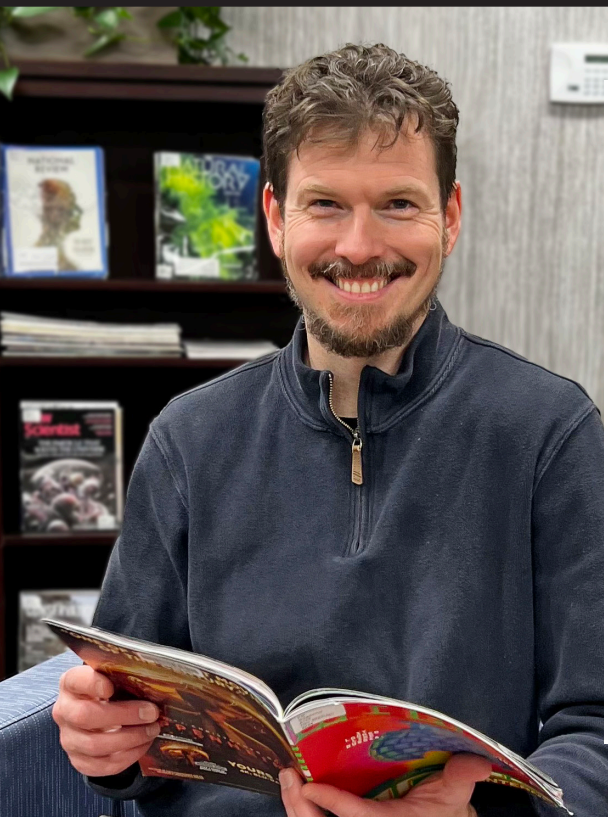


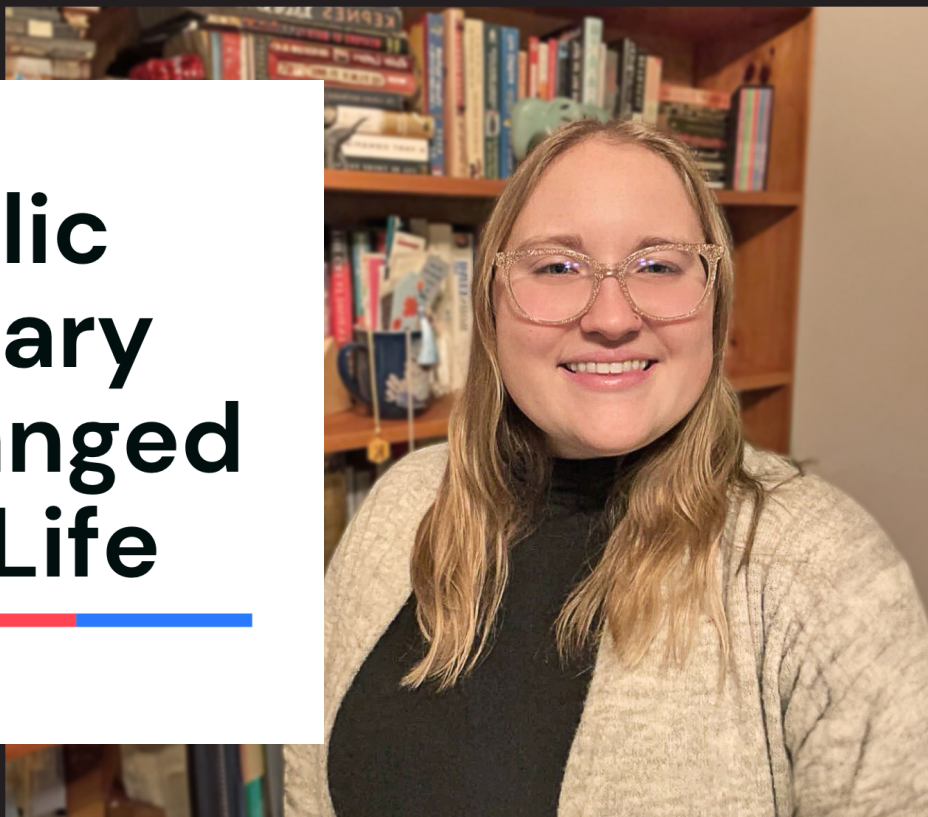
# PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

April & May 2024



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## On the Cover:

The Patchogue-Medford Library makes a difference in the lives of the community. Pictured are people who have shared their stories with us. Scan the QR code on the cover to hear from them!

## Gallery Exhibits

On view in the Claire Davidson Siegel Gallery and online at [pmlib.org/gallery](http://pmlib.org/gallery)

### Metamorphosis...

Featuring the artists of Family Residences & Essential Enterprises, Inc

March 4 – April 29

Reception:

Wednesday, April 3 from 10:30 am-12 pm

### Photographs by Steve Caputo

May 1 – June 26

Reception: Saturday, June 1 from 2-4 pm

## Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Saturday, April 6 from 10 am-3 pm

Visit our sale and discover books, movies, video games, board games and more!

## Library Closed:

May 12 - Mother's Day

May 27 - Memorial Day

**\*Note: Sunday, May 19 will be the last Sunday open until October.**

## Board of Trustees Meetings:

Wednesdays, April 17

and May 15 at 5:30 pm



Leave a lasting legacy on the patio of the new Medford Branch Library!



Customize your brick today!

Call 631-654-4700 ext. 225 for more information.

To order scan the QR code or go to [pmlib.org/brick](http://pmlib.org/brick)



## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

"Access to knowledge is the superb, the supreme act of truly great civilizations. Of all the institutions that purport to do this, free libraries stand virtually alone in accomplishing this mission."

—Toni Morrison, Author

### Our Annual Budget vote and trustee election will take place on Tuesday, April 2 from 9:30 am to 8:00 pm.

Harold Trabold, current Board of Trustees President, is running unopposed on the ballot this year. For thirteen years, your Library Board of Trustees and Administration have been committed to increasing access to library services in our community without sacrificing great customer service and remaining under the tax cap. The Patchogue-Medford Library added the Carnegie Library Teen Center in 2016, and has experience adding the care, maintenance and staffing of an additional building to our budget. We have built the new Medford Library branch by relying on grants, donations, collaboration with our local government and efficient spending. The opening is very close, but still pending. Stay tuned for opening dates!

This year, you will see a decrease in spending on the items we circulate in our buildings. Please know that we will continue to have a complete and highly desirable collection of physical and digital media, as well as Library of Things items and museum passes available to the community. By analyzing what collections are being used most by our community, we can order items in a more efficient manner. Our collection development team meets regularly to ensure that we are taking in all the feedback provided by our community and then purchasing accordingly. You will see an increase in funding for our classes and events to meet the demand for educational, empowering, and entertaining programs for all. You will also see an increase in our employee salaries. Our employees are the lifeblood of what we do here in the library and out in the community. We will meet the contractual obligations for Library employees, including exponentially rising health insurance costs, and add a few key staff members (pages, custodians, security) to help run our Medford facility. This will ensure a safe experience for all. More often than not, the employees hired for these positions come directly from our community, supporting economic development and ensuring that our employees truly know the community we serve. The library board and administration commend the amazing Library staff for the efficiency, commitment, perseverance, and innovation that they show in the service they provide to our residents every day.

The stories shared by those on our cover are a testament to the important role that public libraries play in our communities. Please come down to the Main Library Building and vote on Tuesday, April 2.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Danielle Paisley, Director



### Patchogue-Medford Library Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 2 from 9:30 am-8 pm

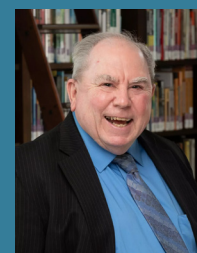
Stop by to cast your paper ballot. This year the Library Board is proposing a 2% increase.

Budget Hearing - Tuesday, March 26 at 6 pm

	Current 2023-2024	Proposed 2024-2025
<b>LIBRARY MATERIALS</b>	689,639	589,600
<b>LIBRARY CLASSES AND EVENTS</b>	288,442	300,000
<b>LIBRARY OPERATIONS</b>		
Furniture & Computer Equipment	106,080	105,840
Supplies	63,240	64,940
Professional Fees	53,550	55,150
Computer Services	111,404	120,840
Furniture & Equipment Maintenance	30,600	29,500
Postage	15,300	18,000
Staff Development	25,400	25,400
Printing/Public Information	42,840	45,000
Cooperative Services	100,000	100,000
Mileage	2,550	3,500
Unclassified	500	750
<b>BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE</b>		
Electricity	102,000	115,000
Water	4,570	4,570
Telecommunications	56,100	65,000
Fuel	25,500	25,500
Sanitation Services	65,280	65,280
Building Equipment & Maintenance	102,000	115,000
Insurance	119,120	123,000
Sewer Assessment	25,500	28,000
<b>EMPLOYEE SALARIES</b>	5,199,024	5,436,008
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>		
NYS Retirement	637,500	637,500
Social Security	387,600	387,600
Health Insurance	994,500	1,080,000
Unemployment Insurance	10,200	10,200
Disability Insurance	7,500	7,500
Workers Compensation	58,218	58,218
<b>EQUIPMENT FOR MEDFORD LIBRARY</b>	100,000	
<b>TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET</b>	9,424,157	9,616,896
Less Anticipated Revenues	47,500	65,000
Transfer from fund balance	110,887	92,305
Amount to be raised by taxes	9,265,770	9,459,591

## A WORD FROM THE CANDIDATE

### HAROLD G. TRABOLD



Harold G. Trabold is an attorney practicing in Patchogue, where he resides with his wife, Karlene. They have two children. Mr. Trabold is currently serving as President

of the Patchogue-Medford Library Board of Trustees. He is a member and past president of Patchogue Rotary Club, past president and a member of the Board of Directors of the Patchogue Chamber of Commerce, Past President and current member of the Board of Trustees of the Suffolk County Cooperative Library System. During Mr. Trabold's current term as Trustee of the Library he led the effort to develop and construct the Medford Library Branch to provide enhanced services to the Medford community while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

For questions about the proposed budget, please call the Director, Danielle Paisley at 631-654-4700, ext. 300.

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

Registration is ongoing , unless otherwise noted.

## **Pajama Donation Drive**

April 1 – May 17

In partnership with Assemblyman Joe DeStefano and the organization EJ's PJs, we are collecting NEW pajamas, appropriate for all seasons, in all sizes, from newborn to adult.

## **Shed the Meds**

Saturday, April 6 from 9:30 am-12:30 pm

Get rid of unwanted or expired medications to keep them out of our groundwater and away from children. Sponsored by Legislator Dominick Thorne and the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office.

## **Solar Eclipse for Everyone**

Sunday, April 7 from 2-4 pm

For adults and families. Learn about the solar eclipse, explore different activity stations and meet a NASA Solar System Ambassador.

**Register to receive your complimentary eclipse glasses. Two per family, while supplies last.**

## **NYC Train Tickets**

Saturdays, April 20 and May 18

Meet at the Patchogue Train Station no later than 8:20 am and ride together into Penn Station on the 8:43 am train. Return any time that day. Nonrefundable tickets must be purchased in advance at the Public Services Desk via cash or credit card for \$10.75 per person over the age of 5.

## **Tour Canine Companions for Independence**

Wednesday, April 24 at 10:30 am

Join us for a unique behind-the-scenes tour of our local facility. Learn how they train incredible service dogs to empower individuals with disabilities and support professionals in healthcare, criminal justice and education. **Meet us at the facility located at 286 Middle Island Road in Medford. PML cardholders only. Registration required.**

## **'90s Computer Lab: Spring Break Edition**

Thursday, April 25 from 4:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a reboot of our drop-in '90s Computer Lab program! Play a mix tape of edutainment computer games, including Oregon Trail, Carmen Sandiego and more! This Spring Break edition will also feature classic afterschool computer games and a bonus retro video game console! Revisit your computer glory days or discover what the millennials were up to when they should've been doing their homework. **For all ages, no registration required.**

## **Bideawee Adoption Event**

Saturday, May 4 from 11 am-2:30 pm

Give a loving pet a fur-ever home! The Bideawee Adoption truck will be in the rear of the Library with pets ready to be adopted.

## **A Very Senior Prom: Song and Dance for the Young at Heart**

Friday, May 10 from 2-4 pm

Celebrate Older Americans Month by dressing up for an afternoon of music and light refreshments.

## **The PML BlueBrella Tours Presents... The Patchogue Chamber Anniversary Tour**

Saturday, May 18 at 11 am or 4 pm

Take a step back in time and explore Patchogue's Main Street in 1924! Experience the bustling commerce and unique character of the era – with a few unexpected surprises along the way! After our walk down memory lane (1.5 miles, rain or shine), we'll refuel with some lite bites and chat about the good ol' days at a local eatery. The tour departs from the Carnegie Library - 160 West Main Street. **Ages 16+. Wear comfy shoes and dress for the weather. Register for ONE time slot. Suggested donation to the Greater Patchogue Foundation of \$10 per person upon registration.**

## **LIVE AT THE LIBRARY** Registration is ongoing.

### **Watch a Movie Wednesdays**

April 10 at 1 pm: *Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom*

May 15 at 1 pm: *Wonka*

### **Open Mic**

Sunday, May 5 at 2 pm

Perform in front of an audience of your friends and neighbors or just come to listen and enjoy!

## **WE CAN HELP** with one-on-one, personal assistance- Call 631-654-4700 for more information.

### **Meet with a Licensed Social Worker**

To make an appointment call ext. 152 or email socialworkers@pmlib.org.

### **Practice for the Citizenship Interview**

A librarian will help you prepare by reviewing questions that may come up in your interview. Call ext. 405 for 30 minute appointment

### **Career Counseling (Bilingual)**

Mondays from 5:30-8:30 pm (In-person/Virtual)

Get help with resumes, career advice and job applications. Call ext. 152 to make 30-minute appointment.

### **English Conversation Group**

Mondays from 7-8:30 pm

Practice your English conversation skills.

### **Bilingual Immigration Counseling**

Tuesdays from 3-7 pm (phone call) Call ext. 152 to sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a lawyer to answer your immigration questions.

### **One-on-One Genealogy Assistance**

Thursdays 6-9 pm

Call ext. 152 for an appointment. Get expert assistance for all of your genealogy questions.

### **Community Legal Help Project**

Every 4th Thursday

Volunteer attorneys will give free legal help to Suffolk County residents ONLY. Appointments preferred. Call 631-822-3272 to make an appointment.

### **ADDICTION & RECOVERY HELP**

#### **SMART Friends & Family Workshop**

Saturdays at 10 am

For family and friends of people with addictive behavior.

#### **SMART Recovery**

Saturdays at 12 pm

For people struggling with addiction.

### **Healthcare Navigators with HWCLI**

Tuesdays, April 2 and May 7 from 10 am-4 pm

Qualified bilingual Healthcare Navigators will help you choose the right plan and help complete applications for Medicaid, Essential Plans, Child Health Plus and Qualified Health Plans. Call 516-505-4426 to make an appointment.

### **HIICAP (Health Insurance Information Counselling Assistance Program)**

Thursdays, April 11 and May 9 from 10 am-1 pm

Trained volunteers provide guidance to those with questions about Medicare and Medicaid. Call ext. 152 to make an appointment.

### **Medicaid Enrollment for the Aged, Blind & Disabled**

Monday, April 22 from 3-7 pm

Bilingual Facilitated enrollers trained by NYS Dept of Health assist these populations with Medicaid programs free of charge. First-come, first-served.

# CLASES EN ESPAÑOL

Para cualquier programa, regístrese en línea en pmlib.org o llame para inscribirse al 631-654-4700, ext. 153.

## **Trabajadora Social**

Servicio profesional y confidencial en español para ayudar a familias, niños, adolescentes y adultos. Para su cita individual llame al 631-654-4700 ext. 153.

## **Práctica para la Entrevista de Ciudadanía**

Llame al 631-654-4700 ext. 405

para hacer una cita de 30 minutos.

Si tiene una entrevista de ciudadanía próximamente, haga una cita con una bibliotecaria quien le ayudará a prepararse. En esta cita no se estudiará material para el examen de ciudadanía, simplemente se practicarán preguntas que pueden surgir en su entrevista.

## **Asesoramiento Profesional con Betty Velez**

Los lunes de 5:30-8:30 pm (En persona/Virtual)

Nuestra consejera profesional bilingüe está disponible para ayudar con currículums, asesoramiento profesional y solicitudes de empleo. Regístrese para una cita de 30 minutos.

## **Grupo de Conversación en Inglés**

Los lunes de 7-8:30 pm (por teléfono)

Únase a nosotros en la biblioteca para practicar sus habilidades de conversación en inglés.

## **Consejería de Inmigración Bilingüe**

Los martes de 3-7 pm

Regístrese para una cita de 30 minutos con un abogado para responder sus preguntas sobre inmigración.

## **Años Dorados**

Los miércoles de 10:30 am-12 pm

Viva sus años dorados con nuevas amistades, juegos, diversión y un delicioso cafecito.

## **Alfabetización para Adultos**

Los sábados a las 10 am

¿Desea usted aprender o conoce a alguien quien quiere leer y escribir bien en español? Aprenda con la maestra, Aura.

## **Club de Lectura en Español**

Los martes 2 y 16 de abril y

7 y 28 de mayo de 7-8 pm

Aumenta tu motivación por leer, potencia la confianza y el autoestima, fomenta la socialización y motivación en nuestro club de lectura.

## **Noche ELL del Distrito**

**Escolar de Patchogue-Medford**

Jueves 4 de abril de 5:30-6:45 pm

Para los padres de los actuales Estudiantes del Idioma Inglés. Representantes de PMSD estarán aquí para discutir información importante sobre los próximos exámenes de NYS. Voluntarios adolescentes proveerán actividades divertidas para los niños que asistan. **Asista en persona o vía Zoom.**

## **Capacitación Narcan**

Martes 7 de mayo de 7-8 pm

Representantes del Departamento de Policía del Condado de Suffolk instruirán a los participantes sobre el uso de Narcan, que se puede administrar en caso de una emergencia por sobredosis de opioides. **Es necesario registrarse.**

## **Las Redes Sociales para su Pequeña Empresa**

Sábado 18 de mayo de 2-4 pm

Venga y disfrute de esta divertida sesión interactiva bilingüe donde aprenderá consejos y trucos sobre cómo usar las redes sociales para aumentar el número de seguidores y el interés de sus clientes.

## **Como Iniciar un Negocio con un Presupuesto Pequeño**

Lunes 20 de mayo de 7-8:30 pm

Para las personas que están pensando en iniciar un nuevo negocio, aprenda los conceptos básicos para establecer un negocio.



# MEET, MAKE & CREATE

Registration for PML cardholders begins two weeks before the program. Out-of-district residents may register one week prior, if space allows.

## Do the Write Thing

Thursdays, April 4, 11 and May 2, 9 from 2-4 pm  
Write, share and discuss different kinds of creative writing. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

## "Bee Kind" Painting

Thursday, April 11 at 7 pm  
Paint a honeybee-themed work of art guided by artist Kathy Reccardi. No experience needed.

## Long Island Reads Book Discussion: Better Living Through Birding

Wednesday, April 17 at 6:30 pm  
Discuss the Long Island Reads title. **Register now!**

## Ooh La La! Chocolate Mousse

Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm  
Celebrate National Chocolate Mousse Day all month long! Samples will be provided.

## Bingo With Barbara

Fridays, April 19 and May 17 at 10 am  
Play Bingo and win prizes! **Register now!**

## Strategy Board Games

Saturdays, April 20 and June 1 from 12-3 pm  
Sharpen your mind with some engaging games. **Register now!**

## News and Views

Thursdays, April 25 and May 30 at 10:30 am  
Join fellow community members to discuss current events. **Register now!**

## Painted Birdhouses

Thursday, April 25 at 6:30 pm  
Decorate a house for your feathery friends.

## Art for All Abilities: Handmade Connections

Fridays, April 26 and May 24 from 1-3 pm  
Contribute to a community mosaic art project that will be displayed in the Patchogue Community Garden. All skill levels welcome.

## Senior Social Hour (Bilingual)

Mondays, April 29 and May 20 at 1 pm  
Come solo or bring a friend for guided activities and friendly conversation. **Register now!**

## Needle Felting: Flower Pins

Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 pm  
Use felting needles and natural fibers to create a 3D flower brooch.

## Turkish Cooking and Culture

Saturday, May 11 from 1:30-4:30 pm  
Learn to make traditional Turkish dishes, play trivia and enjoy some sweets!

## Guitar & Bass Workshop

Monday, May 20 at 7 pm  
Musician and teacher Joe Loschiavo will help stretch your musical muscles.

## Country Music Bingo

Wednesday, May 22 from 6:30-8 pm  
Bingo with Barbara takes on country music!

## Choose Your Own Adventure

Genre Book Club: Science-Fiction  
Thursday, May 23 at 6:30 pm  
Tired of book clubs with uninspiring choices? Join our NEW book discussion group where we choose the genre and YOU pitch the book! This month, we're exploring sci-fi! **Register now!**

## Coil Basket Weaving: Raffa Bowl

Thursday, May 30 from 6-8 pm  
Practice an ancient form of basketweaving: coiling. A starter circle will be provided.

# FOR ADULTS

Please read carefully for locations. Registration is ongoing (which means anytime), unless otherwise noted. Visit our events calendar online at [pmlib.org](http://pmlib.org) or call 631-654-4700, ext. 152 for more information and to register.

## LEARN SOMETHING NEW Attend in person or via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

### The Mess of New York City Vital Records

Wednesday, April 3 at 10 am  
Genealogist, Alec Ferretti will discuss access challenges to NYC vital records and ongoing efforts to improve the situation. **Attend via Zoom only.**

### Computer Basics

Tuesdays, April 9, 30 and May 7 & 21 at 10:30 am  
Sharper Training Solutions will offer classes on computer basics, internet usage and Microsoft Word & Excel.

### Boating Safety Course

Saturday, April 20 from 10 am-5 pm  
Meets requirements for boaters in NYS required by NYS law. Cost is \$50, due to the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 18-06 at the time of online registration, which includes the cost of the Boat America Study Guide. **For ages 10+. In person only.**

### Broadway on a Budget

Tuesday, April 23 at 6:30 pm  
Theater enthusiast Brian Stoll will discuss all things Broadway and share some money-saving tips!

### Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group

Wednesdays April 24 and May 8, 22 at 10 am  
Get help with researching your ancestors.

### Learning to Look | Earth Works

Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm at MoCA LI. or via Zoom  
Discover a conceptual art movement from the 60s and 70s, called Land Art or Earth Art.

### Career Journeys from the Ground Up:

Discover Your Own Path  
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm  
Career counselor Lisa Strahs-Lorenc will facilitate a hands-on workshop with interactive activities that help you gain motivation, inspiration and insight into career options.

### Coffee with a Curator

Saturday, May 4 at 12 pm at MoCA LI. or via Zoom  
A special talk and gallery visit with the artist of MoCA L.I.'s exhibit, *Eccentric Abstractions*.

### Spanish for Beginners

Saturdays, May 4, 11, 18 & 25 at 10 am  
Level up your language skills! This 4-week course covers greetings, introductions, times, days and key grammar. **In person only.**

### Artificial Intelligence for All: Empowering Your Future

Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 pm  
Explore the uses and applications of Artificial Intelligence.

### Oh Baby! Childbirth at Sea

Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm  
Explore challenges and triumphs of pregnancy, childbirth and early parenthood for 19th century whaling wives.

### Senior Scams and Financial Exploitation

Thursday, May 16 at 10:30 am  
Learn to protect yourself from con artists, identity theft and more. Sponsored by the Office of the Suffolk County District Attorney in association with the SCPD Financial Crimes Unit and the Office of Senator Murray. **In person only.**

### Senior Advocate

Thursday, May 16 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
A representative from Suffolk County Office of the Aging will discuss benefits and programs available to senior residents. **Available on a walk-in basis.**

### Vacation Home Rentals

Thursday, May 16 at 6:30 pm  
Learn to unlock travel savings by renting vacation homes on Airbnb, Vrbo and more.

### Horse Power: Equine Therapy

Wednesday, May 22 at 11 am at Equines for Healing  
Learn about equine assisted therapy programs that enhance your emotional, physical and spiritual well-being. **Wear comfortable shoes. No sandals or flip flops.**

### Learning to Look | Post Minimalism

Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm at MoCA LI. or via Zoom  
Engage in a discussion on Post Minimalism.

### Defensive Driving with Empire Safety Council

Saturday, May 25 from 10:30 am-4:30 pm  
Reduce violation points and get a discount on auto insurance. A check or money order for \$33 per person made payable to Empire Safety Council is due to the instructor at the beginning of class. **In person only.**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

### Start Your Day the Right Way: Yin Yoga

Tuesdays in April and May at 7 am at the Carnegie Library  
A slow paced class with a meditative approach for all levels involving variations of seated and supine poses held for 3-5 minutes. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### Vinyasa Yoga Before Work

Thursdays in April and May at 7 am at the Carnegie Library  
Wake up with stretching and strengthening asanas. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### Ask a Podiatrist

Friday, April 12 at 10 am  
Learn diabetic foot care, wound management and general foot related concerns.

### ABCs of Medicare

Wednesday, April 17 at 1 pm  
Explore the basics of Medicare, learn how to navigate the system and obtain optimum coverage.

### Navigating Long Term Care: Medicaid

Thursday, April 18 at 1 pm  
Attorneys from Fratello Law will discuss long-term care and how to navigate the Medicaid system.

### Stony Brook Mobile Mammography Van

Wednesday, April 24 from 9:30 am-4 pm  
The Mobile Mammography Van will be here to provide screenings to women, age 40 and up. **Call 631-638-4135 to book your appointment.**

### Balance and Strength Fitness

Wednesdays, May 1, 8 and 15 at 10:30 am  
Start your journey to a stronger, healthier you! Learn exercises for muscle, metabolism and fall prevention. **Please bring a stretch band and 2 lb weights.**

### All Levels Yoga Flow

Every Friday in May at 11:30 am  
Join Adrienne's all-level yoga class focusing on breath, alignment, balance, flexibility and strength. **Bring a mat and any props you have.**

### The Opioid Crisis and Heroin in Our Community

Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 pm  
A Prevention Specialist from YMCA Family Services will discuss opiates and Opioid Use Disorder, including treatment, prevention and resources.

### Lower Your Medicare Prescription Drug Costs

Wednesday, May 8 at 1 pm  
Learn 12 tips to reduce your prescription drug costs.

### Shedding Pounds, Gaining Insight: The Science of Weight Loss Medications

Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm  
A specialist in bariatric care will discuss the safe use of weight loss medications. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### Hearing the Facts with Dr. Heffron

Monday, May 20 from 10 am-2 pm  
Dr. Heffron from Trailview Audiology will discuss hearing loss, how and why it happens and what you can do about it. Hearing screenings will be provided.

# FOR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12

Programs will be held at the Carnegie Library unless otherwise noted. Programs should be attended independently and without parents or siblings younger than 6th grade. Registration is ongoing until the day of the program. Go to [pmlib.org](http://pmlib.org) or call 631-654-4700, ext. 500 to register. If you need special accommodations for any program please call 631-654-4700, ext. 254.



## APRIL

### Dungeons & Dragons

Friday, April 5 from 5-8 pm  
Roll dice, defeat villains and become heroes in this two-part tabletop roleplaying adventure!

### Customized Umbrellas

Thursday, April 11 from 6-7 pm  
Decorate an umbrella in this program and you'll always know which umbrella is yours.

### Universal Yums

Friday, April 12 from 6-7 pm  
Explore other countries through trivia and a variety of sweet and savory snacks, all with unique flavors and spices! **\*This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies.**

### Manga Book Club

Wednesday, April 17 from 5:30-6 pm  
Try some Japanese snacks and discuss a new book with us! New books will be given at each session.

### Perlers, Please

Friday, April 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Make your own fun design with our Perler Beads! All materials provided.

### Wildflower Seed Bombs

Saturday, April 20 from 2:30-3:30 pm  
Celebrate Earth Day by making your own wildflower seed bombs using recycled paper!

### DIY Spring Witch Brooms

Sunday, April 21 from 2-3 pm  
Create a witchy, floral broom!

### '90s Computer Lab: Spring Break Edition

Thursday, April 25 from 4:30-7:30 pm  
For details see *COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS* on page 3.

### Improv Comedy Night

Friday, April 26 from 6:30-8 pm  
Join us for a night of laughter, theatrics and thinking on the spot with a series of hilarious improv comedy games.

### RPGs with Michael

Saturday, April 27 from 1-4 pm  
Enjoy fun adventures with your dungeon master, Michael!

## MAY

### Bobbinology: Sashiko Keychains

Thursday, May 2 from 6-7:30 pm  
Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by exploring Japanese sashiko techniques and creating a fun keychain to hang on your backpack!

### Dungeons & Dragons

Friday, May 3 from 5-8 pm  
Roll dice, defeat villains and become heroes in this two-part tabletop roleplaying adventure!

### Battle of the Books Information Meeting

Wednesday, May 8 from 6-6:30 pm  
Do you like books and trivia? Enjoy some snacks, hear about this year's books and learn about this fun county-wide competition!

### Makerspace @ Carnegie: Teen Mug Making

Thursday, May 9 from 3-8 pm  
Drop in any time to use our sublimation printer and mug press to make a personalized mug. Give it as a Mother's Day gift or keep it for yourself!

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Explore countries through trivia and a variety of sweet and savory snacks, all with unique flavors and spices! **\*This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies.**

### Flowers for Someone Special

Saturday, May 11 from 2-3 pm  
Design a pot and fill it with beautiful flowers.

### Mystery Video Game Tournament

Friday, May 17 from 6-7:30 pm  
Compete in a video game tournament against your friends! The winner will receive a small prize and have their name added to our leader board.

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### Calling All Paper Pilots!

Friday, May 24 from 6-7 pm  
Ditch the classic paper airplane and try something more advanced! Make some paper planes designed for speed, distance and even acrobatics.

### Amazing Zines: DIY Magazines

Thursday, May 30 from 6-7 pm  
Learn about zines then make and print your very own!

### Teen Paint Night

Friday, May 31 from 6-7:30 pm  
Unwind with a relaxing paint night! Learn about an artist and create a painting in their style. Your artwork will be displayed in our Carnegie Art Gallery for the entire summer!

### Brainfuse Virtual Tutors

Get online help with your homework from tutors every day from 2-11 pm  
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Get free online help for college admissions with live counselors, essay reviews, application support, admissions interview tips and financial aid resources. For more information call 631-654-4700, ext. 500.

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

### SAT Prep

Saturdays, April 6 and 13 from 9 am-12 pm  
Sign up for this two-week series on getting ready for the SAT. One session will focus on English and the other on Math. **A free book will be provided which you can pick up starting on April 1 or on the day of the class.**

### Math Homework Help

Every Thursday from 4-5 pm, excluding school holidays  
Students in grades 6-12, bring your math homework and questions and receive help from a certified teacher.



## The Teen Center at the Patchogue-Medford Carnegie Library

### Hours:

Monday-Friday 2:30-8:30 pm  
Saturdays 12:30-5:30 pm  
Sundays 1-5 pm (October-May)

**During School Vacations and Holidays:**  
Monday-Friday 12:30-8:30 pm



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# GAMING

AT THE LIBRARY

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

### Program Buddies: ELL Night

Thursday, April 4 from 5-7 pm  
Earn community service hours and facilitate fun activities for younger students while their adults attend a program in the Library. This program will be held in the Main Building.

### Carnegie Teen Advisory Board

Tuesdays, April 9 and May 7 from 5-6 pm  
Improve the Library and earn community service by giving your opinions!

### Book Buddies Training

Thursday, April 11 from 3:30-4 pm  
Learn how to read to younger children in this mandatory training for teens in grades 6-9.

### Green Teens

Thursdays, April 18 and May 16 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Discuss ways to help the environment and take meaningful action, plan field trips and even design environmental library programs all while earning community service hours!

### Extraordinary Earth Art

Wednesdays, April 24 and May 29 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Earn community service credit by making art out of recycled materials and found objects. Your art will be shared with Students Rebuild, who will make a \$5 donation per project to organizations tackling environmental issues responding to the climate crisis across the world.

### Carnegie Garden Club

Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Join us to start seeds for our garden beds at Carnegie and learn about our projects this year!



For information on community service at the Library scan the QR code or get updates for upcoming opportunities by texting @pmlv to 81010



## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

### Student Success Series

Every Tuesday and Thursday  
from 5:30-6:30 pm (except for school holidays)  
For grades 1-6. A certified teacher will be here to tutor children in math, reading and writing. **Please register for ONE session per week beginning April 1 and May 1.**

### Walk-in Homework Help

Every Wednesday in April and May  
from 4-6 pm (except for school holidays)  
For grades 1-6. A certified teacher will be here to help your child with homework.  
**No registration required.**

### Brainfuse Virtual Tutors

Get FREE online help with your homework from tutors every day from 2-11 pm  
For more information visit [pmlib.org/homework-help](http://pmlib.org/homework-help)

## DROP-IN!

No registration required.

### Early Education Fair

Saturday, April 6 from 12-4 pm  
For details see *FOR PARENTS* on page 7.

### Solar Eclipse for Everyone

Sunday, April 7 from 2-4 pm  
For families with children of all ages.  
See details in *COMMUNITY EVENTS & HIGHLIGHTS* on page 3.

### Tinker Tuesday: LEGO Build

Tuesday, April 9 from 6-7:30 pm  
For grades K-6. Drop in for a fun time in our Tinker Lab, focused on the STEAM concept of the day.

### Earth Day Every Day

Monday, April 22 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
For families with children of all ages.  
Celebrate our planet together with eco-friendly crafts, games and activities.

### Crafty-Play-Palooza: Rainy Day Blues

Tuesday, April 23 from 10 am-1 pm  
For families with children of all ages. Be inspired by the magic of "April Showers" during this open-ended art and free-play session.

### Chef's Kitchen

Wednesday, April 24 from 2-4 pm  
For children ages 2½-5 years. Wear one of our chef costumes and use your imagination to create meals with our play food.

### Dia! Children's Book Day

Sunday, April 28 from 1:30-4:30 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6.  
Celebrate how culture, heritage and language can strengthen our community with music, crafts and snacks.

### Star Wars Day

Saturday, May 4 from 1-3 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6. Journey to a galaxy not so far away with activities like building your own droid, an out-of-this-world photo op, themed snacks and more.

### Box Party

Saturday, May 4 from 3-5 pm  
For ages 12 months-5 years. Your imagination is in charge during this fun cardboard box program!

### Tinker Tuesday: Domino STEM Challenge

Tuesday, May 7 from 6-7:30 pm  
For grades K-6. Drop in for a fun time in our Tinker Lab, focused on the STEAM concept of the day.

### Game-Play-Palooza

Thursday, May 23 from 11 am-3 pm  
For families with children of all ages. Choose from a variety of games, puzzles, blocks and more in this mash-up of activities!

# FOR KIDS

Please register in person, online at [pmlib.org](http://pmlib.org), or by phone 631-654-4700 ext. 200.  
Patchogue-Medford Library patrons are given first priority, please have your library card when registering. If you or your child need an accommodation, please let us know at registration.

**APRIL** Registration for these events begins on Monday, April 1 at 9:30 am.

## INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

### Babies & Books

Tuesday, April 9 from 10:30-11:15 am  
For ages 2-11 months. Explore the best board books for infants and learn simple rhymes and games, too.

### Let's Get Movin!

Wednesday, April 10 from 4-4:45 pm  
For ages 3-5 years. Get in the game with a variety of Sport-ivities!

### Busy Fingers Fun

Thursday, April 11 from 11-11:30 am  
For ages 3-5 years. Encourage your little one to develop the fine motor skills needed for activities such as cutting and writing.

### Signing Stories

Thursday, April 11 from 11:45 am-12:15 pm  
For children ages 2 months-4 years. Learn signs in a fun, playful way through stories and song.

### Parachute Play

Thursday, April 11 from 5-5:30 pm or 5:45-6:15 pm  
For ages 18 months-3½ years. Songs, dances and games with our parachute.

### Tots' Night Out

Tuesday, April 16 from 5:30-6:15 pm  
For ages 18 months-5 years. Enjoy this fun and hands-on program with activities, crafts, storytime and music!

### Yummy Yummy Storytime

Wednesday, April 17  
from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm  
For ages 12 months-3½ years. Enjoy this tasty treat of a storytime with rhymes, a simple craft and 15 minutes of free play at the end.

## SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

### Book Time with a Dog

Monday, April 8 at 6, 6:20 or 6:40 pm  
For grades 1-6. Practice your reading skills with a certified therapy dog.

### Let's Get Movin!

Wednesday, April 10 from 5-5:45 pm  
For grades K-5. Get in the game with a variety of Sport-ivities!

### Minecraft Club

Friday, April 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For grades 3-6. Connect with other Minecraft fans to play the game and conquer challenges.

### STEM Saturday: Save the Egg Challenge

Saturday, April 13  
From 2-3 pm - For grades K-3  
From 3:30-4:30 pm - For grades 4-7.  
Build a device to save your egg from a cracking catastrophe.

### Learn to Draw Anime

Monday, April 15 from 5-6:30 pm  
For grades 4-7. Learn from a professional comic book artist how to make art in the style of your favorite anime characters.

### Customized Umbrellas

Tuesday, April 16 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
For grades 3-6. Decorate an umbrella in this program and you'll always know which umbrella is yours.

### Beautiful Babies, Wonderful Ones and Terrific Twos

Saturday, April 20  
[From 10-10:45 am - For ages 2-11 months.](#)  
[From 11-11:45 am - For ages 12-23 months.](#)  
[From 12-12:45 pm - For ages 24-35 months.](#)

Enjoy songs, bubbles, parachute play and other age-appropriate games with your child while getting to know other families in your neighborhood.

### Let's Sing!

Sunday, April 21 from 1:30-2 pm or 2:15-2:45 pm  
For ages 2 months-5 years. Enjoy a guitar sing-along to classic children's songs.

### Baby Chicks and Stories

Friday, April 26 from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm  
For ages 3-5. Listen to stories, make a craft and meet our newly hatched baby chicks.

### Flower Power Story & Play

Saturday, April 27  
from 10:30-11:15 am or 2:30-3:15 pm  
For ages 2½-5 years. Enjoy a story and playtime centered around planting, growth and patience.

### Sketch & Stretch

Monday, April 29 from 6-7 pm  
For ages 3-5 years. Art and yoga movements are combined in this unique program.

### 123 Play With Me

Tuesdays, April 30, May 7, 14 & 21 from 10:15-11:30 am  
For ages 12-35 months. Our 4-week playgroup series encourages parents and children to play together, while also speaking with early childhood specialists.

### Spring Chick Cupcakes

Wednesday, April 17 from 6-6:45 pm or 7:15-8 pm  
For grades K-6. Celebrate the hatching of our baby chicks with some tasty treats.

### Book Buddies

Thursdays, April 18, 25 and May 2  
from 6-6:30 pm 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.

### Mini Zucchini Pizzas

Friday, April 19 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For grades 3-6. Learn how to make these delicious and adorable mini pizzas!

### Gregarious Goats

Wednesday, April 24  
from 11-11:45 am or 12:15-1 pm  
For grades K-3. Listen to a story, make a craft and meet real goats from the Suffolk County Farm!

### Baby Chicks and Stories

Tuesday, April 30 from 5-5:45 pm or 6:30-7:15 pm  
For grades K-3. Listen to stories, make a craft and meet our newly hatched baby chicks.

### From Egg to Chick

Thursday, May 2 from 5-6 pm  
For grades 3-6. Learn how chicks grow from egg to adorable chick and meet the Library's chicks.

**Summer Reading 2024 is coming soon!** Registration for all ages begins June 1.

# FOR FAMILIES

One registration per family. See our Drop-in programs for more family fun!

## Save, Spend, Share DIY Bank

Saturday, April 13 from 11 am-12:30 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6. Use Makerspace technology to create a customized family bank while learning about financial literacy for the whole family from a professional financial educator. This program is proudly sponsored by Assemblyman DeStefano. **Register beginning Monday, April 1.**

## Watercolor Workshop

Wednesday, April 24 from 6-7:30 pm  
For families with children in grades 3-6. Learn how to make beautiful art using watercolor pencils. You will each get to make your own masterpiece. **Register beginning Monday, April 1.**

## Grow & Taste in the Garden

Sunday, May 19 at 2 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6. Plant seeds to take home and taste what your seeds will grow to be! **This program takes place at the Patchogue Community Garden, 380 Bay Ave, Patchogue. Register beginning Wednesday, May 1.**

## MAY

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

## INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

### Lil Athletes Kiddies

Wednesday, May 8  
From 3:30-4:15 pm - For children 18-35 months.  
From 4:30-5:15 pm - For children 3-5 years.  
A mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning will be used to engage little athletes in the fundamentals of sports.

### Tummy Time

Friday, May 10 from 10:30-11:15 am  
For ages 2-11 months. Bond with your baby while they explore with toys, play and learn in a relaxed setting.

### Babies Boogie & Toddlers Tango

Monday, May 13  
From 5-5:45 pm - For ages 3-17 months.  
From 6-6:45 pm - For ages 18-35 months.  
Join us for a fun adventure with movement, music, dancing, instruments and so much more!

### To Kindergarten & Beyond! Pre-K Graduation

Wednesday, May 15 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For families with a child graduating Pre-K and going into kindergarten in 2024. Join us for a story and sweet graduation ceremony!

### Preschool Prom

Wednesday, May 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
For ages 2½-5 years. Dress up and get ready for an afternoon filled with crafts, music, dancing and snacks.

### Beautiful Babies, Wonderful Ones and Terrific Twos

Saturday, May 18  
From 10-10:45 am - For ages 2-11 months.  
From 11-11:45 am - For ages 12-23 months.  
From 12-12:45 pm - For ages 24-35 months.  
For details see APRIL on page 6.

### Baby Start

Monday, May 20 from 10-10:30 am  
For ages 2-11 months. Join us for a sweet, interactive infant program.

### Honey Bunny Storytime

Wednesday, May 22  
from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm  
For children ages 12 months-3½ years. Hippy-hop into this sweet storytime with rhymes, a simple craft and 15 minutes of free play at the end.

### Sprouts & Friends

Thursday, May 23 from 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm and/or Friday, May 31 from 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm  
For ages 2 months-5 years. Make new friends at this music and movement program!

### Creepy Crawlers Story & Play

Friday, May 24 from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:15-5 pm  
For ages 2½-5 years. Join us for an insect themed story and play session.

### Mother Goose & More

Wednesday, May 29  
from 10:30-11 am or 11:15-11:45 am  
For ages 2-35 months. Enjoy classic Mother Goose rhymes, songs and a short story.

## SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

### Small Stitches: Sashiko Keychains

Monday, May 6 from 6:30-8 pm  
For grades 4-6. Celebrate Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month by exploring Japanese sashiko techniques and creating a fun keychain to hang on your backpack!

### Lil Athletes

Wednesday, May 8 from 5:30-6:15 pm  
For grades K-5. See details above in INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL.

### Sew with Me: Sashiko Keychains

Saturday, May 11 from 10-11:30 am  
For grades 1-3 with a caregiver. For details see *Small Stitches: Sashiko Keychains* above.

### Cute Canvas Art

Saturday, May 11 from 1-2 pm  
For grades K-3. For fans of Squishmallows! Design and paint your own version of a cuddly plushie to hang in your home. Dress for a mess.

### Minecraft Club

Monday, May 13 from 4:30-5:30 pm or 5:45-6:45 pm  
For grades 3-6. Connect with other Minecraft fans to play the game and conquer challenges.

### Strawberry Shortcake Cups

Tuesday, May 14 from 5-5:45 pm or 6:30-7:15 pm  
For grades K-6. Celebrate National Strawberry Month by making this classic dessert.

### Word Power

Thursday, May 16 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For grades K-2. Master new vocabulary and literacy skills by playing games on our iPads.

### In a Jar

Saturday, May 18 from 2-3 pm  
For grades 2-6. Join us for a story and a stained-glass mason jar craft.

### Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations

Monday, May 20 from 5-5:45 pm or 6-6:45 pm  
For grades K-3. Get crafty and make a seasonal masterpiece.

### Book Time with a Dog

Monday, May 20 at 6, 6:20 or 6:40 pm  
For grades 1-6. Practice your reading skills with a certified therapy dog.

### Aromatherapy First Aid Kits

Tuesday, May 21 from 6-7 pm  
For grades 3-6. Summer is coming! Before it does, learn how to make a Band-Aid in a Bottle and an Anti-Itch-After Bug Bite Stick.

### Let's Go Fly a Kite

Tuesday, May 28 from 5-6 pm  
For grades K-3. Learn how kites stay up in the air and how different materials affect how kites fly. Then make your own kite to take home!

### Butterfly Life Cycle Kick-Off

Wednesday, May 29 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For grades K-5. Meet our live caterpillars and learn about the life cycle of a butterfly with stories and crafts.

## FOR PARENTS

No registration required.

### Adventures in Parenting Podcast!

Hosted by Patchogue-Medford librarians (and busy moms). Listen, laugh and learn as they talk to expert guests on all things parenting. Now available where most podcasts are found!

### Shots for Tots

Tuesdays, April 9 and May 14 from 10 am-3 pm  
Free immunizations for children (ages infant-18 years) provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health.

### Patchogue-Medford School District ELL Night

Thursday, April 4 from 5:30-6:45 pm  
For parents of current English Language Learners. PMSD Representatives will be here to discuss important information about upcoming NYS exams. Teen volunteers will provide fun activities for children who attend. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### Early Education Fair

Saturday, April 6 from 12-4 pm  
Learn all about local childcare options with representatives from preschools, daycares and the Patchogue-Medford School District. Enjoy activities including face painting for the whole family during this meet and greet.

### Playdate in the Park: Incoming Kindergarteners

Thursday, April 25 from 4:30-6 pm  
at Father Tortora Park -  
For Bay, Canaan, Medford & River Elementary Schools  
Monday, May 6 from 4:30-6 pm  
at Eagle Estates Park -  
For Barton, Eagle & Tremont Elementary Schools  
For families with children going into Kindergarten September 2024. Join us to meet new friends, chat with fellow parents and ask a bilingual Pat-Med teacher any of your kindergarten questions!



# PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

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Friday: 9:30 am-6 pm  
Saturday: 9:30 am-5:30 pm  
Sunday (October-May): 1-5 pm

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Saturday 12:30-5:30 pm

Sunday (October-May) 1-5 pm

\*The Carnegie will be open from 12:30-8:30 pm during school vacations.

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# Makerspace Classes

Unless otherwise noted, registration begins one month before the class date.

### Laser-Cut Custom Garden Markers

Tuesday, April 9 at 4 pm OR 6:30 pm

For adults. If you received wooden garden markers from the Seed Library and are curious how to make your own, this class is for you! Learn to engrave and cut wooden garden markers in a variety of shapes using the library's laser. Participants should be comfortable using a computer.

### Save, Spend, Share DIY Bank

Saturday, April 13 at 11 am

For families with children in grades K-6. Use Makerspace technology to create a customized family bank while learning about financial literacy for the whole family from a professional financial educator. This program is proudly sponsored by Assemblyman DeStefano.

### Introduction to Coding with Python

Monday, April 15 at 7 pm

For adults and teens. Learn the basics of the popular coding language Python. We will also discuss resources you can use to continue your learning. This class is for beginners with no coding experience, but you should be comfortable using a computer.

### Cosplay Cosplanner: An Introduction to Cosplay

Sunday, April 21 at 2 pm

For adults and teens. Learn about essential cosplay tools and participate in an EVA Foam make-and-take workshop. Unleash your creativity and embark on your cosplay journey with us!

### Makerspace @ Carnegie: Teen Mug Making

Thursday, May 9 from 3-8 pm

For teens. Drop in any time to use our sublimation printer and mug press to make a personalized mug. Give it as a Mother's Day gift or keep it for yourself!

### Personalized Wind Spinners

Thursday, May 23 at 5:30 pm

Welcome in the fresh spring air with your own personalized wind spinner! Use our sublimation printer to add your own photos or designs to this fun decoration. All ages welcome. Younger children may need adult assistance.

### Beginner Sewing with Creativebug: Market Tote

Saturday, May 25 at 12:30 pm OR 3 pm

For adults. We will use the Library's crafting database, Creativebug, to learn how to sew a simple tote bag using a sewing machine. No experience required.



**Can't make a class?**

Book an appointment for a one-on-one tutorial at [pmlib.org/makerspace](http://pmlib.org/makerspace)



**Learn how to use a Cricut, button maker, mug heat press and more — appointments are required.**