Read and Grow Together in 2023!

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A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

“We will open the book. Its pages are blank. We are going to put words on them ourselves. The book is called Opportunity and its first chapter is New Year’s Day.”

— EDITH LOVEJOY PIERCE, PACIFIST AND POET

Happy New Year! I hope this newsletter finds your family healthy, rested, and ready to start another year with the Library. We love being back in person with you! Our fall was full of friendly faces and fun, both here in the Library and throughout the neighborhood. From Eagle Estates and the Blue Ridge Condo area surrounding our upcoming Medford Branch to Main Street in Patchogue, and down to Shorefront Park, our beautiful community has so much to offer. Our library employees enjoy finding hidden gems and giving you the opportunity to get to know some of our local businesses, schools, organizations, parks, and events. Thanks for always being willing to partner with us, and let us know if you have any suggestions for future events. Our programs are all based on what you tell us you want to learn, do, read, or experience. Keep the ideas coming!

Based on your recommendations last year, we have added notetakers to our list of services. We continue to offer passport services as well. Our renovated copy center is a busy hub and provides basic printing, scanning and faxing.

What does 2023 hold in store for the Library?

• This year, we are renewing our “Library by Mail” subscription lists—do you have someone at home that could use home delivery of Library materials? Go to pmlib.org/library-by-mail to find out more.

• We continue to be a drop-off point for local food and clothing donations, which we distribute to our partners in the community. Thank you for your generosity.

• STEM and STEAM are a priority for our school-aged children. We are developing a space on the lower level with continued learning opportunities for our next generation of scientists, engineers and artists.

• We have been working on a recording studio on the lower level: Studio E! Located next to our very popular Makerspace, the studio will be used by staff to create content, including a Twitch channel and a Parenting podcast, and will be open by appointment for all of you to use as well! We hope to have all the pieces for that project in place early in the new year.

• If you haven’t visited the Carnegie Library lately, stop by with your teen and check out how the space has evolved! Laptops, programs, video games, pool table... it is a true afterschool center and safe space to serve the educational and social/emotional needs of our local teenagers. Our teen staff and security are dedicated to creating an environment where all teens feel welcome and included.

• And...our biggest reveal of all will be the new Medford Library Branch! We still hope to have a late spring opening and will keep you posted through our website as we work through the winter to finish the project. We are currently bidding out the parking lot that will be constructed in front of the building. We are truly excited about what is to come!

Enjoy the new year! Take the opportunity to visit the Library and see what’s new.

Sincerely,
Daniele Paisley, Director

2022 A Year in Review!

Budget Vote & Trustee Election
Tuesday, April 4 from 9:30 am-8 pm

Public Information Meeting
Tuesday, March 28 at 6 pm

VOTER REGISTRATION

In order to vote you must be:
• a citizen of the United States
• 18 years of age or older
• registered in vote

If you are not already registered, you may do so at Patchogue-Medford Library:
Tuesday, March 28 from 11 am-8 pm or any weekday up to March 30 between 9:30 am-4:30 pm
Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Reference Desk or call the Library District Clerk at 631-654-4700, ext. 302. Petitions to elect a Trustee of the Patchogue-Medford Library will be available at the Main Desk beginning February 1.

Complete budget information will be available at the Library and on the Library’s website in March and in the April/May 2023 Newsletter.

Subscribe to our YouTube channel @pmlib and follow us on social media @pmlib
Registration is ongoing, unless otherwise noted.

Job Readiness Workshop
Thursday, February 23 at 6:30 pm
A representative from the Suffolk County Department of Social Services will give tips on how to get you ready for your job dream. Resumes, interviewing skills and various other social service issues will be discussed. Be sure to attend our Job Fair on January 31!

SCPD 5th Precinct Community Meeting
Tuesday, January 31, February 28 & March 28 at 7 pm
Bilingual members from the Suffolk County Police Department will discuss crime and policing incidents in our town and answer questions from residents.

Job Fair: Sponsored by the Suffolk County Department of Labor
Saturday, January 14 from 1-3 pm
Meet representatives from several industries looking to hire. Bring your resume and dress to impress!

MLK Day Of Service: Jaxed Box Project
Sunday, January 15 from 2-4 pm
The mission of the Jaxed Box Project is to lift the spirits of children in the hospital. We’ll collect boxes of new toys for all ages and plastic shoe boxes from January 1 to January 15. Drop in on January 15 to help us with packing and notes of encouragement and assemble the boxes to be donated to Stony Brook Children’s Hospital.

Touch Tank: Sea Creature Sunday
Sunday, January 22 from 2-4 pm
Bring the whole family for this touch tank sea creature experience and make a sun catcher to take home and brighten your winter window. No registration required.

BAR code
Join us for a Free Registration Workshop
Thursday, January 19 at 6:30 pm
Learn how to counter theft, theft both online and in the real world.

Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group
Wednesdays, January 25, February 15 & March 15 at 6:30 pm
Get help with researching your ancestors. Wednesdays, January 25, February 15 & March 15 at 6:30 pm

Internet Security While Shopping Online
Thursday, January 26 at 6:30 pm
Learn how to keep your identity protected online while you shop.

Smart Driver Course With AARP
Saturday, January 28 from 9 am-4:30 pm
Reduce violation points and get a discount on auto insurance. Check or money order for $30 to AARP Certified Driver Safety course at the beginning of class. In person only.

Money Sense: Improve Your Credit Score
Wednesday, January 31 at 6:30 pm
Maintaining an excellent credit history will help you both personally and professionally. Topics include: the five components of a credit score, an intro to the three credit agencies and why the credit scoring system can affect your score and steps to take to improve it.

Improving Your Communication
Thursday, February 2 at 6:30 pm
Want to communicate better? Learn how to improve your interpersonal communication skills. Topics will include active listening, conflict resolution and more.

African American Genealogy
Wednesday, February 8 from 8-9:30 pm
For adults. Discover the challenges, assumptions and myths involved in African American research. Certified Genealogist Elyse Hill will discuss how she overcame obstacles in her research and strategies on how to locate and identify descendants of both free people and formerly enslaved ancestors.

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Wednesday, February 8 from 2:30-4:30 pm
For adults. Celebrate Black History Month through art and learn to draw portraits of notable African Americans.

Registration is ongoing (which means anytime), unless otherwise noted.

Make Registering For Programs Easier!
Monday, February 9 at 7:30 pm
An evening of fun and games. Attend in person or via Zoom.

Registered Driver’s Licenses
Wednesday, February 15 at 6:30 pm
Come alone or bring a friend to compete on the history and license laws to become a knowledgeable person. Attend in person or via Zoom. Registration is ongoing.

Keep Registering
Wednesday, February 22 at 6:30 pm
Come alone or bring a friend to test your knowledge and skills of creative writing. Attend in person or via Zoom. Registration is ongoing.

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Women's Wellness Fair
Saturday, March 25 from 10-12 for adults.
For women. Meet various health and beauty specialists who are committed to women’s physical and mental health. No registration required.

Raising Confident Healthy Girls
Wednesday, March 1 from 7-8 pm (Virtual)
For parents of girls ages 3-12. Learn how to counter harmful messages from the media and popular culture.

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**Health and Wellness**

**Start Your Day the Right Way: Yin Yoga**
Every Tuesday in January, February and March at 7 am at the Carnegie Library.
Wake up with stretching and strengthening stretches.

**Vinyasa Yoga Before Work**
Every Thursday in January, February and March at 7 am at the Carnegie Library.
Slow-paced class with a meditative approach for all levels.

**Bilingual Amigos**
Mondays from 3:30-5:30 pm beginning January 9.
No fees for now and practice your English and Spanish!

**Live Your Best Life Over 60**
Every Thursday in January, February and March at 10 am.
Enjoy gentle, full body workout led by a Certified Essentrics instructor. Bring a water bottle and yoga mat if you prefer to exercise on the floor instead of a chair. In person only.

**Health & Welfare Council of Long Island’s qualified volunteers will discuss the many programs available for senior citizens in the county.**

**Essentrics For Everyone**
Wednesday, March 5 at 10 am

**Internet Basics**
Monday, January 30 from 7:30-8 pm
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**Senior Advocate**
A representative from the Family Service League will discuss the emotional toll of caregiving.

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**HELP WE CAN OFFER**

Practice for the Citizenship Interview
Call ext. 405 to make a 30-minute appointment. If you have a citizenship interview coming up, make an appointment with a librarian who can help you prepare. Review questions that may come up in your interview.

Career Counseling (in person)
Our bilingual career counselor is available to help with career advising, job search, and job application.
Call ext. 152 to sign up for a 30-minute appointment.

**Bilingual Immigration Counseling (phone call)**
Tuesdays from 3-7 pm
Get answers to your immigration questions.
Call ext. 152 to sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a lawyer.

**Healthcare Navigators with HWCIL**
Tuesdays, January 3, February 7 and March 7 from 10-4 pm at Health & Welfare Council of Long Island’s qualified volunteers will help you choose the right plan and help you complete applications for Medicaid, Essgentia Plans, Chris Health Plus and Qualified Health Plans. Call to schedule an appointment: 516-722-0316.

**Computer Basics**
Mondays, January 9 from 23 from 7:30-8:30 pm
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Saturday at 10 am
For family and friends of people with addictive behavior.

**SMART Recovery**
Saturday at 12 pm
A workshop for people struggling with addiction.

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INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL
WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

Babies & Books
Monday, January 9 from 10-10:45 am
For ages 12-18 months. Explore the best board books

123 Play With Me
Thursday, January 12 from 11:30 am-12 pm
For ages 2-11 months. Explore the best board books

Babies & Books
Tuesday, January 17 from 10-10:45 am
For ages 2-11 months. Explore the best board books

Parachute Play
Friday, January 27 from 3-4:30 pm
For ages 2-5 years. Chase away those winter blues with crafts, music and snacks.

WINTRY STORYTIME
From 11:30-11:45 am or 12:30-12:45 pm
For ages 1-3 years. Try to identify tracks left by refuge wildlife and create a wacky work of art together. Trophies will be awarded for the best designs in each category. No registration required.

February 25 at 6, 6:20, 6:40 or 7 pm
For ages 3-4 years.

Sweethearts Dance
From 11-11:45 am
For ages 2-5 years. Enjoy the library in your pajamas to hear a cozy story and do a craft.

For families with children of all ages.

February 27 from 6:30-7:30 pm
For grades 4-7.

LEGO® Rice Krispy Treats
From 3-4:30 pm or 4:30-5:15 pm
For grades K-6. Make a batch of tasty treats that look like LEGO® bricks.

January 14 – February 25
For families with children of all ages.

February 25 at 6:30-7:30 pm
For grades 1-6. Practice your reading skills with a certified therapy dog.

February 25 at 6:30-7:30 pm
For grades 1-6.

Black History Month Story Time
February 1-28
For families with children of all ages.

Meet the Animals
Wednesday, February 22 from 2-3 pm
For families with children 3-7 years old.

Contact Information
For more information, call 508-992-5050 or visit the library website at www.lwmlibrary.org.
The Baby Chicks Are Coming! The eggs will be arriving Tuesday, March 21! They will be incubating for 21 days before they start hatching between April 10-12.

Stop by the Children’s Department to see the incubator and ask our in-house chicken expert your questions.

MARCH

Registration for these events begins on Wednesday, March 1 at 9:30 am.

INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

Crafty-Play-Palooza: Pot O’ Gold
Monday, March 13 from 4-6:30 pm
For grades 3-5. Drop in and celebrate Patrick’s Day with hands-on activities! Plus take home a leprechaun, shamrock and/or rainbow inspired craft you create.

Tummy Time
Thursdays, March 9, 16 and 23 from 6-6:30 OR 6:30-7 pm
For ages 3 years-grade 2. Encourage your child’s love of books and reading. Middle school student volunteers will read to your child.

Wonderful Ones, Terrific Twos and Beautiful Babies Saturdays, March 11
From 10-10:45 am - For ages 2-11 months.
For ages 24-35 months.
From 11:15-12:15 am - For ages 3-5 months.
Enjoy songs, bubbles, our parachute and other age-appropriate games with your child while getting to know other families in your neighborhood.

SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

STEM Saturday: Engineering Challenges Saturdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25
From 2-3 pm - For grades K-3.
From 3-3:45 pm - For grades 4-7.
Participate in the Global Day of the Engineer by taking a self-guided nature tour of the library and seeing how engineers apply their knowledge.

Book Buddies
Thursdays, March 9, 16, 23 and 30
From 2-3 pm - For ages 3-5.
From 3:30-4:30 pm - For grades 4-7.
For ages 3 years-grade 2. Encourage your child’s love of books and reading. Middle school student volunteers will read to your child.

3D Print Club
Friday, March 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm at the Carnegie Library
For grades 4-7. Design something to be printed by our 3D printers!

WANTED WONDERS

By the end of March 21, we will have added over 3,500 books to our collection! This month, we’re adding books about... the To-Do List! The To-Do List is a book about the things we can do to make our community better. The story is told through the eyes of two friends, and it explores themes of responsibility and kindness.

INCOME EXPANSION PROGRAMS

Building Principles.
Participate in the Global Day of the Engineer by taking a self-guided nature tour of the library and seeing how engineers apply their knowledge.

FOR FAMILIES

Wondrous Weather
Saturday, March 11 from 2-3:30 pm
For families with children in grades K-6. Investigate seasonal weather patterns, find out what a snowstorm is, and what it takes to participate in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race race across Alaska. Seating is limited.

INFANT & CHILD BOOK Club: El Deseo
Tuesday, March 24 from 4-5:45 pm
For grades 3-6 with a parent. Register and pick up a copy of the graphic novel El Deseo, starting March 17. Join us on March 21 for snacks and discussion.

Meet Noppi the Real Sted Dog
Tuesday, March 24 from 4-5:45 pm
For ages 36 and older. Meet a real sled dog! Learn about sled dogs and what it takes to participate in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race race across Alaska. Seating is limited.

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Inglés para Principiantes
Lunes, martes, miércoles 07:30 am 08:30 am
For grades K-3. Learn your initials in the style of Celtic medieval art.

For grades K-3. Print your favorite design in the style of Celtic medieval art.

For ages 12 months-3 ½ years. Join us for a friendly spider storytime, with a story, rhymes and a craft.

For grades 5-7. Python is a computer language that is very popular with young programmers. The course will focus on learning the basics of the language, and then create simple games and animations using this language.

For grades K-12. Explore the basic concepts of computer science and coding, and apply them to create fun animations and games.

For grades 3-6. Make a ceramic piece from clay. Turn your initial into a unique design in the style of Celtic medieval art.

South Street Sweets: Oreo Cookie Taste Test
From 3:30-4:30 pm - For grades K-3.
Enjoy some Oreo cookies and vote for your favorite.

Chips and Dip Day at Gallo
Thursday, March 2, from 4:30-5:30 pm at Gallo Restaurant in Patchogue
For grades K-6. Make a crazy crayon masterpiece.

STEM Saturday: Robotics
Saturday, April 23 from 2:30-3:40 pm
For grades K-3.
Teach your kids to code robots to perform different challenges.

For ages 15-21 that are new to the country or who speak English as a second language.

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For grades K-3. Print a lovely Spring scene to celebrate the season.

You’ll be reading a book about the To-Do List! The To-Do List is a book about the things we can do to make our community better. The story is told through the eyes of two friends, and it explores themes of responsibility and kindness.

For families with children in grades K-6. Investigate seasonal weather patterns, find out what a snowstorm is, and what it takes to participate in the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race race across Alaska. Seating is limited.

For families with children in grades K-5. Join us for a fun and educational experience as we explore the world of books and reading. This month, we’ll be focusing on the To-Do List! The To-Do List is a book about the things we can do to make our community better. The story is told through the eyes of two friends, and it explores themes of responsibility and kindness.

For grades K-4. Celebrate Patrick’s Day with hands-on activities! Plus take home a leprechaun, shamrock and/or rainbow inspired craft you create.

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Makerspace Classes

Unless otherwise indicated, all ages are welcome for Makerspace classes. Younger kids may need an adult to stay and help them.

Can’t make a class?
Book an appointment for a one-on-one tutorial at pmlib.org/makerspace

Beginner Sewing with Creativebug:
Sew a Fabric Basket
Thursday, January 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm
For adults. Follow along with a Creativebug sewing tutorial and make a small fabric basket that can be used as a cute pencil holder. No sewing machine experience required.

Cricut Valentine's Lollipop Holder
Saturday, January 28 from 1:30-3 pm OR 3:30-5 pm
All ages welcome. Younger kids may need an adult helper. Learn how to use the Cricut to make cute lollipop holders for Valentine’s Day.

The VR Experience
Tuesday, February 21 from 2-4 pm
Best for ages 10 through adult. Families welcome! Sample some immersive Virtual Reality games and software with the Library’s HTC Vive headset! No registration required.

Drop-in Sublimation Bookmarks
Thursday, February 23 from 10 am-8 pm
Stop by the Makerspace to make a colorful bookmark with our sublimation printer and heat press. All ages welcome!

Gunpla & Chill
Saturday, March 11 from 2-4 pm
For teens and adults. Interested in Mecha Anime? Come, relax and build your own posable Gundam Plastic Model Kit to take home. No experience required, all tools are provided.

Make Your Own Rubber Stamps
Saturday, March 18 from 11 am-1 pm OR 2 pm-4 pm
For adults and teens. Participants should be comfortable using a computer. Learn how to use the laser to make a custom rubber stamp.

Also see:
Teen/Tween 3D Print Clubs on page 7

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