# PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY April & May 2025

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# Happiness is Having Your Own Library Card!

My First Library Card

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## **On the Cover:**

Patron, David, proudly showing off his brand new library card!

# **Gallery Exhibits**

On view in the Claire Davidson Siegel Gallery and online at pmlib.org/gallery

A Simple Gift Family Residences and Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE) March 3 – April 30 Reception: Wednesday, April 2 at 11 am

From the City to the Sea by Lori Allen-Bauer May 5 – June 30

## Friends of the **Library Book Sale!**

Saturday, April 5 from 10 am-3 pm Visit our sale and discover books, movies, video games, board games and more!

## **Board of Trustees Meetings:**

Tuesdays, April 15 & May 20 at 5:30 pm

## **Library Closed:**

April 20 - Easter May 11 - Mother's Day May 26 - Memorial Day Observed

\*Note: Sunday, May 18 will be the last Sunday open until October.



PLEASE NOTE: Photos may be taken in the Library and at events for promotional purposes.



# Patchogue-Medford Library **Budget Vote & Trustee Election ONLY AT THE MAIN LIBRARY**

Tuesday, April 8 from 9:30 am-8 pm (P) Stop by to cast your paper ballot.

### Budget Hearing - Tuesday, April 1 at 6 pm (P)

	Current 2024-2025	Proposed 2025-2026
LIBRARY MATERIALS	589,600	589,600
LIBRARY CLASSES AND EVENTS	300,000	304,978
LIBRARY OPERATIONS Furniture & Computer Equipment Supplies Professional Fees Computer Services Furniture & Equipment Maintenance. Postage Staff Development Printing/Public Information	64,940 55,150 120,840 29,500 18,000 25,400	107,957 65,899 57,507 131,000 29,500 21,000 25,900 49,000
Cooperative Services Mileage Unclassified	3,500	100,000 3,500 750
BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE Electricity Water Telecommunications Fuel Sanitation Services Building Equipment & Maintenance Insurance Sewer Assessment	4,570 65,000 25,500 65,280 115,000 123,000	$115,000 \\ 4,570 \\ 71,000 \\ 26,010 \\ 65,280 \\ 117,300 \\ 123,000 \\ 28,000$
EMPLOYEE SALARIES	.5,436,008	5,497,198
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS NYS RetirementSocial SecurityHealth InsuranceUnemployment InsuranceUnemployment InsuranceWorkers Compensation		650,250 398,820 1,131,600 10,200 7,500 58,218 9,790,537 135,000
Transfer from fund balance Amount to be raised by taxes		9,655,537

This year the Library **Board is proposing** a 2% increase.

If you are not already registered, you may do so at Patchogue-Medford Library:

Tuesday, April 1 from 11 am-8 pm or any weekday up to

April 3 between 9:30 am-4:30 pm

Applications for absentee ballots are available at the Adult Services Desk or call the Library District Clerk at 631-654-4700, ext. 302.

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

# **A WORD FROM THE CANDIDATES**



#### **Elizabeth (Betsy) Kennedy**

From the Summer Reading Program as a child, to the countless hours spent flipping through musical scores in the non-fiction section of the adult department, the library has always been an important institution in my life! The comfort I have felt in the library amongst the books played a huge part in my decision to become an English teacher as well, something I have done for 20 years and

counting at Brentwood High School. In addition, I have watched my son, who is now 14, love the library: attending programs in the Children's Department, playing in the video game tournaments hosted by the Library Staff and now going to the Carnegie Building with his friends.

For the past ten years, I have found such joy and satisfaction from being on the Library Board. Seeing all the wonderful and enriching experiences that the Pat Med Library staff do to help the community has been inspiring. Also, getting to play a part in furthering the mission of the Library as much as I can has been one of the highlights of my life. I hope to be given the opportunity to continue serving on the Board and helping the Library grow in all of its future endeavors!

#### **Amanda Sanford**

As a life-long resident of Patchogue, I have truly enjoyed growing up within this community; I attended Patchogue-Medford public schools, and then went on to complete my undergraduate degree at the St. Joseph's University's Patchogue campus. Since graduating with my Bachelor's in Psychology, I have worked within SJNY's Tutoring and Academic Development Office, helping students to realize their academic potential and achieve their goals in college.

As a part of my social work degree, I have had the privilege of interning within the Patchogue-Medford Library. Library social workers play a vital role in working with the community to access services and to help people with an issue they may be experiencing. My time at the library has allowed me to serve our community, and to understand the crucial role that the library has in Patchogue-Medford.

Our library is truly the hub of our community; so many people come through the library's doors and the library is able to provide programming, resources, books and knowledge, and information to everyone. As our library continues to grow, it would be my privilege to serve on the board. As a new social worker and a member of this community, I am excited to use my skills and passion to be part of the library's mission and service

# HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

Please note locations: (P) - Main Building (M) - Medford Branch (C) - Carnegie Library \* - Offsite

#### **Sheriff's Anti-Trafficking Initiative**

Wednesday, April 9 from 6-8:30 pm (P) Join the Suffolk County Sheriff's Office to learn about preventing human trafficking, raising awareness about trafficking tactics, fostering supportive communities and providing economic opportunities. Program sponsored by Suffolk County Legislator Dominick Thorne. No registration required.

#### Second Life Sewing

Tuesday, April 15 at 6:30 pm (P) Our resident sewist, Abby, will demo how to make simple clothing repairs. Bring an item that needs mending and learn how it's done! Registration begins April 1.

#### **NYC Train Tickets**

Saturdays, April 19 & May 17\*

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. Nonrefundable 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.

#### Craft Supply Swap: Medford Edition

Sunday, April 27 from 2-4 pm (M)

It's time for spring cleaning! Register to bring one box of gently used or new craft supplies to donate. Bring up to 2 reusable bags to shop others' donations and leave with new-to-vou craft materials. Register now.

## A Very Senior Prom:

#### Song & Dance for the Young at Heart Friday, May 9 at 2 pm (P)

Dress up for an afternoon of music and light refreshments. Bring a friend and boogie down on the dance floor with the assistance of a professional dance instructor! Register now.

#### Repair Cafe

Saturday, May 10 from 10:30 am-2:30 pm (P) Bring your broken items and get them fixed with the help of our expert volunteers and learn how it's done! Registration is encouraged but not required.

#### **Bideawee Adoption Event**

Saturday, May 17 from 11 am-2 pm (P) The Bideawee adoption truck will be outside, in the rear of the Library with pets ready to be adopted. No registration required.

#### Nostalgia Night: New Girl

Wednesday, May 21 at 6:30 pm\* at The Better Man Distilling Company Relive your favorite moments from the show's seven-season run at our nostalgia night, featuring light refreshments, conversation and trivia. Register now.

#### **Coming in June**

Register beginning May 1.

#### **Everything Strawberries!** Saturday, June 7 from 10:30-11:30 am (P) Tie Dye for Everyone!

Thursday, June 12 at 4:30 pm OR 5:30 pm OR 6:30 pm (M)



# LIVE AT THE LIBRARY Register now.

### **Medford Movie Matinee:**

A Complete Unknown Monday, April 14 at 1 pm (M) Runtime: 2 hr 20 min.

#### Watch a Movie Wednesday at Patchogue: Lake George

Wednesday, April 16 at 1 pm (P) Runtime: 1 hr 58 min.

#### Sunday Afternoon Concert: Smorgas Band

Sunday, April 27 at 2 pm (P) Be entertained by this unique, lively accordion band, specializing in German, American music and more.

#### Bob Dylan's Birthday Bash: Presented by Nina Etc.

Sunday, May 4 at 2 pm (M) Celebrate Bob Dylan's birthday with a performance by Nina Etc. and discover the far-ranging influence of this enigmatic, genre-defying master.

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

#### Meet with a Licensed Social Worker (P)

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

#### Practice for the

Citizenship Interview (P/M) A librarian will help you prepare by reviewing questions that may come up in your interview. Call ext. 252 for a 30 minute appointment

#### Senior Advocate (P)

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. Call the Library for details.

# Career Counseling (Bilingual) Mondays from 5:30-8:30 pm (P)

Get help with resumes, career advice and job applications. Call ext. 152 to make 30-minute appointment. Attend in person or via Zoom.

#### **English Conversation Group**

Mondays from 7-8 pm (P) Practice your English conversation skills. **Bilingual Immigration Counseling** Tuesdays from 3-7 pm (P) Call ext. 152 to sign up for a 30-minute appointment with a lawyer to answer

#### One-on-One Genealogy Assistance

your immigration questions.

Thursdays 6-9 pm (P) Call ext. 152 for an appointment. Get expert assistance for all of your genealogy questions.

#### **Community Legal Help Project** Every 4th Thursday (P)

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 (P) For family and friends of people with addictive behavior.

#### SMART Recovery

Saturdays at 12 pm (P) For people struggling with addiction.

#### **Healthcare Navigators with HWCLI**

Tuesdays, April 1, 15, May 6, 20 from 10 am-6 pm (P) 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.

#### Medicaid Enrollment for

the Aged, Blind & Disabled Wednesdays, April 2 and May 7 Mondays, April 28 and May 19 from 3-6:30 pm (P) Bilingual Facilitated enrollers trained by NYS Dept of Health assist these populations with Medicaid programs free of charge. First-come, first-served.

#### HIICAP (Health Insurance Information

**Counselling Assistance Program)** Thursdays, April 10 and May 8 from 10 am-1 pm (P) Trained volunteers provide guidance to those with questions about Medicare and Medicaid. Call ext. 152 to make an appointment.

# CLASES EN ESPAÑOL

Para cualquier programa, registre línea en pmlib.org o llame para inscribirse al 631-654-4700, ext. 153. Tenga en cuenta las ubicaciones: (P) - Edificio principal (M) - Sucursal de Medford (C) - Biblioteca Carnegie \*- Fuera de las instalaciones

#### **Trabaiadora Social (P)**

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 (P/M) Llame al 631-654-4700 ext. 252 para hacer una cita de 30 minutos. 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 (P) Nuestra consejera profesional bilingüe está disponible para ayudar con currículums, asesoramiento profesional y solicitudes de empleo. Registrese para una cita de 30 minutos.

#### Grupo de Conversación en Inglés

Los lunes de 7-8 pm (P) Únase a nosotros en la biblioteca para practicar sus habilidades de conversación en inglés.

#### Consejería de Inmigración Bilingüe

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

Años Dorados Los miércoles 2, 16, 30 de abril y 8, 22 de mayo de 10:30 am-12 pm (P) Viva sus años dorados con nuevas amistades, juegos, diversión y un delicioso cafecito.

# **Alfabetización para Adultos** Los sábados a las 10 am (P)

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

**Madres Latinas Amigas** Los lunes 7, 21 de abril y 5, 19 de mayo de 7-8:30 pm (P)

Tarde Bilingüe de Manualidades: Sombreros Pintados Domingo 13 de abril a las 2 pm (P) Se proporcionarán todos los materiales.

#### Club de Lectura en Español

Los martes 15 y 29 de abril y 13 y 27 de mayo de 7-8:30 pm (P) Aumenta tu motivación por leer, potencia la confianza y el autoestima, fomenta la socialización y motivación en nuestro club de lectura.

**Bisuteria Artesanal** Miércoles 23 de abril de 6-8 pm (P) Aprenda sobre la bisutería, un arte creativo, divertido y relajante que le permite personalizar joyas con sus manos.

Zumba (Bilingüe) Sábados, 26 de abril y 3, 10 y 17 de mayo a la 1 pm (P) ¡Disfruta de esta divertida clase de baile y ejercicios de inspiración latina! Lleva ropa cómoda, agua y una toalla pequeña.

#### Curso de Manejo Defensivo

Sábado 3 de mayo de 10:30 am-4:30 pm (M) Este curso de 6 horas le ahorra 10% en su seguro de auto por 3 años y elimina hasta 4 puntos en el historial de conductor. La tarifa es de \$35. Pagar en efectivo o con tarjeta de crédito el día de la clase.

#### Arregio de Pared con Yute

Martes 13 de mayo de 6-7:30 pm (M) Disfrute esta manualidad usando materiales rústicos y naturales creando hermosos cuadros decorativos.

#### Adivina la Canción

Jueves 15 de mayo 7 pm (P) ¡Formen equipos y compitan para adivinar la canción!

# Meet, Make & Create

Registration for PML cardholders begins 2 weeks before the program, unless otherwise noted. Outof-district residents may register one week prior, if space allows. Register for one session only.

#### The Golden Years (Bilingual)

Wednesdays, April 2, 16, 30 and Thursdays, May 8, 22 from 10:30 am-12 pm (P) Enjoy your golden years with new friendships, games and coffee. Register now.

Needle Felting Sunday, April 6 at 2 pm (P) -Hopping into Spring: Bunnies Wednesday, May 7 at 6 pm (P) -Wet Felted Coin Purses

**Card Games and Conversation** 

Mondays, April 7, 14 at 10:30 am (M) -<u>Canasta for Beginners</u> Fridays, April 11, 18, 25 and May 2 from 10 am-12 pm (P) - <u>Intermediate Canasta</u> Register now.

#### <u>Board Game Bonanza</u>

Wednesday, April 9 at 6:30 pm\* Meet us in the Community Room of the New Village apartments (1 Village Green Way, Patchogue) for a board game night! Enter through the archway on Lake Street.

#### A Bilingual Crafternoon: Painted Hats Sunday, April 13 at 2 pm (P)

Second Life Sewing Tuesday, April 15 from 6-8 pm (P) For details see page 3 - HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS.

**Do the Write Thing** Thursdays, April 17, 24, May 15 & 29 at 2 pm (M) Write, share and discuss creative writing. Attend in person or via Zoom.

<u>Watercolor Greeting Cards</u> Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 pm (P) or Monday, April 21 at 6:30 pm (M) For PML cardholders only.

Bingo With Barbara Fridays, April 18 and May 16 at 10 am (P) Play Bingo and win prizes! Register now.

#### All Abilities Indoor Lawn Games Tuesday, April 22 at 11 am (M) Geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs. Register now.

Terrariums: Create Your Own Tiny Ecosystem Tuesday, April 22 at 6:30 pm (M) or Wednesday, Aril 23 at 6:30 pm (P) Celebrate Earth Day! Build a succulent ecosystem!

Move, Meditate, Create Thursday, April 24 at 6 pm (P) - Crystal Necklace Monday, May 5 at 11 am (M) - Painting Find your creative flow after yoga & meditation.

**Sewing Machine Basics** Saturday, April 26 at 12 pm (P)

Learn to Dance the Hustle Fridays, May 2, 16, 23 & 20 at 1 pm (P)

Super Smash Bros. Tournament for Adults Friday, May 2 from 5:30-9 pm (M) Join us for another Super Smash Bros. ultimate tournament for adults. Register now.

Wii Wednesday Wednesday, May 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm (P) Play some of your favorites from the heyday of the Wii console.

Hooked on Crochet: Amigurumi Saturdays, May 24 & 31 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm (P) Amigurumi is the Japanese art of knitting or crocheting small, stuffed yarn creatures. Some experience required. Must attend both sessions.

#### Turkish Ebru Art

Saturday, May 24 from 1:30-4:30 pm (P) Learn the traditional Turkish art of paper marbling.

# **FOR ADULTS**

Register now, unless otherwise noted. Visit our events calendar online at pmlib.org or call 631-654-4700, ext. 152 for more information and to register.

Please note locations: (P) - Main Building (M) - Medford Branch (C) - Carnegie Library \* - Offsite

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

#### **Computer Classes**

Wednesday, April 2 at 2 pm (M) - <u>Introduction to Email</u> Wednesday, April 16 at 6 pm (P) - <u>Internet Basics</u> Wednesday, April 23 at 6 pm (M) - <u>Computer Basics</u>

#### Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group

Wednesdays, April 9, 23, May 7, 21 at 10 am Discuss strategies and learn how others have succeeded. **Attend via Zoom only.** 

#### Protect What Matters:

**Estate Planning for All Families** Thursday, April 10 at 10:30 am (P) Explore evolving estate planning strategies for life's changing needs. **Attend in person or via Zoom.** 

#### Learning to Look | Art Appreciation

These programs are presented in partnership with the Patchogue Arts Council. Attend in-person at MoCA LI or via Zoom.\*

Thursday, April 10 at 6:30 pm - <u>Fabric in Art</u> Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 pm - <u>Constructivism & Suprematism</u>

#### Self-Defense for Women

Saturdays, April 12 at 10:30 am (M) or April 19 at 10 am (P) Learn practical techniques and situational awareness skills to defend yourself against potential threats. **Register for one session.** 

#### **Spring Into Al**

Saturday, April 12 at 10:30 am (P) This workshop will inspire you to integrate AI into everyday tasks with ease. **Attend in person or via Zoom.** 

#### Learn About Renewable

Energy on Long Island Saturday, April 26 at 10:30 am (P) Hosted by Greenlight America. Attend in person or via Zoom.

#### Gone Fishing: Swan River Fishing Trip

Saturday, May 3 from 10 am-1 pm\* Practice skills from last month's fishing series. Meet at the Pine Neck boat ramp on Swan River. Monday, May 5 at 2 pm (M) - <u>Resumes with Microsoft Word</u> Wednesday, May 21 at 7 pm (P) - <u>Introduction to Quickbooks</u> Thursday, May 22 at 6 pm (P) - <u>Introduction to Microsoft Excel</u>

#### Repair Cafe

Saturday, May 10 from 10:30 am-2:30 pm (P) Bring your broken items and get them fixed with the help of our expert volunteers.

#### Tick & Mosquito Borne Diseases: All You Need to Know for Lyme Disease Awareness Month

Monday, May 12 at 6:30 pm (M) Learn about local ticks/mosquitoes and bite prevention from a Department of Health expert.

#### **Boating Safety Course**

Saturday, May 17 from 9:30 am-5:30 pm (P) Fulfills New York State boating and personal watercraft requirements. \$50 check payable to "U.S.C.G. Auxiliary 18-06," includes the class and study guide.

#### Plundered: The History of the Art Looted & Lost During World War II

Monday, May 19 at 6 pm (M) Examine the reasons why these artworks were targeted, the efforts taken to recover them, as well as the impact this plundering has had on the art world today. **Attend in person at the Medford Branch or via Zoom.** 

#### Franchising: In Business FOR Yourself But Not BY Yourself

Tuesday, May 20 at 6:30 pm (M) SCORE is a non-profit association dedicated to educating entrepreneurs and helping small businesses start, grow and succeed nationwide.

#### Genealogy 101

Thursday, May 29 at 6:30 pm (P) Join our genealogy librarian as she walks you through the basics of building your family tree.

#### **Defensive Driving with Empire Safety Council**

Saturday, May 31 from 10:30 am-4:30 pm (P) \$33 per person Cash or credit due to the instructor at the beginning of class.

# HEALTH AND WELLNESS Attend in person, unless otherwise noted.

#### It's Yoga Time!

Stretch, breathe and gain flexibility while practicing mindfulness during our weekly yoga classes.

Start Your Day the Right Way: Yin Yoga Every Tuesday at 7 am (C) Attend in person or via Zoom.

#### Yoga With Rachel in Medford Tuesdays, April 1, 8, 15, 29 and

May 6, 13, 27 at 6:30 pm (M)

Vinyasa Yoga Flow Every Thursday at 7 am (C) Attend in person or via Zoom.

<u>Chair Yoga</u> Mondays, April 21, 28 and May 12, 19 at 10 am (P)

#### Yoga Sound Bath

Monday, April 28 at 6:30 pm (M) Yoga postures coupled with the sounds of gongs, singing bowls, drums and chimes.

#### Senior Fitness

Every Friday in April and May at 12 pm (P) Get moving with a light workout. Wear comfortable clothing, bring water and a set of lightweights.

#### Alzheimer's Caregivers Support Group

Fourth Monday of the month at 1 pm (M) Get practical advice, discuss concerns and find support with the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center.

#### Healing Qigong

Mondays, April 7 and 21 at 1 pm (M) Work on some physical exercises, breathing techniques and meditation. Please bring a yoga mat and water.

#### **Nutrition Talk with Harmony Cafe**

Fridays, April 11, 18 & 25 at 1 pm (P) Understand nutrition, separate fact from fiction and learn to eat healthier. Simple food demos follow.

#### Sit and Sweat Dance Fitness Experience

Saturday, April 19 at 1 pm\* Meet us at Live & Direct-House of Dance at 427B W. Main St. in Patchogue. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water.

#### Zumba (Bilingual)

Saturdays, April 26 and May 3, 10, 17 at 1 pm (P) Enjoy this fun, Latin-inspired dance fitness class! Wear comfortable clothing, bring water and a small towel.

#### NAMI Central Suffolk

Thursday, May 1 at 6:30 pm (P) Education, support and public awareness for individuals and families affected by mental illness.

#### Soul Care

Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 pm (P) May is Mental Health Awareness Month! Explore spiritual and mental health and learn "soul care" practices.

#### Reduce Anxiety & Stress

with EFT Tapping Therapy Monday, May 12 at 6:30 pm (M) Learn how to release negativity and embrace positivity.

#### American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR/AED

Wednesday, May 28 from 6-8:45 pm (P) Students will receive an electronic certification card upon completion. **Space is limited. PML** cardholders only may register beginning May 14.

# OR TEENS IN GRADES 6-12

Programs will be held at the Carnegie Teen Center, unless otherwise noted. Register for ONE session only - in person, online at 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.

#### Please note alternate locations are marked: (P) - Main Building (M) - Medford Branch \* - Offsite

#### Local History Room

Wednesdays from 5-8 pm and the second Saturday of every month from 2-4 pm (P) For families with children in grades K-12. Drop in and see what you can discover!

#### Jóvenes

Thursdays from 6:30-8 pm Are you newly arrived to the USA and in grades 6-12? Join us for fun activities and make friends with people your age from different countries.

<u>Getting Ready to Babysit</u>

Monday, April 21 from 4-7 pm

Manga Mania

or Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 pm

Tuesday, April 22 from 5:30-6 pm

books will be given at each session.

and compete in drawing challenges.

Saturday, April 26 from 1-4 pm

Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Monday, April 28 from 6-7:30 pm

Tuesday, April 29 from 6-8 pm

Manga Sketch Club

Friday, April 25 from 7-8 pm

Learn essential babysitting skills and earn a

course certification at this hands-on workshop.

Try some Japanese snacks and discuss Manga

Learn about distinct types of artistic techniques

Join our gaming expert, Michael, to slay dragons,

outwit villains and craft legendary adventures.

**Bobbinology: Personalized Towels** 

Learn basic sewing skills and use the fabric of

your choice to customize your own bath towel.

Eat snacks, color or draw and watch anime with us.

with us! Stop by the Carnegie Teen Center to

pick up the book we will be discussing. New

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

#### National Poetry Month

The month of April Drop in for challenges including games, blackout poetry and magnetic poetry. No registration required.

#### **Rhyme & Reason**

Friday, April 4 from 7-8 pm Explore poetry styles, create your own verses and enjoy snacks.

#### Mystery Video Game Tournament

Friday, April 11 from 6-8 pm (M) Compete in a video game tournament against your friends!

#### **Teens Silent Book Club**

Monday, April 14 from 6:30-8 pm Read, snack and relax at our no-pressure book club - no book discussion required! Bring vour own book or borrow one of ours.

**Second Life Sewing** Tuesday, April 15 from 6-8 pm (P) For details see page 3 - HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS.

Improv Comedy Class

Wednesday, April 16 from 6-7:30 pm (M) Join us for an evening of improv games, laughs and on-the-spot comedy!

#### Poem on Your Keychain

Friday, April 18 from 3:30-4:30 pm Make a beautiful wooden keychain to carry a poem with you wherever you go.

## **MAY** Registration for these events begins on Thursday, May 1 at 9:30 am.

#### Asian-American & Pacific Islander Month

The month of May Vote for your favorite AAPI cultural contributions, icons and groundbreakers in our month-long bracket challenge. New matchups each week!

#### Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, May 3 from 1-4 pm (M) See details above in APRIL.

#### **Pressed Flower Bookmarks**

Tuesday, May 6 from 6:30-7:30 pm Make a beautiful bookmark using pressed flowers, ribbon and beads.

#### **Universal Yums**

Friday, May 9 from 7-8 pm Explore other countries through trivia and a variety of snacks! \*This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies.

#### **Bobbinology: Pen Holder Bookmarks**

Monday, May 12 from 6-7:30 pm Learn basic sewing skills and create a custom pen holder bookmark.

#### **Mystery Video Game Tournament**

Tuesday, May 13 from 4:30-6 pm Compete in a video game tournament against your friends!

#### **Battle of the Books Info Meeting**

Thursday, May 15 from 5:30-6 pm For teens entering grades 6-9 in September. Enjoy snacks and learn about this fun countywide competition!

#### **8-Ball Pool Tournament**

Friday, May 16 from 6-8 pm Compete in an 8-ball pool tournament against your friends.

#### **DIY Suncatchers**

Anime Marathon

Monday, May 19 from 6:30-7:30 pm Elevate the vibes in your space by making your own suncatcher using crystals and beads.

Manga Mania Tuesday, May 20 from 5:30-6 pm See details above in *APRIL*.

#### Improv Comedy Class

Wednesday, May 21 from 6-7:30 pm (M) See details above in APRIL.

#### Snack Olympics

Friday, May 23 from 5:30-6:30 pm Battle in snack-themed challenges, win prizes and enjoy tasty treats! \*This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies.

#### **Cosmic Coasters**

Wednesday, May 28 from 6:30-8 pm (P) Use our laser engraver to create an out-of-this-world coaster with your star sign, favorite constellations or other celestial-inspired details.





# Patchogue-Medford Carnegie Teen Center

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

# TEST PREP & HOMEWORK HELP

Carnegie SAT Prep Series Saturdays, April 5 & 12 from 9 am-12 pm **Medford SAT Prep Series** 

Saturdays, April 5 & 12 from 12:30-3:30 pm (M) This 2-week series includes one English session and one Math session. Participants must attend both sessions at their registered location. An SAT Prep book will be provided at the first session. Sponsored by Patchogue-Medford Friends of the Library. Register now.

#### **Teen Homework Help in Medford**

Students in grades 6-12, bring your homework or questions and receive help from a certified teacher. Sessions take place every week, excluding holidays. No registration required. Spanish Extra Help: Wednesdays 4-5 pm (M) Math Extra Help: Thursdays from 4-5 pm (M)

Virtual One-on-One College Financial Aid Counseling Saturdays from 9:30 am-12:30 pm\* by appointment at 631-654-4700 Meet with an expert for help with financial aid forms. For more information visit pmlib.org/college. All appointments are held virtually with Google Meet.

#### **FREE Virtual Tutors**

Get online help with your homework from tutors every day from **2-11** pm at pmlib.org/homework-help For more information call the Library.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

Teens must attend the entire program for credit. Register now.

#### Library Tote Bags

Tuesday, April 8 from 6-7 pm Decorate library tote bags to be given to our patrons for National Library Week!

**Carnegie Mousepads** Thursday, April 17 from 3:30-4:30 pm Design mousepads to be used at Carnegie!

**<u>Be a Book Buddy</u>** Thursdays, April 17 & May 22 from 5:30-7 pm (P) For grades 6-9. Read picture books, play games and give out prizes to children! Mandatory training at 5:30 pm.

**<u>Green Teens Tree Distribution</u>** Tuesday, April 22 from 4:30-7:30 pm (P) Help hand out free trees to registered children.

#### **ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE**

These can be completed at any time No registration required.

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Text @pmlv to 81010 for new and updated volunteer opportunities at the Library and in the community!

For more information or to submit a book review go to <u>pmlib.org/application/volunteer-opportunities</u>



## **Bilingual Walk-in Homework Help**

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

Student Success Series Every Thursday in April and May from 5:30-6:30 pm (except for school holidays) (P) 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/or May 1.

#### **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

# DROP-IN! No registration required.

# National Poetry Month: Poetry Play The month of April (P)

For children ages 3 and up. Turn everyday objects into inspiration, play games and create poetry MadLibs.

#### S.T.E.A.M. Explorers Academy

Friday, April 11 from 4-5:30 pm or Wednesday, May 21 from 10:30 am-12 pm (P) For grades K-6. Join us for a morning of hands-on activities focusing on the 5 STEAM concepts – science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics.

#### Día: Children's Day/Book Day

Saturday, April 12 from 11 am-12:30 pm (P) For families with children of all ages. Celebrate children and connect them to the world of learning through books, stories and families. Dress up as your favorite storybook character for a parade around the Library.

#### **Earth Day Every Day**

Tuesday, April 22 from 4:30-7:30 pm (P) For families with children ages 3 and up. Celebrate our planet with eco-friendly crafts, games and activities!

#### Asian-American & Pacific Islanders Month: Celebrating **Young Game Changers** The month of May (P)

For children ages 3 and up. Get inspired by young AAPI leaders! Invent like Gitanjali Rao, take on challenges like Ryan Kaji and practice tennis skills like Naomi Osaka.

## **Crafty-Game-Play**

Palooza: Beach Vibes Thursday, May 22 from 4-6 pm (P) For families with kids of all ages Get creative; play a board game, use awesome as you gear up for summer!

#### **Medford Fun Friday**

Free Play: Animal Adventures Friday, May 30 from 10:30-11:30 am (M) For ages 18 months-5 years. Free play with an animal-themed twist!

# FOR KID

Register in person, online at 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.

#### Please note locations: (P) - Main Building (M) - Medford Branch (C) - Carnegie Library \* - Offsite

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

### INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL with a parent/caregiver

#### Mother Goose & More

Saturday, April 5 from 10:30-11 am (P) For ages 2-35 months. Enjoy classic Mother Goose rhymes, songs and a short story.

#### **Beautiful Babies,**

Wonderful Ones & Terrific Twos Tuesday, April 8 (P)

From 10:30-11:15 am - For ages 2-11 months. From 11:30-12:15 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.

#### Aqua Tales at the YMCA

Wednesday, April 9 from 11 am-12 pm\* For ages 6 months-4 years. Enjoy storytime at the Patchogue YMCA and then do a family swim lesson! \*This program will be held at the Patchogue Family YMCA. Please note a waiver must be signed upon arrival and an adult must accompany the child in the water.

#### **Drama With Your Mama**

Friday, April 11 (M) from 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm For ages 18 months-5 years. Enjoy live music, storytelling and imaginative play in this intro to acting!

#### Let's Get Movin!

Monday, April 14 (P) From 10:30 pm-11:15 pm - For ages 18-35 months From 11:30 am-12:15 pm - For ages 3-5 years Get in the game with a variety of sport-ivities!

#### **Babies & Books**

Thursday, April 17 from 10:30-11:15 am (P) For ages 2-11 months. Let's explore the best board books for infants and learn simple rhymes and games, too!

#### SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

#### **Bunny Kinder Eggs**

Thursday, April 10 from 4:30-5:30 pm or 6-7 pm (P) For grades K-6. Hop into spring with your very own personalized Kinder Egg bunny using our laser engraver.

#### Let's Get Movin!

Monday, April 14 from 12:30-1:15 pm (P) For grades K-6. Get in the game with a variety of sport-ivities!

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

Monday, April 14 from 5-5:45 pm or 6-6:45 pm (P) For grades K-3. Hop into April with stories, dancing, singing and crafts.

#### Pet Pals

Tuesday, April 15 from 11 am-12 pm (P) For children in grades K-5. Explore and learn about the small pets you can have at home.

#### Second Life Sewing

Tuesday, April 15 from 6-8 pm (P) See page 3 - HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS for details.

#### A-MAZE-Ing Guinea Pigs

Wednesday, April 16 from 11 am-12 pm (M) For grades K-5. Listen to a story, meet guinea pigs and design a maze for them to run through.

## America's 250:

The Battles of Lexington and Concord Wednesday, April 16 from 5-6 pm (P) For grades 3-6. Next year, our nation celebrates its 250th birthday! Join us as we look at "The shot heard 'round the world."

#### Hungry Hungry Hippos

Monday, April 21 (M) from 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm For children ages 21/2-5 years. Learn about hippos in this interactive program!

#### To Kindergarten & Beyond: Playdate in the Park!

Wednesday, April 23\* from 4:30-5:30 pm at Eagle Estates Park or Wednesday, April 30\* from 4:30-5:30 pm at Father Tortora park Calling all future kindergarteners! Outdoor fun, friends and Q&A with a bilingual teacher.

#### **Super Silly Storytime**

Thursday, April 24 from 10:30-11:15 am (P) Monday, April 28 from 4:30-5:15 pm (M) For ages 12 months-31/2 years. Get ready to giggle at this super fun storytime with rhymes and a simple craft!

#### **Bilingual Art & Songs**

Saturday, April 26 from 10:30-11:15 am (M) For ages 2-4 years. Enjoy themed crafts, activities and a bubble show!

#### 123 Play With Me

Tuesdays, April 29, May 6, 13 & 20 (P) from 10:30-11:30 am For ages 12-35 months. Our 4-week playgroup series encourages parent/child play, while hearing from early childhood specialists. Registration includes all 4 sessions.

#### **Baby Chicks and Stories**

Wednesday, April 30 (P) 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.

#### Parachute Play

Friday, May 2 from 10:30-11 am or 11:15-11:45 am (M) For ages 18 months-3 1/2 years. Songs, dances and games with our parachute.

#### **Buddy Quest: Read and Play**

Thursday, April 17 from 6-6:45 pm (P) For grades K-3. Make a new buddy with a middle school volunteer and enjoy stories, games, snacks, prizes and more!

# You're in Charge Child Safety Program Saturday, April 19 from 10:30-11:15 am (P)

For children ages 4 years-grade 3 and their parent(s). Protect and empower your child with this workshop presented by Parents for Megan's Law.

#### Chess & Checker Buddies

Mondays, April 21, 28, May 5 & 12 from 5-5:45 pm (P) For grades 1-6. Play chess and checkers with kids your own age. Test your skills or learn the basics. No experience required.

#### From Egg to Chick

Thursday, April 24 from 5-6 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm (P) For grades K-6. Learn how chicks grow from egg to hatchling and meet the Library's baby chicks.

#### Minecraft Club

Monday, April 28 from 7-8 pm (P) For children in grades 3-6. Hang out with other kids who love Minecraft while you play the game and complete in-game challenges.

Summer Reading 2025 is coming soon! **Registration for all ages begins June 2.** 

# FOR FAMILIES ONE REGISTRATION PER FAMILY. Register beginning April 1, unless otherwise noted. -

#### A Golden Ticket Adventure Tuesday, April 1 at 5:15 pm\*

For families with children in grades K-6. Take a magical journey down the chocolate river to the Patchogue Theater for a sneak peek of ACT OUT Theatre's production of Willy Wonka Jr. **\*This program takes place at the Patchogue Theatre. Register now.** 

#### **Birds and Blooms**

Tuesday, April 8 from 5-6 pm (P) For families with children in grades 1-6. Families will work together to make a spring-themed painting.



#### **Early Spring Family Bird Hike**

Saturday, April 12 from 11 am-12 pm\* For families with children in grades K-6. Learn about birds in the refuge as we hike the trails.\*This program takes place at Wertheim National Wildlife Refuge in Shirley.

#### <u> Pizza Bombs</u>

Saturday, April 19 from 1-2 pm (P) For families with children in grades K-6. Make delicious handheld treats filled with your favorite pizza toppings.

#### **Military Heroes**

Wednesday, May 14 from 5-6 pm (P) For families with children in grades K-6. Look in our Local History Room to discover local people who served in the military. Have a military family member? Help us start a collage of local service people. **Register beginning May 1.** 

#### Coming in June - <u>Tie Dye for Everyone!</u>

Thursday, June 12 at 4:30 pm OR 5:30 pm OR 6:30 pm (M) Register beginning May 1.

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

## INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL with a parent/caregiver \_\_\_\_

#### Sensory & Sports

Tuesday, May 6 (M)

From 4:30-5:15 pm - For children ages 18-35 months. From 5:30-6:15 pm - For children ages 3-5 years. Tuesday, May 13 (P)

From 4:30-5:15 pm - For children ages 18-35 months. From 5:30-6:15 pm - For children ages 3-5 years. Tuesday, May 20 (M)

From 4-4:45 pm - For children ages 18-35 months. From 5-5:45 pm - For children ages 3-5 years. Learn some new sports skills and enjoy seasonal sensory art and play!

#### **Bugs and Blooms Story & Play**

Wednesday, May 7 from 10:30 am-11:15 pm (P) Thursday, May 8 from 10:30 am-11:15 pm (M) For ages 2-5 years. Enjoy a story and playtime centered around flowers, insects and all things spring!

#### **Sprouts & Friends**

Friday, May 9 (P) 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!

#### SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS .

#### Make Art Pop!

Sunday, May 4 from 2-3 pm (P) For grades K-6. Learn about pop artist Keith Haring and make your own painting in his unique style.

#### Chess & Checker Buddies

Mondays, May 5 & 12 from 5-5:45 pm (P) For grades 1-6. See details in APRIL.

#### Sew with Me and Small Stitches: Personalized Towels

Tuesday, May 6 (P) 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 and use the fabric of your choice to customize your own bath towel.

**Tea-rrific Time** Wednesday, May 7 from 5-6 pm (P) For grades K-5. Make handmade tea sachets to give to someone special.

#### **Mother's Day Story and Craft**

Tuesday, May 6 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P) Thursday, May 8 from 5-6 pm (M) For grades K-3. Read a book that honors mom and craft a beautiful mini jewelry dish.

# FOR PARENTS

#### Parents of Tots

Tuesday, April 15 from 10:30-11:30 am (M) Thursday, April 24 from 5-6 pm (M) Monday, May 12 from 10:30-11:30 am (M) Wednesday, May 28 from 5-6 pm (M) Meet local families for stories and songs at this community led gathering. Connect with other parents over a cup of coffee or tea. No registration required.

#### Infant Massage

Wednesday, May 14 from 11:30-12:15 pm (P) For parents of children 2-13 months. Learn about massage and techniques to help you care for your child.

#### To Kindergarten & Beyond: Graduation Celebration

Wednesday, May 14 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P) For families with a child graduating preschool, Pre-K or going into kindergarten in 2025. Celebrate a year of preparation for kindergarten! Join us for a story and sweet graduation ceremony!

#### **Preschool Prom**

Wednesday, May 14 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P) For ages 2 ½-5 years. Let's get all dressed up and have some fun, with simple crafts, music, group dances and snacks, too!

#### **Signing Stories**

Thursday, May 15 at 1-1:30 pm or 1:45-2:15 pm (P) For children ages 2 months-4 years. Learn signs in a fun, playful way through stories and songs.

#### Hometown Explorers:

#### **Sheep to Shawl for Children**

Saturday, May 10 from 11 am-12 pm (P) For grades 3-6. It's spring and the sheep have been shorn. Learn how wool is prepared, spun into yarn and woven into fabric in this hands-on class!

#### **Minecraft Club**

Monday, May 12 from 7-8 pm (P) For children in grades 3-6. See details in APRIL.

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

Wednesday, May 14 (M) from 5-5:45 pm or 6-6:45 pm For grades K-3. Celebrate May with springtime stories, singing, dancing and crafts.

### Empower Your Child with Self-Defense

Sunday, May 18 (P) From 1:30-2:15 pm - For grades K-3 From 2:30-3:15 pm - For grades 4-6. Learn self-defense designed for kids to foster awareness, confidence and focus.

#### You're in Charge Child Safety Program

Saturday, April 19 from 10:30-11:15 am (P) For children ages 4 years-grade 3 and their parent(s). Protect and empower your child with this workshop presented by Parents for Megan's Law. Register beginning April 1.

#### **Shots for Tots**

Tuesday, May 20 from 11 am-3 pm (P) Free immunizations for children (ages infant-18 years) provided by the Suffolk County Department of Health. Must bring Immunization record. No registration required.

#### In The Wild Storytime

Friday, May 16 from 10:30-11:15 am (P) Monday, May 19 from 4:30-5:15 pm (M) For ages 12 months-3 ½ years. Explore a safari of animals at this exciting storytime, with rhymes and a simple craft.

#### Rock & Read

Saturday, May 17 (P) from 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm For children ages 12 months-5 years. Join us for a hand-clapping, knee-slapping, rocking time using rhythm, rhyme and repetition!

#### **Tummy Time**

Friday, May 23 from 10:30-11:15 am (P) For ages 2-11 months. Bond with your baby while they explore with toys, play and learn in a relaxed setting.

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

Thursday, May 29 (M) From 10:30-11:15 am - For ages 2-11 months. From 11:30-12:15 pm - For ages 12-23 months. From 12:30-1:15 pm - For ages 24-35 months. See details in APRIL.

#### Sew with Me and Small Stitches: Pen Holder Bookmarks

Tuesday, May 20 (P) 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 and create a custom pen holder bookmark.

#### Vanilla Pudding Parfaits

Wednesday, May 21 from 5-6 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm (P) For grades K-6. Layer up pudding and toppings for a tasty treat.

#### Buddy Quest: Read and Play

Thursday, May 22 from 6-6:45 pm (P) For grades K-3. Make a new buddy with a teen volunteer and enjoy stories, games, snacks and more!

#### **DIY Bubble Wands**

Tuesday, May 27 (P) from 5-6 pm or 6:30-7:30 pm For grades K-5. Design and 3D print your own unique bubble wand and make a homemade bubble solution. **Young children may need adult assistance.** 



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!



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





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Monday-Friday 12:30-8:30 pm

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# **Makerspace Classes**

Registration begins one month before the class date. Can't make a class? Book an appointment for a one-on-one tutorial at pmlib.org/makerspace or scan the QR code. Patrons are limited to 2 appointments per week.

Scan here for an appointment

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

Please note locations: (P) - Main Building (M) - Medford Branch (C) - Carnegie Library \* - Offsite

#### Kinder Egg Bunny Holder

Thursday, April 10 at 4:30 pm or 6 pm (P) For grades K-6. Hop into Spring with your very own personalized Kinder Egg bunny using our laser engraver!

#### **Embroidered Bucket Hat**

Saturday, April 26 at 2:30 pm (P) For adults and teens. Choose from a selection of designs to embroider on your fabric then sew together a bucket hat.

#### **Poster Design with Adobe Express** Tuesday, April 29 at 7 pm (M)

For adults. Design an eye-catching poster using Adobe Express, which is a user-friendly online design tool. Basic computer literacy is required.

#### Sublimation Mousepads Drop-in Monday, May 5 at 10 am (P)

Come in anytime from 10 am-8 pm and make a great gift for Mother's Day, birthdays, or just to say you care with full color photos or artwork! One mousepad per patron while supplies last.



#### DIY Bubble Wands Tuesday, May 27 at 5 pm or 6:30 pm (P)

For grades K-5. Design and 3D print your own unique bubble wand and make a homemade bubble solution. Young children may need adult assistance.

# THE PML CARDMEMBERS' CORNER



Find out what books are trending with other people in your community by checking our top 10 list of the most checked out books each month.

# BOOK REVIEW The Mystery Guest by Nita Prose

I discovered this author recently and really enjoy her books. While the plots are not overly complicated, the characters are thoroughly enjoyable, even the ones that nobody likes. In this story, Molly, a socially awkward maid at a boutique luxury hotel, witnesses the death of an author who has come to the hotel to make an announcement. But before he can do so, he drops dead. And as if a hotel full of people does not provide enough suspects, it turns out that Molly has a special connection to the author and not in a good way. If you enjoy a book with good characters and are looking for something slightly more than a cozy mystery, you'll enjoy this one.

–Diane Gelman, March 2024

# FOR BOOK LOVERS!

#### Long Island Reads Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 2 at 6:30 pm (P) Discuss this year's Long Island Reads pick *On Fire Island* by Jane L. Rosen. Copies of the book are available to registrants while supplies last.

#### Sip n' Silence

Thursday, April 17 at 6:30 pm\* BYO-book and join us at Better Man Distilling Company for light bites and an hour dedicated to reading time.

#### Sip & Sleuth with Brigid & Hanna: A Mystery Book Discussion

Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 am (M) or Thursday, April 24 at 6:30 pm at Virgola Wine Bar\* Discuss Saltwater by Katy Hays. Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month Book Discussion Thursday, May 8 at 6:30 pm (P)

Read Happiness Falls by Angle Kim and join us to discuss this star reviewed novel.

#### **NEW ADULT BOOK CLUB!**

#### Knead to Read! May, 2025

Register now, unless otherwise noted.

Not much is better than a great book, except maybe free pizza! Read every day in May and earn a FREE pizza from The Social! **Register in person at the Main Library or the Medford Branch from April 21-30. You will receive your Knead to Read kit with further instructions.** 

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