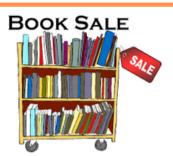


November/December 2024 Newsletter



Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Thursday, November 14; 4:00 - 7:30 PM (Friends members only) Friday & Saturday, November 15 & 16; 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM

Blood Drive Saturday, November 9 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM

New York Blood Center will be in our Community Room collecting blood donations. Donors must be age 17 - 75, in general good health, and have a photo ID or donor ID card with them. For additional information about donor eligibility or to register to donate, visit https://www.nybc.org/donate-blood. Registration is recommended but not required. Appointments also can be scheduled at the Adult Reference Desk.

John Thiessen Toy Drive December 1 - December 18

Please bring your new, unwrapped toy donation to the box across from the Circulation desk. Thank you.



Carolers and Cookies Saturday, December 14 2:30 - 3:30 PM

Stop by the Reading Room to listen to some old-time favorites and enjoy holiday inspired cookies.





Local Author Event Saturday, November 2 2:00 - 4:00 PM ATTENTION LOCAL AUTHORS!



Bring your novels, short stories, poetry, etc. We are looking for local published authors to participate in this event. It's a great opportunity to promote, sell your work, and network! Each author will have between 5-10 minutes to book- talk or read from their work. Tables will be provided for you to set up books for purchase (which you will take care of.) You must <u>fill out an application</u> to participate in this event. Paper applications are available at the Adult Reference desk.

Registration deadline is Saturday, October 19.

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Director's Message

Goodness, are we already at the most wonderful time of the year? And by wonderful, I mean joyous, fun, exciting, and to be honest, stressful. Cooking, baking, cleaning, wrapping, family – oh my! So just remember the library when things get to be stifling; have a respite from all your worries in a warm, cozy chair in our fireplace room, enjoy a movie while sipping cocoa, learn a new skill, or just craft, game, and commiserate with others while having a bit of fun!



We are excited to host our Elf Party at the library on Monday, December 16th from 5 PM – 7 PM. We will be doing all things elf at this special event, including watching the movie *Elf*, making elf crafts, and having a special visit for photos in the fireplace room! We have so much stuff, it's too much to list here – so just pop on down to register or use the new website calendar to register from home or on the go.

Also, on December 16 - 18 (12 pm - 6 pm) and December 20 & 21 (12 pm - 3 pm) you can wrap your gifts here in the Children's room. All wrapping materials will be provided.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, November 19th, and Tuesday, December 10th at 6:30 PM for their regular monthly meetings. The Friends of the Library will be hosting their annual Fall Books-And-More Sale in our Community Room from Thursday, November 14th – Saturday November 16th – see the ad for full details.

Small Business Saturday is November 30th this year – so hop on down to the Business District to buy local this special time of the year! And remember to use your library card for discounts at participating shops. Small Businesses are the backbone of this Village.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Staff, Volunteers, and Friends of the Library, I wish you all a beautiful Thanksgiving, a magical holiday season, and a healthy and happy New Year!! Remember, libraries are for everyone – and that's a mission we're serious about!

Until next time, I am yours, - Tom Vitale

How to Register for Programs

Registration is required for all library programs unless otherwise specified. You can register for library programs online, by phone, or in-person. Please see each department's section of the newsletter for registration dates and other details.

Hours of Operation:

M/T/W/TH: 9:30 am to 8:00 pm

F/Sa: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm Sunday: 1:00 - 5:00 pm

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11 (VETERANS DAY)
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27 (CLOSING AT NOON)
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 (THANKSGIVING DAY)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 (CHRISTMAS EVE)
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 (CHRISTMAS DAY)
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31 (NEW YEAR'S EVE)

ADULTS

Registration for all November programs begins Tuesday, October 15.
Out of district registration begins Tuesday, October 22..
Registration for all December programs begins Tuesday, November 12.
Out of district registration begins Tuesday, November 19.

NOVEMBER

Local Author Event Saturday, November 2; 2:00 - 4:00 PM

Come hear your neighbors read from and talk about their published books!

A 1923 Night at the Babylon Theatre Sunday, November 3; 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Travel back to 1923 for a night out at the theatre in Babylon. A little history, a little vaudeville, a few films, and a grand afternoon out. It will be the cat's meow! Please register for this program.

Cozy Fall Cookie Take & Decorate Kits Pick up: Monday, November 4 at 11:00 AM thru Friday, November 8 at 5:00 PM.

Each Sugar Island Bake Shop kit contains 4 sugar cookies (vanilla & chocolate flavored), 4 icing colors, a practice sheet, and a link to a brief online instructional video. Registration is required. Babylon patrons only.

Jewelry Making: Greek Scroll Earrings
Monday, November 4; 4:30 - 7:00 PM
Explore wire bending and forging to create
a pair of Greek scroll earrings. Aluminum wire
shaping with a ball pein hammer and pliers
will be demonstrated. There is a nonrefundable \$5 fee due at registration.

Medicare Workshop Wednesday, November 6; 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Join us for an educational seminar to help you understand how the Medicare system works. We will discuss: Medicare Parts A, B, C & D; Medicare Supplements & Medicare Advantage Plans and Prescription Drug Plans. Presented by Mary Parker and Steve Maisto of Senior Health Care Solutions.

Please register for this program.



Fall Bingo

Thursday, November 7; 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Take a break from holiday planning to have fun and win prizes! This program is for adults only. Registration is required.

> NYBC Blood Drive Saturday, November 9 10:30 AM - 3:00 PM



More information on front cover!

Friends of the Library Book Sale!
Thursday, November 14; 4:00 - 7:30 PM
(Friends members only)

Not a Friend? Join at the door!

Friday & Saturday, November 15 & 16; 10:00 AM - 4:30 PM







Borrow and enjoy audiobooks, eBooks, comics, movies, TV, magazines, or music everywhere you have a screen-your computer, your phone, your car, even your TV. All you need is a library card! hoopla syncs across all your devices, so you can stream titles immediately or whenever you're in the mood. Most titles can also be downloaded to your phone or tablet. hoopla offers more content, in more places, than any other digital library platform and it's all FREE thanks to your public library!

NOVEMBER

One-on-One Medicare Counseling Monday, November 18; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

A representative from Senior Services of North America will be here to assist with your Medicare questions. Please make an appointment with the Adult Reference Desk.

Can't Sleep? Let's Talk Monday, November 18 6:30 - 7:30 PM



Are you having trouble falling asleep, or getting back to sleep in the middle of the night? Do you feel "tired but wired" and don't know what's going on? Barb Herd, a Master Certified Health Coach and Sleep Science Coach will show you some factors that may be affecting your ability to get good, quality sleep consistently.

Registration is required.

Volunteer Opportunities with Good Samaritan University Hospital Wednesday, November 20; 11:00AM-12:00PM

Looking to get involved in your community? Join Brittany Colasanto and the Guilds of Good Samaritan for a presentation on Volunteer Opportunities! Learn about the different ways to get involved at Good Samaritan University Hospital, including but not limited to patient navigators, veteran's appreciation programs, thrift shop in Babylon, and more! Please register for this program. Note: There will also be an information table during the Friends Book Sale on November 15!

Empanadas with Maria's Mexican Cooking Saturday, November 23; 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Chef Maria will demonstrate how to make traditional empanadas made of corn masa. Everyone will get to taste these gluten-free empanadas filled with ground beef or chicken and cheese, topped with lettuce, Mexican sauce, sour cream and cotija cheese. There is a \$5 non-refundable program fee due at registration.

DECEMBER

Sound Meditation with Guided Imagery Monday, December 2; 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Enjoy the sonic sound waves of Quartz crystal bowls, Tibetan bowls, frame drum, and other meditative sounds while following a guided mediation. The combination of meditative sounds and guided imagery create a restorative and relaxing experience. Please register for this program.



Paint Night: Winter Travels Wednesday, December 11; 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join local artist Kathy Reccardi as she teaches participants step-by-step how to paint a winter travels picture they can customize. No painting experience needed. There is a non-refundable \$5.00 fee due at registration.

Carolers and Cookies Saturday, December 14; 2:30 - 3:30 PM



Stop by the Reading Room to listen to some oldtime favorites and enjoy holiday inspired cookies No registration required.

Chef Rob's Snappy Gingersnap Cookies Saturday, December 14; 3:30 - 4:30 PM

These gingersnap cookies are loaded with spices and taste SOOO good. Participants will need to bring a baking sheet, large and medium bowl, whisk, and rubber spatula. There is a non-refundable fee of \$5.00 due at registration.

Holiday Evergreen Centerpiece Tuesday, December 17; 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Explore the basics of floral design while creating a stunning seasonal centerpiece. No experience necessary, all supplies are included. Please bring a scissor and/or clippers. A non-refundable \$5.00 fee is due at registration.





ADULTS - (CONTINUED)

Regularly Scheduled Adult Programs



<u>Friday Films</u> Fridays; 2:00 - 4:00 PM

November 22 - Thelma starring June Squibb & Richard Roundtree





December 20 - Little Women starring Saoirse Ronan & Emma Watson

<u>Classic Film Club</u> Wednesdays; 5:30 - 7:30 PM

November 20 - Nightmare Alley starring Tyrone Power





December 18 - The Lady Eve starring Barbara Stanwyck & Henry Fonda

Hatha Yoga Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM November 7 & 21 December 12 & 19

This 4-week session is an active class, suitable for beginners as well as more experienced practitioners. Please bring a mat and a large towel or blanket. There is a \$20.00 non-refundable fee due at registration.





Gentle Yoga Mondays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM November 4, 18 & 25 December 2, 9 & 16

This 6-session all-levels class is focused on moving mindfully and with ease. Each session consists of standing, prone, and seated postures. Please bring a mat and a large towel or blanket. There is a non-refundable fee of \$30.00 due at registration. No walk-ins.

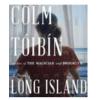
Adult Games in the Afternoon Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM November 4, 18 & 25



The Community Room is open for library patrons to play games of their own choosing. Patrons must bring their own games. Adults only. No registration required.

December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30

Plots & Pastries AM Book Discussion Tuesdays, 10:00 - 11:00 AM



November 19 Long Island, by Colm Tóibín





Books will be available at the Adult Reference desk approximately one month prior to meeting.



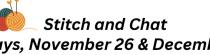
Evening Book Discussions 7:00 - 7:45 PM

There will be no book discussion in November.

We will meet on

Tuesday, December 3, to discuss *A Christmas Carol*, by Charles Dickens.

Writer's Workshop
Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:45 PM
November 19 & 26; December 3 & 10
New and experienced writers are welcome.
Feel free to bring any works in progress.



Tuesdays, November 26 & December 10; 11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your own needle craft supplies and projects, and enjoy some conversation while you work! Whether you're into knitting, crocheting, embroidery, or another form of needle craft, you're welcome to join us once a month to stitch and chat. No registration required.

ADULTS - (CONTINUED)

Village Shops Discount Program

Remember to use your library card for discount shopping in the village!

Participating stores include:

Argyle Toys (10% off)

Art Sea Studio (\$10 off children's art session)

the Blind Spot (\$50 off \$500)

Elevation Fitness (free consultation)

Hitch

Juice 'n Blendz (\$10 off \$10 or more)

La La Land (50% off 1 play session)

Neverending Story (10% off)

South Quarter (15% off)

Long Island Custom (15% off)

Positions Dance Studio (waived registration

fee or 15% off retail purchase)

Pandemonium Boutique (10% off)

Royal Dance Center of Babylon

(50% off one month's tuition)

Friends of the Library Meetings Thursdays: November 21 & December 12 7:00 - 8:00 PM

Literacy Suffolk Tutors Needed

Are you passionate about making a difference in your community? Volunteer to help empower individuals through the gift of reading, writing and speaking English. Literacy Suffolk is looking for dedicated volunteers who are eager to make a positive impact in the lives of those who struggle with literacy. No prior teaching experience is necessary – just a desire to help and a couple of hours a week to spare. To learn more or to submit your application, please visit https://literacysuffolk.org/tutorstesters/. You can also request a printed application at the Adult Reference Desk.

Literacy Suffolk Tutor Training Application
This training will take place at the
West Babylon Public Library
211 Route 109
West Babylon, NY 11704

Session 1 - Orientation - Monday, October 21

Session 2 - ELL 1 (English Language Learners) -

Wednesday, October 23

Session 3 - ELL 2 (English Language Learners) -

Monday, October 28

Session 4 - Successful tutoring - Wednesday, October 30

All sessions are from 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM. You must attend all 4 sessions.



Don't forget - October is time for

THE GREAT GIVE BACK

Career Couture Clothing Drive - from October 1 - 25, donate your gently used and cleaned business attire for people entering the workforce.

Teens Canine Companions Meet & Greet - Tuesday, October 15 @ 3:30PM

Touch a Truck (Children) - Saturday, October 26; 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM. Please bring a

can of dog or cat food as a donation to the Babylon Animal Shelter.

Catholic Health Community Outreach Bus - Wednesday, October 30, 10:00AM - 2:00PM Senior Medical ID Cards & Shed the Meds - Wednesday, October 30, 11:30AM - 2:00 PM

The Great Give Back is a community service initiative created by the Suffolk County Public Library Directors Association and the Suffolk Cooperative Library System, in conjunction with the Nassau Library System. The mission of The Great Give Back is to provide a day of opportunities for the patrons of the Public Libraries of New York State to participate in meaningful, service-oriented experiences.

TEENS

Unless posted otherwise, all teen programs are for grades 6-12 and registration is required.

Registration for November programs begins Tuesday, October 15 at 9:30am.

Registration for December programs begins Tuesday, November 12 at 9:30am.



Teens Troopons: Cut and Assemble

Friday, November 8 from 3:00-4:00pm

Join us in the library to cut coupons and organize them to be sent to Troopons – an organization that helps military families with living expenses. Earn one hour of community service – two hours if you bring your own manufacturer coupons to cut!

Dungeons & Dragons

Thursday, November 21 from 3:30-5:30pm Wednesdays, December 4 & 18 from 3:30-5:30pm



Join us in the library for Dungeons & Dragons! Build a character, choose your weapons, and lay waste to nasty critters with a roll of the dice. 8 players maximum!



Teens Rice Krispies Turkeys

Tuesday, November 19 from 3:30-4:30pm

Make a sweet treat at the library out of rice krispies treats and candy! Bring home your creations for Thanksgiving – or snack at the library. *May not be suitable for teens with food allergies.

Teens Gingerbread House Decorating

Tuesday, December 10 from 4:00-5:30pm



Are you feeling festive yet? Register to decorate your own gingerbread house to take home! We'll supply all the goodies and some jolly music – you bring creativity for some sweet competition!

*May not be suitable for teens with food allergies.



Teens Magnets for Community Service

Monday, December 16 – Thursday, December 19

Help us create magnets for winter reading giveaways! We'll have a magnet press in our teen area this week – earn one hour of community service for making ten magnets. *While supplies last.

Friends of the Library Book Sale
Sign up for Community Service hours at the Adult Reference desk!

Tuesday, November 12 from 3-6pm Wednesday, November 13 from 3-6pm Thursday, November 14 from 3-8pm Friday, November 15 from 1-5pm Saturday, November 16 from 11am-5pm



November 2024Babylon Children's Room Happenings

Registration for November programs will begin on Tuesday, October 1 @ 9:30am.

*Out of district registration will begin on Tuesday, October 15 @ 9:30am.

Register in person or online with your child's library card.

Please note age requirements.



*Minecraft

Tuesdays, November 5, 19, 26. 4:30 - 6:00pm *Grades 3 - 5*

Bring your device for Minecrafting fun! You will need to have a Microsoft account and know your username to register.

Registration required.

*Jammin' with Josh

Wednesdays, November 6, 20, 27. 10:00 - 10:30am Birth - Preschool

Join Mr. Josh and his guitar at the library for music and stories!

Registration required.

Story and a Craft

Thursdays, November 7, 21. 10:00 - 10:30am Birth - Preschool Join Ms. Ann for a fun storytime and craft! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Stay & Play

Friday, November 8. 10:00am - 12:00pm *Birth - 3 years* Drop in and enjoy a warm and inviting space

where you and your child can play and socialize with others in the community.

LEGO Build

Friday, November 8. 3:30 - 4:30pm Grades 3 -5 Join us for a fun LEGO build. Everyone will get their own LEGO set to build and take home! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Art with Sila

Saturday, November 9. 11:00am - 12:00pm Grades 3 - 5 Ms. Sila will help you make a beautiful leaf suncatcher! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.



Universal Yums

Monday, November 18. 4:00 - 5:00pm Grades 3 -5 Discover new countries through trivia and snacks! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Playtime Storytime

Tuesday, November 19. 10:00 - 11:00am

Birth - Preschool

Join Ms. Shannon for stories and playtime!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Thanksgiving Storytime!

Wednesday, November 20. 4:00 - 4:30pm Grades K - 2 Join Ms. Amy for a Thanksgiving story and paint your own ceramic turkey! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Thanksgiving Crafts

Thursday, November 21. 3:30 - 4:30pm Grades K - 5 It's turkey time! Drop in for Thanksgiving crafts! (while supplies last)

PlayHooray!

Friday, November 22. 10:00 - 10:45am

Birth - 4 years

Music and fun for your little one!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Mini No-Bake Pumpkin Pies

Monday, November 25. 4:30 - 5:30pm Families with children K - 5th grade Each family will make 6 delicious mini no-bake pumpkin pies to take home and enjoy! Please bring a mixing bowl, spoon and whisk. Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Turkey Waddle

Tuesday, November 26. 10:00 - 10:45am
Birth - Preschool
Join us for a Thanksgiving story and
turkey waddle around the library!
Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

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Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18. 10:00 - 10:30am Birth - Preschool Join Mr. Josh and his guitar for music and stories! Registration required.

Signing Time with Lisa Curley

Wednesdays, December 4, 11, 18. 1:00 - 1:30pm Birth - 5 years Learn sign language through music and play! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Story and a Craft

Thursdays, December 5, 12, 19. 10:00 - 10:30am Birth - Preschool Join Ms. Ann for a fun storytime and craft! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

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Birth - 4 years

Music and fun for your little one!

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Snowy Sprinkle Cookies

Saturday, December 14. 2:00 - 3:00pm

Families with children K - 5th grade
Chef Rob will help you prepare delicious cookies to
take home and bake! Please bring a cookie tray, large
and medium bowl, spoon and whisk.
Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

*Movie Night @ the Library: Elf (PG)

Monday, December 16. 5:00 - 7:00pm Families with children up to 5th grade Join us at the Library for a family fun night featuring the movie Elf! Snacks will be provided. Registration required.

Snowman Cookie

Thursday, December 19. 4:00 - 4:30pm OR 5:00 - 5:30pm Grades K - 5
Decorate an adorable snowman cookie! Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

*New Years Eve Dance Party

Friday, December 27. 11:00am - 12:30pm Families with children up to 5th grade Join Legendary Entertainment for a dance party and countdown to a balloon drop to celebrate 2025! Registration required.

Gift Wrapping Station

Monday, December 16 - Wednesday, December 18. 12:00 - 6:00pm Friday, December 20 - Saturday, December 21. 12:00 - 3:00pm

Bring and wrap your gifts at our gift wrapping station.
Wrapping materials will be provided.
Babylon patrons only.

What Can You Do with Your Library Card?



*Print on Demand pass. (Reserve and print pass from home.)

The Fire Island Lighthouse pass is co-sponsored by the Babylon Village Historical Society.

RESERVE A MUSEUM PASS

Thanks to the Friends of the Babylon Public Library, Museum Passes are available to our patrons for the following institutions:

9/11 Memorial & Museum American Airpower Museum Children's Museum of the East End Cradle of Aviation Empire Pass

*Fire Island Lighthouse Guggenheim Museum

*Harbes Family Farm

*Intrepid

Long Island Children's Museum

Long Island Maritime Museum Long Island Science Center Museum of Modern Art

*Old Westbury Gardens

*Parrish Art Museum

Sagtikos Manor

*South Fork Natural History Museum

*Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium

Town of Babylon Beach Pass

Library of Things

The Babylon Public Library has a special collection of unconventional items like tools, games, WiFi Hot Spots, and more!

Badminton Set

Bocce

Bubble Machine

Code Reader

Congratulations Lawn Signs

Cornhole

Digital Luggage Scale

Giant Tumble Tower Blocks

Handheld Magnifier

Happy Birthday Lawn Sign

Horseshoe Set

Hot Spots

Household Tool Set

Karaoke Machine

Metal Detector

Mobile Scanner

Pickleball Set

Play Parachute

Portable DVD Player

Sprinkler (Crazy Caterpillar)

Telescope

Ukulele

Video to Digital Converter

Wagon

Homebound Services

This service provides a convenient way for homebound Babylon Public Library cardholders of all ages to obtain and return library materials by mail. For more information, visit our website or call the Adult Reference Department.



Need a library card? Babylon Library cards are available to all Babylon School District residents and taxpayers. Library cards can be obtained at the Circulation desk with 2 forms of valid identification listing name and local address.

Our library patrons have been busy!







Steve Mitchell: A Tribute to Elvis



Tour of Bayard Cutting Arboretum **Manor House**





Birds of Prey



Plots & Pastries



Battle of the Books





Have you tried our new chat feature yet?

Chat with a librarian through our new website during our regular hours - or leave a message for us to answer! Have a question about a program? Don't know how to use one of our services? We're happy to help!





Children's Room Adventures & Fun!

