

# TIDINGS

NEWS & PROGRAMS IN YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

## FOR FAMILIES AND CHILDREN

### Halloween Spooktacular

Thursday, October 24  
5:30 – 6:00 pm OR 6:00 – 6:30 pm  
OR 6:30 – 7:00 pm

ISJ356



Recommended for ages infant – grade 5 with caregiver.

Please register for one session.

Boo! Join us and celebrate the season with costume contests, games, crafts, and much more! Children can trick-or-treat and go on a scavenger hunt throughout the Library following the program. **Costumes are encouraged but not required.**



## PROGRAM REGISTRATION

### Programs for Adults

#### In-person and online:

Begins on Tuesday, September 3, at 5:30 pm  
**Phone:** Wednesday, September 4, at 9:30 am

### Programs for Children and Teens

#### In-person and online:

Begins on Tuesday, September 3, at 6:30 pm  
**Phone:** Wednesday, September 4, at 10:00 am

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

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

## Community Events

### Shining a Light on Pink and Teal: Women's Health Night ISA500

Thursday, September 26, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Join us for a fun and empowering night shining a light on women's health. September is **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** and October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**. Northwell Health and the Islip Public Library are partnering together to support and uplift the women in our community while having a great time! **Please see page two for details.**

### The Great Give Back

Tuesday, October 1 – Thursday, October 31

During the month of **October**, the Adult and Teen Departments will once again be supporting **The Great Give Back**. The departments will be collecting items to support St. Patrick's food pantry. All donations can be dropped off at the Reference Desk beginning Tuesday, October 1. A list of pantry items will be available at the Reference Desk beginning on Tuesday, September 3, at registration.



### Community Yard Sale

Saturday, October 5  
10:00 am – 2:30 pm

- Vendor Fee: Cash or check
- \$10 for Islip Library cardholders
- \$25 for Out-of-District patrons

Back by popular demand! Join us for a community yard sale taking place on the side lawn of the Islip Library. Each vendor will receive a small space to sell their gently used items, and will need to supply their own tables and chairs. Please note that out-of-district patrons will be notified on Friday, September 20, if they are able to reserve a space.

**Sign up at the Reference Desk. Rain date: Sunday, October 6, 10:00 am – 2:30 pm.**



## PROGRAM SYMBOLS



= Food will be served that may contain allergens.



= Program celebrating our 100th Anniversary.



Save the Date!

## Holiday CRAFT FAIR

Saturday, December 7

Join us for the Islip Library's second annual holiday craft fair! We are seeking vendors who specialize in handmade gifts (soaps, jams, crafts, quilts, etc.). Registration forms will be available starting Friday, November 1, at the Reference Desk.

# ADULT PROGRAMS

SEE FRONT COVER FOR  
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.

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- canvas painting with a pink and teal theme (while supplies last)
- healthy snacks and recipes from a renowned South Shore University Hospital chef
- yoga
- crafts
- smoothies donated by Tropical Smoothie Café in Bay Shore
- delicious mocktails
- education on the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer, breast cancer, and the resources available

As a special treat, you may register your young children for a playdate (while seats remain available) to be held in another room of the Library during Women's Health Night (**Ultimate Playdate ISJ500**). Please bring a caregiver, 16 years or older, to supervise your child during the program. See page 8 for more details. **Registration is not necessary but is recommended for canvas painting (ISA500).**

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## CONCERTS

### At the Piano with Alex Wu: All Gershwin ISA152 Sunday, September 22 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Pianist and Yamaha Artist Alex Wu delves into the fascinating life and music career of one of America's most original and celebrated figures. In the early days, George Gershwin started out as a song-plugger on Tin Pan Alley, but as he was continuing to have great success writing popular music for the stage and later Hollywood, he also began to lead a double life striving to make his mark as a serious composer. Alexander A. Wu's performance brings to life a unique collection of the composer's earlier piano works and hit songs from his musicals (*Swanee, Somebody Loves Me, Fascinatin' Rhythm, Embraceable You, The Man I Love, Someone to Watch over Me, and I Got Rhythm*) to his large-scale compositions (*Rhapsody in Blue, The Three Preludes, An American in Paris and Porgy and Bess*).



### Linda Ipanema Jazz Ensemble ISA153

Sunday, October 20

1:30 – 2:45 pm

Enjoy this entertaining jazz ensemble that includes vocals, piano, trumpet and drums.



## CRAFTS & HOBBIES

### Fall Mosaic Leaf ISA154

Tuesday, September 10  
6:00 – 8:30 pm • Fee: \$12

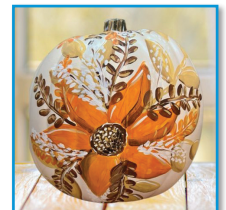
Create a dazzling fall mosaic leaf with artist Gabriella Grama.



### Pumpkin Paint Night ISA155

Monday, September 30  
7:00 – 8:30 pm • Fee: \$14

Learn to paint fall florals on a faux pumpkin using acrylic paints with instructor Teresa Grant.



### Fall Aromatherapy Pack Workshop ISA156 Tuesday, October 22 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fee: \$15

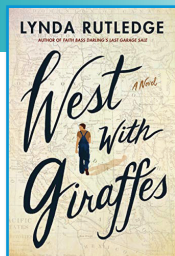
Instructor Janice Imbrogno will teach you about essential oils and aromatherapy while you sew a microwaveable aroma pack. Brush up on your sewing skills and learn hand stitching too! Some sewing machines will be provided, but bring yours if you have one! Beginners are welcome!

## BOOK DISCUSSIONS

### West With Giraffes ISA150

Tuesday, September 24  
7:00 – 8:30 pm

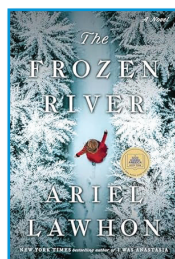
Join Librarian Laurie Aitken for a discussion of *West with Giraffes*. Following our discussion, the author, Lynda Rutledge, will talk with us via Zoom.



### The Frozen River ISA151

Saturday, October 19  
10:00 – 11:30 am

Join Librarian Mark Irish to discuss *The Frozen River*, a historical murder mystery with vivid characters, by Ariel Lawhon.



### Painting with Coffee

ISA157

Wednesday, October 23

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Fee: \$10

Join artist Bonnie Schwartz who will teach you how to paint using only water and coffee to get beautiful sepia tones. No prior painting experience is required.



### Fall Flower Paint Night

ISA158

Wednesday, November 6

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Fee: \$12

Join Kathy Reccardi and create this fall painting using acrylic paints on a 16 x 20 inch canvas.



## EXERCISE/FITNESS

### Tai Chi for Health and Energy

ISA159

Fridays: September 13, 20, 27; October 11, 18

10:00 – 11:30 am

Note: No class on October 4 • 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.

## GENERAL INTEREST

### Pink by the Bay Shines a Light on Teal

Tuesday, September 3

4:30 – 6:30 pm

Did you know that in some cases, cancers of the breast and ovaries are linked? Stop by the **Pink by the Bay Shines a Light on Teal** table, which will be set up in the lobby at the Library, for a free kit from *Northwell Health* to spread the word encouraging the community to get their annual mammograms, and to know the signs and symptoms of ovarian cancer. **No registration is necessary.**

### Islip Goes Purple

Tuesday, September 3

4:30 – 6:30 pm

**Islip Goes Purple** is a month-long initiative uniting the Town of Islip to raise awareness of mental health and substance use disorders. Stop by the **Islip Goes Purple** table, which will be set up in the lobby at the Library, for information as well as **Islip Goes Purple** tote bags filled with purple items including: lightbulbs, bows, wristbands, **Islip Goes Purple** calendar of events, tattoos for children and much more! **No registration is necessary.**

### Defensive Driving

Saturday, September 14

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Or

Wednesday, October 16

9:30 am – 4:00 pm

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

### Senior Advocate

Monday, September 16

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.**

### Can't Sleep? Let's Talk!

Tuesday, September 17

ISA160

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Are you spending too many nights staring at the clock, worrying about your inability to fall asleep? Afraid you won't be able to function the next day? Join certified health and sleep science coach Barbara Herd who will look at some environmental and external factors that may be affecting your sleep and what you can do about it.

### Captree, Havemeyer, Sexton:

History of Islip's Bay Islands

ISA161

Tuesday, October 1

7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join Lesley Clock-Kane for a PowerPoint presentation which includes topographical changes of the Great South Bay, Fire Island Inlet, and the bay islands within Islip's governance: Captree, Havemeyer, and Sexton, using maps from 1901, 1915, and a contemporary satellite view. She will talk about the old hotels and hostleries found on the three islands in the later 1800s, including uses of the islands from the 1800s on, for example, salt hay farming, fishing and hunting guides, baymen and bay women, rum-running, family use, and commercial fish camps. Robert Moses's tremendous impact on the area will be also discussed. The ongoing stewardship of these ecologically sensitive islands by current residents is addressed.

### Catholic Health Services Mobile Bus

Friday, October 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, glucose screenings, along with patient education and referrals, will be provided. Free flu vaccinations will also be available. **No registration is required but please call ahead to ensure there are no changes to Catholic Health Service's schedule.**



### The A, B, C, Ds of Medicare

Friday, October 4

ISA162

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 period runs from Tuesday, October 15 – Saturday, December 7.**

### Social Security Workshop

Wednesday, October 16

ISA163

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Social Security is typically the largest source of retirement income. Join us and learn how to take advantage of and optimize your Social Security benefits. There are over 2,000 rules and regulations that affect benefits so it is important to stay informed.

## Shredding Day

**Saturday, October 26**

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 documents. What CAN be shredded: 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. Do not bring newspapers, magazines, black carbon sheets, plastic or cardboard. Please check your bags and boxes for extraneous trash.



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ON-SITE SHREDDING

## Mysteries Beyond the Veil: A Spooky Paranormal Halloween Mind Reading Show

ISA164

**Tuesday, October 29**

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Enter a world of eerie enchantment and spine-tingling thrills for an unforgettable evening as you explore the depths of the unseen with Greg Dwyer as your guide.

## TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

### Apple Support Group

ISA165

**Tuesday, September 17**

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Do you have any questions or issues with your iPhone or iPad? Ask about them here! Open to any skill level.

### Windows/Android Support Group

ISA166

**Tuesday, October 8**

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Do you have any questions or issues with your Android mobile device or Windows laptop? Ask about them here! Open to any skill level.

### Cut the Cord

ISA167

**Thursday, October 10**

6:30 – 7:30 pm

Join Instructor Arooj Chaudhry and learn about the variety of streaming services and equipment needed to stream television shows, podcasts and more. She will also discuss Hoopla, the free streaming service available through the Library website.

## BUS TRIPS Please note that all trips are rain or shine

### Halloween Nights at Eastern State Penitentiary

ISA499

**Date: Saturday, October 26**

**Bus departs Islip Library: 12:30 pm**

**Fee: \$210 per person**

**Pre-registration began on Tuesday, July 2, but at the time of this newsletter printing there are a few spots still available!**

**Please note: No refunds will be issued unless your seat can be filled by someone else.**

**Please go to our website, email us at [reference@isliplib.org](mailto:reference@isliplib.org) or stop by the Reference Desk for complete trip details!**

### The Culinary Institute Luncheon and Brotherhood Winery

**Date: Thursday, November 7**

ISA484

**Bus departs Islip Library: 7:00 am**

**Fee: \$165 per person**

**Registration ends on Saturday, September 21, at 5:00 pm.**

**Please note: No refunds issued after Saturday, September 21, unless your seat can be filled by someone else.**

#### Itinerary:

- Start the day with a guided tour of the **Culinary Institute** led by students.
- 11:30 am luncheon at the Culinary Institute's restaurant, **American Bounty**.
- After lunch, you will have time to walk around **Anton Plaza**, which overlooks the Hudson River, and visit the **Apple Pie Bakery Café** and bookstore.
- Drive to the **Brotherhood Winery** (America's oldest winery) for a tour of their underground cellars along with a wine tasting (five tastings included). Everyone receives a souvenir glass!
- Approximate return time: 7:30 pm.
- Cost for trip includes transportation via Hampton Jitney motor coach, lunch at the Culinary Institute's American Bounty Restaurant, guided tour of the Culinary Institute, and tour and wine-tasting at the Brotherhood Winery.

## MOVIES

Join us on Friday afternoons at 1:00 pm

**September 6** *The Sun Also Rises* (1957)

**October 25** *Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes* (2024)

## WHAT'S COOKIN'!

### Great Gatsby Afternoon Tea



**Friday, September 13**

ISA168

1:00 – 2:00 pm

The elegance of afternoon tea and the allure of *The Great Gatsby*, one of America's most well-known jazz-age novels, come together, deliciously, in this program from local author Margaret M. Johnson. Johnson weaves 1920s recipes into a formal three-course menu that includes sandwiches and savories, scones and tea breads, and decadent sweets. Please bring your favorite teacup and saucer. If you do not have one, we will supply a teacup for you.



### Chicken Cutlets and Nuggets with Chef Robert Dell'Amore



**Saturday, September 21**

ISA169

12:00 – 1:00 pm

Enjoy a demonstration and tasting of delicious and easy to prepare chicken nuggets and cutlets like you have never had before! Served with pasta and a homemade red sauce.

### Cooking with Naela's Organics:



**Beef Moussaka**

**Tuesday, October 15**

ISA170

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join Naela from *Naela's Organics* as she demonstrates how to make Beef Moussaka; layered beef and eggplant with potatoes in tomato sauce, and a Middle Eastern salad. For dessert, enjoy baklava with walnuts and syrup.

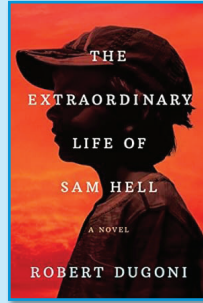




# BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

## *The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell*, by Robert Dugoni

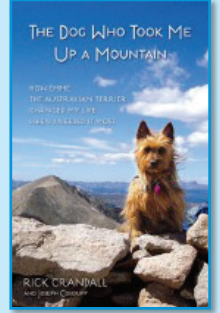
"The novel chronicles the life of Sam Hell who is nicknamed Devil Boy because of a rare genetic mutation. A warm-hearted coming of age story that will remind us of how ordinary can be extraordinary." ~ **Mark Irish**



## *The Dog Who Took Me Up a Mountain: How Emme the Australian Terrier Changed My Life When I Needed It Most*, by Rick Crandall and Joseph Cosgriff

"A heartwarming and inspirational account of how a pint-sized dog, Emme, helped a middle-aged man battling personal setbacks find a new passion and new heights, literally and figuratively. This is a good read for dog and hiking enthusiasts as well as anyone who enjoys reading about how older adults answer the question 'what's next?' on the trail of life."

~ **Mary Schubart**



# LIBRARY NEWS

EARLY FALL EDITION

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## ON EXHIBIT

### SEPTEMBER

Front Entrance Display Case

Memorabilia that celebrates  
Islip Public Library's  
100th Anniversary



### OCTOBER

Front Entrance Display Case

October is  
Breast Cancer  
Awareness Month

The Islip Breast Cancer Coalition will have an exhibit to observe the international health campaign.

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.

## SEPTEMBER IS LIBRARY CARD SIGN-UP MONTH!

Sign up for a card today!



Book discussions, cooking classes, painting programs, crafts, movies, books and more, are just some of the things you can access with your Islip Library card!

Stop by the Reference Desk and request a one-time use voucher to

**THE Gateway**

purchase theater tickets at half-price for productions at The Gateway Playhouse. Vouchers are limited and available on a first-come-first-served basis for the current showing at the Gateway. One voucher is good for a single purchase of up to **10 tickets**. You must come into the Library in person to receive the voucher.

# 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.

- 9/11 Memorial and Museum • Empire Pass
- Fire Island Lighthouse • Harbes Farm
- Long Island Children's Museum • Sagtikos Manor
- Children's Museum of the East End • Raynham Hall
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex
- Cradle of Aviation • Old Westbury Gardens • Sagtikos Manor
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum • Horton's Flower Farm



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

## DISCOUNT TICKETS

- **New!** Half-price ticket vouchers to the Gateway Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County.
- Long Island Aquarium - \$27 per ticket.
- Long Island Science Center - \$10 per ticket.
- **Whale Watching Tours out of Montauk**  
\$50 - Adults  
\$25 - Children (ages 5 - 12)  
Pick up a flyer at the Reference Desk to receive a promotional code to purchase discounted tickets from Viking Fleet's website.



## DOWNLOAD & STREAM



**Libby**

Offers thousands of ebooks and audiobooks.



Streaming movies, music, ebooks and TV shows.



Hundreds of digital magazines to choose from.



Offers over 30,000 ad-free movies, documentaries, and educational videos starting October, 2024.

## LIBRARY OF THINGS

Reserve these items and more for Parties and Events!

8 Piece Cake Pans  
Bocce Ball  
Corn Hole  
Croquet Set  
Flag Football  
Pickleball Set  
Volleyball Badminton Combo Set



Bocce Ball



Flag Football



Pickleball Set



Corn Hole



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

## PREMIER DATABASES



**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 and more in the Children's Room.

American Girl Dolls  
Bluey Walkie-Talkies  
Cash Register  
Legos  
Magna-Tiles  
Nintendo Switch  
Toolbox

Magna-Tiles



Cash Register



Bluey Walkie-Talkies



Legos



Nintendo Switch

# Children's Programs



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

## SCAVENGER HUNTS

This September, look for **Back to School** items hidden throughout the Children's Room. Find them all, and you will win a prize!



This October, join us for a **SPOOKY SCAVENGER HUNT** IF YOU DARE! Search for friendly ghosts hiding in the Children's Room and answer our ghostly question to win a prize!



If you do not want us to use a photo of your child for promotional purposes, and/or you have any questions about the suitability of a program for your child, please contact a children's librarian.

## 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.



Camila



Ada



Congratulations to Camila, Harry and Ada! They all read 1000 books together with their families in our 1000 Books Before Kindergarten program!

## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

### Ultimate Playdate

**Mondays: September 9, 16 and 23**  
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 time slot.*

**This registers you for all three dates.**

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

ISJ330

### Fingerpaint Fun

**Wednesday, September 11** 10:30 – 11:00 am  
**Friday, October 25** 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, rollers and more. Veggie Baby finger paints are available for our youngest guests. Dress for a mess.

ISJ708

### Lego Block Party

**Tuesday, September 10**  
Grades K – 2

Calling all engineers! Get your creative juices flowing! Come to our Lego Block Party program and build something magnificent.

ISJ318

5:30 – 6:15 pm

### Red Apple Slime

**Wednesday, September 11**  
Grades 3 – 5

Make your own ruby-red slime at the Library and then bring it home in a festive apple container!

ISJ308  
6:00 – 6:45 pm

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## Squishmallow Fun!

Thursday, September 12  
Grades 4 – 8

It's a Squishmallow party! Bring your Squishmallows to meet others, play games, and have fun! Adopt a Squishmallow, play Squishmallow Bingo, and receive a special goodie bag!

All attendees will be entered to win special prizes that will be raffled off.



ISJ310  
6:30 – 7:30 pm

## History of Teddy Bears

Saturday, September 14

10:30 – 11:15 am OR 11:30 am – 12:15 pm  
Grades 1 – 3

**Please register for one session.**

In 1903, Morris Michtom, a Brooklyn candy shop owner, decided to make **Teddy's Bear** in honor of President Theodore Roosevelt's compassionate interaction with a bear cub. Teddy bears have been popular worldwide ever since that fateful day. Learn more about this iconic toy and create your own Goldendoodle stuffie friend to take home!



ISJ911

## Paintbrush Palooza

Wednesday,  
September 18  
6:30 – 7:15 pm  
**Donut Galaxy**

OR  
Wednesday,  
October 9  
6:30 – 7:15 pm

**Wednesday  
Addams**

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.



ISJ322

## Muddy and Not-So-Muddy Buddies

Friday, September 20

Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years  
with caregiver.

Saturday, October 12  
Recommended for grades K – 5 with caregiver.

**(sensory-friendly session)**

**Please register for one session.**

Join us outside, wearing clothes that can get messy, while we dig in the dirt, and do other messy things. Non-messy activities may include a nature scavenger hunt, kinetic sand play, a STEM station, and a nature-themed craft. In case of rain, please contact the Library for a rescheduled date.

## Purple Chair Storytime

**No Registration is Needed!**

Tuesday, September 24

Gather around the purple chair in the Children's Department for a super storytime, songs and a craft.

ISJ398  
10:30 – 11:15 am

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10:30 – 10:50 am

## These Animals Live to be 100!

Tuesday, September 24

Grades 2 – 4

Did you know Mr. Mac, a tortoise in Boise, Idaho, was born in the 1920s and just celebrated his 100th birthday? Listen to stories about animals that live to be 100 and create an amazing animal craft!



ISJ108  
6:00 – 6:45 pm



## Pikachu and Friends

Wednesday, September 25

Grades K – 3

Do you love all things *Pokémon*? Bring your favorite characters to life as you enjoy crafts and activities with fellow fans!

ISJ701  
6:00 – 6:45 pm

## Ultimate Playdate (for Women's Health Night)

Thursday, September 26

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver.

If you are attending the Women's Health Night on Thursday, September 26, you can register your child for Ultimate Playdate (while seats remain available)! Please have a caregiver 16 or older accompany your child to the playdate while you enjoy the program. **See page two for details about Women's Health Night.**

ISJ500  
6:00 – 8:00 pm

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

### Little Pumpkins Storytime

ISJ353

Thursday, October 3

11:00 – 11:30 am

Grades K – 2

What are the secret ingredients to a great fall story and craft? Pumpkin spice and everything nice! Having fun at this storytime is as easy as pumpkin pie.



### Graffiti Tote Bags

Friday, October 4

Grades 2 – 5

Join *Krafty Hands* as you design your own personal graffiti creation on a tote bag with over 200 stencils to choose from.

ISJ376  
11:00 – 11:45 am

### Halloween Cupcakes

Monday, October 7

Grades K – 5

Decorate cool cupcakes with *Sugar Island Bake Shop!* We will have fun learning how to plan, frost, and decorate three delicious and spooky designs including: *Jack O'Lantern*, *Spooky Spider Web* and *Wicked Witch*.

ISJ319  
6:00 – 6:45 pm





### Construction Zone ISJ332

Tuesday, October 8  
10:30 – 11:15 am  
Recommended for ages  
24 months – 5 years with  
caregiver.

Design, Build, Craft, Repeat!  
We will play with various  
building toys, go on a scavenger  
hunt, construct a fun craft and take home a prize!



### Chess Club

Tuesday, October 15  
Grades K – 5

ISJ207

6:30 – 7:30 pm

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

### Pokémon Club ISJ323

Wednesday, October 16  
6:00 – 6:45 pm  
Grades 4 – 5

Calling all trainers! Design your own Pokémon cards, play quiz games, and more. Feel free to bring your own Pokémon cards from home to trade with your friends!



### A Time for Kids

Saturday, October 19, 10:30 – 11:30 am, Harvest Owl  
Monday, October 28, 5:30 – 6:30 pm, Magical Unicorn  
Recommended for ages 18 months – 5 years  
with caregiver.

ISJ718

**Please register for one session.**

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

### Musical Mother Goose

Monday, October 21  
Recommended for ages infant – 24 months with  
caregiver.

ISJ706

10:00 – 10:30 am

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



### Haunted Family Bingo

Monday, October 21  
Recommended for grades K – 5 with caregiver.

ISJ354

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Looking for something fun and spooky to do with the family? Join us for Haunted Family Bingo for a ghostly good time!

### Mysteries of Owls

Tuesday, October 22  
Grades 2 – 5

ISJ355

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Owls have always been fascinating and mysterious to people. Join Sweetbriar Nature Center as they reveal some of the wondrous adaptations these creatures have for surviving under the cloak of darkness. You will meet the following birds of prey: a Great Horned Owl, a Screech Owl, and a Barred Owl.



### Halloween Spooktacular ISJ356

Thursday, October 24  
5:30 – 6:00 pm OR  
6:00 – 6:30 pm OR  
6:30 – 7:00 pm

Recommended for  
ages infant – grade 5  
with caregiver.

**Please register for one session.**

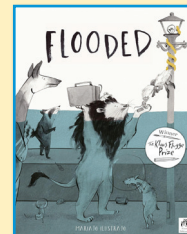
Boo! Join us and celebrate with costume contests, games, crafts, and much more. Children can trick-or-treat and go on a scavenger hunt throughout the Library following the program. **Costumes are encouraged but not required.**



## BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

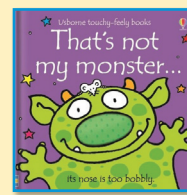
**Flooded**  
A picture book by  
Mariajo Ilustrajo  
Recommended for  
ages preschool –  
grade 1

"An uplifting story showing that teamwork can help an entire town of animals solve a big problem." ~ Mrs. R



**That's Not My  
Monster...**  
A board book  
by Fiona Watt  
Recommended for  
ages infant – 24  
months

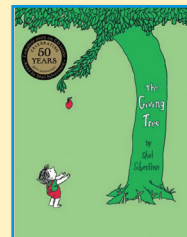
"Little ones will love feeling all the different textures on each page as they search for the right monster!" ~ Ms. Katie



## Kids' Book Talk

**The Giving Tree**  
by Shel  
Silverstein

"The Giving Tree is a very wholesome story. I like this book because as the boy grew up the tree was always helping him."  
~ Julia Morgan, Grade 4





# TEEN Programs

**New! For Teens in Grades 6-12**  
**Welcome 6th Graders!**

SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

## TEENSHIP BOXES

ISY290

The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out on Friday, November 1. Registration for these boxes will begin on Tuesday, October 1. The theme for November is **Fall**.



## SEPTEMBER PROGRAMS

### Craft Buffet

Thursday, September 5



ISY246

6:00 – 7:30 pm

Stop in for a night of crafting! Teens will have the chance to create anything they wish from a full buffet of craft supplies. Most creative project wins a prize! Snacks will also be served.

### Squishmallow Fun!

Thursday, September 12

Recommended for grades 6 – 8

ISY220

6:30 – 7:30 pm

It's a Squishmallow party! Bring your Squishmallows to meet others, play games, and have fun! Adopt a Squishmallow, play Squishmallow Bingo, and receive a special goodie bag! All attendees will be entered to win special prizes that will be raffled off.



### Back to School Bingo

Tuesday, September 17



ISY222

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Celebrate school starting again with Back to School Bingo! Fun prizes can be won, and snacks will be served.

### New Release Movie Days:

*Despicable Me 4*

ISY264



Wednesday, September 18

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Enjoy a newly released movie while enjoying some yummy snacks!



### Calling All Teens

ISY223



Thursday, September 19

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come meet Teen Librarian Ms. Kelly, along with some new faces, as the Library kicks off another school year. Explore the Teen Room, play games, and enjoy some snacks!

## OCTOBER PROGRAMS

### Olivia Rodrigo Music Bingo

Friday, October 11

ISY226

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Are you the ultimate Olivia Rodrigo fan? Join us for an afternoon of music bingo with lots of cool prizes!

### Halloween Movie Day

Wednesday, October 16



ISY262

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Come in for a spooky, scary afternoon and enjoy a Halloween-themed movie and yummy snacks! Vote for the movie you want to watch on the day of the program.

**Murder Mystery Night!**  
ISY270



Thursday, October 17  
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join us for a Murder Mystery Night with a Broadway/Roaring 20's theme. Snacks will also be served.



**Game Day!**  
Friday, October 18



ISY271  
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Stop in for a fun afternoon of games and snacks.

**Spooky Cupcakes**



ISY232

Tuesday, October 22  
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come in and decorate cupcakes for an early Halloween treat; the spookier, the better! Best cupcakes will win a prize.



**Halloween Movie Trivia**



ISY224  
Friday, October 25  
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come in for an afternoon of Halloween movie trivia. Test your knowledge, win cool prizes and enjoy yummy snacks!

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**UNO Card Game Tournament**

ISY272

Friday, November 8  
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come join us for a fun afternoon playing UNO!



**BOOK TALK  
STAFF PICK**

**Stay Dead,**  
by April Henry

"A teenager's survival skills are put to the test—along with her relationships with the people she relies on the most.

A page-turning cat-and-mouse survival story." ~ Kelly Harvey



**VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

**Ultimate Playdate Buddies**  
ISY205

Mondays: September 9, 16, 23  
7:00 – 8:00 pm

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



**Community Yard Sale Helpers**

ISY201

Saturday, October 5

8:00 am – 3:00 pm

Come help us with our Community Yard Sale! Help patrons set up for the yard sale, then help them pack up after the yard sale ends. **You will receive community service hours for each hour you attend. Teens may volunteer for the whole day, or any time they are available.**



**Rain date is Sunday, October 6.**

**Teen Think Tank**

ISY203

Wednesday, October 9

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 winter programs! All ideas are welcome! **You will receive one hour of community service.**



**Letters to Veterans**

ISY206

Monday, November 4

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come help us honor our veterans for their service by writing them thank you letters! **You will earn one hour of community service.**

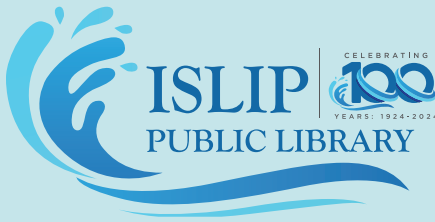


**Book Recommendations**

**Calling all teens!**

Are you interested in reading new teen books and writing a review for your 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).**





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Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm  
Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm  
Sundays: 12:00 – 4:00 pm, beginning September 8  
\*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

### A New Tank for Fish to Flourish

The Board of Trustees and I are excited to share the news that in the coming days, the acrylic aquarium in the Library’s lobby will be replaced with a new glass reef aquarium. The existing tank has been enjoyed by guests for thirteen years, but the acrylic design is soft and the cleaning of the tank’s algae, which is abrasive in its composition, has led to noticeable scratching. Also, algae have coated the nooks and crannies of the artificial coral insert, which has darkened it to the point where it can no longer be cleaned. The unnatural tank environment has become stressful and unhealthy for our fish and inhospitable for new inhabitants.

The new tank will be glass, which is far more durable and will provide a cleaner overall appearance. In addition, instead of featuring a plastic insert, the base of the new tank will be

composed of rock that spent years in a natural reef before being harvested in an environmentally sustainable manner. The “live” rock will be transferred to our aquarium and will bring vital bacteria and microorganisms, which will then proliferate and cycle through the tank. The rock insert will eventually be covered by new living coral, and when the cycle is complete, new tank inhabitants, including invertebrates, will be added to the ecosystem.

As a final enhancement to the tank, the surrounding cabinetry will be made lighter, which in turn, will make the tank easier to maintain and the fish easier to feed each day. An LED screen will be included into the design so that we can keep our patrons updated about the acclimation process inside the tank and its residents. Be warned: as the tank environment is in its cycling phase, it will look worse before it looks better. Clearer days will be ahead, and we look forward to resuming our daily feeding events and introducing you to new saltwater friends.