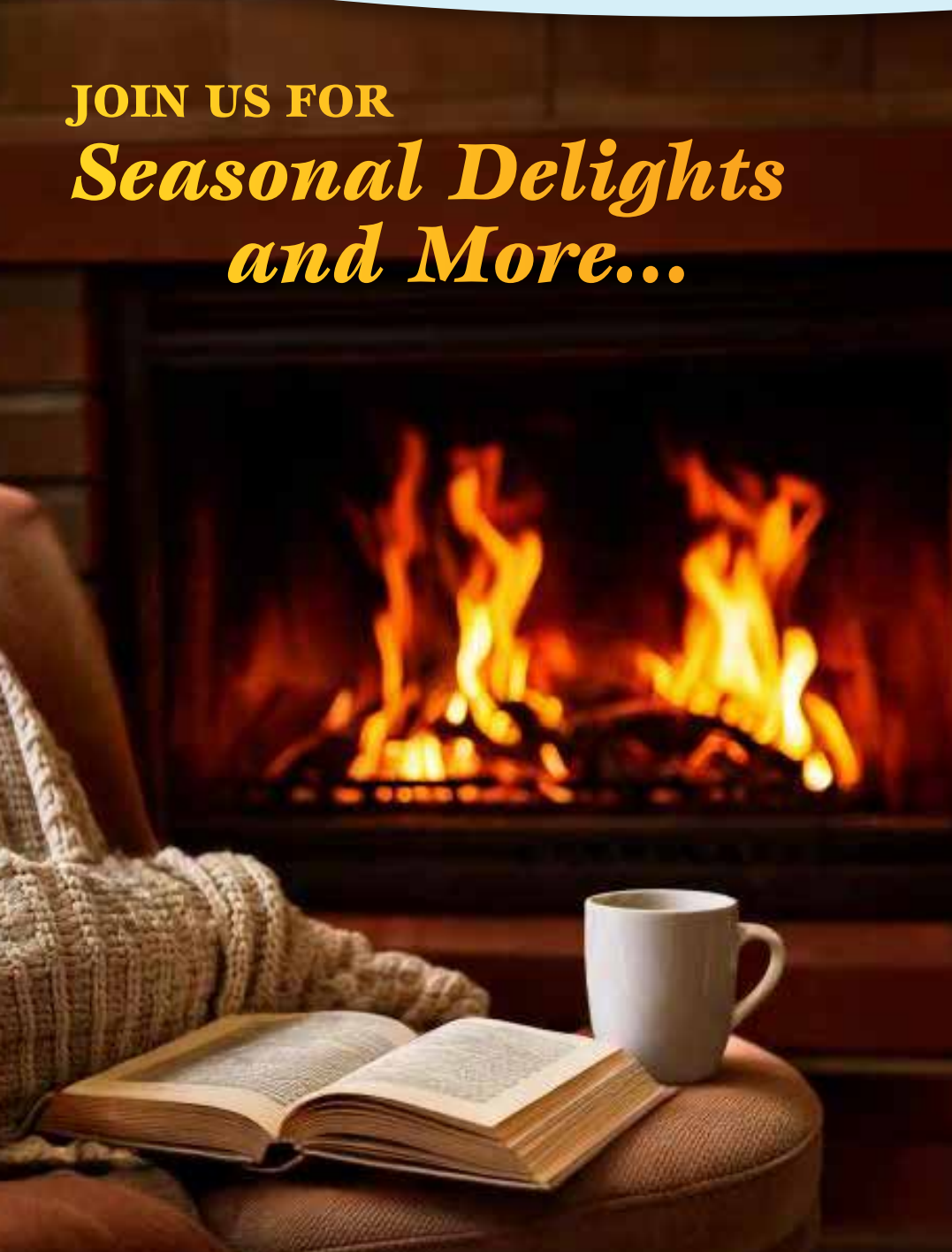


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NEWS & PROGRAMS IN YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

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and More...*



PROGRAM REGISTRATION

Programs for Adults

In-person (Limit of two barcodes per registrant):

Begins on Wednesday, November 6, at 5:30 pm

Online: Begins on Wednesday, November 6, at 5:45 pm

Phone: Begins on Thursday, November 7, at 9:30 am

Programs for Children and Teens

In-person and online:

Begins on Wednesday, November 6, at 6:30 pm

Phone: Begins on Thursday, November 7, at 10:00 am

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

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

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.

100th Anniversary Cookbook

Big News! Our 100th Anniversary Cookbook will be available for purchase beginning on Saturday, November 23rd, at the Pie Bake-Off Contest. Please see page four.

Holiday Craft Fair and Holiday Bake Sale

Holiday Craft Fair
Saturday, December 7
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

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.

Holiday Bake Sale
Saturday, December 7
10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Join us for our third annual bake sale (while supplies last)! All proceeds will be donated to the **American Heart Association.**



CONCERTS

Holiday Concert with the Long Island reSound Handbell Ensemble
ISA177

Sunday, December 8
1:30 – 2:45 pm

Listen to the beautiful sounds of this unique musical group founded in 2014.



CRAFTS & HOBBIES

Flapper-Style Earrings ISA178
Tuesday, November 19
6:30 – 8:30 pm

Fee: \$10

Make a pair of unique flapper-style earrings with Donna Irvine. All materials will be supplied.



Painted Soap Dispenser
Monday, November 25
Fee: \$12

Join Betty Cole to design and create a decorative soap dispenser. It makes a great holiday gift!

ISA179
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Pressed Flower Ornament
ISA180

Tuesday, December 3
7:00 – 8:30 pm
Fee: \$15

Learn about the process of drying flowers and make your own pressed flower ornament with Instructor Erin Dengeles.



Candle Workshop
Wednesday, December 11
7:30 – 8:30 pm
Fee: \$14

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

ISA181




Paper Flower Poinsettias
ISA182

Wednesday, December 18
6:30 – 8:00 pm
Fee: \$7

Create beautiful crepe paper poinsettias with Casey Cunningham.

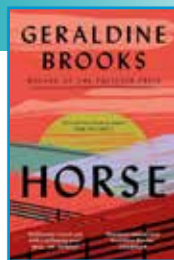



BOOK DISCUSSIONS

Saturday Morning Book Discussion: Horse 
Saturday, November 30
10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Librarian Laurie Aitken for a discussion of *Horse*, by Geraldine Brooks, a Pulitzer Prize winner that "braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history." Coffee and muffins will be served.

ISA175



Books and Bagels 
Wednesday, December 18
10:00 - 11:00 am

Join Librarian Kelly Harvey to discuss Karin Slaughter's *The Good Daughter*, where there is a twist at every corner! Bagels and juice will be served.

ISA176



GENERAL INTEREST

Your Home's Insulation ISA185 Saturday, November 9 10:30 am – 12:00 pm

Join Brian Schnee, Owner and Managing Operator of *KL Home Inspection Services*, as he presents information about insulating your home including: different types of insulation; proper installation techniques; vapor barriers; attic, basement and crawl space insulation and ventilation; and ice dam cause and effect. There will also be a hands-on display of the products discussed and an experiment.

Senior Scams ISA184 Thursday, November 14 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

This workshop, led by Tom McCann from Senior Services of North America, will instruct participants about the danger signs and how to avoid becoming a victim to scams.

Defensive Driving ISA106

Friday, November 15
9:30 am – 4:00 pm

OR

Saturday, December 21
9:30 am – 4:00 pm

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



Senior Advocate 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Monday, November 18

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.**

The Historical Society of Islip Hamlet and the Islip Public Library present: *Gerald Dickens' Adaptation of A Christmas Carol* ISA194 Tuesday, November 19 7:00 – 8:30 pm

For more than twenty-five years, Gerald Charles Dickens has performed his one-man show before audiences around the world. In 2020 he filmed his performance in Rochester, England, where Charles Dickens lived most of his life. View this DVD on our large screen in our community room. Light refreshments will be served!

Friendsgiving ISA186

Thursday, November 21
7:00 – 8:15 pm

Come join us for our first "Friendsgiving." Make your favorite dish to bring in for everyone to try (appetizers, desserts, etc.). We will also be playing a few rounds of bingo while we eat. Don't miss out on some delicious food and lots of fun!



Holiday Pet Portraits on the Terrace ISA187

Saturday, November 30 1:00 – 4:00 pm
Please register for a 15 minute time slot.

Bring your dog, cat, or other pet for a photograph out on the Library Terrace taken by *Laura Pea Photography*. You will receive **one** free printed photo; all other photos will be emailed to you. **In case of rain, please contact the Library for a rescheduled date.**



Holiday Music ISA188 Sing-Along Bingo

Thursday, December 5
7:00 – 8:00 pm

Join Librarian Kelly Harvey for a fun night of holiday music-themed sing-along bingo! Best holiday outfit wins a prize! Refreshments will be served.



MOVIES

Join us on Friday
afternoons at
2:00 pm.

NO
REGISTRATION
REQUIRED



December 13
Manon of the Spring:
based on the novel by
Marcel Pagnol



December 20
The Christmas Train:
based on the novel
by David Baldacci



December 27
Ordinary Angels:
based on the novel by
Sharon Stevens Evans



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TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Create Holiday Greeting Cards with Canva **ISA189** **Wednesday, November 13** **6:30 – 8:00 pm**

In this hands-on class with an instructor from *Sharper Training Solutions*, learn how to create beautiful holiday greeting cards. Canva, a graphic design platform, makes it easy to design your holiday card, to add photos, select colors, design fonts, or use one of the many free Canva templates. Bring your own laptop for a more personalized experience. If you do not have a laptop, one will be available for you to use at the class.

Kanopy: A New Library Streaming Video Service **ISA520**

Friday, November 15 **3:00 – 4:00 pm**
OR

Monday, December 9 **7:00 – 8:00 pm**
 Entertainment for the entire family! Kanopy offers over 30,000 ad-free movies, documentaries, and educational videos. We will walk you through what Kanopy has to offer and get you signed up for your free account.

Introduction to ChatGPT and Artificial Intelligence **ISA190**

Wednesday, November 20
6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join Jolynn Sapia for a hands-on introduction to AI. Bring your device (smartphone, laptop or iPad) to this program. If you do not have a laptop, one will be available for you to use at the class.



WHAT'S COOKIN'!

Smoked Thanksgiving Turkey **ISA191**

Tuesday, November 12
6:00 – 7:30 pm

Join Pitmaster Brian Collins, with his 10-foot smoker, for a demonstration and tasting of a smoked Thanksgiving turkey. Learn how to make one on your grill at home!



Pie Bake-Off Contest

Saturday, November 23
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Calling all bakers! Do you have what it takes to win the title of the **Islip Library Pie Champion**? If you are interested in baking or judging the competition, sign up at the Reference Desk.



Strawberry Swirl Snickerdoodle Blondies **ISA193** **Tuesday, December 10** **7:30 – 8:30 pm** **Fee: \$10**

Join *A Mano Baking Company* and make this sweet and savory family recipe - buttery cinnamon sugar blondies swirled with strawberry preserves. **Note: Please bring a mixing bowl and spoon to the program.**

BUS TRIPS Please note that all trips are rain or shine

On-Your-Own Holiday LIRR Trip to Grand Central Station, NYC **ISA173**

- **Date: Saturday, December 7**
- **Cost: \$11.00/person for round-trip discount ticket**
- **Cash, check, or money order payable to Islip Public Library**
- **Meet at the Islip Train Station: 8:50 am**
- **Registration ends on: Sunday, December 1, at 4:00 pm**

Travel on the Long Island Railroad, departing from the Islip Train Station. With your ticket you can return home ANYTIME on the SAME DAY. On the day of the trip, please arrive at the Islip Train Station by 8:50 am where you will be issued your return ticket(s) from a Library staff member. Please make sure that



you receive your return ticket(s) before you board the train. Everyone will board the 9:02 am train as a group and must sit in the FIRST CAR from Islip to JAMAICA and from Jamaica to GRAND CENTRAL (change trains in Jamaica). Then you're on your own! Come home anytime that day (before midnight) leaving from either Penn Station or Grand Central Station.

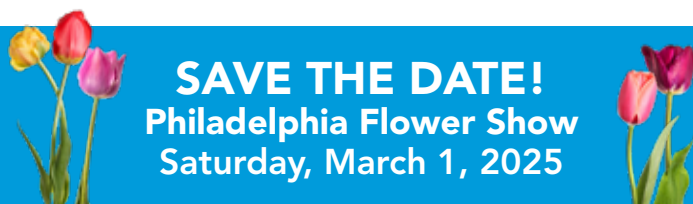
Holiday Train Show at the New York Botanical Garden **ISA501**

- **Saturday, December 14**
- **Fee: \$130.00/person**
- **Bus departs Islip Library's parking lot: 10:30 am**
- **Registration ends: Sunday, November 10, at 4:00 pm**
- **No refunds after Sunday, November 10, unless your spot can be taken by someone else**

- **Itinerary:**
 - 12:00 pm luncheon at **Mario's Restaurant** on Arthur Avenue in the Bronx.
 - After lunch, you will have time to walk around **Arthur Avenue** for approximately 45 minutes.

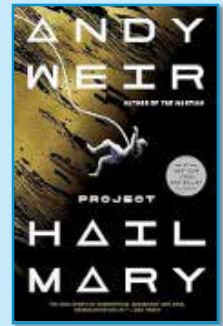


- **Holiday Train Show**, in the conservatory at the **New York Botanical Garden**: Model trains traverse a magical landscape featuring replicas of New York landmarks made from twigs, bark, stems, fruit, seeds, fungus, and pinecones. You will also have access to other parts of the Garden. Please see our website or stop by the Reference Department for additional trip information beginning Friday, November 1.
- Approximate return time: 7:00 pm.

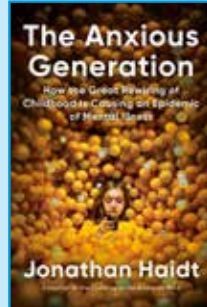




BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS



The Anxious Generation: How the Great Rewiring of Childhood is Causing an Epidemic of Mental Illness,
by Jonathan Haidt



"A perfect read for parents that looks at the mental health impacts that a phone-based life has on children."
~ Dan Coster

Project Hail Mary,
by Andy Weir

"A hybrid of sci-fi and suspense that keeps the tension building through flashbacks and revelations."

~James Klopp



LIBRARY NEWS

LATE FALL EDITION

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2024

ON EXHIBIT

November and December

The Front Lobby Display Case will feature a *Vintage Christmas*, compliments of the Historical Society of Islip Hamlet, to highlight the return of the Holiday House Tour. It will include antique toys, decorations and ornaments.



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.

kanopy

Try Kanopy Streaming today!

Access over 30,000 movies, TV series, and documentaries from major studios including A24, BBC, MGM and Paramount. Kanopy Kids provides



unlimited access to children's films, educational programs, and animated series. The storybook collection is where kids can see their favorite storybooks come to life including Mo Willems' *Pigeon* series, *Chicka Chicka Boom Boom*, *The Night Before* series, *Where the Wild Things Are*, and so much more. Kanopy has something for everyone and it is free with your Islip Public Library card!

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 • Horton's Flower Farm
- Long Island Children's Museum
- Children's Museum of the East End • Raynham Hall
- Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum Complex
- Cradle of Aviation • Old Westbury Gardens
- Nassau County Firefighters Museum



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**
\$39.00 adult tickets
\$28.00 children's tickets
- **Long Island Science Center**
\$10 per ticket



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Hundreds of digital magazines to choose from.



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LIBRARY OF THINGS

Scan the QR code here to see our entire Library of Things collection.



Check out these Gadgets!

- Bicycle Repair Kit
- Binoculars
- Circuit Breaker Finder
- Electrical Test Kit
- Laser Level



Electrical Test Kit



Laser Level



Circuit Breaker Finder



Bicycle Repair Kit

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

PLEASE SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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

SCAVENGER HUNTS

Where's Waldo?

At the Islip Public Library, of course! Throughout November, join the scavenger hunt to find this famous children's book character, with his red and white striped shirt and black glasses, hiding with his favorite books in the Children's Room.



Sonic the Hedgehog Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, December 26 – Monday, December 30

Sonic is causing havoc in the Children's Room! He will never be in the same place twice so keep an eye out for this fast hedgehog!



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.

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

National STEM/STEAM Day

Kits can be picked up beginning Friday, November 8
One per family

Ages 5 years – grade 5

Celebrate the ways in which STEM/STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, Math) affects our lives and our world by taking home a "build-your-own" microscope kit.

Register to receive a kit.

Caution: Small nails and screws are in the kit. Elmer's or wood glue, a hammer and a #2 Phillips screwdriver are suggested.

Acrylic paint and fine sandpaper are optional.



ISJ324

Happy Birthday Everyone!

ISJ325

**Wednesday, November 13
10:00 – 10:30 am**

**Recommended for ages
infant – 5 years with caregiver**

Happy birthday to you! We are celebrating the Library's birthday and YOURS today with crafts, songs, and a special surprise. Fun Fact: In the 1920s, birthday parties first became associated with gifts, guests and cake!



Owls on a Branch

**Wednesday, November 13
Grades 3 – 5**

Come and create an adorable wood slice owl craft and branch frame to hang up in your home.

**ISJ326
6:00 – 6:45 pm**

Chess Club

**Tuesday, November 12
Grades K – 5**

Learn key strategies from a chess master from *New York Chess Academy* in this introduction to chess. You may borrow a chess board to use in the Library from our Library of Things.

**ISJ207
6:30 – 7:30 pm**



UFO: Alien Encounters

**Thursday, November 14
Grades 2 – 5**

Whys Science will present information about some extraordinary space missions and the technology that makes it possible. Participants will use their inspiration and imaginations to create their very own Earth-visiting alien and his flying saucer!

**ISJ328
6:00 – 7:00 pm**

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CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Tiny Songbirds

ISJ329

Saturday, November 16
10:45 – 11:30 am

Recommended for ages
infant – 5 years with caregiver

Tiny Songbirds is an educational and fun live music experience for both children and adults! This family concert is jam-packed with instrument experimentation, movement, scarf and parachute play to engage families in the music-making process.



Ultimate Playdate

ISJ330

Mondays: November 18, 25; December 2
(The Library is closed November 11)

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 timeslot.

This registers you for all four dates.

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

Harvest Wreath

ISJ333

Monday, November 18
Grades 2 – 5

6:00 – 6:30 pm

Decorate a beautiful and colorful fall-themed wreath.

Paintbrush Palooza

ISJ322

Wednesday, November 20, 6:30 – 7:15 pm,
Besppectacled Chicken OR

Monday, December 16, 6:30 – 7:15 pm,
Rockin' Snowman

Grades K – 5

Please register for one session.

Let's grab a brush and paint as Kathy guides you each step of the way!



Besppectacled Chicken



Rockin' Snowman

Dinosaur Day

ISJ357

Thursday, November 21

10:30 – 11:00 am

Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years with caregiver

Let's stomp, chomp, and roar together at this **DiNovember** celebration!

Purple Chair Storytime

No registration is needed

Tuesday, November 26

10:30 – 10:50 am

Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver
Gather around the purple chair for stories, songs and a craft.

Fingerpaint Fun

ISJ708

Saturday, November 30, 10:30 – 11:00 am OR

Saturday, December 14, 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.



DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Tea for Two

ISJ913

Monday, December 2

6:30 – 7:00 pm

Grades K – 1

Two women from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Roberta C. Lawson and Mary Molaren, filed a patent for the first tea leaf holder in 1901. By the 1920s, tea rooms had become such popular American eateries that they were a nationally recognized institution. Celebrate the Library's 100th anniversary by going back in time to the 1920s and joining us for an elegant tea party! Bring a doll or stuffed animal of your choice, your fanciest clothes, and an appetite for tasty treats!



Winter Warm-up

ISJ358

Tuesday, December 3

11:00 – 11:45 am

Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years with caregiver

Join us for winter-themed fun! We will have crafts, a scavenger hunt and more!

Tech Club: Fun with 3D Pens & Cubelets

ISJ349

Tuesday, December 3

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades 3 – 5

Make a winter ornament with 3D pens and combine Cubelets to create amazing robots that perform different functions.

Once Upon a STEM Challenge

ISJ359

Wednesday, December 4

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades K – 2

Join us for classic fairy tales with a STEM twist! Help Goldilocks find the perfect place to sleep by building her a bed that is "just right."

Polar Bear Pond

ISJ377

Thursday, December 5

6:00 – 6:45 pm

Grades K – 2

Join *Library Arts* in creating a cool-looking clay polar bear playing in an icy pond with a penguin watching nearby.



Gingerbread House
Monday, December 9
5:30 – 6:30 pm OR
7:00 – 8:00 pm
Recommended for ages
48 months – grade 5
with caregiver

ISJ360



Please register for one session.

Join us for this annual event! Make a sweet and festive gingerbread house, and take pictures in front of a fun backdrop. Wear a seasonal silly sweater if you wish! Please bring one half-gallon cardboard milk container for your gingerbread house.

Sprouts & Friends

ISJ312

Tuesday, December 10
5:30 – 6:15 pm
Recommended for ages infant –
5 years with caregiver

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!



Musical Mother Goose

ISJ306

Wednesday, December 11
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.



Curious Candles

ISJ361

Wednesday, December 11
6:30 – 7:15 pm
Grades 4 – 5 with caregiver

Join Chrissy LeHat as she shares the history of candles and then you will design your own. Just like sand art, scoop and layer different colors of scented wax into a pre-wicked candle glass jar. No two candles are alike! (Not appropriate for those with fragrance allergies.)

Sensory-Friendly Movie



ISJ321

Tuesday, December 17
6:00 – 7:30 pm
Recommended for ages 48 months – grade 5 with caregiver

Join us for a movie night where YOU get to vote for the movie that same night! Lights will be turned up and the sound will be turned down. Snacks will be served. Relax and enjoy! All children and their families are welcome.

Sparkling Slime Ornaments

ISJ362

Wednesday, December 18
6:00 – 6:45 pm
Grades 3 – 5

Make your own sparkling slime at the Library! Transform your glittering creation into a beautiful holiday decoration by storing it in the plastic ornament case provided.

Kids' Korner

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. Stop by the Children's Desk to receive more information and to register.

Congratulations to Henry and Hannah for reading

**1000 books
together with
their families!**



Henry



Hannah

Kids' Book Talk

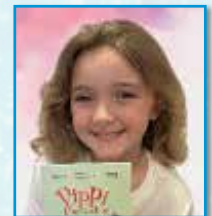
Pippi Longstocking
by Astrid Lindgren

"I loved this book because I enjoyed Pippi Longstocking's character in the book from beginning to end. She was strong, funny, smart, and very creative.



She had long red pigtails and she made her neighbors Annika and Tommy laugh with the crazy stories she told and the things she did. You will like Pippi too. Read this book."

~ Michelle Richard, Grade 4



BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS

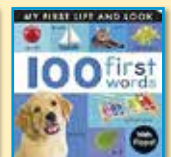


The Lion of Mars,
a chapter book by
Jennifer L. Holm
Recommended
for ages 9 – 12 years



"A page-turning space adventure full of heart and the importance of community." ~ Ms. Toni

100 First Words,
a board book
by Hettie Cox
Recommended
for ages infant – 3 years



"Children learn new words while viewing an assortment of colorful photographs. Lifting each flap reveals a fun, interactive element." ~ Mrs. Hoffman



TEEN Programs

For Teens in Grades 6-12

SEE FRONT COVER FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION

TEENSHIP BOXES

ISY290

The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out beginning on Sunday, December 1. Registration for these boxes will begin on Friday, November 1. The theme for December is "Home for the Holidays."



Holiday Countdown!

Weekdays:

Monday, December 2 –

Monday, December 23

3:00 – 5:00 pm

Come in after school to watch holiday movies on the big screen TV in the Teen Room!

NOVEMBER PROGRAMS

UNO Tournament

ISY272

Friday, November 8

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Come join us for a fun afternoon playing UNO!



New Release Movie Days

ISY264

Wednesday, November 13

3:00 – 4:45 pm

Enjoy the newly released movie, *Despicable Me*, along with some yummy snacks!



Fall Leaf with Crayon Shavings

Thursday, November 14

6:00 – 7:00 pm

Come in for a fun evening of crafting with *Crayola Crayons*! Fun Fact: *Crayola Crayons* were first introduced in the 1920s and were used to make wax paintings and more! Did you know that back then, *Crayola Crayons* only cost five cents?!



ISY240

Thanksgiving Trivia

ISY225

Tuesday, November 19

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Join us for a fun afternoon of Thanksgiving-themed trivia and snacks!



HAPPY
thanks
giving

DECEMBER PROGRAMS

Holiday DIY Gifts

Thursday, December 12

ISY243

6:00 – 8:00 pm

Stumped on what to get your family and friends for the holidays? Come in and make your own gifts! All materials will be supplied.

Holiday Bingo

ISY227

Friday,

December 13

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Stop in for a fun afternoon of holiday-themed bingo!



Holiday Movie Trivia

Tuesday, December 17

3:00 – 4:00 pm

Are you the ultimate holiday movie fan? Come test your knowledge with holiday movies such as *Elf*, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas*, *Home Alone*, and more. Win fun prizes and enjoy yummy snacks!



ISY228



Annual Ugly Sweater Cookie Swap  **ISY234**
Thursday, December 19 **6:00 – 7:00 pm**

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

Holiday Movie: The Santa Clause  **ISY265**
Friday, December 20 **3:00 – 4:30 pm**

Get in the holiday spirit while watching *The Santa Clause*. Snacks will be served!



2025 Vision Boards **ISY241**
Thursday, January 9
6:00 – 7:00 pm

Set the tone for 2025 and make your own vision board using magazines, newspapers, and craft supplies.



BOOK TALK
STAFF PICK

Silent Sister, by Megan Davidhizar

"Enjoy this suspenseful novel about a mysterious sister's disappearance, her biggest betrayal and a deadly truth screaming to come out. A must-read!" ~ Kelly Harvey



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Letters to Veterans **ISY206**
Monday, November 4
3:00 – 4:00 pm

Help us honor our veterans for their service by writing them thank you letters. **Teens will earn one hour of community service credit.**



Ultimate Playdate Buddies **ISY205**

Mondays: November 18, 25; December 2
(The Library is closed November 11) **7:00 – 8:00 pm**
Come help us organize the playroom and clean the toys. **Teens will earn one hour of community service credit.**

Holiday Craft Fair Helpers **ISY200**
Saturday, December 7

Help out at our Holiday Craft Fair! Volunteers will help our Islip Library cardholders set up their tables which may include some small lifting of supplies. Teens can stay all day if they wish, or choose their hours. **Community service credit will be awarded.**



Holiday Bake Sale  **ISY202**
Saturday, December 7

Do you like to bake? The Islip Library will be holding its second annual bake sale, and we want you to be a part of it! Help us bake some treats for our sale (brownies, cookies, cupcakes, etc.), and then help us sell our baked goods! All proceeds will be donated to the **American Heart Association**. **Community service credit will be awarded.**



Teen Think Tank **ISY203**

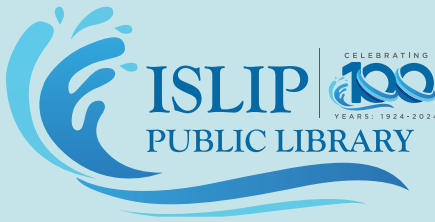
Wednesday, December 11 **3:00 – 4:00 pm**
Get involved in the Library by joining our Teen Think Tank. Hear about our upcoming programs and help us plan ahead for our spring programs! All ideas are welcome! **Teens will earn one hour of community service credit.**



Book Recommendations

Calling all teens! Are you interested in reading new teen books and writing a review for your peers? Teens can choose ANY book from our **new book section**. Guidelines are available at the Reference Desk. **Teens will earn two hours of community service credit for reading the book and giving a one-page review.**





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Sundays: 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

Self-gifting is apparently on the rise. According to a 2024 article in the *The Wall Street Journal*, people are weary of receiving dud presents, while others simply enjoy the empowerment that comes from treating themselves. Self-gifting is also a logical offshoot of a population that is nearly one-half single (happily so in many cases). According to that same article, last year “39% of U.S. consumers said they bought themselves a Valentine’s Day gift.” Price conscious shoppers are also on the hunt for a bargain, necessarily so, and that can encourage self-gifting. How many times have you hit the Internet or a store to buy for others only to take in your own personal haul? Many retailers are getting wise to this trend and are changing up their marketing strategies to encourage buy-for-yourself behaviors.

As we approach the season of giving, I have some good news for you: there are micro indulgences you can gift yourself – free of charge – with your library card. Curl up under a warm blanket with an e-book downloaded to your preferred personal device. If you find yourself on a long drive to family or friends over the holidays, pre-plan to download an audiobook that will make the traffic less stressful and the hours less onerous. If you’re feeling reluctant to plunk down money for a new

magazine subscription, want to discontinue subscriptions to save money, or find yourself stuck in a doctor’s waiting room for an eternity, visit the Flipster link on the Library’s website. You might find your new favorite magazine that won’t add to the paper clutter in your home. Our newest free service is Kanopy – also available through the Library’s website. Your family movie night no longer requires a monthly streaming cost. On your TV, tablet, phone, desktop or laptop, Kanopy can bring you critically-acclaimed movies, thought-provoking documentaries, and award-winning foreign films. There’s even a Kanopy Kids for the younger crowd. You buy the popcorn, and we’ll supply the movie.

Our Library of Things is another way to self-gift. Maybe you are wondering if bird watching might be your next hobby. Before you invest in an expensive set of binoculars, check out the Library’s pair. If your child is begging for a telescope but you suspect the interest is fleeting, borrow the Library’s telescope to test the waters. If a pricey American Girl doll is out of reach, your child can play for free with one of the dolls that live in our Children’s Department. If you need a night out, look into the Library’s plentiful programming options at no or low cost – some “me” time might be just what you need.

It may be better to give than to receive, but when self-giving is easy on the wallet and healthy for the soul, why not? Your Library card is truly a pass to the kind of self-giving that can be guilt-free and life-enhancing. Happy Holidays from the Library Board of Trustees and staff.