



Summer 2024 Newsletter (July & August)

**Join the
Summer
Reading
Club!**



**June 29 -
August 17**

See each department's section of the newsletter for more details!

**Win a 23" Smart TV! (adults only)
(June 27 - August 17)**



There are four ways to earn raffle tickets: go to any library program, visit us at the village block parties, follow us on social media, or sign up for our electronic newsletter. Babylon Village patrons only.



**Summer Library Tour
July 1- August 31**

Pick up a passport from the Library!

Visit other Suffolk County libraries and find the artifact (picture).
Get your booklet stamped for a chance to win Barnes & Noble gift cards!

Discount Tickets

We have discounted tickets for Adventureland, the American Museum of Natural History, the Bronx Zoo, Horton's Flower Farm, the Long Island Aquarium, & Splish Splash. See our website for details.

(www.babylonlibrary.org)

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Director's Message

I have just 5 words to kick this newsletter party off – ADVENTURE BEGINS AT YOUR LIBRARY!! Who's excited for Summer Reading Club 2024?!?!? WE ARE!!! Registration in all departments begins on Saturday, June 29th – be there or be square! Our amazing librarian team will be heading into the schools shortly to talk about the schedule, programs, reading logs, and prizes!

Over the later part of the Summer, you will notice work crews at the library, who will be putting a new roof on the building. We do not anticipate this construction to cause any building delayed openings or closures. We will keep you abreast as construction unfolds. Thank you in advance for your patience.

You will also see the new Babylon Public Library website unveiled by August 1st. The new website is more user friendly, with new features, such as our Library Market Program Calendar, which will allow you to register and pay online for specific programs. We will have a virtual reference chat, so you can interact with our librarians through any of your smart devices.

We have some new museum passes, including: MoMA, The Guggenheim, The 9/11 Museum, Babylon Town Beaches, and Harbes' Barnyard Adventure in Mattituck. On June 1st, the library will begin selling discounted tickets to Adventureland and The Museum of Natural History (this voucher will cover you for all the special programs and exhibits). Also check out the special discount code on our website for Splish Splash in Calverton (\$30 savings). Finally, check out all the new items we've added to our Library of Things – these can be reserved through the catalog in Sierra.

The Board of Trustees will meet on Tuesday, July 9th for their re-organizational meeting. They will also meet on Tuesday, August 20th for a regular meeting. The Friends of the Library will be on Summer break until September 2024 – stay tuned for their Fall schedule in the next newsletter. Please come see the library at the Chamber of Commerce Summer Block Parties in June, July, and August – we will be there handing out cool stuff, renewing and registering new cards, and answering all your questions to the best of our ability!

We wish you a wonderful and safe set of Summer holidays! The library will be closed on Wednesday June 19th for Juneteenth, and Thursday, July 4th for Independence Day. We always look forward to seeing each of you at the library! Remember, libraries are for everyone – and that's a mission we're serious about!

Until next time, I am yours,

Tom Vitale



We've added more to our Library of Things!

You can now borrow:

KODAK instant photo printer, Foxwell auto scanner, Birthday & Graduation lawn signs, Karaoke machine, Pickleball set, digital luggage scale, a video-to-digital converter, and a mobile document scanner.

Hours of Operation:

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

F/Sa: 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Sunday: CLOSED



LIBRARY CLOSINGS

We will be closed on Wednesday, June 19 for Juneteenth and Thursday, July 4 for Independence Day.

ADULTS

Adults Summer Reading Club - June 29 - August 17 Registration begins June 29.



Read or listen to any genre book - or pick up one of our summer book bundles. Bring your rating cards to the Adult Reference desk and receive a raffle ticket for each one. Winners will be randomly selected for a gift card from a local village shop.

Registration for all July programs begins Monday, June 10.

Out of district registration begins Monday, June 17.

You can register for library programs online, by phone, or in-person.

Programs with a fee require in-person registration.

JULY

Can My Home Help Me Retire?

Wednesday, July 10; 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Join Financial Planner Christian LaPeter and Mortgage Loan Originator Monika Dejesus to learn how your home can play a valuable role in helping you retire. They will also discuss the ins and outs of different loan products, putting together a budget, and much more! Please register for this program.

One on One Medicare Counseling

Wednesday, July 17 or Monday, August 12

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.

Job Readiness Workshop

Thursday, July 11; 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Discover available resources through the Suffolk County Department of Labor, Licensing, and Consumer Affairs. This workshop includes resume and interviewing tips, mock interviews, and how to dress professionally for interviews and the workplace.

Summer Bingo

Thursday, July 25; 2:00 - 3:00 PM

Come in from the heat to have fun and win prizes! This program is for adults only.

Registration is required.



Paint Night: Summer Sunflowers

Monday, July 29; 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Join artist Kathy Reccardi as she teaches participants step-by-step how to paint an arrangement of sunflowers. No painting experience needed. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee due at registration.



Carne Asada with Maria's Mexican Cooking

Saturday, July 13; 1:00 - 2:30 PM

Summertime is full of great BBQ, but a Mexican BBQ with carne asada is something different!

There is a \$5 non-refundable program fee due at registration. Registration is required.



Sashiko Embroidery

Monday, July 15

4:30 - 6:30 PM

Learn the basics of Sashiko, a Japanese form of embroidery that uses simple running stitches to create exquisite designs. Participants will leave with their sampler, a skein of Sashiko thread, and a packet of traditional Sashiko designs. A non-refundable \$5 fee is due at registration.

WHY DO MOST LIBRARY PROGRAMS REQUIRE REGISTRATION?

- Program presenters often require a minimum number of attendees. If we don't have that number, we have to cancel the program.
- Most programs require supplies or offer snacks. The library purchases enough for registrants and may not have extras for walk-ins.
- If patrons register and don't show up, we still have to pay our presenters. Many programs have a waitlist - please let us know if you can't make it!



ADULTS - (CONTINUED)

*Registration for all August programs begins Monday, July 8.
Out of district registration begins Monday, July 15.*

AUGUST

Memoir Writing Workshop

Tuesday, August 6; 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Get started writing a memoir or begin revising a memoir in progress with this workshop taught by Jennifer Marx. The workshop begins with an introduction to memoir writing followed by a quiet period of writing. The class will conclude with a workshopping session in which each participant shares what they have written and receives feedback. This class is open to anyone interested in memoir writing—experienced or not.

Farm to Table with Chef Rob

Tuesday, August 13; 5:30 - 6:30 PM

Looking for a fresh dinner side dish? Chef Rob has the answer! Learn how to make local tomatoes stuffed with mozzarella, garlic, and herbs. You will need to bring 2 medium bowls and a 8-9 inch baking dish. There is a non-refundable \$5.00 fee due at registration.

Introduction to Intuitive Tarot

Wednesday, August 14; 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Learning how to read tarot cards takes knowledge and intuition that anyone can develop. Discover what tarot cards are, what they can show you, and how you can use them for a “yes” or “no” answer.

Presented by Maria D'Andrea.

The Power of Movement:

Get in the Groove to Move!

Monday, August 19; 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Join physical therapist Catherine Tuppo as she discusses the health benefits of activity and exercise, and how you can get active and stay active. This talk includes tips on getting started, making an activity/exercise plan, avoiding injury, and creative ways to include activity into a busy schedule.

A Tribute to Elvis

Saturday, August 24; 2:00 - 3:30 PM

Join Steve Mitchell as he pays tribute to Elvis at his best with his music of the 50s, 60s & 70s.

Sand & Seashell Mandala Wall Art

Monday, August 26; 5:30 - 7:30 PM

Come experience the joy of sand and seashell art with award winning mixed media artist Anna Chan. Unleash your creativity with this one of a kind workshop and bring home the perfect coastal art to celebrate the season. No prior experience necessary. There is a non-refundable \$5 fee due at registration.



Babylon Library Village Discount Program

Remember to use your library card at participating Babylon Village shops to receive a discount on purchases. Participating stores include: *Argyle Toys, ArtSea Studio, Bestea, the Blind Spot, Elevation Fitness, Juice'n Blendz, La La Land, Long Island Custom, Pandemonium Boutique, Positions Dance Studio, Royal Dance Center of Babylon, and South Quarter.*

ADULTS - (CONTINUED)

Regularly Scheduled Adult Programs



Friday Films Fridays, 2:00 - 4:00 PM

July 26 - Arthur the King

An adventure racer (Mark Wahlberg) adopts a stray dog named Arthur during an epic endurance race in the Dominican Republic. Based on a true story. Rated PG-13. 107 minutes

August 16 - to be determined

Classic Film Club Wednesdays; 5:30 - 7:30 PM

July 17

Dead Men Don't Wear Plaid (1982)

August 21

The Stranger (1946)

Adult Games in the Afternoon

Mondays, 1:00 - 4:00 PM

July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

August 5, 12, 19 & 26

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.

Book Discussions

No evening book discussions during the summer.

Plots & Pastries AM Book Discussion **Tuesday, July 23; 10:00 - 11:00 AM**



Wait Till Next Year, by
Doris Kearns Goodwin

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

Writer's Workshop

Tuesdays, 5:30 - 7:45 PM

July 2, 16 & 30 ; August 13 & 27

New and experienced writers are welcome.
Feel free to bring any works in progress.

Hatha Yoga

Thursdays, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

July 18 & 25

August 8, 15, 22 & 29

This 7-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 \$35.00 non-refundable fee due at registration.



Gentle Yoga

Mondays, 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

July 1, 8, 15, 22

August 12, 19, 26

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.

Stitch & Chat Needlecraft Circle

Tuesdays, July 9 & August 6

11:00 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your own 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.

TEENS

Unless posted otherwise, all teen programs are for grades 6-12 and registration is required.
Registration for July programs begins on Monday, June 10.
Registration for August programs begins on Monday, July 8.



Summer Reading Club: June 29 - August 17

Don't forget to register for Summer Reading!

Hand in a review card at the Adult Reference desk for every book you read or listen to, and receive a raffle ticket for each one. Winners will be randomly selected for a gift card from a local shop or attraction.

Teens Grab & Go Magnets

Pick-up June 29-July 13



Decorate two magnets at home to celebrate the beginning of Summer Reading!

Dungeons & Dragons

Wednesdays from 5:30-7:30pm: July 10 & 24; August 7 & 21

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!



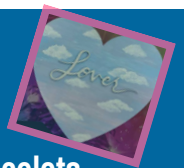
Teens Pirate Treasure Escape Room

Friday, July 19 from 3:30-4:30pm

**Adventure begins at the Babylon Library! Players will work in teams to answer clues about the Pirate's Treasure and try to escape within 1 hour! Certificates awarded to those that escape.
5 players minimum, so please register early with your friends!**

Teens Taylor Swift Event

Wednesday, July 31 from 5:30-7:30pm



Calling all Swifties! Are you ready for it? Dress as your fave Era (or not!) to make friendship bracelets and paint a wooden Taylor-themed sign. All while listening to Taylor Swift, of course.



Teens Button Maker Free Space

Monday-Thursday, July 29-August 1

Teens! Looking to make your own buttons or create a personalized gift? There will be a button maker for you to use in the teen area this week! Bring your own pictures or print them out here.

Teens 80s Adventure Movie

Friday, August 23 from 2:00-4:00pm

**Chill out in our community room for a showing of an 80s adventure movie!
Registration helps us purchase the right amount of snacks!**



**Battle of the Books, an annual county-wide book trivia competition, will take place on August 9!
Wish us luck!**

Interested in finding out more or watching a weekly meeting? Stop by the Adult Reference desk for more information. Meeting dates: June 18 & 25; July 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30; August 6



BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY
Children's Summer Reading Club 2024
June 30 - August 17

Registration will be
IN PERSON ONLY
Beginning on
Saturday, June 29 @ 9:30am

**You must have your child's current
Babylon Library Card available for registration.**



Birth - 5th grade

When registering, please note that grade requirements refers to the grade entering in September.

Out of district residents may register for programs with an asterisk (*) beginning on Monday, July 15 @ 9:30am **IN PERSON ONLY**, using your child's library card.

CHILDRENS (CONTINUED)



Reading log rules

- Read 30 minutes a day and enter it in your reading log.
- Receive a prize and a raffle ticket for each week completed.
 - Enter tickets for a chance to win a raffle prize.

Earn extra raffle tickets

- Complete 1 Bingo line per week on your reading log for an extra raffle ticket.
 - Hand in your completed reading log for an extra raffle ticket.

Drawing will be on Monday, August 26.

Winners will be notified by phone.

Program registration information

- Registration is required where noted.
- You may only register your own children/grandchildren.
- If unable to attend programs, please let us know so we may contact patrons on waitlists.

Please note: Food served in our programs may not be appropriate for those with allergies.



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CHILDRENS (CONTINUED)

Family Bingo

Monday, July 1. OR Monday, August 5.

6:30 - 7:30pm

Families with children K - 5th grade

Play an exciting game of BINGO and win a prize!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Craft Corner

Saturdays, July 6, 13, 20, 27. August 3, 10.

10:00am - 4:00pm

Grades K - 5

Summer reading club participants, drop in and make some fun crafts! (while supplies last)



SLED

Monday, July 8. 6:00 - 8:00pm

Families with children up to 5th grade

Join Babylon Library and Village of Babylon at the Gazebo for some gaming fun on the SLED!

Weather permitting.

Movie Night @ the Gazebo:

Super Mario Bros. Movie (PG)

Monday, July 8. 8:30 - 10:30pm

Families with children up to 5th grade

Join Babylon Library and Village of Babylon at the Gazebo for a family movie night!

Snacks will be provided.

Weather permitting.



Playtime Storytime

Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30. August 13.

10:00 - 11:00am

Birth - Preschool

Join Ms. Shannon for fun stories and playtime!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

*Minecraft

Tuesdays, July 9, 16, 23, 30. August 6, 13.

4:30 - 6:00pm

Grades 3 - 5

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

Registration required.



Jammin' with Josh @ the Gazebo

Wednesdays, July 10, 17, 24, 31. August 7, 14.

10:00 - 10:30am

Birth - Preschool

Meet Mr. Josh at the Gazebo for music and stories!

Weather permitting.

Storytime Adventures!

Wednesdays, July 10, 17. August 7, 14.

4:30 - 5:00pm

Grades K - 2

Join Ms. Amy for fun stories and crafts!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Stories in the Park

Thursdays, July 11, 18, 25. August 1, 8, 15.

10:00 - 10:30am

Birth - Preschool

Meet Ms. Ann at Argyle Park for a fun storytime!

Please bring a blanket or chair to sit on.

Weather permitting.

StarLab and S'mores Trail Mix

Thursday, July 11.

Grades K - 2. 5:00 - 6:00pm

Grades 3 - 5. 6:00 - 7:00pm

Go stargazing inside StarLab, an inflatable planetarium! Then make your own S'mores trail mix to take home and enjoy!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

PlayHooray!

Fridays, July 12, 19, 26. August 2, 9.

10:00am

Birth - 4 years

Music and fun for your little one!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

LEGO Masters

Fridays, July 12, 19, 26. August 2, 9, 16.

3:30 - 4:30pm

Grades K - 5

Drop in with your friends for LEGO building fun!

Taylor Swift Dance Party!

Thursday, July 18. 3:00 - 4:30pm

Families with children up to 5th grade

Legendary Entertainment will be here for a Taylor Swift themed party featuring trivia, face painting with Joanie Baloney, friendship bracelets and more!

Snacks will be provided

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

CHILDRENS (CONTINUED)

Pool Party Cupcakes

Monday, July 22. 6:00 - 7:00pm

Grades K - 5 without parent/caregiver

Chef Rob will help you decorate delicious cupcakes that are perfect for a pool party!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Strawberry Chocolate Chip Muffins

Wednesday, July 24.

4:00 - 5:00pm **OR** 5:30 - 6:30pm

Families with children K - 5th grade

Chef Rob will help you prepare delicious muffins to take home and bake!

Please bring a 12 count muffin tin with paper liners, medium and large bowl and rubber spatula.

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.



Book Discussion

Thursday, July 25. 3:00 - 4:00pm

Grades 3 - 5

Enjoy pizza and a special craft while discussing the graphic novel, *Long Distance* by Whitney Gardner.

Books are available at the Children's desk.

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Universal Yums

Monday, July 29. 4:00 - 5:00pm

Grades 3 - 5

Discover new countries through trivia and snacks!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

*Happy Birthday, Harry Potter!

Wednesday, July 31. 3:30 - 5:00pm

Families with children up to 5th grade

Join Babylon Library and Village of Babylon at the Gazebo for Harry Potter's Birthday celebration featuring Prestino the Magician and face painter Joanie Baloney!

Snacks will be provided.

Registration required.



Camp Suncatchers

Thursday, August 1.

Grades K - 2. 3:00 - 3:45pm

Grades 3 - 5. 4:00 - 4:45pm

Have fun painting your own camp themed suncatchers, pendants and a trinket box!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Pizza By Tano!

Saturday, August 3. 1:00 - 2:30pm

Grades K - 5 with an adult

Join Gaetano Giordano for a pizza making demo and tasting! Take home a pizza kit to make and enjoy!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Movie Night @ the Gazebo:

Princess and the Frog (G)

Tuesday, August 6. 8:00 - 10:00pm

Families with children up to 5th grade

Join Babylon Library and Village of Babylon at the Gazebo for a family movie night!

Snacks will be provided.

Weather permitting.

Library Mini Golf

Thursday, August 8. 11:00am - 4:00pm

Families with children K - 5th grade

Drop in for a family fun game of Mini Golf!

Universal Yums

Monday, August 12. 4:00 - 5:00pm

Grades 3 - 5

Discover new countries through trivia and snacks!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Vegetarian Italian Chopped Salad

Tuesday, August 13. 4:00 - 5:00pm

Families with children K - 5th grade

Chef Rob will help you make a delicious Vegetarian Italian Chopped Salad with Provolone!

Please bring a cutting board, large bowl and small salad dressing container.

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

Three Little (Guinea) Pigs Storytime

Friday, August 16. 10:00 - 11:00am

Ages 3 - 5

Mr. James and his guinea pigs will perform the story of the Three Little (Guinea) Pigs!

Registration required. Babylon patrons only.

*End of Summer Dance Party

Saturday, August 17. 1:00 - 2:30pm

Families with children up to 5th grade

Join Legendary Entertainment and face painter Joanie Baloney for an end of summer celebration!

Snacks will be provided.

Registration required.

What Can You Do with Your Library Card?



RESERVE A MUSEUM PASS

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

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

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

NEW 9/11 Memorial & Museum
Children's Museum of the East End
Cradle of Aviation
Empire Pass
*Fire Island Lighthouse
NEW Guggenheim Museum
NEW *Harbes Family Farm
*Intrepid
Long Island Children's Museum

Long Island Maritime Museum
Long Island Science Center
NEW Museum of Modern Art
*Old Westbury Gardens
*Parrish Art Museum
Sagtikos Manor
*South Fork Natural History Museum
*Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium
NEW 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!

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| Badminton Set | Handheld Magnifier | Pickleball Set |
| Bocce | Happy Birthday Sign | Play Parachute |
| Bubble Machine | Horseshoe Set | Portable DVD Player |
| Code Reader | Hot Spots | Spikeball |
| Congratulations Lawn Signs | Household Tool Set | Sprinkler (Crazy Caterpillar) |
| Cornhole | Kan Jam (Glow in the Dark) | Telescope |
| Digital Luggage Scale | Karaoke Machine | Ukulele |
| Giant Tumble Tower Blocks | Metal Detector | Video to Digital Converter |
| | Mobile Scanner | 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.



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Notary Services

Library employees who hold a valid New York State Notary license are available to provide notary services to patrons. Appointments are recommended, but walk-ins are welcome, subject to the availability of onsite notaries. The library does not charge for a notarization.

Join the Friends!



By becoming a member of the Friends of the Babylon Public Library, you are showing your support for the resources this library offers, as well as your desire to see it flourish. To join the Friends, please inquire at the Circulation Desk

In our lobby!

**Are you looking for help or have a service to offer?
Please check out our community bulletin board!**



Recycle your eyeglasses here!



Please be generous with your food, toiletry, and pet donations for Long Island Cares!

WE WELCOME ARTWORK OR COLLECTIONS FROM OUR PATRONS TO BE DISPLAYED IN OUR HALLWAY GALLERY OR DISPLAY CASES.

Please speak with Adult Reference if you'd like to participate!

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Board of Trustees Meeting Dates:

Tuesday, July 9; 6:30 pm
Tuesday, August 20; 6:30 pm