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NEWSLETTER

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January/February 2010

MUSIC ON A SUNDAY AFTERNOON

**NINA ET
CETERA**

Sunday,
January 24
at 2:30 p.m.



Enjoy the sounds of folk, rock, country, the blues and more with vocals, bass, harmonica and auto harp and hand percussion. All are welcome.



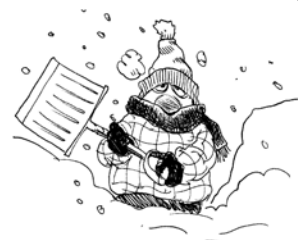
**MIKE FICCO
JAZZ**

QUARTET

Sunday,
February 7
at 2:30 p.m.

Join Mike and his group for an entertaining afternoon of Jazz standards from the 40s to today featuring the styles of Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, John Coltrane and more.

**Too Cold to Go Out?
Visit the Library
from Home!
@ www.pmlib.org**



You don't have to leave home to access all of the great services the Library has to offer! At www.pmlib.org, use our "Readers Corner" to help choose and reserve your next favorite book, chat with a real Librarian with our "Answers 24x7", download movies through "SuffolkWave", and access countless magazines, newspapers and databases. The Library also has regionally renowned Local History, Genealogy and a variety of other Subject Specialty resources at your fingertips.

There are plenty of resources for Children as well, whether it's "Suffolk Homework Help", or the "Kids Zone", and Teens will love "PML YA Yakkers!" our very own Teen Blog.

*So when the weather outside is frightful,
just stop by our website
for many of your library needs!*

Did you know the Library Newsletter is available in Large Print?

Copies are available at the Adult Reference Desk.

Large Print Computer Tip: Are the words on your computer screen too small to read?

Hold down the "Ctrl" button and tap "+" to increase the text size.

DATES TO REMEMBER

The Library will be closed on Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day),
Monday, January 18 (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)
and Monday, February 15 (President's Day).

Board of Trustees Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, January 19 & February 16 at 5:30 p.m.

2010-2011 Budget Planning Continues - The 2010-2011 budget will be discussed at the regular January 19 Board Meeting. Adoption of the proposed budget will be at the February 16 Board Meeting.

**In case of inclement weather, listen to local radio stations
WBAB 102.3 FM or WBLI 106.1 FM or NEWS 12 for Library closings.**



Employee Recognition Award

Congratulations to Toni Raptis, the recipient of the **2009 Patchogue-Medford Library Employee Recognition Award!**

Annually, the Library Staff nominates and selects an employee who has gone “above and beyond” to make our Library a special place. For over a decade Toni has been impressing patrons and staff alike with her kindness, patience, and knowledge. She is known throughout the region for her Genealogy expertise. She has helped hundreds of people make connections with their family history that would otherwise have remained undiscovered. The Patchogue-Medford Library is delighted to honor Toni with this year's award!

CAREER COUNSELING

Are you trying to stay afloat in the present economic storm? Perhaps you anticipate a down-sizing and need to polish your resume to reflect your skills and abilities. Career changers are facing discouraging prospects, but experts say fields such as energy, health care, “green jobs” and security are better able to weather the recession.

Browse the **Career Section** which has books, free materials, and a bulletin board of free events to point you in the right direction. Choose “the Job Hunter’s Survival Guide” or “Green Careers” for cutting edge information.

Our Career Counselors will be pleased to start you on your way. Call 654-4700, ext 248 for your free, individual appointment available on Monday & Thursday evenings.

ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES



District residents may register for any of the following classes online, by telephone (ext. 251) or in person at the Young Adult Desk beginning Monday, January 4.

Non-district residents may register beginning January 11 (depending upon availability).

You must have a valid Library card to register for any computer class.

***COMPUTER KINDERGARTEN FOR GROWNUPS - Wednesday, January 13 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** This slow-paced, user-friendly workshop is for first-time computer users. This class covers the basics in a way that even the most inexperienced user will understand.

***COMPUTER FIRST GRADE FOR GROWNUPS - Wednesday, January 27 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** In this workshop you will learn how to work with text including inputting, inserting, moving and much more.

***COMPUTER SECOND GRADE FOR GROWNUPS - Wednesday, February 10 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** In this workshop you will learn how to work with numbers including inputting, inserting, moving, erasing and simple mathematical operations.

***COMPUTER THIRD GRADE FOR GROWNUPS - Wednesday, February 24 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.** This hands-on workshop covers multitasking, working with graphics and using Windows drawing and painting tools.

***INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT WORD 07 - Friday, January 15 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.** Learn the basics of word processing including creating a document, saving, editing, formatting and much more.

***INTRODUCTION TO MICROSOFT EXCEL 07 - Friday, January 15 from 2-4 p.m.** Learn the basics of the world’s most popular spreadsheet program including creating, editing, formatting worksheets and more.

***INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT WORD 07 - Friday, January 29 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.** Take your basic word processing skills to the next level with out Intermediate course.

***INTERMEDIATE MICROSOFT EXCEL 07 - Friday, January 29 from 2-4 p.m.** Already familiar with Excel Basics? Sign up to learn about functions, working with ranges, columns and more!

***ADVANCED MICROSOFT WORD 07 - Friday, February 19 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.** Comfortable with Microsoft Word? Join us for our advanced class where you will learn some tips and tricks to fine tune your skills.

***ADVANCED MICROSOFT EXCEL 07 - Friday, February 19 from 2-4 p.m.** Hone your skills to an advanced level with our final Excel course.

Adult Programs

Ongoing Events

Senior Advocate

January 12 from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

2nd Tuesday of each month
from 10 a.m.-12 noon.

*Career Counseling -

Monday & Thursday evenings
by appointment only,
call 654-4700, ext. 248.

*Conversational English Group -

Wednesdays from 7-8:30 p.m.
Call 654-4700 ext. 234.

*Conversational Spanish Group -

Saturdays from 10:30 a.m.- Noon
For beginner-intermediate levels.
Call 654-4700 ext. 234.

*Citizenship Preparation Classes

Thursdays 7:00-8:30pm To register,
call 654-4700, ext. 248, or online at
[http://evanced.info/pml/evanced/
eventcalendar.asp](http://evanced.info/pml/evanced/eventcalendar.asp).

*Registration Information

For programs with an asterisk (*)
register at the Main Desk in
person, by telephone or
for some programs online.

**Note: Out-of-district residents are
welcome to register one week after
the stated date (space permitting).*

GALLERY EXHIBITS

In Our Lower Lobby

January

OUR COMMUNITY:
Portraits in Diversity
presented by local teen artists

February

FROM THE HEART

by

Kimberly Morales



*COMPUTER BASICS

**ONE-ON-ONE - Tuesdays at 1, 2
or 3 p.m.** Need help with learning
the basics? Call 654-4700, ext 242
for an appointment. Available to all
adults. Courtesy of Senior Corps.
RSVP.

*SCORE - Wednesdays from 10

a.m.-1 p.m. "Counselors to
America's Small Business" has
helped millions of entrepreneurs, and
they can help you too! Schedule a
free business counseling session by
calling 654-4700, ext. 220.

*SEARCHLITE 101: Sail into Shelves and Dive into Databases

**Wednesdays, January 13 & Febru-
ary 10 at 10 a.m. and Thursdays,
January 14 & February 11 at 2:30
p.m.** Looking for information on a
specific topic? Learn how with an
individual tutoring session. Basic
computer knowledge is required. Sign
up at the Reference Desk.

*BUILDING BRIDGES THROUGH OUR STORIES

Wednesdays from 5-7 p.m. Join this
bilingual women's memoir-writing
workshop. Program is free and open
to all women. Prior writing experi-
ence is not necessary.

*DISNEY EXPERT ADVISORS: A Guide to Planning Your Trip

Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m.
What's the best place to eat at Walt
Disney World? When should I go?
What rides should I go on first?
Come and listen to our panel of
Disney Experts as we talk about all
things Disney!

AARP 55/ALIVE DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE - Wednesday,

**January 20 and Thursday, January
21 or Wednesday, February 10 and
Thursday, February 11 from 9:30
a.m.-1:30 p.m.** District residents may

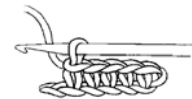
register in person beginning January
6, 9:30 a.m. for these two-part
programs designed to meet the needs
of drivers 50 and older. A \$12 check
for AARP members or a \$14 check
for nonmembers payable to AARP
must accompany all registrations.
Members must present their AARP
card to the instructor at the first
session. *(Note: the registration line will
form at the side entrance of the Library
before 9:30 a.m.)*

*ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION EXERCISE PROGRAM

**Wednesday, January 20, 27, Febru-
ary 3, 10, 17 & March 3 from 2:30-
3:30 p.m.** Learn gentle stretching
exercises to strengthen your body
and increase flexibility and balance.

*PAINTED CERAMIC MUGS

**Wednesday, January 20 from 6-
8:30 p.m.** Join Irene Marchese and
learn how to paint these mugs with
leaves and roses. Residents may sign
up beginning January 4. \$10 cash
(payable at registration). No refunds.



***CROCHETING
FOR BEGINNERS - Thursdays,
January 21, 28 & February 4 from
1-3 p.m.** Learn the basics of crochet
-- types of yarn, hooks and stitches.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

**GROUP - Saturday, January 23
from 10-11:30 a.m.** Genealogy
Goes to the Movies with Jordan
Auslander, professional genealogist
who has lectured on *Roots Television*
and Ancestry.com, and authored
*Genealogical Gazetteer of the Kingdom
of Hungary*. Getting Started Help
Session from 9:30-10 a.m.

**NINA ET CETERA - Sunday,
January 24 at 2:30 p.m.** See front
page for details.

Adult Programs



CUDDLE UP WITH A GOOD BOOK

Winter Reading Club for Adults - February 1-26, 2010

Beginning February 1st sign up at the Reference Desk to join our Winter Reading Club. For every book that you read or listen to, fill out a raffle and enter to win one of four gift cards. Everyone that enters has a chance to win the grand prize. *For adults 18 and over.*

***WORLD OF COLOR - Wednesday, January 27 at 7 p.m.** Join Beauty/Image consultant Rebecca Kopcienski and learn how to look your best. The basics of color -- cool and warm colors for clothing, make-up and accessories and techniques to make the most of your shopping dollar will be discussed.

***HOW TO USE OUR DOWNLOADABLE SERVICES**

Tuesday, February 2 from 10-11 a.m. Did you know that you can download audio-books, music and movies through the Library? If you'd like to try our downloadable services, but aren't sure how -- come in for this introductory class. Basic computer knowledge is required.

***FREE TAX COUNSELING BY AARP - Wednesdays, February 3 through April 14. By appointment only.** District residents may sign up by telephone (654-4700, ext. 242) between 10 a.m.-5 p.m. or in person in Periodicals Plus beginning January 4. Out-of-district residents may register beginning January 18. **Simple Tax Forms Only!**

***CLOSET ORGANIZATION**

Wednesday, February 3 at 7 p.m. Learn tips on sorting your wardrobe and accessories. See the newest gadgets and learn how to create an orderly space for your clothing and other items.

***DO THE WRITE THING**

Thursdays, February 4, 18, 25 & March 4 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Join author Anne Kelly-Edmunds and learn writing techniques for

fiction and nonfiction including memoirs. Bring a notebook and pen.

***BOOK DISCUSSION:**

***Consumption* - Thursday, February 4 at 7 p.m.** Join Reader's Advisory Librarian Bruce Silverstein for a discussion of Kevin Patterson's novel. Pick up a copy at the Main Desk beginning January 4.

MIKE FICCO JAZZ QUARTET

Sunday, February 7 at 2:30 p.m. See front page for details.

***CHOCOLATE LOVERS 101**

Wednesday, February 10 at 7 p.m. Learn the basics of melting and dipping chocolate and tips on creating an elegant dessert. Residents may sign up beginning January 4. \$5 cash (payable at registration). No refunds.

***THE KNITTING CIRCLE**

Wednesday, February 10 from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Do you have a knitting question or want to complete an unfinished project? Join Donna Trunk and learn tips and techniques. Bring your materials and projects

and enjoy sharing your patterns and ideas. Learn new stitches and how to troubleshoot your knitting problems. *For beginners and experienced knitters.*

***AFTERNOON MOVIE: *Julie & Julia* - Wednesday, February 24 at 1 p.m.**

Story of the beginning of chef Julia Child's cooking career and author Julia Powell's attempt to cook all the famous chef's recipes in *Mastering the Art of French Cooking*. (Rated PG-13; 123 minutes)

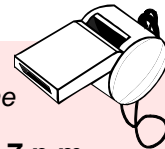
***6-HOUR DEFENSIVE**

DRIVING COURSE - Wednesday, February 24 & Thursday, February 25 from 5:45-8:45 p.m. A check for \$35 made payable to Driver Safety Program must accompany all registrations. Sign up at the Main Desk beginning January 4.

GENEALOGY RESEARCH

GROUP - Saturday, February 27 from 10-11:30 a.m. **Organizing and Improving Family Photographs Using Adobe Photoshop Elements.** Speaker: Bob Franz. Getting Started Help session from 9:30-10 a.m.

THE JOB SEARCH *with Career Coach Robert Considine*



***HOW TO FIND A JOB- Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m.** Learn about the hidden job market, how to navigate the Internet and more.

***RESUME DEVELOPMENT - Thursday, February 18 at 7 p.m.** Learn how to create a resume that reflects your accomplishments and opens the door for an interview.

***THE JOB INTERVIEW- Thursday, March 4 at 7 p.m.** Get tips on highlighting your abilities, preparing for various types of interviews and developing answers to interview questions.



COMING IN MARCH

***MAKEUP IN MINUTES**

Wednesday, March 3 at 7 p.m. Beauty/Image consultant Rebecca Kopcienski discusses tips and techniques that will help you create an attractive look in a short time.

***CROCHET PROJECT: Ladies Handbag - Thursdays, March 4, 11, 18 & 25 from 1-3 p.m.** Join Marion Reiter and create this attractive handbag. *Crochet experience required.* Register and pick up a materials list beginning February 10.

***BUS TRIP: Philadelphia Flower Show:**

Passport to the World

Saturday, March 6, 2010

Tickets (limit 4 per person) priced at \$53.00 (includes coach bus and admission) go on sale Tuesday, February 2 at the Young Adult Desk to district residents. Out-of-district residents may purchase tickets beginning February 9 (space permitting). Bring refreshments for the bus, or purchase at the show. Bus leaves Library parking lot at 7 a.m. No refunds. (*Note: the ticket line will form at the side entrance of the Library before 9:30 a.m.*)

Programas En Español

INTRODUCCIÓN A LA COMPUTADORA Y EL INTERNET - Los viernes, 8 de enero y 19 de febrero de 7:30-8:30 p.m. y los viernes, 15 y 22 de enero y 5 & 26 de febrero de 6:30-7:30 p.m. Curso incluire: correo electrónico, bases de datos, motores de búsqueda y más. Favor de registrarse empezando el 5 de enero. Llame al 654-4700, ext. 252 o en línea @ www.pmlib.org. Este curso es gratis.

A VOICE: Against Violence & Oppression in Communities Everywhere - Los jueves, 14 de enero hasta 4 de febrero 4 de 6-8:30 p.m. Este es un programa gratuito de cuatro (4) semanas para familias con jóvenes entre 9-12 años. Las familias participarán en discusiones grupales, intercambio de roles y juegos basados en temas de estereotipos, diversidad cultural, acoso, intimidación cibernética y otros. Nosotros proveeremos la cena para los asistentes mientras participan de este programa; además ofreceremos actividades para los niños menores. Todas las sesiones se llevarán a cabo en la biblioteca. Este programa es auspiciado por Bias Help, Inc. Para registrarse llame a Loida Santos o Arley Pelaez al: 631-479-6015.

GRUPO DE CONVERSACIÓN (EN INGLÉS) - Los miércoles de 7-8:30 p.m. Practique hablando en inglés. Para estudiantes de nivel intermedio. Llame al 654-4700, ext. 234.

CONSEJERÍA PROFESIONAL ¿Esta tratando de encontrar el trabajo adecuado o profesión? Betty Velez, una consejera profesional bilingüe, le puede ayudar a descubrir la carrera que tanto desea. Ya sea cambiar de trabajo, revisar su hoja de vida u hoja de presentación, encontrar la universidad adecuada o asistirlo con el proceso de solicitar ayuda financiera. Llame a 631-654-4700 ext. 248.

¡APRENDA UN IDIOMA NUEVO! La biblioteca ofrece acceso gratuito a los programas Tell me More and Mango. Puede aprender inglés y otros idiomas desde la biblioteca o desde su casa con su tarjeta de la biblioteca en www.pmlib.org/index.php?q=esaprende Para una sesión bilingüe individual, llame al 654-4700 ext. 248.

ASISTENCIA EMPRESARIAL A DUEÑOS DE PEQUEÑOS NEGOCIOS (en inglés) **Los miércoles, citas de una hora de 10 a.m.-1 p.m.** Gratis. Para inscribirse, llame al 654-4700 ext. 220.

CONSTRUYENDO PUENTES CON NUESTRAS HISTORIAS Los miércoles de 5-7pm. Un taller bilingüe de Herstory para escribir la historia de tu vida. Este programa es gratis y abierto a toda mujer. No se requiere experiencia con la escritura. Llame al 654-4700 ext. 248.

¡ESTAMOS EN EL PROCESO DE CREAR UNA NUEVA PAGINA WEB EN ESPAÑOL Y NECESITAMOS SUS IDEAS! www.pmlib.org/index.php?q=espanol Allí encuentra noticias, programas, servicios, novedades de la biblioteca. Esta página es para la comunidad latina. ¡Envíenos sus comentarios y sugerencias para mejorarla!

LEARNINGEXPRESSLIBRARY - Acceso gratuito en línea a exámenes de práctica interactivos; los que incluyen la preparación de pruebas académicas, exámenes de servicio civil y vocacional, computación, hojas de vida y presentación, matemática, ejercicios para mejorar lectura y escritura para estudiantes de Elementary School hasta adultos. Para los hablantes de español, Learning Express incluye ejercicios para mejorar sus habilidades en inglés en lectura, escritura y matemática así como la preparación para el examen de GED. Ud. puede acceder a LearningExpressLibrary las 24 horas del día ya que ofrece resultados instantáneos, comentarios y análisis de su puntaje. www.pmlib.org/index.php?q=learningexpress Llame a 654-4700 ext. 234.

READING OLYMPICS!

Win With Reading!



Join a Winter Reading Club

for ages birth-6th grade

Visit the Library or the Neighborhood Center with your PML card to pick up your membership packet. It contains your chart, reading club rules and a few surprises. Complete your reading chart before February 21 for a chance to earn great prizes.

***NEW MOTHERS' DISCUSSION GROUP**

Thursday, January 7 from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. *For mothers and their infants ages 2-11 months.* Discuss the joys and concerns of motherhood. Kathy Roeder will provide information, support and resources. Siblings welcome. Registration currently taking place; call for availability.

***HOMEWORK HELP - Saturdays, January 9, 16, 23, February 6 & 27 from 10 a.m.-12 noon. and Wednesdays, January 13, 27, February 10 & 24 from 4:30-6:30 p.m.** *For elementary students.* A certified teacher will be available to assist students. Students must bring assignments. Parents are welcome. Register one week before each session.

***COLORFUL SNOWMAN - Monday, January 11 from 4:30-5:30 p.m.** *For children in grades 2-6.* Now that the holiday decorations have been put away, make a colorful snowman centerpiece that will brighten any room. Register beginning January 4.

***TOT'S NIGHT OUT - Monday, January 11 from 7-8 p.m.** *For families with children ages 18 months to 5 years.* Enjoy singing, dancing and storytelling together. Make a craft to take home. Register beginning January 4.

***PAWS FOR READING - Tuesday, January 12 at 6:30, 6:50, 7:10 or 7:30 p.m.** *For children in grades 1-6.* Pick a book and practice reading aloud to one of our specially trained and certified therapy dogs. Register beginning January 5.

***HOMESCHOOLERS TEA & TOUR - Wednesday, January 13 from 2-3:30 p.m.** Homeschooling families are invited to join us at the Library to see what the Library can offer you. A tour of CAPS and simple craft will follow; then join us for tea and a snack. Register beginning January 2.

Children's & Parents

Register for all programs with an asterisk (*) in-person, by telephone. All district residents (children & adults) must have a valid P-M card from the Children's & Parents' Services (CAPS) Department. Check for program details. Preschool children attend programs with a parent/caregiver.

***BABY GAMES - Thursday, January 14 from 10-10:45 a.m.** *For children ages 3-11 months with a parent/caregiver.* Participate in age-appropriate activities. Presented by Kathy Roeder. Register beginning January 7.

***MOTHERS OF TODDLERS DISCUSSION GROUP Thursday, January 14 from 11-11:45 a.m.** *For mothers of toddlers, 12-23 months.* ***MOTHERS OF TWOS DISCUSSION GROUP Thursday, January 14 from 12-12:45 p.m.** *For mothers of toddlers, 24-35 months.* Take some time to talk with other mothers as you move into a new phase of parenting. Facilitated by Kathy Roeder. Register beginning January 7.

***BOOK BUDDIES - Thursdays, January 14, 21, 28, February 4 & 11 at 6, 6:30 or 7 p.m.** *For children in grades pre-K-2.* Encourage your child's love of books and reading. Trained middle school student volunteers will read to your child. Register beginning January 7.

***AN INTRODUCTION TO MOTHER GOOSE - Friday, January 15 from 10:30-11 or 11:15-11:45 a.m.** *For children ages 2-24 months with a parent/caregiver.* A program based on familiar nursery rhymes and songs. Register beginning January 8.



***CRAFT BUDDIES - Saturdays, January 16, 23, 30 and February 6 from 12 noon-1 p.m.** *For grades 3-6.* Calling all crafters! Learn to make cool crafts with our high school volunteer buddies! Register one week before each session.

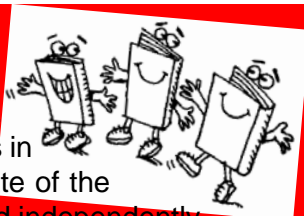
***American Girl TEA - Tuesday, January 19 from 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15 p.m.** *For grades K-6.* Explore Felicity's world and create a quilt wall hanging. Bring your favorite doll to share tea and cookies. Register beginning January 12.

***MOSTLY MOTHER GOOSE Wednesday, January 20 from 10:30-11 or 11:15-11:45 a.m.** *For children ages 2-3½ with a parent/caregiver.* This program includes circle time, songs and stories. Register beginning January 13.

***LEARNING TOGETHER - Friday, January 22 from 1-1:45 or 2-2:45 p.m.** *For parents and preschoolers 3½-5 years.* Join Ellen and Doreen for a story time that includes the use of our school readiness kits. Explore concepts through stories, puzzles and games. Register beginning January 15.

ts' Services

Telephone or for most programs online.
Library card to register for programs in
Child must be the age stated by the date of the
caregiver. School-aged children attend independently.



***GAMES FOR ONES** - Saturday, January 23 from 10-10:45 a.m. For children ages 12-23 months with a parent/caregiver. ***GAMES FOR TWOS** - Saturday, January 23 from 11-11:45 a.m. For children ages 24-35 months with a parent/caregiver. ***BABY GAMES** - Saturday, January 23 from 12-12:45 p.m. For children ages 3-11 months with a parent/caregiver. Participate in age-appropriate learning games. Presented by Kathy Roeder. Register beginning January 16.

***HOW TO BUILD A SNOWMAN** - Monday, January 25 from 10-10:45 for children ages 3-17 months with a parent/caregiver or 10:45-11:30 a.m. for children ages 18-35 months with a parent/caregiver. Listen to the book, feel the snowballs, hear the winter wind, catch the snowmen and gaze at the icicles on the winter canopy. Register beginning January 15.

***LIVING WITH TODDLERS** - Mondays, January 25 & February 1 from 7-9 p.m. For parents of 1-4 year olds. Sometimes toddlers are sweet and charming; and at other times feisty and uncooperative. This program will help parents understand toddlers and develop realistic expectations. Presented by Kerri Kreh Reda from Cornell Cooperative Extension. Register beginning January 11.

***TOT'S NIGHT OUT** - Tuesday, January 26 from 7-8 p.m. For families with children ages 18 months to 5 years. See January 11 for details. Register beginning January 19.

***BOOKS 'N' BABES** - Wednesday, January 27 from 10-11 a.m. For parents/caregivers. Come join an adult book club in a setting where young children are welcome. Register when you pick up a copy of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* by Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows at the Main Desk beginning January 6.

***LEARNING TOGETHER TIME** - Tuesdays, February 2, 16 & 23 from 12-12:45, 1-1:45 or 2-2:45 p.m. For children ages 3½-5 with a parent/caregiver. Readiness kits which include games, puzzles, toys and books are available for use in the Library. Have fun exploring the world of numbers, letters, shapes & colors. Register beginning January 26.

***NEW MOTHERS' DISCUSSION GROUP**

Thursday, February 4 from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. For mothers and their infants ages 2-11 months. See January 7 for details. Register beginning January 7.

***MOTHER GOOSE AND MORE** - Saturday, February 6 from 10:30-11 a.m. For families with children ages 2-35 months. Sing songs, rhymes and fingerplays with your infant or toddler. Fun for the whole family! Register beginning January 30.

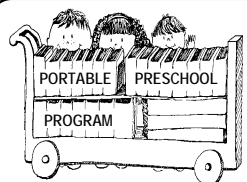
***A "SOUPER" KIDS IN THE KITCHEN** - Monday, February 8 from 10:30 a.m.-12 noon. For children ages 3½-5 with a parent/caregiver. Borrow a book from our storybook stew collection. Read it together and then cook something together that is based on the book that you read. Then bring what you've made (and the Library book) to a special story time which concludes with a "souper" lunch. We'll provide the stories and a simple craft, set the table and bring the soup. You bring a tasty treat that you've made at home to accompany our soup. It can be an appetizer or a dessert or whatever you think goes with soup as long as it's based on your story. Register and pick up a recipe form beginning January 25.

***AFRICAN MASK** - Monday, February 8 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. For children in grades 2-6. Celebrate African American History Month. Paint and decorate a beautiful tribal mask made from wood, chip board and foam core. Register beginning February 1.

***HAPPY HEARTS** - Tuesday, February 9 from 1-1:45 or 2-2:45 p.m. For children ages 2½-5 with a parent/caregiver. Listen to a Valentine story and create a variety of "lovable" crafts that will put a smile on your heart. Register beginning February 2.

***FLOWER POWER** - Tuesday, February 9 from 4:30-5:15 or 5:30-6:15 p.m. For children in grades K-5. Use a disc to create a unique, beautiful "I Love You" flower to keep or give to someone special. Then make a special Valentine card to complete this gift. Register beginning February 2.

***PAWS FOR READING** - Tuesday, February 9 at 6:30, 6:50, 7:10 or 7:30 p.m. For children in grades 1-6. See January 12 for details. Register beginning February 2.



THE PORTABLE PRESCHOOL PROGRAM is available to Family Child Care Providers who are registered and/or certified. This program consists of monthly visits by a Children's Librarian who will conduct a story time. Kits with books and suggested activities will be left for use in the home. District residents may call CAPS to register.

Children's & Parents' Services continued

***IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY: BABIES & BOOKS**

Wednesday, February 10 from 11-11:45 a.m. For parents with their children ages 2-11 months. Learn of the best in board books, rhymes and songs in this introduction to literacy. Register beginning February 3.



***VALENTINE TRINKET BOX**

Wednesday, February 10 from 4:30-5:15 p.m. For children in grades 3-5. Make a really cool Valentine gift for you or someone special. Register beginning February 3.

***BABY GAMES** - Thursday, February 11 from 10-10:45 a.m. See January 14 for details. Register beginning February 4.

***MOTHERS OF TODDLERS DISCUSSION GROUP** - Thursday, February 11 from 11-11:45 a.m.

***MOTHERS OF TWOS DISCUSSION GROUP** - Thursday, February 11 from 12-12:45 p.m. See January 14 for details. Register beginning February 4.

***GETTING READY TO BABYSIT** - Saturday, February 13 from 1-4 p.m. For children in grades 5 & up. Develop the skills necessary for the important responsibility of being a sitter. Learn the developmental stages of children and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Learn how to keep children safe. Hands-on activities and certificate are included. Conducted by Cornell Cooperative Extension. Register beginning February 3.

DROP IN CRAFTS - Tuesday, February 16 from 3-4:30 p.m. For Pre-K-5th grade children. Join us for an afternoon of winter crafts and family fun!

***WINTER BINGO** - Tuesday, February 16 from 7-8:15 p.m. For families with children ages 3 through 5th grade. Join us for a night of family fun. Prizes and snacks for all! Register beginning February 5.

***TINY TUNES** - Thursday, February 18 from 6-6:30 p.m. For children ages 12-30 months with a parent/caregiver. This program includes songs, chants and fingerplays that you know and love. Register beginning February 11.

***PARACHUTE PLAY** - Tuesday, February 23 from 10:30-11 or 11:15-11:45 a.m. For children ages 18-35 months with a parent/caregiver. Join us for songs and games with our parachute. Register beginning February 16.

***STEP (Systematic Training for Effective Parenting)** Wednesdays, February 24, March 3, 10, 17 & 24 from 7-9 p.m. For parents of infants, toddlers and preschoolers. This program will help parents develop skills to meet the challenges of daily family life. There is no certificate of completion. The required handbook may be purchased for \$14 (a limited number are available for loan). Register beginning February 10.

***BABY EINSTEIN FALLING SNOW** - Thursday, February 25 from 10:15-11 for children ages 3-17 months with a parent/caregiver or 11-11:45 a.m. for children ages 18-35 months with a parent/caregiver. Come see the Baby Einstein puppets and enjoy the winter scenes. Register beginning February 18.

***GAMES FOR ONES** - Saturday, February 27 from 10-10:45 a.m. For children ages 12-23 months with a parent/caregiver. ***GAMES FOR TWOS** - Saturday, February 27 from 11-11:45 a.m. For children ages 24-35 months with a parent/caregiver. ***BABY GAMES** - Saturday, February 27 from 12-12:45 p.m. For children ages 3-11 months with a parent/caregiver. See January 23 for details. Register beginning February 20.

***HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS** - Tuesday, March 2 from 7-8:15 p.m. For families with children ages 3-5th grade. Celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday with stories, crafts and a special snack. Register beginning February 22.

***NEW MOTHERS' DISCUSSION GROUP** Thursday, March 4 from 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. For mothers and their infants ages 2-11 months. See January 7 for details. Register beginning February 4.

***CAPS DESSERT BAR CONTEST/CHALLENGE**

Friday, February 19 at 1 p.m. For children in grades K-6.

Bake your favorite dessert bar treat such as brownies, blondies or granola bars and enter our Dessert Bar Contest. Enter the contest with traditional dessert bars from "scratch" or enter the Dessert Bar Challenge by choosing healthier ingredients such as whole wheat flour, natural sweeteners or other nutritious ingredients. All entries will be judged on taste, texture, creativity and more. After awards and prizes, stay to share the goodies! See our display of cookbooks for some great ideas! Rules and registration information will be available beginning February 5 at the CAPS Desk. Space is limited.

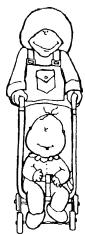
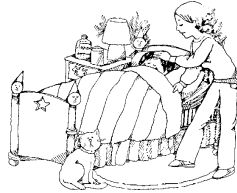


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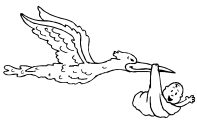
ARE WE THERE YET? Travel Kits are now available all year round! Pick up a complimentary travel kit filled with activities to help occupy your child while traveling.

Is your child home sick and boredom has set in? Call us to request books and movies of interest to your child. We'll put it all together; then come down to CAPS and pick up a complimentary **GET WELL KIT** and check out the Library materials.



A WELCOME NEW BABY SIBLING PREPARATION KIT is available by reservation. Parents may borrow this kit of books, an infant doll, and more, to share with their pre-schoolers before the new baby arrives.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL is a kit you may borrow to help prepare young children for hospital visits and medical procedures. Books, puzzles, play therapy toys, and a videocassette are included.



Are you a new parent or about to be one? Do you know someone who is? Ask for a complimentary **INFANT KIT**.

All kits are available to district residents through Children's & Parents' Services.



Congratulations to the winners of the Friends of the Library Outstanding Research Paper Scholarships. Pictured left to right Claire Siegel, President of the Friends, winners Rebecca Murphy, Raymond Mantoura, Matthew Bosse and Danielle Paisley, Head of Young Adult/Audio-visual Services. Not pictured winner Celeste DeMarco.

MEDFORD VISIONING

This is your free ticket to **Medford's Future!** Join the Medford Taxpayers and Civic Association on **Wednesday, January 13 at 7 p.m.** at the Main Medford Firehouse. The community, young and old, will plan Medford's ideal land use, open space, architectural designs to enhance our hamlet's values.

Visit "Project Information," regarding Medford Vision Update and Community Corridor Revitalization Plan" at Cameron Engineering's website: <http://www.cameronengineering.com/Medfordvision/index.html> and check out **Brookhaven.org**

Medford Taxpayers & Civic Association,
475-4783, Harrisckr@aol.com

With Thanks

Because of your generosity during our **Food for Fines Weeks**, several local food pantries received donations of food in time for the holidays.

Our **Mitten Tree** was a great success.

More than 100 mittens, socks, scarves, hats were donated to the Lighthouse Mission.

CORNER

For Parents and
Caregivers of Teens

***A VOICE: Against Violence & Oppression in Communities Everywhere**

Thursdays, January 14 through February 4 from 6-8:30 p.m.

This free four-week program is for families with youth ages 9-12. Families will participate in group discussions, role playing and games based on the topics of stereotypes, cultural diversity, bullying, cyberbullying and more. Dinner will be provided. Activities for younger children in the families will be available. Program sponsored by BiasHELP Inc. To register please contact Ms. Loida Santos or Mr. Arley Pelaez at 631-476-6015.

***WHEN YOUR TEEN DRIVES YOU CRAZY - Tuesday, February 2 from 7-8:30 p.m.**

Are you bewildered by adolescent behavior? Does her moodiness drive you crazy? Does his attitude push your buttons? Would you like a more respectful relationship with your teen? This workshop will help you understand what's happening during adolescence and how you can regain control.

PARENT

Young Adult

All YA programs are for students in grades 6-12. Unless otherwise noted, all programs register beginning January 2nd. For information or to register for the following programs, ask at the Young Adult Reference Desk, 654-4700 ext. 251.

WINTER READING CLUB

“Project: BookREAD”

January 4-February 26

Come and check out the latest cover designs and their beguiling contents in our wonderful Winter Reading Club. Strut your stuff down the mental runway and report on the books you read. Win some spectacular prizes! All you need is to read 3 books and you're on your way!

***BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: Advanced Division**
Thursdays, January 7, 14, 21, 28, February 4, 11 & 25 from 3:30-4:30 p.m. Attention 9th-12th grade braniacs, book-lovers and brilliant readers! If you have a competitive spirit and a passion for literature, then we want you for the Advanced Battle of the Books. Get copies of the 3 books and meet your teammates. The Battle is on March 20th, so be prepared to work hard!

***BOOK BUDDIES TRAINING** - Thursday, January 7 from 6-7 p.m. Middle School Students Wanted! Read to younger children and earn community service credit. Applications are available at the YA Desk.

OPENING NIGHT: Winter Art Gallery - Thursday, January 7 from 7-8:30 p.m. All are invited to attend the opening reception of our exhibit *Our Community: Portraits in Diversity*. Come and view the works of our talented teen artists and enjoy some light refreshments.

***VIDEO GAME NIGHT** - Fridays, January 8 and February 5 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Come and compete in a tournament with your fellow teens. We'll provide the systems & games; you provide the skills!

***CRAFT BUDDIES TRAINING** - Saturday, January 9 from 12-1 p.m. Wanted: Teens in grades 9-12 who love crafts and kids. Earn community service credits and be a mentor to a younger child (grades 3-6). Pick up information and an application at the YA Desk.

***INTO THE MIC & THRU THE LENS**
Mondays, January 11, 25, February 1 & 8 from 6-7:30 p.m. Digital artists, writers, photographers and videographers! Continue working on projects using simple digital tools as we create pod and vod casts. Our works will showcase the Library and will find a home on our website. Space is limited; application - available at the YA Desk - required!



STUDY CENTRAL



SUFFOLK HOMEWORK HELP @ www.suffolkhomeworkhelp.org

Get FREE help with your homework from real tutors -- online!

Log in with your valid Library card to receive help with math, science, social studies, English and writing. English and Spanish tutors are available from 2-11 p.m. every day.



MATH HOMEWORK HELP

Thursdays, January 7 - February 4 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. and Thursdays, February 11-25 from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Receive help with your math homework from a tutor on a first-come, first-served basis.

Bring your homework or exam questions to our tutor and learn the mysteries of mathematics and the secrets of test-taking. Young adults (grades 6-12) should sign in at the YA/AV Desk upon arrival.

***REGENTS REVIEW CLASSES • ENGLISH** - Saturday, January 9 from 10-11:30 a.m.

• **GEOMETRY** - Saturday, January 16 from 10-11:30 a.m. • **ALGEBRA** - Saturday, January 16 from 12-1:30 p.m.

Taking the Regents? Come to any of our review classes and learn tips and tricks to help you prepare.

***FULL-LENGTH PRACTICE ACT TEST** - Saturday, January 23 from 1-5 p.m.

Get experience with the test without any pressure! Please bring 2 #2 pencils and a calculator.

***SAT? ACT? Not Sure If You Should Take the SAT or ACT or Both?** - Wednesday, January 27 from 7-8:30 p.m. Parents and students -- come to this seminar and learn about how the tests differ and more! Students who took the ACT practice exam on January 23rd will receive their scores and a customized analysis of their performance on the test.

***PML PLAYERS: Theatre Workshop** - Tuesdays, January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 9, 16 & 23 from 4-5 p.m. Keep those acting and public speaking skills sharp while having fun with your friends. Practice using rhythmic speech & movement to express yourself with confidence.

***TEEN ADVISORY COUNCIL OF THE TEEN FRIENDS** - Fridays, January 15 & February 5 from 5-6 p.m. Join the Teen Friends and help us plan Library programs and events. Meet other teens!

***ANIMANGAMANIA** - Fridays, January 15 & February 26 from 6:30-8 p.m. Come in your cosplay outfits and we'll have new manga to preview, snacks and a raffle.

***SATURDAY CRAFTS WITH RINETTE**
Saturdays, January 16 and February 6 from 1-2:30 p.m. Rinette brings materials, instruction and tons of fun. You bring your friends and lots of enthusiasm, and we'll be doing a Valentine's gift in February!

***DUNGEONS & DRAGONS: JR. & SR. DIVISIONS**
Saturdays, January 16 & February 13 from 2:30-4:30 p.m. Experience dungeon masters will keep you safe -- if YOU keep your wits about you! SIGN UP A MUST!

***LANGUAGE CAFE** - Tuesdays, January 19, 26, February 2 & 9 from 6-7:30 p.m. Back by popular demand, we'll be chatting and laughing in Español. Native speakers earn community service credit and new learners strengthen skills and build friendships. Join us!

***RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS: Community Service Group** - Wednesdays, January 20 & February 24 from 6-7:30 p.m. Share your talent and enthusiasm for helping others in our community. Task groups are forming -- choose a project that's close to your heart, meet with your peers and run with it!

***FIBER FREAKS: Teen Knitters, Crocheters and Spinners** - Thursdays, January 21 & February 18 from 3:30-5 p.m. Do you want to learn to knit or spin? Donna will be here to get you started or help with a work in progress. New people are always welcome! For grades 6-12, and accompanying adults.

***TEEN TRIVIA TOURNAMENT** - Friday, January 22 from 6-8 p.m. Are you good at trivia? Compete in teams with your fellow teens and prove it!

TEEN MOVIE - Friday, January 29 from 6-8 p.m. Come and see a surprise flick with your friends.

***PARTY GAMES** - Friday, February 12 from 6-8 p.m. Love board games and socializing? Even if you don't, you'll be sure to have a bunch of laughs in our night of fun group games!

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SCHOOL'S OUT! COME TO THE LIBRARY!

DROP-IN CRAFT

Tuesday, February 16 from 1-3 p.m.

Stop by the YA Department and make a fun project to express your unique personality.

All materials provided!

*YU-GI-OH

Tuesday, February 16 from 3:30-5 p.m.

Come make a winning deck! We'll have snack and raffles as usual. If you can't wait till February, it's likely you'll find a pick-up game in the YA Department on most afternoons.

TEEN/SIBLING MOVIE

Wednesday, February 17 from 5-7 p.m.

Bring your siblings and watch a fun flick.

We'll have goodies to sip and munch, so be there!



*THE HISTORY OF VIDEO GAMES

Thursday, February 18 from 3-5 p.m.

Come learn the origins of the video games you love to play today. Play some old retro video game systems too!

*TEEN BAKE-OFF

Friday, February 19 from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Do you like to bake cupcakes and cookies/dessert bars? If so, enter our Teen Bake Off!

Rules and registration forms will be available beginning February 1 at the YA Desk.

*YA WINTER FILM FESTIVAL

Friday, February 19 from 7-9 p.m.

All are welcome to view our local teens original films. Meet the filmmakers and enjoy light refreshments after the show. Deadline for submission is February 8. Applications available at the YA Desk or online at pmyayackers.blogspot.com





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Sunday (October-May) 1-5 p.m.

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Silver Star card holders may pick up their 2010 Senior Coupon Book beginning in January. Seniors, 65 or over, may apply for Silver Star cards at the Main Desk. District residents only.



COME TO THE NEIGHBORHOOD CENTER

The **Neighborhood Center** at the Eagle Elementary School in Medford is open on **Wednesdays from 5-8 p.m.** and **Saturdays from 11 a.m.-2 p.m.**
The Center will be closed on January 2, February 17 & 20.

Join Us At The Neighborhood Center For . . .

***HOMEWORK HELP** - Wednesdays, January 13, February 3 & 10 from 5-7 p.m. For children in grades K-5. A certified teacher will be available to help students with homework and learning activities. Parents are welcome. Register with CAPS one week before each session.

***SNOWMAN STORYCRAFT** - Wednesday, January 13 from 6:45-7:30 p.m. For children ages 3-6 with a parent/caregiver. Hear snowman stories and make a snowman to take home. Register with CAPS beginning January 5.



***WINTER WINDOW** - Saturday, January 16 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For children in grades K-5. Look into the wondrous world of winter and create a beautiful winter scene. Register with CAPS beginning January 9.

***1,000 BOOK CLUB KICKOFF** - Wednesday, January 27 from 6:30-8 p.m. For children pre-K-1st grade with a parent/caregiver. Find out all about the 1,000 Book Club. Hear a story and make a family book plate. Register with CAPS beginning January 2.

***TODDLER TIME** - Saturday, February 13 from 11:15 a.m.-12 p.m. For children ages 1-3 years with a parent/caregiver. Join us for age-appropriate activities designed to stimulate and encourage your child's physical and mental growth. Singing, movement, finger play, bubbles and parachute time included. Register with CAPS beginning February 6.

***TOT'S NIGHT OUT** - Wednesday, February 24 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. For families with children ages 18 months through 5 years. Enjoy your preschool family with "A Time For Kids." Register beginning February 10.

***PLENTY OF PUPPETS** - Saturday, February 27 from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. For children in grades K-5. Use a variety of craft materials and your imagination to make a fun finger or box puppet. Register beginning February 20.

AND FOR ADULTS!

***JEWELRY MAKING: Crystal & Sterling Earrings** - Saturday, March 6 from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Create two pairs of pierced crystal (choice of colors) and sterling earrings. Residents may sign up beginning February 1 at the Main Desk of the Library or at the Neighborhood Center. \$10 cash (payable at registration). Our-of-district residents may register beginning February 8 (space permitting). No refunds.