Thank You, Sen. Marcellino

Many thanks go out to New York State Sen. Carl Marcellino (R-Oyster Bay) for a recent grant that will allow the library to build upon two of its newest services.

A portion of the funds will be used to expand the library’s Playaway collection. Playaways are handheld devices that are pre-loaded with a single audiobook title. The collection, which includes fiction and non-fiction titles is very popular.

The library will also expand its museum pass program through this state grant. The library began lending passes to the Long Island Children’s Museum in October, and the response has been overwhelmingly positive. Additional passes to other museums such as the Museum of Natural History and the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum, will be available soon.

In addition, some of the grant money will be applied to a records management program enabling the library to digitize and preserve important documents.

WORLD AIDS DAY
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In honor of the 21st anniversary of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, the library is displaying a panel from the quilt for World AIDS Day, which is Monday, December 1. The panel, which is hanging in the tower at the library’s main entrance, features eight quilt panels, each commemorating the life of someone who has died of AIDS.

Established in 1987, the NAMES Project Foundation is the international organization serving as the custodian of the AIDS Memorial Quilt, which began with a single 3 x 6 foot panel created in San Francisco. Today, the quilt is comprised of more than 47,000 individual 3 x 6 foot panels. The entire quilt weighs 54 tons and is 1,283,300 square feet (equivalent to 275 NCAA basketball courts with walkway).

Many thanks to Ginger Hoernig, who coordinates this annual display.

The Library will be closed Dec. 24, Dec. 25 & Jan. 1. We will close at 1 p.m. on Dec. 31.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!
**RECENT SERIES**

“A Season of Thought, A Season of Love”
Sunday, December 14 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us for music featuring Poulsen’s famous love story of Babar, a tale for all ages with narrator and piano. Music from 17th-century Venice, Paris, Holland and Hungary will also be performed. Isabella Eredita will be featured on piano, along with the Huntington Baroque Ensemble and Margaretha Maimone on violin. Free; open to the public. Join us!

**LAST OF THE CLEAN COMEDIANS: GLEN ANTHONY**
Sun., Dec. 7 at 2:30 p.m.

Join us for a show of good, healthy laughs guaranteed to lift your spirits this holiday season. Glen Anthony has performed in Atlantic City and Las Vegas, and has appeared with Al Martino, Tom Jones, and Chubby Checker. You’ll love his all-American style and delight in his hilarious impersonations. Free; open to all. Bring a friend!

**YOGA 101 FOR BEGINNERS**
Tues., Dec. 9-30 and Jan. 6-27, 7 p.m.

Join instructor Augusta Berner, who will teach you 30 basic yoga poses over the course of this 8-week class. You will work on proper alignment, breathing and precision. If you want to learn yoga, this is the class for you! There is a $25 fee, payable at registration beginning Dec. 2 for South Huntington cardholders only.

**HOLIDAY FLOWER ARRANGING**
Wed., Dec. 10 at 7 p.m.

Lori Casella from Flowers Insolita is back to demonstrate how to make beautiful arrangements for winter holiday decorating and centerpieces for your holiday table. All welcome.

**NEW YORK’S ‘DOG WHISPERER’**
Thurs., Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

Several years ago Caesar Millan rocketed to fame and fortune with the National Geographic Channel’s most watched television show — The Dog Whisperer. New York has its own ‘Dog Whisperer,’ Jeff Kolbjørnsen, who is founder and owner of Elite Animal Trainers and has worked with the North Shore Animal League, Little Shelter and other rescue organizations. Jeff, who specializes in “deprogramming” difficult dogs, will be here to discuss dogs, obedience and training. Sponsored by the Science Club of Long Island.

**BOOK TALK DISCUSSION GROUP**
Tues., Dec. 16, 11:30 a.m.

Moderator Helen Harris will lead a discussion of Pearl by Mary Gordon. New participants and listeners are welcome. Feel free to bring a bag lunch or snack. Coffee will be served. Multiple copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk.

**HOME STUDY ORIENTATION**
Thurs., Dec. 4 at 6 p.m.

BOCES will present its GRASP/HELP program for those who want to earn their GED or learn English but cannot attend regular classes. Call BOCES to register: 631.667.6000, ext. 155.

**ESL INSTRUCTION**
Thurs., Dec. 4-18, 7 p.m.

Join retired teacher Eleanor Gallagher for these informal sessions where you can learn and practice English. Meet her on the lower level. If you require assistance but cannot attend these sessions, you can call Eleanor at 631.271.5171.

**MONDAY YOGA**
Jan. 5-26 & Feb. 2, 9 & 23, 11:15 a.m.

Instructor Rob LoDolce will lead you through poses and breathing techniques that will strengthen and relax you. There is a $22 fee; registration begins on Dec. 8 for South Huntington cardholders.

**BEGINNER TAI CHI/CHI GONG**
Tues., Jan. 6-27 and Feb. 3-24 at 10 a.m.

Join instructor Judi Hanson as she helps you learn and practice this ancient Chinese form of movement said to improve body, mind and health. There is a $30 fee, payable at registration beginning Dec. 9 for South Huntington cardholders.

**THURSDAY YOGA**
Jan. 8-29 and Feb. 5-26 at 11:15 a.m.

Instructor Rob LoDolce will lead these sessions. There is a $25 fee, payable at registration, which begins on Dec. 11 for South Huntington cardholders.

**AARP MATURE DRIVING**
Sat., Jan. 10 and 17, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

You must have a South Huntington library card and be at least 50 years old to take this two-part class. Register online, by phone or in person beginning Tues., Dec. 9. Bring a check for $10 made out to AARP and your driver’s license to class.

**ARE YOU REGISTERED?**

Registration is under way for Chef Charlie’s annual Holiday Desserts class on Monday, December 8 at 7 p.m. Seats are still available for the December 10 and 17 Defensive Driving class that meets at 7 p.m.

**ART EXHIBIT**

“Driven,” Oil paintings by Ellen Hallie Schiff, Dec. 13-Jan. 9; Opening reception: Sat., December 13, 2-4 p.m.

Award-winning figurative/expressionist artist Ellen Hallie Schiff became known for her striking paintings of lipssticks and high-heeled shoes — strongly colored microcrons of female sexuality. More recently, she has extended the conversation about female attraction to paintings that combine the figure with abstract elements. “In my work as an oil painter I explore the sense of power that results from exposing myself figuratively and literally on the canvas,” she says. Ellen is a native Long Islander whose work can be found in many private collections, and one of her paintings was featured on the cover of the October, 2008 issue of Canvas magazine. She has shown her work in numerous galleries on Long Island and this winter will have a solo show in California.

**SPECIAL EXHIBIT**

“A Mother’s Life 2008: A Nine-Month Study of Motherhood Through Photographs” Dec. 6-Jan. 2
Opening Reception, Sat., December 6, 2-4 p.m.

Join us for an extraordinary glimpse at the lives of local mothers through the lens of a camera. Twenty women from all walks of life have spent the past nine months chronicling their roles as mothers by completing monthly assignments. Each has chosen their favorite photograph to be displayed in the exhibit, which will be in the Community Room.

The project was the brainchild of workshop leader Cynthia Grimm, a professional photographer, who was interested in helping mothers in different types of family situations explore their identities. Under the sponsorship of the library, Cynthia applied for and was awarded a grant to support the project. Join us on December 6 from 2-4 p.m. and meet these interesting mothers from our community!

This project is made possible in part with public funds from the New York State Council on the Arts. In Suffolk County the Decentralization Program is administered by the Huntington Arts Council Inc.
December 1: The Stone Angel — Ninety-year-old Hagar Shipley resists her son’s efforts to put her in a nursing home — taking off to visit some youthful haunts and remember a life of boldness and courage. Ellen Burstyn, Ellen Page. R, 115 mins.

December 8: Get Smart — Maxwell Smart and Agent 99 are on the big screen as they battle the forces of KAOS and evil. Steve Carell, Anne Hathaway. PG-13, 110 mins.

December 15: The Christmas Cottage — Returning from college one Christmas, Thomas Kincaide finds his mother is about to lose the family cottage to foreclosure. He is inspired to paint a mural of his hometown, which launches his career and helps his neighbors rediscover the Christmas spirit. Marcia Gay Harden, Peter O’Toole, Ed Asner. PG, 96 mins.

December 22: Fred Claus — Fred Claus, who has long lived in his brother’s shadow, winds up in jail. Nicholas bails him out with the condition that Fred come to the North Pole to repay his debt. Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti, Rachel Weisz. PG, 116 mins.

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Young Adults
(Grade 6 and up)

FRIDAYS @ 7 P.M.

PIZZA AND A MOVIE
Friday, Dec. 12, 6 p.m.
The Chronicles of Narnia, Prince Caspian
“The Chronicles of Narnia“ siblings Peter, Susan, Edmund and Lucy join Prince Caspian and other friends, both new and old, as they help bring peace to the land of Narnia. (PG, 149 minutes) Meet your friends at the library for a great movie and pizza! Registration begins Dec. 5.

GAME NIGHT
Monday, Dec. 29, 7-8 p.m.
Join us in the Young Adult room for a relaxed hour of classic board games and Twister. Bring your friends!

YOUNG ADULT BOOK REVIEW
Evil Genius by Catherine Jinks
Evil Genius received a plethora of auspicious reviews ranging from “addicting” to “intense thriller.” In the novel, Cadel begins as a troubled, erratic kid often ostracized for his brains and antisocial behavior. As a result, Cadel takes a perverse pleasure in creating mischief, such as causing fellow students to fail exams and devising scam dating websites. As the story progresses, Cadel gradually matures as he understands the moral implications of his world domination studies and develops what he once lacked — a conscience. With his newfound empathy, Cadel finally views the world from a different perspective, something he never accomplished before in spite of his genius IQ. The story concludes with Cadel’s immortal words, “I guess I’m not so smart after all,” demonstrating the ultimate revelation that he still has so much to learn about people and most of all, himself. With intricate twists and turns in the plot, Evil Genius is a timeless book for science fiction fans. Reviewed by Kimberly, pictured here, who is a freshman at Walt Whitman High School.

LEARNING EXPRESS
LearningExpress Library is a comprehensive, interactive online learning platform of practice tests and tutorial courses designed to help students succeed on the academic or licensing tests they must pass. Some of the tests and courses included are AP exams, college entrance exams, and middle and high school skills building. This is a great resource for all. Check it out!

COOL SITES:
http://www.kerpoof.com
A multimedia website where you can create animated movies, cards, and digital storybooks to share with your friends and family.

http://www.teenreads.com
Teenreads is the place online for teens to talk about their fave books and find new titles.

WHAT’S NEW?
Check out our new fiction: Vampirates by Justin Somper The Tomorrow Code by Brian Faulkner Stravaganza: City of Secrets by Mary Hoffman Babylonne by Catherine Jinks The Letter Writer by Ann Rinaldi

Reminder:
There will be no Teen Advisory Board during the month of December. Our next meeting will be Jan. 20. Happy Holidays!

FOR TEENS ONLY:
AFTERNOONS @ THE MOVIES

Monday, December 22, 3 p.m.
Star Wars – The Clone Wars
Jedi Knights Anakin Skywalker and Obi-Wan Kenobi continue their journey across the galaxy amidst the Clone Wars, meeting up with familiar villains such as Count Dooku, General Grievous, and Asajj Ventress. (PG, 98 mins.)

Tuesday, December 30, 3 p.m.
The Mummy – Tomb of the Dragon Emperor
The Mummy franchise returns with an all-new epic adventure that races from ancient China to the perilous Himalayas. Ride along on a fun and thrilling quest to battle with a ruthless dragon emperor. (PG13, 112 mins.)

ACTION FLICK FEST
FRIDAYS @ 7 P.M.

December 5: The Incredible Hulk — Bruce Banner is scouring the globe looking for a cure for his affliction, but the warmongers who want to take advantage of his powers won’t leave him alone. Edward Norton, Liv Tyler, William Hurt. PG-13, 113 mins.

December 12: Kung Fu Panda — Po is a clumsy panda who dreams of joining the world of martial arts when suddenly he finds himself in training to be the next Dragon Master. Jack Black, Angelina Jolie, Ian McShane. PG, 88 mins.

December 19: Hancock — A superhero who ignores the collateral damage he creates while saving people finds his image being changed by a public relations executive in return for saving the executive’s life. Will Smith, Charlize Theron. PG-13, 92 mins.

December 26: Journey to the Center of the Earth — On a quest to find out what happened to his missing brother, a scientist, his nephew and their mountain guide discover a fantastic and dangerous lost world in the center of the earth. Brendan Fraser, Josh Hutcherson. PG, 92 mins.

MONDAY MOVIES
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CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT

MOTHERS' CENTER
Thurs., Dec. 4-18, 7-8:30 p.m.
Please join us for the December session of the Mothers' Center where we are filling ourselves up with "no calorie" food discussions! On Dec. 4th, a food consultant will present her unique tools and tips — don't miss out on your chance to win an exciting prize! For the remainder of our sessions we will continue to share recipes and learn how to prep food so that holiday meals will be a success. We hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S CONCERT
Fri., Dec. 5, 10:15 a.m.
Enjoy beautiful holiday music performed by the Island Senior Strings Orchestra! All welcome!

DROP-IN PLAY
Fridays, Dec. 5 & 26, 10:30-3 p.m.
Friday, Dec. 12, 1-3 p.m.
Monday, Dec. 15, 7-8 p.m.
Get out of the house and meet other parents and kids. Have fun playing and talking together. It's a great way to meet other families in our community. Stay for as long as you like.

STORIES ON SATURDAYS
Dec. 6-27, 11-11:30 a.m., Ages 3-6
Join one of our children's librarians for a half-hour of stories to kick off your weekend.

BEDTIME STORIES
Tues., Dec. 9 & 23, 7-7:30 p.m.,
Join one of our librarians for a half-hour of stories that are perfect for sending you off to sleep. Come in your favorite PJ's and bring a cuddly friend.

CRAFTING WITH JOANNE: Reindeer Candy Holder
Wed., Dec. 10, 4:30-5:30 p.m.,
grades 1-5
Music and reindeer candy holder using foam core. Make it the most colorful reindeer ever with marker, a pom pom nose and candy cane antlers. Registration begins Dec. 4.

SNOWFLAKE BENTLEY
Fri., Dec. 12, 10:45-11:30 a.m.,
ages 3-5
Come see what snow looks like and how each snowflake is different. Read Snowflake Bentley, listen! To snowflakes music and hide under the snow canopy. Wave snowflakes and dance down like a snowflake. Play at the various snow centers. Finally, make your own beautiful snowflake craft to take home with you! Grow-ups are asked to stay with their children. Register Dec. 5.

PLAYHOORAY: BABY & ME
(formerly Musical Moppets Babies)
Sat., Dec. 13, 9:30-10,
ages 6-17 mos.
Music and fun for your little one! Come sing, dance and PlayHoory with your baby! This 30-minute program is a lively introduction to nursery rhymes, books, music and movement. Register Dec. 6.

PLAYHOORAY: TODDLER & ME
(formerly Musical Moppets)
Sat., Dec. 13, 10:15-11 a.m.,
ages 18 mos.-5 yrs.
Music and fun for your little one! Come sing, dance and PlayHoory with your toddler/preschooler. This 45-minute themed program will get you up and moving with nursery rhymes, books, music, dancing, parades and more! Register Dec. 6.

SNOW MAN DAY!
Fri., Dec. 19, 11-12 p.m., ages 2
1/2-5 yrs.
Enjoy a cute story along with interactive play, songs and crafting! Register Dec. 10.

MOMMY/DADDY AND ME: SNOWMAN SHOVEL
Fri., Dec. 19, 3-4 p.m., 3-5 yrs.
Decorate a small shovel with a winter theme. Cute to hang and display! Registration begins Dec. 8.

HOLIDAY SERVING DISH CRAFT
Fri., Dec. 19, 4:30-5:30 p.m.,
grades 3-5
Decoupage a glass dinner plate with specialty papers, stickers and gold or silver paint on the rim. Perfect to give as a gift or use for holiday goodies. Register Dec. 8.

PICTURE BOOK TIME
Wed., Dec. 24, 4-5 p.m.,
ages 3-5 yrs.
Our children's librarians have some winter stories and make a cute related craft. Children registered for this program should be able to participate independently. Register Dec. 16.

ITALY'S BISY BOY
Sat., Dec. 27, 10:15-11:15 a.m.,
ages birth-12 mos.
Help promote parent and baby bonding with some relaxing techniques. Please bring a small blanket and teething toy. Register Dec. 13.

CALENDAR STORYCRAFT
Mon., Dec. 29, 4:15-5 p.m.,
grades K-2
Join one of our children's librarians and celebrate the coming New Year with fun stories and a cute calendar craft! Register Dec. 15.

KIDS AND TEENS TOGETHER
Tues., Dec. 30, 7-7:45 p.m., 3-6 yrs.
Together with the library's Teen Advisory Board your child will listen to some winter stories and make a cute related craft. Children registered for this program should be able to participate independently. Register Dec. 16.

WINTER CRAFTS
Dec. 8.
See what you can create out of paper, foam and other materials! Register Dec. 8.

FAMILY BAKING NIGHT!
Tues., Dec. 16, 7-9 p.m.
Get into the holiday spirit! Each family, of up to four, will enjoy creating a fabulous gingerbread house with The Baking Coach. Each family will assemble and decorate a pre-baked gingerbread house. All icing and candy decorations are included. Have fun and design the perfect candy house for the holidays! Register Dec. 5. (not recommended for children under 2.)

TOTS' NIGHT OUT:
Bird Puppet Craft
Wed., Dec. 17, 7-8 p.m.,
age 18 mos.-5 yrs.
Parent and child will enjoy an hour of interactive fun together playing, singing, and crafting. No siblings please. Registration begins Dec. 8.

REINDEER CANDY HOLDER
Mon., Dec. 29, 4:15-5 p.m.,
ages 3-5
A lonely waste reindeer ever with marker, a foam core. Make it the most colorful reindeer ever with marker, a pom pom nose and candy cane antlers. Registration begins Dec. 4.

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VACATION BINGO!
Tues., Dec. 23, 4:15-5 p.m.,
grades 3-5
Join one of our children's librarians for a fun game of bingo! Register Dec. 9.

NURSERY SCHOOL FAIR
Monday, Jan. 5, 7-8:30 p.m.
Parents of toddlers and preschoolers are invited to meet representatives from local preschools and gather information about their programs. No registration is necessary.

KIDFLICKS
Children under age 11 must be accompanied by an adult.

Sat., Dec. 6, 2 p.m.
Kung Fu Panda
Po is a clumsy panda who dreams of joining the world of martial arts. When he is trained by his idols, will he fail...or become an unlikely hero? (PG, 88 mins.)

Mon., Dec. 22, 1 p.m.
Wall-E
A lonely waste management robot with only a cockroach for a friend finds true love with another robot sent on a mission to Earth to see if it is safe for human life. (G, 98 mins.)

Tues., Dec. 30, 1 p.m.
Fly Me to the Moon
Young housefly Nat is looking for adventure and hatches a plan to jet into outer space with his two best friends, I.Q. and Scooter. In their homemade space suits, they take a wild ride aboard Apollo 11 all the way to the moon. (G, 89 mins.)

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