



SOUTH HUNTINGTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

April: Earth Month Plastic Challenge



Did you know that the average American discards about 300 pounds of plastic a year and that plastic waste is one of the biggest global environmental issues? That's why we're focusing this month on reducing plastic use.

It's hard to avoid plastic when it seems like everything we buy is packaged in it, but at least we can

recycle what we use. Fortunately, the Town of Huntington has curbside pickup of plastic (along with metal and glass). Visit their website to learn more about the types of items that can be recycled:

<https://www.huntingtonny.gov/BottlesCansPlasticsRecycling>

We're also continuing to collect plastic film, such as bread bags, newspaper sleeves, bubble wrap – items that we encounter almost every day – which will earn us a bench made from recycled plastic. Let's keep this material out of the waste stream!

Another way to reduce plastic is to stop using single-serve plastic water bottles. Instead, opt for a stainless steel or glass bottle that can be refilled. The library has installed water bottle filling stations, featuring cold, filtered water, so if you're visiting us, refill your bottle!

We have a program on April 15 to help you jazz up a reusable water bottle with a design printed on the Cricut. Our Take & Make this month also has the goal of reducing plastic. Make some nifty beeswax food wraps and use that instead of plastic bags (see Page 2). Every little bit helps.

Visit the Sustainability Challenge page on our website (www.shpl.info> About> Sustainability Challenge 2025) for information and resources.

Your Library 2024 at a Glance



New in 2024:

- Social worker.
- Security guards.
- New study area and study booths on mezzanine level.



Sustainability Successes:

- We are once again accepting plastic film with the goal of another bench.
- Patrons have donated to collection efforts for community organizations, including school supplies, food and professional attire.
- We installed a Propagation Swap Station next to our popular Seed Library. There were 3,917 seed packet checkouts last season.



Website visits:
220,432

WiFi Sessions
108,250

New cardholders
2,205

Tech 1-on-1 appts.
277

Programs offered:

2,134
Program
attendance:
36,472

Museum pass
checkouts:
2,492 with an average
savings of \$112,824



Items borrowed:
138,005



Digital check-outs
120,993

Passport applications
processed: 395
Signatures notarized:
236

Thanks for Volunteering!

Library trustees and staff extend their heartfelt appreciation to volunteers Regina Zorn (left) and Jo-Ann Malchiodi for their efforts in delivering library materials to homebound patrons, providing access to library materials to those who might otherwise be somewhat isolated. They are retiring as homebound volunteers after more than six years of service to the community – including during the pandemic.

Every week, the volunteers drop off new items to sick or disabled patrons in the community and pick up materials to be returned. The library's Homebound Service is available to those who are unable to get to the library because of illness, injury or disability. To arrange for the service, please call Jen O'Connor at 631.549.4411, x230. Eligible patrons can request specific items, or they can make Jen aware of their preferences and she will choose items for them.



LI Reads Author to Appear

Jane L. Rosen, author of *On Fire Island*, will appear at the Long Island Reads Selection Award hybrid event at 2 p.m. on Sunday, April 6th at Bay Shore-Brightwaters Public Library and live streamed.

On Fire Island is an intimate story about love and death. Julia Morse passes away unexpectedly but desires one last summer in the community where her heart beats loudly and her fondest memories of life are. More importantly Julia wants to be assured that her grief-stricken husband is engaging with those around him and immersed in his new journey. For tickets, or to register to see the event on Zoom, go to www.longislandreads.wordpress.com.

Our Evening Book Club will be discussing *On Fire Island* on Wed., April 16 at 7 p.m. (see Page 3).

The library will be closed on Sun., April 20 (Easter) and
Wed., April 30 (Staff Development Day).
Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election: April 8 (see Page 9)

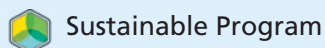
ADULT PROGRAMS

Adult Program Info:

Registration for adult programs begins at 9 a.m. unless otherwise noted.

Register online, in person or by phone. Program enrollment may be limited, and popular ones fill quickly. For program details, see our website calendar at www.shpl.info or call 631.549.4411.

Library programs are in-person, unless marked with a V=Virtual or Video Program



How to register online for an adult program:

- Go to our website at www.shpl.info > Events> Adults.
- Find the date of the event you are interested in on the calendar. (If it is a series, such as a fitness class, go to the date of the first class.)
- Click on the program title.
- The page that appears will have a program description and registration date.
- Assuming that registration has begun, scroll down to the registration form.
- Type in your South Huntington Library card barcode and other fields as needed.
- If there is a fee, enter your credit card information.
- Click "Register."
- You should then see a confirmation screen. A confirmation notice will also be sent to the email you entered.
- If it is a ticketed event, such as a concert, print the confirmation page and bring it to the show.
- Questions? Call Circulation at 631.549.4411.

How to access your library account:

- Go to our website at www.shpl.info.
- Click "My Account".
- Enter your South Huntington Library card barcode and PIN.
- If you do not have a PIN, click "Create a Password" and follow the directions on the screen.
- Once you are in your account, you can see what items are checked out and when they are due. You can also update your contact information.
- If you haven't done it already, you may want to enable your reading history so you can begin creating a list to keep track of the books you've read.

Music

Classical Sundays

Sun., April 13 at 2:30 p.m.

Saxophonist Tim Ruedeman will be accompanied by Karl Larson on piano. Their eclectic program will include JS Bach, Gershwin, Schulhoff and more. All welcome!



Student Chamber Music Recital

Sun., April 27 at 2:30 p.m.

This concert will showcase talented students performing in ensemble on all instruments and voice. Young musicians will play duets and perform with other music students, providing valuable music-making experiences for all involved. The performers are students of members of the Suffolk Music Teachers Foundation, a non-profit organization providing recital, competition, masterclass, workshop and enrichment opportunities for music teachers and their students. All welcome!



Get Creative

Sew a Book Sleeve

Wed., April 9 at 6:30 p.m.

Happy National Library Week! Join instructor Janice who will show you how to sew your own custom book sleeve, which is great to keep pages from being folded and covers from being bent and soiled. Toss your book safely in a tote bag, backpack, even your car. Materials provided. There is a nonrefundable \$10 materials fee. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 1**.



Adult Take & Make: Beeswax Food Wrap (V)

Thurs., April 10 at 7 p.m.

Join the library's Sustainability Challenge this month and create a set of environmentally friendly beeswax wraps perfect for food storage. You'll get to create something fun while supporting our April Sustainability Challenge theme, "Reduce Plastic Use." Register and pick up a kit of supplies, then watch the instructional video on our event calendar at the time of the program or any time after. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 3 at 9 a.m.**



Origami Bouquet

Mon., April 14 at 7 p.m.

Make spring tulips that last all year! Learn how to make the perfect spring craft: Origami tulips and an origami vase to put them in. You can use them to decorate your room or put them on your coffee table. Materials provided. South Huntington cardholders register **April 4**.



Cricut Craft: Personalize a Water Bottle

Tues., April 15 at 2 p.m.

Commit to less plastic with a reusable water bottle,

that you'll personalize with a design you create with instructor Mary on our Cricut. South Huntington cardholders register **April 1**; enrollment is extremely limited.



Spring Bunny Jar

Tues., April 15 at 6:30 p.m.

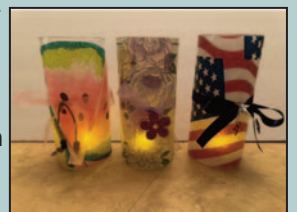
Welcome spring! Join instructor Lucrezia and learn the technique of decoupage by making this sweet bunny-themed mason jar. There is a nonrefundable \$10 materials fee. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 4**.



Decoupage Candle Holder

Wed., April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

Join instructor Donna to create a beautiful candle holder, which you can also embellish with ribbons and beads. Then finish it off with a set of twinkle lights. There is a nonrefundable \$10 materials fee. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 9 at 10 a.m.**



Creative Club: Spring Greeting Cards

Mon., April 28 at 10 a.m.

Create something new in a relaxing environment open to all skill levels. This month we are making colorful greeting cards using spring-themed imagery, painted papers, and collage techniques. Materials will be provided but feel free to bring any of your own that you want to incorporate into your card designs. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 14**.



ADULT PROGRAMS



Gatsby's Long Island Thurs., April 17 at 2 p.m.

Celebrate 100 years of *The Great Gatsby* by F. Scott Fitzgerald, which was published on April 10, 1925. Perhaps the most lavish parties ever held in the pages of American literature were the galas Jay Gatsby threw at his estate on Long Island's North Shore. The original Gold Coast mansion that inspired

Fitzgerald has long since been bulldozed, and many others remain hidden behind rusting gates, forgotten relics of an era that will never come again. Join historian and bestselling author Monica Randall for a colorful presentation based on her book, *Mansions of the Gold Coast*. It includes rare photos of the sprawling castle that inspired Fitzgerald to write *The Great Gatsby* as well as little known details and photos of the infamous Woodward murder case, the mysterious Winfield, the Woolworth mansion, and Ferguson Castle, which was located in Huntington, its floors paved with tombstones. Join us!

Food & Cooking

Adult Take & Bake: Spring Carrot Cake Whoopie Pies Mon., April 14

Make Chef Rob's yummy treats, perfect for a spring dessert or snack. Register and pick up a kit with the recipe and dry ingredients to make them. South Huntington cardholders register **April 14 at 9 a.m.**



Indian Cooking Class Thurs., April 10 at 7 p.m.

Join instructor Geetu as she shows you how to make Malai Kofta, a popular and tasty north Indian creamy curry recipe made with aloo and paneer balls in onion, yogurt and tomato sauce.



South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 2 at 10 a.m.**

Cooking Class: Revitalizing Detox Salad Thurs., April 24 at 1:30 p.m.

Spring is an opportunity to focus on your health with new awareness. With great produce coming into season, it's a nutritional shift to add more raw food into your diet. Chef Kathryn, integrative nutritional health coach, will show you how you can put a superfoods salad together. It's a kaleidoscope of texture, flavor and color! Informative handouts, recipes and tasting samples available. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 10.**



Home & Garden



Rain Garden Plants (V) Tues., April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Rain gardens are shallow depressions designed to soak up water and support trees, shrubs and flowers that tolerate wet and dry conditions. Learn the best plants for your rain garden and local LI sources. Presented by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Suffolk County via Zoom. Register for Zoom link beginning **April 8.**

This program is hosted by the Elwood Library in partnership with the public libraries in the Town of Huntington.

How to Manage Your Paper (Without Losing Your Mind) Wed., April 23 at 1 p.m.

Professional organizers Marie and Annemarie are back to help you tame your paper beast. This workshop focuses on how to handle everyday mail, create a "Command Center" to manage

short-term active paperwork, sort and group your papers for easy decision-making, develop a simple, easy-to-maintain filing system and more. Bring your questions! SHPL cardholders register beginning **April 2 at 10 a.m.**

Want Butterflies? Grow Host Plants

Thurs., April 24 at 7 p.m.

Everybody wants butterflies but they forget the most important part, the host plants. Join Kimberly Simmens, certified nursery and landscape professional, for a discussion of native butterflies and moths, their life cycle, and an overview of host plants that will attract them to your garden. SHPL cardholders register beginning **April 10.**

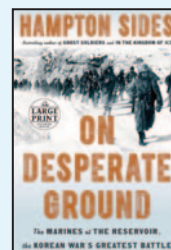


Books & Reading

Non-Fiction Book Discussion

Wed., April 9 at 11 a.m.

The group will continue its discussion of *On Desperate Ground: The Marines at the Reservoir, the Korean War's Greatest Battle* by Hampton Sides. Copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk. The ebook and audiobook are also available through the Libby app. All welcome!



Evening Book Discussion

Wed., April 16 at 7 p.m.

Join librarian Catherine for a discussion of this year's Long Island Reads selection, *On Fire Island* by Jane Rosen. Print copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk. The title is also in our digital collection. All welcome!



Beyond the Book @ the Whaling Museum

Wed., April 23 at 6:30 p.m.

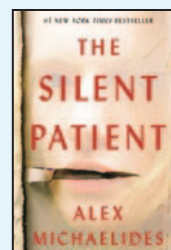
The library is a co-sponsor of the unique book discussion. This month's selection is *The Mysterious Case of Rudolf Diesel: Genius, Power, And Deception on the Eve of World War I* by Douglas Brunt. On September 29, 1913, the steamship Dresden departed Antwerp harbor for England with one of the most famous men in the world on board: Rudolf Diesel, whose new engine was on the verge of revolutionizing global industry. Diesel would never reach his destination, mysteriously vanishing later that night. Was his disappearance an accident? Suicide? Murder? Brunt's book reexamines this mystery within the context of a world in which fortunes are made and wars are waged over the fuels we use to power our way of life. From whale oil to solar power, we'll discuss the history of energy and ongoing struggles to find new sources of power. Print copies of the book will be available at the Circulation Desk. The title is also in our digital collection. To register with your South Huntington Library card, click the link in the description of this event on our website calendar (www.shpl.info) or call the museum at 631-367-3418. *The discussion will take place at the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum, 279 Main Street.*



Cover to Cover Book Discussion

Thurs., April 24 at 11 a.m.

Join librarians Jen and Mary for a discussion of *The Silent Patient* by Alex Michaelides. Ask for a print copy of the book at the Circulation Desk. The ebook and audiobook are also available through the Libby app. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 10.**



20s & 30s Book Club @ Six Harbors Brewing Co.

Tues., April 29 at 7 p.m.

Hang out with librarians Hannah & Ryann at Six Harbors Brewing Co. in Huntington and discuss *Ghosts* by Dolly Alderton. This book club is geared towards readers in their 20s and 30s. The title will be available at the Circulation Desk in print, or on Libby in eBook & eAudiobook formats. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 8.**



ADULT PROGRAMS

Health & Wellness

Diabetes Management & Sugar Control

Wed., April 16 at 11 a.m.

Join registered dietician Amanda Reichardt to learn how better to manage your diabetes and keep your sugar under control. She will also discuss GLP-1/GIP medications (Mounjaro, Ozempic, semaglutide, etc.). South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 2**.



Medicare Counseling

Mon., April 21, 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Do you have questions about Medicare and Medicare related health insurance? Volunteer Lynn Elinson with the Health Insurance Information, Counseling and Assistance Program (HIICAP), will meet with you one-on-one in the Young Adult Library on the lower level. An appointment is required. Please call the library at 631-549-4411 beginning **April 4**.

Medicare Savings Program & Medicaid Application Assistance

Tues., April 29, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Did you know that you can save \$2200 or more a year with the Medicare Savings Program? Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified Healthcare Facilitated Enrollers will be at the library to provide enrollment assistance to the 65+, blind and disabled population. The facilitated enroller will help clients fill out all applications and collect required documents to submit to the Department of Social Services. Please call their Healthcare Access line 516-505-4426 to make an appointment.

Upcoming Fitness Classes

Belly Core Fitness

Sat., May 3-31 at 9:30 a.m.

This fun fitness program with instructor Lori is a full body workout and is beneficial to all age groups and body types. You will learn various groups of movements that will help improve concentration, posture, muscle control, flexibility and balance, all while strengthening your core. Let's get started slimming your hips, defining your waist, increasing upper body strength and burning calories to exotic music and high energy drum solos. There is a \$14 fee. SHPL cardholders register beginning **April 11**.

Beginner Tai Chi

Mon., May 5-June 30 at 9:30 a.m. (no class May 26)

Instructor Regina. Fee \$32. SHPL cardholders register **April 7**.

Monday Yoga

Mon., May 5-June 30 at 11 a.m. (no class May 26)

Instructor Regina, Fee \$32. SHPL registers **April 7**.

Virtual Chair Yoga (V)

Tues., May 6-June 17 at 9 a.m.

Instructor Elana, live on Zoom. This class is great for those new to exercise, with balance issues or as a supplement to a regular yoga practice. Fee \$28. Register for Zoom link **April 8**.

Tai Chi Level 2

Tues., May 6-June 17 at 9:30 a.m.

Instructor Regina. Fee \$28. SHPL registers **April 8**.

Thursday Yoga

May 1-June 26 at 9:30 a.m. (no class June 19)

Instructor Augusta. Fee \$42. SHPL registers **April 10**.

Yoga 2nd Session

May 1-June 26 at 11 a.m. (no class June 19)

Instructor Augusta. Fee \$42. SHPL registers **April 10**.

Be a Better Driver

Defensive Driving

Sat., April 26, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Be a better driver and you could save money on your auto insurance with this Empire Safety Council course. There is a \$30 fee. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 4**, others April 11.

Fun & Games

Game Day

Tues., April 1, 15, 22 & 29, 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. (no session Apr. 8)

Bring your game supplies and friends and enjoy socializing while playing your favorite game. The library will set up tables and chairs in the Meeting Room.

Monday Movies

@ 2:00 p.m.

Special Vote Day Movie: Tues., April 8 at 2 p.m. – A Complete Unknown

Do you enjoy seeing movies and attending other programs at the library? When you come to see this movie, please be sure to stop in our Meeting Room on the lower level and cast your vote on the library's 2025-26 operating budget and for library trustee.

New York, 1961: Against the backdrop of a vibrant music scene and tumultuous cultural upheaval, an enigmatic 19-year-old from Minnesota named Bob Dylan arrives with his guitar and revolutionary talent, destined to change the course of American music. He forges intimate relationships with music icons of Greenwich Village on his meteoric rise, culminating in a groundbreaking and controversial performance that reverberates worldwide. Timothée Chalamet, Elle Fanning. R, 141 mins.



April 7: Juror #2

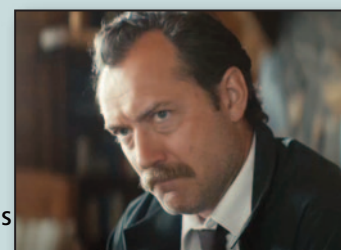
This film follows family man Justin Kemp who, while serving as a juror in a high-profile murder trial, finds himself struggling with a serious moral dilemma – one he could use to sway the jury verdict and potentially convict or free the accused killer.

Nicholas Hoult, Toni Collette, JK Simmons. PG, 114 mins.



April 14: The Order

A series of bank robberies and car heists frightened communities in the Pacific Northwest. A lone FBI agent believes that the crimes were not the work of financially motivated criminals, but rather a group of dangerous domestic terrorists. Jude Law, Nicholas Hoult. R, 116 mins.



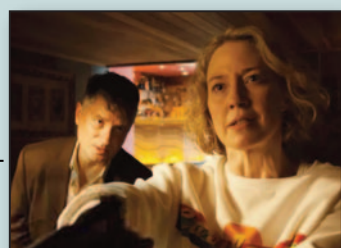
April 21: Sing Sing

Divine G, imprisoned at Sing Sing for a crime he didn't commit, finds purpose by acting in a theater group alongside other incarcerated men, including a wary newcomer, in this stirring true story of resilience, humanity, and the transformative power of art, starring an unforgettable ensemble cast of formerly incarcerated actors. Colman Domingo, Clarence Maclin. R, 94 mins.



April 28: Lake George

Two misfit oddballs embark on a road trip, strike a dubious deal too enticing to refuse, and find redemption amid shady circumstances. Shea Whigham, Carrie Coon. NR, 108 mins.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Technology

Genealogy Drop-in Thurs., April 3, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Thinking about tracing your roots but don't know where to start? Or maybe your search is under way and you've hit a dead end. Retired librarian PJ will be on hand to show you how you can access free genealogical resources, including Ancestry, through the library and to offer search tips and advice. No registration necessary.



Navigating Our Digital Services Thurs., April 17 at 11 a.m.

Whether you are new to our library or a longtime cardholder, join tech librarian Michael as he shows you how to access free ebooks, audiobooks and digital newspapers and magazines; register for programs from home; create a library account; enable your reading history; access online learning tools and more. If you have something specific you'd like to learn, please ask! South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 4**.

Tech Byte: Free Photo Editing Apps Tues., April 22 at 11 a.m.

Want to edit photos like a pro with-

out spending a dime? Join tech librarian Michael for a beginner-friendly workshop exploring free photo editing apps—perfect for touching up pictures, adding fun effects, and more! South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 11**.

Beginner Excel: Functions & Formulas Tues., April 22 at 6:30 p.m.

Join instructor Frank for an in-depth look at functions and the use of formulas, so the user can add numbers, look up data and calculate a payment. Participants should have basic computer, mouse and file management skills and have working knowledge of Excel. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 8**.

Cutting the Cord Mon., April 28 at 7 p.m.

Tired of paying so much for cable TV? Join tech librarian Michael for this class during which we will learn about alternatives to cable and explore whether cutting the cord can really save you money. South Huntington cardholders register beginning **April 14**.



Money & Business

Small Business Counseling Tues., April 8 & 22, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

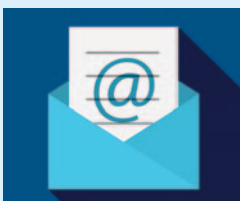
Do you own a small business or are you thinking of starting one? A counselor from SCORE will meet with you one-on-one to discuss your business and offer guidance. Appointments are at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. To register, beginning **April 1**, go to our website calendar at www.shpl.info, click on the desired appointment time and fill in the required information.

Build Your Business Using Social Media Sat., April 26 at 10 a.m.

Do you own a business or are thinking of starting one? Join the experts from SCORE as they discuss how social media can be a valuable marketing tool. They will cover the five most popular platforms, the benefits of each, how to create content, how to tell if it's working and more. Bring your questions! South Huntington cardholders register beginning April 11, out of district **April 18**.

Sign up for E-News From the Library

Register with your email address, and an e-newsletter will be delivered to your inbox every Friday afternoon. Find out about upcoming programs and registrations, with links to our online calendar. To get started, go to our website at www.shpl.info, choose the Events menu, click "Sign up for eNews!" and fill out the brief form that appears.



Alfred Van Loen Gallery

PTA Reflections Reception Mon., April 21, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

"Accepting Imperfection" is this year's theme of the annual National PTA Reflections arts program, coordinated locally by the South Huntington PTA



Council. Students interpreted the theme in a variety of media, including drawing, photography and writing, and their work is on display in the Alfred Van Loen Gallery during the month of April.

LI Romance Writers

The Genre Plot Sat., April 5 at 12 p.m.

Calling all writers: A plotting class even pantsers love! Even when a happy ending is certain, a great plot keeps your writing fresh while anchoring your audience and amplifying your voice. Learn how to craft a sure-fire structure that will keep you on the path to success. In this 3-hour workshop with author Damon Suede, we'll go beyond the bullet points, soundbites and blather to dig into the wisdom in all plot theory with ample examples. Rather than hammering on one "true" blueprint, we'll break down the major story models from Aristotle to Netflix, identify their seven shared points, and help you develop your own narrative strategy. Sponsored by LI Romance Writers. All welcome!



Community

North Shore Civil War Roundtable Thurs., April 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Edda Fields-Black will be live on Zoom in the theater discussing her book, *COMBEE: Harriet Tubman, the Combahee River Raid, and Black Freedom during the Civil War*. Historian Fields-Black—herself a descendent of one of the participants in the raid—shows how Tubman commanded a ring of spies, scouts, and pilots and played a central role in military expeditions behind Confederate lines, including the raid on June 2, 1863 that liberated 756 people. It was the largest slave rebellion in US history. All welcome.



Huntington AARP
Thurs., April 10 at 10 a.m.
Huntington AARP team will meet. The group is in need of active volunteers and team leaders for upcoming community outreach events. Guest speaker Mike Kaplan will present "How to Save on Streaming Services and Auto and Home Insurance." All are welcome to attend.

Folk Music Jam
Sun., April 13 at 1 p.m.
The Folk Music Society of Huntington will hold its monthly acoustic jam. New participants, listeners welcome.

2nd Precinct Community Meeting
Tues., April 8 at 7 p.m.
Representatives from the Suffolk County Police Department's Second Precinct will discuss topics related to community policing. Residents are invited to bring up issues of concern in their neighborhoods.

Women's Connection LI
Fri., April 25 at 12:30 p.m.
The Long Island chapter of Women's Connection will host guest speaker Rabbi Ron Kro-nish, who will introduce the history of conflict since 1948, including a timeline of the war and peace agreements in the Middle East. Join us.

Children's Programs

A Family Place Library

 Sustainable Program

early childhood programs

Sprouts & Friends

Tue., Apr. 1, 8, 22 & 29,
10-10:45 a.m., or
Tue., Apr. 1, 8, 22 & 29,
11-11:45 a.m., Birth-5 yrs.
Tue., May 6-20, 10-10:45
a.m., or
Tue., May 6-20, 11-11:45
a.m., Birth-5 yrs.

Sprouts & Friends is a music and movement program for families focused on creating joy while we play, learn, and grow together. Registration is **ongoing** for the April programs and register **Apr. 29** for the May programs.

Preschool Pals

Tue., Apr. 1 & 8, 3-3:45 p.m.,
3-5 yrs.
Tue., May 6, 13 & 27, 3-3:45
p.m., 3-5 yrs.

It's time for some preschool-sized fun! Every week is a little different with stories, songs, movement activities, crafts, science exploration and much more! (This program is designed for preschoolers ages 3-5 years and not yet in kindergarten.) Registration is **ongoing** for the April programs and register **Apr. 29** for the May programs.



Drawn to the Library

BUDGET VOTE DAY

ACTIVITIES FOR KIDS

DRAWING!
COLORING!
VOTING!
RAFFLES!

Tuesday, April 8,
10:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.



Enjoy building towers, forts, dinosaur skeletons, and anything else you can imagine! The whole family is welcome. Stay as long as you like.
No registration required.

Wednesday, April 16, 10:30 a.m. - 4 p.m., All Ages

Baby Bundle Take & Make Paquete Para Bebés un Take & Make

Wed., Apr. 2, Birth-24 mos.
Miérc, abril 2, Nacimiento-24 meses

Bring story time home with this themed kit designed specifically for babies. Register and pick up a kit beginning **Apr. 2**.

Ahora puede llevar la hora del cuento a casa con este kit diseñado específicamente para bebés. Regístrese **abril 2**.

Baby Time!

Wed., Apr. 2 & 9, 10:30-11
a.m., or
Wed., Apr. 2 & 9, 11:15-11:45
a.m., Birth-24 mos.
Wed., May 7-28, 10:30-11
a.m., or
Wed., May 7-28, 11:15-11:45
a.m., Birth-24 mos.

Babies and their caregivers will have fun sharing songs, rhymes, board books, and sensory activities that will help stimulate their little ones' cognitive, language, and social development. Registration is **ongoing** for the April programs and register **Apr. 23** for the May programs.

Zumbini

Thur., Apr. 3, 10 & 24, 10:30-
11:15 a.m., or
Thur., Apr. 3, 10 & 24, 11:30
a.m.-12:15 p.m., Birth-4 yrs.
Thur., May 1-29, 10:30-11:15

a.m., or
Thur., May 1-29, 11:30 a.m.-
12:15 p.m., Birth-4 yrs.

Join Miss Lauren for Zumbini! This class provides an amazing bonding experience for caregivers and their little ones, while focusing on fine and gross motor development. Registration is **ongoing** for the April programs and register **Apr. 24** for the May programs.

A Time for Kids

Fri., Apr. 4, 11 & 25, 10-10:45
a.m. or
Fri., Apr. 4, 11 & 25, 11-11:45
a.m., 18 mos.-5 yrs.
Fri., May 2-30, 10-10:45 a.m.
or
Fri., May 2-30, 11-11:45 a.m.,
18 mos.-5 yrs.

This is a skill-building, interactive class that will help prepare your child for independent learning experiences. Registration is **ongoing** for the April programs and register **Apr. 25** for the May programs.

Hop to It!

Sun., Apr. 6, 2:30-3:15 p.m.,
3-5 yrs.

Join Suffolk County Farm for this fun-filled program! Listen to a story, make a craft, and interact with bunnies! Register **Mar. 29**.

Bilingual BANANAS Bilingües

Mon., Apr. 7, 21 & 28, 10-
10:30 a.m., 18-48 mos.
Mon., May 5-19, 10-10:30

a.m., 18-48 mos.

Go BANANAS with Miss Georgina while enjoying bilingual songs, books, and a fun craft! Registration is **ongoing** for the April programs and register **Apr. 28** for the May programs.

Ponte BANANAS con Miss Georgina mientras disfrutas de canciones bilingües, libros y una divertida manualidad. La inscripción es **continúa** para los programas de Abril y la inscripción para los programas de mayo es **el 28 de abril**.

Lil' Athletes Toddler

Sat., Apr. 12, 10-10:45 a.m.,
18-36 mos.

Join Lil' Athletes for an introduction to various sports, including soccer and baseball. Register **Apr. 5**.

Lil' Athletes

Sat., Apr. 12, 11-11:45 a.m.,
3-5 yrs.

Join Lil' Athletes for an introduction to various sports, including soccer, baseball, and lacrosse. Register **Apr. 5**.

Music & Movement

Sat., Apr. 19, 10-10:45 a.m.,
18 mos.-4 yrs.

Enjoy a fun way to develop early literacy skills in young children with music, dancing, singing, rhymes, and stories. Register **Apr. 12**.

PlayHooray Babies & Kids

Sat., Apr. 26, 10-10:45 a.m.,
3 mos.-5 yrs.

Music and fun for your little one! Incorporates fine and gross motor skill activities, nursery rhymes, books, songs, bubbles, and more. Register **Apr. 19**.

Adventures in Art: Mini Masters

Mon., May 5-19, 3-3:45 p.m.,
3-5 yrs.

Join Museum Educator Tami Wood for this unique 3-part preschool art series. Three- to five-year-olds and their caregivers will have fun exploring famous artworks and making their own art in classes de-

Programs for children in kindergarten-grade school are independent.

Register for programs in 1 of 3 ways: In person at SHPL; call us at 631.549.4411 x301; or online at shpl.info>Events>Children. (Click on the desired program to see details and availability.) **Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. (Weds. at 10 a.m.) and 7 p.m. for some programs.**

Caregiver and child MUST have a valid South Huntington Library Card to register.

If you are more than 5 minutes late for a program and haven't called to hold your child's spot, we will assume you are not coming and will allow waiting patrons to attend.

Children's Programs

A Family Place Library

 Sustainable Program

signed specially to support early childhood learning. Register **Apr. 28.**

Picture Book Time

Wed., May 7-June 11, 3-3:30 p.m., 3-5 yrs.

Listening to stories is one of the first steps to becoming a reader. In this independent program children will enjoy stories, songs, and action rhymes aimed at building a love of reading. Register **Apr. 23.**

school age programs

Homework Help

Mon., Apr. 7, 21 & 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m., K-6 gr.

High school students will assist community children with homework assignments in the Young Adult Library. Parents/caregivers must remain in the building during the program. Help is offered on a first come, first served basis.



Yoga Kids

Wed., Apr. 2, 9 & 23, 4:30-5:15 p.m., K-4 gr.

Yoga and mindfulness teach kids skills to last a lifetime! Through movement, poses, breath work, mindful games, meaningful conversations, story and song, kids will gain the tools needed to cope with the chaos of life in fun, engaging, age-appropriate ways. Registration is **ongoing.**

Art Club: Eduardo Chillida

Fri., Apr. 4, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Eduardo Chillida was a Spanish artist best known for his prominent monumental public sculptures, mostly displayed in Spain, Germany, France and the USA. Learn about the artist and create your own work of art inspired by him. Register **Mar. 28.**

Lego Club

Sat., Apr. 5, 10:30-11:30 a.m., or

Sat., Apr. 19, 2:30-3:30 p.m., K-5 gr.

Come and spend some time building with our Legos. Participants will have their creations displayed in the library for 2 weeks. No reg-

Spring Break Fun!

Elephant Silhouettes: Saving the Savanna

Mon., Apr. 14, 2:30-3:30 p.m., K-5 gr.



Elephants are the largest land mammals on earth! Kids learn about these gentle giants and the conservationists who are working to protect them, while using a silhouette painting technique to create elephant and tree shadows on a canvas sunset background. Register **Apr. 7.**

From Egg to Chick

Tue., Apr. 15, 2-2:45 p.m., or

Tue., Apr. 15, 3-3:45 p.m.,

K-5 gr.



Explore the life cycle of the chicken and learn how the chick embryo develops inside the egg. Includes interaction with chicks or hens. Register **Apr. 8.**

istration required.

Plastic Sculpture

Thur., Apr. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m., K-5 gr.

Use your imagination to create beautiful sculptures of people and animals using fun plastic pieces. Your creations will be displayed in the Children's Library until Earth Day. Register **Apr. 3.**

Piggy Bank Theater

Mon., Apr. 21, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-4 gr.

Follow three characters as they try to turn their childhood interests into careers. You'll help them figure out how to earn, save, and spend their money to be successful. Register **Apr. 14.**

Learn to Draw with Art Teacher Amy

Tue., Apr. 22, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Art Teacher Amy will take you step-by-step through a drawing of a jaguar using oil pastels and watercolors. No experience necessary! Register **Apr. 15.**

Tweens Night Out: Cereal Celebration

Fri., Apr. 25, 7-8 p.m., 3-5 gr.

Grab a friend and join us for some serious cereal silliness! Get crafty with cereal sand art, play a game of cereal checkers, and create your own custom cereal for a snack. Register **Apr. 18.**

Farm Animal Cupcakes

Thur., Apr. 17, 2:30-3:15 p.m., K-5 yrs.

Get ready for a farm-tastic treat with some baaa-rnyard-themed cupcakes! Decorate four udder-ly delightful cupcakes using frosting, marshmallows, and a variety of colorful candies. Register **Apr. 10.**



Visit Our Hatchlings!

We are incubating eggs from the Suffolk County Farm.

They are scheduled to hatch in mid-April, then the chicks will be returned to the farm.

contemporary street art. Learn about the artist and create your own work of art inspired by him. Register **Apr. 11.**

Superheroes of the Sea

Sat., Apr. 26, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Aquaman, Namor the Submariner, and Mera are just some of the amazing superheroes with incredible aquatic adaptations! How do they compare with the extraordinary abilities of real marine animals? We'll explore this, then you'll design and create your very own poseable, superhero action figure! Register **Apr. 19.**

Chess Nuts

Sun., Apr. 27, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Have you always wanted to learn how to play chess or just want someone to play chess with? The Long Island Chess Nuts will provide 1/2 hour of chess instruction followed by 1/2 hour of playing time. Register **Apr. 19.**

Adventures in Art: Saving the Earth One Poster at a Time

Mon., Apr. 28, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Posters have been at the heart of Earth Day since it began in 1970. Have fun exploring famous Earth Day posters then create your own using a variety of materials. Register **Apr. 21.**

Art Club: Pacita Abad

Fri., May 2, 4:30-5:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Pacita Abad was a Filipina Ameri-

Art Club: Kenny Scharf

Fri., Apr. 18, 2:30-3:30 p.m., 1-5 gr.

Kenny Scharf is a renowned artist affiliated with the 1980's East Village Art movement in New York. Scharf developed a distinct and uniquely personal artistic style in paintings as well as sculpture, and is known as one of the pioneers of contemporary street art. Learn about the artist and create your own work of art inspired by him. Register **Apr. 11.**

can artist known for her textured, colorful, and vibrant paintings. She incorporated found objects, such as beads, buttons and shells, into her paintings using the Italian quilting technique trapunto. Learn about the artist and create your own work of art inspired by her. Register **Apr. 25.**

Hip Hop Dance

Tue., May 6-27, 4:45-5:30 p.m., K-4 gr.

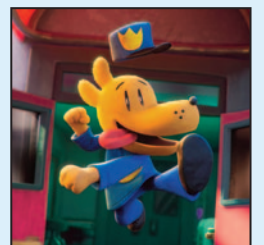
Join Great South Bay Dance for an upbeat hip hop class filled with fun! Spend class warming up, learning an energetic dance combination, and playing some games. Be sure to wear comfortable clothing with sneakers and bring water! Register **Apr. 29.**

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Dog Man


Sat., Apr. 12, 2:30-4 p.m., all ages

When a police officer and his faithful police dog get injured in the line of



duty, a harebrained but life-saving surgery fuses the two of them together -- and Dog Man is born. As Dog Man learns to embrace his new identity, he must stop feline supervillain Petey the Cat from cloning himself and going on a crime spree. PG, 89 mins.

Teen Services

Programs are for SHPL cardholders entering grades 6-12 unless otherwise indicated. Some registrations begin at 9:30 a.m. (Wednesdays at 10 a.m.), others at 7 p.m.  Sustainable program

Community service programs are for South Huntington Library cardholders in grades 6-12 who must register with their own card.

Taco Night in the YA Library Fri., April 4, 7-8 p.m.

Bring your appetite and create your own tacos from fresh ingredients. Registration begins **March 28**.

Authors Unlimited Sat., April 5, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's University Patchogue Campus

Get the chance to meet dynamic authors Jen Calonita, Mike Calvario, and Sarah Beth Durst at Authors Unlimited on April 5th at St. Joseph's University in Patchogue. Attendees will hear all about the creative process from the authors, and can even purchase books and get them signed! Attendees can earn three hours of community service credit for attending by filling out a survey at the end of the day. Register at <https://au2025.eventbrite.com/>

AUTHORS
Unlimited

Homework Help Mon., April 7, 21 & 28, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

High school students will assist children in the community with their homework assignments in the YA Library. Parents/caregivers must remain in the building during the program. Help is offered on a first come, first served basis and may be with several participants. This will be the last month for Homework Help until October. For those in grades K-6, but can also help those in 7th and 8th grade.

National Board Game Day Fri., April 11, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Celebrate National Board Game Day! Enjoy a fun night of Sorry, Ticket to Ride, Clue and more! Registration begins **April 4** for SHPL cardholders; non-cardholders may register beginning April 9.

Jelly Bean Taste Test Mon., April 14, 7-8 p.m.

Think you know your jelly bean flavors? Find out with our taste test experience! Sample a variety of flavors while ranking them from best to worst to see if your favorite comes out on top! Registration begins **April 4**.



Study Hours in the Library

Tues., April 29 & May 6, 3-7 p.m.

Wed., May 7, 5-9 p.m.

Thurs., May 1 & 8, 3-7 p.m.

Sun., May 4 & 11, 1-5 p.m.

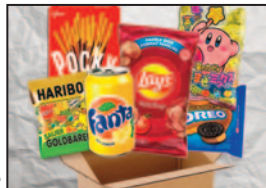
Mon., May 5 & 12, 5-9 p.m.

The YA Library will provide extra tables and chairs for group study in support of our local students preparing for AP exams. During these hours, gaming is suspended to maintain a quieter atmosphere.

Where in the World is this Snack From?

Thurs., April 17, 7-8 p.m.

Join us for a testing of snacks- but this time you'll be guessing what country they're from. We'll enjoy tasty snacks and test your knowledge at the same time! Registration begins **April 11**.



Trivia Night Fri., April 18, 7-8 p.m.

Test your knowledge and impress your friends at trivia night! Enjoy a fun evening answering general knowledge questions. Registration begins **April 11** for SHPL cardholders; non-cardholders may register beginning April 16.

International Cooking: Hummus Wed., April 23, 6-7:30 p.m.

Join us for International Cooking where youth participants will learn proper cooking safety and techniques and then get to eat the results! Presented by Project Excel. Registration begins **April 11**.

Drop In & Bead Fri., May 2, 6:30-8 p.m.

Stop by and use our jewelry supplies to make a beaded piece of jewelry or keychain. Miss Kath will be on hand to show you how to use our jewelry tools and findings to make something for yourself or a special Mother's Day gift. No registration required.

Dungeons & Dragons Sat., May 3, 1-3 p.m.

Ready your weapons and your spells, it's time to go on an adventure! Join our experienced dungeon masters for a one-shot campaign in the popular tabletop RPG Dungeons & Dragons. Slay monsters, solve puzzles, and find treasure in this epic adventure! Registration begins **April 25**.

Need Community Service Hours?

Color Our World Wed., April 2, 7-8 p.m.

Join us to make colorful creations that will set the stage for the summer reading challenge theme, "Color Our World." One hour of community service. Registration begins **March 21 at 7 p.m.**

Teen Advisory Board Tues., April 15, 7-8 p.m.

The Teen Advisory Board (TAB) is an active organization made up of South Huntington teens in grades 6-12 who work together to make a difference in our library. Tell us your ideas for community service, programs and contests. Ms. Jen & Ms. Elizabeth will begin this meeting with the programs and community service opportunities that are already being planned. Earn one hour of community service for atten-



dance. New members are always welcome! This meeting is for South Huntington library district residents currently in grades 6-12. No registration is required.

Sensory Kits for Younger Children Wed., April 16, 7-8 p.m.

Volunteers will put together sensory kits to donate to younger children in need. Registration begins **April 4 at 7 p.m.**

National Nurses Week Thank You Goodie Bags Fri., April 25, 7-8 p.m.

Show gratitude and earn one hour of community service by creating goodie bags for our Huntington community nurses. Registration begins **April 18 at 7 p.m.**

SHPL News & Info

Dear Community Members,

The South Huntington Public Library’s budget vote and trustee election will be held Tuesday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the meeting room on the lower level. Incumbent Trustee Stella Fox is running for re-election to a five-year term.

The proposed operating budget for 2025-26 maintains our history of fiscal responsibility and providing both traditional and innovative library materials, programs and services for all ages at the lowest possible cost.

The spending plan balances the ever-changing library landscape with benefits such as additional programming, a more efficient HVAC system and new study space on the mezzanine level. The recent addition of social work services provides access to assistance right here in our community.

The proposed budget also allows us to continue our sustainability goals of being environmentally sound, socially equitable and fiscally responsible as we engage, energize and empower our community – all while remaining below the New York State tax cap.

For the average South Huntington homeowner with property assessed at \$3,300, the annual library tax bill is estimated to be \$498.79, an increase of \$1.14 per month.

Please vote on April 8 to ensure you have a say in the quality of library services that will be available to you and your family.

As we welcome spring, I hope to see many of you enjoying all our library has to offer.

Janet Scherer
Library Director

Estimados miembros de la comunidad,

La votación del presupuesto de la Biblioteca Pública de South Huntington y la elección del administrador se llevará a cabo el martes 8 de abril de 10 a.m.-9 p.m. en la sala de reuniones en el nivel inferior. Fideicomisaria titular Stella Fox se postulara para la reelección a un mandato de cinco años.

El presupuesto operativo propuesto para 2025-26 mantiene nuestra historia de responsabilidad fiscal y proporciona materiales, programas y servicios bibliotecarios tradicionales e innovadores para todas las edades al menor coste posible.

El plan de gastos equilibra el panorama siempre cambiante de la biblioteca con beneficios como programación adicional, un sistema de climatización más eficiente y un nuevo espacio de estudio en el nivel del mezanine. La reciente incorporación de servicios de asistencia social proporciona acceso a asistencia aquí mismo, en nuestra comunidad.

El presupuesto propuesto también nos permite continuar con nuestros objetivos de sostenibilidad de ser ambientalmente racional, socialmente equitativa y fiscalmente responsable, ya que participamos, energizamos y capacitamos a nuestra comunidad - todo mientras se mantiene por debajo del tope de impuestos del Estado de Nueva York.

Para el propietario promedio de South Huntington con una propiedad evaluada en \$ 3,300, la factura anual de impuestos de la biblioteca se estima en \$ 498.79, un aumento de \$ 1.14 por mes.

Por favor, vote el 8 de abril para asegurarse de que su voto sea decisivo en la calidad de los servicios de biblioteca que estarán disponibles para usted y su familia.

Al dar la bienvenida a la primavera, espero ver a muchos de ustedes disfrutando de todo lo que nuestra biblioteca tiene para ofrecer.

Janet Scherer
Directora de la Biblioteca

BUDGET SUMMARY/RESUMEN DEL PRESUPUESTO	
	<u>2025-26</u>
Equipment/Equipo	95,000
Library Materials/Materiales de la Biblioteca	624,400
Administrative Services/Servicios administrativos	797,750
Utilities-Building/Utilidades-Edificio	370,500
Salaries & Benefits/Salarios y Beneficios	4,756,267
Total Expenditures/Total de gastos	6,643,917
Revenue/Ingresos	250,500*
To be raised by taxes/ Para ser recaudado por los impuestos	6,393,417
* Includes applied fund balance	

Voting Information

To vote on April 8, you must be 18, a U.S. citizen and a resident of the South Huntington School District (#13) for at least 30 days. If you are not registered to vote, you may do so on vote day. Identification proving residency is required.

You can also request an absentee ballot or an early voting ballot. Applications are available at the library from the clerk of the vote. Completed applications must be received by April 1 if the ballot is to be mailed, or April 7 if the ballot is to be handed to the voter. Completed ballots must be returned to the library by 5 p.m. on April 8.

Información para votar

Para votar el 8 de abril, usted debe tener 18 años, ser ciudadano de EE.UU. y residir en el Distrito Escolar de South Huntington (# 13) durante al menos 30 días. Si usted no está registrado para votar, puede hacerlo el día de la votación. Se requiere una identificación que demuestre su domicilio. También puede solicitar un voto por correo o un voto anticipado. Las solicitudes están disponibles en la biblioteca a través del secretario electoral. Las solicitudes completas deben recibirse antes del 1 de abril si la papeleta se va a enviar por correo, o antes del 7 de abril si la papeleta se va a entregar al votante. Las papeletas completadas deben devolverse a la biblioteca antes de las 5 p.m. del 8 de abril.

Stella Fox, Trustee Candidate

I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election as Library Trustee for the South Huntington Public Library. It has been a privilege to serve our community in this capacity for the past 17 years, and I am excited by the opportunity to continue advocating for the growth and development of our library. During my previous terms, I have worked diligently alongside my fellow trustees to enhance library services, improve access to resources, and expand programming that meets the diverse needs of our patrons. As a Professor Emerita of English at Nassau Community College, I believe strongly in the vital role that libraries play in promoting literacy and lifelong learning. I’m also especially proud of the way our library has integrated new technologies, embraced sustainability initiatives, expanded social services to support community well-being, and built partnerships with local organizations to create inclusive, collaborative spaces that enhance community engagement.

Our library is a cornerstone of the South Huntington community, and it is my goal to continue fostering a place where learning, creativity, and connection can thrive. With your support, I am excited to help guide the future of our library and ensure that it remains fiscally responsible and a valuable resource for generations to come. Thank you for your trust and consideration.



Stella Fox, Declaración de Fideicomisario

Tengo el honor de anunciar mi candidatura para la reelección como Fideicomisaria de la Biblioteca Pública de South Huntington. Ha sido un privilegio poder servir a nuestra comunidad en esta capacidad durante los últimos 17 años, y estoy emocionada por la oportunidad de seguir fomentando el crecimiento y el desarrollo de nuestra biblioteca. Durante mis mandatos anteriores, he trabajado diligentemente junto a mis compañeros fideicomisarios para mejorar los servicios de la biblioteca, mejorar el acceso a los recursos y ampliar la programación para satisfacer las diversas necesidades de nuestros usuarios. Como profesora Emérita de Inglés en el Nassau Community College, creo firmemente en el papel vital que desempeñan las bibliotecas en la promoción de la alfabetización y el aprendizaje permanente. También estoy especialmente orgullosa de la forma en que nuestra biblioteca ha integrado las nuevas tecnologías, ha adoptado iniciativas de sostenibilidad, ha ampliado los servicios sociales para apoyar el bienestar de la comunidad y ha establecido colaboraciones con organizaciones locales para crear espacios inclusivos y colaborativos que mejoren la participación de la comunidad.

Nuestra biblioteca es una base fundamental de la comunidad de South Huntington, y mi objetivo es seguir fomentando un lugar donde el aprendizaje, la creatividad y la conexión puedan prosperar. Con su apoyo, estoy emocionada de ayudar a guiar el futuro de nuestra biblioteca y asegurar que siga siendo fiscalmente responsable y un recurso valioso para las generaciones futuras. Gracias por su confianza y consideración.

Services @ Your Library

Planning to travel?

Apply for a passport at the library. Visit our website at www.shpl.info>Services>Passports for information about documentation and fees. Appointments are available Monday-Friday. When you are ready to set up a passport appointment, call Adult Services at 631.549.4411.

Homebound Service

If you are unable to get to the library because of illness, injury or

disability, you can arrange for materials to be delivered to your home. You can request specific items, or you can let us know your preferences and a librarian will choose materials for you. To arrange for this service, please call outreach librarian Jen O'Connor at 631.549.4411, ext. 230.



Notary Services

The library offers limited notary services. *Please call before you plan to visit to make sure a notary will be available.* The service is free of charge. We cannot notarize wills, mortgages, property sales or powers of attorney. Documents must be in English. For information, go to our website at www.shpl.info>Services>A-Z Services.



1 on 1 Tech Help

One on One Tech Appointments are a service for patrons who are in need of personalized assistance with basic tech needs. Need help with your laptop, tablet, Kindle, smartphone or other device? Would you like help navigating the library's e-resources? Do you need a refresher on using our library apps? Go to our website at www.shpl.info>Services>1 on 1 Tech Appointments to make a reservation.

Introducing: Comics Plus

Comics Plus is a new digital service with instant access to thousands of comics, graphic novels, picture books, and manga. Comics Plus divides their collection into three different links for users based on age: Children's library, teen library or full collection.

The full collection houses the adult comics and the other two collections. Adult material is unavailable to children or teens if they are using their designated link.

Children can read the Big Nate series by Lincoln Peirce, Disney titles like *Zootopia*, or even nonfiction. Teens can read titles like the Milk & Mocha comics collection by Melani Sie or *Fullmetal Alchemist* by Hiromu Arakawa. Adults can read the Travel to Mars sci-fi series by Mark Russell and Roberto Meli, *The Art of the Amazing Spider-Man* by Stan Lee, and

much more.

With Comics Plus you never have to worry about an item timing out or losing your progress. Titles you select are automatically added to "My Shelf," which will store all the materials you started reading or added for future reading until you manually remove them.

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To access Comics Plus: Go to our website at www.shpl.info> Books, Movies & More> eBooks & audiobooks. If you have the app, simply open the app. You will be asked to find our library and identify the collection you want to browse. After you click your desired collection, you will be asked to enter your South Huntington Library barcode and PIN to log in.

Get into Gear with DIY Auto Repairs

Did you know that the average new car in the U.S. sells for \$49,740? Unable to afford higher payments and insurance costs, motorists are keeping their vehicles longer than ever before. Therefore, it should come as no surprise that the average age of a used car in the U.S. is 12.6 years old. As these vehicles get older, repair needs grow as well.

According to AAA, car maintenance expenses average \$800 a year, or about \$66 a month. Instead, why not learn some basic DIY car repair skills to save money and handle the simpler things like oil changes and wiper blade replacements yourself? Whether you're a novice, a confident "shade-tree mechanic" or highly-skilled automotive technician, our library can help! We provide free access to Auto Repair Source, an authoritative and easy-to-use auto service and repair reference tool. All content comes from the original equipment manufacturers (OEM), and you can use it to help you diagnose, repair and maintain your car, truck or SUV.

Auto Repair Source includes service information optimized for the most common maintenance and repair operations, maintenance schedules and estimated labor times, technical service bulletins and recall notices, component location diagrams for most domestic and imported cars and light trucks, precise and comprehensive wiring diagrams for all systems, part numbers, diagrams and retail pricing for thousands of commonly replaced parts, engineering specifications for common repairs and adjustments, diagnostic trouble codes (DTCs), flowcharts and step-by-step diagnostic instructions.

To access Auto Repair Source: Go to our website at www.shpl.info> Research> View All Databases. Limit your search to "Automotive Repair." Take it for a spin today!



All About Tech

Somebody's Watching... And It's Your TV

Smart TVs are supposed to make watching TV easier, but is yours watching you back? The truth is, many Smart TVs, regardless of brand, track what you watch, listen for voice commands, and even send data to advertisers. It's all in the name of "personalization," but really it's just about selling ads.

Most Smart TVs have a built-in feature called Automatic Content Recognition (ACR), which scans your screen whether you're streaming, watching cable, or even playing a DVD. That data helps advertisers target you with specific ads, not just on your TV but across other devices too. If your TV has voice controls, there's a good chance it's always listening for wake words (think "Hey, Google" and "Alexa") and some brands send snippets of your audio to cloud servers. In 2015, Samsung even warned customers to avoid discussing personal topics in front of their Smart TVs equipped with voice activation. That's not creepy at all.

The good news is that you can limit tracking. Dig into your settings and turn off anything related to "viewing data" or "personalized ads." There may even be a specific option labeled as "automatic content recognition (ACR)". Turn that off. Disable voice assistants if you don't use them, keep your software updated, and if you're feeling extra cautious, a VPN (virtual private network) on your home network can help.

However, the simplest solution is to keep your Smart TV offline. If it's not connected to the internet, it can't track what you watch or send data to advertisers. Your TV will still work with gaming consoles, cable boxes, and DVD/Blu-Ray players without an internet connection. If you still want to stream, use a separate streaming device like a Roku or Chromecast. They have their own privacy concerns, but you can at least manage them separately.

Need help or advice on managing your Smart TV? Feel welcome to schedule a free one-on-one tech appointment here at the library.



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
				1 9 a.m. AARP Tax Help* 9 a.m. Chair Yoga* (V) 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Level 2* 10 & 11 a.m. Sprouts & Friends* 11 a.m. Game Day 3 p.m. Preschool Pals* 4:45 p.m. Hip Hop Dance*	2 10:15 a.m. Baby Bundle Take & Make / Paquete Para Bebés un Take & Make* 10:30 & 11:15 a.m. Baby Time* 3 p.m. Picture Book Time* 4:30 p.m. Yoga Kids* 6:30 p.m. Cricut Project: Apron* 7 p.m. Color Our World Community Service*	3 9:30 & 11 a.m. Yoga* 10 a.m. Genealogy Drop-in 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Zumbini* 6:30 p.m. North Shore Civil War Roundtable	4 10 & 11 a.m. A Time for Kids* 4:30 p.m. Art Club: Eduardo Chillada* 7 p.m. Taco Night*	5 9:30 a.m. Yoga for Balance* 10:30 a.m. Lego Club 12 p.m. LI Romance Writers					
6 2:30 p.m. Hop to It*	7 9:30 a.m. Beg. Tai Chi* 10 a.m. Bilingual BANANAS Bilingües* 11 a.m. Yoga* 2 p.m. Movie: Juror #2 4:30-6:30 p.m. Homework Help	8 9 a.m. AARP Tax Help* 10 a.m.-9 p.m. Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election 10 & 11 a.m. Sprouts & Friends* 2 p.m. Movie: A Complete Unknown 3 p.m. Preschool Pals* 4:30-6:30 p.m. Small Business Counseling* 4:45 p.m. Hip Hop Dance* 7 p.m. 2nd Precinct Community Meeting	9 10:30 & 11:15 a.m. Baby Time* 11 a.m. Non-Fiction Book Discussion 3 p.m. Picture Book Time* 4:30 p.m. Yoga Kids* 6:30 p.m. Sew a Cozy Book Sleeve*	10 9:30 & 11 a.m. Yoga* 10 a.m. Huntington AARP 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Zumbini* 4:30 p.m. Plastic Sculpture* 7 p.m. Adult Take & Make* 7 p.m. Indian Cooking Class*	11 10 & 11 a.m. A Time for Kids* 7 p.m. National Board Game Day*	12 9:30 a.m. Yoga for Balance* 10 a.m. Lil' Athletes Toddler* 11 a.m. Lil' Athletes 2:30 p.m. Kids Flick: Dog Man							
13 1 p.m. Folk Music Jam 2:30 p.m. Classical Sundays	14 9 a.m. Adult Take & Bake: Spring Carrot Cake Whoopie Pies* 9:30 a.m. Beg. Tai Chi* 11 a.m. Yoga* 2 p.m. Movie: The Order 2:30 p.m. Elephant Silhouettes: Saving the Savanna* 7 p.m. Origami Tulips* 7 p.m. Jelly Bean Taste Test*	15 9 a.m. Chair Yoga* (V) 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Level 2* 11 a.m. Game Day 2 & 3 p.m. From Egg to Chick* 2 p.m. Cricut Craft: Water Bottle* 6:30 p.m. Spring Bunny Decoupage Jar* 7 p.m. Teen Advisory Board	16 10:30 a.m. Drop in & Build 11 a.m. Diabetes Management & Blood Sugar Control* 7 p.m. Evening Book Discussion 7 p.m. Sensory Kits for Kids Community Service* 7 p.m. Library Board of Trustees Meeting	17 9:30 & 11 a.m. Yoga* 11 a.m. Navigating Our Digital Services* 2 p.m. Gatsby's Long Island Cupcakes* 2:30 p.m. Farm Animal 7 p.m. Where in the World is this Snack From?	18 2:30 p.m. Art Club: Kenny Scharf* 6:30 p.m. Trivia Night*	19 9:30 a.m. Yoga for Balance* 10 a.m. Music & Movement* 2:30 p.m. Lego Club							
20 Easter Sunday: Library closed	21 9:30 a.m. Beg. Tai Chi* 10 a.m. Bilingual BANANAS Bilingües* 10 a.m. Medicare Counseling* 11 a.m. Yoga* 2 p.m. Movie: Sing Sing 4:30 p.m. Piggy Bank Theater* 4:30-6:30 p.m. Homework Help 6:30 p.m. PTA Reflections Reception	22 9 a.m. Chair Yoga* (V) 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Level 2* 10 & 11 a.m. Sprouts & Friends* 11 a.m. Tech Byte: Photo Editing* 11 a.m. Game Day 4:30 p.m. Learn to Draw with Art Teacher Amy* 4:30-6:30 p.m. Small Business Counseling 7 p.m. Rain Garden Plants (V)* 7 p.m. Beginner Excel*	23 1 p.m. How to Manage Your Paper (Without Losing Your Mind* 4:30 p.m. Yoga Kids* 6 p.m. International Cooking: Hummus* 6:30 p.m. Decoupage Candle Holder* 6:30 p.m. Beyond the Book A the Whaling Museum*	24 9:30 & 11 a.m. Yoga* 10:30 & 11:30 a.m. Zumbini* 11 a.m. Cover to Cover Book Discussion* 1:30 p.m. Cooking Class: Revitalizing Detox Salad* 7 p.m. Want Butterflies? Grow Host Plants*	25 10 & 11 a.m. A Time for Kids* 12:30 p.m. Women's Connection LI 7 p.m. Nurse Thank you Goodie Bags Community Service* 7 p.m. Tweens Night Out: Cereal Celebration*	26 9 a.m. Defensive Driving* 9:30 a.m. Yoga for Balance* 10 a.m. PlayHooray Babies & Kids* 10 a.m. Build Your Business Using Social Media* 2:30 p.m. Superheros of the Sea*							
27 2:30 p.m. Chess Nuts* 2:30 p.m. Student Chamber Recital	28 9:30 a.m. Beg. Tai Chi* 10 a.m. Bilingual BANANAS Bilingües* 10 a.m. Creative Club* 11 a.m. Yoga* 2 p.m. Movie: Lake George 4:30 p.m. Adventures in Art: Saving the Earth* 4:30-6:30 p.m. Homework Help 7 p.m. Cutting the Cord*	29 9 a.m. Chair Yoga* (V) 9:30 a.m. Tai Chi Level 2* 10 & 11 a.m. Sprouts & Friends* 10 a.m-12 p.m. Medicare Savings Program & Medicaid Application Assistance* 11 a.m. Game Day 7 p.m. 20s & 30s Book Club at Six Harbors Brewing Co.*	30 Staff Development Day: Library closed			* Registration required. Please see program descriptions for registration information.							



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Regular Board Meeting: Wed., April 16 at 7 p.m.

The library will be closed on April 20 (Easter) and April 30 (Staff Development Day).



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Budget Vote & Trustee Election: April 8



Drawn to the Library
National Library Week
April 6-12, 2025

Hundreds of people visit our library each week. What's the draw? Everything!

From children and young families coming in for story time, crafts and movement programs and teens studying and engaging in community service activities to adults attending cultural events, participating in a book discussion, learning a new craft or getting tech assistance, the library helps connect the dots from one part of their journey to the next.

Part of the library's journey each year is to present a budget that supports everything that the library offers. The annual library budget vote and trustee election will be held on Tuesday, April 8 from 10 a.m.-9 p.m. in the Meeting Room on the lower level. For details on the proposed 2025-26 budget and trustee candidate, please see Page 9. Kids can get in on the fun on vote day! Celebrate National Library week with the theme "Drawn to the Library." Visit the children's room and take part in drawing and coloring activities, a vote and a free raffle, sponsored by the Friends of the Library. See Page 6 for more information.

Whatever draws you in, the library has something for everyone.

Happy National Library Week (April 6-12) and please vote on April 8.

Get Going with Hiveclass

Hiveclass is a digital platform utilizing technology to provide access to quality instruction and education in a variety of sports, physical activities and wellness, and it is accessible for free with your South Huntington Library card. From aquatics to yoga, you can learn the finer points of each activity through video tutorials that you can watch as many times as necessary to master the skill. It's a great resource if you or someone in your family wants to get involved in a new activity and would like some basic knowledge. Pickleball, anyone?

There's also information about nutrition and even a reading hive with recommended books for kids on various sports.

To access: Go to our website at www.shpl.info, click on the green "Online Learning" button and scroll down to Hiveclass. You will need a South Huntington Library card.



Social Services Notice

Social work services are temporarily unavailable as our social worker has moved on to another position. We are working to find a replacement as soon as possible.

If you need assistance in the meantime, please call the Family Service League at 631-427-3700 or visit their website at www.fsl-li.org.

Notice of Closure: Staff Development Day

The South Huntington Public Library will be closed all day **Wed., April 30** for a Staff Development Day. During this time, our team will participate in specialized training and collaborative workshops designed to enhance our services and better serve our community. By investing in our staff's professional growth, we aim to improve your library experience with more innovative programs, enhanced customer service, and continued access to valuable resources. While our physical location will be closed, our website and digital collection remain available 24/7. Explore eBooks, audiobooks, online databases, and more by visiting our website at www.shpl.info. We appreciate your understanding and support. Regular hours will resume on Thursday, May 1 at 9 a.m. We look forward to welcoming you back with refreshed ideas and renewed dedication!

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Ongoing Services

- Museum passes
- Passport acceptance
- Notary public (call ahead for availability)
- Fax machine
- Scanner
- Public computers
- WiFi access
- Homebound delivery
- Reference services
- One-on-one tech help
- Online access 24/7 to register for programs, reserve items, access digital collection and services.

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