

You are cordially invited to our CENTENNIAL SOCIAL

Saturday, April 13 ☕️

ISA100

11:00 - 11:45 am, 12:00 - 12:45 pm, and 1:00 - 2:30 pm

Please select one session

The last session includes time for opening remarks.

Join us for a 1920s-themed Centennial Social celebrating the

Library's 100th Anniversary. The festivities will include a traditional sit-down tea that will offer each guest a selection of scrumptious tea sandwiches, scones with authentic clotted cream, and assorted tea cakes for dessert - all served on linen tablecloths in appropriate high-brow fashion. Teas and fresh lemonade will also be served. To round out the event, there will be live music, a historical exhibit, a photo booth for you to memorialize your attendance, retro games, trivia contests and more.

The price per person for this very special and filling sit-down lunch will be **\$7 per person**, payable upon registration. Patrons of all ages are welcome. Children under the age of two will be admitted for free.

Registration will be offered only to Islip Library cardholders.

**HAPPY 100 YEARS TO THE
ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY!**



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Programs for Adults

In-person and online:

Begins on Tuesday, March 5,
at 5:30 pm

Phone: Wednesday, March 6,
at 9:30 am

Programs for Children and Teens

In-person and online:

Begins on Tuesday, March 5,
at 6:30 pm

Phone: Wednesday, March 6,
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.

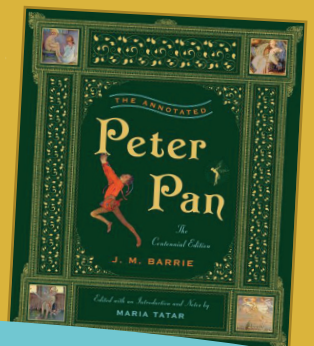
Neverland ☕️

No registration is required

Saturday, April 13, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Recommended for ages infant - grade 6 with caregiver

Drop in and step back in time with us in commemoration of the Islip Public Library's 100th anniversary! Paramount Pictures released the first film adaptation of J.M. Barrie's iconic *Peter Pan*, in 1924, the same year the Library opened. Meet Tinkerbell and Wendy in Neverland (11:00 am - 12:00 pm), create your own pirate ship or flying fairy, escape from Captain Hook's nemesis, go on a treasure hunt, and more! *Costumes are encouraged but not required.*



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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

longislandreads 

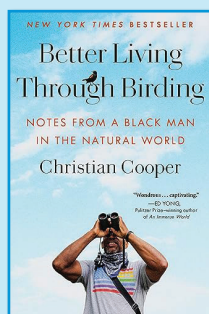
Beginner/Backyard Birding **ISA302** **Wednesday, April 17** **7:00 – 8:00 pm**

Join Dianne Taggart, a long-time birder, as she presents a program about the hobby of birdwatching. She will discuss how you can enjoy birdwatching in your own backyard or on the go, and what birds you may see.

Long Island Reads will honor author Christian Cooper at a ceremony at the **Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at 2:00 pm**. Tickets will be available beginning April 1 through the Long Island Reads website: <https://longislandreads.wordpress.com/>. Please contact us for more information!

Long Island Reads 2024 **Book Discussion:** **Better Living Through Birding:** **Notes From a Black Man in the** **Natural World** **ISA303** **Wednesday, April 24** **7:00 – 8:30 pm**

Join Librarian Laurie Aitken for a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads pick written by Christian Cooper.



CONCERTS & MUSIC

St. Patrick's Day Jazz **Sunday, March 17**

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.



ISA268
2:00 – 3:15 pm

CONCERTS & MUSIC CONTINUED

Rhonda Kay and the Backstage Trio **Sunday, April 7**

ISA289
1:30 – 2:45 pm

Join Rhonda Kay and her trio to hear some of Broadway's finest songs, iconic hits, and more from the Great American Songbook. For the past decade, Rhonda has thrilled New York City and Long Island audiences with her stage performances and musical theater appearances. She is accompanied by pianist Rob Fishman, drummer Brad Sporkin and bassist Edgar Mills.



CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Candle Workshop **Monday, March 11**

ISA290
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$8 Learn the history of candle making and then create your own colorful and scented candle. This fun process of layering wax granules can create different patterns - rainbow, ombre, quilted, tie-dye, or cascade.

Drop-In Shamrock Plush

Friday, March 15 **2:00 – 4:30 pm**

Drop in and practice your sewing skills to make your own shamrock plush, while supplies last.



Adult Paint Night: Spring Wreath **ISA291**

Monday, March 18 **6:30 – 8:30 pm**
Fee: \$12

Join Kathy Reccardi and create this painting using acrylic paints on a 16x20 inch canvas. Customize the monogram with your name.



Decoupage Eggs **Saturday, March 23** **Fee: \$10**

ISA292
11:00 am – 1:00 pm

Learn the German tradition of hollowing out and decorating eggs with Laura Barrella. Using a variety of art supplies and Mod Podge, each participant will create three beautiful eggs which you can display year after year!

European Potted Wheat Centerpiece **Wednesday, March 27** **6:30 – 8:00 pm** **Fee: \$17**

ISA293

Wheat has always symbolized wealth, luck and prosperity. Learn the bundling technique using naturally dried wheat, tightly packed in a terracotta pot. Finish the project with a skirt of homegrown hand-colored dried herbs and flowers. The centerpiece is approximately twelve inches tall and seven inches wide.



CRAFTS & HOBBIES CONTINUED

Tiny Art Painting

Saturday, April 6

ISA313

10:30 – 11:30 am

Hello artists of all skill levels! Come in for a relaxing morning painting mini canvases. Your tiny paintings will be exhibited in the Library's front entrance display case during the month of May. The theme of the Tiny Art Show is *Spring*.

Design a Mug for National Library Week

ISA294

Tuesday, April 9, 2:00 – 3:00 pm or 5:00 – 6:00 pm OR

Wednesday, April 10, 2:00 – 3:00 pm or 3:30 – 4:30 pm

OR Friday, April 12, 9:30 – 10:30 am

Please register for one session

In recognition of National Library Week, join Librarians Kelly Harvey and Laurie Aitken and design a mug using a mug heat press. If you wish, please email any photos you would like included on the mug to: reference@isliplib.org no more than 48 hours before the start of the program.



EXERCISE/FITNESS

Gentle Fitness

Mondays: March 11, 18, 25

ISA295

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Fee: \$15

Join Debbie Krzyminski from Fitness Figures with exercises for strength, balance, aerobics, and flexibility that can be done seated or standing.

Monday Night Yoga Series

Mondays: April 1, 8, 15

ISA296

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$20

Join yoga instructor Brittney for a combination of chair and mat yoga. This class is designed for all levels of yoga. Exercises can be done on the floor or in a chair.

GENERAL INTEREST

Morning Games at the Library

ISA297

Thursdays: March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join us at the Library, meet new people, and play games! The Library will provide some retro games, or bring your own.

Senior Advocate

Monday, March 11

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.

Defensive Driving

ISA106

Thursday, March 14 OR Saturday, April 20

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

Fee: \$25 check or money order payable to New York Safety Training Associates (NYSTA).

GENERAL INTEREST CONTINUED

Catholic Health Services Mobile Bus

Thursday, April 4

10:00 am – 2:00 pm

Visit Catholic Health Services mobile bus, which will be parked in the Islip Library's parking lot. Free blood pressure checks, cholesterol, body mass index, and glucose screenings, along with patient education and referrals will be provided. **No registration is required, but please call ahead in the event of inclement weather.**



Solar Eclipse Event with "That Planetarium Guy"



ISA298

Saturday, April 6

1:00 – 1:50 pm

Did you know that there were three solar eclipses and two lunar eclipses in 1924? How can the Moon, an object less than half the size of Earth, block out the Sun, the largest object in our solar system? Well, that's exactly what is going to happen again on April 8, 2024! Join Tom Barr ("That Planetarium Guy"), as we explore the upcoming eclipse and learn how to view it, all from the safety of a portable planetarium. Enter the portable planetarium inside our Community Room for this unique experience! Participants will receive solar eclipse glasses.

1920s Party with DJ Nick



ISA299

Tuesday, April 9

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Party like it is 1924! Join DJ Nick for a 1920s-themed night of music, dancing, games, refreshments, bingo and prizes!

Centennial Social



ISA100

Saturday, April 13

11:00 – 11:45 am, 12:00 – 12:45 pm, 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Please see front cover for details.

Rumrunning in Suffolk County:



Tales from Liquor Island

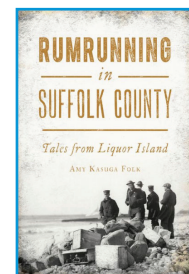
ISA300

Tuesday, April 16

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Nicknamed *Liquor Island*, Long Island was a rumrunner's paradise during Prohibition. With its proximity to major markets and coastal communities for easy transit, Suffolk County was awash in illegal hooch!

Smugglers bringing cases of booze from offshore often secretly hid products in local garages and sheds, leaving a bottle as a thank you. Violence from criminal outfits disrupted previously quiet towns, as locals too often were swept up in dangerous, unintentional engagements with bootleggers. Join author Amy Kasuga Folk as she recounts stories from Suffolk County's Prohibition era.



Grey's Anatomy Trivia

Thursday, April 18

ISA301

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Are you the ultimate Grey's Anatomy fan? Test your knowledge of the popular TV show and see if you truly are the ultimate fan. Prizes will be given to the top three winners!

MOVIES

Buster Keaton Classic Hollywood Lecture and Film Showing **ISA304**

Tuesday, March 19 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Islip resident, Lawrence Wolff, will present an interactive PowerPoint presentation about iconic actor, comedian, and director Buster Keaton. We will also view *Sherlock Jr.*, a 1924 American silent comedy film directed by and starring Buster Keaton. Fun fact: Keaton was married on Long Island (Great Neck) and shot silent film scenes in New York City and Coney Island.

MGM Through the Decades Film Festival

Join us on Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm


(Note: films will not be shown on May 24, June 7 or July 5)



April 19 *White Shadows in the South Seas* (1928)

April 26 *The Rogue Song* (1930)

May 3 *Mrs. Miniver* (1942)

May 10 *An American in Paris* (1951) 

May 17 *Doctor Zhivago* (1965)

May 31 *The Godfather* (1977)

Marlon Brandon was born in 1924!

June 14 *Rain Man* (1988)

June 21 *Stargate* (1994)

June 28 *Legally Blonde* (2001)

July 12 *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo* (2011)

July 19 *The Boys in the Boat* (2023)

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Introduction to Computers **ISA305**

Friday, March 22 10:00 – 11:00 am

Come to this hands-on workshop with Librarian Laurie Aitken where you will learn basic mouse and keyboarding skills using a Library laptop. Bring your own laptop (if you have one) for a more personalized experience!

Get to Know Libby **ISA306**

Choose one of two sessions:

Tuesday, March 26 7:00 – 8:00 pm

OR Friday, April 19 10:00 – 11:00 am

Libby is the app for downloading ebooks and audiobooks onto your phone, iPad or Kindle device. Bring your device to this workshop and Librarian Laurie Aitken will teach you how to download the app and search for books. Please bring all necessary passwords with you to this class: Apple ID, Google Play Store, and/or Amazon username/password (for Kindle devices).

Smartphone Tips and Tricks **ISA308**

Wednesday, April 3 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Is your smartphone running out of space? Join instructor Arooj Chaudhry as she walks you through different ways to save space and other helpful tips.

WHAT'S COOKIN'!

St. Patrick's Day Cooking Demonstration

Tuesday, March 12

ISA309

6:00 – 7:30 pm

We welcome pitmaster Brian Collins back to the Library for an Irish Easter cooking demonstration. The menu will include bangers, Irish bacon, white and black pudding, potatoes and a grilled tomato.

Judy's Cucina: Let's Make Pasta!

Tuesday, April 2

ISA310

6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fee: \$5

Learn how to make pasta dough and then use assorted tools to shape your own Cavatelli to bring home in this hands-on class by Judy Boshnack. **Please bring a large mixing bowl to the class.**

Cooking Demonstration with Chef Nick from Harp & Hound

ISA311

Wednesday, April 10

6:00 – 7:00 pm

We welcome Chef Nick back to the Library for a demonstration and tasting of a variety of Harp & Hound's most popular dishes.

Burritos and Fajitas Cooking Demo

Saturday, May 4

ISA312

12:00 – 1:30 pm

Celebrate Cinco de Mayo and learn how to prepare burritos and fajitas with Maria's Mexican Cooking.

BUS TRIP

Please note that all trips are rain or shine

Tenement Museum/The Back Room NYC

CHOOSE ONE OF TWO DATES:

Thursday, June 27 OR Thursday, July 11

Fee: \$170 per person

Credit card, cash or check payable to Islip Public Library

Bus departs Islip Library's parking lot: 1:30 pm

Registration begins on Tuesday, March 5, at 5:30 pm

Registration ends on Wednesday, May 1, at 9:00 pm

No refunds will be issued after Wednesday, May 1, unless your spot can be filled by someone else.

Itinerary:

- Depart from the Islip Library by motorcoach to the **Tenement Museum**. We will take a tour of this apartment building which once provided shelter to nearly 7,000 immigrants.
- **IMPORTANT:** When you register for this trip you will have a choice of three apartment tours to choose from:
 1. **Finding Home** (handicap accessible WITH elevator access)
 2. **Family Owned** (handicap accessible – ground level)
 3. **After the Famine** (NO elevator access – 61 stairs up/down)
- Complete details on all three tours will be available in person or on our program registration calendar beginning February 29th.
- Following the Tenement Museum, you will have some time on your own at **Hudson Eats**, located inside **Brookfield Place** (across the street from the 9/11 Memorial).
- From **8:00 – 10:00 pm** we will be visiting **The Back Room**, one of only two speakeasies in New York City that operated during Prohibition and is still in existence today.
- To enter **The Back Room**, we will pass through a gate called **The Lower East Side Toy Company**, walk downstairs into an alleyway, and up a set of stairs.
- In **The Back Room** we will enjoy a catered affair including two cocktails in a teacup (the way alcohol was served during Prohibition), hors d'oeuvres, delicious tea sandwiches and more. We will also listen to music performed by their house DJ, who begins playing at 9:00 pm.
- Cost for the trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motorcoach, apartment tour at the Tenement Museum and The Back Room.
- **Approximate return time: 11:30 pm**

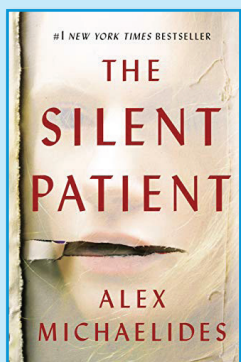




BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

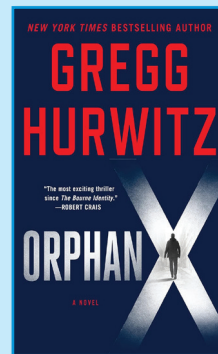
The Silent Patient by Alex Michaelides

"Can forensic psychotherapist, Theo Faber, get his patient, Alicia, to talk about her husband's murder? In this page turner, the author cleverly disguises the boundaries between sanity and psychosis." ~ Mrs. V



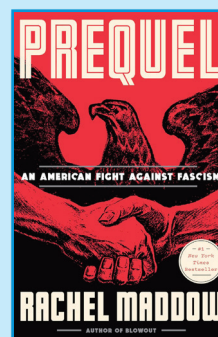
Orphan X by Gregg Hurwitz

"An action-packed thriller that reads like a movie script and keeps you guessing until the end. Jack Reacher fans will love this!" ~ Greg Klein



Prequel: An American Fight Against Fascism by Rachel Maddow

"On the eve of World War II, homegrown fascists worked to create an American Reich, based on Hitler's strategy to 'destroy [America] from within.' More than three million pieces of Nazi propaganda ended up in American hands, supplied by Americans who lent their support to the Nazi cause. This is a ripping good read and an important window into the authoritarian mindset." ~ Carol Curtis



LIBRARY NEWS

EARLY SPRING EDITION

MARCH/APRIL 2024

ON EXHIBIT

MARCH AND APRIL

Front Entrance Display Case

Blast from the Past

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

MARCH

Gallery Hallway

Art In Our Schools Month

The Islip School District presents a delightful art exhibit created by Islip students.

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.

THE ANNUAL LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE IS
TUESDAY, APRIL 2, AT THE ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY.
THE POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM
9:00 AM TO 9:00 PM.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

APRIL 7 – APRIL 13

Come to the Library during National Library Week. Look inside the newsletter for programs that celebrate this special time of the year.

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 • Harbes Farm
- Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum • **New!** Raynham Hall



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

movies

music

ebooks

TV shows



Flipster

Hundreds of digital magazines to choose from

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

LIBRARY OF THINGS

Reserve Today for Parties and Events!

8 Piece Cake Pans
Cricut
Croquet Set
Flag Football
Sewing Machine
Telescope
Ukulele



Sewing Machine



Flag Football

8 Piece
Cake Pans



Ukulele



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

Children's Department

Enjoy these items in the Children's Room

Dot and Dash, Duplo, Cubetto, Break Box, Carle the Robot, KEVA Structures, Magnatiles, Robot Dog



Dot and Dash



Duplo



Themed Activity Backpacks for Checkout

Birdwatching
Dinosaur
Princess
Restaurant
Train



New!
Introducing our first Backpack for Big Kids: Fun with Magnets (Ages 5+)

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.



APRIL SCAVENGER HUNT:

PARTICIPATE IN A MAGICAL
SCAVENGER HUNT FILLED WITH
PIXIE DUST WHILE SEARCHING FOR
PIRATE FAIRIES AND TINKERBELL.



MARCH PROGRAMS

If you do not want us to use a photo of your child for promotional purposes, please notify a librarian.

A Time for Kids

ISJ718

Saturday, March 9, 12:00 – 1:00 pm, **Shamrock Silliness** OR
Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 – 7:00 pm, **Spring Flower Garden**
Recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver
Please register for one session

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.

Ultimate Playdate

ISJ330

Mondays: March 11, 18, 25; April 1
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.

Chess Club

ISJ207

Tuesday, March 12 6:30 – 7:30 pm OR 7:35 – 8:35 pm
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 from our Library of Things anytime the Library is open.



Playdough Playtime

ISJ300

Wednesday, March 13
10:00 – 10:30 am
Recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years with caregiver

Leave the mess at the Library and use playdough to create a gooey

masterpiece! Dress to make a mess.

Family Fun Night: Fun and Games

ISJ301

Wednesday, March 13 6:00 – 7:00 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!

Storytime: The Lions of March

ISJ302

Friday, March 15 10:00 – 10:30 am
Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years with caregiver
Did March come in like a lion this year? Are all lions ferocious? Listen to stories and learn more about the King of the Beasts and the people who work with and love these big cats. Take a picture with our own Library Lion!

Family Bingo



ISJ303

Saturday, March 16 11:00 – 11:45 am
Grades K – 6 with caregiver
Looking for something fun to do with the family? Join us for Family Bingo!

Pajama Storytime

No registration is required

Tuesday, March 19 6:00 – 6:30 pm
Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years with caregiver
Drop in, wearing pajamas if you like, as we share some books and songs in honor of Crayon Day, March 31, and then finish with a craft.

Paintbrush Palooza!

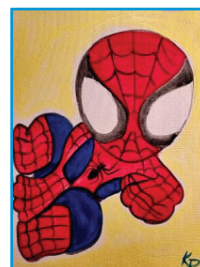
ISJ322

Wednesday, March 20, 6:30 – 7:15 pm, 7:30 – 8:15 pm,
Unicorn Cake OR Tuesday, April 16, 6:30 – 7:15 pm,
7:30 – 8:15pm, **Spiderman** OR Thursday, May 2,
6:30 – 7:15 pm, **Happy Hippo**
Grades K – 5 • **Please register for one session**

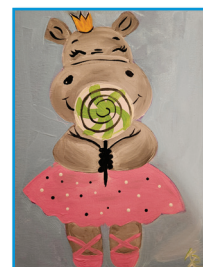
Let's grab a brush and paint as Kathy Reccardi guides you each step of the way. Dress for a mess.



Unicorn Cake



Spiderman



Happy Hippo

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Fingerpaint Fun

ISJ708

Thursday, March 21, 10:30 – 11:00 am OR

Monday, April 22, 3:00 – 3:30 pm

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, rollers and more. Veggie Baby finger paints are available for our youngest guests. Dress for a mess.

1000 Books Before Kindergarten:

Fun with the Alphabet!

ISJ715

Friday, March 22

10:00 – 10:45 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

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

Starlab

ISJ305

Saturday, March 23

2:30 – 3:15 pm, Recommended for ages 36 months –

5 years with caregiver

3:30 – 4:15 pm, Grades K – 3

Eclipses are a natural wonder that capture human imagination. Inside the Long Island Science Center's inflatable planetarium, find out about the Sun, its role in our solar system, and the history of solar eclipses. Also, explore the night sky and learn to recognize and name constellations. Participants will receive solar eclipse glasses to take home for the April 8th eclipse.

Spirit of Invention



ISJ903

Monday, March 25

Grades K – 5

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Famous inventions of the 1920s: Band-aid, television, vacuum cleaner and the blender. Learn about the special functions of historical inventions such as the telephone, toaster and hair dryer. The Long Island Children's Museum will share information about the lives of famous inventors such as Thomas Edison and Marie Curie, before we roll up our sleeves to create our own futuristic invention using an assortment of recycled materials.



Musical Mother Goose

ISJ306

Wednesday, March 27

10:00 – 10:30 am

Recommended for ages infant – 24 months with caregiver

Have fun with songs, fingerplays, rhymes and more using puppets and props.

APRIL PROGRAMS

Classic Colossal Family Games!

No registration is required

Tuesday, April 2

9:30 am – 8:30 pm

Recommended for families with children ages

infant – grade 6 with caregiver

Stop by and play with our oversized games and create a craft, while supplies last.



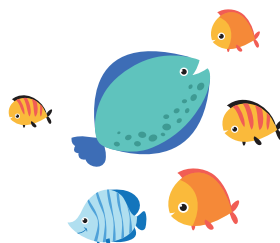
Fish Feeding with a Special Guest!

No registration is required

Tuesday, April 2 11:00 am

Recommended for families with children ages infant – grade 6 with caregiver

Drop in when a special "shark" gives the Library fish their daily meal. Children will receive a small prize, while supplies last.



Meet and Greet Your Favorite Characters!

No registration is required

Tuesday, April 2

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Recommended for families with children ages

infant – grade 6 with caregiver

Stop by the Library to meet and take pictures with two special princesses and a favorite video game character!

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Showdown

ISJ307

Tuesday, April 2

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Grades 3 – 6

Come show off your skills and compete against friends as we play Super Smash Bros. Ultimate on the big screen with Joe Salemo! All maps and characters included! This game is rated E 10+.

Sweet Candy Sushi



ISJ308

Wednesday, April 3

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Grades 4 – 6

Using marshmallow treats, Fruit Roll-Ups, and candy of all kinds, create a delicious dish that looks like the real thing!

Soccer Fun with Lil' Athletes!

ISJ309

Thursday, April 4

5:30 – 6:15 pm

Recommended for ages 36 months –

5 years with caregiver

Children will focus on soccer dribbling using their "penguin dribbles" to move around a variety of athletic props. Children will also perform different physical fitness elements including running, jumping, balancing and hurdling. Get ready for 45 minutes of moving and soccer fun!



Solar Eclipse



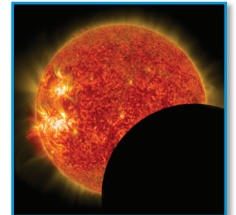
ISJ904

Saturday, April 6

11:00 – 11:50 am

Grades 3 – 6 with caregiver

Did you know that there were three solar eclipses and two lunar eclipses in 1924? How can the Moon, an object less than half the size of Earth, block out the Sun, the largest object in our solar system? Well, that's exactly what is going to happen yet again on April 8, 2024. Join Tom Barry, ("That Planetarium Guy"), as we explore the upcoming eclipse and learn how to view it, all from the safety of a portable planetarium. Families will receive solar eclipse glasses to take home for the April 8th eclipse.



Once Upon a Time at the Library

ISJ314

Wednesday, April 17

10:00 – 10:45 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver

Fairytales, superheroes, and more! Come dressed in your best costume as we celebrate how wonderful the imagination is through crafts, dance and games.

Tween Advisory

ISJ315

Wednesday, April 17

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Grades 4 – 6

Do you have any suggestions about our programs? Are there materials or services you would like for us to provide? Now is the time to give us your opinions and tell us what you would like to see as part of the Library's future. Pizza and refreshments will be served. Community service credit will be awarded.

Springtime Crafts

No registration is required

Monday, April 22 – Friday, April 26

Recommended for families with children ages 36 months – grade 6

Wondering what to do while school is out this week? Stop in and make a craft in the Children's Department, while supplies last.



Lego Builders

Tuesday, April 23
Grades K – 6

Calling all engineers! Are you ready to get your creative juices flowing? Come to our Lego Builders program and build something magnificent.

ISJ316

3:00 – 3:45 pm

Fairy Lanterns

Wednesday, April 24
Grades 3 – 6

Create your own mystical and magical fairy lantern! We will use flowers, trinkets, and of course, pixie dust! Light up your lantern and try to catch a fairy!

ISJ313

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Puzzle Wars

Thursday, April 25
Grades 2 – 4

Let's break up into teams and see which ones will finish the puzzles first! The winning teams will win a prize. Good luck!

ISJ317

10:30 – 11:15 am

Tiny Art Challenge

Monday, April 29
Grades 3 – 6

It's time for our third annual Tiny Art Challenge! This year's theme is *Spring*. We are having a library-wide Tiny Art Show in May, and your artwork will be featured in the exhibit! Tiny art is terrific!

ISJ318

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Muddy and Not-So-Muddy Buddies

Thursday, May 2

Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years with caregiver

Join us outside, wearing clothes that can get messy, while we dig in the dirt, and do other messy things. Non-messy activities include a rotating variety of activities such as a nature scavenger hunt, kinetic sand play, a STEM station, and a nature-themed craft (may or may not be messy).

ISJ398

11:00 – 11:45 am

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

Sunday, April 7 – Saturday, April 13

Writing Contest

Monday, March 11 – Saturday, April 13 Grades K – 6

Come to the Children's Desk and pick up a blank book starting on Monday, March 11, while supplies last. Write and illustrate an original story and submit it to a children's librarian by Monday, April 8, for a chance to win a prize. One entry per child. Three winners will be announced on Monday, April 22nd for children in grades kindergarten through first grade, second through third grade, and fourth through sixth grade. Winning entries will be catalogued and displayed in the Children's Department for guests to borrow until the winners of next year's contest are selected.



Get Caught Reading

Sunday, April 7 – Saturday, April 13

Win a prize if a librarian catches you entranced by a book in the Children's Department in celebration of National Library Week.

Sprouts & Friends

Tuesday, April 9, 11:00 – 11:45 am OR 12:00 – 12:45 pm
OR Wednesday, May 1, 5:30 – 6:15 pm
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!



Ready, Set, Library!

Tuesday, April 9
Grades 3 – 6

Let's celebrate the magic of libraries during National Library Week! Make a bookmark, compete in a lively trivia challenge and play fun games. Snacks will be served.

ISJ310

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Let's Explore Main Street!

Friday, April 12

Recommended for ages 36 months – 5 years with caregiver

Join us for the first of this new program series where we explore our own Main Street in Islip! We will meet at *The Pizzeria* (on Main Street) and read stories, dance, and see how a pizza is made! Each child will take home a free pizza kit courtesy of *The Pizzeria*. The Islip Public Library would like to thank *The Pizzeria* for generously hosting this program free of charge. Rain or shine!

ISJ311

11:00 – 11:30 am

BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

Hummingbird
A graphic novel
by Natalie Lloyd
Recommended
for grades
4 – 7



"A fabulous story about Olive, who has been homeschooled due to her brittle bone disease. She is determined to attend middle school, meet her 'future BFF' and solve the riddle of the magical hummingbird that can grant one wish."

~ Mrs. R

Big
A picture book
by Vashti
Harrison
Recommended
for ages
4 – 8 years



"Beautifully illustrated, this 2024 Caldecott Award-winning book is an emotional story about losing one's confidence and then getting it back."

~ Mrs. Darcy

**I'll Love You
Till The Cows
Come Home**
A board book
by Kathryn
Cristaldi



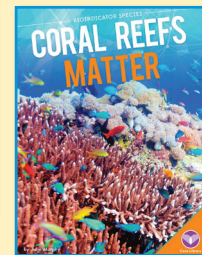
Recommended
for infants and toddlers

"A super fun and imaginative tale that can be read as a lullaby and showcases how far a parent's love can go!"

~ Miss Emily

Kids' Book Talk

**Coral Reefs
Matter**
A non-fiction
book by
Julie Murphy



"Marine animals and coral reef animals are about to disappear, such as the Hawaiian monk seal and the hawk-billed sea turtle. Fishing and pollution mean that fish and other marine animals can die. Let's save our marine animals, clean the beaches, and save water and energy to protect the oceans."

~ Liam Enriquez, Grade 4



TEEN Programs

For Teens in Grades 7-12

SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Did you know the Islip Public Library now has a Nintendo Switch for teens? Stop by the Reference Desk on the weekends to play!



TEEN TECH WEEK is Sunday, March 3 – Saturday, March 9!

Stop in and have some tech fun this week!



TECH WEEK MADNESS – Stop in the Teen Room to cast your vote for your favorite technology trends (Netflix, Libby, Tik Tok, Instagram, etc.) using our March Madness-themed bracket. Which technology trend will be the ultimate winner?

Virtual Reality Night!
Thursday, March 7

ISY252
6:00 – 8:00 pm

Come enjoy a fun night with friends as we play some virtual reality games!

National Library Week is Sunday, April 7 – Saturday, April 13

Join our **National Library Week Teen Reading Club!** Check out a teen book, write a review (available at the Reference Desk) and receive a raffle ticket for your chance to win an awesome prize!

Stop by the Teen Room to **vote on your favorite books** from 2023 and see what favorite book will come out on top!



Battle of the Books

Do you like to read and play trivia? Come join our team as we plan to take part in this year's "Battle of the Books," grades 6 - 9 only. If you are interested, please come to our first meeting listed below. We will plan sessions to discuss the books and cover questions to help prepare for the battle.



Battle of the Books Meeting
Thursday, May 2

ISY292
6:00 – 7:00 pm

TEENSHIP BOXES

The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out on **Wednesday, May 1st**. Registration for these boxes will begin on **Monday, April 1st**. **The theme for May will be "Squishmallows."**

ISY290



MARCH PROGRAMS

St. Patrick's Day Cupcakes

ISY235

Tuesday, March 12
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Stop in for a fun afternoon of decorating St. Patrick's Day-themed cupcakes. The best decorator will win a prize!



National Potato Chip Day

ISY220
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 14
Join us for National Potato Chip Day and sample different types of potato chips, while playing some fun games.



MARCH PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Drop-In Shamrock Plush

Friday, March 15

2:00 – 4:30 pm

Drop in and practice your sewing skills to make your own shamrock plush, while supplies last!

New Release Movie Days

Wednesdays: March 20; April 17 3:00 – 5:00 pm

Teens will meet once a month and enjoy a newly released movie along with some yummy snacks! March movie: *The Haunted Mansion*; April movie: *Transformers: Rise of the Beasts*.



ISY264



Taylor Swift Music Bingo

Friday, March 22

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Calling all SWIFTIES! Join us for a fun afternoon of music bingo with everyone's favorite pop star – Taylor Swift! Taylor Swift-themed prizes will be awarded to all winners.

ISY222



The Teen Art Club

Tuesday, March 26

Monday, April 15 (Mini Canvas Day – make a mini canvas to be displayed in the lobby display case during the month of May)

3:00 – 4:00 pm

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!

ISY233

Ultimate Classic Game Night!

Thursday, March 28

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Play games that were popular in the 1920s: Checkers, Dominoes, Parcheesi, and Jacks!



ISY270

APRIL PROGRAMS

Solar Eclipse Event with "That Planetarium Guy"

ISY250

Saturday, April 6

2:00 – 2:50 pm

Join Tom Barr ("That Planetarium Guy"), as we explore the upcoming eclipse and learn how to view it, all from the safety of a portable planetarium. You will enter the planetarium inside our Community Room for this unique experience! Participants will receive solar eclipse glasses.



APRIL PROGRAMS CONTINUED

Escape the Room!

ISY272

Thursday, April 11

6:00 – 7:15 pm

Do you have what it takes to figure out the clues and make it out of the room in under 60 minutes? Try your luck with our 1920s-themed Escape Room!



Book Bingo

Friday, April 19

ISY223

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come in for a fun afternoon of bingo! All winners will get to select a book of their choice!

Girls Night In

Thursday, April 25

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Join us for a *Girls Night In*! We will watch *13 Going on 30* and enjoy pink-themed treats. Each girl will also leave with a swag bag!



ISY260



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Ultimate Playdate Buddies

Mondays: March 11, 18, 25; April 1

ISY205

7:00 – 8:00 pm

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

Centennial Social Volunteers

Thursday, April 11

ISY201

7:30 – 8:30 pm

Come help us get ready for our Centennial Social by helping Ms. Kelly create balloon arches! Each teen who volunteers will earn two hours of community service.

Teen Think Tank

Tuesday, April 23

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 summer programs! All ideas are welcome! You will earn one hour of community service.

ISY203



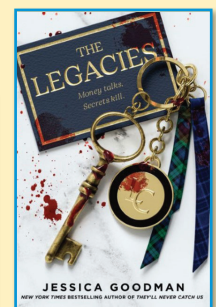
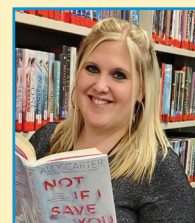
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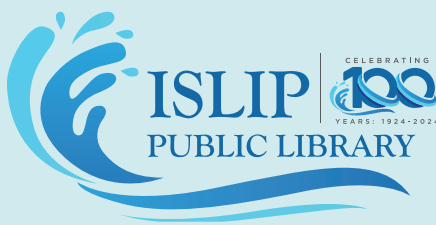
The Legacies by Jessica Goodman

Old Money. New Secrets. Killer Party.

"This suspenseful thriller set in NYC has elite social circles, backstabbing and blackmail, and twisty secrets. It will keep you on the edge of your seat!"

~ Kelly Harvey





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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

***The only thing you absolutely have to know,
is the location of the library.*** - Albert Einstein

In honor of the Library's 100th Anniversary, I wanted to put out a list of 100 cool and maybe unexpected things you can do with your Islip Library card. Alas, space is short, so here's the top 50. Remember, for some activities space or supplies may be limited. Look for registration information in our newsletters.

1. Use the Library's on-site edition of Ancestry to do some family sleuthing
2. Check out a Cricut Maker
3. Attend a live Sunday concert
4. Watch a Friday movie on our big screen
5. Research a big purchase with Consumer Reports
6. Get a free pair of eclipse viewing glasses for April's celestial event
7. Borrow one of our many cake baking pans in fun sizes and characters
8. Learn to play the ukulele on one borrowed from the Library
9. Reserve a Fire Island Lighthouse pass
10. Take an online Tex Mex cooking course with Universal Class
11. Take a bus trip to the annual Philadelphia Flower Show
12. Stream a book to your personal device
13. Make an appointment with a librarian for one-on-one tech assistance
14. Earn teen volunteer hours
15. Work on a jigsaw puzzle in the Adult Department
16. Play chess
17. Save money by canceling your magazine subscriptions and checking out your favorites from the Library
18. Play with an American Girl Doll
19. Take a test prep class
20. Shred sensitive documents
21. Fax a document
22. Read 1000 books before kindergarten
23. Buy discounted tickets to the Long Island Aquarium
24. Enjoy a LEGO playdate
25. Join a book discussion group
26. Borrow binoculars
27. See what books are trending on TikTok
28. Listen to an audiobook to break the monotony of household chores
29. Take a driver's safety class to reduce your insurance costs
30. Pick up a free pass to the Long Island Music and Entertainment Hall of Fame
31. Attend a local history lecture sponsored by The Historical Society of Islip Hamlet
32. Join a summer reading club (all ages!)
33. Get crafty in an adult, teen or children's program
34. Check out a free pass to the Intrepid Museum
35. Gaze at our large saltwater fish tank
36. Scan documents
37. Take advantage of our seed library in the spring
38. Peruse our local history collection
39. Download an ebook or audiobook through Libby
40. Borrow a blood pressure monitoring kit
41. Introduce your youngsters to new friends at Ultimate Playdate
42. Access a historical Islip High School yearbook back to 1940
43. Access a NYS historical newspaper online (great for genealogy!)
44. Take advantage of discounted tickets on the LIRR in December
45. Attend the Library's upcoming Centennial Social
46. Book a meeting room for your non-profit
47. Check out a sewing machine
48. Get moving in an exercise class
49. Meet with a senior advocate
50. Borrow one of our tens of thousands of books!