
In-person and online:
Begins on Tuesday, January 2, at 6:00 pm
Phone: Wednesday, January 3, at 9:30 am

Programs for Children and Teens
In-person and online:
Begins on Tuesday, January 2, at 5:30 pm
Phone: Wednesday, January 3, at 10:00 am

For children's programs please enter your child's name, age, or grade in the note field when registering online.

In-person programs, museum passes, Library of Things, and discount tickets are for Islip Library cardholders only.

PROGRAM SYMBOLS

= Food will be served that may contain allergens.

= Program celebrating our 100th Anniversary.

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ADULT PROGRAMS

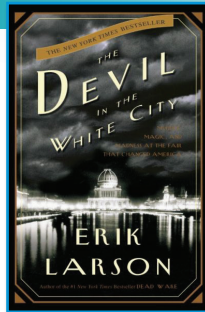
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REGISTRATION INFORMATION

PLEASE NOTE: Payment for programs with fees is due up to **48 hours** after your registration or you risk losing your spot in the program.

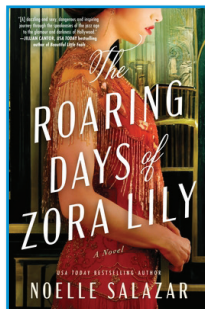
BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Book Discussion:
The Devil in the White City,
by Erik Larson **ISA265**
Wednesday, January 24
7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join true crime fanatic and Librarian Nikki Martin, to discuss a riveting tale about a killer who takes cover under the hustle and bustle of the Chicago World's Fair. We will be transported back to 1893 and find out if the devil is a man named H. H. Holmes.

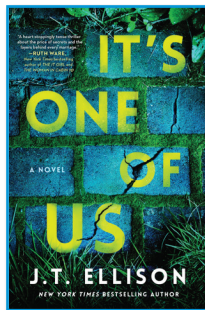


Book Discussion: *The Roaring Days of Zora Lily* **ISA266**
Thursday, February 15
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Please see front cover for details.



Books & Bagels  **ISA286**
Saturday, March 9
10:00 – 11:00 am

"Everybody lies. Even the ones you think you know best of all." Join Librarian Kelly Harvey for a discussion of J.T. Ellison's newest book *It's One of Us*, a twisted, emotionally layered thriller exploring the lies that either keep a marriage together, or break it apart. Bagels and juice will be served. Books will be available for check out at the Reference Desk on February 1st.



CONCERTS & MUSIC

Classical Music of the Jazz Age
featuring Long Island Chamber Music Piano Trio  **ISA267**
Sunday, February 25 **1:30 – 2:45 pm**

We begin our 100th anniversary concert series with classical music from the jazz age featuring violin, cello, and piano performed by the world-class professional musicians of Long Island Chamber Music. Enjoy music by composer George Gershwin and his compositional influences Nadia Boulanger and Maurice Ravel, as well as the lush music by jazz age composers of the Harlem Renaissance, William Grant Still and Margaret Bonds. Long Island Chamber Music (LICM) musicians are drawn from Carnegie Hall's Ensemble Connect, the New York Philharmonic, Orpheus Chamber Orchestra, Boston Symphony Orchestra, Astral Artists, and several other of the country's most prominent musical institutions.



CONCERTS & MUSIC CONTINUED

St. Patrick's Day Jazz  **ISA268**
Sunday, March 17 **2:00 – 3:15 pm**

Enjoy an afternoon of St. Patrick's Day music with a twist of jazz, presented by composer/pianist Paul Joseph and his jazz trio. You will hear inspiring instrumental jazz renditions of Irish favorites such as *Danny Boy*, *When Irish Eyes are Smiling*, *Red Is the Rose*, *The Minstrel Boy* and many others. Paul Joseph has composed works that have received wide critical acclaim in performances by distinguished orchestras, ballet companies and choirs. His dynamic rhythm section consists of drummer Danny Borg and bassist Edgar Mills.



CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Mandala Sand and Seashell Workshop **ISA269**
Monday, January 22
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Fee: \$6

Create a seashell mandala to celebrate 2024 with the guidance of mixed media artist Anna Chan. Her easy-to-use, air-dry sand art wall kit, and step-by-step instructions, will help you unleash your creativity.



Paint Night: Winter Cardinal **ISA270**

Wednesday, January 31
6:30 – 8:30 pm
Fee: \$12
Join Kathy Reccardi and create this seasonal painting using acrylic paints on a 16x20 canvas.



Valentine's Day
Pom-Pom Wreath **ISA287**
Monday, February 5
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Fee: \$5

Join Librarian Nikki Martin and create a Valentine's Day wreath you can personalize and design with pom-poms you make!

CRAFTS & HOBBIES CONTINUED

Felted Eyeglass Case **ISA271**
Tuesday, February 6 6:00 – 8:00 pm
Fee: \$8

Learn the art of nuno felting (wet felting) with fiber artist Oksana Danziger. Instructor Danziger was born in Moscow, Russia, where she received a classical art education at the Moscow School of Art and studied textile design at the Moscow State Textile University. Participants will leave with a felted eyeglass case.



Paint and Listen **ISA272**
Tuesday, February 13
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Fee: \$15

Create a painting inspired by the mood and tone of live music with Adam King. He and his wife will discuss the ways that music and visual art intersect as you paint a masterpiece step-by-step.



EXERCISE/FITNESS

Tai Chi for Health and Energy **ISA288**
Fridays: January 12, 19, 26; February 2, 9
10:00 – 11:30 am
Fee: \$25

Join instructor and Islip resident George Masone for this five-week introductory series. Participants will learn routines based on Chinese exercise principles, which improve blood flow, energy, balance and coordination. George Masone has been teaching for over 40 years and is a former physical trainer in the United States Army.

GENERAL INTEREST

Defensive Driving **ISA106**
Saturday, January 13 OR Saturday, February 3
10:00 am – 4:00 pm (½ hour lunch break)
Fee: \$25 – check or money order payable to New York Safety Training Associates (NYSTA).

Importance of Focus **ISA273**
Tuesday, January 16 7:00 – 8:30 pm
Do you find yourself distracted? Do you wish you could be more focused and achieve more? Join illusionist Greg Dwyer who will show you how to create real magic in your life to get more of what you desire.

Senior Advocate
Monday, January 22 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.**

GENERAL INTEREST CONTINUED

Lowering Prescription Drug Costs **ISA259**
Thursday, January 25 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

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. This program was rescheduled from November 16.

How to Maximize Your Social Security Benefits in Retirement **ISA274**
Wednesday, February 7 7:00 – 8:30 pm

A PowerPoint presentation will include the following topics: Will Social Security be there for me? How much can I expect to receive? When should I apply for Social Security? How can I maximize my retirement? Will Social Security be enough to live on in retirement?

Sex and the City Trivia **ISA285**
Thursday, February 8 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Are you a *Sex and the City* expert? Join Librarian Kelly Harvey for a fun night of trivia and test your knowledge! Prizes will be given to the top three winners. Refreshments will be served.

Maritime Smuggling on Long Island: From Pirates to Rumrunners **ISA275**

Monday, February 12 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join historian, author, and former Newsday reporter Bill Bleyer, for a PowerPoint presentation to learn why pirates like Captain Kidd were attracted to Long Island at the turn of the 18th century, and how a visit by Kidd to Gardiners Island led to him dying on the gallows in London. In addition, learn why Long Island was so attractive to bootleggers during Prohibition, that the Atlantic Ocean off the South Shore became known as Rum Row, and was frequented by bootleggers like William "The Real McCoy" McCoy who supplied gangsters like Al Capone and Dutch Schultz.



MOVIES

Friday Afternoon at the Movies: New Releases!

Join us at 2:00 pm on the following Fridays:

January 12
January 19
February 2
February 9
February 16
February 23



Movie titles will appear on the Library's online calendar as release dates become available.

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Windows/Android Support Group **ISA277**
Tuesday, January 23
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Did you get a new laptop for the holidays? Do you need help using it? Join Librarian James Klopp during this informal support group. Open to any skill level.



Robotics Presentation: Design, Construction and AI Programming **ISA278**
Tuesday, January 30 **7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Join Islip patron and Engineer Dr. Andrew Sass as he discusses Artificial Intelligence (AI) programming as well as the design and microcomputer control of an autonomous robot. The elements of a typical mobile robot will be shown including the motors, encoders, motor-drivers, sensors, and microcomputer systems. **This program is also open to teens.**

Apple/Mac Support Group **ISA279**
Tuesday, February 6 **7:30 – 8:30 pm**

Do you have any questions or issues with your iPhone, iPad, or MacBook? Ask about them here with your fellow Apple users. Open to any skill level.



Get to Know Universal Class and Other Library Databases **ISA280**
Saturday, February 10 **10:00 – 11:00 am**

Join us for this hands-on workshop with Librarian Laurie Aitken and learn about Universal Class, an online learning database available for free with your Islip Library card. Discover hundreds of courses including business and finance, pet and animal care, self-help, crafts and hobbies, and much more. Bring your own laptop and smartphone to this program. If you do not have a laptop, a Library laptop will be provided



Vision Board/Canva Class: Hands-On Workshop **ISA281**
Wednesday, February 28 **6:30 – 8:00 pm**

Join instructor Arooj Chaudhry for this hands-on class. She will discuss what a vision board is and then walk you through the process of how to create one. You will put together a list of goals you want to work towards for 2024, and then instructor Chaudhry will present the goals using Canva software, which you can print and hang up, or add as your background on your laptop!



WHAT'S COOKIN'!

Vegetarian Moroccan Sweet Potato Lentil Soup  **ISA282**
Thursday, January 11 **1:00 – 2:00 pm**

Chef Rob will warm you up with a hearty lentil soup. Craving something sweet afterwards? Enjoy a cup of toasted coconut hot chocolate with almond whipped cream. **Note: bring two, 12 ounce mugs to class.**

1920s Cooking Demonstration: Chicken à la King **ISA283**
Saturday, February 10 **2:00 – 3:00 pm**

Please see front cover for details.



Explore the Art of Pizza with Tano  **ISA284**
Tuesday, February 27 **6:30 – 8:30 pm**

Join *Pizza by Tano* for a pizza making lesson and tasting! Gaetano will discuss how pizza came to America, how to make pizza dough, the history of your favorite local and non-local pizzerias and what type of pizza dough you should make for different kinds of ovens.

TRIPS

Please note that all trips are rain or shine

2024 Philadelphia Flower Show **ISA492**

Date: Saturday, March 2

Bus departs Islip Library: 7:30 am

Approximate return time: 8:00 pm

Fee: \$105 per person payable by cash, check, or credit card.

Registration ends: Tuesday, January 30, at 9:00 pm

Please note: No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, January 30, unless your seat can be filled by someone on the waiting list.

- Lunch will be on your own at the Flower Show, or at the **Reading Street Market** located directly across the street. **The Liberty Bell, Constitution Center, and the Betsy Ross House** are also nearby.
- We will spend approximately 5 ½ - 6 hours at the Show.
- **Cost for trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motor coach and admission to the Flower Show. Please note: Lunch and bus driver gratuity are not included in the cost.**



Bus and Walking Tour of Downtown Manhattan: 9/11 Memorial, The Irish Hunger Memorial, Wall Street, and luncheon at Trinity Place Restaurant **ISA493**

Date: Tuesday, May 7

Bus departs Islip Library's parking lot: 8:30 am

Approximate return time: 8:00 pm

Fee: \$150 per person payable by cash, check, or credit card.

Registration ends: Tuesday, April 2, at 9:00 pm

No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, April 2, unless your seat can be filled by someone on the waiting list.

- Begin the day with a walking tour of the **9/11 Memorial** and **The Irish Hunger Memorial** with our step-on guide **Jim Dykes**. Mr. Dykes will accompany us on all the tours of this trip.
- At 12:30 pm, we will have a three-course luncheon at **Trinity Place Restaurant**, a former bank vault constructed in 1904.
- After lunch: **Walking tour of Wall Street** (note - there are no buses allowed on the side streets in that area).
- Time allotted for photos at the **Charging Bull** (on Broadway).
- End the day by walking across the **Brooklyn Bridge** with our tour guide. **NOTE: For those who do not wish to walk across the Brooklyn Bridge, you can ride on the coach bus to DUMBO (Brooklyn).**
- **Cost of the trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motorcoach, bus and walking tour with Jim Dykes and luncheon at Trinity Place Restaurant.**



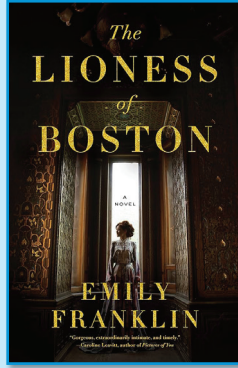


BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

The Lioness of Boston by Emily Franklin

"Historical fiction about the life of Isabella

Stewart Gardner, an art collector who transformed her Boston home into an art museum. An interesting story told in the first-person beginning in the year 1861."

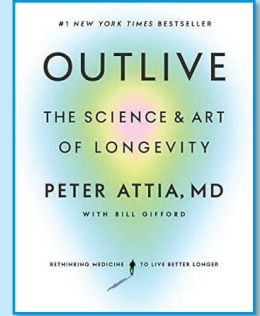


~ Laurie Aitken

OUTLIVE: The Science and Art of Longevity by Peter Attia with Bill Gifford

"Would you like to live longer and better? Peter Attia, MD, gives techniques for the best possible sleep and exercise along with key tools for better emotional and mental health."

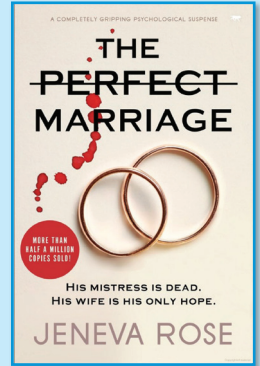
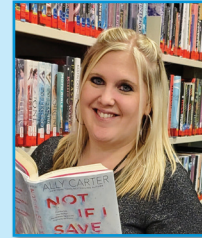
~ Dan Coster



The Perfect Marriage by Jeneva Rose

"A powerful novel about betrayal and justice, with twists and turns galore. The ending will leave you speechless!"

~ Kelly Harvey



LIBRARY NEWS

WINTER EDITION

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2024

ON EXHIBIT

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY

Front Entrance Display Case
Blast from the Past

The Islip Public Library presents an exhibit of items from the 1920s – books, memorabilia, dolls, pictures and more.

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.

CELEBRATE ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY'S 100TH ANNIVERSARY!

Wednesday, January 3, 2024

No registration needed • 5:30 - 7:00 pm



Complimentary refreshments • Raffles to win fun prizes!
"The Story of Us" Scavenger Hunt • Drop-in crafts
Where do you see the Library in 100 years? (contest)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE CENTENNIAL SOCIAL ON SATURDAY, APRIL 13!

The Islip Public Library would like to thank Tropical Smoothie Cafe in Bay Shore for their generous donation to our opening anniversary event.

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.



DOWNLOAD & STREAM

Libby Offers thousands of ebooks and audiobooks

hoopla Streaming movies, music, ebooks and tv shows

Flipster Hundreds of digital magazines to choose from



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



Scan the QR code for a direct link to the Library of Things.

PREMIER DATABASES

ancestry.com **CR** Consumer Reports

brainfuse ignite your mind

brainfuse JobNow

Universal Class

Ancestry: Genealogy research in-house
Islip High School Yearbooks online: Genealogy

Brainfuse: Tutoring

Brainfuse/JobNow: Job search

Consumer Reports: Product Reviews

Universal Class: Enrichment learning

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



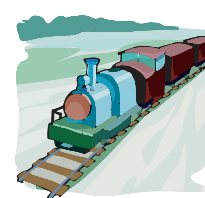
Dot and Dash



Duplo

Themed Activity Backpacks for Checkout

- Birdwatching
- Dinosaur
- Princess
- Restaurant
- Train



Children's Programs

PLEASE SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION 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.



SCAVENGER HUNTS:

JANUARY: Oh, no! One of Mr. Popper's penguins has escaped into the Children's Department! If you find it, report its whereabouts to the Children's Librarian and win a prize!

FEBRUARY: Go on a kindness scavenger hunt for National Random Acts of Kindness Month. All participants receive a kindness sticker.



JANUARY PROGRAMS

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

Ultimate Playdate

Mondays: January 8, 22, 29 and February 5
(Library closed on 1/15)

10:00 – 10:45 am OR 11:00 – 11:45 am OR 5:45 – 7:00 pm

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

Family Hygge Night (hoo-gah)

Wednesday, January 17

Recommended for families with children in grades K – 6

See front cover for details.

ISJ703

6:00 – 7:00 pm



Transportation Station

Wednesday, January 10

10:00 – 10:45 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Celebrate all things that move! From trains, planes, and automobiles, get ready for crafts, stories, and play!

ISJ701

Snowman Fun

Saturday, January 20

Recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver

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

ISJ718

12:00 – 1:00 pm

A Southwest Sampler

Wednesday, January 10

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades K – 2

Come spice up your cold winter night with some tales starring wild and woolly characters who will make you hoot and holler! Bring home a craft that will remind you of your time spent under desert skies.

ISJ720

Tech Club: Fun with 3D Pens

Tuesday, January 23

Grades 4 – 6

Lift your imagination off the page with the 3Doodler 3D pen. Participants will create fun 3D objects to take home.

ISJ704

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Camp Half-Blood

Thursday, January 11

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Grades 3 – 6

Calling all Percy Jackson fans! Have you ever wanted to visit Camp Half-Blood? Do you think you may be a demigod? Join us to get claimed by your godly parent, make your own camper bead necklace and shield, and go on a special quest led by the Oracle! Leave camp with your very own camper survival guide kit to protect you from the monsters and become an official half-blood!



ISJ702

Winter Wonderland

Wednesday, January 24

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Join us as we celebrate this fun season with activities galore!

ISJ705

10:00 – 10:45 am

LEGO Play Date

Wednesday, January 24

Grades K – 6

Get your creative juices flowing and see what amazing structures you can build!

ISJ724

6:00 – 7:00 pm

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Winnie-the-Pooh Party!

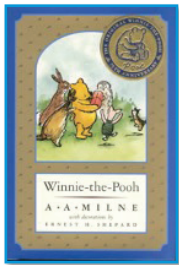
Saturday, January 27



11:00 – 11:45 am

ISJ901

Recommended for ages 2 – 5 years with caregiver



Winnie-the-Pooh is celebrating his 100th birthday! Join Mrs. Darcy for crafts, games, goody bags and more to celebrate Winnie's big day. A. A. Milne wrote a poem about a teddy bear that was published in *Punch Magazine* in 1924. He was then inspired to write a book about a teddy bear, and in 1926, *Winnie-the-Pooh* was published. Some of the characters, including Piglet, Eeyore, Kanga, Owl, Rabbit and Roo were based on stuffed animals that belonged to his son, Christopher Robin.

Painting Fun

Monday, January 29, 6:30 – 7:15 pm,
Penguin, Ready for Winter OR

ISJ322

Wednesday,
February 21,
6:30 – 7:15 pm,
Pikachu with
Poke Ball

Grades K – 5

Please register for one session
Let's grab a brush and paint step-by-step with artist Kathy Reccardi!
Dress for a mess.



Fingerpaint Fun

Tuesday, January 30, 6:00 – 6:30 pm OR
Thursday, February 22, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

ISJ708

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.

Anniversary of the First Winter Olympics, Islip Library Style

Tuesday, February 6



5:30 – 6:15 pm

ISJ902

Grades 2 – 4

In February of 1924, Chamonix, France, held the first ever winter Olympics! Compete in our very own Library Olympics!



Mrs. G Sings Ms. Rachel!

Wednesday, February 7

ISJ706

10:00 – 10:30 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

We love Ms. Rachel! Join us in singing songs inspired by the talented performer with the pink headband along with a fuzzy friend.

Love Bug Valentine's Cupcakes

Thursday, February 8



6:15 – 7:00 pm

ISJ712

Grades 1 – 6

Wondering what love bugs are? They are fun little "bugs" that make it their job to shower the world with love! Perfect for celebrating Valentine's Day and showing those in your life that you're thinking of them by gifting them a sweet Love Bug Valentines Cupcake.

Sprouts & Friends

Tuesday, February 13,

11:00 – 11:45 am OR

12:00 – 12:45 pm

ISJ312

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

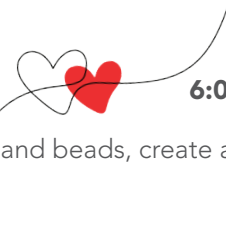
Please register for one session

Sprouts & Friends bring families together through music and movement. Let's create joy while helping your sprouting little ones grow, learn and develop through playful activities and songs. Come ready to move, sing and smile!



Heart Strings

Wednesday, February 14



6:00 – 6:45 pm

ISJ725

Grades K – 2

Using special paper hearts and beads, create a beautiful garland for those you love.

Chess Club

Thursday, February 15

6:30 – 7:30 pm OR 7:35 – 8:35 pm

ISJ207

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 chess board to use in the Library to practice your skills anytime the Library is open.

Camp Move It!

Friday, February 16

10:00 – 10:30 am

ISJ707

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Have fun with us as we jump, climb and move our bodies in our Library obstacle course perfect for little ones!



FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

Take Your Child to the Library Day

Saturday, February 3

9:30 am – 4:30 pm

On the first Saturday in February, thousands of libraries celebrate



Take Your Child to the Library Day by offering fun activities for families. We will have a Village Coloring Extravaganza for children to enjoy! See you then!

TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY!

1000 Books Before Kindergarten Storytime:

Happy Valentine's Day!

ISJ715

Tuesday, February 6

10:00 – 10:45 am


Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Join Mrs. Darcy for a Valentine's Day-themed storytime! We will also sing, dance, craft, and learn about the impactful 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program.

**Book Talk and Breakfast:
Swim Team, by Johnnie Christmas** 

ISJ709
Tuesday, February 20
10:00 – 11:00 am
Grades 3 – 6

Join Mrs. Darcy as we discuss the graphic novel *Swim Team*. We will talk about the book, play a *Swim Team* trivia game and enjoy some bagels. You can fill out a book review form for Winter Reading Club too. Pick up a copy of the book at the Children's Desk after you register for the program.

Leap Day Celebration 

ISJ711
Friday, February 23
11:00 – 11:45 am
Grades K – 2

Every four years we celebrate Leap Day. If you are turning eight years old on Thursday, February 29, you would have only ever celebrated two birthdays! Learn why we celebrate this day, play some games and create a craft in honor of this special day.



Jan Brett's The Mitten

ISJ728
Wednesday, February 28
6:00 – 6:45 pm
Grades K – 2

It's been 35 years since Jan Brett's remarkable version of this Ukrainian folktale was published. We'll read the story and paint a picture in the folk art style she is famous for. See what makes this story a classic!

**Winter Break -
YOUR STAYCATION STATION!**

Tuesday, February 20 – Friday, February 23

For children ages infant – grade 6



Winter Reading Club

- Read books this winter and complete up to **THREE book reviews** (caregivers can fill out for young children).
- Book review forms can be picked up at the Children's Desk beginning February 1.
- Submit your book reviews at the Children's Desk from Tuesday, February 20 – Friday, February 23.
- **Each book review serves as a raffle to win a prize.**



Winter Craft Club

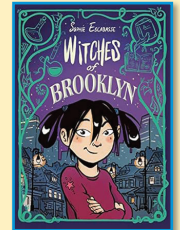
- **Crazy for Coloring Tuesday (February 20)**
So many things to color! We will supply everything!
- **Warm Winter Wishes Wednesday (February 21)**
Make a fun penguin craft.
- **Thingamajig Thursday (February 22)**
Make a thingamajig using every thingamajig we have!
- **Funky Frame Friday (February 23)**
Make a cool, wintry frame.
- **Receive one raffle ticket each day you craft at the Library!**

Raffle winners will be contacted Monday, February 26.



**BOOK TALK
STAFF PICKS**

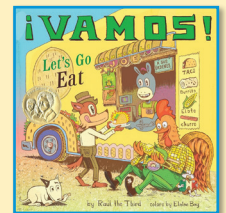
Witches of Brooklyn
A graphic novel by Sophie Escabasse
Recommended for grades 4 – 6



"Orphaned Effie discovers that magic runs in her family when she moves in with her aunts and discovers that they are witches."

~ Mrs. Hoffman

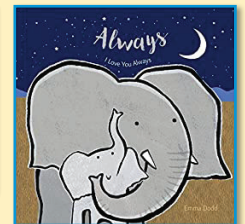
**!Vamos!
Let's Go Eat**
A picture book by Raul the Third
Recommended for grades K – 2



"Interspersed with fun Spanish phrases, this richly illustrated, comic book-style tale about Lobo and his friends helping out at the big Lucha Libre event will keep readers totally entertained!"

~ Ms. Ferrari

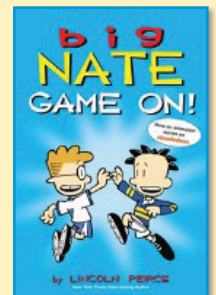
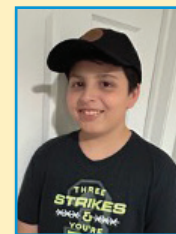
Always
A board book by Emma Dodd
Recommended for ages infant – 3 years



"A young elephant is shown what unconditional love is from the elephant's caregiver." ~ Mrs. G

Kid's Book Talk

**Big Nate:
GAME ON!**
A graphic novel by Lincoln Peirce
"Big Nate, is from a series of books, about a funny troublemaker named Nate. In this book, he is learning and trying out a lot of sports. Nate is also facing many challenges but he never gives up."



~ Luka Flores, Grade 5



TEEN Programs

For Teens in Grades 7-12

SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEENSHIP BOXES

ISY290

The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out on March 1st. Registration for these boxes will begin on Thursday, February 1st. The theme for March will be a "Mystery."



The Teen Art Club

ISY233

Friday, January 12; Monday, February 12 (Valentine's Day cards) 3:00 – 4:00 pm

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



JANUARY PROGRAMS

Vision Board Day!

ISY243
Thursday, January 4
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come set the tone for 2024 and make your own vision board using magazines, newspapers, and craft supplies.



New Release Movie Days

ISY264

Wednesday, January 31; Tuesday, February 27
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Teens will meet once a month and enjoy a newly released movie along with some yummy snacks! January Movie: **Barbie**; February Movie: **Five Nights at Freddy's** (please note: this movie is rated PG-13, parental permission is required).



Minute to Win It
Tuesday, January 16

ISY271

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Do you have what it takes to complete challenges in one minute? The timer starts with 60 seconds on the clock and teens will battle to try to get the challenge complete.



Happy 100th Birthday!
Thursday, January 18



ISY291

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a celebration of the Library's 100th birthday with a day of birthday bingo and board games. Cupcakes and snacks will also be served.

Dungeons and Dragons Adventure

ISY273

Saturday, January 20

1:00 – 4:00 pm

This program is an introduction to Dungeons and Dragons! Participants will learn the rules of gameplay and participate in a "one-shot" campaign. Participants will get to traverse ancient ruins, battle evil monsters, and explore a vast mythical world.

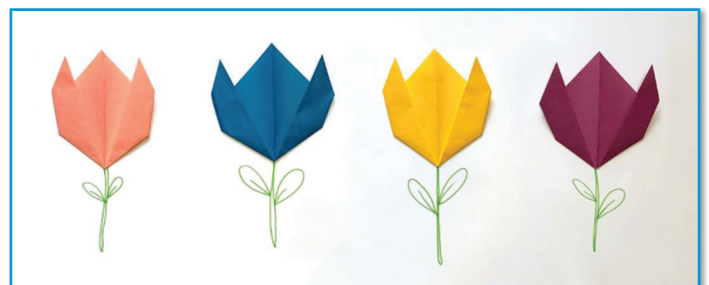
Origami Fun

ISY234

Tuesday, January 23

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Learn how to make some cool things using origami!



JANUARY PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Friends Trivia Thursday, January 25

Come test your knowledge of the infamous TV show - *FRIENDS!* Prizes will be awarded to the top three winners. Snacks will also be served!



ISY221
6:00 – 7:30 pm



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ultimate Playdate Buddies ISY205

**Mondays: January 8, 22, 29;
February 5**
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Come help us organize the playroom and clean the toys. You will earn one hour of community service.



ISY203
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Teen Think Tank

Tuesday, February 6

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



FEBRUARY PROGRAMS

1920s Party! ISY230

Thursday, February 1
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Let's go back to the 1920s! Join us for red velvet cupcakes, a 1920s mocktail, and a photo op with lots of fun props. We will also play some trivia!



National Pizza Day! Friday, February 9

Come in and make your own English muffin pizzas with assorted toppings to take home. Pizza will also be served!



ISY261
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Valentine's Day Cupcakes ISY241

**Wednesday,
February 14**
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Celebrate Valentine's Day by decorating your own cupcakes!



Cookies & Canvas Party! Thursday, February 29

Come down to paint a colorful design and snack on some cookies!



ISY242
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Cards for Hospitalized Kids Wednesday, February 28

Make cards for children in the hospital. All cards will be sent to **Cards for Hospitalized Kids**, who distribute them to children's hospitals. You will earn one hour of community service.

ISY202
3:00 – 4:00 pm



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. You will earn two hours of community service credit for reading the book and giving a one-page review.

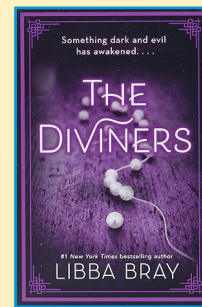


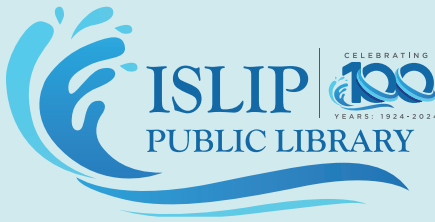
BOOK TALK STAFF PICK

Diviners by Libba Bray

"Go back in time and read a novel full of mystery, glamour, and magic, set in 1920s New York City. Evie O' Neill is exiled from her hometown to New York City because she sees things. Can she help by using her unique skills and her magic to solve a string of audacious murders?"

~ Mark Irish





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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

Legacy of Public Library Service in the 1920s and 30s

As we celebrate the 100th birthday of our own public library this year, it’s interesting to consider how public library service was developing nationwide at the same time.

Federal support for libraries increased in the 1920s, and with that funding, public libraries expanded their role by taking part in an adult education movement. This included expanding library service to provide Americanization of immigrants, literacy, support of vocational training, and guided reading. There was a belief that these objectives served the goals of cultural enlightenment and intellectual growth that would, in turn, serve the cause of democracy. Interestingly, this shift in focus to adult education by public libraries occurred just as the United States was passing a series of quotas to limit immigration to the United States in the 1920s. Fewer immigrants were landing on our shores, but integration for those who were here and those who would come needed integration opportunities.

The 1920s era also saw efforts to be more inclusive, to reach more patrons – the underserved, children, and rural areas. The first American Library Association roundtable met to

encourage library patron diversity and to examine the state of equitable access to library materials for people of color. Unfortunately, the round table lasted only two years before disbanding because tensions had flared so much between librarians in the north and the south. The national organization also became more professional with the recommendation of standard educational prerequisites for individuals entering the library field. In 1925 the American Library Association even created a poster encouraging young college graduates to join the library profession.

The profession offered an appealing option for women, who had traditionally been steered to the nursing and teaching professions. My own great-aunt graduated from the Geneseo Normal and Training School (now SUNY Geneseo) in the mid-1920s, and her sister (my Grandmother) did likewise after graduating from college in 1930.

When the Depression hit in 1929 and through the 1930s, public libraries suffered, but their reach actually increased with the Federal Emergency Relief Administration in 1933 and later The Works Progress Administration. The Pack Horse Library Project played its own role in bringing library service to remote areas of the Appalachian Mountains beginning in the thirties. By 1935, public libraries were serving 60 percent of the American public. Very few closed their doors during the Depression and over 750 new libraries opened their doors. Indeed, by the time the Roaring Twenties roared to a close, the public library had secured its place as a widespread and enduring institution in American life.