



COMMUNITY LIBRARY

A Guide to Your Library's Programs, Events, and Services

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Library Announces 0% Budget Increase for 2009-2010

The Library Director and Board of Trustees are pleased to announce a 0% increase in the 2009-2010 Library operating budget from that approved last June. As a result there will be **no budget vote this year**. The Board and administration made every effort to be cognizant of tax rates when developing the new budget and were successful in preventing an increase. Due to a bond that was paid off the library will be able to maintain programs and services, and commence the early phases of long-term building repairs and upgrades without impacting the taxpayers. If you have questions about the budget please contact Library Director Kerri Rosalia at 399-1511, ext. 200.

The Library's next Trustee Election is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, 2009, 1 PM - 9 PM

Five elected trustees govern your Community Library. Your elected Board Members are Anthony Saggio, Maris Raineri, Joseph Maiorana, James Mazzarella and Joseph Simmons. One trustee is elected each year for a five year term. Together they compose the Board of Trustees and are an important link between the Library and the Community. Trustees are Library advocates and leaders in de-

veloping excellent services that are responsive to the needs of the entire community.

Candidate petitions will be available in the Library Director's office weekdays from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. starting February 23, 2009 - March 9, 2009. The petition deadline is 5:00 p.m. on March 16, 2009. The position of incumbent Board President Joseph Maiorana is up for election.

Library Launches New Web Page

For the past few months a number of library staff members worked together to create a new online experience for you. We focused on a design that is simple to use, easy to update, and current. Rather than paying an outside Web designer, we created our new page in-house, at no additional cost to the community. We are always looking for ways to make your library tax dollars go further, and to capitalize on our talented staff. Visit us at <http://www.communitylibrary.org> and let us know what you think by sending us feedback through the virtual "suggestion box".



Help Us Paint the Town READ

We want you to help us Paint the Town READ. That's "red" like the color, but also "read" as in the best indicator of success in a young person's life, an act that brings people together to share stories and experiences, and enlightens them about the world they live in. Our Paint the Town READ initiative is designed to engage the whole community in simple activities that show our commitment to literacy and our kids by making reading a bigger part of everyday life.

In collaboration with the William Floyd School District, Rotary Club of Shirley and the Mastics, and the Family Literacy Project, Inc. we invite the entire community, individuals, families, businesses and organizations to join in the effort to make reading a part of our daily lives. The program begins on March 9th

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Children & Parents

I Love a Parade!

Monday, March 16 6:00-6:45 p.m. #5215

Registration begins Monday, March 2. Register the child only.

Calling all preschool parade lovers ages 3-5 years (and their adult)! Let's wear some green, grab some instruments, and make a colorful St. Patrick's Day craft to use in our very own parade... to be marched around the Library! ■



Babies & Parents

Saturday Parent Toddler Workshop

Saturday, March 21 10:00-11:15 a.m. #5147

Registration begins Saturday, March 7. Register the child only.

For families with workday or other weekday commitments we offer a Saturday Parent Toddler session once a month. Families with children ages 12-35 months can enjoy one-on-one play, an art activity, circle time and more. Dara Linthwaite will be our guest to sing, play and talk about the importance of music in young children's lives. Siblings are welcome.

Baby & Me

Wednesday, March 25

9:30 - 10:15 a.m. #5195

Registration begins Wednesday, March 11.

Register the child only.

Baby and Me is for infants ages birth-10 months and their adult. It focuses on developing your baby's interest in the world through sensory exploration. Parent discussion time at the end helps you to connect with other parents and learn more about your child's development.

Music Together

Wednesday, March 25

10:30 - 11:15 a.m. #5196

Registration begins Wednesday, March 11.

Register the child only.

Children ages 6 months - 4 years and their adult will be playing instruments, dancing, singing songs and playing musical games while building a foundation of musical skills for everyone to grow on.

Gym Together

Wednesday, March 25

11:30 - 12:15 p.m. #5197

Registration begins Wednesday, March 11.

Register the child only.

Children walking through 4 years and their adult will experience the fun and challenge of physical activity together. Together, you will explore slides, ramps, bridges, tunnels, songs, movement games and parachute activities in this mixed-age class.

Art Together

Wednesday, March 25

12:30 - 1:15 p.m. #5198 OR

1:30 - 2:15 p.m. #5199

Registration begins Wednesday, March 11.

Register the child only.

Children 18 months - 4 years and their adult will be sharing the wonder of artistic exploration. Paint, draw, sculpt and explore together. Carve into a giant block of clay, design a family tree, paint a mural together, or rummage through a mystery box of art supplies and make a creation of your very own.

Play...Hooray!

Friday, March 27

**10:00 - 10:30 a.m. (3 - 23 months) #5200 OR
10:45 - 11:30 a.m. (2 - 5 years) #5201**

Registration begins Friday, March 13. Siblings must register. Register the child only.

Children and their adults can play with puppets, read nursery rhymes, sing songs and march in a band!

April Showers...bring RAINBOWS!

Thursday, April 2

10:00 - 10:45 a.m. #5202 OR

11:00 - 11:45 a.m. #5203

Registration begins Thursday, March 19.

Register the child only.

Sing, dance and clap with your child, birth-5 years old, as you explore books, music and rhymes about rain - and rainbows!

Baby Games

Thursday, April 9

10:15 - 11:00 a.m. #5206

Registration begins Thursday, March 26.

Register the child only.

Children from 3 months to prewalking and their adult can participate in age-appropriate activities to stimulate and encourage physical and mental stimulation with songs, fingerplay, bubble play and parachute time. Siblings welcome. ■



Families

Preschool & Child Care Fair

Saturday, April 4 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. #5216

Registration begins Saturday, March 21.

This is your chance to meet licensed preschool teachers and child care providers in the Mastics-Moriches-Shirley area and ask them questions about their programs. Social service agencies and special education centers will also be represented. ■

Curious About

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18
10:00 - 10:30 a.m. #5136

*Registration began Wednesday, February 18.
Register the child only.*

Curious George will be our mascot for this round of stories for preschoolers who are ready to attend storytime on their own. In each session we'll be curious about a new topic or idea. If your child is curious about dinosaurs, kittens, pirates, outer space, music, or anything else, come to the Library and sign up for our three-week program. Preschoolers ages 3 1/2-5 years (without their adult).

My First Storytime

Mondays, March 16, 23, 30
1:00-1:30 p.m. #5146

*Registration begins Monday, March 2.
Register the child only.*

Girls and boys ages 2 1/2 - 3 1/2 years can attend a storytime like the big kids! This program can help young children become accustomed to listening to stories in a group setting. Bring your parent or caregiver along for this three-week program to enjoy books and participate in songs and fingerplays with our storytime friend Clifford the Big Red Dog.

Shamrock Shindig

Tuesday, March 17
1:30-2:15 (ages 3-5 and their adult) #5209 OR
3:30-4:15 (grades K-6) #5210

Registration begins on Tuesday, March 3.

It's St. Patrick's Day! Get ready to shake your shamrocks with Ellen and Doreen. As always, we will be reading a story and making a craft.

Music Together

(See Babies & Parents Section)

Gym Together

(See Babies & Parents Section)

Art Together

(See Babies & Parents Section)

Play...Hooray!

(See Babies & Parents Section)

April Showers ... bring RAINBOWS!

(See Babies & Parents Section)

Spring Fling

Monday, April 6 10:00-10:45 a.m. #5213

Registration begins Monday, March 23. Register the child only.

Children ages 3-5 and their adult will welcome in the spring season by creating a variety of spring projects and listening to a seasonal story. ■



Parents

Understanding Early Childhood Special Education

Saturday, March 14

Registration begins Saturday, February 28.

Module I: Transition from Early Intervention 10:00 - 11:45 a.m. #5139

Module II: Transition from Preschool to Schoolage 12:00 - 1:45 p.m. #5140

Do you have questions about education for your special needs child? The Early Childhood Direction Center will offer two **Journey Through Special Education** workshops on Saturday, March 14. These workshops are designed to assist families of preschoolers with disabilities in understanding the Special Education system so that they can be better advocates for their children throughout the process.

Module I explains the transition from Early Intervention to preschool services (CPSE). Module II explains the transition from preschool to schoolage services (CSE) at age 5. Each session includes a question and answer period and each participant will receive an information packet. Register for one or both sessions. ■

Schoolage

After School Storytime

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20
4:00-4:45 p.m. #5137

Registration begins Friday, February 20.

When your school day is done, head to the Library for wonderful stories, a book-related activity and an after-school snack. Children in grades K-2 can join their friends for three sessions of book-time fun.

Junie B. Jones

Saturday, March 7
10:00-11:00 a.m. #5143

Registration begins Saturday, February 21.

Calling all Junie B. Jones fans! Children in grades 2 and 3 can join us for an hour of Junie B. Jones activities, crafts, story excerpts, and just the "fun-est" time ever. Be prepared to win a Junie B. trivia prize or tell about your favorite Junie B. selection.

Gamer's Universe

Tuesday, March 17
6:30-8:00 p.m. #5212

Registration begins on Tuesday, March 3.

Wednesday, April 8
3:00-4:30 p.m. #5214

Registration begins on Wednesday, March 25.

Children in grades 5 and 6 are invited to experience the hottest and most popular gaming systems. Included will be PS2, and Wii. Rock out with Guitar Hero, or get your dance on with DDR and Dancing with the Stars.

Shamrock Shindig

(See Preschool Section) ■





Adults

Blue Spruce Cloggers Concert

Sunday, March 15 from 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. #5238

Registration begins on Tuesday, February 24.

Bring the whole family and treat yourselves to a fascinating performance of precision team clog-

ging, tap and Irish Step dancing by the Blue Spruce Cloggers. Clog dancing is a lively and energetic form of dancing that includes elements of Irish and tap. **Open to the general public.** ■

Spanish Computer Classes

Thursdays, March 19, 26, April 2, 9, 16 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5217

Registration began on Thursday, February 19.

Are you a native Spanish Speaker? Would you like to learn how to use the computer? Classes are given in a five week series beginning with PC for Beginners, Introduction to Word, Internet Basics and easy e-mail. Register online, by phone, in the Literacy Office or at the Adult Information Desk.

Clases de Computación en Español

Jueves 19, 26 de Marzo y 2, 9, 16 de Abril 7:00-9:00 p.m. #5217

Regístrese a partir del Jueves 19 de febrero. El español es su idioma nativo?

Quisiera aprender cómo utilizar la computadora? Las clases se ofrecen en una serie de cinco semanas: Computación para Principiantes I y II, Introducción a "Word", Internet Básico y Correo Electrónico Fácil. Regístrese en línea, por teléfono, en la oficina de alfabetización ("Literacy") o en el escritorio de información para adultos.

Free Citizenship Tutoring

Saturdays 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. #5220

Participants should be in the process of applying for United States Citizenship. Register online, by phone, in the Literacy Office or at the Adult Information Desk. ■



Reflections of the Past

Congratulations to February's winner, Roger Berg. He identified Dave BurkHardt (R).

Relax with Yoga

Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. #5255

Registration begins on Wednesday, February 25.

Certified Kripalu Yoga instructor, Sara Roye will be offering a series of beginner level lessons for adults 18 years and older. Please wear comfortable clothing and bring a towel or a mat to class.

Free Small Business Counseling

Monday, March 9 and 23 from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

A representative from SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) will be providing free business counseling. This service is provided by appointment only.

Siol na h'Eireann Pipe Band

Wednesday, March 11 from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5251

Registration begins on Monday, February 23.

Take an historical tour and discover the origin of the bagpipes while enjoying this musical instrument's distinctive sound. The Siol na h'Eireann Pipe Band is based in Selden, and they have the privilege of leading the N.Y.S. Ancient Order of the Hibernian's Board up 5th Avenue in the N.Y.C. St. Patrick's Day parade every year. **Open to the general public.**

Chicken Pot Pie

Thursday, March 12 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. #5242

Registration begins on Thursday, February 26.

The Baking Coach returns with a yummy and satisfying recipe for chicken pot pie. Learn to make this old-fashioned comfort food, and leave with a 6 inch pie to bake at home. All supplies provided by instructor.

Luck of the Irish Bingo

Monday, March 16 from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5247

Registration begins on Monday, March 2.

You don't have to be Irish to join in the fun! Prizes will be awarded after each round, and there will also be a raffle. Light refreshments will be served.

Blood Pressure Screening

Wednesday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

No registration is necessary.

A nurse from the Dominican Sisters Family Health Services is available each month to administer free blood pressure screenings. No appointments are necessary.

Suffolk County Civil Service, Is It For Me?

Thursday, March 19 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. #5253

Registration is ongoing. Open to the public.

Thinking about a career with the Suffolk County Department of Civil Service? Confused about the process? Please join Kathleen D'Amore from Suffolk County Department of Civil Service who will conduct a workshop on the ins and outs of Civil Service. Bring your questions and concerns.

Thursday Nite @ the Movies

March 26 from 6:45 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5254

Registration begins on Tuesday, March 10

Join us to watch the comedy, *Nick & Norah's Infinite Playlist*. This film is rated PG13 and is 90 minutes in length. Open to all adults, 18 years and over. PLEASE NOTE NEW TIME!

Irish High Tea

Monday, March 30 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5246

Registration begins on Wednesday, March 11.

Join us for a delightful evening. Take a break, sit back and relax, as Chef Barbara Sheridan demonstrates how to prepare an Irish High Tea. The menu includes scones, clotted cream and strawberries, cucumber sandwiches, lemon tea bread and Earl Grey tea. Please bring your own teacup and saucer.

Paint the Town READ by Joining the Library Book Discussion

We will be Setting Sail with the Crew of the Pequod as They Hunt for Moby Dick

Book Discussion - March 30 at 7:00 p.m. #5239

The Community Library will be hosting a discussion of Herman Melville's classic novel *Moby Dick*. Mad Captain Ahab's quest for the White Whale is a timeless epic—a stirring tragedy of vengeance and obsession, a searing parable about humanity lost in a universe of moral ambiguity. It is the greatest sea story ever told.

Copies of *Moby Dick* are available at the Circulation Desk. Pick up a copy and join us March 30. Refreshments will be served.

Senior Corner

All programs listed below are intended for seniors age 50 and over, and a valid MMSCL card is required to register. Contact the library in advance if you need special accommodations to attend a library program.

Senior Advocate at your Service

Monday, March 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

Registration begins on Thursday, February 26.

A senior advocate from the Suffolk County Office for the Aging will be available to assist seniors with complicated forms and applications, and answer questions regarding county programs and services for seniors. Appointments are necessary for this service.

Senior Game Club

Fridays, March 6, 13, 20 and 27 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

No registration is necessary.

Seniors meet each week to play Scrabble, bridge and mah jongg. Come join the group and meet some new friends. All levels of experience are welcome. For more information, please call Senior Outreach Librarian Debbi Ward at 399-1511 ext. 354.

Health Insurance Counseling

Monday, March 16 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Registration begins on Monday, March 2.

A trained counselor from the Suffolk County Office for the Aging will be available to help with

Medicare prescription drug coverage (Part D). They can also explain how EPIC works with a Medicare drug plan. Appointments are necessary for this service.

Friday Afternoon at the Movies

Friday, March 20 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. #5243

Registration begins on Wednesday, March 4.

Based on the *New York Times* best selling novel set in South Carolina in 1964, *The Secret Life of Bees*, is the moving tale of Lily Owens, a 14 year old girl. The film stars Dakota Fanning, Jennifer Hudson, Queen Latifah and Alicia Keys. Rated PG-13 for thematic material and some violence. Light refreshments will be served.

AARP Defensive Driving

Monday, March 23 and Tuesday, March 24 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

In-person registration for MMSCL cardholders begins on Wednesday, March 11.

In person registration for non-district patrons (space permitting) begins on Thursday, March 12.

A two-part defensive driving course will be offered for seniors age 50 and over. The fee for the course

is \$12.00 for AARP members, and \$14.00 for non-members. You must present your AARP member card to receive the member price. Only checks or money orders are acceptable, and must be made payable to AARP. Payment is due upon registration. Please note, you must complete both sessions to receive credit for the course.

Library Services for the Homebound

The Community Library's Homebound Books-By-Mail Program is a service offered to district residents who are unable to visit the library due to a temporary or permanent illness or disability, or for individuals who are frail and elderly and don't have transportation. Materials made available to homebound patrons are large and regular print books, videos (movies or educational), books on cassette or CD, and magazines. Library materials will be delivered free of charge to homebound patrons who are accepted into the program. For more information please call 399-1511 ext. 247. ■

Craft Corner

No refunds will be issued for cancellations. Each instructor will provide a materials kit (minus paints) with instructions. Materials kits must be picked up from the Information Desk within two weeks. Craft classes are for adults 18 years and older.

Learn the Art of Quilting

Monday, March 9 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5256

Registration begins on Tuesday, February 24.

Two experienced quilting instructors are available to help you with an existing project or guide you through the basics of getting started with a new quilt. All levels of experience are welcome to join the group.

Coin Pearl and Agate Jewelry

Saturday, March 14 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. #5245

Registration begins on Friday, February 27.

Karen Cognato will show you how to make a freshwater coin and agate gemstone beaded

bracelet with matching earrings. The necklace has a decorative gold clasp. All supplies provided by instructor.

Materials fee: \$15.00 per person.

Wooden Birdhouse Feeder

Thursday, March 19 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5237

Registration begins on Tuesday, March 3.

Join Linda O'Connell and learn how to paint vines and heart shaped wreaths on this stylish feeder for your fine feathered friends.

Materials fee: \$19.00 per person. Materials needed for class: Brushes- #12 flat shader, mop (optional), 10/0 liner, #0 shader, #6 filbert, tooth brush and stylus.

Quilled Greeting Cards

Thursday, March 26 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. #5248

Registration begins on Friday, March 6.

Craft instructor Cynthia Theofel will teach a quilling technique that will be applied to a set of greeting cards. Quilling is the art of curling paper into flowers, leaves and scrolls that mimic ironwork. All supplies provided by the instructor. Materials fee: \$5.00 per person. ■

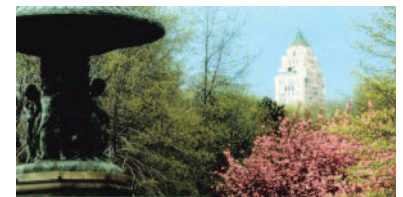
Career Counseling is Available at the Community Library

Need help with a resume? Want to develop appropriate interviewing strategies? Can't decide what you want to do with the rest of your life? Thinking about college or vocational/technical school? Interested in conducting a job search via the Internet? If you have answered yes to any of the above, you may wish to schedule a free, confidential appointment with our Career Counselor.

Do As You Please Bus Trip to the Big Apple

Wednesday, April 29 #5257
Registration for MMSCL cardholders begins on Monday, March 9.
Registration for non-district patrons (space permitting) begins on Tuesday, March 10.

Spring is the perfect time to venture into the Big Apple for a day of leisure. Why not take a stroll through Central Park and visit the zoo, stop by South Street Seaport for some shopping and lunch or just window shop till you drop. The choice is yours to do as you please! The bus departs the library at 9:30 a.m., and we leave New York City at 6:00 p.m. sharp. There will be two drop off points in the city. The price per person is \$18.00. We will collect a tip for the bus driver on the day of the trip. **Please note, bus trip tickets are non-refundable.** ■





Teens

Demystifying Financial Aid

Tuesday, March 3 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Program #5232

Getting ready for college, but not sure how you'll pay for it? Students and their parents are invited to this informative workshop, where they can learn all about the student aid that is available in Pell Grants, Academic Competitiveness Grants, Campus based Programs, Educational Opportunity Grants, Federal Work-Study, Perkins Loans and various Scholarships. You will also learn all about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). ■



GAME ON!

The Internet Café Unplugged

Fridays, March 6th Program # 2558 and 20th Program #5229

Both programs are from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Where can teens go on a Friday night that is safe, supervised, right in their own community, and, best of all, experience the hottest, most popular gaming systems? The Library, of course. We're 'unplugging' our popular Internet Café program to embrace the newest gaming systems, including PS2 Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Dance, Dance, Revolution, Dancing with the Stars, and the immensely popular Wii technology—tennis, baseball, bowling and golf. Or, teens can still just surf the web and visit favorite sites on our flat screen PCs. Sign up and join us for an awesome night of fun @ your Library.

Illustrators Workshop

Fridays, March 6th Program # 5226 and 20th Program #5227

Both programs are from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Do you love to express your creativity through drawing, painting and a variety of other mediums? Illustrators Workshop is the place to be if you want to learn new techniques, hone the skills you already have and just have fun with your art. Various art materials are supplied and you are encouraged to take advantage of the skills that will be taught in every workshop. If you have a creative streak, and are an accomplished artist or just getting started, the Illustrators Workshop is the place to be.

Anime/Manga Club

Monday, March 9 4:00 – 5:00 p.m. Program #5234

Our monthly Anime/Manga Club has turned into a fun time where everyone can interact with fellow anime and manga fans. Teens also watch current DVDs in the genre, and give input to help us expand our collection. There will be lots of fun activities and we are definitely looking for input, so start thinking about what you want to do at the meetings, because it is YOUR club and we want everyone to have a good time.

Share a Book...Share a Bite

Tuesday, March 10 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Program #5326

Come in and join us for our book discussion group Share a Book...Share a Bite. Everyone brings a book that they have read and enjoyed and would like to share with the group. Once everyone has shared a book, you will have lots of ideas for new books to read. At the meeting we'll also pick a book that everyone would like to read, so we can discuss it the next time we meet. Our last meeting was fun and energetic with lots to discuss and everyone had a great time. Come and join in the fun at our next meeting. Come hungry, not only will we be sharing books, but we'll share bites as well!

Funtastic Cupcakes

Wednesday, March 11 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Program #5230

Are you ready for a delicious treat? Do you love cupcakes? If you answered "yes" to both these questions, then we have a program for you! MaryAnne will be here to show you how to decorate cupcakes with lots of fun sweets. Let your creative side shine so your cupcakes will be both delicious and beautiful. When you're all done you can try to resist the temptation or give in and take a bite. Once you start eating them, it will be almost impossible to stop! Don't miss out on this tasty good time, register today.

Camera Club

Friday, March 13 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Program # 5233

Learn to take better photos from our librarian/photographer Mr. Casper. Each month the art of photography, including techniques and skills will be taught, and ideas for a new project will be given. Use your own camera or we will give you one and develop the film. Photograph subjects of your own choosing, including landscapes, portraits or everyday life. Join Mr. Casper for the next meeting of the Camera Club and get ready to snap some great shots.

VIP Game On!

Friday, March 13 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Program #5221

This wildly popular program has been expanded to include our VIPs. 6th, 7th, and 8th graders are experiencing the hottest, most popular gaming systems on their very own night. Included will be PS2, Guitar Hero, Rock Band, Dance Dance Revolution, Dancing with the Stars, and the immensely popular Wii technology—tennis, baseball, bowling and golf. Or, VIP's can still just surf the web and visit favorite sites on our flat screen PCs. Sign up and join us for an awesome night of fun @ your Community Library.

Let's Make Pocky!

Monday, March 16 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Program # 5225

Pocky is a delicious fun treat from Japan that's easy to eat. It is a biscuit stick covered in chocolate or other yummy flavors. Pocky has been an instant hit with teenagers in Japan and has moved across the ocean and teens here are eating it too. Now you can try your hand at making pocky with the help of our anime adviser Nola Thacker. She will take you through each step while you make this delicious candy. It will be so good that you won't be able to resist it!



Stay in touch with your Teen Services Department!

Even when you can't get to the library, Teen Services is open for you! Contact us at our MySpace: www.myspace.com/mmsclteens or at our AIM: mmsclteens. Teen librarians are available to answer questions, find materials, or just to say "hi." And don't forget – if you need homework help, login to www.communitylibrary.org/tutor.html with your library card to connect one-on-one with a real live tutor who can help you with English, Social Studies, Math or Science every day from 2 p.m. to 11 p.m. ■



SAT Prep Course

Wednesdays, March 18, 25, April 1, 15, and 22 from 4:45 to 6:45 p.m. Program #5222

Question: What is the best way to prepare for the Scholastic Aptitude Test?

Answer: Practice, practice, practice – and attend the 5 session Math and Verbal review at the Community Library. Review sessions are conducted by certified and experienced teachers. This review will give students insight into the SAT test taking process as well as the needed knowledge and skills to practice on their own. There is a \$35 fee which includes the SAT review book and is payable upon registration. Check, charge or money order only.

Behind the Scenes Tour of a Museum

Saturday, March 21 at 10:00 a.m. Program #5270

Ever wonder what's behind the closed doors of a museum? At the William Floyd estate there's old photos, paintings, books, ladies clothing, arms, Indian indentures, hats and so much more! Learn how and why we care for all this old stuff. You must enter through the service gate located at 20 Washington Ave. in Mastic Beach. Transportation to and from the Museum is not provided. The Teen Services Staff will meet you at the Museum at 10 am. Sign up now and don't miss out on this fun and unusual program, availability for this program is limited.

Lunch & a Movie

March 21 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Program # 5223

What do teens really like to do on a Saturday afternoon? Have fun at Lunch and a Movie. A few days before the program, you will get a chance to vote for your choice of three newly released films. We'll screen the most popular selection on our extra-

large screen with state-of-the-art surround sound. Pizza and soft drinks will be served.

Leather Cuff Jewelry Craft

Tuesday, March 24 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. Program #5224

This is a great program for both guys and girls. Leather cuffs look so great with any kind of style and now you can make one of your own. You can show your creativity by decorating it any way you want. Embellish your cuff with studs, gems or beads. Cindy will be here with lots of ideas and supplies for you to use any way you want. Your leather cuff will be a great accessory so don't miss out on this chance to express yourself in this unique and fun way.

RuneScape Club

Friday March 27 from 6:00 to 7:30 p. m. Program # 5235

Travel through the gaming world of RuneScape. Engage in combat with other players or with monsters, complete quests or increase your skills. Beginners and seasoned veterans will have a great time at this new and exciting program. Librarian Mr. Jones will be here to facilitate play and teach you new strategies and tricks. Join the RuneScape Club now for a great evening of fun.

Drop-In Programming

Thursday evenings in the Teen Services Department

Every Thursday evening the Teen Department will be offering an informal program. There is no registration required so there is room for all those who want to drop by. You can come at any time during the evening and

there will be something fun for you to do. The fun starts at 6:00 p.m. so make sure you come by, and enjoy all that the library has to offer. With these new drop in programs, there is just one more good reason to come in, especially on Thursday evenings.

Five Hour Pre-Licensing Class

Saturday March 28 from 11:00 am to 4:00 p.m. Program #5027

Now you can take the five hour pre-licensing class without leaving your community. East End Driving School will conduct the five hour class, required by the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles, for people ages 16 – 21 who want to schedule their road test. The cost is \$40. Register online or in person with check, credit card or money order. Sorry but we cannot accept cash. **A valid NYS Learner's Permit will be required on the day of the class.** We'll serve pizza and water bottles during a brief break. ■



Website of the Month

This month's website is www.picnik.com. Picnik makes your photos fabulous with easy to use yet powerful editing tools. Tweak to your heart's content, then get creative with oodles of effects, fonts, shapes, and frames. It's fast, easy and fun. Some of Picnik's fun features are: tons of special effects, from artsy to fun, awesome fonts and top-quality type tools, basketfuls of shapes

from hand-picked designers and it's astoundingly fast, right in your browser. Works on Mac, Windows and Linux, no downloading required, nothing to install. Picnik works with your photos wherever they are: myspace, flickr, facebook, photobucket, webshots, freewebs. The nicest feature that Picnik has is it's free! So, take advantage of all it has to offer and start Picniking! ■

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“3 Celtic Women” with Celeste Ray

Sunday, March 22, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

*Tickets are now available at the Reference & Adult Services Reference Desk:
\$2 adults/\$1 seniors and students*

A concert of traditional songs and ballads: Celeste, and the other members of this talented ensemble play the flute, bowed psaltery, harmonium and harp, producing the lively, lyrical and haunting sounds of Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

Celeste, a native of Los Angeles, relocated to New York City in early 2002. She received her degree in music performance from El Camino College and Sonoma State University, California. As quoted by the Los Angeles Times, Celeste Ray has “a sound at once fresh and otherworldly...her distinct calling card is her skill with the relatively obscure bowed psaltery and her voice is a warm and pleasant instrument.” Celeste’s performances on double-bowed psaltery (Celtic violin

harp dating from the 1400s) are of the highest technical caliber, and her passion to bring the bowed psaltery to the public eye through educational workshops and performance remains unmatched on the Celtic stage.

Celeste’s vocals are also a big part of her signature sound. She has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York under the direction of famed composer, John Rutter as well as other renowned stages throughout the world. Her journeys throughout the United Kingdom and Ireland provided a wellspring of sacred sources for her imagination to draw upon. She has five CD recordings to her credit.

This performance will be held in the Community Library’s auditorium. A library card is not required. ■



Help Us Paint the Town **READ**

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and will end with a Red READ Party on Sunday, April 26th at 4:30 p.m. at the Library. Registration will take place between March 9th and March 13th – please visit our website at <http://paintthetownread.communitylibrary.org> to get involved and receive more information.

We know that reading for pleasure is one of the building blocks for young people to grow into

healthy, productive adults. A survey conducted in 2008 by the National Endowment of the Arts found that people who read more books tend to have the highest level of participation in other activities, such as sports, performing arts, volunteer and charity work and cultural events. And those who are informed care about their community and are better able to make a contribution. ■

The Board of Trustees meets on the fourth Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. Meetings are open and the public is always invited to attend. If you have any questions about any library matter, please call the Library Director, Kerri Rosalia, at 399-1511, ext. 200.

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All programs are available to Mastics-Moriches-Shirley Community Library cardholders and require advanced registration, unless otherwise indicated. Please have your library card available when you register. The Library is glad to provide reasonable accommodations for patrons with special needs. Please call us at least two weeks prior to the program to make arrangements. Photographs may be taken at any of the Library’s programs for use in Library publicity. Please inform us if you do not want photos taken of you or your child(ren).