

# PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

November & December 2024



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## On the Cover:

Anthony, enjoying the Dinosaur Extravaganza program that the Library held at Woodside Nursery & Garden Center in Patchogue.

## Gallery Exhibits

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

**Paintings and Photographs**  
by Michael DiPierro

November 1 – December 30

Reception:  
Saturday, November 16 from 2-4 pm

## Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Saturday, November 16 from 10 am-3 pm  
Enjoy amazing deals on books, board games, DVDs and more!

## Board of Trustees Meetings:

Tuesdays, November 19  
and December 17 at 5:30 pm

## Library Closed:

November 11 - Veterans Day  
November 27 at 3 pm - Thanksgiving Eve  
November 28 - Thanksgiving Day  
December 24 - Christmas Eve  
December 25 - Christmas Day  
December 31 at 12 pm - New Year's Eve  
January 1 - New Year's Day



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## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

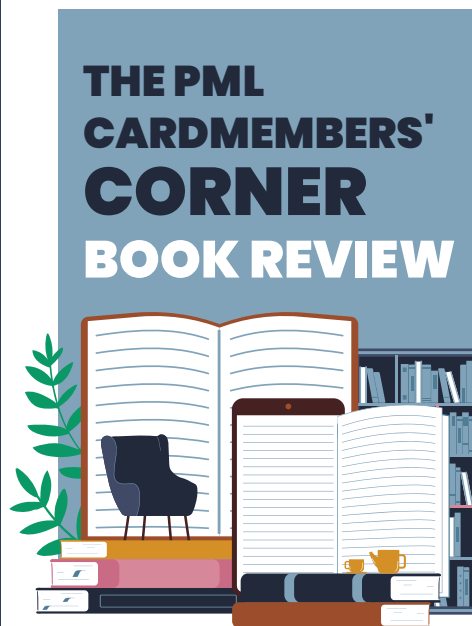
Research is formalized curiosity. It is poking and prying with a purpose.

—Zora Neale Hurston

Welcome to DINovember! Pictured on the cover is Anthony, an aspiring paleontologist and his Dad. It is the perfect picture to illustrate our fun theme this month which will include interactive activities for our families on a timeless topic. Dinosaurs are always a favorite subject for many children, and we love partnering with our local nursery to help spark curiosity and imagination in a new generation. Today's curious kids become tomorrow's researchers and innovators...AND Library users! Let your imagination lead you to the Library to learn something new about dinosaurs, or whatever you're interested in! Or plan a day trip to discover dinosaur fossils at the American Museum of Natural History! Pick up discount passes at the Library and take advantage of reduced rate LIRR train tickets to encourage exploration and discovery, all while saving money. You can do so many things with your library card.

We're excited about the fantastic lineup of events, new book arrivals, and resources to keep you inspired this month. Whether you're looking for the latest bestsellers, workshops, classes, or research help, our friendly staff is here to assist you. As the crisp November air settles in and we gather our cozy blankets, it's the perfect time to curl up with a good book. Below you will find our inaugural submission for a pilot feature called Cardmembers' Corner. This came from a patron suggestion: could we feature a book review by a patron each newsletter that might inspire a fellow book lover in their search for their next read? Let's try it! Let us know what you think about this feature and if you'd like it to continue. As we honor our veterans on this upcoming Veteran's Day, I hope you will find our patron's recommendation timely and worthwhile. Thank you, Ms. La Femina, for your contribution!

Sincerely  
Danielle Paisley, Director



### [Birdsong by Sebastian Faulks](#)

"This beautifully written novel is a mixture of fact and fiction, dealing with love and war without romanticizing either, but makes the reader feel the depths of both. With WW1 as the backdrop, two characters deal with different degrees of tragedy. The woman, trapped in a loveless marriage, is profoundly guilty of having an affair, and the young man, unable to find love or a feeling of belonging, is committed to a bloody war. The story is an extraordinary commentary on what was experienced by young boys during WW1, who were hardly old enough to know why they were fighting and how the trauma of war shaped them. The author skillfully placed the reader in the tunnels and trenches, as well as in no man's land on the front, and one could feel the anxiety, terror and fear the soldiers had to cope with every minute of the day and night. Ironically, I finished reading the book on Memorial Day and suddenly that day had new meaning for me. This book is highly recommended and is available at the Library and electronically on Libby. There is also a DVD available entitled Birdsong that was very true to the book."

—Lorraine La Femina, June 5, 2024

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

### [Meet with a Licensed Social Worker or a Social Work Intern](#)

To make an appointment call ext. 152 or email [socialworkers@pmlib.org](mailto:socialworkers@pmlib.org).

### [Career Counseling](#)

Mondays from 5:30-8:30 pm (in person/virtual)  
Our bilingual career counselor is available to help with resumes, career advice and job applications. Sign up for a 30-minute appointment.

### [English Conversation Group](#)

Mondays from 7-8:30 pm  
Join us in the Library to practice your English conversation skills.

### [Bilingual Immigration Counseling](#)

Tuesdays from 3-7 pm  
Sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a lawyer to answer your questions about immigration.

### [One-on-One Genealogy Assistance](#)

Thursdays from 6-9 pm, by appointment  
Get expert assistance for all your genealogy questions, big or small.

### [HIICAP \(Health Insurance Information Counselling Assistance Program\)](#)

Thursdays, November 14 and  
December 12 from 10 am-1 pm  
Trained volunteers provide guidance, by appointment, to those with questions involving Medicare.  
**Call ext. 152 to make an appointment.**

### [Healthcare Navigators with HWCLI](#)

Tuesdays, November 19, December 3, 17 from 10 am-4 pm  
Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's qualified bilingual Healthcare Navigators will help you choose the right plan and help you complete applications for Medicaid, Essential Plans, Child Health Plus and Qualified Health Plans. **Call to schedule an appointment: 516-505-4426.**

### [Medicaid Enrollment for the Aged, Blind & Disabled](#)

Mondays, November 25 & December 23 from 3-6:30 pm  
Facilitated enrollers trained by NYS Dept of Health assist the aged, blind and disabled populations to enroll into Medicaid programs free of charge. **Service is on a first-come, first-served basis. A Spanish speaker will be available.**

### [Senior Advocate](#)

Friday, December 6 from 2:30-4:30 pm  
A representative from Suffolk County Office of the Aging will discuss different benefits and programs that Suffolk County offers its senior residents. The Advocate is available on a walk-in basis; no appointment required.

## 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  
A workshop for people struggling with addiction.

# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS & EVENTS

## Holiday Gift Wrapping Drive

Friday, November 1 - Thursday, December 12  
Wrap up the holidays with kindness! Donate gift wrapping supplies for our 'Tis the Season gift wrapping program. Any leftovers will be donated to Angels of Long Island. Drop off at any of our 3 branches.

## Craft Supply Swap

Sunday, November 10 from 2-4 pm  
Donate your unwanted but still usable craft supplies from November 1-9 at the Adult Services Desk, then everyone is welcome to "shop" for new-to-you craft supplies at our Sunday afternoon Swap.

## Medford Branch Job Fair

Tuesday, November 12  
from 1-3 pm at the Medford Branch  
Meet representatives from several industries looking to hire. Bring your resume and dress to impress!

## NYC Train Tickets

Saturdays, November 16 & December 21  
Meet a library representative 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. **Non-refundable tickets must be purchased in advance at the Public Services Desk at the MAIN BUILDING via cash or credit card for \$10.75 per person over the age of 5.**

## Patchogue Holiday Parade

Saturday, November 30 at 6 pm  
Gather your friends and family for the annual Christmas parade down Main Street.

## Drop-in Holiday Photo Background

The month of December  
Take your own holiday photos in front of a festive backdrop in our children's program room. Wear your fanciest attire or holiday pajamas! **Available during normal business hours at the Main Library.**

## Medford Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 1 at 4:30 pm  
Meet us at Medford Memorial Park for a tree lighting.

## 'Tis the Season: Holiday Drop-in

Thursday, December 12 from 10:30 am-4:30 pm  
or Friday, December 13 from 10:30 am-5:30 pm  
or Saturday, December 14 from 11 am-1 pm  
For all ages. Make someone's day extra merry & bright by creating, decorating or wrapping a special gift for a teacher, family member or a friend! Teens will be available to help with wrapping.

## '90s (Holiday!) Computer Lab

Saturday, December 14 from 1:30-4:30 pm  
'Tis the season to travel back in time and experience the jolly joys of vintage computer gaming, '90s style! Drop in and play an assortment of the decade's best selling games on our laptops. The Lab will also feature a bonus retro video game console. **No registration required.**

## "It's a Wonderful Library Card" Contest

Every time you use your library card to check out in person during November and December you will be entered to win a wonderful basket full of prizes for the family! Contest ends December 31, 2024.



## It's a Wonderful Life - IN PATCHOGUE!

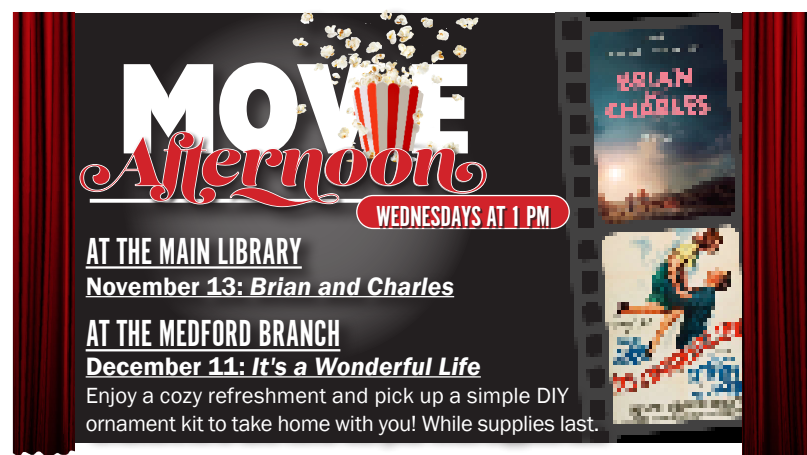
Saturday, December 14 and  
Sunday, December 15 from 11 am-5 pm

Celebrate the enduring spirit of kindness, community and the essence of the holiday season during Patchogue Village's weekend-long festival honoring Frank Capra's beloved film "It's a Wonderful Life." Scan the QR code to see the full line up of events.

## The Making of "It's a Wonderful Life"

Sunday, December 15  
from 2-2:30 pm at the Carnegie Library  
"It's a Wonderful Life" is one of the most popular motion pictures ever made. James Stewart and Frank Capra proclaimed this classic to be their personal favorite. The charming and, at times, harrowing story of George Bailey and his life-altering tribulations in Bedford Falls are well known. Join Sal St. George for this wonderful lecture and discussion of the complex backstory of how "It's a Wonderful Life" came to fruition.

## LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY Register now.



## CLASES EN ESPAÑOL

Estas clases se impartirán en la Biblioteca Principal, a menos que se indique lo contrario. Para cualquier programa, regístrese en línea en [pmlib.org](http://pmlib.org) o llame al 631-654-4700, ext. 153.



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

### Consejería de Inmigración Bilingüe

Los martes de 3-7 pm (en persona)  
Regístrese para una cita en persona de 30 minutos con un abogado para responder sus preguntas sobre inmigración.

### Alfabetización en Español para Adultos

Los sábados a las 10 am  
¿Conoce a alguien quien quiera aprender a leer y escribir en Español? Los invitamos a que asista a las clases de alfabetización para adultos.

### Madres Latinas Amigas

Lunes 4, 18 de noviembre y  
9 de diciembre de 7-8:30 pm  
Grupo de apoyo y educación para mujeres que hablan Español.

### Años Dorados

Miércoles 6 y 20 de noviembre y  
4 y 18 de diciembre de 10:30 am-12 pm  
Viva sus años dorados con nuevas amistades, juegos, diversión y un delicioso cafecito.

### Intercambio de Suministros Artesanales

Domingo 10 de noviembre de 2-4 pm  
Done los materiales para manualidades que no desee pero que aún se puedan utilizar del 1 al 9 de noviembre en el mostrador de servicios para adultos, luego todos podrán "comprar" materiales para manualidades nuevos para usted en nuestro intercambio.

### Club de Lectura en Español

Martes 26 de noviembre y  
3 de diciembre de 7-8:30 pm  
Aumenta tu motivación por leer, potencia la confianza y la autoestima, fomenta la socialización y motivación en nuestro club de lectura.

### Corona de Invierno

Miércoles 4 de diciembre de 7-8:30 pm  
Esta hermosa corona de hilo de bucle es muy creativa, divertida y fácil de hacer. ¡Perfecta decoración de invierno!

### Casa Familiar de Pan de Jengibre en la Biblioteca Principal

Sábado 7 de diciembre a las 10:30 am 0 12 pm  
0 domingo 8 de diciembre a las 1:30 pm 0 3 pm

### Casa Familiar de Pan de Jengibre en la Sucursal Medford

Sábado 7 de diciembre a las 3 pm  
Decora una verdadera casa de pan de jengibre con tu familia. Solo puede inscribirse en una sesión. Para inscribir a su familia, por favor llame a la biblioteca 631-654-4700, ext. 200 (Departamento de Niños). El espacio es limitado pero una lista de espera estará disponible. Nota: se ofrece a los titulares de la tarjeta PML solamente. la inscripción comienza el 1 de noviembre.

# 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.

## **Busy Hands Knitting Group**

Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2-4 pm  
Drop in to socialize and work on knitting projects.

## **The Golden Years (Bilingual)**

Wednesdays, November 6, 20  
and December 4, 18 from 10:30 am-12 pm  
Enjoy your golden years with friends,  
games and coffee. **Register now.**

## **Do the Write Thing**

Thursdays, November 7, 21 and  
December 5 & 19 at 2 pm at the Medford Branch  
Write, share, and discuss different kinds of  
creative writing. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

## **Bingo With Barbara**

Fridays, November 15 at 10 am  
Play Bingo and win prizes! **Register now.**

## **Coffee-Coffee-Coffee!**

### **Gilmore Girls Nostalgia Night**

Thursday, November 21 from 6:30-8 pm  
at Rise & Grind Kitchen & Coffee Bar -  
240 East Main Street in Patchogue  
Join us at Patchogue's own version of Luke's  
Diner for an evening of Gilmore Girls reminiscing,  
discussion and trivia. Show-inspired coffee  
and pastries will be provided! **Register now.**

## **Super Smash Bros. Tournament**

### **for Adults at Standard Rec**

Tuesday, December 3 from 7-10 pm  
at 49 East Main Street in Patchogue  
Prove yourself to be the top dog in the Smash Bros.  
Community at our first-ever Super Smash Bros.  
ultimate tournament for adults! **Register now.**

## **Crepe Paper Poinsettias**

Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm  
Make paper poinsettias that will never wilt!

## **Art for All Abilities: Kindness Edition**

Thursday, December 5  
from 1-2 pm at the Medford Branch  
Spread joy and connect with others in the  
community by painting kindness rocks! This  
program is geared towards patrons 18 years and  
older with sensory issues, on the autism spectrum  
and with other specific needs. **Register now.**

## **The Demogorgon & You:**

### **D&D for Adult Beginners**

Wednesday, December 11 from 5:30-8:30 pm  
Whether it's been years since you played or even  
if you never have, join our D&D group for adults.  
Feel free to bring your own level one character,  
base rule set only. If you do not have a character,  
pre-made options will be provided. **Register now.**

## **Pressed Flower Ornament Workshop**

Thursday, December 12 at 6:30 pm  
Learn about flower preservation  
and then create your own.

## **Aughts & Beyond! 2000s Trivia**

Thursday, December 12 from 6:30-8:30 pm at  
New Village - 1 Village Green Way in Patchogue  
Join us in the Community Room for a fun  
night of 2000s trivia and refreshments! To  
access the New Village Community Room,  
use the archway entrance off Lake Street.

## **Sip & Sleuth with Brigid & Hanna:**

### **A Cozy Mystery Book Discussion**

Wednesday, December 18 at 11 am  
at the Medford Branch  
or Thursday, December 19 at 6:30 pm  
at Virgola Wine Bar  
Read *The Sunset Years of Agnes Sharp* by  
Leonie Swann and meet with Brigid & Hanna  
to discuss the book. **Register now.**

# FOR ADULTS

Programs take place at the Main Library unless otherwise noted. Registration now, 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

### **Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group**

Wednesdays, November 6, December 4, 18 at 10 am  
Get help with researching your ancestors. Discuss  
strategies and learn how others have succeeded.  
**Attend via Zoom only.**

### **Canasta 101**

Thursdays, November 7, 14, 21 from 10 am-12 pm  
Join us for an exciting introduction to this classic  
card game. This beginner-friendly class will teach you  
the basics in a fun and supportive environment.

### **Genealogy Hour**

Thursday, November 14 at 6:30 pm  
Work on your family tree research with others and  
get tips on how to succeed. The Genealogy Librarian  
will be available to help troubleshoot. Laptops will  
be provided, or you may bring your own device.

### **Computer Basics**

Tuesday, November 19  
from 1:30-3:30 pm at the Medford Branch  
This beginner hands-on computer class will  
cover turning the computer on, the desktop,  
using the mouse, opening and closing programs,  
understanding Windows elements, getting out  
of trouble and turning the computer off.

### **Genealogy Do-Over: A Year of Learning from Mistakes**

Wednesday, November 20 at 10 am  
Join genealogist Thomas MacEntee as he guides you  
through the world of family history research. Learn  
effective strategies, discover essential resources,  
and leverage the power of technology to uncover  
your ancestors' stories. **Attend via Zoom only.**

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS

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

Tuesdays at 7 am at the Carnegie Library  
A slower 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 at 7 am at the Carnegie Library  
Wake up with stretching and strengthening  
asanas with us. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### **Senior Fitness**

Fridays at 12 pm  
Get moving with a light cardiovascular workout that  
combines strength and resistance training, balance,  
coordination, and stretching. Wear comfortable  
clothing. Bring water and a set of lightweights if you  
have them. Resistance bands will be provided.

### **Tai Chi: Part II**

Mondays and Fridays, November 1, 8, 15, 18,  
22, 25 and December 2, 6, 9, 13, 16 at 3:30 pm  
A continuation of Tai Chi: Part 1, building off of  
the Basic 6 Forms and Advanced Movements.  
Wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

### **Yoga With Rachel in Medford**

November 5, 12, 18, 26 and December 3,  
12 & 17 at 6:30 pm at the Medford Branch  
Explore body alignment, deep breathing, strength,  
flexibility and balance in a supportive environment.  
Wear comfortable clothes and bring a yoga mat.

### **Unlocking the Connection: Sleep Health and Dementia**

Wednesday, November 6 at 6:30 pm  
By improving sleep, we can help our brains  
function more efficiently and effectively, which  
can lead to improved cognitive function and a  
better quality of life for those with dementia.

### **Art Appreciation | Learning to Look**

Wednesday, November 20 at 6:30 pm -  
Native American Art  
Wednesday, December 4 at 6:30 pm -  
Performance Art  
**These programs are presented in partnership  
with the Patchogue Arts Council and the  
in-person portion of these programs will take  
place at MoCA LI and virtually, on Zoom.**

### **Small Business Saturday: Brunch & Business Basics with Chase Bank**

Saturday, November 30 at 10:30 am  
at Chase Bank - 115 East Main Street in Patchogue  
Educate yourself on small business financial  
literacy topics. Refreshments will be provided.

### **Navigating Through Life's Transitions**

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 pm  
Explore the concept of life transitions, the ability to  
adapt to change, develop strategies for embracing  
new beginnings, and find stability in times of  
transformation. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### **1, 2, 3, E4! Beginner Chess for Adults**

Monday, December 9 from 6-7 pm  
Get a brief overview of the basic rules and then  
bust some chess moves on our boards, playing  
practice games with other attendees!

### **Utilizing Credit and Reducing Debt**

Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 pm  
Learn how to manage your finances effectively  
with Chase Bank. Our Community Manager  
will guide you through topics like credit usage,  
debt reduction, and building a positive credit  
history. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### **ABCs of Medicare and Lowering Your Prescription Drug Costs**

Wednesday, November 13 at 10 am  
For new and current Medicare recipients.  
Review Medicare terminology, enrollment  
periods, cost assistance, and 12 useful ways to  
potentially reduce prescription drug costs.

### **Medicare 101**

Thursday, November 14 at 11 am at the Medford Branch  
In this presentation we will go over the basics of  
Medicare and how the Inflation Reduction Act has  
affected beneficiaries' individual plans. You will  
learn to navigate changes in the Medicare system  
as well as the changes that may happen to your  
individual plans. Additional benefits that you may  
be eligible to receive will also be discussed.

### **Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)**

Tuesday, November 19 from 2-4:30 pm  
Healthcare professionals and graduate student  
interns will be here to answer questions about  
health and wellness. No appointment necessary.

### **Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group**

Monday, November 25 at 1 pm at the Medford Branch  
Share practical advice, discuss concerns  
and get comfort and empathy. **Registration  
recommended, but not required.**

### **Celebrating the Holidays with Your Loved Ones Affected by Alzheimer's & Dementia**

Monday, December 9 at 1 pm at the Medford Branch  
The ALZ Disease Resource Center will discuss  
the uniqueness of celebrating the holidays  
with your loved ones who are affected by ALZ  
& dementia. **Attend in person and online.**

# FOR TEENS

IN GRADES 6-12

Programs will be held at the Carnegie Library, unless otherwise noted. Register for ONE session only - in person, online at [pmlib.org](http://pmlib.org) or by phone 631-654-4700 ext. 500. Patchogue-Medford Library patrons are given first priority. Please have your library card when registering. **If you need special accommodations, please call ext. 500.**



## NOVEMBER

Registration for these events begins on Friday, November 1 at 9:30 am.

### Mini Pumpkin Cream Pies

Thursday, November 7 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Enjoy a sweet fall treat! These mini pumpkin cream pies are simple to make and ready to eat - no baking required! **\*This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies.**

### Autumn Leaves Tealight Holders

Friday, November 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Make tealight candle holders decorated with colorful autumn leaves to bring the beauty of autumn indoors.

### Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, November 16 from 1-4 pm  
Become the hero in your own epic tale! Join our gaming expert, Michael to slay dragons, outwit villains, and craft legendary adventures - no experience needed, just bring your imagination and he'll guide you through the rest.

### 8-Ball Pool Tournament

Friday, November 22 from 6-8 pm  
Compete in a tournament against your friends! Do you have what it takes to be our Carnegie Pool Champion?

### Bobbinology: Dino Neck Pillows

Monday, November 18 from 6-7:30 pm  
Learn some sewing skills, then sew a neck pillow that will make traveling dino-mite!

### Manga Mania

Thursday, November 21 from 5:30-6 pm  
Try some Japanese snacks and discuss Manga with us! Stop by the Carnegie or the Medford Branch beforehand to get the book we'll be discussing. New books will be given at each session. **\*This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### Thanksgiving Pie Sugar Cookies

Tuesday, November 26 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Decorate sugar cookies to look like mini pies! **\*This program may not be suitable for teens with allergies.**

## DECEMBER

Registration for these events begins on Monday, December 2 at 9:30 am.

### Cupcake Wars!

Thursday, December 5 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Get ready for a sweet competition! Decorate cupcakes and compete against your fellow teens. May the best icing win! **\*This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies.**

### Universal Yums

Friday, December 6 from 7-8 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.**

### Candy Cane Sugar Scrub

Tuesday, December 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Make a candy cane scented sugar scrub to keep for yourself or give as a gift!

### Block Printing Holiday Cards

Thursday, December 12 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Create beautiful holiday cards with ease! Use styrofoam sheets to make your own stamps or press entire designs, to make cards for any holiday.

### Mystery Video Game Tournament

Friday, December 13 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.

### Bobbinology: Felt Garlands

Monday, December 16 from 6-7:30 pm  
Learn the basics of sewing and make a colorful decoration for a winter holiday or just for fun!

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## DROP-IN!

No registration required.

### Perler Bead Art

Friday, November 8 from 6-8 pm  
Craft cool designs, one bead at a time.

### Chess & Checkers

Wednesday, November 13 from 5-6 pm  
Test your skills or learn the basics.  
No experience required.

### LEGO Throwdown

Friday, November 15 from 6-8 pm  
Construct epic builds in LEGO face-offs.

### Brushstrokes & Beats Paint Night

Friday, November 29 from 6-8 pm  
Paint, groove, create: Your canvas, your story.

### Movie Night

Friday, December 20 from 6-8 pm  
Get comfy for a merry movie night.  
We'll bring the popcorn!

### Vision Board Vibes

Friday, December 27 from 6-8 pm  
Ditch resolutions and craft your 2025 dreams.

### Candy Sushi

Friday, January 3 from 6-8 pm  
Craft sweet sushi treats for Insta-worthy candy creations.



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

160 West Main St. | 631-654-4700, ext. 500  
Hours: Monday-Friday: 2:30-8:30 pm  
Saturdays: 12:30-5:30 pm  
Sundays: Closed

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

## SCHOOL & HOMEWORK HELP

### FREE Virtual Tutors

Get online help with your homework from tutors every day from 2-11 pm  
For more information call the Carnegie Library at 631-654-4700, ext. 500 or visit [pmlib.org/homework-help](http://pmlib.org/homework-help)

### Math Homework Help at the Medford Branch!

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

### Virtual One-on-One College Financial Aid Counseling

Tuesdays from 6-9 pm and  
Saturdays from 9:30-12:30 pm  
By appointment only. Meet with an expert online for help with financial aid forms.  
For more information visit [pmlib.org/college](http://pmlib.org/college)

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Registration is required and teens must attend entire program for credit.

### Green Teens

Mondays, November 25 and  
December 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Discuss ways to help the environment and take meaningful action with the Library.

### Be a Book Buddy

Thursdays, November 14, 21 and  
December 5 from 5:30-7 pm  
For grades 6-9. Read picture books, play games, and give out prizes to children! Mandatory training at 5:30 pm. These programs will be held at the Main Building.

### Teen Captains: Craft Crew

Tuesdays, November 19 and  
December 10 from 6-8 pm  
Help children with crafts and activities while parents attend PMSD's Parent Academy Night at the Library. The November 19 session will be held at the Medford Branch. The December 10 program will be held at the Main Building.

### Drop-in Events

No registration required. Come anytime and earn up to 2 hours of community service credit.

### Perler Bead Sorting

Help us tidy up our Perler Bead collection.

### Letters for Rose

Create cards, letters or art to send to seniors in local nursing homes.



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# FOR KIDS

Programs will be held at the Main Library, unless otherwise noted. Register in person, online at [pmlib.org](http://pmlib.org) or by phone at 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.**

## NOVEMBER

Registration for these events begins on Friday, November 1 at 9:30 am. Please register your child for only one session of each program.

See our **DINovember** programs marked with a  and stay tuned for more fun activities in the building!

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

#### **To Kindergarten & Beyond Storytime: DINO-vementer**

Monday, November 4 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For families with a child going into kindergarten in September 2025. Join us for an interactive and bilingual storytime to prepare you and your preschooler for kindergarten!

#### **Sensory & Sports**

Tuesdays, November 5, 12, & 26  
From 4:30-5:15 pm - For ages 18-35 months.  
From 5:30-6:15 pm - For ages 3-5 years.  
Learn new sports skills and enjoy sensory art play!

#### **Kidnastics**

Thursday, November 7 from 1-1:45 pm or 2-2:45 pm  
For ages 18 months-5 years. Join us for an energetic movement program! **This program will be held at the Medford branch.**

#### **Signing Stories**

Tuesday, November 12 from 10-10:30 am  
For ages 2 months-4 years. Learn signs in a fun, playful way through stories and songs.

#### **Turkey Tales Storytime**

Wednesday, November 13  
from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm  
For children ages 12 months-3½ years. Get set to gobble gobble and turkey waddle at this storytime with songs and a simple craft. **Please note: The 10:30 am session will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

#### **Whoo..? Whoo..?**

Wednesday, November 6 from 5-6 pm  
For grades K-4. Learn cool owl facts and create your own wild owl art.

#### **Turkey Time**

Friday, November 8 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For grades K-6. Visit with a live turkey from the Suffolk County Farm and enjoy a story and a craft!

#### **Sew with Me & Small Stitches: Dino Neck Pillows**

Tuesday, November 12  
From 5-6:30 pm - For grades 1-3 with a caregiver.  
From 7-8:30 pm - For grades 4-6.  
Learn some sewing skills, then sew a neck pillow that will make traveling dino-mite!

#### **Crochet Corner**

Wednesdays, November 13, 20 and December 4 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For grades 4-7. Get hooked on crochet at this fun program series! All supplies will be provided.

#### **Fall Foliage Friend**

Wednesday, November 13 from 5-6 pm  
For grades K-3. Learn how to draw and paint an adorable raccoon in a tree. **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### FOR FAMILIES ONE REGISTRATION PER FAMILY

#### **Native American Discovery Day**

Sunday, November 17 from 2-3:30 pm  
For families with children in grades 2-6. Learn about Native American culture with an educator from the Shinnecock Nation and discover genuine artifacts from long ago.

#### **Apple Pie Roll Ups**

Tuesday November 19 from 6-6:45 pm or 7:15-8 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6. Make this classic treat with a fun twist. **\*This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.**

#### **Dino Days Story & Play**

Thursday, November 14 from 10:30-11:15 am  
For ages 2-5 years. Stomp your feet and show your claws in this roaring fun story and playtime!

#### **123 Play With Me**

Friday, November 15, 22, 29 and December 6 from 10:30-11:30 am  
For ages 12-35 months. Our 4-week playgroup series encourages parent and child to play together, while also speaking with early childhood specialists. **This program will be held at the Medford branch.**

#### **Medford Dino Days Story & Play**

Friday, November 15 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For ages 2-5 years. Stomp your feet and show your claws in this roaring fun story and playtime! **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

#### **Babies & Books**

Tuesday, November 19 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!

#### **Mother Goose & More**

Tuesday, November 26  
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.

#### **Medford Whoo..? Whoo..?**

Thursday, November 14 from 5-6 pm  
For grades K-4. Learn cool owl facts and create your own wild owl art. **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

#### **Book Buddies: Jackpot Edition**

Thursdays, November 14, 21 and December 5 from 6-6:45 pm  
For grade K-3. Middle school volunteers read to kids with interactive storytelling, now with games and prizes!

#### **Tween Chess & Checker Buddies**

Mondays, November 18, 25 and/or December 2 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For grades 4-7. Test your skills or learn the basics. No experience required.

#### **Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations**

Monday, November 18  
from 5:30-6:15 pm or 6:30-7:15 pm  
For grades K-3. Get creative with some Thanksgiving Day crafts.

#### **Beautiful Babies, Wonderful Ones, and Terrific Twos**

Saturday, November 30  
From 10:30-11:15 am - For ages 2-11 months.  
From 11:30 am-12:15 pm - For ages 12-23 months.  
From 12:30-1:15 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.

#### **Medford Babies Boogie & Toddlers Tango**

Monday, December 2  
From 5-5:45 pm - For ages 3-17 months.  
From 6-6:45 pm - For ages 18-35 months.  
Have a fun adventure into movement, music, dancing, instruments, and so much more! **These programs will be held at the Medford branch.**



#### **Medford Turkey Time**

Wednesday, November 20 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For grades K-6. Visit with a live turkey from the Suffolk County Farm and enjoy a story and a craft! **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

#### **Minecraft Club**

Tuesday, November 26 from 7-8 pm  
For grades 3-6. Hang out with other kids who love Minecraft while you play the game and complete in-game challenges.

#### **America's First Rebels**

Tuesday, December 3 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For children in grades 3-6. Go back in time 250 years to when America was born! Learn how the troublemakers became heroes at events like the Boston Tea Party and the First Continental Congress.

#### **The Science of Toys**

Thursday, December 5 from 5-6 pm  
For grades 1-5. Experience physics in action through hands-on activities and demonstrations using familiar and old-fashioned toys. **This program will be held at the Medford branch.**



#### **Family Gingerbread House Decorating**

Saturday, December 7 at 3 pm  
OR Sunday, December 8 at 1:30 pm OR 3 pm  
**Family Gingerbread House Decorating at the Medford Branch**  
Saturday, December 7 at 10:30 am OR 12 pm  
Decorate a delicious gingerbread house with your family. **These events are open to PML cardholders only. ONE HOUSE per family. Each family may only sign up for ONE session - space is limited. Register by phone ONLY at 631-654-4700, ext. 200, starting on November 1.**

## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

### Walk-in Homework Help

Wednesdays from 4-6 pm  
(except for school holidays)  
For grades 1-6. Volunteers will be here to help your child with homework. **No registration required.**

### FREE Virtual Tutors

Get online help with your homework from tutors every day from 2-11 pm  
For more information call the Carnegie Library at 631-654-4700, ext. 500 or visit [pmlib.org/homework-help](http://pmlib.org/homework-help)

### Student Success Series

Thursdays 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 November 1 and/or December 2.**

## DECEMBER

Registration for these events begins on Monday, December 2 at 9:30 am.  
Please register your child for only one session of each program.

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

### To Kindergarten & Beyond Storytime: December

Monday, December 9 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For families with a child going into kindergarten in September 2025. Join us for an interactive and bilingual story time to prepare you and your preschooler for kindergarten!

### Medford Sketch & Stretch

Tuesday, December 10 from 6-7 pm  
For ages 3-5 years. Art and yoga movements are combined in this unique program. **This program will be held at the Medford branch.**

### Catching Snowflakes Storytime

Wednesday, December 11  
from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm  
For children ages 12 months-3½ years. There's snow in the air at this wintry storytime with songs, and a simple craft. **Please note: The 4:30 pm session will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### Beautiful Babies, Wonderful Ones, and Terrific Twos

Saturday, December 14  
From 10:30-11:15 am - For ages 2-11 months.  
From 11:30 am-12:15 pm - For ages 12-23 months.  
From 12:30-1:15 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. **These programs will be held at the Medford Branch.**

## SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

### Tween Chess & Checker Buddies

Mondays, December 9 and/or 16 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For grades 4-7. Test your skills or learn the basics. No experience required.

### Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations in Medford

Monday, December 9 from 5-5:45 pm or 6-6:45 pm  
For grades K-3. Get creative with some wintry crafts. **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### Taste the Mystery

Tuesday, December 10 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For grades 3-6. Challenge your sense of smell with this fun guessing game, then enjoy some tasty snacks! **\*This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.**

### DIY 3D Glasses

Wednesday, December 11  
from 5:30-6:30 pm or 7-8 pm  
For grades K-6. Draw your own design and turn it into a 3D image with your own pair of 3D glasses.

## FOR FAMILIES ONE REGISTRATION PER FAMILY

### Polar Express Extravaganza

Monday, December 16  
from 6:30-7:15 pm  
For families with children of all ages. Hear the classic story and enjoy festive activities with a special treat. Don't forget to wear your pajamas!

### Winter Wonderland Prints

Friday, December 27 from  
11 am-12 pm or 12:30-1:30 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6. Create your own snowflake pattern to make a unique piece of winter artwork. **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### Happy Noon Year

Monday, December 30  
from 11:30 am-12:15 pm  
For families with children of all ages. Count down to 2025 a little early with us!

### Let's Get Movin'!

Tuesday, December 17 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For ages 3-5 years. Get in the game with a variety of sport-ivities.

### Winter Wonderland Story & Play

Wednesday, December 18 from 4:30-5:15 pm  
For ages 2-5 years. Come welcome the new season with a story and wintry playtime.

### Tummy Time

Thursday, December 19 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.

### Medford Winter Wonderland Story & Play

Friday, December 20 from 10:30-11:15 am  
For ages 2-5 years. Welcome the new season with a story and wintry playtime. **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### Lil Athletes Kiddies & Junior

Monday, December 23  
From 2-2:45 pm - For ages 18-36 months.  
From 3-3:45 pm - For ages 3-5 years.  
A mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning will be used to engage young athletes in the fundamentals of sports!

### Sew with Me & Small Stitches: Felt Garlands

Tuesday, December 17  
From 5-6:30 pm - For grades 1-3 with a caregiver.  
From 7-8:30 pm - For grades 4-6.  
Learn the basics of sewing and make a colorful decoration for a winter holiday or just for fun!

### Let's Get Movin'!

Tuesday, December 17 from 5:30-6:15 pm  
For grades K-6. Get in the game with a variety of sport-ivities.

### Sugar Cookie Cake Pops

Thursday, December 19 from 5:30-6:30 pm or 7-8 pm  
For grades K-6. Take a bite out of these delicious cake pops made from sugar cookies. **\*This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.**

### Lil Athletes

Monday, December 23 from 4-4:45 pm  
For grades K-6. A mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning will be used to engage young athletes in the fundamentals of sports!

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## FOR PARENTS

### Shots for Tots

Tuesdays, November 5 or  
December 10 from 10 am-3:30 pm  
Free immunizations for children (ages infant-18 years) provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health. **No registration required.**

## DROP-IN

No registration required.

### Medford Fun Friday Free Play

Friday, November 8 from  
10:30 am-12:30 pm and/or Friday,  
December 13 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm  
For ages 18 months-5 years. Enjoy some free play with our early childhood toys. **This program will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### National STEAM Day

Saturday, November 9 from 11 am-1 pm  
For families with children in grades K-6. Celebrate National STEAM Day with some fun, hands-on activities focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math.

### Medford Dinosaur Bones

Thursday, November 21 from 10 am-5 pm  
For children ages 3 and up. Build with our dinosaur bones and play some dinosaur games. **This session will be held at the Medford Branch.**

### Dinosaur Bones

Saturday, November 23 from 10 am-5 pm  
For children ages 3 and up. Build with our dinosaur bones and play some dinosaur games.

### 'Tis the Season: Holiday Drop-in

Thursday, December 12  
from 10:30 am-4:30 pm  
or Friday, December 13  
from 10:30 am-5:30 pm or  
Saturday, December 14 from 11 am-1 pm  
For all ages. Make someone's day extra merry & bright by creating, decorating or wrapping a special gift for a teacher, family member or a friend!

### Math Ninjas

Thursday, December 12 from 4:30-5:30 pm  
For grades 1-5. Practice your math skills by playing various games.

### Block Party

Saturday, January 4 from 12-2 pm  
For ages 12 months-3½ years. Build all sorts of creations with our different blocks.

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Sunday closed

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

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2151 Horseblock Road | Medford, NY 11763  
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**Hours:**  
Monday-Thursday 10 am-8 pm  
Friday-Saturday 10 am-6 pm  
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# Makerspace Classes

Registration begins one month before the class date.

### Acrylic Cut Family Keychain

Saturday, November 9 at 1:30 pm  
OR 3:30 pm at the Main Library  
For Adults. Learn how to design, laser engrave, and laser cut a custom keychain keepsake that represents the members of your family. All materials will be provided.

### Winter Oven Mitts

Thursday, December 5  
at 5 pm at the Main Library  
OR Monday, December 16  
at 6 pm at the Medford Branch  
For adults. Use our sublimation printer to place art, sayings, or even full color pictures onto an oven mitt! All materials provided, just bring your ideas!

### Sublimation Apron

Thursday, November 14  
at 6 pm at the Medford Branch  
OR Thursday, November 21  
at 6:30 pm at the Main Library  
For all ages, though aprons are sized for adults. Get ready for all your cooking this holiday season with your own sublimation apron! Using our sublimation printer you can personalize your apron with anything from clipart to your own photos! One apron per patron. Children may need adult assistance.

### Drop-In Engraved Bottle Stopper

Monday, December 9  
at 10 am-8 pm at the Main Library  
For adults. Come down to the Makerspace to make your very own personalized bottle stopper as gift for you or someone else this holiday season! No registration necessary. One stopper per patron while supplies last.

### 3D Printed Snowflakes

Tuesday, December 3  
at 7 pm at the Main Library  
For all ages. Younger kids will need an adult to help them. Design your very own snowflakes for 3D printing! Participants will learn the basics of 3D modeling while creating unique designs that will turn into splendid winter decorations.

### DIY 3D Glasses

Wednesday, December 11  
at 5:30 pm OR 7 pm at the Main Library  
For grades K-6. Draw your own design and turn it into a 3D image with your own pair of 3D glasses.



### Can't make a class?

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

Make Your Own Holiday Gifts!



PLEASE PLAN AHEAD FOR YOUR HOLIDAY PROJECTS.  
PATRONS ARE LIMITED TO 2 APPOINTMENTS PER WEEK.

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

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Beginning  
NOV 1

The Library will be accepting donations of new winter hats, scarves, mittens, gloves & socks. All items will be distributed locally in time for the holidays to those in need.