

# NORTH SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY



BI-MONTHLY CALENDARS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LIBRARY FOR PICKUP

July / August 2026

## ART EXHIBITION

### Modern Quilts Bursting with Inspiration and Color

This vibrant quilt exhibition features local stitchers, who create beauty in fiber art. The artists have designed a variety of stunning quilts, drawing upon their personal inspiration and skill. This display includes quilts created by members of the Long Island Modern Quilt Guild.

**In the Glass Display Case:** Dog Portraits by Alan Meschkow

**Artist Reception** Saturday, August 15, 1:30 – 3:30 PM

The Friends of the Library invite you to enjoy refreshments, a quilt presentation and meet the quilters.



### SPICE OF THE MONTH

Starting on the first of the month, visit the Library to pick up a spice packet including a recipe, spice history, and a sample of the spice (while supplies last).

July – Vanilla Bean August – Za'atar



### IN THE LOBBY: Brookhaven Town Clerk

Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 AM – 2:30 PM

The Brookhaven Town Clerk will be on hand to assist you in getting the process started for birth, marriage, or death certificates, parking permits, or permits for special events. **No passes or certificates will be issued at this event.**

## CONCERTS

LIVE!

Registration is suggested.  
Please include email.

### Shiloh: Touch the Sky

Thursday, July 9, 7:00 PM

This piano and cello duo will perform musical styles exploring musical tones and textures. Listen to the timeless strains of Misty to the fun Mission Impossible theme. Genres include traditional music, jazz, pop, country, and rock and roll.



### East End Trio: celebrates their 20th year!

Thursday, August 13, 7:00 PM

Blending songs from the '60s, '70s, '80s, '90s, and 2000s with trivia and nostalgia, the trio delivers an engaging evening for all music lovers.

### Sound Meditations

Relax the body to a restorative calming experience within.

### Sound Bath with Susan Ferro

Thursday, July 23, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

### Sound Healing and Guided Meditation with Donna Nesteruk

Wednesday, August 19, 7:00 – 8:15 PM



### NY Vendettas

Thursday, July 30, 7:00 PM

Dance to some of your favorite songs from artists like Elvis, Johnny Cash, Carl Perkins, and Eddie Cochran as well as contemporary artists like Stray Cats and Bruce Springsteen.

### Nina Et Cetera - "Hotter than a Pepper Sprout: America's Music"

Wednesday, August 5, 7:00 PM

Join Nina and Tim on a journey of traditional American music including music by Johnny Cash, Elvis, The Carter Family, Leadbelly, and more.



## SUFFOLK COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER TOUR



Visit public libraries all around Suffolk County from 7/1 – 8/31 and earn chances to win prizes the more libraries you visit!

Please look to the back page for more details!

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY TOY DRIVE JULY 1-JULY 27

In collaboration with the Town of Brookhaven Youth Bureau, the Library will be collecting **NEW** and **UNWRAPPED** toys. Donations are for children ages 6 months to 15 years. Get a head start on your holiday spirit! Drop off toys in the bin located in the Children's Department.

**The Suffolk 250 Passport Book** tour guide invites families and history lovers to explore Long Island's Revolutionary War sites and museums throughout 2026. Collect stamps along the way and celebrate America's 250th anniversary. **Available for purchase at the Circulation Desk for \$10** (while supplies last!).

### Library Trustees:

William Schiavo, President  
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Charlotte Karpf-Fritts, Trustee  
Chester Hertling, Trustee

**Library Director:** Laura Hawrey  
**Assistant Director:** Christian Kunze  
**Treasurer:** Nicholas Ameneiros

### Hours of Service

Monday-Thursday 9:30 AM-9 PM  
Friday 9:30 AM-5 PM • Saturday 9:30 AM-5 PM  
Sunday 12-4 PM  
(October 18, 2026 to April 25, 2027)

Check the calendar or library website for change of hours or additional closings. Outside return box available.

### Library Website:

<https://northshorepubliclibrary.org>

Telephone: 631-929-4488

**Board Meeting Dates: Tuesdays, July 28 & August 25 at 5:00 PM**

## DATES TO REMEMBER!

The Library is closed on Sundays and will reopen on Sunday, October 18.

Saturday, July 4 – Closed (Holiday)

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO COMMUNITY MEETING ROOM USE FOR THE MONTHS OF JULY AND AUGUST.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Use our Self-Checkout located conveniently in the Children's Room to checkout items!

**Registration is required for all programs, unless otherwise noted.** Registration for July programs begins Wednesday, July 1 at 9:30 AM. Registration for August programs begins Saturday, August 1 at 9:30 AM. Child's age/grade MUST be entered in the note field in order to confirm registration. **Children in Grades Kindergarten and up must be registered with their own North Shore Public Library card. Each library card only reserves one spot per program and programs are for children with NSPL cards only.** You can register online, in-person, or by phone. **Online registration is recommended.**

**\*\* For more information and full descriptions of any of the following programs, please go to our website!**

## ANNUAL SUMMER READING CLUB: UNEARTH A STORY

**For Children Ages 3 Years to Entering Grade 5**

Registration begins  
Friday, June 26

Earn prizes beginning

Monday, July 6 – Friday, August 28

Register online at <http://northshorepubliclibrary.org>, in-person, or by phone. Game Boards filled with all your summer reading challenges will be available to pick up in-person or print out a copy online. Every time you earn a prize level, visit the library to pick up your prize. Complete the whole game board and earn a raffle ticket for a chance to win one of our special prizes at the end of the summer.

### Special Book Sale Event

Thursday, August 20, 4:00 – 6:00 PM

When kids hit level 4 of the Summer Reading Club Challenge, they will be given a coupon to pick out a free book in our Book Sale Room. Stop in during this special event just for our summer reading club participants!

### Kids Bookmark Contest!

Monday, June 29 – Friday, July 31

Help kickoff our Summer by being part of our Bookmark Contest! Children Ages 3 years to entering Grade 5 are invited to design their own bookmarks. The winning bookmarks will be printed and distributed throughout the library for patrons to take home. All bookmark entries will be displayed in the Children's Department to view. Visit the Children's Department for Official Entry Form and Bookmark Template beginning **Monday, June 29.**

# UNEARTH A STORY™

# READ!

### Digging for Dinosaurs Scavenger Hunt!

Wednesday, July 1 – Friday, July 31

To kick off our Summer Reading Club, look for the dinosaur hiding in a new place in the Children's Department each day! Find him when you visit and fill out a raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize. One entry per child, per day.



Do you love graphic novels and comic books? Check out our brand-new online resource Comics Plus available from our website! Books are always available and ready to borrow and there are hundreds to choose from.

**STEAM Station** Stop in to visit this corner full of challenging and fun activities. Choose from problem-solving building kits, coding games, rainbow loom crafting, friendship bracelets, and more!

## 1000 Books Before Kindergarten

We encourage all parents of preschool children to join this exciting reading incentive! Stop by the Children's Department to sign up and get your first bookmark to help you keep track of what you read together. Complete each bookmark and earn a book to add to your own collection. Learn more online at: <https://northshorepubliclibrary.org/1000-books-before-kindergarten/>



## 500 Books Before Middle School

Keep on reading! Join our exciting new incentive for children in Grades K-5! From kindergarten through fifth grade, kids will set a goal to read 500 books before beginning middle school. Stop by the Children's Department to sign up and get your tracking log and lanyard. Earn a brag tag to add to your lanyard for every 50 books you read. When you register, you will earn a coupon for a FREE BOOK from our book sale room. Learn more online at: <https://northshorepubliclibrary.org/500-books-before-middle-school/>



## YOUNG Artists OF THE MONTH

July: Benjamin and Scarlett Logan

August: Koda and Nathan Borger



### MUSEUM PASSES

The summer is an ideal time to plan a visit to one of the many local museums included in our Museum Pass Program. Visit our website or call the library for more information.



**CHILDREN'S PLAY SPACE** Children enjoy this safe and fun room where free play is encouraged. You will find puzzles, puppets, magnetic toys, building blocks, and more. We also have tablets and a touch tables to play with. Perfect for a break from the heat or during a rainy summer's day.

## DISCOUNT TICKETS & CODES



Purchase discounted admission tickets at the Circulation Desk for **Adventure Park, Adventureland, Bronx Zoo, and the Long Island Aquarium.** The library also offers discount codes for CRESLI Whale Watching, The Gateway Playhouse, Theater Three, The Suffolk, and Spish Splash! Call the library or visit our website for more information.

Registration for July programs begins 7/1,  
for August programs 8/1.

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

## In-Person Programming

**REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED - Children in Kindergarten and up attend programs independently unless otherwise noted and must be registered using their own North Shore Public Library card.** Programs are listed by age/grade level and then date.

**\*\* Late Arrival Guidelines: A grace period of 10 minutes will be given to patrons attending a program. Admittance after this time is at the discretion of the library staff or programmer.**

## CELEBRATE AMERICA'S 250TH BIRTHDAY!

Visit us at the library for special coloring sheets, sensory bins, and games,  
**Monday, June 29 – Saturday, July 11.**

**Red, White, and Blue Bingo,** Ages 3 years-Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
Thursday, July 2, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM **OR** 6:00 – 6:45 PM  
Celebrate America's Birthday with our special Bingo party where everyone is a winner!

**Grand Old Musical Flag Adventure,** Pre-K, Ages 4 years-Entering Grade 2  
Thursday, July 9, 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
Please note children will attend this program independently. This interactive program will have children singing, moving, and making joyful music inspired by this classic patriotic tune. Kids will perform a marching band style rendition complete with tambourines for families at the end of class!



**Hooked on Crochet Drop-In,** Entering Grades 3-5  
Tuesday, July 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM & Monday, August 24, 6:00 – 7:00 PM  
No registration required. Visit us in the Children's Room to practice your crocheting skills with friends and ask for tips from Miss Rachel. We'll provide materials, or bring your own. **Please have a basic knowledge of crocheting as this will be a self-guided drop-in program.**

## CRAFTY KIDS

**For Children ages 3 years to entering Kindergarten**

with a parent/caregiver  
Tuesdays, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Registration for July 14 begins Wednesday, July 1. All other registrations begin one week prior to program date. Listen to stories, make a fun themed craft, and watch a short movie!

- July 14: Adventures in Rock Painting
- July 21: Sunny Days
- July 28: Underwater Creatures
- August 4: Dinosaur Decorating
- August 11: Going to the Zoo

**For Children Entering Grades 1-3**

Tuesdays, 1:15 – 2:00 PM  
Must register for each session individually.  
Registration for July programs begins on Wednesday, July 1. Registration for August programs begins on Saturday, August 1.  
Get crafting with Miss Nicole!

- July 14: Happy Birthday, America!
- July 28: DIY Wooden Racecars
- August 11: Watermelon Mason Jars
- August 25: Back to School Pencil Pouch



**Read to a Therapy Dog,** Grades K-5  
Tuesdays, July 14, 21, 28, August 4, & 11, 12:00 – 1:30 PM  
Wednesday, August 19, 4:00 – 6:00 PM  
Register for a 15-minute session to read aloud to a real therapy dog.

## STORYTIMES & BOOKTALKS

Register for each session separately.

**Family Dino Stomp,**  
All Ages up to Grade 5 with an adult  
Tuesday, July 7, 6:00 – 6:45 PM  
Bring the whole family to our special dinosaur themed storytime!



**Oceans of Fun Family Storytime,** All Ages up to Grade 5 with an adult  
Tuesday, August 18, 6:00 – 6:45 PM  
Join us as we sing songs, read stories, and explore the deep blue sea.

## ICE CREAM SUNDAE BOOKTALKS

Entering Grades 3-5 with a parent/caregiver

Join us for an Adults vs. Kids booktalk! Read the book together, then compete in our trivia game segment to win prizes. Enjoy a simple craft activity, and DIY ice cream sundae bar. The whole family is invited! Register and pick up your book in the Children's Department for one or both of these exciting booktalk programs:

- Spy Ring by Sarah Beth Durst** Friday, July 24, 3:00 – 4:00 PM
- Lions and Liars by Kate Beasley** Friday, August 14, 3:00 – 4:00 PM

# CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CHECK OUT A THEMED SET OF 4 MOVIES WITH A PACKAGE OF POPCORN TO HELP PREPARE FOR YOUR FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT!



## SUMMER PROGRAMS FOR INFANTS AND TODDLERS



Registration for July programs begin 7/1, for August programs 8/1. **Cardholders must register for each program session separately.**

**Babies Boogie**, Birth-17 months with a parent/caregiver  
Fridays, July 10 & August 7, 10:15 – 11:00 AM

**Tiny Songbirds**, Birth-17 months with an adult  
Mondays, July 27 & August 17, 10:15 – 11:00 AM  
Join us for a morning jam-packed with instrument experimentation, movement, dance, storytime, and more!

**Sing, Read, & Play**, Birth-17 months with an adult  
Monday, July 20 & Thursday, August 13, 10:15 – 11:00 AM  
Sing songs, tell stories, and have fun playing with friends!

**Baby Start**, Birth-17 months with an adult  
Fridays, July 24 & August 21, 10:30 – 11:00 AM  
Adults and babies will bond in this interactive program that includes music, movement, fine and gross motor skills, and a circle time!

**Sensory Play**, Birth-pre-walkers with an adult  
Wednesday, August 19, 10:15 – 11:00 AM  
Infants will enjoy manipulating toys that are designed specifically to encourage sensory exploration.

**Read and Rhyme Wiggle Time**,  
Ages 12-35 months with an adult  
Mondays, July 6 & August 3, 10:15 – 11:00 AM

**Toddler Time**, Ages 12-35 months with an adult  
Thursday, July 16 & Wednesday, August 26, 10:15 – 11:30 AM

**Dinosaur Stomp**, Ages 18-35 months with an adult  
Friday, July 24, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Get roaring like a dinosaur in this fun movement and music class!

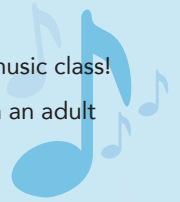
**Toddlers Tango**, Ages 18 months-Pre-K, 4 years with an adult  
Fridays, July 10 & August 7, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM

**Tiny Songbirds**, Ages 18-35 months with an adult  
Mondays, July 27 & August 17, 11:30 AM – 12:15 PM  
Join us for a morning jam-packed with instrument experimentation, movement, dance, storytime, and more!

**Unearth a Story Dance-Along**, Ages 18-35 months with an adult  
Friday, July 31, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Kids will explore dance moves that turn them into dancing dinosaurs!

**Li'l Athletes: Soccer/Basketball**, Ages 20-35 months with an adult  
Thursday, July 23, 10:15 – 11:00 AM  
Kids and parents will learn about the fundamentals of soccer and basketball.

**Li'l Athletes: Hockey**, Ages 20-35 months with an adult  
Wednesday, August 12, 10:15 – 11:00 AM  
Hockey Shots teaches the basic fundamentals of Hockey.



## PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Programs listed below are for Pre-K, Ages 3 years- Entering Kindergarten with an adult

**Bubble Party**  
Monday, July 13, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Join us for bubble making, chasing, popping, and of course, DANCING! Dress for a mess. This program will take place outside, so plan accordingly!

**Li'l Athletes: Soccer/Basketball**  
Thursday, July 23, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Kids and parents will learn about the fundamentals of soccer and basketball.

**Story Yoga**  
Thursday, July 30, 10:00 – 11:00 AM  
An interactive yoga class where children become explorers through movement, storytelling, and imagination.

**Unearth a Story Dance Class**  
Friday, July 31, 1:15 – 2:00 PM  
Kids will explore dance moves that turn them into dancing dinosaurs!

**Stories & Stretches**  
Wednesday, August 5, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Kids will move their bodies by doing exercises that help bring stories to life!

**Li'l Athletes: Hockey**  
Wednesday, August 12, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM  
Hockey Shots teaches the basic fundamentals of Hockey.



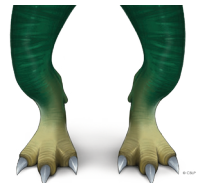
## PROGRAMS FOR ENTERING GRADES K-5

**Digging for Dinos**, Entering Grades 1-3  
Friday, July 17, 2:00 – 2:45 PM  
Decorate your own wooden dinosaur holder.



**Story Yoga Adventure Quest**, Entering Grades 1-3  
Thursday, July 30, 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM  
This class blends yoga poses, games, and mindful breathing.

**Unearth a Story Dance**,  
Entering Grades 1-5  
Friday, July 31, 2:15 – 3:00 PM  
Classes focus on introductory choreography skills. Students will learn structured methods for developing original dance by translating familiar themes into movement, with an emphasis on creativity, and storytelling.



**Wonderful Wizards**, Entering Grades 1-3  
Wednesday, August 5, 2:00 – 2:45 PM  
Turn yourself into a magical wizard by listening to stories and creating your own wizard craft.

**Dinosaur Sugar Cookies**,  
Entering Grades 1-5  
Thursday, August 13, 6:00 – 7:00 PM



**Dino Dirt Cups**, Entering Grades 3-5  
Monday, July 6, 6:00 – 6:45 PM

## PROGRAMS FOR ENTERING GRADES K-5 CONTINUED

**Summerween Party,** Entering Grades 3-5  
*Thursday, July 9, 3:00 – 4:00 PM*  
A mash-up of summer and Halloween – join us for a fun Summerween party filled with crafts, games, and treats. Costumes are encouraged!

### **Build Your Own Dragon,**

Entering Grades 3-5  
*Tuesday, July 14,  
5:30 – 6:30 PM*

Choose between a variety of different styles and colors to design your very own 3D dragon.



### **Jurassic Journey Escape Room,**

Entering Grades 3-5  
*Thursday, July 16, 3:00 – 3:30 PM,  
3:30 – 4:00 PM, 4:00 – 4:30 PM, OR  
4:30 – 5:00 PM*

**Register for a 30-minute session.** Race against the clock to find the lost dinosaur eggs before the T-Rex catches you!

### **Animal Buddies Diamond**

**Art,** Entering Grades 3-5  
*Wednesday, July 29,  
11:00 – 11:45 AM*

Create your own sparkling diamond art with gemstones.



### **Junk Journaling Yoga,** Entering Grades 3-5 *Monday, August 3, 1:00 – 2:00 PM*

A creative mindfulness class combining gentle yoga, reflection, and art. Children will move their bodies, then create their own “junk journal” using recycled and mixed materials, encouraging self-expression, creativity, and calm.

### **Disney Villains Escape Room,**

Entering Grades 3-5  
*Thursday, August 6, 3:00 – 3:30 PM,  
3:30 – 4:00 PM, 4:00 – 4:30 PM, 4:30 – 5:00 PM*  
**Register for a 30-minute session.** Outsmart your favorite Disney villains, solve their wicked puzzles, and escape before they unleash their evil plans!

### **3D Dino Canvas,**

Entering Grades 3-5  
*Monday, August 10,  
11:15 AM – 12:00 PM*

Get ready to bring a dinosaur to life! Kids will paint and decorate a 3D dino canvas using paint, leaves, mini bones, and more. Dress for a mess!



### **Junior Dungeons & Dragons Explorers,** Entering Grades 3-5

*Monday, August 17,  
6:00 – 7:15 PM OR 7:15 – 8:30 PM*  
Learn the basics of Dungeons & Dragons and tabletop roleplay gaming in this exciting adventure into the mystical depths of the ancient water dragon's lair! Beginners welcome!

### **Tie-Dye T-Shirts,** Entering Grades 3-5 *Thursday, August 27, 11:15 AM – 12:00 PM*

Bring your own white item to tie-dye, or pick from a variety of materials at the Library. Choose your colors and make your own funky design.

## SPECIAL FAMILY PROGRAMS

### **The Ms. Rachel Experience,**

Birth-Entering K with an adult  
*Saturday, July 18,  
10:00 – 10:45 AM*

The Ms. Rachel Experience is a fun, interactive program that includes music, stories, and bubbles for little ones!



### **Campout at the Library,**

All Ages up to Grade 5 with an adult  
*Wednesday, July 22, 7:00 – 8:00 PM*  
Go camping in the Children's Room! Once you have your tent completed, we invite you to create a cool craft and curl up with a book in your special space! A classic campout treat will be served!

### **Foam Party & Chalk Art Festival!,**

All Ages with an adult  
*Thursday, July 30, 5:00 – 8:00 PM*  
**Register separately for these exciting programs.** Join us for these programs and an exciting night at the Library! Take part in our annual Chalk Art Festival and help transform the Library grounds into a colorful outdoor gallery filled with creativity and community fun. Families can also **register** to be a part of our very first **Foam Party**, taking place **6:00-7:00 PM!** Get ready for a foam-filled blast at our upcoming Foam Party! Kids of all ages can jump, play, and cool off in mountains of foam, complete with music and plenty of fun. **Don't forget to wear clothes that can get wet and bring a towel! Due to space restrictions, each child must be registered for the Foam Party in order to attend.**

### **Brick Buddies Free Play,**

All Ages up to Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Monday, August 10, 11:00 AM – 12:30 PM*  
**No registration required.** A special open play LEGO program! Bring the whole family to build with traditional LEGOs, Duplo blocks for littles, and even some construction blocks to play with.



### **Prehistoric Adventures,** All Ages up to Grade 5 with an adult

*Friday, August 14, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
and Saturday, August 15,  
10:00 AM – 12:00 PM*  
**Due to limited supplies, registration is suggested.** Drop-in any time to join us in becoming paleontologists! Explore sensory stations, create your own fossils, do a dinosaur dig, and more!



### **Tots Night Out,** Ages 18 months-

Entering K with an adult  
*Wednesday, July 15 and  
Tuesday, August 4, 6:00 – 7:00 PM*

### **Board Game Family Fun Drop-In,**

Ages 3 years-Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Saturday, July 11, 1:00 – 3:00 PM*  
**No registration required.** Get your game on at the library! Bring your friends and family and face off playing classic board games.

### **Family LEGO Day,** Ages 3 years-

Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Monday, July 27, 6:00 – 7:00 PM*  
Families will work together to make their own creations or everyone can build individually.

### **Family Yoga,** Ages 3 years-

Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Wednesday, August 12, 6:00 – 7:00 PM*  
A playful and bonding yoga experience.

### **Family Slime Time,** Ages 3 years-

Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Wednesday, August 19,  
3:00 – 3:45 PM OR 5:00 – 5:45 PM*  
Make a magical slime called oobleck!

### **Petra Puppets Presents:**

**Fossil Funhouse,** Ages 3 years-  
Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Thursday, August 20, 6:00 – 7:00 PM*  
Why do Pterodactyls love raviolis? What's the number one tune on Prehistoric Clam Radio? How can you stop a Sneezeasaurus from sneezing? Kids uncover the answers, with a cast of goofy dinosaurs, funny fossils, and mysterious hidden raviolis.

### **Dinosaurs Rock!,** Pre-K, Ages

4 years-Entering Grade 5 with an adult  
*Monday, July 20, 2:00 – 2:45 PM*  
See and touch real dinosaur fossils while learning from a DINOSAURS ROCK expert! Kids will get to dig for and take home a REAL fossil!

### **Nick the Balloonatic,**

Entering Grades K-5 with an adult  
*Wednesday, July 8, 2:00 – 2:45 PM*  
Prepare to be amazed by Nick the Balloonatic and his balloon sculpting!



### **Speed Puzzling,** Entering Grades K-5 with an adult

*Friday, August 7, 3:00 – 4:00 PM*  
Work together as a family to build a puzzle and see who is the winner of our speed puzzling program.

Registration (in-person, by phone, or online) for July programs begins 7/1, August programs 8/1. For more information and full descriptions of any of the following programs, please go to our website!

## UNEARTH A STORY: Summer Reading Club

From Monday 6/22 to Saturday 8/22, earn a raffle entry and a bead to build your very own keychain for every book you read and review. Registration begins on 6/1. Registration bags and review slips will be available for pick-up. Find more information about prizes and book reviews on our website, or our teen Instagram, @nsplibaryteens.



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS 2026

Tuesdays, June 9 – August 4  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Final Battle: Friday, August 7,  
4:30 – 9:00 PM

Battle of the Books is back this year!



Join us as we read six books this summer and prepare for a giant trivia game against other libraries in Suffolk County! This program is for teens entering grades 6-9 in Fall 2026.



Follow our YA Instagram account @nsplibaryteens for the latest news, programs, and book lists.

From Monday 6/22 to Saturday 8/22 earn a raffle entry and a bead to build your very own keychain for every book you read and review. Registration begins on 6/1, and registration bags and review slips will be available for pick-up. Find more information about prizes and book reviews on our website, or our teen Instagram, @nsplibaryteens.

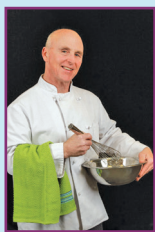
## COOKING WITH CHEF ROB SCOTT

Restaurant Style  
Salsa and Chips

Wednesday, July 8,  
6:30 – 7:30 PM

Sunshine Lemon Muffins

Wednesday, August 12, 2:00 – 3:00 PM



## JULY

### Americana Planters

Monday, July 6, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Celebrate America's birthday with DIY planters that we will plant real plants in when we are finished! Registration begins 6/22.

### Jurassic Park Escape Room

Thursday, July 16, 6:00 – 6:30 PM, 6:30 – 7:00 PM, 7:00 – 7:30 PM,  
OR 7:30 – 8:00 PM

Outsmart loose dinosaurs and failing park systems before the island's chaos traps you for good! Teens are permitted to sign up for one session.

### Unearth a Story: King Tut in Colored Pencil

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Using colored pencils, gold markers, and step-by-step direction, we will draw and color a detailed portrait inspired by King Tut's iconic burial mask.



### Blindfolded Candy Tasting Contest: Red, White or Blue?

Monday, July 27, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Guess the different flavors of colorful red, white, and blue candies to win prizes! Food programs may contain allergens.

## Chalk Art Festival

Thursday, July 30, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Join us for an evening where you can let the pavement be your canvas. Create beautiful works of art that express your individuality with street chalk. Registration is suggested.



### Chess Club

Wednesdays, July 29, August 5, & 12, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Sharpen your chess skills with Long Island Chess Nuts! Our instructor will teach key tactics and strategies before giving students the opportunity to challenge him to a game of Chess! Beginner and experienced players are welcome.



# AUGUST

## KPOP Shrinky-Dinks

Monday, August 3, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Using an assortment of KPOP images, create your own jewelry or keychain using shrinky-dink paper.

Registration begins 7/20.



## Murder Mystery Night

Thursday, August 6, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

In three rounds, gather clues, interview suspects, and solve a crime before the culprit escapes!

Registration begins 7/20.

## Book Bedazzling

Friday, August 14, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

Bedazzle one of your favorite books with rhinestones! Please bring a book to the program. Some books will be provided.



## Unearth a Story: Keith Haring

Wednesday, August 19, 6:30 – 7:45 PM

Explore the bold and vibrant world of Keith Haring, one of New York City's most influential artists of the 1980s. Step-by-step, you will create your own version of these lively figures, focusing on movement, repetition, and strong outlines while using Haring's signature bright palette of red, orange, yellow, green, and blue.

## Basic Sewing

Tuesday, August 25, 12:00 – 1:30 PM

Learn the basics of sewing while creating a bookmark or mini plushie.

## Clay Dino

Wednesday, August 26, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Using polymer clay, we will create our very own mini dinos.



# COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES



## Hooked-on-Crochet

Earn one hour of community service and help run a crochet program with the Children's Department.

**To volunteer, you must know how to crochet the single stitch, or sign up for a training session.**

**Training:** Friday, July 10, 10:00 – 11:00 AM

**Volunteer Class:** Tuesday, July 21, 2:00 – 3:00 PM

**Training:** Tuesday, August 11, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

**Volunteer Class:** Monday, August 24, 6:00 – 7:00 PM

## Community Service: Patriotic Police Totes

Monday, July 13, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Earn one hour of community service and create a thoughtful patriotic-themed tote bag for the Stony Brook Police Department to brighten their day.

## Chalk Art Festival Volunteers

Thursday, July 30, 5:00 – 8:00 PM

Earn 3 hours of community service as you help Librarians with our annual chalk art festival.



## Community Service:

### Dino-mite Onesies for Babies in Need

Monday, August 17, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Earn one hour of community service and create a dinosaur-themed onesie for babies in need.

## Teen Book Reviews – 3 Hours

Review up to two books a month from the YA Room. Submit through a Google Form on our website.

## Kindness Rocks – 1 Hour

Create three kindness rocks to place around the community! Email a picture of them to [mparsons@northshorepubliclibrary.org](mailto:mparsons@northshorepubliclibrary.org)!



## NSPL Recycling Challenge – 1 Hour

Earn an hour for every 40 items you recycle at a local supermarket/recycling facility! Photo proof of your receipt required. Submit through a Jotform on our website.

## Community Cleanup – 2 Hours

Check out one of our kits stocked with the items you need to safely pick up litter around the community and surrounding areas. Use the provided trash bag, take before & after pictures, and email them to [mparsons@northshorepubliclibrary.org](mailto:mparsons@northshorepubliclibrary.org)! Kits must be checked out on an NSPL library card.

## Balloon Recycling – 1 Hour

Drop off all deflated latex, foil, mylar, or water balloon pieces and balloon accessories in the balloon bin in the lobby. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to show proof of recycling, and to fill out a form to receive community service. 1 hour will be awarded for every quart-sized Ziploc bag dropped off.

## Cards for Veterans – 1 Hour

Earn an hour for every 5 cards you make for veterans under the care of Good Shepherd Hospice in Port Jefferson. Stop by the Adult Reference Desk to drop off your cards and fill out a form for community service. **To earn community service, the cards must follow the guidelines listed on our website.**

## Children's Programs

Our Children's Department is looking for volunteers to help with their summer programs! Visit the Adult Reference Desk to register in-person. Limit of two programs per teen.

**In-person registration begins 6/22.**

**Visit the community service page on our website for submission limits/requirements to earn credit!**

# ADULT PROGRAMS

**\*\*Late Arrival Guidelines: A grace period of 10 minutes will be given to patrons attending a program. Admittance after this time is at the discretion of the library staff or programmer.**

Unless otherwise noted, July in-person/phone registration begins 7/1 for NSPL cardholders, online 7/3, non-residents 7/6 only in-person/phone. August in-person/phone registration begins 8/1 for NSPL cardholders, online 8/3, non-residents 8/5 only in-person/phone.

**\*\*In-person registration required for all programs with fees.**

**For more information and full descriptions of any of the following programs, please go to our [Online Library Calendar!](#)**

## Adult Summer Reading Club



From Monday, July 6 to Friday, August 28, earn a raffle entry for every book you read and review. Registration begins on Monday, June 29. Raffle tickets and review slips will be available at the Adult Reference Desk. Find more information about prizes and book reviews on our website.

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

Register in-person/phone beginning 6/22 (online 6/24, non-residents in-person/phone 6/27) for July, and 7/20 in-person/phone (online 7/22, non-residents in-person/phone 7/24) for August. Must register for each class/monthly series.

### VIRTUAL

Provide your email when registering to receive the Zoom link.



#### Virtual Gentle Stretch

Mondays, July 6, 13, 20, & 27, August 3, 10, 17, 24, & 31, 10:30 – 11:30 AM



#### Virtual Breathe Together

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4, 11, 18, & 25, 10:00 – 10:20 AM



#### Virtual Mat Pilates

Mondays, July 13, 20, 27, August 3, 10, 17, & 24, 10:00 – 11:00 AM



### IN-PERSON

#### Knittin' Time

Saturday, July 11, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Saturday, August 1, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

#### Creative Writing

Saturday, July 11, 2:00 – 4:00 PM  
Saturday, August 8, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

#### Stitch and Quilt

Thursday, July 30, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Thursday, August 13, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
Bring a project or make a simple project we have on hand. Bring your sewing machine or use ours. Advice and tips on projects provided.



## VIRTUAL SBHS HEALTH SERIES LECTURES Via Zoom



These programs are brought to you virtually by a collaboration with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital and East End Public Libraries. Normal registration rules/dates apply.



Stony Brook Southampton Hospital

### Kidney Health

Thursday, July 16, 12:00 – 1:00 PM  
Chronic kidney disease is a progressive condition that limits the kidneys' ability to filter waste from the blood. Dr. Louissette Soussan, a nephrologist with Stony Brook Southampton Hospital, will discuss diagnosis, treatment options, and ways to slow disease progression and improve quality of life.



## COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Normal registration rules/dates apply unless otherwise noted.



### Introduction to Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, July 15, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
In this hands-on class, learn the basics of Excel, including creating, editing, and formatting worksheets, formulas, and more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten and 1st Grade or equivalent.

### Intermediate Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, July 22, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Learn about functions, working with ranges, macros, charting, and more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten, Computer 1st Grade, and Intro to Microsoft Excel, or equivalent.



### Advanced Microsoft Excel

Wednesday, July 29, 6:30 – 8:30 PM  
Learn advanced features of MS Excel including vLookup, data validation, subtotals, and more. Prerequisites: Computer Kindergarten, Computer 1st Grade, and Intro & Intermediate Microsoft Excel or equivalent.

## DEVICE ADVICE

Wednesdays, July 1, 8, 15, 22, 29,  
August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 6:00 – 8:00 PM  
NSPL Cardholders only!  
Please bring your device  
and a librarian will help you  
access our streaming products  
or assist with installing the Libby  
app to your device. No registration required.



## MEDICARE COUNSELING

Tuesdays, July 14 & August 11,  
12:30 – 2:30 PM  
Call (631) 929-4488 ext. 224 for  
more info.



## The Friends of the Library Meetings

Wednesdays, July 1 & August 5,  
10:30 AM

Join the Friends of the Library to assist  
with the book sales and artist receptions.



## Friends of the Library Book Sales

Saturdays, July 25 & August 15,  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

## STITCH & QUILT SPECIAL SUMMER PROGRAMS

These classes are labor intense and will take several  
hours. **Please bring lunch and a working sewing  
machine.** *Normal in-person registration rules apply.*

### Create a Bespoke Backpack

Saturday, July 25,  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$55  
(cash/check) paid in-person**  
which includes all needed supplies.  
Create the Amelia Backpack,  
using a precut felt backpack.  
For advanced beginners.



### Double Wedding Quilt Wall Hanging

Saturday, August 8,  
10:00 AM – 4:00 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of  
\$45 (cash/check) paid  
in-person** which includes  
all needed supplies.  
Create a 60" x 60"  
wall hanging using an  
original fusible wedding  
ring pattern and easy  
2½" strip piecing — no  
curved piecing required.  
Designed for intermediate sewers.



## OFF-SITE VISITS

**Normal registration rules apply.**  
**Please provide email address when registering to receive  
additional information.**

### Photo Walks & Talks:

#### For Nature Lovers, Gardeners, & Photographers

Join photographer and teacher Miranda Gatewood  
for fun, guided walks to local scenic and historic spots.  
Bring your camera or just enjoy the stroll—Miranda will  
share tips and techniques to improve your photography.  
Wear walking shoes, bring water and tick spray. Meet in  
each location's parking area.

### Peconic River Herb Farm Tour and Photo Stroll

Friday, July 10,  
9:45 AM – 12:30 PM

This picturesque garden  
location is guaranteed to  
delight all the senses. We  
will meet in the parking area  
at 9:45 AM Located at: 2749  
River Road, Calverton, NY 11933.



### The Quogue Wildlife Refuge

Friday, August 21, 10:00 AM

Quogue Wildlife  
Refuge is home  
to diverse  
habitats including  
forests and  
ponds, ecologically rare Dwarf Pines, and a wildlife  
complex for injured animals.



## DEFENSIVE DRIVER CLASSES

**Normal registration rules/dates apply**

### N.Y. State Empire Driver Safety Class

Monday, July 20 & Tuesday, July 21, 5:30 – 8:30 PM  
**Must attend both sessions.** Register online, in-person,  
or by phone and reserve your place in the class. Bring  
your driver's license and \$35 to class. NO CHECKS!  
Acceptable payment is: cash, credit card, Venmo, or  
PO money order made out to *Empire Safety Council.*

### AARP Safe Driver Course

Tuesday, August 18 &  
Thursday, August 20,  
10:00 AM – 1:30 PM

**Must attend both  
sessions.** Designed for  
adults over the age of  
50 years. Bring your  
driver's license and a  
check/money order for \$30 made out to AARP to first  
class. No credit cards. **AARP members - bring your  
AARP membership card for a reduced fee of \$25.**



# IN-PERSON PROGRAMS

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## JULY

Registration for these July in-library classes begins 6/22 for NSPL cardholders, online 6/24, non-residents 6/27 only in-person/phone. **In-person registration is required for programs with fees.**

### Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, July 7, 14, 21, 28, & August 4,  
10:30 – 11:30 AM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$15 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Bring a yoga mat/blanket.

### The 250th Local Anniversary of the United States of America



Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Rich Acritelli presents Long Island's role in the early years of America's fight for independence, including local leaders, the Battle of Long Island, and more.

### Yoga for Every Body

Wednesdays, July 8, 15, 22, 29, & August 5,  
10:30 – 11:45 AM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$15 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Bring a yoga mat/blanket.



### Let's Do Texture: Drawing & Sketching

Saturdays, July 11, 25, & August 1, 10:30AM – 12:30 PM

Through demonstrations and guided practice, students will learn to observe details and render textures accurately using still life or photos. Open to all skill levels! *Materials included.*

### No Bull Beef Jerky

Tuesday, July 14, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$5 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Join Chef Anthony for a delicious and informative demonstration as we explore the craft of making high-quality beef jerky.

### Crystal Wrap Pendant

Friday, July 17, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$12 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Create your own unique wire wrapped crystal pendant, choosing a crystal from a variety of different colors and shapes! *All supplies are included.*



### Aromatherapy - Summer Splendor

Tuesday, July 21, 7:00 – 8:30 PM

Create an effective bug repellent that also lifts the spirits and a moisturizing body scrub to keep the skin clean and healthy during the summer months.

### Paint Party: Dot Art Painting

Thursday, July 23, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$8 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Create a colorful summer motif on wood in a step-by-step process.

### Landscapes with Jon

Tuesday, July 28, 6:30 – 8:30 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$8 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Jon Van Brunt guides your eye and brush in painting a beach where land meets sea. *All materials included.*

## AUGUST

Registration for these August in-library classes begins 7/20 for NSPL cardholders, online 7/22, non-residents 7/24 only in-person/phone. **In-person registration is required for programs with fees.**

### Western Sicily:

#### A Savvy Sightseers Travel Destination!

Saturday, August 1, 10:30 AM – 12:00 PM

Calling all lovers of travel, history, art, architecture, nature, culture, and food! Join Jeanne Schnupp for a visual tour of western Sicily, where centuries of ancient cultures have shaped the region's landscapes, traditions, and people. Includes travel tips and a Q&A session.

### Drive Electric

Monday, August 3, 7:00 – 8:00 PM

Join Drive Electric Long Island for an introduction to electric vehicles, including EV history, charging basics, incentives, and today's best values. The program will also address common myths and misconceptions, with several EVs on site for viewing and discussing with owners.

### Naela's Mediterranean Kitchen

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$5 (cash/check) paid in-person** which includes all needed supplies. Naela demonstrates how to prepare lahm bil ajeen (ground beef, onion and tomatoes on flat bread), fattoush salad with pita chips, and date cookies.

### Writer's Playshop 2026

#### with Anne Kelly-Edmunds

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, & 26, 2:00 – 4:00 PM

Put your serious side on the sidelines for this all-new, fun-filled Writer's "Playshop" where we will explore lighthearted approaches to getting our stories and poems onto the page.

### Create Moisturizing Lotion Dots

Thursday, August 6,  
7:00 – 8:30 PM

Lotion Dots, also known as solid moisturizer bars or bits, are easy to make and feel so good! Make your own creations with essential oils and color while learning the safe and effective use of aromatherapy.

### Paper Flowers: Clematis

Monday, August 10,  
6:30 – 8:00 PM

**Nonrefundable fee of \$5 (cash/check) paid in-person.** Join Casey as she guides you in a step-by-step process in making this elegant paper climbing flower. Beginner friendly.

# VIRTUAL BOOK DISCUSSIONS *Discussion led by Erin Coughlin*

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Books are available at the Circulation Desk! These book discussions will be held virtually through Zoom. Books will be available for pickup at the Circulation Desk when registration begins 6/22 (July discussions) and 7/20 (August discussions).  
Include email when registering to receive required link.

## Usual Suspects Mystery Book Club via Zoom

Every 2nd Tuesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

**Djinn Patrol on the Purple Line** by Deepa Anappara  
 Tuesday, July 7, 7:00 – 8:15 PM

**A Murder is Announced** by Agatha Christie  
 Tuesday, August 4, 7:00 – 8:15 PM

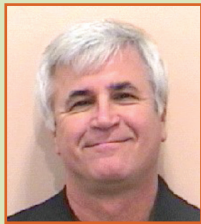
## Contemporary Book Discussion via Zoom

Every 3rd Wednesday of the month, unless otherwise noted.

**The Irish Goodbye** by Heather Aimee O’Neill  
 Wednesday, July 15, 7:30 – 8:30 PM

**Tartufo** by Kira Jane Buxton  
 Wednesday, August 12, 7:30 – 8:30 PM

*\*This is the second Wednesday in August*



## Afternoon Book Discussion (In-Library)

Moderated by Professor William Schiavo, these in-person monthly discussions are open to all, no registration required. A combination of classic World Literature and occasionally pertinent non-fiction will be discussed. Copies of books will be available at the Library.

**Go Tell It On the Mountain** by James Baldwin  
 Thursday, July 9, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

**Sanctuary** by William Faulkner  
 Thursday, August 13, 2:00 – 3:30 PM

# MOVIES AT NORTH SHORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

All are welcome! No registration required!

Shown at 1:30 PM

Friday, July 24 – **Predator: Badlands**  
 (Rated PG-13, 1 hour 47 minutes)

Friday, August 21 – **Song Sung Blue**  
 (Rated PG-13, 2 hours 12 minutes)



# DISCOUNT TICKETS & CODES

Purchase discounted admission tickets at the Circulation Desk for the Adventure Park at Long Island (\$39.00), Adventureland (\$35.00), the Bronx Zoo (\$31.46), and the Long Island Aquarium (contact the Library for pricing). The Library also offers discount codes for CRESLI Whale Watching, Splish Splash, The Gateway Playhouse, The Suffolk, and Theater Three! Call the library or visit our website for more information.





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## Summer NSPL Beach Towel Giveaway!

Visit the Library and check out materials to earn a FREE beach towel! Just ask for a punch card at checkout. Each day you check out material, get your card punched. Collect 6 punches to earn your towel. **Starts June 1 — while supplies last.**



**Rules:** One punch per NSPL cardholder per day. One towel per NSPL cardholder. Punch cards cannot be combined.

## Suffolk County Public Libraries Summer Tour



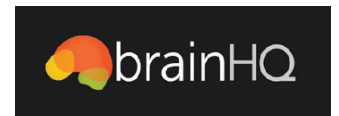
With your free Suffolk Summer Tour booklet, you'll visit public libraries all around Suffolk County any time from July 1st through August 31st. While you visit, be sure to find that library's Prehistoric Creature and then locate their Stamp Station to receive a stamp in your booklet. At 5, 15, and 25 library visits you will be entered into the Tour raffle. At your 25th library you will earn the official title of Summer Tour Library-saurus and receive a special commemorative patch (while supplies last)! Pick up your booklets beginning July 1st at the Reference Desk, Circulation Desk, or the Children's Department.

## BALLOON RECYCLING

Safely dispose of balloons by dropping off all deflated latex, foil, mylar, or water balloon pieces, and balloon accessories in the balloon bin located inside the Library.



## Train Your Brain with BrainHQ



The North Shore Public Library now offers free access to BrainHQ, an online brain-training program for library members looking to maintain or improve cognitive performance. BrainHQ features personalized exercises that adapt to your performance, helping you build skills over time. You can also track your progress and see how you compare with others. Access BrainHQ at the library or from home using your computer, tablet, or smartphone. All you need is a valid library card and PIN.

## MUSEUM PASSES

The summer is an ideal time to plan a visit to one of the many local museums included in our Museum Pass Program. Visit our website or call the library for more information.



## Take advantage of all the resources NSPL has to offer that you may not even know about! Here are just a few examples:

**Register for a New or Replacement Library Card Online!** This feature is found under the **About Us** menu option on the website.

**Tonieboxes and Tonies** are now available to be checked out. Visit the library website for a full list of options.

**Nintendo Switch Lites** are now available for in-library use!

**From Our Webpage** Visit our website for free downloads of books, magazines, music, and movies, access to database resources for a wide range of topics and services!

**Wireless Printing** is now available at the Library!

**Library of Things** - North Shore Public Library cardholders ages 18 and up can check out a variety of items from our collection of things. Visit the library website for the list of things, including **Children's Launchpads loaded with children's games and activities**, as well as **Chromebooks, Video Games, Vinyl Records, Turntables, Children's Games To Go, Family Binge Boxes**, and more!