

**MARCH / APRIL 2024**



# **YOUR PLACE TO CONNECT**

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**LIBRARY BUDGET VOTE - TUESDAY, APRIL 9**

*The mission of the Riverhead Free Library is to provide the diverse community it serves with access to ideas, information, and a variety of educational, cultural, recreational, and intellectual resources. The Library will do so in an inviting, accessible, and eco-conscious manner.*



# We ♥ our Riverhead Community

## Riverhead Residents...

...love to borrow!

**62,843**

ITEMS BORROWED



**25,223**

ITEMS STREAMED

**27,737**

ACTIVE MEMBERS

**89,885**

AUDIO/EBOOK  
DOWNLOADS

**982**

DISCOUNT TICKETS  
SOLD

...love technology!

**74,016**

WIFI USES

**10,130**

COMPUTER USES



...love to know!



**27,641**

REFERENCE QUESTIONS  
ANSWERED

...love to work!



**277**

PEOPLE RECEIVED  
JOB ASSISTANCE

...love to save!

LIBRARY USERS SAVED

**\$4,179,375.05**

BY BORROWING LIBRARY  
MATERIALS



...love to learn!

**1,890**

CLASSES &  
EVENTS  
OFFERED



**30,249**  
DIGITAL RESOURCE  
USAGE

**29,255**

CLASSES & EVENTS  
ATTENDEES



**621**  
MEETING  
ROOMS  
BOOKED

...love to visit!

**136,581**

IN-PERSON  
VISITS



**100,355**

WEBSITE  
VISITS

## VOTE!

**LIBRARY BUDGET AND TRUSTEE VOTE**

Tuesday, April 9, 10 am-8 pm • Library Grand Room

## Proposed Operating Budget 2024-2025

	2023-2024	2024-2025	% Change
<b>MATERIALS/PROGRAMS</b>			
Books	\$105,100	\$105,100	0.00%
Digital Resources	\$208,000	\$268,000	28.85%
Media	\$25,000	\$30,000	20.00%
Periodicals	\$14,900	\$14,900	0.00%
Programs	\$95,000	\$103,000	8.42%
Museum Passes	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%
<b>BUILDING</b>			
Computer Equipment	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.00%
Furniture & Equipment	\$35,000	\$50,000	42.86%
Building Fund	\$50,000	\$75,000	50.00%
<b>SUPPLIES</b>			
Office, Computer & Program	\$62,500	\$62,500	0.00%
Custodial Supplies	\$8,000	\$8,000	0.00%
<b>SALARIES</b>			
Salaries	\$2,160,000	\$2,268,000	5.00%
<b>UTILITIES</b>			
Electricity	\$94,000	\$94,000	0.00%
Fuel	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
Water	\$10,000	\$10,000	0.00%
<b>CONTRACTS</b>			
Building & Grounds	\$195,000	\$200,000	2.56%
Equipment Servicing	\$30,555	\$30,555	0.00%
SCLS - PALS	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
SCLS - Automated Services	\$55,000	\$55,000	0.00%
Membership	\$5,000	\$5,000	0.00%
Professional	\$146,000	\$131,000	-10.27%
Payroll Service	\$22,000	\$22,000	0.00%
Computer Software	\$30,000	\$30,000	0.00%
<b>LIBRARY OPERATION</b>			
Insurance	\$65,000	\$70,000	7.69%
Postage	\$28,000	\$28,000	0.00%
Printing & Publicity	\$90,000	\$105,000	16.67%
Professional Development	\$13,000	\$13,000	0.00%
Telephone	\$9,000	\$9,000	0.00%
Internet	\$29,000	\$29,000	0.00%
Voting	\$11,000	\$11,000	0.00%
<b>MANDATED EXPENSES</b>			
Mandated Expenses	\$1,003,000	\$1,096,600	9.33%
<b>CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM</b>			
Capital Improvement Program		\$138,000	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>			
Total Operating Budget	\$4,724,055	\$5,186,655	9.79%
<b>TO BE PROVIDED BY:</b>			
Contract Districts, State Aide, Donations, etc.	\$136,000	\$198,107	45.67%
Use of Fund Balance	\$90,000	\$65,000	-27.78%
<b>OPERATING BUDGET TAX LEVY</b>			
Operating Budget Tax Levy	\$4,498,055	\$4,923,548	9.46%

Please note the tax levy limit for the year 2024-2025 from the Office of the State Comptroller is \$4,648,024 for the Riverhead Free Library. The proposed levy is \$4,923,548 for the 2024-2025 year for the Riverhead Free Library. The proposed levy is over the tax cap levy limit by \$275,524. The levy limit is composed of the tax base growth factor of 1.0104 and the allowable levy growth factor of 1.0200 for a total allowable levy increase of \$149,969 to remain under the tax cap.

\*Real property Tax Cap Form from the Office of the State Comptroller.

**Voter Information:** In order to vote, you must be a US Citizen, 18 years of age or older, and a resident of the Riverhead Central School District for at least 30 days. Re-registration is required if you have not voted in the past four years in a general, school, or library election. For information regarding registration, please contact the District Clerk at (631) 369-4724.





# A Message to the Community



Riverhead Free Library has developed and implemented a thoughtful five-year plan during which we will be undertaking significant necessary capital improvements aimed to substantially improve our library building and grounds. We are asking our community to assist us and engage this challenge by agreeing to contribute financial support for this program. The priority and first of these improvements is targeted toward addressing our dated and inadequate HVAC system which is over 23 years old; the current hardware and system is in disrepair, in need of frequent service, and not energy efficient enough by today's standards. The prospective replacement of the Library's heating and air conditioning system is not a luxury and is in fact very necessary to maintain an appropriate standard for the health and well-being of everyone who enters the building whether staff or community alike. The humidity level in our lower level meeting rooms has been monitored and was found to be too high and as a result we were faced with an issue of the presence of mold which required costly remediation. The present system has been evaluated by a professional team of mechanical engineers and HVAC systems specialists and we have had blueprints fabricated and prepared to execute the project this spring. This is a project requiring prompt attention and we hope that you feel similarly.

Our patrons and community at large have been patiently making their needs known and we have been enthusiastically listening. The present design of the library is not consistent with an efficient and functional gathering place for meetings and general library use. Listening intently, you have made us aware of the need for a new upgraded sound system for our Grand Room which is the place where all of our fantastic musical programs, films and lectures come to life. Our current sound system is barely operational and far from a system this room and those who participate really deserve. Projects to enhance not only the library facility but also the infra-structure are invaluable to the effort of providing state of the art programming our community deserves.

We also plan to implement updates to our Youth and Family Services department including a Digital Play Table. The 32" play touch table provides an educational, fun, interactive experience for children of all ages, starting at age 3. Users choose from a portfolio of up to 21 multi-touch games and the table allows up to four players simultaneously. The table provides a unique experience that is collaborative and social for both children and teens.

We have judiciously saved and put aside monies dedicated with these types of impending needs in mind, we are thus well-positioned to address most of the necessary capital improvement plan; additionally, RFL has been approved for a grant to assist with the HVAC system, but we do require additional funding to complete these necessary endeavors. We are requesting that the community contribute to these well-thought-out projects by supporting our proposed budget. If approved, the average home in the Riverhead Central School District assessed at \$44,802 will be pay a total of \$291.20 in taxes for the year for the Riverhead Free Library. This is an increase of \$25.03 over last year's cost. We sincerely believe this increase is modest when compared to the return on investment.

Join us on Wednesday, March 13 at 6 pm for the budget informational meeting and to meet and greet the trustee candidates. Please be sure to cast your very important vote on April 9th.

The 2024-2025 budget levy is \$4,923,548.

\$4,785,548 is for the operating budget for fiscal year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025.

\$138,000 is for our capital improvement program.

Your Board of Trustees believes that the budget proposal is worthy of your approval and a win for both the library and even more importantly for you, our community.

## HOW PROPERTY TAXES ARE CALCULATED

- 1) The Riverhead Free Library Proposed Tax Levy for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is \$4,923,548
- 2) The Riverhead School District 2023-2024 Assessed Valuation is \$757,078,291
- 3) The tax rate is determined by dividing the Tax Levy by the total Taxable Assessed value of all property in the jurisdiction
- 4) Because tax rates are generally expressed as "per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value," the product is multiplied by 1,000
- 5)  $\$4,923,548 / \$757,078,291 = 0.00650335382 \times 1,000 = \$6.50$ . The tax rate for the 2024-2025 Fiscal Year is \$6.50 per \$1,000 of taxable assessed value
- 6) Per the Town of Riverhead Tax Assessor's Office, the average value for a home in the Riverhead School District is \$44,802
- 7) Therefore, a home with an assessed value of \$44,802 would pay \$291.20 in taxes towards the Riverhead Free Library's 2024-2025 Fiscal Year Budget.  $\$44,802 / 1000 = \$44.80 \times \$6.50 = \$291.20$

# COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

## Island Harvest Food Distribution

**Mondays, March 4 & April 1 • 9:00-11:00am**

*(While supplies last)*

Food assistance for Seniors (60 & Older) and Veterans in the Library Parking Lot.



## Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)

**Tuesdays, March 5, 26 • 10:30am-1:00pm**

Free blood pressure screenings and health-related questions answered on a variety of topics.

## Suffolk County Office for the Aging - Senior Advocate

**Wednesday, March 6 • 10:00am-12:00pm**

A Suffolk County Office for the Aging advocate will be available to meet with seniors one-on-one on a walk-in basis to help them determine program eligibility, fill out various applications/forms and connect with appropriate services. **No appointment required.**

## Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance

**Thursdays, March 7 & April 4 • 11:00am-12:00pm**

Long Island Cares will supply prepackaged bags filled with non-perishable food items. No identification is required to pick up your emergency supply of food.

**This is a walk-up service only.**

**\* No Registration Required.**



## HIICAP Free Senior Health Insurance Counseling

**Wednesdays, March 20 & April 17 • 9:30am-12:00pm**

To register for a ½ hour one-on-one appointment, call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.



## Veterans Resource Table

**Wednesdays, March 20 & April 17**

**3:00-5:00pm**

A Veteran peer mentor from the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will share resources for Veterans and their families.



## Shots for Tots

**Wednesdays, March 27 & April 24 • 11:00am-3:00pm**

In addition to childhood vaccinations, the Suffolk County Department of Health will offer COVID vaccinations for all approved ages. **This is for VFC/VFA eligible patients only.** For more details, call the Suffolk County Immunization Action Program at (631) 854-0222.

## SNAP Counseling

**Thursdays, March 28 & April 25**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

Many families can use SNAP to assist in stretching their food budget, but are unaware that they qualify. To schedule an appointment, call or email Maria Carvajal at (631) 579-7051 or mcarvajal@hwcli.com.



## Paper Shredding with A Shred Away Inc.

**Tuesday, April 9 • 4:45-7:45pm**

Do you have documents that need shredding?

A Shred Away Inc. will be in our library parking lot to assist you with your shredding needs.



## Pet Food Drive

In honor of **National Pet Day** on April 11th,

Assemblywoman

Jodi Giglio is hosting a Pet Food Drive at the Riverhead Free Library throughout the month of April.



## Catholic Health Mobile Outreach

**Thursday, April 25**

**10:00am-2:00pm**

Free health screenings provided by a registered nurse. The bus will be parked in the Riverhead Free Library parking lot.



## Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP): Social Work Intern

**Tuesdays & Wednesdays**

The social work intern will be available to meet with patrons in-person. Please call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301 to schedule an appointment.

## Free to Low Cost Health Insurance

Need Health Insurance? Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified bi-lingual Healthcare Navigators can help you enroll in Medicaid, Child Health Plus and the Essential Plans and apply for a Qualified Health Plan, if eligible, for Special Enrollment. Eligibility based on household size and income. **Call to schedule a phone appointment: (516) 505-4426.**

## With Appreciation: The Riverhead Free Library would like to express gratitude to:

The Woman's Club of Riverhead for their monetary donation to purchase a book in memory of Muriel Froelich.

Melany Flynn, Laura LaSita and Doreen Scott for their monetary donations to purchase books in memory of Cynthia (Cindy) Smith.

Kim Diachun for her donation of an antique book stand.

The Kissel Family for their monetary donation to purchase a book in memory of Valorie Dawson.

Senator Anthony H. Palumbo for his donation of "The New York Red Book."





Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own. **Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.**

## FOR FAMILIES

### Family Crafternoon: 3D Easter Bunny House Saturday, March 23

2:00-4:00pm

Drop-in to create your own Easter Bunny house to bring home. **Limit 1 kit per family while supplies last.**

### Mini Tea Light Planet Kits

Pick-up kits starting  
Monday, April 1 • 10:00am

Transform a regular ping-pong ball into your own colorful little planet and make it twinkle! This is a perfect craft for kids to celebrate the upcoming solar eclipse! You must register to receive a kit. Space is limited. Registrants who do not pick up their kits after one week will be canceled from the list.

### Outdoor Movie Night

Thursday, April 25  
7:30-9:45pm (All Ages)

Join us for an outdoor movie showing on the big screen of *Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles: Mutant Mayhem*. Bring your own chair, blanket, and movie snack. Small refreshments will be served.



## INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL (With a Parent/Caregiver)

### Toddlers Tango

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 • 11:00-11:45am

Wednesdays, April 10, 17, 24 • 11:00-11:45am

For ages 12-36 months.

Join us as we clap our hands and stomp our feet in this interactive storytime.

### Soaring Stories

Thursday, March 7 • 2:00-2:30pm

For ages 3-5. Let's soar into Spring with stories and a craft.

### Baby Music

Friday, March 8 • 10:00-10:45am

For ages 0-12 months. Come learn and play with your baby and other families with a similarly aged child! Participate in music and sensory activities that are familiar and new to you and your baby!



### Sensory Playtime

Tuesday, March 12 • 10:00-10:40am

For ages 2-5. A toddler-and-me session that blends nature, art, and sensory experiences.

### Little Leprechauns

Thursday, March 14 • 11:00-11:30am

For ages 3-5. Fun! fun! fun! Come listen to stories, sing and dance with us.

### Tiny Movers

Tuesday, March 19 • 11:00-11:40am

For ages 18 months-4 years.

Enjoy the benefits of stretching, dancing, and movement with your little one. This class will include breathing techniques and movements that can be modified for any level.



### Dance With Me

Monday, March 25 • 10:00-10:45am

For ages 15 months-3 years. Come join Ms. Liz from Great South Bay Dance for creative movement dance activities!

### Pete the Cat Storytime

Wednesday, March 27 • 5:30-6:00pm

For ages 3-5.

Listen to stories and create a fun craft.



### Parent/Toddler Workshop

Mondays, April 1, 8, 15, 22 • 10:30-11:30am

For ages 12-35 months.

Children can play with their parents and interact with other children in this free play program. Learn about the library, community resources and parenting information. Due to the nature of this program we do NOT allow siblings.

### Kids Music

Tuesday, April 9 • 10:30-11:10am

For ages 2.5-5 years.

Follow musical directions and explore different ways to use instruments.

### Laugh Out Loud Storytime

Tuesday, April 9 • 2:00-2:30pm

For ages 3-5.

Let's laugh our way through some funny stories.



### Musical Kids

Tuesday, April 23 • 2:00-2:40pm

For ages 2.5-5 years.

A high energy combination of body movements such as jumping and dancing, parent modeled movements, musical instruments and more!

### Little Builders

Wednesday, April 24 • 2:00-2:30pm

For ages 3-5.

Build and create with LEGOs brick by brick.



Youth & Family Programs continued on next page

## SCHOOL AGE CLASSES

(Independent Programs for Grades K-6)  
These classes are ALL in person.  
Registration is required.

### The Oreo Games

Wednesday, March 6

5:30-6:10pm (Grades 3-5)

National Oreo Cookie Day - is as good of an excuse as any to participate in a series of Minute to Win it Challenges, each involving Oreo's. Face off in Riverhead Free Library's First Ever Oreo Cookie Games.



### Chess Club

Thursdays,

March 7, 21 & April 4, 18

5:30-6:30pm

(Grades 3-5)

Do you know how to play chess or have always wanted to learn? Come join us for Chess Club and learn how to play or improve your chess skills.



### No Bake Mini Pies

Monday, March 11

5:30-6:00pm

(Grades K-6)

Celebrate National Pi Day early with us by making your very own mini pudding pie!



### LEGO Club

Tuesdays, March 12, 26 & April 9, 23 • 5:30-6:30pm

(Grades K-4)

Get your brick on! Build your own creations or build as a team!

### How to Catch a Leprechaun

Wednesday, March 13 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades K-3)

Leprechauns have entered the library, and hidden a pot of gold in the children's room! Join us as we make leprechaun - spotting binoculars, and track down those mischief makers to help guide us to the gold!



### STEAM Club: Amazing Astronomers

Wednesday, March 20

5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-3)

Put your astronaut skills to the test with us in this space-themed edition of our STEAM Club series!



### Slime Time: Luck of the Slimeish

Monday, March 25 • 5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-2)

and 6:15-6:45pm (Grades 3-6)

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with us by making lucky four-leaf clover slime in this holiday edition of our Slime Time series!

### Jump Bunch Football

Thursday, March 28

6:00-6:45pm

(Grades 1-4)

Join us for a fun-filled football day that includes skills such as passing, catching and kicking the ball. Ending class with a flag football game.



### A Puppy for Me

Wednesday, April 10

5:30-6:30pm (Grades K-2)

Our toy puppies are looking for their forever home! Join us for a fun evening of stories, crafts, and activities all about pet adoption!



### Earth Day Birdseed Ornaments

Monday, April 15 • 5:30-6:10pm (Grades 3-6)

Join us in preparation for Earth Day by making a birdseed ornament for your local wildlife to enjoy!

### STEAM Club: Super Sprouts

Wednesday, April 17 • 5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-3)

Test out your green thumb and make your very own "pet" plant in this botanical edition of our STEAM Club series!

### Cinco de Mayo Mini Piñatas

Tuesday, April 30

5:15-6:00pm (Grades K-2)

and 6:15-7:00pm (Grades 3-6)

Get ready for Cinco de Mayo by creating your own festive piñata!



## TEEN AND TWEEN DROP-INS

(Grades 4-12)

### Sandworm Sand Art

**Monday, March 11-Saturday, March 16**

Celebrate the release of *Dune: Part 2* all week by creating your own masterpiece out of sand.

### Blackout Poetry

**Monday, April 8-Tuesday, April 30**

Celebrate National Poetry month in the Teen Loft and get creative with blackout poetry.



### Infinity Cubes

**Monday, April 15-Saturday, April 20**

Drop in any day this week to create your own fancy fidget. These cool cubes can unfold and re-fold any which way.

### Teen Art Show

**Thursday, March 14 • 5:00-7:00pm**

The Youth and Family Services Department is thrilled to present the artwork of Riverhead High School students in grades 9-12. Come drop by to check out the creative and different types of art and enjoy light refreshments at the opening.

## TEEN LOFT

(Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

### Tabletop Thursdays

**Thursdays, March 7, 21 & April 4, 18  
5:00-6:30pm**

Live action role playing tabletop games for those who love Dungeons and Dragons. From Fantasy to Mystery games.

### Mario Kart Tournament

**Sunday, March 10 • 2:00-3:30pm**

Come join us in celebrating MAR10 Day by grabbing a controller and participating in a Mario Kart tournament!

### Writing Club

**Thursdays, March 14 & April 11  
5:00-6:00pm**

In March, join the Writing Club as we become character detectives, solving story mysteries through keen observation. In April, the Writing Club takes action against hate. Volunteer to make posters in honor of Day of Silence.

### Fall Guys Fall-A-Thon

**Saturday, April 27 • 2:00-3:00pm**

This weekend in the Teen Loft, we're playing Fall Guys! Prepare to run, jump, dive, and (probably) fall in this wacky racing game.

### Candle Making

**Friday, March 15 • 3:30-4:30 pm**

Create your own candle using a variety of colors and scents. Using a simple and fun process we will create different and original custom candles for each teen to take home.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

### LEGO Buddies

**Tuesdays, March 12, 26 & April 9, 23 • 5:30-6:30pm  
(Grades 8-12)**

Volunteer in our LEGO Club to help littles build their creations. **Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.**

### Teen Advisory Board

**Saturday, March 16 • 11:00am-12:00 pm**

Join our teen volunteers to brainstorm new program ideas. What do YOU want to see from your teen department? Snacks will be provided. **Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.**

### Teen Loft Decor Renovation

**Tuesday, March 19 • 4:30-6:30pm**

Help beautify our library! Become a teen volunteer and decorate windows in the teen loft for the spring. **Participants will earn 2 hours of community service.**

### Adopt Me Bandanas

**Wednesday, April 10 • 6:00-7:00pm**

Teens will create adorable bandanas that shelter pets can wear to adoption events! These bandanas will help to promote each animals' adoption. **Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.**

### Kindness Rocks

**Monday, April 29 • 5:30-6:30pm**

Teens will create kindness rocks that can be left around the community to promote kindness. **Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.**

**There are other ways to give back to your community! Check out the Teen Services page on our website for more details.**





Call (631) 727-3228 or visit our website at [riverheadlibrary.org](http://riverheadlibrary.org) to register for programs that do not have a fee. Register in-person at the front desk for all programs with a fee. Payment is due at the time of registration. Registration fees are non-refundable unless the library cancels the program.

## BOOKS AND BEYOND

### Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

Thursday, March 21

2:00-3:00pm

*The Tiffany Girls*  
by Shelley Noble

Thursday, April 18

2:00-3:00pm

*Fifth Avenue Glamour Girl* by Renee Rosen



### Booked for Lunch Club

Bring your own lunch to eat while discussing popular book titles.

Saturday, March 30 • 12:00-1:00pm

*The Nickel Boys* by Colson Whitehead

Saturday, April 27 • 12:00-1:00pm

*Such a Fun Age* by Kiley Reid

### Meet the Author: Kara Thomas

Tuesday, April 23 • 6:00-7:30pm

Author Kara Thomas will discuss and read portions of her new novel, *Lost to Dune Road*. Books will be available for purchase.

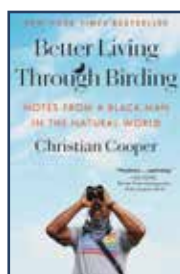


### Long Island Reads Author Event

#### Better Living Through Birding

Sunday, April 21 • 2:00-3:00pm

Author Christian Cooper will be honored at the 2024 Long Island Reads Selection Award event for his book, *Better Living Through Birding: Notes from a Black Man in the Natural World*. The event will take place at the Plainview-Old Bethpage Public Library and online.



### Hallock State Park Birding Walks

Wednesday,

April 10 or 17

10:00am-12:00pm

Naturalist and experienced birder, MaryLaura Lamont leads this guided walk to locate and identify Long Island bird species. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring a pair of binoculars. To register for one of the birding walks, please call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301.



### Long Island Reads Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 17 • 6:00-7:00pm

Join us as we discuss the 2024 Long Island Read's pick, *Better Living Through Birding* at the Riverhead Free Library.

## 2024 Total Solar Eclipse, Monday, April 8

Starting Monday, March 18, pick up solar eclipse glasses at the Adult Reference Desk. In Riverhead, the Total Solar Eclipse begins Monday, April 8 at 2:12pm. One pair per Riverhead Free Library cardholder, while supplies last.



### The Sun Will Darken on April 8 with Joe Rao

Thursday, March 21 • 6:30-7:30pm

Eight-time Emmy-nominated meteorologist Joe Rao will shine a light on the science of eclipses and what to watch for in April.



## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

### Roosevelt Women: Exceptional Ladies of New York State

Wednesday, March 20 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join author and historian JoAnn Tufo for a revealing exploration of the lives of these remarkable Americans.



### Women Living History

Saturday, March 23 • 2:00-3:00pm

Join us for a fun exploration of women's history through the stories of women born from the 1930s to the 1960s. Come to learn and share your thoughts about what has and has not changed. Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.

## ARTS AND CRAFTS

### Beginning Crochet

Tuesdays, March 5, 19 & April 2, 16 • 12:00-1:00pm

For the beginner, but any skill level is welcome. Bring a light colored skein of yarn and a size H, I, J or K crochet hook. Sylvia Saunders and Helen Horton, volunteer co-instructors will provide instruction for Beginning and Intermediate Crochet.



### Intermediate Crochet

Tuesdays, March 5, 19 & April 2, 16 • 1:00-2:00pm

For those who have crocheted before, but beginners from the prior class are welcome to stay. Bring a light colored skein of yarn, a size H, I, J or K crochet hook and any crochet pattern you'd like to discuss.

### Spring Flower Earrings with Lisa

Friday, March 22 • 1:00-2:00pm

All materials will be provided.

### Paper Flowers: Daffodils

Monday, April 22 • 2:00-3:30pm

Casey Cunningham will teach you how to make these springtime blooms with paper.





## DEFENSIVE DRIVING

### \$ Defensive Driving Courses

Saturday, March 2 • 9:30am-3:30pm

Monday, March 18 • 9:30am-3:30pm

Saturday, April 13 • 9:30am-3:30pm

Wednesday, April 24 • 9:30am-3:30pm

On the day of the class, bring your driver's license and payment to be given to the instructor. **Fee \$33.** (Payment can be made using cash, check or money order made payable to Empire Safety Council.)



### \$ Curso de Manejo Defensivo

sábado, 9 de marzo

9:30am-3:30pm

**Llegan 15 minutos antes del curso** con su licencia de conducir y un cheque pagado directamente a Empire Safety o dinero en efectivo, para ser entregado al instructor el día de la clase. **Cuota \$35.**

## CAREER CENTER

### Career Counseling

Fridays, March 8, 15 & April 12, 19 • 2:00-4:00pm

Meet with a certified Workforce Development Specialist in our Career Center who will assist you with your job search, interviewing skills and resume preparation. Call 631-727-3228 ext. 301 to schedule a ½ hour in-person appointment.



### SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Fridays, March 8 & April 12 • 10:00am-1:00pm

Meet with former business executive Ron Breuer for mentoring and advice for small business owners and entrepreneurs. SCORE is a resource partner of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Call to schedule a ½ hour in-person or virtual appointment 631-727-3228.



### Career Advising

Wednesday, March 13 &

April 10 • 2:00-4:00pm

Help searching for a job, writing a resume, or preparing for an interview. Career Advisor Lisa Owens is here to help you explore your career options in a ½ hour virtual or in-person appointment.



## LANGUAGE LEARNING

### Conversational German

Fridays, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & April 5, 12, 19, 26  
10:00-11:15am



### Intermediate German

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19 & April 2, 16, 23, 30  
9:45-11:00am



### Conversational French and Culture

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 & April 2, 16, 23, 30  
11:00am-12:00pm



Join France Landro to practice French conversational skills, brush up on grammar skills and learn about French culture.

### Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, March 6, 13, 20 & April 3, 10, 17 • 4:00-5:30pm



### Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 & April 4, 11, 18 • 4:00-5:30pm



## GET TOGETHER

### Structures of Sound

Tuesdays, March 5, 19 & April 2, 23 • 5:30-6:30pm

Use this QR code for the Structures of Sound playlist.



### Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, March 12, 26 & April 16, 30 • 5:30-7:30pm

### Hallockville Old Time Jam

Thursdays, March 14, 28 & April 11, 25 • 5:30-7:30pm

### Poetry Street: The Room Without a Roof

Where Every Voice is Heard

Saturday, March 30 & April 27 • 2:00-4:00pm



## TECHNOLOGY

### Drop-In Tech Help: Bring your Device

Mondays • 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesdays • 9:00am-12:00pm

Wednesdays • 2:00-5:00pm

Get one-on-one help learning to use your phone, tablet or Kindle. Do you have questions about using Google Drive or Microsoft Office? Bring any passwords you may need.

### Tech Help Appointments

Call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301 to make an appointment for tech help.



## SENIOR SOCIALS



Registration is required for all socials!

### Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, March 13 • 1:00-3:00pm

Watermark, 2925 North Wading River Rd., Wading River

### Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, March 20 • 5:30-7:30pm

Bistro 72, 1830 W. Main St., Riverhead

### Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, April 10 • 1:00-3:00pm

Sea Basin, 642 Rte, 25A, Rocky Point

### Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, April 17

5:30-7:30pm

Pulaski Street Grille, 424 Pulaski St., Riverhead



## STAY HEALTHY

### PBMC Health Talks

PBMC Health Talks feature medical professionals who provide expert information about health issues and health care available for the Riverhead Community.



**Knee and Hip Pain Treatment Options**  
Friday, March 22  
12:00-1:00pm

**Pulmonary Rehabilitation and Breathing Techniques**  
Friday April 12 • 12:00-1:00pm

**Colorectal Cancer Awareness**  
Wednesday, March 27  
6:00-7:00pm

**Skin Cancer Identification and Treatment**  
Wednesday, April 24  
6:00-7:00pm

**Stony Brook Southampton Hospital & East End Libraries Present**



**Weight Loss: Are Medications the Solution?**  
Thursday, March 21 • 12:00-1:00pm

**The Loneliness Epidemic and Mental Health**  
Thursday, April 18 • 12:00-1:00pm

**Diabetes 101: Diagnosed with Diabetes, Now What?**  
Friday, April 19 • 12:00-1:00pm



## GET FIT

### Mat Pilates with Leisa

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 8, 15, 22, 29  
10:00-11:00am



### Tai Chi with Denise



Mondays, March 4, 11, 18 & April 8, 15, 22 • 4:00-5:00pm

### 30 Minute Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 & April 8, 15, 22, 29  
7:00-7:30pm



### Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26 &  
April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 • 10:00-10:25am



### Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 5, 21, 26, 28 &  
April 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 • 9:00-10:00am



### Tai Chi for Arthritis II

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 5, 7, 12, 14, 19,  
21, 26, 28 & April 2, 4, 11, 16, 18, 23, 25 • 1:00-2:00pm



### Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, March 7, 14, 21 & April 4, 11, 18  
11:00am-12:00pm



### Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, March 8, 15, 22 & April 12, 19, 26  
10:00-11:00am



Classes will be conducted virtually, but you may choose to join others, in-person, as we project Irina's classes on the screen.

### Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Wednesdays, March 27 & April 24 • 7:00-8:00pm



## NATURE AND GARDENING

Riverhead Free Library Seed Library  
seeds of knowledge

### Seeds of Knowledge Seed Library Opening

Monday, March 4 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Stop by the seed library informational table to find out more about how you can request seeds.



### Wednesday Walking Club

Wednesdays, March 20, 27 &  
April 3, 10, 17, 24  
10:00am - 12:00pm

Register to receive the location each week. Some locations may charge parking fees for which you will be responsible. Walking shoes, a bottle of water and a sense of adventure suggested.

### Zion National Park: Chat with a Ranger

Monday, March 25  
7:00-8:00pm

Enjoy a ranger guided exploration of the spectacular geological features and unique flora and fauna that can only be found within Zion National Park.



## LEARN SOMETHING NEW

### Molly Haskell Talks about the Oscars

Friday, March 8 • 7:00-8:00pm

Noted critic and author Molly Haskell discusses this year's Academy Award contenders.



### Irish Step Dancing

Saturday, March 16 • 11:00-11:45am

Come get jiggy for St. Patrick's Day! Join us for a group lesson in Irish dancing focusing on basic steps that will be incorporated into a Ceili dance. Everyone can join in the dance; no prior experience is necessary.

### Researching Family History at Your Library

Thursday, April 4 • 2:00-3:00pm

In this webinar, you will learn how to take full advantage of the MyHeritage search engine to explore the lives of your ancestors.



### Pinstripes and Tales Revisited: Additional Stories The Yankees Told Me

Saturday, April 6 • 2:00-3:00pm

As a season opener, Bill Schulman, former columnist with "Yankees Magazine," returns with a new batting order of stories and anecdotes taken from his interviews with former Yankee stars.

### Lemon Blueberry Scones with a Lemon Drizzle with Rob Scott

Tuesday, April 9

12:00-1:00pm or 1:30-2:30pm

Bring to class: A large bowl, a small bowl, a cookie tray, a whisk, a zester, a box grater and a small container with a lid.

### Louis Armstrong: It's a Wonderful World

Tuesday, April 16 • 7:00-8:00pm

Celebrate National Jazz Appreciation Month by joining Ricky Riccardi, Director of Collections for the Louis Armstrong Museum, to learn more about this extraordinary man and musician.

### One Man's Journey to Buddhism

Saturday, April 20 • 2:00-3:00pm

A revealing conversation about what led a one-time American lawyer and family man to become a Buddhist Monk. And what exactly is Buddhism? Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.

### Celebration of World Tai Chi Day

Thursday, April 25 • 2:00-3:00pm

Join Suffolk County Department of Health educator Linda Bohman to participate in a celebration of Tai Chi. All are welcome.





**Friends of the Riverhead Library Photography Club**
**Thursdays, March 14, 28 & April 11, 25  
6:30-7:30pm**

For up-to-date information on meetings, events, photo walks, assignments and photo trips, please visit our Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/riverheadphotoclub>, website [riverheadphotoclub.org](https://riverheadphotoclub.org) or Riverhead Library page <https://friendsoftheriverheadlibrary.org/photo-club/>


**Friends of the Riverhead Library Travel Club**

**Thursday, April 4 • 6:30-7:30pm**  
The Travel Club will not meet in March. Please contact Claire Ondrovic [rhosereo@optonline.net](mailto:rhosereo@optonline.net) if you have a presentation you would like to share.


**ON DISPLAY**
**IN THE SHOWCASE  
AND THE  
OVERTON GALLERY**


**March** - The Riverhead High School Teen Art Show

**April** - Sculptures and paintings by local artist *Linda Nemeth*.

*If you are interested in sharing your talents and passions in the Showcase, contact Annette Cassidy [annette4590@gmail.com](mailto:annette4590@gmail.com). For the Overton Gallery, please contact Gena Harsch [genaharsch@gmail.com](mailto:genaharsch@gmail.com)*

**THE YELLOW BARN RE-OPENS  
ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH**

**2024 Yellow Barn hours: 9:00am-2:00pm  
Mondays, Wednesdays & Fridays**

**Donations will be accepted beginning  
Friday, April 12th.**


**SUNDAY AFTERNOON  
SPECIALS**

**Miracles of the Mind**

**Sunday, March 10 • 1:30-2:30pm**

Illusionist Robert McEntee performs a mind-reading and illusion show that combines audience participation, clean comedy and visual demonstrations of mesmerizing magic.


**The Karpenteers Trio**

**Sunday, March 17**

**1:30-2:30pm**

The Karpenteers will perform the biggest-selling Carpenters hits of the 70s.

**Spring Migratory  
Birds of Long Island**

**Sunday, April 7 • 1:30-2:30pm**

Biologist and avid birder Dr. Coby Klein will give a visual presentation to help you get a sense of where you might observe shorebirds, hawks, owls, warblers and more as they migrate through our area this spring.


**Banjo Rascals Trio**

**Sunday, April 14 • 1:30-3:00pm**

Come sing along to popular songs of the 50s and 60s.


**Canta Libre**

**Sunday, April 28 • 1:30-3:00pm**

Join *Canta Libre* as they celebrate 22 years of joyous music making. This quintet featuring harp, strings and flute will uplift and enchant you with their exciting custom arrangements and original repertoire.


**MUSEUM PASSES**

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Riverhead Free Library, the current list of passes may include:

Brooklyn Botanic Garden  
Children's Museum of the East End (printable)  
Cradle of Aviation Museum  
Fire Island Lighthouse  
Guggenheim Museum  
Long Island Science Center  
Montauk Lighthouse Museum  
Museum of Modern Art  
New York Hall of Science  
Parrish Art Museum  
Vanderbilt Museum



Passes are subject to availability.





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### **CURBSIDE SERVICE AT RFL**

Curbside service continues. If you would like Library staff to bring holds to your car, it's easy to organize. Once you have received notice that your holds are ready for pick up, you can make a reservation by calling 631-727-3228 ext. 305 or 135. When you arrive, park in one of our marked curbside spots. Then, call to let us know you are here. We'll be right out.

#### **HOURS:**

Monday-Thursday: 9:00am to 8:00pm  
Fridays: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Saturdays: 9:00am to 5:00pm  
Sundays: 12:00pm to 4:00pm

**The Library will be closed on:  
Sunday, March 31**

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, March 13 & April 10 at 6:30pm.

Use our QR code for easy access to our resources and programs. Just use your camera to scan the barcode.



### **CLUB CALENDAR**

**Weekly and Monthly clubs include the following:**

BRIDGE - Mondays 1:00-4:00pm

CHESS - Mondays 5:45-7:45pm

MAH JONGG - Wednesdays 1:00-3:00pm

STAMP CLUB - 2nd & Last Thursday  
6:00-7:00pm

CANASTA - Fridays 1:00-3:00pm



Join your neighbors. Interested in something you don't see?  
Email us at [adultprograms@riverheadlibrary.org](mailto:adultprograms@riverheadlibrary.org)

**BOOKS-BY-MAIL** is a free service that delivers large print books and audiobooks on CD through the US Postal Service to homebound eligible RFL cardholders who are unable to visit the library because of a temporary or long-term physical disability. Call 631-727-3228 ext. 301 for more information. If you qualify, an application will be mailed to you.



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