

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

November & December 2025



Library Patchogue, L.I.

Celebrate with us!

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On the Cover:

From Carnegie gift to county cornerstone—this 1908 building was the Library's first permanent home and a hub of innovation, leadership and community service through 1981.

Gallery Exhibits

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

Jim Mooney's Aerial Photographs of the Patchogue Area

From the Collection of the Celia M. Hastings Local History Room

November 3 - December 31

Friends of the Library Book Sale!

Saturday, November 22 from 10-3 pm (P)
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 26 at 3 pm - Thanksgiving Eve
November 27 - 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



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



A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

"You cannot get through a single day without having an impact on the world around you. What you do makes a difference, and you have to decide what kind of difference you want to make."

—Jane Goodall

The Patchogue-Medford Library will celebrate its 125th year of service beginning this December!

Our original charter notes that the Library officially began its deep-rooted work in the community on December 20, 1900 at 3:30 pm. The Carnegie Library was our first location and remained so until 1981, when the opportunity arose to move to the former W.T. Grant building on Main Street. This expansion allowed the Library to grow to more than ten times its original size, providing additional space for materials and community gatherings.

The Library has evolved alongside our beautiful Patchogue-Medford community, always honoring our history while continuing to look toward the future and meet the needs of our diverse patrons. Today, the Patchogue-Medford Library consists of three locations that serve thousands of people in countless ways. We are deeply honored to serve our community, make a difference in the lives of our community members, and to provide opportunities for education, empowerment, and enriching entertainment for all.

We hope you'll join our Board of Trustees, staff, and community in [celebrating our milestone 125th year on December 13, 2025 at 5 pm](#). We'd love to hear from you—do you have a favorite memory of the Library you'd like to share? Scan the QR code on the back page of this newsletter or stop by any service desk to tell us your story.

Sincerely,
Danielle Paisley, Director

WE CAN HELP

with one-on-one, personal assistance- Call 631-654-4700 for more information.

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

To make an appointment call ext. 152.

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

Thursdays by appointment (P)

Get expert assistance for all your genealogy questions.

[Healthcare Navigators with HWCLI](#)

Tuesdays, November 18 and

December 2, 16 from 10 am-5 pm (P)

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified bilingual Healthcare Facilitated Enrollers are available to help enroll anytime for Medicaid, Long-Term Care Medicaid and Medicare Savings Program. All based on household size and income. Call to schedule an appointment: 516-505-4426

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

Wednesdays, November 5 and December 3 or Mondays, November 24 and December 22 from 3-6:30 pm (P)
Facilitated enrollers trained by NYS Dept of Health assist the aged, blind and disabled populations enroll into Medicaid programs free of charge. Service is on a first-come, first-served basis. A Spanish speaker will be available.

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

Thursdays, November 20 and

December 11 from 10 am-1 pm (P)

Trained volunteers provide guidance, by appointment, to those with questions involving MEDICARE. Call the Library to make an appointment at 631-654-4700 ext. 152.

[Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program \(HeLP\)](#)

Tuesdays, November 4 & 18 from 2-4:30 pm (P)

Healthcare professionals and graduate student interns from The Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP) will be here to welcome questions from the public about their health and wellness. Free blood pressure screening. No appointment necessary.

[Senior Advocate](#)

Fridays, November 28 and

December 12 from 2:30-4:30 pm (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 more details.

[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)

A workshop for people struggling with addiction.

[Blood Pressure Loaner Kits](#)

Provided by Stony Brook Medicine and the American Heart Association.

Borrow a kit to check your blood pressure at home with tips for healthy levels, heart-smart recipes and resources.

THE PML CARDMEMBERS' CORNER



Discover your community's top 10 most borrowed books each month.

BOOK REVIEW [Lakehouse Promises](#) by Jodi Allen Brice

Carolina's husband left her for a woman half his age (and pregnant) and left Carolina living in the Lakehouse. She takes a job at a local nursery to pay for much needed repairs on the lakehouse. She is very talented at decorating and takes on extra jobs decorating people's front porches with the pumpkins and mums sold at the nursery for Fall and Halloween. She hires a roofer to install a much needed new roof and he begins to have feelings for Carolina.

—March, 2025

FOR BOOK LOVERS!

Register now, unless otherwise noted.

[Indigenous Peoples Month Book Discussion](#)

Wednesday, November 19 at 6:30 pm (P)

Read *The Mighty Red* by Louise Erdrich and then meet up to discuss.

[Sip & Sleuth with Brigid & Hanna](#)

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm*

Read *The Christmas Guest* by Peter Swanson and then meet at Virgola Wine Bar to discuss.

[Short Story Book Discussion](#)

Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm (P)

Read *Five-Carat Soul* by James McBride and then meet up to discuss.

[Bookish Trivia](#)

Monday, December 8 at 6:30 pm*

at New Village - 1 Village Green Way in Patchogue
Test your literary knowledge in this team trivia night—covering classics, new releases and more. Meet in the Community Room (enter via Lake Street archway).

[Read Between the Grooves: Record Stop Vinyl Club](#)

Sunday, November 16 at 11 am (C)

Join a Record Stop staff member for the second meeting of our vinyl record club! Afterward, stick around for [Sip n' Silence at 12 pm](#), an hour of quiet reading time. Grab a book from our vinyl-inspired display or bring your own!

HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

Hometown Heroes

Honor the service of our local heroes! Community members are invited to submit a photo of themselves or a family member in uniform who is currently serving or has served in the U.S. military. Please include the name, branch of service and years served. Submissions are due **by Wednesday, November 5**. All photos will be proudly displayed in the Main Library Building throughout the month of November.

Family History/ Family Stories Month

As the nation prepares for its 250th birthday next July 4, submit your photos and memories from America's Bicentennial (in 1976) for our community "scrapbook." Bring your items to the Local History Room or submit them digitally.

Job Fair: Medford Branch Edition

Friday, November 14 from 1-3 pm (M)
Meet representatives from several industries looking to hire. Bring your resume and dress to impress! Sponsored by the Suffolk County Department of Labor.

Insurance for Life!

Thursday, November 6 at 6:30 pm (P)
Explore how life insurance can be a smart step toward protecting your family's future. Sponsored by Senator Dean Murray. Attend in person or online. **Registration recommended but not required.**

LIVE! AT THE LIBRARY

Register now.

Open Mic/Karaoke

Sunday, November 9 from 2-4 pm (P)
Listen to others, or perform yourself, in front of a live audience of friends and neighbors.

Hallmark Channel Watch Party

Monday, November 10 (M)
or Wednesday, December 17 at 1 pm (P)
Watch a seasonal film from the Hallmark Channel.

NYC Train Tickets

Saturdays, November 15 & December 20
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 29 at 6 pm*
Gather your friends and family for the annual Christmas parade down Main Street.

Drop-in Outdoor Holiday Photo Background

The month of December (M)
Take your own holiday photos in front of the festive backdrop outside on our Medford patio. **Available during normal business hours.**

Medford Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 7 at 4 pm
Meet us at Medford Memorial Park for a tree lighting.

Sunday Afternoon Winter Concert featuring Salvatore Chiarelli

Sunday, December 7 at 2 pm
Enjoy standard holiday classics performed in a dramatic/spinto tenor style.

WARM HEARTS & HELPING HANDS

Celebrate the season with kindness!

Give the Gift of Warmth Beginning November 1

Donate new hats, scarves, gloves, socks and mittens for adults and children. All donated items will be distributed to local agencies supporting individuals and families in need this winter.

'Tis the Season:

Holiday Helpers Gift Wrap Drive November 1-December 6 (P)

Calling all holiday helpers! Make someone's day extra jolly by donating holiday gift wrapping supplies. Ribbons to wrapping paper- tissue paper to gift bags! Materials will be distributed throughout our 'Tis the Season program and to Angels of Long Island.

Coat Drive

November 10-December 5 (P)

Donate new or gently used coats or heavy jackets of all sizes to be distributed to individuals and families in need. Sponsored by the Office of Senator Dean Murray.

A Holiday Greeting Card Drive

Help spread holiday cheer to seniors in local nursing homes. Donate a holiday card or letter—handmade or store-bought—by **Wednesday, December 10**. Sponsored by Senator Murray and Voices for Seniors.

CLASES EN ESPAÑOL

Para cualquier programa, regístrese en línea en pmlib.org o llame 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

Alfabetización en Español para Adultos

Los sábados a las 10 am (P)
¿Conoce a alguien quien quiera aprender a leer y escribir en Español? Los invitamos a que asista a las clases de alfabetización para adultos. Esta clase es para hablantes nativos de español que desean aprender a leer y escribir en español.

Asesoramiento Profesional con Betty Velez

Los lunes de 5:30-8:30 pm (P/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 3, 17 de noviembre y 8 de diciembre a las 7 pm (P)
Únase a nosotros en la biblioteca para practicar sus habilidades de conversación en inglés.

NY 529: El plan de Ahorros para la Universidad

Lunes 3 de noviembre a las 7 pm
Los planes 529 son un tipo de cuenta de inversión donde puede ahorrar para los gastos de educación superior. Únase a nosotros para obtener más información sobre este plan y descubra lo importante que es ahorrar para la educación de sus hijos.

Madres Latinas Amigas

Los lunes 3 de noviembre y 8 de diciembre de 7-8:30 pm (P)
Grupo de apoyo y educación para mujeres que hablan Español.

Consejería de Inmigración Bilingüe

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

Años Dorados

Miércoles 5 y 19 de noviembre y 3 y 17 de diciembre de 10:30 am-12 pm (P)
Viva sus años dorados con nuevas amistades, juegos, diversión y un delicioso cafecito.

Jóvenes

Los jueves de 6:30-8 pm (C)
¿Acabas de llegar a EE.UU. y estás en los grados 6-12? Únete a nosotros para hacer actividades divertidas y entablar amistad con gente de tu edad de diferentes países. No es necesario inscribirse.

Club de Lectura en Español

Los martes 10 y 24 de noviembre en 7 pm (P)
Aumenta tu motivación por leer, potencia la confianza y el autoestima, fomenta la socialización y motivación en nuestro club de lectura.

Todas las Capacidades (Bilingüe)

Este programa está dirigido a los usuarios de 18 años o más con problemas sensoriales, aquellos en el espectro autista, o aquellos que tienen otras necesidades específicas.

Bingo

Martes 18 de noviembre a las 10:30 am (P)

Decoración de Casa de Jengibre

Martes 9 de diciembre a las 12 pm (M)

Curso de Manejo Defensivo

Sábado 29 de noviembre 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, un cheque o giro postal a nombre de Empire Safety Council el día de la clase.

LEARN SOMETHING NEW

Attend in person or via Zoom, unless otherwise noted. Register now.

Literacy Suffolk: Tutor Training

Mondays and Thursdays, November 3, 6, 10 and 13 from 10 am-1 pm (P)
Literacy Suffolk provides one-on-one English tutoring to ESOL students throughout Suffolk County. This event will provide you with the training needed to teach English to speakers of other languages. **Must attend all dates.**

Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group

Wednesdays, November 5 and December 3, 17 at 10 am
Swap tips, share strategies and get help researching your family history. **Attend via Zoom only.**

Islandwide Weather Forecast

Friday, November 7 at 6:30 pm (M)
Local weather experts and "Islandwide Weather" founders, Glen and Don, will share their winter forecast predictions and discuss how to be prepared for severe weather. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

Unsung Heroes: World War II

Monday, November 10 at 6:30 pm (M)
Hear untold stories of WWII heroism in this Veterans Day talk with Professor Rosenberg.

Computer Basics

Monday, November 17 at 2 pm (M)
A hands-on intro to computers training with Sharper Training Solutions. **In person only.**

Balancing the Holiday Hustle: Practicing Self-Care This Season

Monday, November 17 at 6:30 pm (M)
Discover stress-busting strategies to enjoy the holidays with ease. Courtesy of the Willing Hearts, Helpful Hands program.

Learning to Look | Women of Surrealism

Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm*
Explore the overlooked contributions of women in Surrealism. Presented in partnership with the Patchogue Arts Council and the in-person portion of this program will take place at MoCA LI.

Tribal Nations of Long Island

Tuesday, November 18 at 7 pm (P)
Discover Long Island's Indigenous history with author Christopher Verga as he separates myth from reality. Through land records and rare images, he uncovers the stories of tribal nations and the enduring traces of colonial contact.

Do I Have Indigenous Ancestors in My Family Tree?

Wednesday, November 19 at 10 am
Genealogist Jenny Warner shares resources for tracing Native American ancestry. **Attend via Zoom only.**

Jay's Art Talk: The Dutch Golden Age of Painting

Monday, December 8 at 6 pm (M)
Discover the art of Rembrandt, Vermeer and more in this lecture on 17th-century Dutch painting.

Roasting Techniques Every Cook Should Know: With Molly Stevens on "Craft & Hobby"

Saturday, December 20 at 10:30 am (P)
Tune in to our "Craft & Hobby" database to watch a virtual cooking class all about roasting.

FOR ADULTS

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

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HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In person only. Register Now.

It's Yoga Time!

Start Your Day the Right Way: Yin Yoga

Tuesdays (except Nov. 11) at 7 am (C)

Yoga with Rachel

Tuesdays, November 4, 18 and December 2, 9, 16 at 6:30 pm (M)

Vinyasa Yoga Before Work

Thursdays (except Nov. 27 and Dec. 25) at 7 am (C)

Smoking Cessation Support Group

Wednesdays, November 5 and December 3 at 6 pm (M)
Facilitated by the Suffolk County Department of Health's "Learn To Be...Tobacco Free" program.

Senior Fitness

Fridays in November and December at 12 pm (P)
Get active with a light cardio workout that includes strength, resistance, balance, coordination and stretching. Wear comfortable clothes and bring water and light weights if available.

Senior Strength, Stretch and Balance

Tuesdays (except Nov. 11 & Dec. 9) at 1 pm (M)
Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.

Healing Qigong

Saturdays, November 1, 8, 15 and 22 at 10:30 am (M)
Journey into the world of Qigong, an ancient practice that combines physical exercise, breathing exercises and meditation to promote overall well-being. Bring a yoga mat & water.

Tai Chi

Every Thursday (except Nov. 27 and Dec. 25) at 1 pm (P)
This Part 1 series will cover the Basic 6 and Advanced Movement Levels of Tai Chi. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

Dance Fitness

Sunday, November 16 at 2 pm (M)
OR Wednesday, December 17 at 6:30 pm (P)
Discover how to incorporate fitness movements into dancing in a judgment-free space while having fun!

Alzheimer's Monthly Support Group

Mondays, November 24 & December 22 at 1 pm (M)
For caregivers. Share practical advice, discuss concerns and receive the support you need from the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center.

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. Register for one session only.

Busy Hands Knitting Group

Thursdays at 1 pm (P)
Drop in to socialize and work on knitting projects.

Giant Floral Peppermint Decoration

Monday, December 1 at 6 pm (M)
OR Thursday, December 4 at 6:30 pm (P)
Craft a bold peppermint-inspired decoration to brighten your holiday décor.

Needle Felting

Needle felting is the process of transforming wool into 3D objects using a barbed needle.

Turkey Centerpiece

Monday, November 3 at 5:30 pm (M)
OR Saturday, November 8 at 12 pm (P)

Holiday Garland

Sunday, November 30 at 2 pm (M)
OR Wednesday, December 3 at 6 pm (P)

Do the Write Thing

Thursdays, November 6, 20 and December 4 & 18 at 2 pm (M)
Join this creative writing workshop to write, share and discuss. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

Crochet & Conversation

Mondays, November 10, 17 and December 15 & 29 at 5:30 pm (M)
Bring your yarn and hooks for a relaxed, bi-weekly crochet meetup.

Sips & Spices: a Tea Tasting Experience at The Spice & Tea Exchange of Patchogue

Thursday, November 13 at 6 pm*
at The Spice & Tea Exchange - 90 W. Main St. in Patchogue
Sample a variety of teas and learn their health benefits.

The Golden Years/Años Dorados (Bilingual)

Wednesdays, November 5, 19 and December 3, 17 from 10:30 am-12 pm (P)
Enjoy games, entertainment, coffee and friends.

Diamond Painting for Adults: Winter Scene

Saturday, November 15 at 1 pm (P)
Use resin rhinestones to create a sparkling winter scene. All supplies provided.

Roll the Dice: LCR for Beginners

Tuesday, November 18 at 10:30 am (M)
OR Thursday, November 20 at 6:30 pm (P)
Learn to play the fast-paced "Left Center Right" dice game.

Bilingual All Abilities

Geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs. **Register now.**

Bingo

Tuesday, November 18 at 10:30 am (P)

Gingerbread

Tuesday, December 9 at 12 pm (M)

Bingo With Barbara

Friday, November 21 at 10 am (P) **Register now.**

Bingo With Barbara: White Elephant Edition

Thursday, December 11 at 6:30 pm (P)
Play Bingo and win prizes!

Move, Meditate, Create: Essential Oil Roller

Sundays, November 23 at 2 pm (P)
OR December 21 at 2 pm (M)
Relax with gentle yoga and meditation, then craft your own oil roller.

Board Game Open Play

Wednesday, December 3 at 6 pm*
at Standard Rec - 49 E. Main St. in Patchogue
Discover new games and play old favorites.

Grown-up Gingerbread Houses

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 pm*
at Toast Coffeehouse - 46 E. Main St. in Patchogue
Meet us at Toast Coffeehouse to decorate gingerbread houses in teams—best one wins!

Paint & Sip: Red Barn

Saturday, December 13 at 10:30 am (P)
Sip on hot chocolate while painting a wintry scene. All skill levels welcome.

Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament

Wednesday, December 19 at 5:30 pm (M)
Get ready for another exciting showdown at our Super Smash Bros. Ultimate Tournament. All skill levels welcome! **Register now.**

FOR 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. **Programs involving edible components may not be suitable for teens with food allergies. If you need special accommodations, please call ext. 500.**

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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 (excluding library closures)
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.

NOVEMBER

Registration for these events begins on Monday, November 3 at 9:30 am.

Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, November 1 from 1-4 pm
Slay dragons, outwit villains and craft your own epic story with Michael as your guide. No experience needed—just bring your imagination! **Register now.**

Silent Book Club

Monday, November 3 from 6:30-7:30 pm
Read your book of choice while enjoying snacks and music—no discussion required! Get a free book by an Indigenous author. **No registration necessary.**

Manga Mania

Tuesdays, November 4 and
December 2 from 5:30-6:15 pm
Snack on Japanese treats and chat Manga! Pick up each month's book at Carnegie before the session.

Teen Sketch Club

Wednesday, November 5 from 7-8 pm
Draw, experiment with techniques and take on fun sketch challenges with fellow teen artists.

Crochet Corner

Sundays, November 9, 16 & 23 from 2-3 pm (P)
For grades 4-7. Get hooked on crochet at this fun program series! All supplies will be provided.

Perler Party

Monday, November 10 from 6:30-7:30 pm
Join us to make your own Perler bead creation!

Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday, November 12 from 6:30-8 pm (P)
Design and make your own pair of custom socks using our heat press.

Cookie Canvas

Friday, November 14 from 6:30-7:30 pm
Channel your inner cookie artist. Decorate Crumbl-inspired cookies into picture-perfect edible art!

DECEMBER

Registration for these events begins on Monday, December 1 at 9:30 am.

Bobbinology: Wallets

Monday, December 8 from 5-6:30 pm
Learn to sew with this easy project, then talk up your new skill every time you pull out your wallet.

Rustic Winter Garland

Tuesday, December 9 from 4:30-5:30 pm (P)
Use Scorch Markers and other materials to create a winter decoration to hang in your home.

Mystery Video Game Tournament

Tuesday, December 9 from 6-7:15 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.

Teen Paint Night

Wednesday, December 10 from 6-7:30 pm
Unwind with your friends! The masterpieces you create will be displayed in our Carnegie Art Gallery this winter.

Gumdrop Build Challenges

Friday, December 12 from 6:30-7:30 pm
What can you create with only gumdrops and toothpicks? Eat some sweet treats and see whose building skills are best!

Album Club

Monday, November 17 from 5:30-6:30 pm
Like a book club—but for music! Share albums and discover new ones. See this month's lineup @pmlibteen.

Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, November 18 from 6-8 pm
Create characters, roll dice and explore new worlds in this beginner-friendly game of D&D. No experience needed.

LEGO League

Wednesday, November 19 from 6-7 pm
Get your brick on! Compete in a series of short challenges and create fantastic builds.

Pumpkin Scented Pouches

Friday, November 21 from 5:30-6:30 pm
Create a decorative pumpkin with all the cozy scents of fall—no sewing required!

Haunted Gingerbread Houses

Tuesday, November 25 from 6-7:30 pm
Make your own Halloween-themed gingerbread houses while enjoying *The Nightmare Before Christmas*. Enjoy treats, crafts and a cozy movie vibe!

Let It Snow Seashells!

Wednesday, December 3 from 6:30-7:30 pm
Blend summer and winter vibes by turning seashells into snowy ornaments or wall art.

Teen & Parent Paint Night: Starry Stags

Friday, December 5 from 6-7:30 pm
For teens and their parents. For this special event only, parents are invited into our dedicated teen building to paint a fun winter scene together.

Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, December 13 from 1-4 pm
See details in NOVEMBER.

Album Club

Monday, December 15 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)
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Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, December 16 from 6-8 pm (P)
See details in NOVEMBER.

Winter Warm-Up: Sublimation Mugs

Wednesday, December 17 from 6:30-8 pm (P)
Use our mug press to create the perfect cup to stay warm this winter! Once you've made your mug, test it out by mixing up the perfect drink at our hot cocoa bar.

THE CARNEGIE TEEN CENTER WILL BE CLOSED FOR REFURBISHMENTS: MONDAY, DECEMBER 15 - SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28. THE BUILDING WILL REOPEN DECEMBER 29.



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

HOMEWORK HELP & COLLEGE SUPPORT

Study Hall

Tuesdays, Wednesdays & Thursdays
from 4-6 pm beginning October 7
(excluding school holidays)
Use quiet study time at Carnegie to stay on top of schoolwork.

Homework Help for Grades 6-12

Bring your homework and questions and receive help from a certified teacher! No registration necessary.

Science Tuesdays from 4-5 pm

Spanish Wednesdays from 5-6 pm

Math Thursdays from 4-5 pm
(excluding school holidays)

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 online with an expert for help completing financial aid forms. Learn more at pmlib.org/college.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Held at the Main Building. Teens must attend the full session for credit. Registration begins Monday, November 3 and Monday, December 1 at 9:30 am.

Let's LEGO - Buddies

Tuesday, November 4 from 1-3 or 3-5 pm (P)
Help kids build with LEGOs and earn two hours of community service.

Buddy Quest: Be a Book Buddy!

Thursday, November 20 and
Monday, December 1 from 5:30-7 pm (P)
For grades 6-9. Read books, play games and give prizes to children!
Mandatory training at 5:30 pm.

'Tis the Season

Tuesdays, December 9 & 16 from 3-5 pm (P)
Thursdays, December 11 & 18 from 4-6 pm (P)
Help kids craft and wrap holiday gifts and earn two hours of community service.

ONGOING COMMUNITY SERVICE

These can be completed at Carnegie at any time. No registration required.

- Bookmarks for Service
- Teen Book Review
- Food Donations
- Cards for Hospitalized Kids
- Perler Bead Sorting
- Care Package Donations



Scan the code for more information or to submit a book review. Text @pmlv to 81010 for new and updated volunteer opportunities at the Library and in the community!

FOR KIDS

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INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

Sprouts & Friends

Thursdays, November 6, 13 and 20
from 1-1:45 pm or 2-2:45 pm (M)
For ages 2 months-5 years. Make new friends at this music and movement program series!

Little Voices, Big Traditions Storytime

Monday, November 10 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)
Friday, November 14 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)
For ages 12 months-3½ years. Celebrate and honor Indigenous People at this storytime, with traditional songs and a simple craft.

Drama With Your Mama

Saturday, November 15
from 1:30-2:15 pm or 2:30-3:15 pm (P)
For ages 18 months-5 years. Enjoy live music, storytelling and imaginative play in this introduction to acting!

123 Play With Me

Mondays, November 17, 24,
December 1 & 8 from 10:30-11:30 am (M)
For ages 12-35 months. Our 4-week playgroup series encourages parent and child to play together, while also speaking with early childhood specialists.

Tiny Tunes

Wednesday, November 19 from 4:30-5 pm (P)
For ages 2-35 months. Participate in songs and fingerplays that you know and love.

Dino Days Story and Play

Friday, November 21
from 10:30-11:15 am or 4:30-5:15 pm (P)
For ages 2-5 years. Stomp your feet and show your claws in this roaring fun story and playtime!

Beautiful Babies, Wonderful Ones & Terrific Twos

Tuesday, November 25 (P)
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.

Sensory & Sports

Tuesday, November 25 (M)
From 4-4:45 pm - For ages 18-35 months.
From 5-5:45 pm - For ages 3-5 years.
Learn some new sports skills and enjoy seasonal sensory art and play!

Preschool Power Hour

Wednesday, December 3 from 3-4 pm (P)
For ages 2½-5 years. Lean into the power of PLAY during this open-ended preschool play session.
Registration recommended but not required.

Sesame Street Workshop

Thursday, December 4 from 4:30-5:15 pm (M)
For ages 3-5. Enjoy stories, creative activities and movement while learning healthy screen time habits for the whole family.

Mother Goose & More

Friday, December 5
from 10:30-11 am or 11:15-11:45 am (P)
For ages 2-35 months. Come enjoy classic Mother Goose rhymes, songs and a short story.

SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

Tween Chess & Checker Buddies

Mondays, November 3, 10, 17
and 24 from 5-5:45 pm (P)
For grades 4-7. Play chess and checkers with kids your own age. Test your skills or learn the basics. No experience required.

Minecraft Club

Thursdays, November 6
and December 4 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)
For grades 3-6. An hour of fun playing and competing in in-game challenges with other kids who love Minecraft.

Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations

Friday, November 7 from 4:30-5:15 pm (M)
For grades K-3. Celebrate fall with stories, dancing, singing and crafts.

Patchogue's Airfield

Saturday, November 8 from 2:30-3:15 pm (P)
For children in grades 3-6. Did you know that Patchogue used to have an airfield? Explore local history during Aviation History Month.

Crochet Corner

Sundays, November 9, 16 & 23 from 2-3 pm (P)
For grades 4-7. Get hooked on crochet at this fun program series! All supplies will be provided.

Indigenous Basketry

Monday, November 10 from 6-6:45 pm (P)
or Friday, November 14 from 5-5:45 pm (M)
For grades 4-6. Learn about the craft of weaving baskets.

Crazy Sock Day

Wednesday, November 12 from 5-6 pm (P)
For grades K-6. Celebrate this silly day by making your own custom socks.

Let's Read Together

Thursday, November 13 from 4:30-5:30 pm (M)
For grades 2-4. Explore a new book together and discuss how the characters make the story exciting. Refreshments will be available.

If You Like Labubus...

Saturday, November 15 from 4-5 pm (P)
For grades K-5. You will love painting one of your own Labubu-inspired creatures on a canvas!

What's Your Story?

Monday, November 17 from 6:30-7:15 pm (P)
For grades 3-6. Learn how to become a family historian. Do fun hands-on research, gather clues, ask great questions and record your family's history.

Book Time With a Dog

Wednesday, November 19 from
6-6:30 pm, 6:30-7 pm, or 7-7:30 pm (P)
For grades 1-6. Practice reading with a friendly therapy dog in this tail-wagging program! **Limited to one half-hour session per participant.**

Buddy Quest: Read and Play

Thursday, November 20 or
Monday, December 1 from 6-6:45 pm (P)
For grades K-3. Make a new buddy with a super cool middle school volunteer and enjoy stories, games, snacks and more!

What's the News?

Tuesday, December 2 from 4:30-5:15 pm (M)
For grades 3-5. Look at how newspapers are organized. Write and create your family news and world news.

Junior Architects

Wednesday, December 3 from 4:30-5:30 pm (M)
For grades 3-6. Design and build a detailed cardboard model of a room in a house!

FOR FAMILIES ONE REGISTRATION PER FAMILY

Family Zumba

Saturday, November 22 from 11:30 am-12:25 pm (P)
For families with children ages 3-grade 6. You're invited to the most exciting party on the block! Dance along to pop hits and classic jams.

'Tis the Season

Monday, November 24-Wednesday, December 31 (P)
For families with children of all ages. Make someone's day extra merry & bright by creating, decorating or wrapping a special gift for a teacher, family member or friend. Enjoy festive music while creating!
Teens will be available to help crafting and wrapping gifts on Tuesdays, December 9 & 16 from 3-5 pm and Thursdays, December 11 & 18 from 4-6 pm. No registration required.

Hometown Explorers: Happy 125th, PML!

Friday, December 5 from 4:15-5:15 pm (P)
For families with children in grades K-6. Help celebrate this milestone anniversary with a fun history hunt in, out and around our Library.

Family Gingerbread House Decorating

Saturday, December 6 at 10:30 am OR 12 pm OR 3 pm (P)

Family Gingerbread House Decorating at the Medford Branch

Sunday, December 7 at 1:30 pm OR 3 pm (M)

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.**

TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

Walk-in Homework Help

Wednesdays, November 5, 12 and 19 and
December 3 and 10 from 4-6 pm

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

Student Success Series

Thursdays, November 6, 13 and 20 and
December 4 and 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm

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 1 at 9:30 am.

INFANT, TODDLER AND PRESCHOOL WITH A PARENT/CAREGIVER

Signing Stories

Tuesday, December 9 from 10:30-11 am (P)
Tuesday, December 9 from 11:30-12 pm (M)

For ages 2 months-4 years. Learn signs in a fun, playful way through stories and songs.

Polar Bear Pals Storytime

Monday, December 15 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)
Wednesday, December 17 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)

For ages 12 months-3½ years. It's winter – our arctic friends' time to shine at this storytime, with a story, songs and a simple craft.

Winter Lights

Friday, December 19

from 10:30-11:15 am (M) or 4:30-5:15 pm (P)

For ages 2-5 years. Celebrate the sparkle and wonder of the season with a cozy storytime and craft.

Sketch & Stretch

Saturday, December 20 from 10:30-11:30 am (M)

For ages 2½-5 years. Art and yoga movements are combined in this unique program!

Sensory & Sports

Tuesday, December 23 (P)

From 4-4:45 pm - For ages 18-35 months.

From 5-5:45 pm - For ages 3-5 years.

Learn some new sports skills and enjoy seasonal sensory art and play!

Music Together

Saturday, December 27 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)

For ages 2 months-5 years. Join us for a fun and interactive celebration of music!

Canta y Baila Conmigo

Saturday, December 27

from 11:30 am-12:15 pm (M)

For ages 2 months-5 years. Join us for an immersive Spanish language experience in this music and movement class! All families are welcome.

Babies Boogie & Toddlers Tango

Monday, December 29 (P)

From 10-10:45 am - For ages 3-17 months.

From 11-11:45 am - For ages 18-35 months.

Come to the Library for a fun adventure into movement, music, dancing, instruments and so much more!

SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

Healthy Holiday Doughnuts

Wednesday, December 10 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)

For grades 3-6. Make your own healthy almond and oatmeal doughnuts, then decorate them with fun toppings!

Let's Read Together

Thursday, December 11 from 4:30-5:30 pm (M)

For grades 2-4. Explore a new book together and discuss how the characters create a wonderful storyline. Refreshments will be available.

Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations

Friday, December 12 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)

For grades K-3. Celebrate December with stories, singing, dancing and crafts.

Braided Rope Wreath

Friday, December 12 from 5-5:45 pm (M)

Friday, December 19 from 5-5:45 pm (P)

For grades 4-6. Get into the festive spirit! Make a rope wreath for yourself or to gift to someone else.

Gumdrop Build Challenges

Monday, December 15 from 5-6 pm (M)

For grades K-6. What can you create with only gumdrops and toothpicks? Eat some sweet treats and see whose building skills are best!

Small Stitches: Wallets

Tuesday, December 16 from 5-6:30 pm (P)

For grades 2-5. Learn to sew with this easy project, then talk up your new skill every time you pull out your wallet.

Winter Warm-Up: Sublimation Mugs

Wednesday, December 17 from 4-5:30 pm (P)

For grades 3-6.

Monday, December 22 from 6-7 pm (P)

For grades K-2.

Use our mug press to create the perfect cup to stay warm this winter! Once you've made your mug, test it out by mixing up the perfect drink at our hot cocoa bar.

Sketch & Stretch Together

Saturday, December 20 from 12-1 pm (M)

For grades 1-4 with a caregiver. Art and yoga movements are combined in this unique program!

FOR FAMILIES ONE REGISTRATION PER FAMILY

See details for Family Gingerbread in **NOVEMBER!**

'Tis the Season

Monday, November 24-Wednesday, December 31 (P)
For families with children of all ages.

See details in **NOVEMBER**.

Rustic Winter Garland

Tuesday, December 9 from 6-7 pm (P)

For families with children in grades K-6. Work together as a family to make a lovely winter decoration to hang in your home.

Polar Express Extravaganza

Thursday, December 18 from 6:30-7:15 pm (P)

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!

Happy Noon Year

Tuesday, December 30 from 11:30 am-12:15 pm (P)

For families with children of all ages. Count down to 2026 a little early with us!

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY PRESENTS

ADVENTURES IN PARENTING PODCAST

Looking for real talk and expert tips? Join librarians (and busy moms) Jessi & Erin as they explore everything from playtime power to teen mental health. Stream on your favorite podcast platform or dive into the full archive and resources at pmlib.org/podcast.

FOR PARENTS

Homeschool 101: Routines

Thursday, November 20

from 10:30-11:30 am (P)

Discover how simple routines and planning can transform your homeschool journey.

DROP-IN

No registration required.

Tinker Lab Activities

All day, every day (P)

For ages 4+. Experiment, build and play with hands-on activities that change every few weeks.

Local History Room

Wednesdays from 5-8 pm and the second Saturday of every month from 2-4 pm (P) (excluding library closures)

For families with children in grades K-12. Explore Patchogue's past and see what treasures you uncover.

Words & Stories Studio

Saturday, November 1-

Saturday, November 22

For families with children of all ages. Celebrate Family Literacy Month with fun activities.

Let's LEGO

Tuesday, November 4 from 1-5 pm (P)

For grades K-5. Build your best ideas—teen volunteers will help bring your creations to life.

STEAM Day

Saturday, November 8 from 12-3 pm (P)

For families with children ages 3 and up.

Celebrate National STEAM Day with hands-on fun in Science, Tech, Engineering, Art and Math.

Dino Bones Drop-In

Saturday, November 22

from 1:30-4:30 pm (P)

For ages 3 and up. Dig in, build with dino bones and play prehistoric games.

'Tis the Season

November 24-December 31 (P)

See details in **NOVEMBER - FOR FAMILIES**.

Medford Fun Friday

Free Play: Winter Animals

Friday, December 12

from 10:30-11:30 am (M)

For ages 2-5 years. Have a 'bear-y' fun time with foxes, owls and other winter woodland pals!

Mini Paint Party

Monday, December 29 from 12-2 pm (P)

For grades K-6. Drop in and create some miniature works of art!

PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

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Sunday (October-May): 1-5 pm

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Hours:
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Sunday (October-May) 1-5 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.



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

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

Adult Sublimation Kitchen Towels

Saturday, November 15 at 3 pm (M)
or Monday, November 17 at 5:30 pm (P)
For adults. Get ready for your holiday clean
up with your own sublimation towel! Use
Canva to create your own unique design to
be heat pressed onto a small kitchen towel.

Sublimation Pet Bandana

Tuesday, November 18 at 5:30 pm (P)
or Saturday, November 22 at 3 pm (M)
All ages, bilingual program. Patrons will create
custom designs to subliminate onto bandanas
for their pets using sublimation markers.
That's right, no computers will be used during
this program! Instead, you'll be using nothing
more than your own two hands and creativity
to bring your designs to life and scarf your
pet. Let your pet walk around in style!

Create a 3D Printed Lithophane

Monday, November 24 at 6 pm (M)
For teens and adults. Bring a digital photo and learn
how to turn it into a 3D printed work of art that can be
viewed when attached to a light source! Must bring
digital photos and must have a basic understanding
of computers. Lithophanes will be 3D printed after the
program by PML's makerspace for you to pick up.

Drop-In Make Your Own Puzzle

Monday, December 1 from 10 am-8 pm (P)
For all ages. Come down to the Makerspace
and put your own image or design for free on an
80-piece jigsaw puzzle with help from our staff.
Perfect for a gift or memento! This is a first-
come, first-served program, while supplies last.
Young children may need adult assistance.

Laser Engraved USB Drive

Tuesday, December 2 at 5 pm OR 7 pm (P)
For teens and adults. Under staff guidance,
patrons will use Inkscape and the laser engraver
to customize a 16 GB flash drive they can
take home and use to store and transport
all of their future Makerspace projects!

Engraved Acrylic LED Light

Monday, December 15 at 6 pm (P)
or Saturday, December 20 at 3 pm (P)
All ages. Light up your holidays this season
by creating your very own LED acrylic light.
Using Inkscape and our laser engraver we
will design a black and white image to be
engraved on a piece of clear acrylic that you
can display on top of a color changing base!
Young children may need adult assistance.

CELEBRATE WITH US!



Join us as we celebrate 125 years of stories, community and history!

Enjoy fascinating history displays, a touch of 1900s nostalgia,
crafts, photo opportunities, refreshments and giveaways.
Come share this milestone with friends, family and neighbors,
as we honor our past and look ahead to the future.



Saturday, December 13



5:00 – 7:00 PM



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