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News

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Southold Community,

Spring is upon us and with new blooms comes our annual budget vote. In these times of economic uncertainty and national cutbacks, it is more important than ever to vote on the library budget. This year's vote will be held on Tuesday, May 20th 3-9pm at Southold High School. Staying within the 2% tax cap, the Library Board of Trustees have once again maintained a minimal increase from last year. The budget is streamlined but still robust enough to offer exciting new programs reaching every age group from newborns to seniors. Our teen areas are overflowing after school and on weekends. We appreciate all the support that you have given us over the years and hope that you will continue to recognize our importance to the community as more than just a place to find a book.

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President

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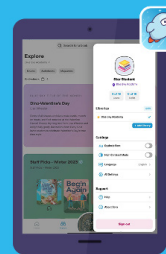


COLOR OUR WORLD SUMMER READING

Open to all ages, infant to grade 12

Let's celebrate Summer and reading!

Watch for our summer newsletter in mid-June! Registration for all Children and Teen programs begins June 16. Be ready to enjoy your summer by reading and participating in the many library programs offered in July and August! Miss Dana and Miss Penny are looking forward to a fun-filled, creative, and colorful summer with children of all ages!



Did You Know?

You can add your public library in Sora to explore additional titles

All K-12 students have access to Sora at school, which offers a wide range of ebooks, audiobooks, graphic novels, and more. In addition, all Library patrons can enjoy Libby, a countywide collection of downloadable materials. The best part? You can now access Libby with your current Sora login—it's like having two library collections in one! **Please see Miss Dana, Miss Penny, or your school Librarian for more information.**

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED on Monday, May 19 for an all day staff development event.



DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Do you know a child newborn to age 5? Thanks to the generosity of Dolly Parton, and the Southold Friends of the Library, all children 0-5 are eligible to receive a free book in the mail monthly! It's the best way to begin the love of lifelong reading! Please call the Library for more information about this new program.

SIMPLY CIVICS

The Simply Civics series continues on May 18th. Guest presenter Katy Stokes will talk about our local government. **See page 6 for more program information.**



SOUTHOLD
FREE LIBRARY

Children's Programs

REGISTRATION FOR ALL PROGRAMS IS NECESSARY UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED. REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS ONLINE, OR CALL (631) 765-2077

BABY & TODDLER/ PRESCHOOL

ZUMBINI

MISS JO ANNE VITIELLO

Fridays, May 2 & May 9
9:30-10:15am

Infant-age 4 with an adult
Materials fee: \$15 (one-time fee includes access to Zumbini music, a book, and a toy). This is an interactive program for the caregiver and child. Adults will spend time singing, dancing, and bonding with their little one in a fun and engaging environment.



PLAYDATE PICNICS

MISS DANA

Fridays, May 16-June 13
10-11am

Ages 2-4 years old with an adult
Come play with toys and bubbles in the outside library pocket park with your friends. Bring a snack with you to share. **If it rains, we will have our playdate in the children's room.**

SENSORY PLAY

MISS DANA

Thursday, June 12
10-10:45am

Ages 1 1/2-4 with an adult
Play with a variety of sensory toys and tactile games and have fun with your friends.

TEXTURED CANVAS PAINTING

MAUREEN RADIGAN

Tuesday, May 6
4-5pm

Grades K-5

Watercolor painting is more fun when the surface is bumpy and has hidden designs in it! Join us for this messy class and take a beautiful, textured canvas home.

FAUX CANDY CRAFT

CHRIS VIVAS

Friday, May 9
4-5:15pm

Grades 1-5

It's candy time! Join us as we create replicas of our favorite treats—candy and ice cream! Let's make an ice cream cone and gum ball machine with foam balls, plastic ornaments, and pom-pom balls. **It's going to be sweet!**



SCULPEY POKEMON!

CHRIS VIVAS

Friday, May 9
5:30-7 pm

Grades 4-8

In this hands-on workshop, Chris will teach you how to design and sculpt your own Pokémon character using colorful polymer clay. Learn ceramic hand-building techniques like coil, pinch, and slab to bring your unique ideas to life. Step-by-step guidance and all materials are provided, including a toaster oven for baking your creations. Best of all, you'll take your custom Pokémon home the same day!

CAST STEPS TO SUCCESS PROGRAM: GAMES DAY

MISS DANA, MISS PENNY, NANCY TRAMONTANA

Friday, May 16
4-5pm

Grades K-6

Let's have a game day with Mario Kart and Super Smash Brothers tournaments and good old-fashioned board games! Snacks will be provided to help fuel you for all the fun!

SPRING STORYCRAFT

MISS DANA

Tuesday, May 20
4-5pm

Grades 2-4

Listen to a Spring themed story. Create a magical bouquet of flowers that bloom with vibrant colors in water!



CHERRY TREE NEWSPRINT ART

MISS LINDA

Wednesday, May 21
4-5pm

Grades 1-5

Join Miss Linda and create a beautiful painting with colorful paint, newsprint, your fingertips, and Q-Tips!



SCAN TO
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FOR PROGRAMS

GROW A PIZZA GARDEN

(in the Pocket Park)

KIRSTEN KESICKI

Tuesday, May 27

4-5pm

Ages 4-10

Grow a pizza garden with Kirsten Kesicki of Yard Crop! Participants will take home their choice of edible plants including Tomato, Basil, Onion, Oregano, and Bell Pepper. Learn how these plants support each other as companion plants, and get ready to cook up delicious homemade pizza sauce this summer!

EXPLODING PAINT ROCKETS

MISS DANA & MISS PENNY

Wednesday, June 25

11:30-12:15pm

Grades 3 and up

Plop, plop, fizz, fizz...Oh what a release it is! Learn how to make your own "rocket" using a film canister with paint and effervescent tablets, and then watch it explode in our library yard! We will do a little messy science and play with the library's many outdoor games, such as badminton, corn hole, and Giant Jenga. Tons of fun!

ARCHERY PAINTING

MISS DANA & MISS PENNY

Thursday, June 26

11:30-12:15pm

Grades 3 and up

Let's have more fun in our library yard, combining paint with archery! Put a little paint in a suction cup arrow, fire away at a paper target, and see what kind of art you create!



"WRONG TIME ROOSTER" STORYCRAFT

MISS DANA

Wednesday, May 28

4-5pm

Grades K-3

Listen to the story "Wrong Time Rooster" and then get ready for some hands-on fun! After the story, you'll create your very own rooster using a plastic glove and make it pop up out of a cup to crow! It's going to be a cluckin' good time!

MAKE & TAKE

Come to the Library and Create Your Own Art!

Each month a different craft is available in the children's room to make with your caregiver. We look forward to seeing you!



MAY
Tissue Paper
Turtle



JUNE
Paper Roll
Bee



SUMMER DECORATING DAYS

MISS DANA & MISS PENNY

Monday, June 16, and Friday, June 20

4-5pm

All Ages

Help make the children's and teen rooms more colorful with your creative touch! Materials will be provided for lots of fun ideas.

Teen Programs

GRADES 6-12



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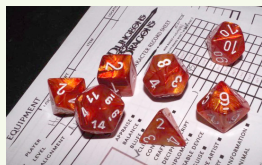
DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS

BENNETT SCOTT

Friday, May 2

3:30-7 pm

Grades 7-12



Join us for an exciting role-playing game of DnD where you may scale mountains, slay

monsters, make daring rescues, and survive incredible odds! Whether you're a seasoned player or new to the game, Bennett's challenges will stimulate your imagination and test your problem-solving skills. Newcomers are welcome! **Please contact Miss Penny for more information: penny@southoldlibrary.org.** Refreshments provided.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS INQUIRER'S MEETING

Wednesday, May 7

5-5:30 pm

Entering grades 6-9 Fall 2025



The Battle of the Books is an engaging summer program

designed to foster a love of reading and teamwork among teens. This program is a competitive book trivia event featuring teams representing participating libraries. Participants will demonstrate their expertise on six designated books chosen for summer reading. Teams decide on their names, costumes, and fun giveaways for the final competition! **More complete details will be given at the Inquirer's meeting. Can't make the meeting? Contact Miss Penny: penny@southoldlibrary.org if you're interested.**

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS TEAM MEETINGS

Wednesdays: May 21, June 4, 11, 18, 25, July 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30;

Mondays: July 21 & 28

4-5:30 pm

Meet weekly to review books, create costumes, play trivia games, and more in preparation for the Battle of the Books competition on August 1.

DUNGEONS AND DRAGONS JUNIOR

BENNETT SCOTT AND MISS PENNY

Wednesday, May 14

4-6 pm

Grades 5-8

Embark on an epic journey into the world of fantasy and imagination! This beginner-friendly DnD event is perfect for those curious about tabletop role-playing games. Learn the basics of creating a character, rolling dice, and working together as a team to solve puzzles, battle monsters, and explore a magical world. No prior experience is needed—just bring your creativity and a sense of adventure!

RAINBOW CREATIONS: FINGER KNITTING

Friday, June 13

4-5 pm

Grades 7-12

Celebrate PRIDE Month with us at the library! Join us for a fun and easy finger knitting workshop where you'll create an adorable rainbow to brighten up your home, decorate your room, or share as a thoughtful gift. No experience is needed—just bring your creativity and enthusiasm! **A \$5.00 nonrefundable materials fee covers everything you need.**

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

SUMMER DECORATING DAYS

MISS DANA & MISS PENNY

Monday, June 16, and Friday, June 20

4-5 pm

Grades 7 and up

Earn Community Service hours while you help make the children's and teen rooms more colorful with your creative touch! Materials will be provided for lots of fun ideas.

REGENTS REVIEWS AT THE NORTH FORK LIBRARIES

Review, practice, and learn test-taking strategies. **Please register at the host library. Bring a pencil and a calculator. For students taking the June 2025 Regents. Registration begins May 1st.**

Floyd Memorial Library

floydmemoriallibrary.org

631-477-0660

Geometry

Tuesday, June 10

6-7:30 pm

Southold Library

southoldlibrary.org

631-765-2077

Living Environment

Thursday, June 12

6-7:30 pm

Algebra II

Monday, June 23

6-7:30 pm

Cutchogue-New Suffolk Library

cutchoguelibrary.org

631-734-6360

Algebra I

Monday, June 16

6-7:30 pm

Chemistry

Monday, June 23

6-7:30 pm

Mattituck-Laurel Library

mattitucklaurellibrary.org

631-298-4134

Earth Science

Monday, June 9

5:30-7 pm

Global History

Tuesday, June 17

5:30-7 pm

Friends of the Library



BOOK COTTAGE

Open for sales and donations
(2 box limit of gently used books)

Saturdays 10am-3pm & Wednesdays 11am-3pm

Step into our cozy cottage to browse among shelves, carts and boxes lined with books. You'll find all the popular genres for every age at bargain prices. Be sure to check for CDs, DVDs, magazines, and jigsaw puzzles too. Our volunteers thank you for your ongoing support of our community gem! **All proceeds directly benefit the Library.**

MONTHLY RAFFLE

Come in and try your luck
on our monthly raffle!
Chances are \$1 each

"Everything for the Birds"
Courtesy of Chick's Southold
Agway
Drawing: Thursday, May 15

ART EXHIBITS

Located upstairs in the Lucy Hallock Folk Room. Paintings are for sale. The Friends retain 20% of the proceeds.

May:

Thomas Doolan presents
"Art Renderings from a Southold Senior" Artist
reception Saturday May 10, 2-4pm

June/July:

Photography by Linda Burke

"The Friends" are a dedicated group of volunteers who generously support the library by funding:

- All summer youth programs
- Adult music and art programs
- Interactive games in the children's room
- Large Print New York Times
- Driveway planters, book cottage lawn & Main Road picket fence garden
- Bookmark magnifiers
- Custom tote bags

GOING STRONG SINCE 1954!

Look for our brochure in the
Book Cottage and the Library's
circulation desk.

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Monthly Meetings

In the Folk Room
Tuesday, June 10
3:30pm



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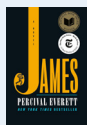
Adult Programs

 Indicates Zoom Program

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Thursdays at 10:30am

All are welcome-no registration required. Refreshments served! Books are available for borrowing. Please inquire at the circulation desk.



May 1

James by Percival Everett



June 5

Heaven and Earth Grocery Store by James McBride



KENTUCKY DERBY

LESLIE GODDARD

Thursday, May 1

7pm

First run in 1875, the Kentucky Derby is the oldest continuously running sports event in the nation. Leslie traces the history of the Kentucky Derby, looking especially at the traditions that make it so beloved.

SPRINGTIME TEA

Friday, May 2

1pm

\$10 non refundable fee

Margaret M. Johnson, author of fourteen cookbooks including, "Delicious Ireland", will host a delightful social tea! Enjoy scrumptious Rhubarb & Elderflower Crumble, Chocolate-Hazelnut Tartlets, and Jam Bars served with a sparkling beverage. Books available for sale and signing. **Please bring your own teacup and saucer.**

WAYS TO COMPOST

REWILD LONG ISLAND/NORTH FORK CHAPTER

Monday, May 5

6pm

Learn how easy it is to divert food scraps, yard waste and recyclable paper from our waste stream to make nutrient-rich compost for your garden. Adding compost to our soils brings many

environmental, economical and sustainable benefits. Don't miss out on this eco-friendly opportunity to divert carbon, reduce waste and grow a greener future!

CHAIR & RESTORATIVE YOGA

JUDY ARNONE

Tuesdays May 6-June 22

10-11:15 am

\$60 non-refundable fee (12 sessions)

Engage your mind, body and spirit in the beneficial practice of yoga. Increase strength and stamina while decreasing stress and muscle tension.



GARDEN FLAG CRAFT

DARLENE SIRACUSANO

Tuesday, May 6

6pm

\$5 non refundable fee

Create a welcome flag for your home using Cricut images. Participants will also go home with a lovely flag pole to display their creation.



HORTON POINT LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Thursday, May 8

11am

Join us for a special tour of Horton Point Lighthouse (constructed in 1857) and Nautical Museum with knowledgeable guides from the Southold Historical Museum. Enjoy a fabulous view from the lighthouse tower. Parking fee waived for attendees **Registration required.** **Meet at the Horton Point Lighthouse.**

"THE BIRD (AVIAN) FLU: SHOULD I BE WORRIED?"

EAST END LIBRARIES

Thursday, May 8

7pm

Could a pandemic be emerging due to a growing bird flu that has affected millions of birds, poultry farms and cattle herds in the U.S.? Other human pandemics were caused by bird-derived viruses, including the Spanish flu of 1918 and the 1957 Asian flu. Learn about the symptoms of bird flu, how it spreads and how likely it is to spread to humans. The CDC's recommendations on infection prevention and control will be reviewed.

I'M TURNING 65: WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

NORMA FIORVANTE, SENIOR HEALTH INSURANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Saturday, May 10

1:30-2:30pm

Learn how Medicare is structured, enabling you to make good decisions about your health insurance. Discover your options to help you avoid any mistakes that could adversely affect your coverage.

WILLS AND TRUSTS

BURNER PRUDENTI LAW

Tuesday, May 13

1-2pm

Do I need to be concerned about probate if I have a will? How can I best protect my assets? In this seminar, discover the importance of Estate Planning documents, the process of probate, and common misconceptions in Elder Law.

YOGA

LYNNE WENTWORTH

Wednesday, May 14

9:45 - 10:45 am

Treat yourself to the benefits of yoga!

VACCINE CLINIC

Thursday, May 15

10 - 11:30 am

Sponsored by Rite Aid, come in to receive a Covid, RSV, Shingles, Pneumonia or Tetanus vaccine.

Registration is required. Bring your insurance card.

SIMPLY CIVICS:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ON THE NORTH FORK AND HOW IT AFFECTS YOU.

KATY STOKES, RETIRED LAWYER AND BOARD MEMBER OF THE SOUTHOLD PECONIC CIVIC ASSOCIATION

Sunday May 18

2-3pm

How much do you know about the role of our local government? What decisions are made at the local level, who makes those decisions, and how can you make your voice heard on topics of importance to you? There is a Town Council and a Board of Trustees – learn the difference between them and why it matters. Learn what role local civic and advocacy organizations play in our community. This session will address these issues and others to help us understand how our Town government can work for us!



WAYS TO BECOME MORE SELF-SUFFICIENT 📺

EAST END LIBRARIES

Tuesday, May 20

7pm

Do you dream of having a garden, raising a few baby chicks or preserving food? Learn how to become more self-sufficient and less reliant on the grocery store. Many of these things can be done whether your garden and backyard is big or small! Recipes to try at home included.

SOUTHOLD INDIAN MUSEUM TOUR

Meet at the Museum on Main
Bayview Road

Thursday, May 22

11am-12pm

Built in 1964, the museum showcases the largest collection of Algonquin ceramic pottery that exists! Marvel at the projectile points and tools in display cases, and drawers that open to reveal more treasures. Museum President, Lucinda Hemmick, will be your guide. There is a gift shop too!

STORMS & SURVIVAL AT SEA: SONGS OF SHIPWRECKS, LIFESAVING & LIGHTHOUSES

STEPHEN SANFILIPPO, MARITIME RESEARCHER & PERFORMER

Thursday, May 29

6pm

An 1840 ballad of the burning and sinking of the Lexington in LI Sound, a Montauk wreck and cargo salvaging, the frozen wreck of the Louis V. Place off Fire Island and more. Southold resident Stephen Sanfilippo performs songs while playing along on the banjo and guitar. Come and join in!



HORTON POINT LIGHTHOUSE TOUR

Tuesday, June 3

11am

Join us for a special tour of Horton Point Lighthouse (constructed in 1857) and Nautical Museum with knowledgeable guides from the Southold Historical Museum. Experience a fabulous view from the lighthouse tower. Parking fee waived for attendees
Registration required. Meet at the Horton Point Lighthouse.

FREE STANDING BUTTERFLY



DARLENE SIRACUSANO

Tuesday, June 3

6pm

Decorate and decoupage a wooden butterfly to add some springtime fun to your home. Choose from a variety of patterns to perfectly match your decor.

DRAWING YOUR PETS OR ANIMALS

MARLENE BEZICH

Saturday, June 7

10am-12pm

Using a variety of drawing techniques, create your favorite animal or pet. Choose an animal from photographs provided by the instructor or bring in a photo of your own. Learn about the types of papers, grounds and techniques surrounding rendering animals. Discover the art of the "Quick Sketch" and other exercises in drawing animals.

YOGA

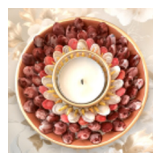
LYNNE WENTWORTH

Wednesday, June 11

9:45 - 10:45 am

Treat yourself to the benefits of yoga!

LOTUS SHELL CRAFT



ANNA CHAN

Wednesday, June 11

6pm

\$10 non-refundable fee

A journey of artistic growth and self-discovery awaits you! Use seashells and air-dry sand to craft a tealight holder that embodies your creative potential and adds a touch of coastal charm to your home. Participants must be able to work with small objects.

FREE HEARING SCREENINGS

AUDIOLOGIST MARY BOHR

Thursday, June 12

12:30-2:30pm

Ages 5-adult

To hear better is to live better! Sign up for a 10 minute slot for a hearing screening and video otoscopy. Once you register, you'll receive a call from the library to set up your time.

HOW TO GROW ELDERBERRIES IN A HOME GARDEN

Thursday, June 12

1pm

Rachel, of Sweet Woodland Farms, will offer an informative presentation on how to grow,

propagate and harvest American Black Elderberry. Learn about the folk lore and uses of this medicinal, immunity boosting plant. Leave with a small plant for your home garden! Registration required.

FINDING EDNA LEWIS WITH DEB FREEMAN 📺

EAST END LIBRARIES

Tuesday, June 17

7pm

Edna Lewis is an important American chef, yet she is not a household name. She was a pioneer in the food-to-table movement and her cookbooks changed perceptions on Southern foodways. Join culinary historian, podcaster and award-winning writer Deb Freeman as she explores Lewis's legacy.

BRAZILIAN BBQ

Thursday, June 26

5:30pm

\$10 non refundable fee

Join Brian Collins for a menu of a skewered steak called picanha, piri piri chicken (marinated chicken cooked on a grill or skewers), farofa (a grits like dish made from toasted manioc meal) and garlic collard greens. **Co-sponsored with and held at Mattituck-Laurel Library. Registration required.**

LOCAL HISTORY FRIDAYS

MELISSA ANDRUSKI

May 9, June 6 & 27 - 11am

Old Burying Ground - Meet at Presbyterian Church's parking lot

Note the markers of slate, sandstone, and marble in the oldest English burying ground in New York State. French writer Honore de Balzac once said, "While seeking out the dead, I see nothing but the living".

May 23 - 11am

Willow Hill Cemetery - Meet on Lower Road

Enjoy a stroll through this rural cemetery established in the mid-1800s where generations of local families have been laid to rest.

May 30 & June 20 - 10am

Heritage Block Walk - Meet at Library's front entrance

We'll saunter west to the bend in the road on Tucker's Lane discovering Southold's history along the way.

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Monday-Friday 9:30am-8pm
Saturday 9:30am-5pm
Sunday 1-5pm through May 18
Closed Sundays June, July & August

Library Closed

Monday, May 19
Sunday, May 25
Monday, May 26
Thursday, June 19

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEET

In the Community Room
Wednesdays at 6:30pm
May 28
June 25

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FROM THE WHITAKER HISTORICAL COLLECTION

WWII Southold Honor Roll

Sponsored by Griswold-Terry-Glover Post 803 American Legion
Southold Savings Bank lawn
Photo by Charles Meredith, July 1946