



Mattituck-Laurel LIBRARY

July/August 2024

Newsletter

FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Mattituck-Laurel Library: Your Community Library

Many of us remember visiting our local library as children and checking out books with stories about the natural order of things: the beauty of the world, the sky above us and the earth at our feet. Books that affirmed our lived experience, of a world we were bound to, with its ideas of honor, justice, friendship, courage, empathy that related to actual people and that are important for our daily life. At the library, very early on, we were assured that the world is shot through with meaning and value, and that we are its humble caretakers. In short, our childhood experience at the library served as an important part of our early introduction into a meaningful human community.

Mattituck-Laurel Library, your community library, is a vibrant, welcoming space for lifelong learning, discovery, cultural enrichment, and community engagement. We focus on offering a wide range of valuable resources as well as relevant and engaging programs that enhance the lives of our community residents. If you haven't made a connection with your library, please stop in. We are eager to welcome you.

This past year, we welcomed just over 50,000 visitors and 325 new patrons. We circulated over 80,000 items, both print and digital, with our digital resources continuing to expand in popularity. Access to eBooks, audiobooks, movies, tv series, magazines and more are made possible through our e-resources such as Hoopla, Libby, Kanopy and Flipster, to name a few. Explore our full offering of e-resources by navigating to our website; select "Research and Learn" on the menu bar, and then select "A to Z resources".

With the help of community partnerships and the careful planning of our Adult Services, Youth and Parenting, and Teen Departments, we hosted 473 programs and saw 7,800 attendees. In 2024, we hosted our first health fair, connecting our community to valuable health and wellness resources.

Our library building plays a central role in keeping our community connected not only through our materials, classes, and programs, but also through our Wi-Fi and computer services. Patrons and visitors enjoy access to our six public access computers which saw 3,294 unique sessions while our Wi-Fi had 3,686 guest connections.

Our three public meeting spaces saw increased use from various community groups, library programs and folks needing a quiet space to study, tutor, or work from home. We expanded meeting space by utilizing the kitchen for small groups and tutors as well as adding the local history area on the first floor as an open meeting space. If there's one thing we've learned over the past year, it's how differently our spaces are being used by our community. We continue to adapt and find new ways we can accommodate these changes.

For a small community library, we offer a wealth of services, resources and opportunities to connect.

For your consideration, the Board of Trustees present a budget for 2025 of \$1,739,353. This includes a Tax Levy of \$1,718,603 an increase of \$2.77 per thousand of assessed valuation. For the average household (assessed valuation of \$6,500) this year's increase amounts to approximately \$18 for the year.

Please support your community library by voting at the Budget Vote and Trustee Election at the Library on Tuesday, September 17th from 9am – 7pm. More information about the 2025 operating budget and trustee candidates will be available on the Library webpage. A Budget Information Meeting will be held at the Library on Monday, September 9th, at 5:00pm.

We can't wait to see you at the Library!

Warmly,
Shauna Scholl, Director, and the Mattituck-Laurel Library Board of Trustees

2025 Proposed Budget Summary

Income	
Mattituck-Cutchogue School District	1,718,603
NYS Incentive	1,800
Interest	50
Direct Public Support	5,000
Copy Machine	3,500
E-Rate Discount	5,400
PILOT Funds	5,000
Total Income	1,739,353

Disbursements	
Personnel Costs	1,136,008
Library Materials	144,050
Capital Expenditures	19,000
Technology	9,300
Operations & Maintenance	124,925
Misc. Expense	206,070
Debt Service	100,000
Total Disbursements	1,739,353

June/July Adult Programs

For programs that require a registration fee, the fee may be paid online, or in person at the circulation desk.

PART 1. A CICADA SHELL: THE EASY WAY TO WRITE HAIKU

Tues., July 2nd @ 11 a.m.

An introduction to the Japanese haiku masters: Basho, Buson, and Issa. We will encourage you to spend time outdoors, communing with nature. We will suggest apps (if you are so inclined) to identify birds and native vegetation. Participants can join us for one or any part of this series. For those who notice the world around them.

PART 2. THE SEEKER'S PATH: THE EASY WAY TO WRITE HAIKU

Tues., July 9th @ 11 a.m.

Join Cor van den Heuval, a haiku poet and the past president of the Haiku Society of America, as he discusses haibun, a literary form that combines prose and haiku. He will read excerpts from his book of haibun entitled *Splashes*.

VICTORIAN AROMATHERAPY

Wed., July 10th @ 5:30 p.m.

Learn how aromatherapy and herbs were used during the Victorian Era. Make a Beeswax sachet with pressed flowers and a floral body spray. Participants leave with products they have created, and with recipes and resources.

BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC (PART 1)

Thurs., July 11th @ 1:30 p.m.

The flow of war materials into Great Britain via the Atlantic was the lifeline of the Allied war effort against Germany, and Germany built the warships (the Bismarck) to sever it. At stake was the last bastion of resistance in Europe to Hitler's dreadful war machine.

MINI SEASHELL MANDALAS

Thurs., July 11th @ 5:30 p.m.

With guidance from a LI Paint Party instructor, patrons will create a beautiful mini seashell mandala on a 7"x7" frame - the perfect decor for beach lovers and sea shell lovers to display in their homes all year long.

PIONEERS OF ROCK AND ROLL, PART 1 (VIA ZOOM)

Fri., July 12th @ 7 p.m.

Join Kevin Westley as he leads us through the pioneers of Rock n Roll! Learn about: Big Joe Turner, the Drifters, Chuck Berry, Fast Domino, Buddy Holly & The Crickets, Larry Williams, Eddie Cochran, The Champs and Aretha Franklin. This is the first event in a four part series. There will be trivia questions and music, so get your voice ready and bring your dancing shoes! This is an East End Programming Event hosted by the Shelter Island Library.

HOOPINESS: HULA HOOPING EXERCISE PROGRAM

Tues., July 16th @ 5:30 p.m.

You can hula hoop! Using a variety of "adult sized" hula hoops provided by the instructor, you will build strength, balance, and coordination, and have fun doing it!

INVITATION TO THE OPERA: PHILIP GLASS'S AKHNATEN

Wed., July 17th @ 1 p.m.

Akhnaten, the ancient Egyptian pharaoh who attempted to radically alter his society, starring countertenor Anthony Roth Costanzo. Karen Kamensek conducts the hypnotic score - stunning voices, breathtaking opera!

SUN VS. SKIN VIA ZOOM

Thurs., July 18th @ 12 p.m.

Unprotected exposure to the sun's ultraviolet rays can damage your skin, eyes, and immune system as well as trigger skin cancer. On average, one in every five people will develop skin cancer in their lifetime. Dr. William Guo, Chief Senior Resident Physician in Dermatology at Stony Brook Medicine, and Matthew Chen, medical student at Stony Brook School of Medicine, will discuss the different types of skin cancer, risk factors, treatment options, and dermatologist-recommended best practices, especially for children. Please contact your local library, or Westhampton Free Library at (631) 288-3335, for a Zoom link.

ACRYLIC PAINTING WITH LISA BAGLIVI

Thurs., July 18th @ 5:30 p.m.

Join artist Lisa Baglivi as she guides you through a step-by-step process to create your very own summer-themed canvas painting. Artists of all skill levels are welcome.

BUG LIGHTHOUSE CRUISE & TOUR @ EAST END SEAPORT MUSEUM IN GREENPORT

Sat. July 20th. Please arrive by 4:30 for 5:00 pm departure, 7:00pm return to Greenport.

There is a non-refundable \$50.00 fee per person. This is a family event, but please register each family member separately. Not recommended for children under six. We will tour the inside of the Bug Lighthouse, a shining symbol of our community's dedication to preserving our maritime history and heritage. These educational tours help raise much needed funds for restoration projects. Join us for an exhilarating excursion to this east end treasure!

BEADED WINDCHIMES

Mon., July 22nd @ 5:30 p.m.

Learn how to make a tranquil wind chime with beads that will add a delightful touch to your garden. All supplies are included.

HOMEOWNERS AND AUTO INSURANCE MARKET UPDATE

Tues., July 23rd @ 5:30 p.m.

A representative from JSM Brokerage, Inc. will be here to discuss new insurance guidelines, the reasons for increased premiums and what you can do to help mitigate these issues, as well as a projected outlook on the market moving forward.

INTRODUCTION TO AI (ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE) VIA ZOOM

Thurs., July 25th @ 6:30 p.m.

Join Jonathon Greene as he describes artificial intelligence and how it impacts society. Jonathon will demonstrate chat GPT, discuss "fake news," and explain the benefits and pitfalls of AI.

MINDFULNESS SERIES, PART 1, WITH DONNA NESTERUK

Mon., July 29th @ 5:30 p.m.

Mindfulness is a mental state achieved by focusing awareness in the present moment, a life-changing practice that enhances overall health. Being caught in the mayhem of daily responsibilities often triggers feelings of anxiety and depression. Gnawing thoughts of the past can afflict you. Learn to live in the NOW, build upon the past, and prepare for a brighter future. Be sure to register for part 2 of this series on August 5th!

BRAZILIAN BBQ WITH PITMASTER BRIAN COLLINS

Thurs., Aug. 1st @ 5:30 p.m.

Join Brian Collins for a delicious Brazilian BBQ meal. The menu includes a skewered steak called picanha, piri piri chicken (chicken marinated in spices, pepper and oil, then cooked on the grill), farofa (a grits-like dish made from toasted manioc meal) and garlic collard greens. This program is co-sponsored by Southold Free Library.

MINDFULNESS SERIES, PART 2, WITH DONNA NESTERUK

Mon., Aug. 5th @ 5:30 p.m.

Mindfulness is a mental state achieved by focusing awareness in the present moment. If you feel as though you are missing the present moment and that you are easily distracted, this workshop will help you be attentive to what is important to your well-being and the well-being of others.

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PART 3. BROWSING UNDER AN UMBRELLA: THE EASY WAY TO WRITE HAIKU

Tues., Aug. 6th @ 11 a.m.

In this session we will review various ways of haiku writing. Our goal is that we enjoy the world around us and capture some modest part of it in lines of poetry we are happy with. We are not professional writers; we just enjoy keeping our eyes open and noticing small wonders. All are invited. All are welcome.

SELF DEFENSE FOR WOMEN

Tues., Aug. 6th @ 5 p.m.

Join Edward Moreno for a self defense class centered around practical, easily understood tips and techniques that could help you avoid or escape dangerous situations.

BATTLE OF THE ATLANTIC (PART 2): CAN U-BOATS BE STOPPED?

Thurs., Aug. 7th @ 1:30 p.m.

The Battle of the Atlantic, which lasted from 1939 to 1945, involved underwater combat between German submarines, or U-boats, and Allied forces. The U-boats were the deadliest threat to the Allies, who used a variety of tactics to counter them. How did the Allies defeat them?

LONG ISLAND FIRSTS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., Aug. 8th @ 7 p.m.

Long Island has been home to a variety of ground-breaking events and accomplishments. Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they present Long Island's rich history of "firsts" - such as the first ATM machine - that will fill you with a sense of pride in local know-how and perseverance.

PIONEERS OF ROCK AND ROLL, PART 2 (VIA ZOOM)

Fri., Aug. 9th @ 7 p.m.

In part two of his four-part series, Kevin Westley will teach us about Jackie Brenston & Ike Turner, Carl Perkins, Shirley & Lee, Jerry Lee Lewis, The Everly Brothers, Danny & The Juniors, The Silhouettes, Johnny Otis and The Eternals. There will be trivia questions and music, so get your voice ready and bring your dancing shoes! This is an East End Programming Event hosted by the Shelter Island Library.

EXPLORE THE "ART OF PIZZA"

Tues., Aug. 13th @ 5:30 p.m.

Join pizza pie master, Gaetano Giordano, as he walks us through the history of pizza, a pizza dough recipe demonstration, and instructions on how to cook a delicious pizza at home. Along with a whole new appreciation of pizza, patrons will receive a sumptuous tasting of pie and leave with a delicious recipe for homemade pizza.

JANE AUSTEN BOOK CLUB AUTHOR EVENT VIA ZOOM

Wed., Aug. 14th @ 7 p.m.

A truth universally acknowledged, per Elizabeth Bennett, is to just say no to summer in the Hamptons. Audrey Bellezza and Emily Harding, authors of *Emma of 83rd Street*, give Austen's *Pride and Prejudice* a fresh and virulently funny spin in *Elizabeth of East Hampton* - and a whole new meaning to the term beach read. All are welcome. Join us!

BREASTFEEDING: THE KEY TO A STRONG START IN LIFE (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., Aug. 15th @ 12 p.m.

Breastfeeding challenges are common for new mothers, but knowing what to expect and when to seek help can overcome those hurdles. In honor of National Breastfeeding Month, Aimee Liguori, Stony Brook Southampton Hospital's Board-Certified Lactation Consultant, will discuss how breastfeeding helps build your baby's immune system and offers ideal nutrition. She will review routine concerns and how to handle them effectively to make the entire experience a rewarding one for both baby and mom.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thurs., Aug. 15th from 12:30-6:30 p.m.

1 Pint can save 3 Lives. Give Blood, Give Life. Appointments strongly preferred.

NATIVE PLANTS (VIA ZOOM)

Thurs., Aug. 15th @ 7 p.m.

Native plants are the best choices for Long Island gardeners. Not only are they vigorous and attractive, but native plants support our pollinators. Discover the increasing array of handsome native plants that you can incorporate in your landscape.

AMERICAN GIRL CELEBRATORY TEA PARTY AND AUTHOR TALK*

Sat., Aug. 17th @ 11 a.m.



Calling all adult American Girl doll fans! Join us for a tea party and author talk celebrating the dolls you loved, shared clothing with, shared with friends at fanciful tea parties and in historical locales.

We will be having a conversation with

Mary Mahoney, co-author of *Dolls of Our Lives: Why We Can't Quit American Girl* and co-host of the popular podcast, *Dolls of Our Lives*, in which we will explore American Girl fandom and nostalgia. Book sale and signing to follow.

As part of the festivities, please send us pictures of you and your doll and stories of childhood play with your dolls, siblings and friends. At your earliest convenience, please submit pics and/or stories to sara@mattlibrary.org. We plan to display these stories and photos at our tea party as we enjoy assorted pastries and sweet treats.

During the tea service, attendees can purchase raffle tickets for a silent auction that will include a grand prize of a gift certificate for an American Girl Doll, a gift certificate for a Target "Our Generation" doll, a gift certificate for "Tea for Two" at Special Effects in Greenport, and more!

*This program is designed with adults in mind.

BUILD YOUR OWN CHEESE BOARD

Sat. Aug. 31st @ 12 p.m.

Learn how to create your own cheese board with Raven Janoski of the Village Cheese Shop. Raven will share tips about how to make a beautiful cheese board and guide you step-by-step through the process. You will leave the library with a full cheese board that you can create again and again. Please bring your own board, no smaller than 12" x 6".

ALTERNATE THURSDAY FILMS

July 18th, 1:30 P.M.

"Miracles from Heaven" (SWANK-DVD)

A young girl with a fatal illness is miraculously cured

August 1st, 1:30 P.M.

"Killers of the Flower Moon" (SWANK-DVD)

The discovery of oil on tribal land sets off a series of murders.

Youth and Parenting Department

Please register for programs using the online calendar.

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BIRTH-PRESCHOOL

BOUNCING INTO SUMMER

Mon., July 1st, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recommended ages 2-9 years

Dress for bouncing fun.

Loc: Cutchogue Village Green

SHAKE N MAKE MUSIC FOR BABIES

Fri., July 5th, 10 a.m.

Birth – 18 months

Start your morning off with music and movement. High energy fun-filled program incorporates instruments, bean bags, bubbles and more.

SHAKE N MAKE MUSIC FOR TODDLERS

Fri., July 5th, 11 a.m.

19 months – 3 years

Get moving with your toddler as you enjoy instruments, bean bags, bubble and more.

BABIES BOOGIE

Mon., July 8th, 3 p.m.

Ages Birth – 24 months

Join Nicole Sparling for this bouncing fun time while singing songs and playing with instruments.

TODDLER TANGO

Mon., July 8th, 4 p.m.

Ages 25 mo. – 3 years

Join Nicole Sparling for this action packed program singing songs, playing instruments and more.

KIDNASTICS TODDLERS

Wed., July 10th, 11 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Ages 12 mo. – 35 months

Join Miss Gail for an interactive singing, jumping and fun morning.

KIDNASTICS PRESCHOOL

Wednesday, July 10th,

12 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Ages 3 years – 5 years

Join Miss Gail for an interactive singing, jumping and fun morning.

GUINEA PIG FUNNY FARM

Wednesday, July 17th, 11 a.m.

Ages 3-5 preschool

Join Mr. James and enjoy a classic Fairy tale along with live guinea pigs.

HULA HOOPING FUN FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Wednesday, July 24th, 10 a.m.

Ages 3-5 preschool

Join Miss Jeanne for this high energy hula hooping class. Get ready to move to the music and enjoy plenty of props.

STUFFED ANIMAL BUILD

Monday, July 29th, 11 a.m. - Noon

Join us for this "Build- a- Bear" type program. Build a Bunny. One animal per in person child. First come first serve. Stop into the children's room on Monday Morning to pick up your numbered ticket. There are only 30 bunnies. This is not a grab and go program. Child must be present to stuff the animal.

BABY MUSIC

Wednesday, July 31st, 2 p.m.

Birth – 12 months

Join Happy Feet with your little one and share songs, instruments, sensory play and socialization.

TODDLER MUSIC

Wednesday, July 31st, 3 p.m.

Ages 13 months – 36 months

Join Happy Feet and share songs, instruments and sensory play with your toddler.

MUSICAL KIDS

Wednesday, July 31st, 4 p.m.

Ages 3 years – 5 years preschool

Join Happy Feet with your preschooler for some kinesthetic learning through music, movement and instrument play.

HOP TO IT!

Tuesday, August 6th, 2 p.m.

Ages 4 and 5 preschool

Join Cornell Cooperative Extension and enjoy bunny stories, a hands-on-craft and a live bunny.

KEYBOARDING FOR PRESCHOOLERS (4 AND 5)

Thursday, August 8th, 11 a.m.

Unlock your child's inner musician. Allow them to explore their musical talents in a fun and relaxed setting while using their feet playing the keyboard. They'll gain real keyboard skills to ignite their creativity and confidence. Join Teacher Regina Mauceri while she encourages your budding musicians to follow their passion.

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Ages 25 mo. – 3 years

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WEDNESDAYS IN THE GREEN SPACE.

Watch for toys and activities you can enjoy

While soaking up some sun.

These are self-directed activities.

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

THURSDAY EVENINGS IN THE GREEN SPACE.

Enjoy family and friend time while playing

games circulated through the

Library of Things.

3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

END OF SUMMER CELEBRATION

LONG ISLAND PONY PARTIES AND PETTING ZOO

Wed., August 14th, 11 a.m.

For Families. Meet a miniature donkey, sheep, goats, bunnies, chickens and Daffy the miniature donkey.

HOT DOG PICNIC

Noon

Join the Friends of the Library for the Hot Dog Picnic.

SMOKEY BEAR READING CHALLENGE LET'S CELEBRATE SMOKEY BEAR'S 80TH BIRTHDAY!

June 24 – August 16

Everyone. Ask staff in the children's room for your booklet. For every 5 questions answered correctly, you will receive one raffle ticket for a chance to win JR Ranger Checkers Game or JR Ranger National Parks-opoly. The more questions you answer the more raffle tickets you earn.

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KINDERGARTEN – 6TH GRADE

BOUNCING INTO SUMMER

Mon., July 1st, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recommended ages 2-9 years

Dress for bouncing fun.

Loc: Cutchogue Village Green

MARSHMALLOW TOSS GAMES

Fri., July 5th, 2 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Grades K-6

Toss them, catch them and stack them.

READ TO A DOG

Mon., July 8th, 4 p.m.

Each child will have a 15 minute reading session. Come meet Blitzen and his handler Maura. Blitzen is a Certified Therapy Dog. He is a mix of Siberian husky, Akita and Golden Retriever.

FIERO CODE CLUB

**Tuesdays July 9 – August 13th,
11 a.m. – 12 p.m.**

Recommended for ages 8 and up

Drop-ins welcome. Play for 20+ minutes.

At Code Club you will create a free

account. Start coding immediately. Work

independently. Play with your friends

get help from a librarian a computer

and headphones are provided by the

library (limited to 5, no reservations)

You can bring your own computer and

headphones if you choose. Snacks

provided.

POTATO SACK FUN

Fri., July 12th, 3 p.m.

Grades 2-6

How fast can you hop in a sack?

Enjoy this jumping fun in the greenspace.

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Mon., July 15th, 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

All ages. No sign up required. Stop in and play.

MINECRAFT WATERPARK MAYHEM

Tues., July 23rd, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Completed Grades 2-6

Join TD3 Innovative Gaming and dive into

a Minecraft waterpark where you'll tackle

water slides, obstacle courses and diving

boards. Non-stop fun and splashes await!

Minecraft accounts will be provided. Just

bring yourself. Expect to stay for 2 hours.

HULA HOOPING FUN

Wed., July 24th, 11 a.m.

Grades K-4

Join Miss Jeanne for this high energy hula

hooping class.

EXERCISE WITH KERRY

Thurs., July 25th, 11 a.m.

Kindergarten – 2nd grade

Enjoy spending time in the green space

with Kerry. Girl Scouts of Suffolk County

is providing this fun exercise program.

JACK'S MUSICAL ADVENTURE

Fri., July 26th, 11 a.m.-12 p.m.

Grades K-5

Explore the world in style with this musical

adventure that features rhythms from

Mali, Ireland, and Cuba. Get ready to

dance, sing, and laugh!

*LOC: Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library

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MINECRAFT – ISLAND SURVIVAL TEST

Tues., July 30th, 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Grades K-3

Join TD3 Innovative Gaming and learn

to gather resources, hunt for food and

fend off creatures on a thrilling deserted

tropical island challenge. You will learn

the strategies needed to survive in this

difficult environment and improve survival

instincts.

DOUBLE DUTCH

Tues., July 30th, 5 p.m.

Grades K-3

Join American Double Dutch League

World Champion Erica Dantzler and have

fun learning to jump rope double dutch.

No experience necessary.

LET'S PLAY CROQUET

Wed. July 31st, 2 p.m.

Grades K-6

Enjoy this game of skill and strategy.

PET PORTRAITS FOR TWEENS

Wed., July 31st, 5:30 p.m.

Grades 3-6

Paint an Adopt me Pet Portrait.

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passion.

KEYBOARDING FOR 4-6

Thurs., August 8th, 1 p.m.

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their feet playing the keyboard. They'll

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passion.



2024
SUMMER READING
JUNE 24 - AUGUST 17

This year's theme:
Adventure Begins at your Library

Download the App now

READ 2 SQUARED
DOWNLOAD THE APP ON
Google play
App Store

Fast logging reading on June 24th. Pick up prizes beginning June 24th.

Sign up for either the
Pre-K program
or
Children's Program

Live-brary: Redefining Your World
Mattituck-Laurel Library
13900 Main Road
Mattituck, New York 11952 | (631) 298-4134
http://www.mattlibrary.org

**SUMMER READING AND
SUMMER PROGRAM SIGN UP**
Monday, June 24th beginning at 9 a.m.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

BOUNCING INTO SUMMER

Mon., July 1st, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Recommended ages 2-9 years. Dress for bouncing fun.
Loc: Cutchogue Village Green

THE BENANNA BAND

Wed., July 3rd, 11 a.m.

The BenAnna Band wants to see you singing, playing, and dancing with them so there will be plenty of opportunities to follow the lyrics for group dancing, playing, and singing along with spotlight moments for everyone to rock out their own way!

BRADY RYMER IN CONCERT

Tues., July 9th, 6 p.m.

Location: Mitchell Park Greenport. Please bring a chair or blanket!
Rain Cancels.

SCIENCE HEROES ADVENTURE OF THE LOST TREASURE

Fri., July 12th, 1 p.m.

Join Talewise for this interactive STEM show combining the magic of stories with the wonders of science.
LOC: Southold Free Library

FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE - SUPER MARIO BROS (PG)

Fri., July 12th, 8 p.m.

Bring a blanket or chair and join us with the whole family to spend an evening out at the movies! Light refreshments will be served or bring your own snacks! Rain date: Friday July 19th

CHRISTOPHER AGOSTINO STORYFACES

Tues., July 16th, 1 p.m.

A world of adventure comes to life on the faces of the audience in this innovative performance. Which infuses theatre and visual arts. Storyfaces is an exciting and unusual storytelling show in which volunteers are brought up and face painted to illustrate stories as Christopher tells them.

BRIGHT STAR TOURING THEATRE PRESENTS STORYBOOK TALES, PINOCCHIO & ROBIN HOOD

Thursday, July 18, 11:00 a.m. -12:00 p.m.

We are very excited to introduce Bright Star Touring Theatre and their live presentation of Storybook Tales, Pinocchio & Robin Hood. This traveling theatre company has performed across the country for two decades, delighting and entertaining children of all ages. LOC: Cutchogue New Suffolk Library

A CELEBRATION OF LEGO

Thur., July 18th, 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

Stop in and choose a bag of LEGO pieces. Stay to build here and enjoy LEGO activities or take your bag home.

THE MAGNIFICENT MONSTER CIRCUS

Fri., July 19th, 1 p.m.

Sit back and relax as you are entertained by these beautiful golden retrievers. These dogs put on quite a show.

GIANT CONNECT FOUR GAME

Mon., July 22 - Fri., July 26

Stop in and enjoy this fun game in the children's room. Giant Connect 4 is the big version of the classic table-top four in a row game. This is a giant game, the board measures over 3 feet wide and 32 inches tall. Two players (or teams) drop discs in from the top of the board alternating turns trying to get four in a row. To win you or your team must be the first to connect four of your color discs in a row either horizontally, vertically, or diagonally!

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There is a non-refundable \$50.00 fee per person.

For families. Please register each family member separately. Children under 6 are not recommended.

Join us for this memory filled excursion of this east end treasure! Bug Light is a shining symbol of our community's dedication to keeping our maritime heritage alive. East End Seaport Museum is responsible for taking care of the structure, and the United States Coast Guard maintains the light. We will tour the inside of the lighthouse. These educational, inspirational experiences also help raise much needed funds for restorative projects. Learn the lighthouse's fascinating history!

ARE YOU MY MOMMY WITH SWEETBRIAR NATURE CENTER

Mon., July 22nd, 11 a.m.

Every animal starts off as a smaller version of their parents. This presentation will reunite the baby with the mom as children use their observational skills to figure out whose mom belongs to a picture or stuffed animal of a baby animal. Then children will meet the actual animal mother. Meet a turtle, an opossum, a chicken, a frog, a rabbit mother, and who knows maybe a baby will visit too.

READ AND RIDE THE CAROUSEL

Monday, July 22nd, 1 p.m.

Read & Ride the Carousel at Mitchell Park. Please sign up. Space is limited to 25 riders. After the ride enjoy an ice cream and a story. Sign up required. Loc: Mitchell Park Greenport

MELTING ICE CREAM CONE CUPCAKES

Mon., August 5th, 11 a.m.

Join Chef Rob and create this delicious treat with cupcakes, frosting, sprinkles, cones and Ice Cream!

DROP IN RETRO VIDEO GAMES

Mon., August 5th, 2 p.m. - 4 p.m.

All ages. No sign up required. Stop in and play.

STORIES AND S'MORES

Wed., August 7th, 4 p.m.

Families. Join us in the Green Space for stories and a craft about fire flies. Enjoy S'mores while we read. Bring a blanket and a book to share with your family while we make the s'mores.

LET'S GO FLY A KITE

Fri., August 9th, 3 p.m.

Families will put together a kite and then enjoy flying it in our green space.

GIANT JENGA

Mon., August 12th - Fri., August 16th

In the Children's Room

All wood set. Comes with 54 - 7.5" x 2.5" x 1.5" timbers (2 extra blocks provided for the bottom row for added height). The game starts with 19 levels of timbers 2.5-feet tall (can grow to over 5-feet while playing). Fun for the whole family; anyone can play!

Registration begins June 17th

ONGOING EVENTS:

SUMMER READING 2024 (FOR TEENS)

Grades 6th-12th , June 24th-August 10th

Registration for Summer Reading is now open! Register in person or online and then come to the library to receive a welcome gift! This program is designed for teens entering 6th grade through completed 12th grade to encourage life-long reading habits. Once you've earned 12 points (12 hours of reading), you'll receive a completion certificate and raffle tickets for our reading prizes and grand prizes! In addition, for every 4 hours of reading you will earn a drawer prize!

FIERO CODE CLUB

Ages 8+, Tuesdays, July 16th-August 13th

A casual, collaborative environment for learning to code and having fun! Fiero Code is brought to you Free from the Mattituck-Laurel Library. Check out our website for more information!



COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES:

Please email marissa@mattlibrary.org for any community service inquires.

HOTDOG PICNIC

Wed., August 14th 10am-2pm

The Mattituck-Laurel Library is looking for Teen volunteers for their Annual end of summer picnic that will take place on Wednesday August 14th anytime between 10am-2pm. Teens who volunteer will be receive community service hours! Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact Marissa at marissa@mattlibrary.org or call the library at 631-298-4134

Grab and go kits are available on an ongoing basis:

- *Write a Book Review
- *Decorate a Bookmark.
- *Kindness Rocks.
- *Community Service Bingo.
- *Braided Dog Toys.
- *Letters to Veterans.
- *Cards for seniors.
- *Postcards for children in hospitals.
- *Seasonal mini canvas paintings.
- *Follow us on social media: Facebook (Mattituck-Laurel Library.) Instagram (@matt_teens.)

PROGRAMS:

GREEN TEENS AT DOWN FARM PRESERVE, CUTCHOGUE (COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!)

Mon., July 8th, 4:00pm

Let's dig in with the Group for the East End in their pollinator gardens. We need teens to help cultivate and thin the gardens to encourage growth. As we work, find out about native insects, birds, and plants they rely on with Taralyn Reynolds. To participate you must come dressed wearing closed toe shoes and a t-shirt or light-weight long sleeve shirt. Dress for the mess!

SAT PREP CLASS

Mon., July 8th, 5:30pm

Start your SAT journey on the right foot! Kate Dowling, founder of Your Score Prep, long time teacher and SAT coach, leads an introduction to SAT exam preparation. Learn how to best use the College Board's free digital practice tests to master the ins and outs of the SAT, guide effective preparation, and ultimately beat the test. *Please bring a laptop.

CREATE YOUR OWN AUTO POWERED MEMORY GAME

Tues., July 9th, 6:00-7:30pm

How many light sequences do you remember? Join instructor Jonathon Greene and wire, assemble and program your very own handheld memory game!

SUMMER FUN WITH AROMATHERAPY AND ESSENTIAL OILS

Wed., July 10th, 4:00pm

Tara Penske, Certified Aroma therapist, will help you discover the healing power of Aloe Vera and essential oils to enjoy right at the beach and secret ways to keep the bugs away and healing lotions for after your time outdoors. Make products to take home. Recipes and resources included!

MINI SEA SHELL MANDALAS FOR TEENS

Thurs., July 11th, 4:00pm

Explore the wonders of the sea through our Mini Sea Shell Mandala program! Join us for a creative journey, where you'll use tiny sea shells to design beautiful mandalas.

WEAVING WORKSHOP FOR TEENS

Sat., July 13th, 12:30-2:00pm

Let's slow down, relax, and weave! Studies show that repetitive actions ease anxiety and create a sense of calmness. Work a weaving with yarns of different thicknesses and colors, then decide what you'd like it to be: a mug rug or a stick hanging. You will learn how to make a cardboard loom and keep it for future projects.

ICE CREAM SANDWICH COOKIES WITH CHEF ROB

Mon., July 15th, 5:30pm

Join Chef Rob for a fun-filled program where you'll get to create delicious frozen treats using your favorite cookies and ice cream flavors.

GAMING NIGHT AT RIVERHEAD TANGER OUTLETS

Tues., July 16th, 7:00-9:00pm

Meet us for a private library only adventure to Game On Retro Arcade, to play over 100 video arcade games set to free play! No quarters needed! It's going to be a great night you don't want to miss!

SUMMER SKATING PARTY AT THE GREENPORT AMERICAN LEGION

Friday, July 19, 1:00-3:00pm

Take an adventure and meet at the Greenport American Legion with North Fork library friends to skate together at our own private party. Ice pops and roller skate rental included or bring your own skates. Located at 102 3rd St., Greenport, NY. Join the fun!

TEEN SELF-DEFENSE CLASS

Friday, July 19, 4:00-5:30pm

Join us for a practical and applicable class in self-defense. Together we will go over preventive awareness, de-escalation methods and simple, straightforward strategies that may help you escape dangerous situations. Parents are encouraged to attend.

ZIP LINING BUS TRIP @ THE ADVENTURE PARK OF LONG ISLAND

Monday, July 22, 8:15 sharp - 3:30pm

Program Fee: \$ 31 non-refundable

Fly through the trees with us at one of Long Island's top climbing and Zip Line Park. Filled with beginning walking climbs to intermediate zip lining courses, this park has something for everyone with no experience needed. Bring a bagged lunch to enjoy after our climb. Light snacks and water will be provided. Please note close-toed shoes will be required to participate. Work gloves will be provided or you may bring your own. This event will take place rain or shine, so get ready for some fun. Meet at Cutchogue New Suffolk Free Library at 8:15am sharp to board the bus with local librarians and library friends. Limited registration.

HENNA TATTOOS FOR TEENS

Thurs., July 25th, 4:30-6:30pm

Eakta Gandhi is back! Enjoy your beautiful and authentic temporary Henna tattoo on your hand while learning about the history of henna.

LAY'S POTATO CHIP TASTE TEST CHALLENGE

Fri., July 26th, 12:00pm

Teens are invited to compete against their peers and try and guess the Lay's potato chip flavor! The winner will receive a prize.

OPTICAL ILLUSION WORKSHOP

Mon., July 29th, 5:30-7:00pm

Join us for a captivating workshop on optical illusions! Discover the secrets behind various illusions and get the chance to craft your own.

PET PORTRAITS FOR TWEENS AND TEENS (COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY!)

Wed., July 31st, 5:30pm

Help a shelter animal get adopted by painting them. Using paint and canvas we will paint adoptable animals from the North fork Animal Welfare League. The portraits will make a perfect keepsake for when they get adopted. Participation in this program will earn 1 hour of community service.

POWER OF SOUND WITH MUSIC THERAPIST KATHY PASCA

Fri., August 2nd, 4:00pm

Experience how sound can lower stress, improve mood, focus and concentration and more! Relax while various instruments such as crystal bowls, drums and chimes are played. Dress comfortably and bring a mat or towel to lay on.

MAKE YOUR OWN PANINI WITH CHEF ROB

Mon., August 5th, 5:30pm

Join Chef Rob to create your personalized Panini in this program, where you'll transform ordinary ingredients into extraordinary sandwiches.

CREATIVE MAKERSPACE FOR TEENS

Sat., Aug. 10th, 1:00pm

Join us for an exciting and hands-on library program, where you'll have the opportunity to explore a variety of maker projects, from designing custom t-shirts and buttons to learning about cutting-edge 3D printing technology. All materials including t-shirts and buttons will be included.

On-Going Classes/Services & Book Discussions

GENTLE YOGA

Wednesdays: July 17th, 24th, 31st; August 7th, 14th and 21st, 5:15 p.m.-6:45 p.m.

Certified instructor Rosemary Martilotta leads this gentle yoga class, which combines postural alignment, conscious breathing, deep relaxation and energy awareness. All abilities welcome. Bring a yoga mat or towel. This is a SIX-CLASS series. There are no prorated rates, refunds or make-up classes available for those who register for the series but have to miss a class. There is an \$80 fee for this series. Walk-ins \$20 per class. Payments can be made online via credit card or in person at the circulation desk via cash or check.

CHAIR STRENGTH AND STRETCH

Mondays: July 15th, 22nd, 29th; August 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th, 9:15 a.m.

Fitness instructor Laurie Short will help you improve your strength, mobility, posture, balance and flexibility during seated and (some) standing exercises. You will use tubing, balls, bands and gliding discs. This one-hour class will keep you moving to the music of the 60s, 70s and 80s. This is a SEVEN-CLASS series. All registrants will be automatically enrolled in all classes. There are no prorated rates available for those who have to miss any classes. No refunds or make-up classes will be available. No walk-ins; all participants must be registered in advance. *Please bring a pair of 3-4 pound dumbbells.* There is a \$35 fee for this series that can be made online via credit card or in person at the circulation desk via cash or check.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP

Mondays: July 8th and August 13th @ 10-11:30 a.m.

Build a support system with people who understand. Alzheimer's Association support groups, conducted by trained facilitators, are a safe place for caregivers to develop a support system, exchange practical information on challenges and possible solutions, talk through issues and ways of coping, share feelings, needs and concerns, and learn about community resources.

MEDICARE COUNSELING

Third Thursday of each month, 1:30 p.m. - 3 p.m.

These 30-minute sessions are by appointment only. Please sign-up online or call the Library. HICAP is a counseling service that assists Medicare-eligible persons with information about benefits, enrollment, insurance, and other options.

ONE-ON-ONE TECHNOLOGY APPOINTMENTS

Wednesdays and Thursdays by appointment

Schedule an appointment with our technology coordinator, Sharon, if you have questions about a device, the Internet, e-books or any other software issue. Please come prepared with a specific question, fully-charged device, and know your passwords. Time slots are 30 minutes long. It may be necessary to schedule a follow-up appointment if the issue is complex.

FIERO CODE CLUB

Tuesdays, July 9th - August 13 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Drop in for some coding fun! Bring your own device. All ages welcome (recommended 8+).

In the Library Art Gallery

JULY 2024:

"TWO ARTISTS, ONE TRUTH – THE BEAUTY OF ORDINARY MIRACLES" ARTWORKS BY LOIS LEVY AND MAUREEN CAREY

Nothing is more inspirational than the natural world and the mystery evoked by its beauty. For us, this inspiration is acquired by being fully present when observing what a Divine Source has already created. Painting in this way is a form of meditation, being present and becoming absorbed by the subject's splendor. Its wondrous essence is always a challenge to duplicate on paper or canvas. Even in the most ordinary of nature's subjects, there is always a miracle to discover. We hope you enjoy viewing these artworks in various mediums and styles as much as we enjoyed the journeys of their creations.



"Maine Beauty" – M. Carey



"Nature's Paradise" – L. Levy

All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Friday, July 19th, from 4-6 p.m.

AUGUST 2024:

"NATURE IN, NATURE OUT: A JOURNEY OF LINE AND NATURE'S SHAPES"

Watercolors by Debra Domingos "Nature In, Nature Out" depicts my coming to appreciate common elements that bind my work in watercolor, gouache and ink. Like mycelium, with branches and tendrils vital to every land and aquatic ecosystem, my lines, strokes, and amorphic shapes mimic those found in nature and wind their way in and out of every painting regardless of subject or medium. It has become my creative language.



"A Gift from Mary" – D. Domingos

Sometimes it speaks quietly and other times it shouts for attention. My hope is to invite you to "select pause" observe the common threads and join me in the awesomeness of nature

All are invited to a reception being held in the Library's Art Gallery on Sunday, August 4th, from 1 - 3 p.m.

CALL FOR ARTISTS: If you wish to exhibit your artwork at the Mattituck-Laurel Library, please contact our Gallery Coordinator, Diana Foster, at 631-298-4134 ext. 110.

LIBRARY HOURS

Monday – Friday: 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
 Saturday: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
 Sunday: 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. (Sept. – June)

Director: Shauna Scholl, ext. 105

Reference: Sara Colichio, ext. 107

Youth and Parenting Services: Karen Letteriello, ext. 112

Teen Services: Marissa Timm, ext. 113

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FAMILY OUTDOOR MOVIE

Fri., July 12, 2024, 8:30pm - 10:00pm

Bring a blanket or chair and join us with the whole family for an evening at the movies! Light refreshments will be served or bring your own snacks!

We will be showing the **Super Mario Bros Movie** (PG), showtime is 8:30pm.
 Rain date: Friday July 19th



FIERO CODE

Exciting news for all aspiring coders and tech enthusiasts! Our library is thrilled to introduce Fiero Code, an innovative e-learning platform designed to turn you into a coding pro. Whether you’re starting from scratch or looking to enhance your skills, Fiero Code offers a comprehensive curriculum in HTML, CSS, JavaScript, Python, and more. It’s gamified, self-paced, and perfect for all ages—from kids to adults. Access Fiero Code from home or join us in person for code clubs and bootcamps. Start your coding adventure today and unlock endless possibilities!

Friends of the Mattituck-Laurel Library

Friends Raffle has started so come in and buy some chances to win!

The Friends want to thank the following businesses for their support and generous contributions to our monthly raffle. Proceeds from the monthly raffles support the Friend’s Scholarship Fund, which is awarded to students from the Mattituck - Cutchogue School District.

Agora the Little Greek Market, Ammarati’s, Bridge Lane Tasting Room, Briermere Farms, CJ’s American Grill, Cliff’s Elbow Room Restaurants, Eat Meat!, Epic Nail & Spa Mattituck/Cutchogue, Gabrielsen’s Plant Farm, Goldberg’s Bagels, Hampton Coffee Company, Hallock’s Cider Mill, Jamesport Vineyards, Lenz Winery, Love Lane Kitchen, Lobardi’s Love Lane Market, Macari Vineyards, Mattituck Florist, Michelle’s Beauty Salon, Nails by Vivian, NoFo Pot Pies, North Fork Chocolate, On the Docks Waterfront Bar & Grill, Orlovski Hardware, Peconic Liquor, Pellegrini Vineyards, Primavera Pizzeria, Red Rooster Bistro, Roanoke Vineyard Love Lane, Roma Pizzeria, Rose Hill Vineyards, The Cutchogue Diner, The Gardens at B&B, The Taco 105, The Village Cheese Shop, Touch of Venice, Trendsetter by Camille Salon, Vintage Mattituck Wine & Spirits, Waypoint Restaurant, Wendy’s Deli, Windamere Restaurant.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS & BOARD MEETING DATES

Library Closings:

Memorial Day - May 27
 Independence Day - July 4
 Labor Day - September 2

Board Meeting Dates:

Mon., July 8, 6pm
 Mon., August 12, 6pm



Friends Meeting Schedule

Meeting dates:
 Tuesday, July 16th @ 9:30am

Board of Trustees

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