The Public Library Changed My Life
**Meetings:**
The last Sunday open until October.

*Note: Sunday, May 19 will be May 12 - Mother’s Day Library Closed:*

**Gallery Exhibits**
On view in the Claire Davidson Siegel Gallery and online at pmthb.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

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**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.

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**Thank you for your continued support.**

Sincerely,

Danielle Paisley, Director

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**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**

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**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.

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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 E's PJs, we are collecting NEW pajamas, appropriate for all ages, 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 Dominic 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 days and uncover what the millennials were up to when they’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 comfortable 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**

**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.

**ADDITION & RECOVERY HELP**

**SMART Friends & Family Workshop**
Saturday at 10 am
For family and friends of people with addictive behaviors.

**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 Counseling Assistance Program)**
Thursdays from 11 am and May 5
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 enrollees trained by NYS Dept of Health assist these populations with Medicaid programs free of charge. First-come, first-served.

**CLASES EN ESPAÑOL**


**Trabajadora Social**

**Práctica para la Entrevista de Ciudadanía**
Llame al 631-654-4700, ext. 405 para hacer una cita de entrevistas.
Si tiene una entrevista de ciudadanía próxima, haga una cita con una bibliotecaria que le ayudará a prepararla. 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 Vales**
Los lunes de 5:30-8:30 pm (En persona/Virtual)
Nuestra consejera profesional bilingüe está disponible para ayudar con currículums, asesoramientos profesionales, recomendaciones de trabajo. Regístrate para una cita de 30 minutos.

**Grupo de Conversación en Inglés**
Los lunes de 7-8:30 pm (por teléfono)
Unase a nosotros en la biblioteca para practicar sus habilidades de conversación en inglés.

**Consejería de Inmigración Bilingüe**
Los martes de 9:30 am
Regístrate 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 café.

** Alfabetización para Adultos**
Los sábados a las 10 am
¿Desea usted aprender o conoce a alguien qui otro 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
Aumente la 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 la Ciudad de Medford**
Jueves 4 de abril de 5:30-6:45 pm
Para los padres de los actuales estudiantes del idioma inglés. Representantes de PNSD 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 12 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.

**Cómo 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 librarians 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 Recardi. 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
Thursday, 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 featherly 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 5 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 frisbee and enjoy some sweets!

Guitar & Bass Workshop
Tuesday, May 8 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 club 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: Raffia Bowl
Thursday, May 30 from 6-8 pm
Practice an ancient form of basket weaving: coiling. A starter circle will be provided.

FOR ADULTS

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

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

The Mess of New York City Vital Records
Wednesday, April 3 at 10 am
Genealogist, Nec 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 3 and May 8, 22 at 10 am
Help get with researching your ancestors.

Learning to Look I Earth Works
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm
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
Explore the uses and applications of Artificial Intelligence. Attend in person or via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

The Opioid Crisis
Thursday, April 18 at 6:30 pm
A Prevention Specialist from YMCA Family Services will discuss the opioid epidemic, its impact on communities and early prevention for 19th century whaling wives.

Hearing the Facts with Dr. Resnik
Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 pm
A specialist in bariatric care will discuss the safe use of prescription drugs and ongoing efforts to improve the situation. Attend via Zoom only.

The History of Folk dancing
Thursday, April 18 at 1 pm
Dance Instructor shows and tells about an era when music and dancing was part of everyday life.

Discover Your Own Path
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm
Hear from a local business owner who found success in their hobby.

The Making of a Draper
Wednesday, May 15 at 6:30 pm
Learn how fabric, sewing and history come together.

Healing the Mind, Body and Soul
Wednesday, May 22 at 6:30 pm
A healing arts practitioner will discuss complementary therapies to improve the situation.

Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group
Wednesday, April 24 at 6:30 pm
Learn how to research your ancestors.

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

New England Pizza Party
Friday, May 24 from 6:30-9 pm
A local pizzeria will provide pizza for all who attend.

Holiday Cheer with a Curator
Saturday, May 25 at 12 pm at MoCA LI or via Zoom
Enjoy a special talk and gallery visit with the artist of the current exhibit.

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

Coffee with a Curator
Saturday, May 4 at 12 pm at MoCA LI or via Zoom
Explore the uses and applications of Artificial Intelligence. Attend in person or via Zoom, unless otherwise noted.

Balance and Strength Fitness
Wednesdays, May 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:30 am
Start your journey to a stronger, healthier you! Learn exercises to increase strength 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 Science of Weight Loss Medications
Wednesday, May 25 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 Trialview 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 GRADUES 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 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 9-8 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.

RPoS 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!

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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 3-4 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!

Book Buddies Training
Tuesday, May 7 from 5-6 pm
Learn 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
Tuesday, May 14 and May 28 from 5-6 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
Wednesday, May 15 and May 22 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 3:30-6:30 pm
Join us to start seeds for our garden beds at Carnegie and learn about our projects this year!

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
Saturday 12:30-5:30 pm
Sundays 1-5 pm (October-May)

During School Vacations and Holidays:
Monday-Friday 12:30-5:30 pm

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

Green Teens
Thursday, April 18 and May 16 from 5:30-6:30 pm
Learn how to read to younger children in this mandatory training for teens in grades 6-9.

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For more information about the services at the Library scan the QR code or get updates for upcoming opportunities by texting pmlv to 81010

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Please register in person, online at 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 5:50 pm to 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, storyline and music!

**Yummy Yummy Storytime**
Wednesday, April 17 from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm
For ages 12 months-2½ years.
Enjoy this tasty treat of a storyline with rhymes, a simple craft and 15 minutes of free play at the end.

**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.
Work on your kitchen skills and use your imagination to prepare and present a dish.

**Día! 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.
Join the galactic nobility as far away as possible to celebrate with your own droid, and 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.
Explore the magic of “Star Wars” through a box-themed party!

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

**Tinker Tuesday: LEGO Build**
Tuesday, May 7 from 6-7:30 pm
For grades K-6.
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**Game-Play-Palooza**
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Choose from a variety of games, puzzles, blocks and more in this mash-up of activities!

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**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.

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**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!

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**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 5:45-6 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 5:45-6 pm or 6-6:45 pm
For grades K-3. Get crafty and make a seasonal masterpiece.

**Mattock Club**
Tuesday, May 21 from 4:30-5:30 pm
For grades 2-6. Learn how to make a Band-Aid in a Bottle and an Anti-Itch-After Bug Bite Stick.

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

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**FOR PARENTS**
No registration required.

**Adventures in Parenting Podcast!**
Hosted by Patchogue-Medford educators (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. PMHS 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 12-2 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, Charnam, 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 in 2024. Join us to meet new friends, chat with fellow parents and ask a bilingual Pat-Med teacher any of your kindergarten questions!
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.

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**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

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