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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



A Message to the Community

We are excited to announce that several long-awaited building projects are now underway to enhance our library facilities. However, due to the timing, these projects will be taking place simultaneously, which may temporarily impact the availability of our meeting room spaces.

To ensure that you still have access to classes and programs, we are offering a variety of virtual and offsite events. You can participate in one of our virtual author talks, explore the beauty of the East End through our offsite programs, or unleash your creativity with our Tiny Art Kit.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work to improve our library. Thank you for your continued support!

Kerrie McMullen-Smith
Library Director



NEXTREX PLASTIC RECYCLING CHALLENGE!

September 1, 2024 – August 31, 2025

In honor of World Cleanup Day, we are excited to launch the



NexTrex Plastic Recycling Challenge! NexTrex has challenged us to collect 1,000 pounds of plastic between September 1, 2024 and August 31, 2025. If we do, NexTrex will use recycled plastic material to create a beautiful bench for our library courtyard. Bring your clean and dry soft plastics that are free of food residue to the Trex Recycling bin in the library lobby. Ask your friends, family and neighbors to join the challenge, too.

Let's clean up for a cause and make a lasting impact, together.

When we work together, we can make a difference!

The following items will be accepted for the challenge: Bread bags, bubble wrap, case overwrap, cereal bags, cereal box liners, dry cleaning bags, grocery bags, ice bags, newspaper sleeves, pallet wrap and stretch film, plastic ecommerce, mailers, plastic shipping envelopes, plastic wrap and stretch film, produce bags, salt bags, store bags, wood pallet bags, Ziplock and resealable food bags.

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.



With Appreciation:

The Riverhead Free Library would like to express gratitude to:

James Daniels for donating his self-published book "The Must-See Hiking Destinations of Long Island."

The Woman's Club of Riverhead for their monetary donation to purchase a book in memory of Shirley Griffing Smith Simon.

Joan and James Vreeland for their monetary donation.

John Eyre for his donation of office supplies.

COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance



Thursdays,
September 5 & October 3
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 supply of food. This is a walk-up service only. *No Registration Required.

Island Harvest Food Distribution



Mondays, September 9 & October 7 • 9:00-11:00am
(While supplies last)

Island Harvest will be distributing food to people 60 and older, Operation Hope will be distributing to Veterans and the Mobile Food Pantry will be open to all community members.

Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)

Tuesdays, September 10, 24,
October 22 & November 12
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, September 11
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.

HIICAP

Free Medicare Counseling

Thursday, September 12
9:30am-12:00pm
Thursday, October 17 • 3:00-6:00pm

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

Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays, September 18 & October 16 • 3:00-5:00pm

Confronting Substance Abuse for a Healthier Tomorrow

Wednesday, September 18
6:00-7:00pm

Join Stony Brook Eastern Long Island Hospital professionals to gain insights into addiction, including recognizing warning signs, approaching the subject, exploring treatments, and acquiring life-saving tools. Don't be afraid to have this discussion - it can save the life of someone you care about. Includes Narcan training and free kits for all attendees.

SNAP Counseling

Thursdays, September 26 & October 24

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.



Catholic Health Bus

Monday, October 21 • 10:00am-2:00pm

Free flu vaccinations and cardiac screenings provided by a registered nurse. The bus will be parked in the library parking lot.

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

Tuesdays • 1:00-7:00pm
Saturdays • 9:30am-4:30pm

The social work intern will be available to meet with patrons in-person. 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.



THE GREAT GIVE BACK COMMUNITY DRIVES

Coat Drive

Friday, September 6-Friday, October 11
We will be collecting gently used coats for children and adults in need.



Help Us, Help Them Collection

Friday, September 6-Friday, October 11
We are collecting new travel size hygiene products, easy open (pop-top cans only) non-perishable food items (tuna packets, pop top soup cans, granola bars, etc.) and socks and gloves for adults in need.

Riverhead Town Anti-Litter Clean Up

Saturday, November 2 • 9:00-11:00am
Join the Riverhead Town Anti-Litter Committee as they pick up litter to help create a cleaner and more beautiful Riverhead. Two hours of Community Service credits available. For more details about the event and to register, email Joanne Rizzo Jrizzohc@optonline.net.

Paper Shredding with

A Shred Away Inc.
Saturday, September 14
9:00am-12:00pm

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.



A Shred Away Inc.
COMMERCIAL - RESIDENTIAL
ON-SITE SHREDDING

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. Children must be registered with their library card. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements for programs or registration will not be valid.

Back to School Reading Challenge

Sunday, September 1- Monday, September 30

It's back to school time! Start the school year right by setting goals, getting organized, and, of course, reading! Log your reading to earn badges throughout the challenge. Log 300 minutes and earn a limited edition brag tag (while supplies last).

Smokey Bear Reading Challenge

Sunday, September 1- Thursday, October 31

Help Smokey celebrate his 80th birthday by learning how to prevent wildfires and help the environment! Read 3 books on wildfire prevention or the environment and earn 4 activity badges to complete the challenge.

Hallow-Read Reading Challenge

Tuesday, October 1- Thursday, October 31

Spooky season is upon us! Halloween is a holiday full of merrymaking, magic, and mischief. Get ready to monster mash, have ghoulish fun, or curl up with a chilling book. Log your reading and earn eerie badges all month long. Log 300 minutes and earn a limited edition brag tag (while supplies last).

Halloween Storytime and Scavenger Hunt

Monday, October 28 3:30-4:30pm

For ages 2-7. Come in costume, listen to a story and participate in a fun scavenger hunt.



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

Tiny Tunes

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 • 10:30-11:00am
Fridays, October 18, 25 • 10:30-11:00am

For ages 1-3. Listen to some songs and meet new friends! This short and sweet program is for the littles who love to have fun with some new friends! Great for wonderous little wigglers! Join us for songs sung and some wonderful play time with your little.

Sign and STEM: Weather Edition

Tuesday, September 10 • 10:30-11:15am

For ages 3-5. Join us as we learn all about weather! We will move our bodies through songs and activities including Sign Language!



Toddler Music

Wednesdays, September 11, 18, 25
10:30-11:10am

For ages 12 months-3 years. A high energy combination of body movements such as jumping and dancing, parent modeled movements, musical instruments and more!

Babies Boogie

Thursday, September 12 • 10:30-11:10am

For ages birth-24 months. Dance, play, and sing with Nicole Sparling during this fun and interactive music and dance class.

Sign and STEM: Self Care Edition

Tuesday, September 17
10:30-11:15am

For ages 3-5. Join us as we learn all about Self Care! We will move our bodies through songs and activities including Sign Language!



Sign and STEM: Solar System Edition

Tuesday, September 24
10:30-11:15am

For ages 3-5. Join us as we learn about the Solar System! We will move our bodies through songs and activities including Sign Language!



Sprouts & Friends

Thursday, September 26 • 10:30-11:15am

For ages birth-5 years. Sprouts & Friends is a music and movement program for families with children. Our mission is to create joy while we play, learn and grow together. Come ready to move and sing with your child.

Dance With Me

Monday, September 30 • 10:30-11:15am
Monday, October 28 • 10:30-11:15am

For ages 12-36 months. Join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement, dance, and activities!

My First Signs

Fridays, October 4, 11 • 10:00am OR 12:00pm

For ages birth-5 years. A trained instructor will teach and model true ASL vocabulary for caregivers and their child that will be reinforced through music and play. Caregivers will be taught the skills needed to reinforce the ASL learning at home to ensure that your child's verbal communication will be enhanced, reducing frustration for both children and caregivers. Each class includes 15 minutes of playtime with toys/books specific to the theme of the class.



Parent-Toddler Workshop

Tuesdays, October 8, 15, 22, 29 • 10:30-11:30am

For ages 15 months-35 months. Children can play with their parents and interact with other children, while parents have an opportunity to learn about the library, community resources and parenting information. Due to the nature of this program we do NOT allow siblings. This is a 4 session workshop and ALL sessions should be attended.

Toddlers Tango

Wednesdays, October 9, 16, 23 • 11:00-11:40am

For ages 12-36 months. Join us as we clap our hands and stomp our feet in this interactive storytime.

Tiny Movers

Thursday, October 10 • 10:30-11:10am

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. This class is approximately 30-40 minutes long.

Baby Music

Thursday, October 24 • 10:30-11:10am

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!



Trick or Treat Cupcakes

Thursday, October 31 • 11:00am-12:00pm

For ages 2.5-5 years. Join Rob Scott for some trick-or-treating cupcake fun.

SCHOOL AGE CLASSES (K-5th grade) These classes are ALL in person. Registration is required.

BFG Dream Jars

Monday, September 16
5:30-6:15pm (Grades 2-5)
Celebrate Roald Dahl Day with us by making your very own dream jar!

Rice Krispie Treat Art

Wednesday, September 18
5:30-6:15pm (Grades K-5)
Who says you can't play with your food? Make a delicious masterpiece with us as we "paint" rice krispie treats!

DIY Squishies

Thursday, September 19
5:30-6:30pm (Grades 3-5)
Love stuffed animals and squishy toys? Come in and decorate a small squishy with your very own design.

LEGO Club

Tuesdays, September 24 & October 29 • 4:30-6:30pm (Grades 2-5)
Drop-in and build your own creations or build as a family! At the end, we will display our creations in the Children's Room.

STEAM Club: Autumn Science

Wednesday, September 25
5:30-6:00pm (Grades 2-5)
Create your own falltastic sensory jar in this Autumn edition of our STEAM Club series!

Steam Club Jr.

Thursday, September 26
5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-2)
Stem Club Jr. makes learning STEAM concepts engaging and exciting while focusing on curiosity and creativity. Join us and watch your child's love for discovery grow with our unique and explorative activities!

Not So Spooky Diamond Art

Tuesday, October 8
5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-2)
Create, Inspire, and Tinker with fun and exciting STEAM activities! This week join us for a not so spooky diamond art session!

Monster Face Cookies

Thursday, October 17
6:00-6:45pm (Grades K-5)
Join Fanny Cakes and create these sweet but scary cookies.

Mummies and Monster Cupcakes

Sunday, October 20 • 1:00-1:45pm (Grades K-5)
Get in the Halloween spirit with Fanny Cakes and create your own cupcakes.



Slime Time: Monster Slime

Monday, October 21 • 5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-5)
Make creepy, crawly, monster slime in this Halloween edition of our Slime Time series!

Not So Spooky Rock Painting

Tuesday, October 22 • 5:30-6:00pm (Grades K-2)
Create, Inspire, and Tinker with fun and exciting STEAM activities! Join us for a not so spooky edition of rock painting!

STEAM Club: Bubbling, Brewing Science

Wednesday, October 23 • 5:30-6:00pm (Grades 2-5)
Double, double, toil and trouble! Join us as we make magical potions in this Halloween Edition of our STEAM Club series!

Diary of a Wimpy Kid Release Party

Thursday, October 24 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 3-5)
Calling all Wimpy Kid fans! Join us for an exciting afternoon as we dive into the first few chapters of "Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess". We'll kick off with a reading session of the newly released book, followed by a Wimpy Kid-themed trivia game. This event is perfect for fans of Greg Heffley's adventures and promises laughter, snacks, and plenty of Wimpy Kid camaraderie.

TEEN AND TWEEN DROP-INS (Grades 4-12)

Tote Bag Extravaganza

Monday, September 9-Saturday, September 14
Decorate tote bags using paint and a variety of stencils! Don't forget to dress for a possible mess!

Retro Gaming Week

Monday, September 16-Saturday, September 21
Celebrate National Video Game Day with us all week by trying out retro games from the 80s and 90s on our teen computers.



Halloween String Wreaths

Monday, September 23-Saturday, October 5
Decorate a cute wreath with a variety of Halloween ribbon for the Halloween season to hang in your room or locker.

Spooky Rope Ghosts

Monday, October 7-Saturday, October 12
Decorate your door with a ghost craft made of recycled materials. Spooky and sustainable!



DIY Crystal Necklaces

Tuesday, October 15-Sunday, October 20
Create your own crystal necklace.

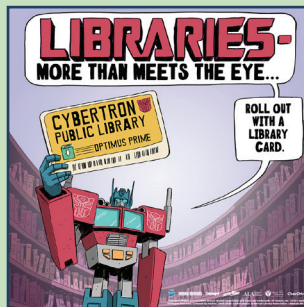
Diamond Art Painting

Monday, October 21-Saturday, October 26
Decorate your very own diamond art painting coaster!

September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

Autobots, roll out...to the library!

Whether you're upgrading your skills, scouting for knowledge and information or connecting with other heroic readers, a library card is your key to an arsenal of resources. Spark your creativity; mine the library's stacks and databases for new stories and adventures; kickstart your critical thinking skills to defeat the Decepticons of misinformation lurking online. Hitting the road? Use your library card to fuel your mind with books, e-books, audiobooks, and museum passes. Children that sign-up for a library card in the month of September will be given a welcome bag filled with goodies.



PARENTS

How to Start the College Process

Tuesday, September 24 • 6:00-7:00pm
Are you feeling overwhelmed or having trouble finding the perfect college that aligns with your career goals? Within this workshop, parents and students will be given helpful tips and resources that will help narrow down the search in deciding which college to apply to and why. Both parents and students will have time to ask questions on the college application process.
**This workshop is virtual and participants will be emailed the Zoom link prior to the program.

TEEN LOFT (Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

Tabletop Thursdays

Thursdays, September 12, 26

5:00-6:30 pm

Thursdays, October 10, 24

5:00-6:30 pm

Drop-in with your friends for some live action role playing tabletop games.

DIY Bath Bombs

Friday, September 13

3:30-4:30pm

Join us for a DIY Bath Bomb making day in the Teen Loft!



Mini Canvas Painting

Wednesday, September 18

3:30-4:30pm

Get creative with paint. Come for the vibes and stay for the mini canvas.

Jackbox Party Games

Friday, September 20 • 3:00-4:30pm

Trivia, rap battles, whacky strategy games: you name it, we got it! Join us in the loft for some Jackbox games!

Dream Big Vision Boards

Monday, September 23 • 6:00-7:00pm

Let's get creative and kick-start the school year with a blast at our Back-to-School Vision Board Party! Get ready to turn your goals, wildest dreams and coolest ideas into reality—all on one awesome vision board! We will provide art supplies and a range of magazines to look through. You are also welcome to bring images that you find that are inspiring/interesting to you. Snacks will be provided!

FIFA Tournament

Friday, September 27 • 3:00-4:30pm

Compete with your friends to win a Roblox gift card!

Pumpkin Decorating

Tuesday, October 1 • 5:00-6:30pm

Come glam up a pumpkin or two and help make our teen loft look spooky (or kooky)!

Mario Kart 8 Tournament

Thursday, October 3 • 5:00-6:30pm

On your mark, get set, go! Join us for this Mario Kart tournament. Winner will win a gift card.

Spooktacular Boba Tea Party

Wednesday, October 9

6:00-6:45pm

Join us for our Halloween Boba Tea Party! Teens are invited to brew up some fun with us as we create deliciously spooky purple and green boba tea. Whether you're a seasoned boba fan or a first-time sipper, this event promises to be fun!

Spider Cake Pops

Thursday, October 17

4:30-5:30pm

Join Fanny Cakes to create these spooky crawly cake pops.



Sparkle Pumpkins

Monday, October 28

6:00-7:00pm

Join us to make a pumpkin sparkle this Halloween! Let your imagination shine and decorate a craft pumpkin with shimmering sequins and colorful beads!

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES Teens attend these programs by themselves.

Teen Leaders

We are looking for teen leaders in grades 10-12 to assist the Youth Services Department in planning and implementing library sponsored events as well as providing input on services for teen programs and spaces. If you are interested please see a librarian at the Teen Reference Desk for an application.

LEGO Buddies

Tuesdays, September 10, 24 • 5:30-6:30pm (Grades 8-12)

Tuesdays, October 15, 29 • 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 Loft Renovation Decor

Tuesday, September 17 • 4:30-6:30pm

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

Freedom to Read Posters

Monday, September 23-Saturday, September 28

Drop-in and celebrate our Freedom to Read! Create posters that we can hang in the Teen Loft. Participants will earn up to 1 hour of community service per poster.

Postcards for Veterans

Tuesday, October 1-Tuesday, October 29

Drop-in to receive a community service kit. Each kit will contain 10 postcards for you to write some kind words to our veterans. For every 10 postcards you complete you will receive up to 1 hour of community service.

THE GREAT GIVE BACK

The Great Give Back: Blizzard Bags

Tuesday, October 15 • 4:00-5:00pm

Sort the donations and create care packages for those in need at Maureen's Haven. Earn 15 minutes extra of community service for every 4 items donated (maximum of 8 items for an extra ½ hour of community service) new travel size hygiene products, easy open (pop-top cans only) non-perishable food items (tuna packets, pop top soup cans, granola bars, etc.) and socks and gloves for adults in need.



The Great Give Back: Trick or Treat Tote Bags

Wednesday, October 16 • 5:30-7:00pm

Everyone deserves a special bag to go trick-or-treating with! Help us decorate tote bags to donate to children in need. Participants will earn up to 1.5 hours of community service.

The Great Give Back: DIY Cat Toys

Saturday, October 19 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Create cat toys for our furry friends at a local animal shelter. Participants will earn 1 hour of community service.

The Great Give Back Helpers

Sunday, October 20 • 1:00-2:00pm

Help us sort, bag, and count the new/gently used coats donated by the community. Coats will be bagged and delivered to give to those in need at Blanca's House.



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 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 program is canceled by the library.

BOOKS AND BEYOND

Trues and Brews at Long Ireland Beer Company

Join us at the Long Ireland Beer Company each month to discuss a true crime novel. 817 Pulaski St, Riverhead

Thursday, September 19 • 6:00-7:00pm
Swamp Kings by Jason Ryan

Thursday, October 17 • 6:00-7:00pm
The Devil in the White City by Erik Larson

Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

Thursday, September 26 • 3:00-4:00pm
Diva by Daisy Goodwin

Thursday, October 24 • 3:00-4:00pm
The German Wife by Kelly Rimmer

Booked for Lunch

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

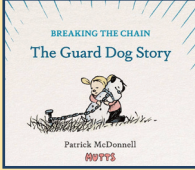
Saturday, September 28 • 12:00-1:00pm
By the Book by Jasmine Guillory

Saturday, October 26 • 12:00-1:00pm
Things We Never Got Over by Lucy Score

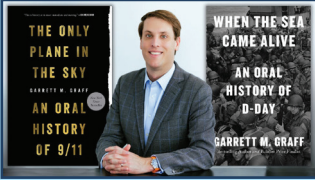
Patrick McDonnell, MUTTS and Breaking the Chain

Tuesday, October 1 7:00-8:00pm

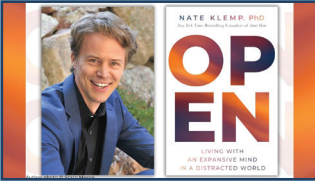
Join MUTTS creator Patrick McDonnell as he discusses his new book *Breaking the Chain: A Guard Dog Story*, about one of his most beloved characters, Sparky (formerly known as Guard Dog.) *An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.*



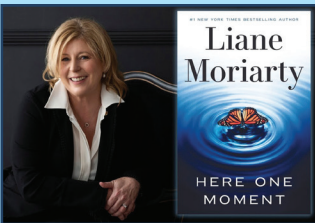
VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



Capturing the Human Drama Through History with Garrett Graff
Tuesday, September 10 2:00-3:00pm



Living with an Expansive Mind in a Distracted World with Nate Klemp, PhD
Wednesday, September 18 2:00-3:00pm



A Deep Dive in Character Development with Global Sensation Liane Moriarty
Saturday, September 21 • 7:00-8:00pm
Liane Moriarty is the #1 NY Times Bestselling Author of *Big Little Lies*, *The Husband's Secret* and *Apples Never Fall*.



A Journey into the Hidden World of Tropical Bats with Scientists from the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
Wednesday, October 2 • 2:00-3:00pm



Liberating Latin American Genre Fiction: In Conversation with Bestselling Author Silvia Moreno-Garcia
Wednesday, October 9 • 7:00-8:00pm
Silvia Moreno Garcia is the NY Times Bestselling Author of *Mexican Gothic* and *Gods of Jade and Shadow*.



Maybe You Should talk to Someone: Examining the Truths and Fictions We Tell Ourselves with Lori Gottlieb
Tuesday, October 22 • 2:00-3:00pm

DRIVING

\$ Defensive Driving Courses

Saturday, September 7 • 9:30am-3:30pm
Saturday, October 19 • 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, 21 de septiembre • 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 LITERACY

Career Advising

Wednesdays,
September 11 &
October 9

9:00am-12:00pm

Help searching for a job, writing a resume, or preparing for an interview. A career advisor from Long Island Cares will help you explore your career options in a ½ hour virtual or phone appointment.



Career Counseling

Fridays, September 13, 20 • 2:00-4:00pm

Saturdays, October 12, 19 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Meet with a certified Workforce Development Specialist 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, September 13 & October 11

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 virtual or phone appointment 631-727-3228.



Suffolk County Department of Labor's Resume and Interview Workshop

Wednesday, September 18

1:00-3:00pm

Prepare for our upcoming job fair by learning about effective resume writing tips, how to respond to different types of questions in an interview and the follow up process.



Suffolk County Department of Labor Job Fair

Wednesday, September 25 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Looking for work? Meet recruiters from businesses across Long Island with current job opportunities. Bring your resume and dress for success! All adults are welcome. No registration required. For more information, contact the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing and Consumer Affairs 631-853-6600.



Introduction to Proposal Writing

Tuesday, October 29 • 2:00-3:00pm

In this webinar provided by Candid Learning, you will learn how to write a standard project grant proposal to a foundation. The class will cover the basic elements of a proposal, the "do's" and "don'ts" of writing and submitting a proposal and how to follow up whether the answer is yes or no.



TECHNOLOGY

Drop-In Tech Help: Bring your Device

Mondays 9:00am-12:00pm

Tuesdays 9:00am-12:00pm • Fridays 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.



LANGUAGE LEARNING

Intermediate German

Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17 • 9:30-10:45am



Conversational French and Culture

Tuesdays, September 3, 10 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Saturdays, September 28 & October 5, 12, 26 • 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, September 4, 11, 18 & October 2, 9, 16

4:00-5:30pm



Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, September 5, 12, 19 &

October 3, 10, 17 • 4:00-5:30pm



Conversational German

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 • 9:45-11:15am



ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL)

Beginner English Class

Tuesdays & Thursdays, September 5-December 19 • 4:30-7:30pm

Join our friendly, free English classes for beginners! Learn essential language skills in a supportive environment. Open to all adults. Must register in person at the library.



Citizenship Test Study Group

Wednesdays • 5:00-7:00pm

Dr. Regina Robin provides drop-in assistance to individuals preparing to take the U.S. Citizenship test.

RIVERHEAD FREE LIBRARY TINY ART SHOW

Show off your artistic talents!



Register to receive a tiny art canvas. Then, pick up your canvas kit at the Adult Reference Desk beginning **Tuesday, September 3 at 9:00am**. Take the canvas kit home and create your own tiny work of art. Return your finished art to the library by **Monday, September 30 at 5:00pm**. Artwork will be displayed in the library from **October 3-27**. After the show, artists may pick up their work at the Reference Desk starting **Monday, October 28**.

STAY HEALTHY



Stony Brook
Southampton Hospital



Stony Brook Southampton Hospital
& East End Libraries Present

Pain Management for the Back
Thursday, September 19 • 12:00-1:00pm

Breast Cancer Awareness
Thursday, October 17 • 12:00-1:00pm

Pink and Teal by the Bay

The Peconic Bay Medical Center/ Northwell Health have created “cancer kits” to raise awareness of Breast and Cervical Cancer care and treatment. The Riverhead Free Library is honored to have been selected as a pick up site. During the month of October, visit the Adult Reference Desk to request a free kit.



Peconic Bay
Medical Center
Northwell Health

GARDENING AND NATURE



Lawns Love Fall with Cornell Cooperative Extension
Tuesday, September 17 • 6:30-7:30pm

Early fall is the perfect time to give your lawn a makeover! Learn how to make your lawn a more environmentally friendly green space while maintaining a healthy and attractive landscape.



Cornell University
Cooperative Extension

Beginning Backyard Birding

Tuesday, October 1
6:00-7:00pm

Longtime birder, Dianne Taggart will teach you how to bird watch and will show you which local birds you may see in your own backyard and beyond.



Fall is For Planting Bulbs with Cornell Cooperative Extension
Tuesday, October 22 • 6:30-7:30pm

Bring spring color to your garden when you plant bulbs, tubers, rhizomes and corms in the fall. Discover proper planting techniques for an array of flowers from March to June next season.



GET FIT

Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire



Tuesdays & Thursdays

September 3, 5, 10, 12, 17, 19 & October 22, 24, 29, 31 • 9:00-10:00am

Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl



Tuesdays, September 3, 10, 17, 24 & October 1, 8, 15, 22 • 10:00-10:25am

Wednesday Walking Club

Wednesdays, September 4, 11, 18, 25 & October 2
10:00am-12:00pm

Register to receive the location each week.



Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, September 6, 13, 20 & October 4, 11, 18
10:00-11:00am

**Zumba Gold will be virtual only in September and October.



Mat Pilates with Leisa

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 21, 28 • 10:00-11:00am



Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23 & October 7, 21, 28 • 4:00-5:00pm



30 Minute Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, September 9, 16, 23, 30 & October 7, 21, 28
7:00-7:30pm



Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, September 12, 19, 26 & October 10, 17, 24
11:00am-12:00pm

**In-Person Chair Yoga will be held at the Family Community Life Center at the First Baptist Church of Riverhead, 1018 Northville Turnpike, Riverhead. Registration is required. RFL Card Holders only.



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Wednesdays, September 25 & October 30 • 7:00-8:00pm



BIG MOVIE WATCH!

Pinball: The Man Who Saved the Game

Based on true events, the film centers on the captivating story of Robert Sharpe, a GQ journalist and real-life pinball wizard who, in 1976, helped overturn New York City's 35-year ban on pinball.

September 5-September 16, watch the movie, ticket free on **Kanopy**. Then, beginning on September 5, join others in an online discussion board to post questions and share your thoughts about the movie.

**Pinball on the Big Screen:
A Conversation with Robert Sharpe**

Thursday, September 12 • 12:00pm

Join this exclusive interview with Robert Sharpe who will discuss the history of pinball, his personal experiences, inspiration behind pinball-themed films and Robert's behind-the-scenes memories.



JUST FOR FUN

The Making of Young Frankenstein

Thursday, October 10
7:00-8:00pm

Start with an all-star cast and a script co-written by Mel Brooks and Gene Wilder and you have a cult classic tribute to vintage horror films. Sal St. George explores the hilarious history of the making of this film. *An East End Libraries Event hosted by Westhampton Free Library.*



GET TOGETHER

Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, September 10, 24 & October 8, 22 • 5:30-7:30pm



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays,
September 14 & October 12
1:00-4:30pm



Poetry Street: The Room Without a Roof Where Every Voice is Heard

Saturday, September 28 & October 26 • 2:00-4:00pm



COOKING

\$ "Grab and Go" Cooking Kits

Register to receive a cooking kit full of non-perishable ingredients, a recipe card and a YouTube link so you can cook in your own kitchen with Chef Rob. Not all ingredients needed to complete the recipe will be included in the kit. (\$5 per person due at the time of in-person registration.) **RFL Card Holders only.**

\$ Crustless Apple Crumb Pie Kit

Tuesday, September 10

Learn to make this fall favorite with a twist. Kit pickup begins at 9:30 am at the Adult Reference Desk.



\$ Mini Pumpkin Creme Pies Kit

Tuesday, October 8

These mini pies are stuffed with cinnamon spiced pumpkin cream cheese filling. Makes 30 pies. Kit pickup begins at 9:30 am at the Adult Reference Desk.

SENIOR SOCIALS



Registration is required for all socials!

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, September 11 • 1:00-3:00pm

Sea Basin Restaurant, 642 NY-25A, Rocky Point

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, September 18 • 5:30-7:30pm

Hampton Gyro and Grill, 252 W. Montauk Hwy., Hampton Bays

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, October 9

1:00-3:00pm

Cucina 25, 2805 12 W. Main St, Riverhead

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, October 16

5:30-7:30pm

On the Docks, 177 Meeting House Creek Rd., Aquebogue



EXPLORE THE EAST END

Suffolk County Historical Society Museum Tour

Friday, September 20 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Tour the Suffolk County Historical Society Museum featuring the newly opened exhibit, "The Sinking of the Great Ship Lexington."



Peconic River Herb Farm Tour

Tuesday, September 24

11:00am-12:00pm
Enjoy an autumn tour of the Peconic River Herb Farm. Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy at the picnic tables by the river after the tour.



(The following programs **require registration** and take place offsite. Once registered, you will receive site specific information including directions, parking information and tour or event details.)

Hallockville Museum Farm Tour

Thursday, October 3 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Join us as we tour the Hallockville Homestead and learn about life on a 19th-century Long Island Farm.



Autumn Nature Walk at Hallock State Park Preserve

Wednesday, October 9 • 10:00am-12:00pm

Take a leisurely walk along the trails when bird migration is at its peak and the leaves are changing colors. Park naturalist MaryLaura Lamont will teach you about the history of the park, both natural and human. *Rain Date: Wednesday, October 16.*

Riverhead Cemetery Walk

Wednesday, October 23 • 11:00am-12:30pm

Take a walk through the Riverhead Cemetery with Long Island gravesite historian, Robert Von Bernewitz. Visit graves of local citizens who played a role in making Riverhead the town it is today. *Rain Date: Wednesday, October 30.*

SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPECIALS



The Retirement Village People: Escape from a Gated Community Tour

Sunday, October 20 • 1:30-3:00pm
Comedian Stevie G.B. is back and this time he's bringing friends. The Retirement Village People are a musical comedy group performing hilarious original song parodies of classic rock, pop and show tunes from the 60s and 70s. This is a show you don't want to miss!

The Music of Stage and Screen: Transitions Saxophone Concert

Sunday, October 27 • 1:30-2:30pm
Transitions Saxophone Quartet will take you on a journey to discover the impact of music on live theater and film. Public funding for this concert provided by Suffolk County Department of Economic Development and Planning.



Friends of the Riverhead Free Library Scholarships

As a new school year begins, the Friends of the Riverhead Free Library would like to remind parents and students that three scholarships are awarded annually to graduating seniors in the categories of art, music and the trades.



Friends of the Riverhead Library Photography Club

Thursdays, September 12, 26 & October 10, 24 • 6:30-7:30pm

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



Friends of the Riverhead Library Travel Club

Thursday, September 5 • 6:30-7:30pm

A new and exciting concept for our Travel Club, a group trip, will be presented at our September meeting. Details about the prospective trip will be discussed. Deborah Wetzel will also talk about her recent Scandinavian cruise. The Travel Club will not meet in October. **Please contact Claire Ondrovic rhosere@optonline.net if you have a presentation you would like to share.**



MUSEUM PASSES

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



- 9/11 Memorial & Museum
- Brooklyn Botanic Garden
- Children's Museum of the East End (printable)
- Cradle of Aviation Museum
- Fire Island Lighthouse
- Guggenheim Museum
- Harbes Barnyard Adventure (printable)
- Horton's Flower Farm (printable)
- Intrepid Museum (printable)
- Landcraft Garden Foundation (printable)
- Long Island Children's Museum
- Long Island Science Center (printable)
- Montauk Lighthouse Museum (printable)
- Museum of Modern Art
- New York Hall of Science
- Parrish Art Museum
- The South Fork Natural History Museum and Nature Center (printable)
- Vanderbilt Museum



Passes are subject to availability.

ON DISPLAY

IN THE DISPLAY CASES

September - Samia Smithwick/Masks from Around the World

October - Tiny Art Display/4X4 canvas with easel

If you are interested in sharing your talents and passions in the Showcase or Overton Gallery, please contact Karen Thum, artexhibit@riverheadlibrary.org.

YELLOW BARN HOURS



**Mondays,
Wednesdays & Fridays:
9:00am-2:00pm**

Saturdays, September 28, October 26: 10:00am-2:00pm





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Monday, September 2
Monday, October 14

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings
will be held on Wednesdays, September 11 &
October 9 at 6:30pm.

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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.



CLUB CALENDAR

Weekly and Monthly clubs include the following:

BRIDGE - Mondays 1:00-4:00pm

CHESS - Mondays 5:45-7:45pm

MAH JONGG - Wednesdays
3:00-5:00pm

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

CANASTA - Fridays
3:00-5:00pm



Join your neighbors. Interested in something you don't see? Email us at adultprograms@riverheadlibrary.org

AARP is looking for tax preparers for the 2025 tax season. Help continue the over 20 year tradition of tax preparation at the Riverhead Free Library. We offer training. We are also looking for people with administrative skills to update records regarding volunteer training and equipment, supply ordering and site protocol maintenance. Contact goellertaxes@gmail.com for more information.



Discounted Aquarium tickets are available for sale at the Library's circulation desk for \$27.50 each.