

# TIDINGS

NEWS & PROGRAMS IN YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Summer Reading

A LITTLE SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE!



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### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

#### **Programs for Adults**

In-person (limit of two barcodes per registrant): Begins on Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm (distribution of queue numbers begins at 5:00 pm)

Debit card, credit card, cash or check are accepted for in-person registration.

Online: Begins on Tuesday, May 6 at 7:30 pm

Debit or credit card is accepted for online payment.

Phone: Begins on Wednesday, May 7 at 9:30 am

#### **Programs for Children and Teens**

In-person and online: Begins on Tuesday, May 6 at 5:30 pm

Phone: Begins on Wednesday, May 7 at 10:00 am

- Learn how to register online Tuesday, May 6, from 4:00 – 5:00 pm in the Community Room.
- 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.



= Family program.

### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### PLEASE NOTE:

Payment for programs with fees is due upon registration.



# Adult Summer Reading Club 2025: Craft Your Adventure

Saturday, June 21 – Friday, August 22

Registration begins Saturday, June 21 at 9:00 am

Sign up in-person, by phone (631-581-5933) or online through our website calendar at www.isliplibrary.org.

After you register, fill out book reviews on mini canvases for a chance to win one of three grand prizes!

#### **MAY PROGRAMS**

#### **Senior Advocate**

Monday, May 12 10:00 am – 12:00 pm No registration is required

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.

This is a one-on-one service. Please call ahead to confirm that there are no changes in the Senior Advocate's schedule.

#### The Art of Making Cheese

Monday, May 12

6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join Chef Ron Fan for a cheese-making demonstration.

You will learn how to make cheese and other dairy products such as yogurt and sour cream. The class will conclude with a tasting of each product.



#### **Dragonfly Painting**

Tuesday, May 13 Fee: \$6 7:00 – 8:30 pm

Join artist Laura Goetz and create a decorative painting featuring dragonflies. We will be using water-based paints, jewels, and a sponge-painting technique for the background.

#### Defensive Driving Saturday, May 17 OR

Saturday, June 28



**Fee: \$25** check or money order payable directly to *New York Safety Training Associates (NYSTA)* on the day of the program.

### Percussion Performance with Steve Campanella

Sunday, May 18 2:00 – 3:00 pm

Join us for this unique percussion performance with Steve Campanella, an Islip resident and music educator in the Islip Public School District for over 25 years. Steve is a classical percussionist with a passion for solo marimba music. He plays drums, timpani, snare, and some Latin percussion too.



#### Soul Food Cooking Demonstration Tuesday, May 20 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Join Chef Cheryl Grigg of Chara's Kitchen and Catering for a night of delicious soul food classics; buttermilk fried chicken and creamy mac and greens.



# NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLER The Wedding Align Espach

#### Book Discussion: The Wedding People Saturday, May 24 10:00 – 11:00 am

Join Librarian Anna Howard for a discussion of *The Wedding People* by Alison Espach. A woman who is down on her luck forms an unexpected bond with the bride at a wedding in Rhode Island.

#### Catholic Health Services Mobile Bus

#### Wednesday, May 28 No registration is required

Visit Catholic Health Services mobile bus, which will be parked in the Islip Library's parking lot. Free blood pressure checks, cholesterol, body mass



9:00 am - 12:00 pm

index, glucose screenings, patient education and referrals will be provided. In case of inclement weather, please call ahead.



"We Keep Your Information Private"

#### **Shredding Day Saturday, May 31**

No registration is required

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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#### **ADULT PROGRAMS**

#### **JUNE PROGRAMS**

#### **Coil Bowl**

Monday, June 2, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

OR Saturday, June 14, 10:30 am - 12:00 pm

Create a unique handmade bowl while learning different coiling techniques using stoneware clay.

#### **NYS Safe Boating Course**

Tuesday, June 3, 5:00 - 9:00 pm **AND** 

Saturday, June 7, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Fee: \$50

Register directly through

NYS Safe Boating Course using this link:

https://www.register-ed.com/events/view/225072

Starting in 2025, all operators of motorized vessels, regardless of age, will be required to have a safety certificate and be at least 14 years of age or older. You must attend both sessions to receive your certificate.

#### **Country Western Line Dancing**

Wednesdays: June 4, 11, 18, 25

Fee: \$25

Let's dance! Learn basic country western line dancing steps, while more advanced dancers can brush up on their dance skills. Line dances and couple/partner dances will be taught, but partners are not required.

All levels are welcome. See you on the dance floor!



Fridays: June 6, 13, 20, 27

Fee: \$20

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

#### **Pinstripes & Tales**

Monday, June 9

7:00 - 8:30 pm

10:00 - 11:00 am

7:00 - 8:00 pm

country Rhythme

Bill Schulman is a lifelong Yankees fan who wrote the columns Collecting Memories and Where Are They Now, for Yankees Magazine. During this time he interviewed 113 former "Bombers" from the 1950s through the 1980s. He will relate many of the interesting and amusing anecdotes as told to him by the

Yankees themselves.

#### **Wooden Welcome Sign**

Tuesday, June 10 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Fee: \$15

Join Diana McDonough and create an attractive 10-inch-round welcome sign.

#### Parmesan-Crusted Quesadilla

Wednesday, June 18

Fee: \$5

Join Chef Rob Scott and make a parmesan-crusted quesadilla with mozzarella cheese, tomatoes and basil which you will take home and bake. Enjoy a delicious sample during the class. Please bring to the program: a small cutting board, small bowl, cookie tray and a box grater.

#### **Adult Summer** Reading Club 2025: **Craft Your Adventure**

Saturday, June 21 -Friday, August 22 Registration begins Saturday, June 21 at 9:00 am

Please see page 2 for details.



1:00 - 2:00 pm

#### **Puzzle Swap**

Saturday, June 21 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

Calling all puzzle enthusiasts. Stop by the Library for a community puzzle swap. Bring a puzzle and take a puzzle!



#### **Art Pops**

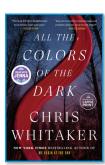
Tuesday, June 24

Join Fanny Cakes and create edible art on a stick. You will make approximately six cake pops during this program.

#### **Book Discussion:** All the Colors of the Dark Wednesday, June 25

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Join Librarian Mark Irish for a lively discussion of All the Colors of the Dark by Chris Whitaker, a literary and romantic crime thriller set in a rapidly transforming 1970s America.



7:00 - 8:00 pm

#### **JULY PROGRAMS**

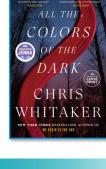
#### **BOOKS & BITES**

Wednesday, July 16 12:00 - 1:30 pm

Join Librarian Kelly Harvey at J&R's **Steakhouse** for lunch and a discussion of the book Those Empty Eyes by Charlie Donlea, where there is a dark, chilling twist at every corner. Books

will be ready for pick-up starting

Monday, June 16. Please note that lunch will be on your own. Separate checks will be available.



CHARLIE DONLEA

#### Fire Island Sunset Cruise Aboard the Island Spirit III

Friday, June 13, 6:30 - 9:30 pm

- Fee: \$85 per person
- Registration begins: Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm
- Registration ends: Thursday, May 22 at 9:00 pm
- No refunds will be issued after May 22 unless your seat can be filled by someone else.
- Meet at Captree State Park at 6:15 pm

Relax and enjoy the sunset (and full moon!) aboard the Island Spirit III, sailing out of Captree. We will enjoy catered food aboard the boat and a cash bar will be available. Full trip details including the menu will be available on our online calendar beginning Tuesday, April 29.



#### **Fire Island Vines Wine Tasting**

Tuesday, June 17, 6:30 - 8:00 pm

- Fee: \$35 per person
- Registration begins: Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm
- Registration ends: Thursday, June 5 at 9:00 pm
- No refunds will be issued after Thursday, June 5 unless your seat can be filled by someone else.

Join us for a delightful evening of wine tasting at Fire Island Vines in Bay Shore. Guests will enjoy an introduction to the

world of wine, learn the art of proper wine tasting, savor four unique wines from Long Island, and indulge in a delicious individual charcuterie cup. Don't miss out on this fantastic night of fun and flavor!



- Fee: \$150 per person
- Registration begins: Tuesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm
- Registration ends: Tuesday, June 3 at 9:00 pm
- Depart from Islip Library at 9:30 am
- No refunds will be issued after Tuesday, June 3 unless your seat can be filled by someone else.

#### **Itinerary:**

- 11:30 am: luncheon at MichaelAngelo's Restaurant on Arthur Avenue, the Bronx
- 2:00 pm: Van Gogh Exhibit: Painting with Flowers at the New York Botanical Gardens. Find yourself immersed in botanical displays and large-scale art as you wander through monumental sunflowers. and see the expressive masterpieces bloom in recreations made of living flowers. You've seen the paintings, now see them come to
- Tram Ride is included with your ticket.
- We will spend approximately 3 ½ hours at the New York Botanical Garden.
- Approximate return time: 7:30 pm



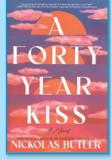


### **BOOK TALK STAFF PICKS**

A Forty Year Kiss **Nickolas Butler** "Simply a once in a lifetime story about love, hope and recovery."

~ Mark Irish

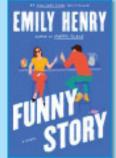




**Funny Story** by Emily Henry "A relatable vet ridiculous rom-com in book form that proves opposites

do attract." ~ James Klopp





## **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.



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

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, and Nassau County Firefighters Museum

#### **DISCOUNT TICKETS**

- Half-price ticket vouchers to the Gateway Performing Arts Center of Suffolk County.
- Long Island Aquarium
   \$39.00 Adult tickets
   \$28.00 Children/Seniors
- Long Island Science Center \$10.00 per ticket





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#### LIBRARY OF THINGS

Scan the QR code or go to www.isliplibrary.org to see our entire Library of Things collection.

Check out these things and more for summer fun!







Pickleball set



# LIBRARY NEWS

SUMMER EDITION MAY/JUNE 2025

#### **ON EXHIBIT**

#### MAY

#### **Front Entrance Display Case**

Tiny Art Show: Summer Breeze
Come and see tiny art painted by talented
Islip Library patrons.

#### **Gallery Hallway**

Enjoy artwork by mother and daughter Marian and Meg Wenzel, as well as a few pieces painted by family members from long ago. Please join us for an artist reception on Saturday, May 3rd, from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Enjoy unlimited access to thousands of digital comics, graphic novels, and manga – 24 hours a day, seven days a week; on your computer, tablet, or phone.



No holds. No wait lists. No limits. Go to Livebrary.com/Comicsplus to get started today!

LEARN HOW TO REGISTER FOR LIBRARY PROGRAMS ONLINE – TUESDAY, MAY 6 FROM 4:00 PM TO 5:00 PM IN THE COMMUNITY ROOM.

# Children's Programs

PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR PROGRAM REGISTRATION INFORMATION



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

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

#### Children's Summer Reading Club 2025: Color Our World

Saturday, June 21 - Thursday, August 14

Infants, toddlers and children up to and entering fifth grade

Summer reading is not only crucial to children's development, but it is also fun! There are many opportunities to enjoy reading, crafts and more!

THE FIRST 50 REGISTRANTS WILL RECEIVE AN ISLIP PUBLIC LIBRARY BACKPACK WITH GOODIES!

- Register for Summer Reading Club anytime from Saturday, June 21 Thursday, August 14 at the Children's Desk.
- Talk about your books with a Children's Librarian beginning Monday, June 23 Thursday, August 14.
- Win prizes for reading and talking about books AND earn an invitation to our **Summer Reading Club finale** on **Friday, August 15.** More details will be provided at the time of registration.
- Child or parent/grandparent must have valid Islip Public Library card to register.

#### **Summer Reading Club Kickoff**

Saturday, June 21 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Visit the Children's Desk and be one of the first to register for Summer Reading Club. Enjoy fun activities and crafts, while supplies last.

#### **Creating Cartoons**

Saturday June 21 11:00 an Grades 3 – 5

11:00 am – 12:00 pm

Join cartoonist Tom Duffy as he shows you how to draw classic cartoon and video game characters!

#### Elephant & Piggie's "We are in a Play!"

Saturday, June 21 11:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Ages infant – grade 5 with caregiver** Get ready for a musical experience performed by CM Performing Arts



# PIGGIE'S "WE ARE IN A PLAY!"

# May Scavenger Hunt: May is National Pet Month! Find all 24 cats and dogs hiding in the Children's Room to answer our question and win a "pawsome" prize.

#### 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.

#### **MAY PROGRAMS**

#### **Grab & Go Herb Garden**

Tuesday, May 6 Pick up kits beginning at 5:30 pm Ages 48 months - Grade 5 Registration is required



Take home all the materials you need to start a garden at home. One garden kit per household.

#### **Musical Mother Goose**



Friday, May 9

10:30 - 11:00 am

Recommended for ages infant – 24 months with caregiver Have fun with songs, fingerplays, rhymes and more using puppets and props.

#### **Ultimate Playdate**



Mondays: May 12, 19

(Library closed May 26); June 2, June 9

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 four dates.

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

#### **Furry Friends Celebration**

Tuesday, May 13 Grades 2 - 5

6:00 - 6:45 pm

Celebrate National Pet Month by making a pet craft, playing pet games and barking and meowing our way to a good time!

#### Lovebugs and Bookworms



10:30 - 11:00 am

Thursday, May 15 Recommended for ages 24 months - 5 years with caregiver

Enjoy crafts, activities, and lots of fun centered around our favorite garden friends.

#### Chalk the Walk: Family Connect Fun



Thursday, May 15

6:00 - 7:00 pm

Recommended for grades K – 5 with caregiver

Join us outside for some family fun with chalk! Decorate the Library's sidewalk and enjoy refreshing popsicles together. In case of inclement weather, the Library will contact you for a rescheduled date.

#### The Secret Silent Readers' Society



6:00 - 6:45 pm

Bring a book and cozy up in our Community Room for a peaceful reading session. Enjoy some snacks and hang out with friends after the silent reading ends. Make a cool bookmark too. There will be a selection of books available if you need a book to read.

#### **Potion Pendants**

Wednesday, May 21 6:30 - 7:30 pm Grades 3 - 5

Craft your very own miniature potion bottle necklace inspired by favorite wizards and enchanted fairytales.

#### **Chess Club**

Thursday, May 22 Grades K - 5

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.

#### Beautiful Birdhouses

Saturday, May 24



11:00 - 11:45 am

Recommended for grades K – 2 with caregiver

Decorate a wooden birdhouse together with paints and stickers to hang outside in your backyard! Dress for a mess.

#### Fingerpaint Fun



6:00 - 6:30 pm

Tuesdays: May 27; June 17 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.

#### Art for Two: Love Bug Sunset



6:30 - 7:15 pm

Wednesday, May 28 Grades K – 5 with caregiver

Each caregiver and child can paint together sharing one large canvas. Kathy Reccardi will guide each pair every step of the way. Multiple school-aged siblings can be accommodated.



#### Muddy and Not-So-Muddy Buddies

Thursday, May 29, 10:30 – 11:15 am Friday, June 6, 10:30 - 11:15 am



Recommended for ages 24 months – 5 years with caregiver 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 inclement weather, the Library will contact you for a rescheduled date.

#### Sensory Storytime Saturday, May 31



11:00 - 11:45 am

Recommended for ages 36 months – grade 3 with caregiver

Come join A Time for Kids for this unique storytime for families who would benefit from a multi-sensory experience at the Library. Children are encouraged to actively participate in songs, stories, and sensory bins as they move about the room and meet other children from the community.

#### JUNE PROGRAMS

#### **Perfect Prom**



10:00 - 10:30 am

Tuesday, June 3 Recommended for ages infant – 5 years with caregiver It is time to celebrate! Dress in your best as we craft, dance and play.

#### Paintbrush Palooza: Swinging Bee Painting

Thursday, June 5 6:30 - 7:15 pm Grades K - 5

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



#### **Purple Chair Storytime**





Recommended for ages infant -5 years with caregiver

Gather around the purple chair for stories, songs and fun!



#### Once Upon a STEM Challenge

Wednesday, June 11 Grades K - 2

6:00 - 6:45 pm

Join us for classic fairy tales with a STEM twist! Help Jack change his family's fortune by building a towering beanstalk to reach the Giant's castle.

#### **Book & Craft Buddies**

Thursday, June 12 Grades K - 2

6:00 - 6:30 pm

Teen volunteers will be on hand to read and listen as kids practice reading. Share some special reading time with a big kid and make some crafts too!

#### Father's Day Socks

Saturday, June 14 Grades 2 – 5

10:30 - 11:15 am

Get ready to unleash your inner Picasso with fabric markers and socks to create a totally unique Father's Day gift for that special guy!

And wait, there's more—we'll even craft our own snazzy packaging to make it pop! Kristen from Traveling Arts will lead the way. Dress for a mess.

#### Family Garden Party Manday June 16 Monday, June 16

6:00 - 6:45 pm

Recommended for grades K – 5 with caregiver

Help us plant the Library garden! The vegetables that you plant will be donated to a local food pantry. Everyone will get their own herb garden to take home.

#### Marine Life Adventure

Wednesday, June 18 Grades 3 - 5

6:00 - 6:45 pm

Which sea animal block set will you build? Rescue the last piece frozen in an ice cube to complete your creation!

#### Children's Summer Reading Club 2025: Color Our World

Saturday, June 21 – Thursday, August 14 Infants, toddlers and children up to and entering fifth grade

Please see page 7 for information about Summer Reading Club as well as the Summer Reading Club Kickoff on June 21.

#### **Creating Cartoons**

**Saturday June 21** 

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Grades 3 - 5

Please see details on page 7.

Elephant & Piggie's "We are in a Play!" Saturday, June 21 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Ages infant – grade 5 with caregiver Please see details on page 7.





#### Silly Sea Turtle



5:30 - 6:30 pm

Recommended for ages 18 months - 5 years with caregiver

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

#### **Summer Garden Butterfly Houses**

Monday, June 30 6:30 - 7:30 pm Entering grades 3 – 5

Kick off the summer with Ms. Jade making a fun, colorful craft. Paint your own wooden butterfly house to hang in your garden and fill it with vibrant, eye-catching colors! Let your creativity shine and make it as bright, bold, and beautiful as you'd like! Who knows? The butterflies might just make it their favorite annual hangout spot!

## Kids' Korner

#### **CONGRATULATIONS!**

Katerina read 1000 Books with her family!





Katerina, age 5

#### Kids' Book Talk

Because of Winn Dixie by Kate DiCamillo "The book Because of Winn Dixie is

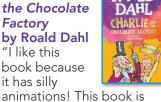




a great book because Opal saved a dog and named him Winn Dixie. At the end there was a huge storm and Opal forgot about Winn Dixie and thought he ran away so they were looking everywhere and then realized he was under Gloria Dumps bed. This book was my favorite book of all time. If you like fiction chapter books I would totally recommend this one!"

~ Presleigh Cifelli, age 9

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory by Roald Dahl "Í like this





about how this boy Charlie and his family are very poor and they only have enough money to buy 1 bed and there are seven people who live with them, those people are Charlie's grandparents and Charlie's parents. It is also about Willy Wonka's chocolate factory and his incredible chocolate. I would recommend

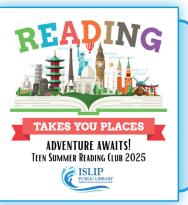
that everybody reads this book." ~ Harleigh Cifelli, age 10



#### Teen Summer Reading Club 2025: Adventure Awaits!

Saturday, June 21 - Thursday, August 28 Registration begins Saturday, June 21 at 9:00 am

Sign up in-person, by phone (631-581-5933) or online through our website calendar at www.isliplibrary.org. There will be many fun programs to do and prizes to win, so be sure to register for summer fun! All teens who sign up within the first week of Summer Reading will be entered to win a super cool raffle!



#### **MAY PROGRAMS**

#### Mother's Day Gift

Thursday, May 8 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Shhh...it's a surprise! Come in and make a Mother's Day gift for your mom, aunt, grandma, or any other special lady in your life.

#### **Arts & Crafts:** Spring Clean Out Wednesday, May 21 3:00 - 4:00 pm

Come in for a fun afternoon of crafting using leftover materials. Each teen will get to take a bag of supplies home too.



#### **TEENSHIP BOXES**

The next set of Teenship boxes will be given out on Monday, June 2. Registration for these boxes will begin on Thursday, May 1. The theme for June is "Let the Adventure Begin," in honor of this year's Summer Reading Club theme.



#### JUNE PROGRAMS



#### **Get Ready to Babysit**

Saturday, June 7

This three-hour course given by Cornell University will teach you all you need to know about the basics of babysitting. A certificate will be provided upon the completion of the course.

#### National Iced Tea Day

Tuesday, June 10

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Come have some iced tea and snacks while celebrating National Iced Tea Day. We will also play bingo.

#### **Get to Know the Teen Department**

Thursday, June 12

7:00 - 7:30 pm

For teens entering grade 6

Stop in to meet Ms. Kelly and get to know the Teen Department before Summer Reading Club begins! You'll receive a tour of the Teen Room and learn about the Summer Reading Club, along with some exciting upcoming programs!

**Chalk Competition** Saturday, June 21 10:30 - 11:30 am **Kick off our Teen Summer** Reading Club with a chalk drawing competition. The best team wins a prize. The theme

will be announced on the day of

the competition. Grab your friends and come on down!

#### **Pretty in Pink** Thursday, June 26 6:00 - 8:00 pm







#### Friendship Bracelets

Monday, June 30 6:00 - 7:00 pm

Come in for a fun night of making everyone's favorite accessory - friendship bracelets!

#### **JULY PROGRAMS**

#### World Chocolate Day || Monday, July 7

3:00 - 4:00 pm

Come in for a fun afternoon of dipping different items into chocolate in honor of World Chocolate Day!



#### **SUMMER MOVIE SERIES**

Wednesdays: 2:30 - 4:30 pm







**Twisters** July 23



Ready **Player One** August 20

#### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **Ultimate Playdate Buddies**

Mondays: May 12, 19 (the Library is closed May 26); June 2, 9

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Help us organize the playroom and clean the toys.

Teens will earn one hour of community service.



Wednesday, June 11 3:00 - 4:00 pm Come help us put together our Summer Reading Club bags! Teens will earn two hours of community service.

#### **Book & Craft Buddies**

Thursday, June 12 6:00 - 6:30 pm

Share some special reading time with kids as they practice their reading. **Teens will** 

receive 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 ANY new book from our new book selection. 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.

# **BOOK TALK STAFF PICK**



#### The Dare by Natasha Preston

"Senior prank week gets dangerous at this high school, when a dare leads to a tragic

accident. A suspenseful thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat!" ~ Dan Coster





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#### **Library Hours**

Monday – Thursday: 9:00 am – 9:00 pm Friday & Saturday: 9:00 am – 5:00 pm Sundays: 12:00 – 4:00 pm (last Sunday is May 18 until September) \*Hours are subject to change.

#### **Board Meetings**

2nd Thursday of the Month at 6:30 pm

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Mary Schubart

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#### FROM THE HELM

Mary Schubart, Library Director

#### Thank You and Some Facility News....

The Board was pleased with the successful passage of the Library's budget in April. Thank you to the community members who came out to support the Library's service mission!

With funding secure, plans are already underway to renovate the three public restrooms, which have not undergone any change for nearly twenty-five years. The HVAC bid has also been awarded. The most critical piece of equipment – a new chiller – has a long lead time. The hope is that we will receive that in time to take advantage of the autumn's sweet spot that is neither too hot nor too cold. Within that time frame, it would be ideal to complete the HVAC upgrades and to coordinate that work with the new roof installation over the original 1950s portion of the building. The roof there has served the building well for nearly 75 years! The cooling in the building this summer may feel inadequate at times. For that, I apologize in advance.

The Board is also working to improve space utilization throughout the building in accordance with patron needs and best practices. With that in mind, the goal is to address noise, seating and collection inefficiencies, and inadequate spaces for both teen and children spaces. There are many exciting options, and the Board will be looking closely at those that deliver the most bang for the buck for library users.

Our fish tank is complete, and we have several new residents. Remember, the tank will undergo an ugly phase as the salt environment acclimates, but we will see clear water again in the coming weeks. Patience, patience!