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We ♥ our Riverhead Community



A Message to the Community



Happy New Year!

As we step into 2025, I want to take a moment to express my gratitude for your continued support and understanding during our ongoing construction projects. We know that the work has brought changes to the library experience, and your patience and flexibility have been invaluable as we work to create improved spaces for our community.

Exciting updates are on the way, and we look forward to sharing them with you in the months ahead. Thank you for being an important part of the Riverhead Free Library community, and here's to a year of growth, learning, and connection.

Warm wishes for peace and prosperity.

Kerrie McMullen-Smith
Library Director

WARMING THE HEARTS OF THE COMMUNITY BY WORKING TOGETHER

We accomplished the following through partnerships with community groups in 2024:

- **Long Island Cares** - 182 families served through Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance.
- **Island Harvest** - 2,829 boxes of food distributed to seniors, Veterans and families in need.
- **Family Service League** - 295 individuals assisted by the library's social worker with 998 services provided.
- **The Great Giveback** - 207 coats donated.
- **The Mitten Tree Project** - 80 gloves, 96 hats, 64 scarves.
- **Riverhead Woman's Club PJs & Books** - 64 pajamas and 86 books collected for community children.



COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ Caring for our Community

Island Harvest Food Distribution

Mondays, January 6 & February 3 • 9:00-11:00am
(While supplies last)

Free food for qualifying seniors, 60 or older.

Please bring ID. All Veterans are welcome.



Long Island Cares Mobile Food Assistance

Thursdays, January 9 & February 6
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.**



Veterans Resource Table

Wednesdays, January 15 & February 19 • 3:00-5:00pm

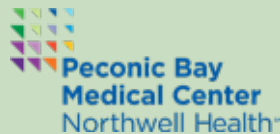
A Veteran peer mentor from the Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will share resources for Veterans and their families.



Cervical Cancer Awareness Table

Tuesday, January 21 • 1:00-3:00pm

January is Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and Northwell Health Peconic Bay Medical Center will share cervical cancer resources and information.



Shots for Tots

Wednesday, January 22 and February 26
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.

Community Legal Help

Wednesdays, January 22 & February 26

Free limited virtual legal advice on family, divorce, and criminal law. Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome. Call 631-822-3272 to schedule.

HIICAP Free Medicare Counseling

Thursdays, January 23 & February 20 • 1:00-3:30pm

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



Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)

Tuesday, February 4 and 18 • 10:30am-1:00pm

Visit the Stony Brook Healthy Libraries Program table in our lobby. Social work, public health, and nursing students will offer blood pressure screenings and share evidence-based health information on topics like heart disease, diabetes, medications, and more. No registration needed—everyone is welcome!

Stony Brook University Social Work Intern

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

Family Center Social Worker

Need support? The Family Center can help. We have partnered with Family Service League to offer our patrons one-on-one assistance. Our bilingual social worker is available on Mondays and Thursdays. Call (631) 727-3228 to make 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.**

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LIBRARY TRUSTEE?

The Library's Board of Trustees invites residents of the Riverhead Central School District who are interested in serving as a Library Trustee to submit an application & resume to the Ad Hoc Committee.

The Riverhead Free Library is governed by up to nine trustees who meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm (additionally if needed). Candidates should have a strong interest in supporting public libraries and must be willing to devote time and effort to fulfill the obligations as a library trustee. The term of office is three years.

Applications are available on the Library's website, at the Patron Services Desk, and at the Adult Information Services Desk. The deadline to submit an application is February 25, 2025.



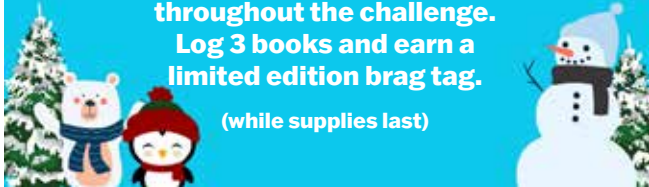
Unless otherwise noted, all classes for children from birth through Pre-K are intended for parents and children together. Classes for children in grades K-6 are intended for children on their own. **Children must be registered with their library card. Please adhere to all posted age/grade requirements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

Bundle Up with Books Challenge

Wednesday, January 1-Friday, January 31

Cozy up with a book in your favorite nook!
Log your reading to earn wintry badges throughout the challenge.
Log 3 books and earn a limited edition brag tag.

(while supplies last)



For the Love of Reading Challenge

Saturday, February 1-Friday, February 28

Fall in love with reading this February!
Cozy up with some wonderful stories and log your reading. We can hardly wait to see how many badges you earn!
Log 3 books and earn a limited edition brag tag. (while supplies last)

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

Sprouts & Friends

Thursday, January 16 • 10:30-11:15 am
Thursday, February 6 • 10:30-11:15 am

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.

Tiny Tunes

Fridays, January 10 and 17
10:30-11:00 am

Fridays, February 7 and 14
10:30-11:00 am

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 your wondrous wigglers! Join us for songs sung and some wonderful play time with your little.



Soccer Stars: Parent and Me

Wednesdays, January 15, 22, and 29
11:00-11:30 am

For ages 12-24 months.

Join coaches from Super Soccer Stars in this parent-child pre-soccer music, and movement program.



Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, January 21 • 11:00-11:40 am

For ages 12-36 months.

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

Winter Wonderland Storytime Extravaganza

Friday, January 24 • 10:30-11:30 am

For ages 3-5.

Join Mr. Tom and Mr. Kyle for a wonderful winter story time extravaganza and craft!

We read a few stories and do a fun and easy winter craft!



Sing, Sign, with Me

Thursday, January 30 • 10:00-10:40 am

Thursday, February 27 • 10:00-10:40 am

For ages birth-5 years.

Learn sign language in a meaningful and playful way with Registered and Licensed Occupational Therapist and Certified Signing Time Instructor, Lisamarie Curley.



Sensory Playtime

Tuesday, February 4 and 11 • 10:30-11:10am

For ages 2-5.

A toddler-and-me session that blends nature, art, and sensory experiences.

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

Zumbini

Wednesdays, February 12, 19, and 26 • 11:00-11:30 am
For ages birth-4 years.

Created by Zumba and BabyFirst, Zumbini is an early childhood education program that uses original music and movement to promote cognitive, social, fine/gross motor skill and emotional development for young children.



Valentine's Day Trifle

**Thursday, February 13
11:00-11:40 am**

For ages 2-5.

Join Chef Rob in this parent-child baking class. Create your own Valentine's Day treat to take home.



Dance With Me

Tuesday, February 25 • 10:30-11:15 am

For ages 12-36 months.

Join Great South Bay Dance for creative movement, dance, and activities!



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

Pizza Cookies

Monday, January 13 • 5:30-6:00pm
(Grades K-5)

Celebrate National Pizza Week with us by decorating your own pizza themed cookie!

LEGO Club

**Tuesdays, January 14 and
February 11 • 4:30-6:30 pm**
(Grades K-5)

Drop-in and build your own creations or build as a family! No registration required.



Crafty Caps: DIY Baseball Hats

Wednesday, January 15 • 5:30-6:15pm
(Grades K-5)

It's National Hat Day! Celebrate with us by decorating your own unique baseball cap!

LEGO Boost Challenge

Thursday, January 16 • 5:00-6:00pm
(Grades 3-5)

Young engineers can learn about coding and put their skills to the test by helping guide our LEGO Boost robot through an obstacle course.

STEAM Club: Marble Mania

**Wednesday, January 22
5:30-6:30pm**
(Grades K-5)

Design your own twisty turny marble run in the latest edition of our Steam Club Series.



Valentine's Day Canvas Banners

Wednesday, February 12 • 5:30-6:15 pm
(Grades K-5)

Spread some love this Valentine's Day by making a heartfelt canvas banner!



Out on the Town

Thursday, February 20 • 2:00-3:00 pm
(Grades 3-5)

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon of activities inspired by a trip around town. Get a "driver's license," visit our construction zone, watch a movie, and more!

Slime Time: Mardi Gras Goo

**Monday,
February 24
5:30-6:00 pm**
(Grades K-5)

Mardi Gras is just around the corner!

Get ready to celebrate New Orleans favorite celebration with us by making festive slime in this holiday edition of our Slime Time series!



STEAM Club: Electric Love Edition

Wednesday, February 26 • 5:30-6:15 pm
(Grades K-5)

Build love bug bots with us in this Valentine's Day edition of our STEAM Club series.

TEEN AND TWEEN DROP-INS

(Grades 4-12)

New Year, New You

Tuesday, January 2-Friday, January 31

Celebrate the new year by creating your very own vision board that brings your goals and dreams to life!

DIY Squishies

Monday, January 13-Sunday, January 20

(Grades 4-12)

Come to the Teen Loft and decorate a blank canvas of memory foam to make your very own squishy.

Press On: Design Your Own T-shirt

Thursday, January 13, 14, and 15 • 5:00-7:00 pm

(Grades 6-12)

Come by anytime from 5-7pm in the Teen Loft and design your own T-shirt with our heat press! One shirt per patron.

Mini Book Keychain

Tuesday, January 21-Sunday, January 26

(Grades 4-12)

Show off your favorite books with style! Attach this craft to a tiny keychain that fits perfectly on your backpack or key ring.

Button Maker: Brave New World Marvel Edition

Monday, February 3-Sunday, February 9

Journey to Marvel's Captain America: Brave New World. Create Brand New World swag.

TEEN LOFT

(Independent Programs for Grades 6-12)

D&D Nights: Let's Build a Campaign

Thursday, January 9 • 4:30-6:30pm

Leap into adventure and take part in a totally unique role-playing experience. This month: the best campaigns start with a world that makes the adventure possible. Let's make one!

Tabletop Thursdays

Thursday, January 30 • 4:00-7:00 pm

Thursday, February 27 • 4:00-7:00 pm

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

D&D Nights: The Adventure Continues

Thursday, February 13 • 4:30-6:30pm

Leap into adventure and take part in a totally unique role-playing experience. This month: the journey has well and truly begun! Where to next?

Teen Loft Afternoons

Fridays from 2:30-4:30pm

Come join the Teen staff each Friday afternoon in a safe, teen only space just for you! Participate in the week's highlighted activity or just come hangout, game, and craft.

January 3: What Do You Meme

January 10: Virtual Reality Gaming

January 17: Fall Guys Tournament

January 24: Mini Canvas Painting

January 31: Super Smash Bros Tournament

February 7: Charming Creations

February 14: Valentine's Day Diamond Art

February 21: Injustice Tournament

February 28: Here to Slay

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Teens attended 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.

STEAM Buddies

Thursdays, January 23

and February 20

5:30-6:30pm

(Grades 8-12)

We are looking for Teen Volunteers to help out in our STEAM Club Jr. program. In this program teens will be paired with a younger child to assist them in our STEAM challenges. Scan the QR Code to fill-out an application to be considered. **Volunteers must be available for both of the above dates.**



Birthday Bags

Tuesday, February 18 • 11:00am-12:00pm

Everyone's birthday deserves to be special! Help us put together a birthday in a bag for children in need. **Participants will earn 1 hour of community service. Earn an extra 15 minutes of community service for each item you donate (cake mix, frosting, disposable cake pans, spiral birthday candles, and large size gift bags)**

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.

Adult Winter Reading Raffle 2025: Take the Plunge

January 8-February 21

Registration for RFL card holders begins January 3. Sign up at the Reference Desk to receive a kit that includes raffle tickets and suggested reading lists. Weekly drawing will be held on Fridays at noon. The first 25 that register will receive a \$5.00 Starbucks gift card.



Books Warm the Heart

January 8-February 21

Stop by the Reference Desk and get pieces to add to our Community Stick Together Puzzle.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

\$ Asiago Cheese Bread with Chef Rob Scott

Wednesday, January 29 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join Chef Rob Scott in making this delicious asiago cheese bread. Register to receive a list of items to bring to class. (\$5 per person due at the time of in-person registration.)



The Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum and the National Archives

Wednesday, February 12 • 1:00-2:00pm

Live from the Roosevelt Presidential Library & Museum in Hyde Park, NY, Education Specialist Jeffrey Urban will give us a brief history of the FDR Library and the 17 million pages of material that the library has in its holdings.



New Year, New Plan: Estate Planning Essentials for 2025 with Burner Prudenti Law P.C.

Tuesday, February 18 • 1:00-2:30pm

Join Burner Prudenti Law P.C. as they discuss the basic estate planning documents that everyone should have in place, including wills, advance directives, and more.

Is Starting a Non Profit Good for You?

Tuesday, January 28 • 2:00-3:30pm

Thinking about starting a non-profit? This webinar provided by Candid Learning will provide information to help you decide.

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ARTS AND CRAFTS

Snowman Earrings with Lisa

Friday, January 10 • 1:00-2:00pm

All materials will be provided.

Paper Flowers:

Hellebore (Lenten Rose)

Monday, January 13 • 2:00-3:30pm

Make these beautiful flowers, blooming here in the Northeast in January.



Mandala: Take and Make

Monday, January 13

Come by the Adult Reference Desk and pick up a Mandala kit to decorate. All supplies included. Registration is required. Must be a RFL cardholder.

VALENTINE'S DAY FUN

Paper Flowers: Rose

Monday, February 10 • 2:00-3:30pm

Make a bunch of these beautiful roses to give to that special someone this Valentine's Day.



\$ Paint & Listen

Thursday, February 13 • 5:30-7:00pm

Make a beautiful painting for your special someone while listening to soft guitar music in the background. (\$10 per person due at the time of in-person registration.)

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.

Canva

Wednesday, January 22, 29 & February 5

1:00-2:00pm

Learn Canva basics and begin to create your own personal style. Must bring your own laptop.



BOOKS AND BEYOND

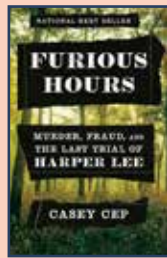
Vintage Vignettes: Historical Fiction Club

Thursday, January 23 • 3:00-4:00pm

Shadows of Berlin by David R Gillham

Thursday, February 20 • 3:00-4:00pm

Becoming Madame Secretary by Stephanie Dray



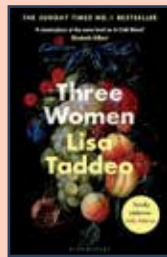
Trues and Brews

Thursday, January 16 • 6:00-7:00pm

I Know Who You Are by Barbara Rae-Venter

Thursday, February 27 • 6:00-7:00pm

Furious Hours by Casey Cep



Dish & Discuss

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

Saturday, January 25 • 12:00-1:00pm

Three Women by Lisa Taddeo

Saturday, February 22 • 12:00-1:00pm

A combo discussion of Life After Death and Love after Midnight by Sister Souljah

VIRTUAL AUTHOR TALKS



The Magic of Found Family: In Conversation with Author TJ Klune

Wednesday, January 15

7:00-8:00pm



Notes on Modern Irrationality by Amanda Montell

Thursday, January 23

2:00-3:00pm



An Inside Look at Working with a Literary Agent: A Conversation with Seth Fishman

Tuesday, January 28

1:00-2:00pm



How We Create Pandemics, From Our Bodies to Our Beliefs with Smithsonian Curator Sabrina Sholts

Tuesday, February 4

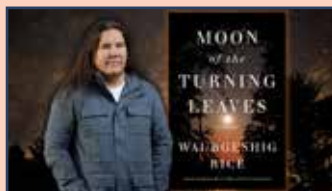
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Dystopian Tropes from an Indigenous Perspective: In Conversation with Waubgeshig Rice

Tuesday, February 11

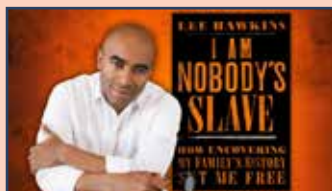
7:00-8:00pm



I Am Nobody's Slave: An Author Talk with Pulitzer Prize Finalist Lee Hawkins

Tuesday, February 18

2:00-3:00pm



CAREER LITERACY

Career Counseling

Fridays, January 10, 24 &

February 14, 28 • 2:00-4:00pm

Call (631) 727-3228 ext. 301 to schedule a ½ hour in-person appointment.



SCORE Free Individualized Business Counseling

Friday, January 10 & February 14

10:00am-1:00pm

Call to schedule a ½ hour in-person or virtual appointment (631) 727-3228.



Suffolk County Parks Lifeguard Recruitment

Wednesday, January 22 • 7:00-8:00pm

Join us for an informational session to learn how to become a Suffolk County Lifeguard. Individuals must be 15 years or older (as of Summer 2025) with athletic skills and swimming experience. Under 18 must be accompanied by an adult. Event sponsored by the Suffolk County Department of Labor.

LANGUAGE LEARNING

Conversational German

Fridays, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 & February 7, 14, 21, 28 • 9:45-11:00am



Intermediate German

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 & February 4, 11, 18, 25 • 9:45-11:00am



Italian Dialogue, Grammar & Culture

Wednesdays, January 8, 15, 22 & February 5, 12, 19 • 4:00-5:30pm



Conversational Spanish

Thursdays, January 9, 16, 23 & February 6, 13, 20 • 4:00-5:30pm



Intermediate English with LIEOC

Tuesday and Thursdays • 4:30-7:45pm
January 28 - May 15, 2025



This class is designed for learners who can understand basic phrases, express simple needs, and have some grammar knowledge but seek more fluency. Focus on building vocabulary, improving life skills, and strengthening oral communication. Registration must be done in person at the library.

My Public Library WE NEED YOUR HELP

This campaign aims to showcase how libraries are pillars in their communities and how they enrich the lives of the patrons they serve through individual storytelling photos/videos. These stories are great ways to show not only your community what you have to offer but also board members, decision makers and further advocacy. Please contact the Library if you would like to get involved (631) 727-3228.

TO HONOR DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

3rd Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service: Volunteer Expo

Saturday, January 11 • 1:00-2:30pm

Discover many ways to honor Dr. King through service to the community. Meet with local non-profits and choose volunteer opportunities such as helping with animals, assisting at events, working in gardens or food banks and so much more. Presented by the Heart of Riverhead Civic Association.



In Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Sponsored by the AAECF, Inc. Saturday, January 25

For more information please see our website.



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

KNOW THE PAST, SHAPE THE FUTURE.

Unsung Heroes: African American Pioneers Wednesday, February 19 1:00-2:00pm

African Americans have been at the forefront of many important medical advances. Discover the unknown contributions of Pittsburgh's Freedom House Ambulance Corps, the first in the nation; Staten Island's Black Angels, nursing pioneers in the treatment of tuberculosis; and more. Join educator Howard Rosenberg for this informative presentation.



Black History Month Celebration Sponsored by the AAECF, Inc. Saturday, February 22

For more information please see our website.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS DAY

February 17, 2025

Encourage Acts of Kindness

GET FIT

Virtual Zumba Gold with Irina

Fridays, January 10, 17, 24 & February 7, 14, 21
10:00-11:00am



Mat Pilates with Leisa

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3, 10, 24
10:00-11:00am



Tai Chi with Denise

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3, 10, 24
4:00-5:00pm



30 Minute Reiki Circle with Machi

Mondays, January 6, 13, 27 & February 3, 10, 24
7:00-7:30pm



Virtual Breathe Together with Charyl

Tuesdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28 &
February 4, 11, 18, 25 • 10:00-10:25am



Virtual Body Sculpting with Claire

Tuesdays & Thursdays, January 7, 9, 14, 16, 21, 23,
28 & February 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20, 25, 27 • 9:00-10:00am



Virtual and In-Person Chair Yoga with Susan

Thursdays, January 2, 9, 16 & February 6, 13, 20
11:00am-12:00pm



Virtual Meditation Classes with Susan

Tuesdays, January 29 & February 26
7:00-8:00pm



FEBRUARY IS
**NATIONAL
LIBRARY
LOVERS'
MONTH**

**Come into the library between
February 10 and 14 to enjoy
some cookies and tea and let
us know what you LOVE about
your library.**

DEFENSIVE DRIVING



\$ Defensive Driving Courses

Saturdays, January 11 & February 15 • 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, 1 de febrero • 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.**



STAY HEALTHY

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



Weight Loss Surgery

Thursday, January 16 • 12:00-1:00pm

Dr. Konstantinos Spaniolas, Director of the Stony Brook Bariatric & Metabolic Weight Loss Center, will discuss all the surgical and medical options currently offered at Stony Brook which are safe and are proven to work, and which also reduce or eliminate many of the related health problems that obesity can cause.

**Presented by Cornell Cooperative
Extension of Suffolk County**



Understand & Improving Personal Wellness

Tuesday, January 21 • 2:00-3:00pm

Learn about your dimensions of wellness and get suggestions on how to improve your overall wellness and become the best version of you.



Caring for Yourself in Stressful Times

Thursday, February 20 • 6:00-7:00pm

Learn strategies for stress management and get some suggestions for self-care.



SENIOR SOCIALS



**Registration is
required for all socials!**

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, January 8 • 1:00-3:00pm

J and R's Steakhouse,
4362 Middle Country Road, Calverton

Senior Dinner Social

Saturday, January 15 • 5:30-7:30pm

Pulaski Street Grille,
424 Pulaski St., Riverhead



Senior Social at the Library

Friday, January 17 • 2:30-4:00pm

Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun.

Senior Lunch Social

Wednesday, February 12 • 1:00-3:00pm

Cucina 25, 12 W Main Street, Riverhead

Senior Dinner Social

Wednesday, February 19 • 5:30-7:30pm

The Birchwood of Polish Town, 512 Pulaski St., Riverhead

Senior Social at the Library

Friday, February 21 • 2:30-4:00pm

Come to the library to enjoy light refreshments and have some fun.

TAX ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS



Free Tax Assistance

Registration for income eligible Riverhead library cardholders starts Friday, January 10 at 9:30am. Registration for income eligible non-Riverhead library cardholders starts Friday, March 7 at 9:30am.

AARP Free Tax Assistance and Counseling Appointments

Mondays and Fridays, February 3-April 14 • 9:30-11:30am

Intake forms will be mailed two weeks prior to appointment date.

VITA Free Tax Assistance and Counseling Appointments

Saturdays, February 1-April 12 • 11:00am-1:30pm

Please arrive 15 minutes early to complete an intake form.

For all tax appointments bring:

- A copy of last year's tax return (Call the IRS at 1 (800) 829-3676 for a transcript of your 2023 return)
- Social Security Card
- Photo ID
- Bank routing and account numbers

All tax returns will be completed on the day of your appointment.

Riverhead Library is not responsible for the accuracy of your tax return, advice, or services rendered by AARP and VITA preparers. You are responsible for obtaining your preparer's name and follow-up information at the time of your appointment.

GET TOGETHER

Structures of Sound

Thursdays, January 9, 23 and February 6, 20

5:30-6:30pm

Join Ben to discuss classic albums by the greatest artists of all time, including The Who, Pink Floyd, Green Day and The Lemon Twigs.



Hallockville Old Time Jam

Thursdays, January 9, 23 & February 13, 27

5:30-7:30pm

All are welcome to join in or just listen to this acoustic jam. Fiddles, banjos, mandolins, guitars, spoons, washboards, etc., are all used to play Appalachian Mountain and Traditional Music from the 1600's to 1900's.



Dungeons and Dragons

Saturdays, January 11 & February 8 • 1:00-4:30pm



Writer's Workshop: The Fiction Factory

Tuesdays, January 14, 28 & February 11, 25

5:30-7:30pm



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

Saturdays, January 25 & February 22 • 2:00-4:00pm



Friends of the Riverhead Free Library Scholarships

Attention graduating high school seniors and parents! The Friends of the Riverhead Free Library award three scholarships annually in the categories of art, music and the trades. Applications will be available soon.



Friends of the Riverhead Library Photography Club

Thursdays, January 9, 23 & February 13, 27 • 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.



Friends of the Riverhead Library Travel Club

Thursdays, January 9 & February 6
6:30-7:30pm

Join the Friends of the Riverhead Library Travel Club on January 9, 2025 for Terry Bodenstein to share her incredible trip to Australia; and our meeting on February 6 when we will have a local travel agent at our meeting to help with getting registered for our group trip planned for October 10, 2025 to the Amalfi Coast. Meeting time is 6:30 p.m. in person and on zoom. Contact rhosereo@optonline.net for further information.



ON DISPLAY

IN THE SHOWCASE

January - Martin Luther King, Jr. Displays presented by the AAECF, Inc.

February - Black History Month Displays presented by the AAECF, Inc.

THE OVERTON GALLERY

January - Andrea Shine, Children's Illustrator

February - Andrea Shine, Children's Illustrator

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



With Appreciation:

The Riverhead Free Library would like to express gratitude to the following individuals for their monetary donations:

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SUNDAY AFTERNOON SPECIALS

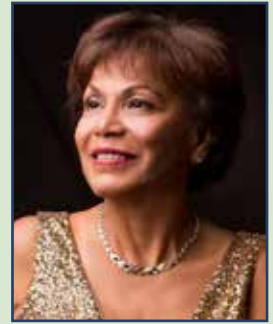


Yvette Malavet-Blum Presents Songs of the Seasons: When the Sun Comes Out

Sunday, January 26

1:30-3:00pm

Songs from the Great American Songbook and Broadway, sprinkled with some jazz versions of the songs.



Banjo Rascals Present Songs of Love



Sunday, February 9

1:30-3:00pm

Enjoy some songs of love with this talented, high energy, multi-faceted, distinctive musical group.



MUSEUM PASSES

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Riverhead Free Library, the 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

Intrepid Museum (printable)

Long Island Children's Museum

Long Island Science Center (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.



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The Library will be closed on:
Monday, January 20 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Monday, February 17 - Presidents Day

The Monthly Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on Wednesdays, January 8 & February 12 at 6:30pm.

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.

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CLUB CALENDAR

Weekly and Monthly clubs include the following:


BRIDGE - Mondays 1:00-4:00pm
 CHESS - Mondays 5:45-7:45pm
 MAHJONGG - 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





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