

# PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD LIBRARY

January, February & March 2026



February 7 is

**Take Your Child to the Library Day!**



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## On the Cover:

Families gathered for a joyful storytime during last year's Take Your Child to the Library Day—a celebration of early literacy, imagination and the magic of sharing books together.

## Gallery Exhibits

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

- **January 5 - February 25**  
*Photographs by Charlotte Rose*
- **March 2 - April 29**  
*Under the Mask*  
Featuring the Artists of Family Residences & Essential Enterprises, Inc. (FREE)  
Reception: Wednesday, April 1 at 11 am
- **April 6-11**  
American Battlefield Trust's exhibit,  
*American Revolution Experience*  
Sponsored in partnership with  
The Daughters of the American Revolution,  
The Greater Patchogue Historical Society  
and Patchogue-Medford Library.

## Board of Trustees Meetings:

Tuesdays, January 20,  
February 24 and March 17 at 5:30 pm

## Library Closed:

January 1 - New Year's Day  
January 19 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day  
February 16 - Presidents' Day



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



## A NOTE FROM THE DIRECTOR:

"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."

—Dr. Seuss

### Happy New Year!

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy, rested, and ready to begin another year with the Library. Thank you to everyone who joined us for our 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration in December. We are deeply honored to mark this meaningful milestone with the community we proudly serve.

For 125 years, the Patchogue-Medford Library has been a cornerstone of learning, connection and community pride. Founded at the heart of a growing village, the Library has continually evolved to meet the needs of its residents—expanding collections, embracing new technologies, and offering programs that inspire curiosity at every age.

Today, the Patchogue-Medford Library is a vibrant community hub where people gather to read, learn, discover, and create. With a dedicated staff, innovative services, and a steadfast commitment to access for all, the Library continues to enrich individual lives and strengthen our community.

As we celebrate 125 years of service, we honor the generations who helped build this institution and look forward to the next chapter of learning, growth, and community engagement.

### As we begin 2026, here are a few helpful reminders:

#### Registration Matters

Registering for programs—and calling to cancel if you're unable to attend—is essential. These practices help ensure the best possible experience for everyone and allow us to make the most effective use of Library resources. We appreciate your cooperation and support.

#### Check Your Program Location

With three Library locations, we are making full use of every space to offer engaging programs and services. Please double-check your program's location in advance:

- **(P)** Patchogue-Medford Library, Main Street Branch
- **(M)** Medford Branch at the Medford Athletic Complex
- **(C)** Carnegie Library Branch
- **(\*)** Offsite

#### Local History Room Drop-In Hours

Our Local History Room now offers walk-in hours on Wednesday evenings from 5-8 pm and on the second Saturday of each month from 2-5 pm, with a special focus on family-friendly discoveries. The room remains available by appointment at other times to accommodate your research needs.

#### Studio E Is Open!

Studio E, our podcast recording studio, is available for community use. Please see the back page of this newsletter for details on how to get started.

#### Copy Center Update

Our Copy Center pricing has been updated. Patrons will continue to receive 10 free black-and-white prints per day. Color printing is now available at \$0.25 per page. Visit the Copy Center for additional information.

Libraries everywhere are facing unique challenges, including budget constraints, rising operational costs, and increasing demand for both digital and physical resources. Despite these challenges, our commitment to serving the community remains unwavering. We continue to explore innovative solutions, strengthen partnerships, and advocate for the essential role libraries play in education, literacy, and access to information.

If you love your Library and the services we provide, we encourage you to become a library advocate. Your voice helps ensure New York State libraries receive the funding needed to remain indispensable community resources. Visit [www.pmlib.org](http://www.pmlib.org) to learn how you can help.

Thank you for your continued support and for being an integral part of our Library family. Here's to a new year of growth, resilience, and shared success.

Warm regards,  
Danielle Paisley, Director

## REGISTRATION REMINDERS

Registration = A Stronger Program For All

### WHY REGISTER?

Programs come with real costs, and your RSVP helps us plan, prep and provide high-quality experiences for everyone.

It ensures supplies are set and every participant gets the support they need.

Plus, space is limited, always register to secure your spot!

Program full? Join the waitlist! We may be able to add sessions, if programs are in high demand.

### HOW TO REGISTER:

Registering is as easy as 1-2-3!  
Have your library card (barcode) handy.

- Go online to [pmlib.libnet.info/events](http://pmlib.libnet.info/events)
- Call 631-654-4700
- Stop in. A librarian can register you at any desk.

Using your library barcode increases the accuracy of registrations and waitlists.

All patrons attending programs should have a library card. Get one - they're free!

### CAN'T MAKE IT?

Plans change, we get it!

If something comes up and you can't make it, please cancel your spot online or give us a call at 631-654-4700 - so another person has a chance to join in on the fun!

We often get a few cancellations and we actively monitor waitlists. We will contact you if we can fill you in.

Thank you!

# HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS

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

## Community Birthday Bag Project

Ongoing

In honor of the Library's 125th anniversary, join us to spread birthday cheer to the whole community! Donate to our Birthday Bag project that gives the gift of a celebration to a Patchogue-Medford child in need. Come to our Main Branch, take a candle, buy the item specified and bring it back to be included in a birthday party bag.

## AMERICA Happy Birthday, America!



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PML is proud to support Suffolk County and historic organizations across Long Island and encourages participation in the Suffolk 250 Passport Program. Join us throughout 2026 for programs that honor our heritage and reflect on our history during this landmark year.

## Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service

Sunday, January 18 from 2-4 pm (C)

Learn what MLK's Day of Service is all about. Partnering with Ronald McDonald House, we will be making items to donate to families in need at Stony Brook Children's Hospital. **Registration required. Space is limited. Open to ALL AGES, however, children must be accompanied by their parent/adult caregiver for the entire event.**

## St. Patrick's Day Parade

Sunday, March 22 at 12 pm

on Main Street in Patchogue\*

Join us at the parade for some holiday fun!



**Winter Seed Sowing and Seed Swap**  
**Saturday, March 14 from 2-3:30 pm (P)**  
 Skip the grow lights and windowsills—learn how to start seeds outside in winter with easy winter sowing techniques (no greenhouse needed). Bring seeds to trade during our seed swap after the program!

**2026 Seed Kits Are Coming... Revolutionary Soup!**  
 Pick up a kit starting April 1, while supplies last.






**early education FAIR**

**Saturday, January 10 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm (P)**

For families with young children looking for childcare, preschool and UPK options. Face painting, raffles and more for the entire family. **Registration recommended not required.**



**TAKE YOUR CHILD to the LIBRARY DAY**

**STORYBOOK CARNIVAL**

STEP RIGHT UP TO CELEBRATE 125 YEARS OF STORYBOOK MAGIC AT YOUR LIBRARY!

**MAIN LIBRARY - THE MAIN ATTRACTION**

CARNIVAL GAMES · CHARACTER MEET-AND-GREETs · HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES

PRIZES AND STORYBOOK SURPRISES AROUND EVERY CORNER!

**MEDFORD BRANCH**

GAMES · ACTIVITIES · SCAVENGER HUNT · PRIZES AND MORE!

**SATURDAY FEBRUARY (P) 07 (M) 11 AM-2 PM**

**FREE & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!**



**POP CON**  
 A POP CULTURE CONVENTION ...PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD STYLE!

**Save the Date!** May 30 | 11 am-4 pm (P)

**NEW YORK COMIC CON, PATCHOGUE-MEDFORD STYLE!**

A library-wide celebration of pop culture and fandom—panels, gaming, food trucks, collectibles, Artist Alley, graphic novels, and a cosplay contest. This event is geared toward adults.

**ARTISTS, VENDORS & COMMUNITY GROUPS: WANT TO COLLABORATE?**  
 Scan the QR code or go to [www.pmlib.org/pop-con](http://www.pmlib.org/pop-con)



# 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.

## Career Counseling (Bilingual)

Mondays from 4:30-7:30 pm (P/Zoom)

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

## Senior Advocate

Fridays, January 16, February 13

and March 13 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.

## One-on-One Genealogy Assistance

Thursdays by appointment (P)

Get expert assistance for all your genealogy questions, big or small.

## Community Legal Help Project

Every 4th Thursday (P)

Do you need help with a legal problem? The Community Legal Help Project will have volunteer attorneys giving free legal information to Suffolk County residents ONLY. Appointments preferred; walk-ins welcome. Call 631-822-3272 to make an appointment.

## Healthcare Navigators with HWCLI

Tuesdays, January 6, 20, February 3, 17

and March 3, 17 from 10 am-5 pm (P)

Health & Welfare Council of Long Island's certified bilingual Healthcare Facilitated Enrollers are available to help enroll 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, January 7, February 4

& March 4 or Mondays, January 26,

February 23 & March 23 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 Counselling Assistance Program)

Thursdays, January 8, February 12,

March 12 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.

## 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.



# HEALTH AND WELLNESS

In person only. Register now.

## It's Yoga Time!

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

Tuesdays, except January 6, at 7 am (C)

### Yoga with Rachel

Tuesdays in February & March, except February 3 & March 3 at 6:30 pm (M)

### Chair Yoga

Tuesdays, February 3, 10, 24 and March 3, 10 at 11:30 am (M)

### Vinyasa Yoga Flow

Thursdays, except January 8, at 7 am (C)

## Strength, Stretch and Balance

Tuesdays at 1 pm (M)

Wear comfortable clothing and bring a water bottle.

## Smoking Cessation Support Group

Wednesdays, January 7,

February 4 and March 4 at 6 pm (M)

Facilitated by the Suffolk County Department of Health's "Learn to be...Tobacco Free" program.

## Tai Chi

Thursdays, except January 1 at 1 pm (P)

A continuation of our Tai Chi series, building on the Basic 6 Forms and Advanced Movements. Wear comfortable clothing and footwear.

## Senior Fitness

Fridays except March 20 at 12 pm, (P)

Get moving with a light cardiovascular workout that combines strength and resistance training, balance, coordination and stretching. Bring a set of lightweights if you have them.

## When Dementia Meets the Law: What Every Family Should Know

Friday, January 16 at 1 pm (P)

Hear how dementia affects decision-making, why families get pushed into guardianship, what documents prevent crisis and what care options exist locally.

## The Beat Goes On: Taking Charge of your Heart Health

Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 pm (P)

Dr. Varma from Suffolk Cardiac Care in Patchogue will cover cardiovascular health topics.

## Stony Brook Medicine Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP)

Tuesdays, February 10, 24,

March 10, 24 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. No appointment necessary.

## Estate Planning: Your New Year's Checklist: Plan Today, Protect Tomorrow

Friday, February 20 at 1 pm (P)

New changes in 2026 could impact your estate. Discover the basic estate planning documents that everyone should have, including wills, advance directives and more.

## Healing Qigong

Saturdays, January 10, 17, 24 at 10:30 am (P)

Saturdays, March 7, 14, 21 at 10:30 am (M)

An ancient practice that combines physical exercise, breathing exercises and meditation to promote overall well-being. Bring a yoga mat & water.

# FOR ADULTS

Visit our events calendar online at [pmlib.org](http://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.

### Guitar & Bass Workshop

Monday, January 5 at 6 pm (M)

Musician and teacher, Joe Loschiavo, will help stretch your musical muscles during this guitar and bass lesson.

### Virtual Genealogy Discussion Group

Wednesdays, January 7, February 4,

March 4, 18 at 10 am (Zoom)

Get help researching your ancestors.

### Defensive Driving: Sponsored by Empire Safety Council

Saturdays, January 10 (M) OR February 21 (M)

OR March 28 (P) from 10:30 am-4:30 pm

Reduce violation points and get a discount on auto insurance. A fee of \$33 payable by cash or credit card is due to the instructor before class.

### Mah Jongg for Beginners

Tuesdays, January 13, 20, 27

from 10:30 am-12:30 pm (M)

Discover the ancient game of Mah Jongg, with its strategies, tiles and sequences.

### Painted Tote Bags with a Business Plan

Saturday, January 17 from 12-2 pm (P)

Learn to paint your own tote bag and get a practical guide to kick-start a creative venture.

### Using Online Newspapers in Your Genealogy Research

Wednesday, January 21 at 11 am (M)

Genealogist Jean King explores free and subscription newspaper sites for genealogy, including library databases and specialized New York resources. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### AI for Business Writing

Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm (P)

Bring your curiosity and an interest in how AI can simplify your workday.

### Learning to Look

The following Thursdays at 6:30 pm\*

January 22: Pre-Columbian Mexico

February 19:

Mexico: 1526–2026 — Post-Contact to Present

March 12:

Georgia O'Keeffe & the Transcendental Painting Group

**This program is presented in partnership with the Patchogue Arts Council. Attend via Zoom or in person at MoCA LI.**

### Celia M. Hastings Local History Room Virtual Tour

Friday, January 23 at 2:30 pm (Zoom)

Discover the treasures that lie within Patchogue-Medford Library's Celia M. Hastings Local History Room.

### Introduction to FamilySearch.org Workshop

Saturday, January 31 from 11 am-1 pm (P)

Join Eileen Swanberg from the Terryville FamilySearch Center for an introduction to the free genealogy website, FamilySearch.org. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### Read Between the Grooves: Record Stop Vinyl Club

Friday, February 6 at 6 pm\*

at Record Stop 30 Railroad Ave, in Patchogue.

Join a Record Stop staff member for the third meeting of our vinyl record club discussing Indie Rock!

### Forever Free: Lincoln's War for Freedom

Wednesday, February 11 at 6:30 pm (P)

This lecture explores the legal and political struggle to abolish slavery, focusing on Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation and post-war constitutional changes.

### African American Family History

Wednesday, February 18 at 10 am (Zoom)

Preserve your family history for generations to come with this practical guide to African American genealogy. Genealogist Sarah Day will cover essential resources like the Freedmen's Bureau, slave schedules and DNA analysis.

### Ballroom Dancing: The Foxtrot

Thursday, February 19 at 6:30 pm (P)

Practice the Foxtrot's elegant, flowing steps and smooth style—perfect for social or formal dancing. Beginners welcome.

### Irish Genealogy Workshop

Tuesday, March 10 from 5:30-7:30 pm (M)

Eileen Swanberg, owner of Steps Back In Time, will take you through the ups and downs of Irish Genealogy research. **Attend in person or via Zoom.**

### The Tavern in Colonial Community Life

Thursday, March 19 at 7 pm (P)

Authentic historic cook, Diane Schwindt, will discuss the role of the tavern in the American colonies. Sample colonial teas and George Washington's favorite cake in celebration of America's 250th!

### Creative Wall Gardens

Saturday, March 21 at 10:30 am (P)

Discover various wall gardens that can be created with minimal supplies.

### Unsung Heroes: Women

Wednesday, March 25 at 6:30 pm (P)

Explore the accomplishments of women who never made it into the history books.

## LIVE AT THE LIBRARY

Register now.

### The Being Alive Concert: "Pure Joy" with Paige Patterson

Sunday, January 4 at 2 pm (P)

Featuring a mix of genres like classic soul, Broadway and jazz.

### Watch a Movie Wednesday: Fences

Wednesday, February 11 at 1 pm (P)

A working-class African-American father (Denzel Washington) tries to raise his family in the 1950s, while coming to terms with the events of his life.

### Drum Circle Celebration

Sunday, February 15 at 2 pm (M)

Explore West African Culture through drumming, rhythm and dance.

### Movie Matinee at Medford: Mary Shelley

Monday, March 9 at 1 pm (M)

A historical drama following teenage Mary Shelley (Ellie Fanning), whose heartbreak inspires *Frankenstein*.

### St. John's Hellenic Dancers of Blue Point

Sunday, March 15 at 2 pm (P)

Experience traditional Greek dances that showcase the rich history and culture of the Mediterranean.

### Sunday Afternoon Concert: Featuring the Dublinaires

Sunday, March 22 at 2 pm (P)

Bringing you classic Irish tunes as we continue the spirit of St. Patrick's Day.



## 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

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 1 pm (P)  
Meet fellow knitters and crocheters, enjoy peaceful and social time to work on personal projects, and/or create items for donation to our community in need. **No registration required.**

### The Golden Years (Bilingual)

Wednesdays, January 7, 21, February 4, 18 and March 4, 18 from 10:30 am-12 pm (P)  
Enjoy your golden years with new friendships, entertainment and snacks! **Register now.**

### Junk Journaling

Wednesday, January 7 at 6:30 pm (P)  
OR Monday, January 12 at 6 pm (M)  
Junk journaling combines elements of scrapbooking, collage and art journaling to create a unique and personal book that can be used for memory-keeping or artistic expression.

### Crochet & Conversation

Mondays, January 12, 26, February 9, 23, March 9, 23 at 5:30 pm (M)  
Bring your own crochet materials and meet at Medford for our bi-weekly instructional series. **Register now.**

### Move, Meditate, Create: Vision Boards

Sunday, January 18 at 2 pm (P)  
OR Saturday, January 31 at 10:30 am (M)  
Create your own vision board after a meditation and yoga session. Bring a yoga mat.

### Bilingual All Abilities

This program is geared towards patrons 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other specific needs.

### Collage Placemats

Tuesday, January 20 from 10:30 am-12 pm (P)

### DIY Greeting Cards

Tuesday, February 17 from 10:30 am-12 pm (M)

### Birdhouse Painting

Tuesday, March 17 from 10:30 am-12 pm (M)

### Team Trivia: Name that Tune Edition

Tuesday, January 20 from 6:30-8 pm\*  
at New Village - 1 Village Green Way in Patchogue  
Music lovers, can you name that tune? Meet in the Community Room at New Village. Enter through the archway on Lake Street. **Register now.**

### Paint Night: Mixed Media Watercolor - Winter Cardinals

Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Use watercolor paint and colored pencils to create a winter cardinal scene.

### Do the Write Thing

Thursdays, January 22, 29, February 19, 26, March 19, 26 at 2 pm (M)  
Write, share and discuss different kinds of creative writing. Attend in person or via Zoom. **Register now.**

### Bingo with Barbara

Fridays, January 23, February 27 and March 27 at 10 am (P)  
Play Bingo and win prizes! **Register now.**

### Mini Me Macrame Figures (Bilingual)

Wednesday, January 28 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Create miniature hanging macrame dolls with embellishments.

### Dipped & Delicious Chocolate

Sunday, February 1 at 2 pm (P)  
Learn to make chocolate-covered sweets for birthday parties, graduations, weddings, family, or to start your own small business.

### Be My Valentine: Sand & Seashell Art

Monday, February 2 at 6 pm (M)  
OR Thursday, February 5 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Mixed media artist Anna Chan will help you create stunning seashell art.

### Needle Felting

Practice the technique of transforming wool into 3D objects using needles and felt.

### Penguin

Tuesday, February 3 at 5:30 pm (M)  
OR Sunday, February 22 at 2 pm (P)

### Succulent

Monday, March 2 at 5:30 pm (M)  
or Wednesday, March 11 at 6 pm (P)

### Mocktails and Manifesting

Wednesday, February 4 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Start the new year with sparkling mocktails and a cozy night of crafting your own manifestation board for the year ahead.

### Fall in Love with Your DIY Music Scene

Friday, February 13 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Come see local bands booked by Ballpark Figure Booking and learn how you can use the Library to support your DIY music scene!

### Drop-in Board Games

Wednesday, February 18 from 6-8:30 pm (P)  
Play new and old games and make some new friends! **Register now.**

### Soulful Cooking

Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Chef Charles returns for a special cooking demo in honor of Black History Month.

### Crocheted T-Shirt Basket

Saturdays, February 28, March 7, 14 from 10:30 am-12:30 pm (M)  
Create this upcycled project by cutting t-shirts to create yarn and then learn how to weave it into a fun, chunky basket. Intermediate level. See materials list online.

### Shamrock Shakes

Tuesday, March 3 at 6:30 pm (M)  
Make your own festive shake and enjoy a little creativity, magic and tasty fun.

### Nostalgia Night: SpongeBob

Thursday, March 5 at 6 pm\*  
at Blue Point Brewery - 225 W Main St. in Patchogue  
Join us to celebrate our favorite sponge! There will be fun photo ops, games and light bites. **Register now.**

### Musical Bingo

Wednesday, March 11 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Combine your love for bingo with your knowledge of music from the 80s, 90s and today!

### Adult Survivor

Saturday, March 21 from 11 am-2 pm (P)  
Form alliances, compete in challenges and earn immunity, all while trying to avoid being voted out! Lunch will be served. **Register now.**

### Knot Your Average Snack: Pretzels

Tuesday, March 24 at 3 pm OR 5:30 pm (M)  
A hands-on, soft pretzel-making workshop.

### Are You Feeling Lucky?: Escape Room

Thursday, March 26 at 5:30 OR 6:30 OR 7:30 pm (P)  
Try your luck and see if you have what it takes to survive Brian's Escape Room. **Register for one session only.**

### Tattoo Talk

Tuesday, March 31 at 6:30 pm\*  
at Better Man Distilling - 161 River Ave. in Patchogue  
It's more than skin deep! Get ready to dive deep into the world of tattooing and learn from our live panel of local tattoo artists.

## THE PML CARDMEMBERS' CORNER



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

## BOOK REVIEW *The Song of Achilles* by Madeline Miller

I've heard about *The Song of Achilles* for a long time and it's been praised and hyped up so much that it was definitely a book that I knew I had to read. While I'm not a big fan of mythological-based stories, I have read a bunch of Greco-Roman mythology because of school so I was aware of what the ending would be. I mean, it's a Greek tragedy after all.

I really have to applaud the author for doing such a phenomenal job at crafting a story that made someone who knew about the myth cry despite knowing what was going to happen. I'm glad that I finally got around to reading this and I understand why this book is loved even to this day.

—Anonymous Pat-Med Super Reader

## FOR BOOK LOVERS! Register now, unless otherwise noted.

### Classics Book Discussion

Wednesday, January 21 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Discuss the *Wuthering Heights* by Emily Bronte.

### Mini Book Nooks

Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm (M)  
Create your own pocket-sized cozy library with miniatures.

### Black History Month Book Discussion

Wednesday, February 18 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Join us for a discussion of *James* by Percival Everett.

### Local Author Book Talk: *The Lady Lighthouse Keeper*

Monday, March 2 at 6 pm (P)  
Meet with author Mary Korpi as she discusses her novel based on the true story of the only woman to serve as a lighthouse keeper at Horton Point Lighthouse on Long Island.

### Extreme Book Challenge

#### Kick-Off Mixer & Sip n' Silence!

Friday, February 27 at 6 pm (M)  
Kick off this year's Extreme Book Challenge with friends. BYOB (bring your own book) that falls into one of our 60 categories. Get recommendations and give some, too! Then hang around to get started on your challenge during our informal silent reading hour.

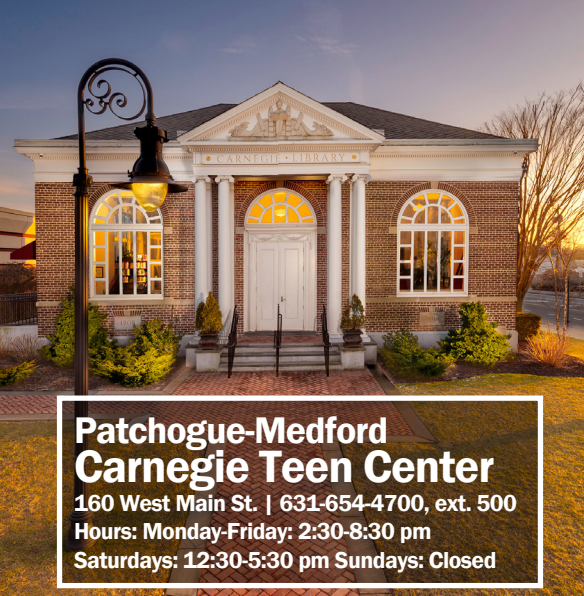
### Sip & Sleuth with Brigid & Hanna

Wednesday, March 4 at 6:30 pm\*  
Meet us at The Social Bar & Pizza (76 W Main St, Patchogue) to discuss the novel *Fair Play* by Louise Hegarty.

### Women's History Month Book Discussion

Wednesday, March 18 at 6:30 pm (P)  
Read and discuss *The Lost Story of Eva Fuentes* by Chanel Cleeton.





## 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 (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 4-5 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](http://pmlib.org/college).



# 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](http://pmlib.org) or by phone 631-654-4700 ext. 500. Patchogue-Medford Library patrons are given first priority. Please have your library card when registering. **Programs involving edible components may not be suitable for teens with food allergies. If you need special accommodations, please call ext. 500.**

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

## JANUARY

Registration for these events begins on Friday January 2 at 9:30 am.

### Bobbinology: Bag Tags

Tuesday, January 6 from 4:30-6 pm (P)  
Learn some basic sewing machine skills, then make  
a unique tag to hang on your backpack or luggage.

### Universal Yums: Double the Yum

Friday, January 9 from 6-7:30 pm  
Explore countries through trivia  
and a variety of snacks!

### Glow Up: Glass Bottle Painting

Monday, January 12 from 6-7:30 pm  
Transform sparkling cider bottles into vibrant, one-of-  
a-kind décor using paint, lights and your creativity.

### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, January 13 from 6-8 pm  
Join us for an epic adventure where teens create  
characters, roll dice and explore fantastical worlds  
in a beginner-friendly game of Dungeons & Dragons.  
No experience needed—just bring your imagination!

### Intro to Spanish

Wednesdays, January 14, 21, 28,  
February 4 and 11 from 5-6 pm  
Get beginner Spanish lessons from a certified teacher!

### K-Pop Demon Hunters Inspired Painting

Friday, January 16 from 6-7 pm  
Create a vibrant painting of your favorite  
wide-eyed blue tiger, in a guided paint night  
inspired by K-Pop Demon Hunters!

### Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, January 17 from 1-4 pm  
Become the hero in your own epic tale! Join our  
gaming expert, Michael, to slay dragons, outwit  
villains and craft legendary adventures - no  
experience needed, just bring your imagination  
and he'll guide you through the rest!

### Album Club

Tuesday, January 20 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Like a book club, but for music! Recommend  
albums and find new favorites. See  
this month's lineup @pmlibteen.

### Teen Sketch Club

Friday, January 23 from 7-8 pm  
Learn about different types of artistic techniques  
and compete in drawing challenges.

### Taste Test Chip Challenge

Monday, January 26 from 5-6 pm  
Compete against your peers and guess the chip flavor!

### Manga Mania

Tuesday, January 27 from 5:30-6:15 pm  
Try some Japanese snacks and discuss  
Manga with us! Stop by Carnegie beforehand  
to get the book we'll be discussing. New  
books will be given at each session.

### Winter Warmth Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, January 28 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Decorate some adorable winter-themed sugar cookies!

### Mystery Video Game Tournament

Tuesday, February 3 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.



## FEBRUARY

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

### Intro to Spanish

Wednesdays, February 4 and 11 from 5-6 pm  
Get beginner Spanish lessons from a certified teacher!

### Redesign a Book Cover

Friday, February 6 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Give a boring book cover a glow-up of your own design! Cover a donated book to take home or a library book to leave on the shelf.

### We Go Together Clay

Monday, February 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Using polymer clay, pick and make your favorite pair! Great to give to a friend, a valentine, or keep for yourself!

### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, February 10 from 6-8 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Valentine Tote Bags

Wednesday, February 11 from 6-7 pm  
Design your very own, one-of-a-kind, Valentine-themed tote bag!

### Edible Love Bites

Friday, February 13 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Join us to make heart-shaped edible cookie dough bites; no baking required!

### 3D Printed Bookmarks

Wednesday, February 18 from 4-6 pm  
We'll use Tinkercad and 5-color prints to bring your bookmark ideas to life! With help from our Makerspace team, you'll learn how to create and customize your very own 3D design.

### Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, February 21 from 1-4 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Album Club

Monday, February 23 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Manga Mania

Tuesday, February 24 from 5:30-6:15 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Beginner Ukulele

Wednesdays, February 25 and March 4 from 6-7 pm (P)  
Learn the basics in this beginner ukulele class! You must be able to attend both sessions to register.

### Pokémon Day

Saturday, February 28 from 12-3 pm (P)  
For the whole family. Celebrate all things Pokémon with activities, a snack and card trading. **No registration required.**

### Mystery Video Game Tournament

Tuesday, March 3 from 6-7:15 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

## MARCH

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

### Vinyl Record Painting

Monday, March 9 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Upcycle an old vinyl record by turning it into a unique piece of art using paint!

### Dungeons & Dragons

Tuesday, March 10 from 6-8 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Sweet Luck Cookie Decorating

Wednesday, March 11 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Decorate St. Patrick's Day themed cookies!

### Universal Yums: Double the Yum

Friday, March 13 from 6-7:30 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Bobbinology: Pillow Cases

Tuesday March 17 from 4:30-6 pm (P)  
Learn the basics of sewing machines then dream sweet dreams on a pillowcase you made.

### Paint Like Monet

Wednesday, March 18 from 6-7:30 pm  
Learn about the artist Claude Monet and create a masterpiece in his style! The artwork created will be displayed in our Carnegie Art Gallery.

### Spring Sips

Friday, March 20 from 5-6:30 pm  
Using our Cricut and vinyl make a custom cup that screams spring!

### Epic Tabletop RPG Adventure

Saturday, March 21 from 1-4 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Album Club

Monday, March 23 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Parent-Teen Paint Night:

#### Van Gogh Sunflowers

Tuesday, March 24 from 6-7:30 pm (C)  
For teens with their parents. For this special event, parents are invited into our teen-only space to paint your own masterpiece. Dress for a mess.

### 8-Ball Pool Tournament

Friday, March 27 from 6-8 pm  
Compete in an 8-ball tournament against your friends! Do you have what it takes to be crowned our Carnegie Pool Champion?

### Manga Mania

Tuesday, March 31 from 5:30-6:15 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

### Teen Sketch Club

Wednesday, April 1 from 7-8 pm  
See details in *JANUARY*.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Held at the Main Building. Teens must attend the full session for credit. Registration is required and begins Friday, January 2, Monday, February 2 and Monday, March 2 at 9:30 am.

### Buddy Quest: Be a Book Buddy!

Thursdays, January 8, February 26 and March 5 from 5:30-7 pm (P)  
For grades 6-9. Earn community service hours by reading picture books, playing games and sharing snacks with children. Mandatory training at 5:30 pm. **This program will be held at the Main Building in the Children's Program Room.**

### Let's LEGO Buddies

Tuesday, February 17 from 11 am-12 pm (P)  
Wednesday, March 4 from 4-6 pm (M)  
Saturday, March 7 from 1:30-3 or 3-4:30 pm (P)  
Assist younger kids with builds and earn community service!

### Pitch a Program

Monday, March 16 from 5:30-6:30 pm  
Got an event or activity you'd like to see at the Teen Center? Spend this program putting together your pitch and presenting it to Carnegie librarians. Earn community service credit—and maybe see your program in a future newsletter!

### Cat Toys For Donation

Wednesday, March 25 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Help out our furry friends and earn community service when you make catnip filled toys to donate to the animal shelter!

### Adoption Boards for Shelter Pets

Monday, March 30 from 6:30-7:30 pm  
Earn community service credit by creating adoption boards with pictures, stickers, scrapbook paper and other embellishments. Boards will be donated to shelters to help promote the adoption of long-time shelter animals!

## 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!



# ANYTIME ACTIVITIES!

(located in the Children's Room at our Main Building) For children of all ages. Always interactive, always available, and always changing! Starts the first Monday of every month.

**January: 125<sup>th</sup> Library Birthday Celebration**

**February: Game Changers Black History Month**

**March: First Ladies Fun! Women's History Month Activities**

**Tinker Lab (P)**

For children ages 4 and up. Learn, create, and play with different hands-on activities.

## DROP-IN PROGRAMS

No registration required.

**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 our town's story through old yearbooks, original documents and vintage photographs.

 **Welcome to America's Semiquincentennial!**

Saturday, January 10 from 2-4 pm (P)  
For families. Drop by the Local History Room and find out where you can celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup> birthday near where you live!


**Medford Fun Friday Free Play: Arctic Animals**

Friday, January 23 from 10:30-11:30 am (M)  
For ages 2-5 years. Chill out with discovery and imaginative play!

**Medford Fun Friday Free Play: Love Land**

Friday, February 13 from 10:30-11:30 am (M)  
For ages 2-5 years. Free play with a Valentine's Day twist!

**Let's LEGO**

 Tuesday, February 17 from 11 am-12 pm (P)  
Wednesday, March 4 from 4-6 pm (M)  
Saturday, March 7 from 1:30-4:30 pm (P)  
For grades K-5. Build your best ideas! Teen volunteers will help bring your creations to life.

 **Mini Paint Party**

Wednesday, February 18 from 12-2 pm (P)  
For grades K-6. Create some miniature works of art! Supplies are limited. Dress for a mess.

**Marine Reptiles and Their Land-based Buddies**

Sunday, February 22 from 2-4 pm (P)  
For children of all ages. Explore and learn about these curious creatures up close!

**Medford Fun Friday Free Play: Leprechaun Land**

Friday, March 13 from 10:30-11:30 am (M)  
For ages 2-5 years. Join us for leprechaun-sized fun and playful shenanigans.

**Eric Carle Day**

Friday, March 20 from 10:30-11:30 am (P)  
For families with children ages 2-grade 6.  
Celebrate Eric Carle and his books through art and play!

## DROP-IN SPECIAL EVENTS!

No registration required.


**Take Your Child to the Library Day: Storybook Carnival**

Saturday, February 7 from 11 am-2 pm (P) (M)  
For families with children of all ages.  
See details on Page 3 – HIGHLIGHTS & COMMUNITY EVENTS.

**Pokémon Day**

Saturday, February 28 from 12-3 pm (P)  
For families with children ages 3 and up.  
Celebrate all things Pokémon with different activities, a snack and card trading.

# FOR KIDS

 - Winter Break Programming!

Please register in person, online at pmlib.org, or by phone 631-654-4700 ext. 200.  
Patchogue-Medford Library patrons are given first priority, please have your Library card when registering.  
**Programs involving edible components may not be suitable for children with food allergies.**

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

## JANUARY

Registration for these events begins on Friday, January 2 at 9:30 am.

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

**Bundled Up! Storytime**

Tuesday, January 6 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)  
Friday, January 9 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)  
For ages 12 months-3½ years. Join us for a storytime dedicated to winter clothes with songs and a simple craft.

**Transportation Stations**

Monday, January 12 from 10:30-11:15 am (P) or Friday, January 16 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)  
For ages 2-5 years. Enjoy a transportation-inspired story and play stations.

**Kidnastics**

Tuesdays, January 13, 20 and 27 from 1-1:45 pm or 2-2:45 pm (P)  
For ages 18 months-5 years. Get your wiggles out in this series of energetic movement programs.

**Baby Start**

Saturday, January 17 from 10:30-11:15 am (P)  
For ages 2-11 months. Join us for this sweet, interactive infant program.

**Rock & Read**

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

**Sensory & Sports**

Thursday, January 22 (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!

## SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

**If You Like K-Pop Demon Hunters...**

Monday, January 5 from 7-7:45 pm (P) or Monday, February 2 from 7-7:45 pm (P)  
For grades K-5. Paint your favorite wide-eyed blue tiger.

**Buddy Quest: Read and Play**

Thursday, January 8 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.

**Better Bowl: Healthy Fried Rice Fun**

Saturday, January 10 from 2-3 pm (P)  
For grades 3-6. Make a delicious, healthy fried rice bowl.

**Crochet Corner**

Sundays, January 11, 18 and 25 from 2-3 pm (M)  
For grades 4-7. Get hooked on crochet at this fun program series! All supplies will be provided.

**Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations**

Monday, January 12 from 5-5:45 or 6-6:45 (P)  
For grades K-3. Celebrate winter with stories, dancing, singing and crafts.

**Small Stitches and Sew with Me: Bag Tags**

Tuesday, January 13 from 4:30-6 pm (P)  
For grades 4-6.  
Tuesday, January 20 from 4:30-6 pm (P)  
For grades 1-3.  
Learn some basic sewing machine skills, then make a unique tag to hang on your backpack or luggage.

**Minecraft Club**

Thursdays, January 15 and February 5 (P) from 5:30-6:30 pm  
For grades 3-6. Team up with fellow Minecraft fans to play, build and take on fun in-game challenges.

**Let's Sing!**

Saturday, January 24 from 10:30-11 am or 11:15-11:45 am (P)  
For ages 2 months-5 years. Enjoy a guitar sing-along to classic children's songs.

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

Thursday, January 29 (M)  
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.

**Exploradores Fun!**

Saturday, January 31 from 2:30-3:15 pm (P)  
For ages 3-5 years. Explore Spanish and English at this bilingual storytime adventure!

**Signing Stories**

Tuesday, February 3 from 10-10:30 am (M)  
Tuesday, February 3 from 11-11:30 am (P)  
For ages 2 months-4 years. Learn signs in a fun, playful way through stories and songs.

**Preschool Power Hour: Winter Olympics**

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

**Sprouts & Friends**

Thursday, February 5 from 10:30-11:15 am or 11:30 am-12:15 pm (P)  
For ages 2 months-5 years. Make new friends at this music and movement program!

**Family and Friends Celebration Calendar**

Friday, January 16 from 5-5:45 pm (P) or Friday, January 23 from 5-5:45 pm (M)  
For grades 2-6. Make a beautiful reminder that will let your loved ones know that they are always in your heart...and calendar!

**Junior Architects**

Wednesday, January 21 from 5-6 pm (M)  
For grades 3-6. Discover how architects draw and build by creating plans and mini models.

**Axolotl Explorers**

Saturday, January 24 from 1-2 pm (P)  
For grades K-6. Learn about axolotls and make your own axolotl habitat using slime.

**Puzzle Day**

Monday, January 26 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)  
For grades K-6. Design and make your own custom puzzle using our heat press.

**Book Time With a Dog**

Wednesday, January 28 (P)  
from 6-6:30, 6:30-7 or 7-7:30 pm  
For grades 1-6. Practice reading with a friendly therapy dog in this tail-wagging fun program!

**Penguin Paint Party**

Wednesday, February 4 from 6-7 pm (P)  
For grades 2-6. Paint an adorable penguin on a canvas.



**Free Trees for Kids!**

Our third annual Earth Day tree giveaway! Register your child for a free tree between January-March 15, then pick up your tree at the Library on Earth Day. Scan the QR code for more details in January!



## TOOLS FOR SCHOOL

### Walk-in Homework Help

Wednesdays from 4-6 pm (excluding school holidays)  
For grades 1-6. A certified teacher will be here to help your child with homework. **No registration required.**

### Brainfuse

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

### Student Success Series

Thursdays from 5:30-6:30 pm (excluding school holidays)  
For grades 1-6. A certified teacher will be here to tutor children in math, reading and writing.  
**Please register for ONE session per week beginning January 2, February 2 and March 2.**

## FEBRUARY

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

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

### Twinkly Stars Storytime

Tuesday, February 10 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)  
Thursday, February 19 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)  
For ages 12 months-3½ years. The stars are shining brightly with a story, songs and a simple craft!

### Sweethearts Dance

Wednesday, February 11 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)  
For ages 2½-5 years. Celebrate Valentine's Day with a dance party, crafts, punch and cookies, too!

### Tots' Night Out

Thursday, February 12 from 6-6:45 pm (M)  
For ages 18 months-5 years. Enjoy this fun and hands-on program!

### Lil Athletes Kiddies + Lil Athletes Junior

Friday, February 20 (M)  
From 1-1:45 pm - For ages 18 months-35 months.  
From 2-2:45 pm - For ages 3-5 years old.  
A mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning will be used to engage little athletes in the fundamentals of sports!

### Music Together

Saturday, February 21 from 10:30-11:15 am (P)  
For ages 2 months-5 years. Join your friends for a fun and interactive celebration of music!

### Canta y Baila Conmigo

Saturday, February 21 from 11:30 am-12:15 pm (P)  
For ages 2 months-5 years. Join your friends for an immersive Spanish language experience in this music and movement class! All are welcome.

## SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

❄️ - Winter Break Programming!

### Let's Drum!

Sunday, February 8 from 2-3 pm (P)  
For grades 2-6. Have fun learning polyrhythmic beats as well as traditional music from Africa and the Caribbean. Drums are provided.

### Magic Noodle Builders

Monday, February 9 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)  
For grades K-6. Design and build your own creation using magic noodle foam pieces.

### Kids' Jeopardy: February Edition

Wednesday, February 11 from 5-6 pm (P)  
For grades 4-6. Test your knowledge of people, places and events from American History.

### ❄️ Junior Detectives

Tuesday, February 17 from 1:30-3 pm (P)  
For grades 3-6. A mystery solving adventure using science and code-breaking to explore the exciting world of forensics and secret messages.

### ❄️ Treasuring Love Always

Tuesday, February 17 from 5-5:45 pm (M)  
Thursday, February 19 from 5-5:45 pm (P)  
For grades 2-6. Read a book that promotes love and kindness, then decoupage a heart-shaped wooden box.

### Dance With Me & Let's Dance

Monday, February 23 (M)  
From 10:30-11:15 am - For ages 12-35 months.  
From 11:30 am-12:15 pm - For ages 3-5 years.  
Dance and enjoy music and activities in this active movement program.

### Beach Party Babies!

Wednesday, February 25 from 4-4:45 pm (P)  
For ages 12 months-5 years. We'll be dreaming of warmer days at this fun program, with crafts, music and beachy sensory fun!

### Sensory & Sports

Thursday, February 26 (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!

### My Grandparent and Me

Friday, February 27 from 11 am-12 pm (P)  
For ages 3-5 years with a grandparent. Celebrate the wonderful relationship between a child and their grandparent with a fun story and craft.

### Babies Boogie & Toddlers Tango

Tuesday, March 3 (P)  
From 5-5:45 pm - For ages 3-17 months.  
From 6-6:45 pm - For ages 18-35 months.  
Join Miss Nicole for a fun adventure into movement, music, dancing, instruments and so much more!

### Tummy Time

Wednesday, March 4 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)  
For ages 2-11 months. Bond with your baby while they explore with toys, play and learn in a relaxed setting.

### ❄️ Lil Athletes

Friday, February 20 from 3-3:45 pm (M)  
For grades K-5. A mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning will be used to engage little athletes in the fundamentals of sports!

### Graphic Novel Book Discussion

Monday, February 23 from 5-6 pm (P)  
Receive a free copy of a graphic novel upon registration and join us for a book discussion.

### Buddy Quest: Read and Play

Thursday, February 26 and March 5 from 6-6:45 pm (P)  
See details in JANUARY.

### Let's Make Music!

Sunday, March 1 from 2-2:45 pm (P)  
For grades K-3. Enjoy an interactive program with instrument play, movement and singing with a board-certified music therapist.

### Chess & Checker Buddies

Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 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.



### The baby chicks are coming!

The eggs will be arriving Tuesday, March 17!  
They will be incubating for 21 days before they start hatching between April 6-8. Stop by the Children's Department to see the incubator and ask our in-house chicken expert your questions.

## FOR FAMILIES

ONE REGISTRATION PER FAMILY.

## JANUARY

Registration begins on Friday, January 2.

### Family Hygge Night

Wednesday, January 7 from 6:30-7:30 pm (P)  
For families with children ages 2½ years and up. Celebrate the Danish art of coziness! Enjoy board games, soft music, a comfy reading corner and crafts while the fireplace is aglow on our television. Pajamas are encouraged!

### Backyard Wildlife

Sunday, January 11 from 2-3 pm (P)  
For families with children in grades K-6. LIVE animals will be here at the Library thanks to Sweetbriar Nature Center. Learn all about the animals you might find in your backyard.

### Jr. Ranger Day

Saturday, January 17 from 1-2 pm\*  
For families with children in grades 2-6. Learn all about Fire Island in winter through fun displays and activities. \*This program will take place off-site at the FINS ferry terminal, West Ave., Patchogue.

## FEBRUARY

Registration begins on Monday, February 2.

### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

Tuesday, February 10 from 5-5:45 pm (P)  
For families with children of all ages. Bring one of your stuffed animals and let them stay in the Library overnight to see what mischief they get into! Don't forget to wear your pajamas for a storytime and craft!

### Let's Read Together

Friday, February 13 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)  
For families with children in grades 2-4. Explore a new book together and discuss how the characters create a wonderful storyline.

### ❄️ Family Sing-a-Long

Wednesday, February 18 from 6:30-7:15 pm (M)  
For families with children of all ages. This guided family sing-along brings everyone together for joyful songs and feel-good fun.

### ❄️ Back to the 80s/90s Family Challenge

Thursday, February 19 from 11 am-12:30 pm (P)  
For families with children in grades K-6. Challenge your family to a series of throwback games and activities!

### ❄️ Sam's Weather School

Friday, February 20 from 10:30 am-11:30 am (P)  
For families with children in grades K-6. Join Emmy-winning meteorologist, Samantha Augeri, for a hands-on, science-based understanding of weather.

## MARCH

Registration begins on Monday, March 2.

### Simple Succulents

Saturday, March 7 from 10:30-11:30 am (P)  
For families with children in grades K-6. Learn all about these easy-to-care-for, super cool plants. Decorate the container and bring one home to cheer up your space.

### Let's Read Together

Friday, March 13 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)  
For families with children in grades 2-4. See details in FEBRUARY.

### Mermaid Tail Shell Art and Muralist Discussion

Saturday, March 28 from 1-2 pm (P)  
For families with children in grades 2-6. Meet the mermaid muralist in person and make a mermaid tail shell art piece together. One per family.

### Van Gogh Sunflowers

Sunday, March 29 from 2-3:30 pm (P)  
For families with children in grades K-6. Learn about artist Vincent Van Gogh and make your own art in his style. Dress for a mess.



## MARCH Registration for these events begins on Monday, March 2 at 9:30 am.

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

#### Sensory Storytime

Tuesday, March 10 from 10:30-11:15 am (P)  
For ages 18 months-5 years. A unique multi-sensory storytime to engage all listeners through active participation, movement and interactive activities!

#### Toddlers Explore

Thursday, March 12 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)  
For ages 18 months-3½ years. Little ones will try out a variety of hands-on activity stations and discover what they love most. Dress for mess!

#### Lucky Charms Storytime

Thursday, March 19 from 4:30-5:15 pm (P)  
Tuesday, March 24 from 10:30-11:15 am (M)  
For ages 12 months-3½ years. A fun storytime filled with cheerful songs and a craft to bring good luck home!

#### Sensory & Sports

Thursday, March 26 (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!

#### Drama With Your Mama

Saturday, March 28 (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 introduction to acting!

#### Mermaid Day

Monday, March 30 from 4:30-5:30 pm (P)  
For ages 2-5 years. Dive into a whimsical under-the-sea tale, make a splash in an oceanic play session and fin-ish with a festive parade!

#### Lil Athletes Kiddies + Lil Athletes Junior

Friday, April 3 (P)  
From 1-1:45 pm - For ages 18-35 months.  
From 2-2:45 pm - For ages 3-5 years.  
Engage your little athletes in the fundamentals of sports with a mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning!

### SCHOOL AGE INDEPENDENT PROGRAMS

#### Oreo Cookie Taste Test

Monday, March 9 from 6:30-7:15 pm (P)  
For grades K-6. Try different Oreo cookie flavors and vote for your favorite.

#### Small Stitches and Sew with Me: Pillowcases

Tuesday, March 10 from 4:30-6 pm (P) - For grades 4-6.  
Tuesday, March 24 from 4:30-6 pm (P) - For grades 1-3.  
Learn the basics of sewing machines, then dream sweet dreams on a pillowcase you made.

#### How to Train Your Plant

Wednesday, March 11 from 5-5:45 pm (P)  
Friday, March 13 from 5-5:45 pm (M)  
For grades 2-6. Learn how to create a DIY wire topiary!

#### Sound and Sketch

Saturday, March 14 from 12-1 pm (P)  
For grades 1-6. Explore the joy of sound and color as you listen to music, play real instruments and create beautiful artwork inspired by the sounds you hear.

#### Spring Sips

Wednesday, March 18 from 5-6:30 pm (P)  
For grades 3-6. Use our Cricut and vinyl to make a custom cup that screams spring!

#### Minecraft Club

Thursday, March 19 from 5:30-6:30 pm (P)  
For grades 3-6. Team up with fellow Minecraft fans to play, build and take on fun in-game challenges.

#### Miss Cathy's Crafty Creations

Friday, March 20 from 3-3:45 or 4-4:45 pm (M)  
For grades K-3. Celebrate March with stories, dancing, singing and crafts!

#### 250 Colonial Craft: A Cross Stitch in Time

Saturday, March 21 from 1:30-2:30 pm (P)  
For grades 3-7. Join our 18<sup>th</sup> century sewing circle. Receive hands-on instruction and create a cross stitch project to celebrate America's 250<sup>th</sup>.

#### Junior Architects

Thursday, March 26 from 5-6 pm (P)  
For grades 3-6. Design and create your own 3D brownstone model in a classic city row.

#### Lil Athletes

Friday, April 3 from 3-3:45 pm (P)  
For grades K-5. Engage in the fundamentals of sports with a mix of basic skills, fitness concepts and beginner offensive and defensive learning!

#### Money Quest

Monday, April 6 (P)  
From 5:30-6:15 pm - For grades K-2.  
From 6:45-7:30 pm - For grades 3-6.  
Join us for a journey through Cashville! Children will earn play money and make smart choices while learning the basics of earning, saving and spending through fun games and activities.

## FOR PARENTS

#### Adventures in Parenting Podcast!

Tune in as librarians and busy moms Jessi and Erin learn from the experts on topics ranging from the power of playtime to teen mental health. Listen on all of your favorite podcast platforms and access the back catalog, resource guides and trustworthy advice anytime on our website [pmlib.org/podcast](http://pmlib.org/podcast).

#### Community Birthday Bag Project

Ongoing  
In honor of the Library's 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary, donate to our Birthday Bag project that gives the gift of a celebration to a Patchogue-Medford child in need. Come to our Main Branch, take a candle, buy the item specified and bring it back to be included in a birthday party bag.

#### Early Childhood Fair

Saturday, January 10 from 10:30 am-1:30 pm (P)  
For families with young children looking for childcare, preschool and UPK options. Face painting, raffles and more! **Registration recommended not required.**

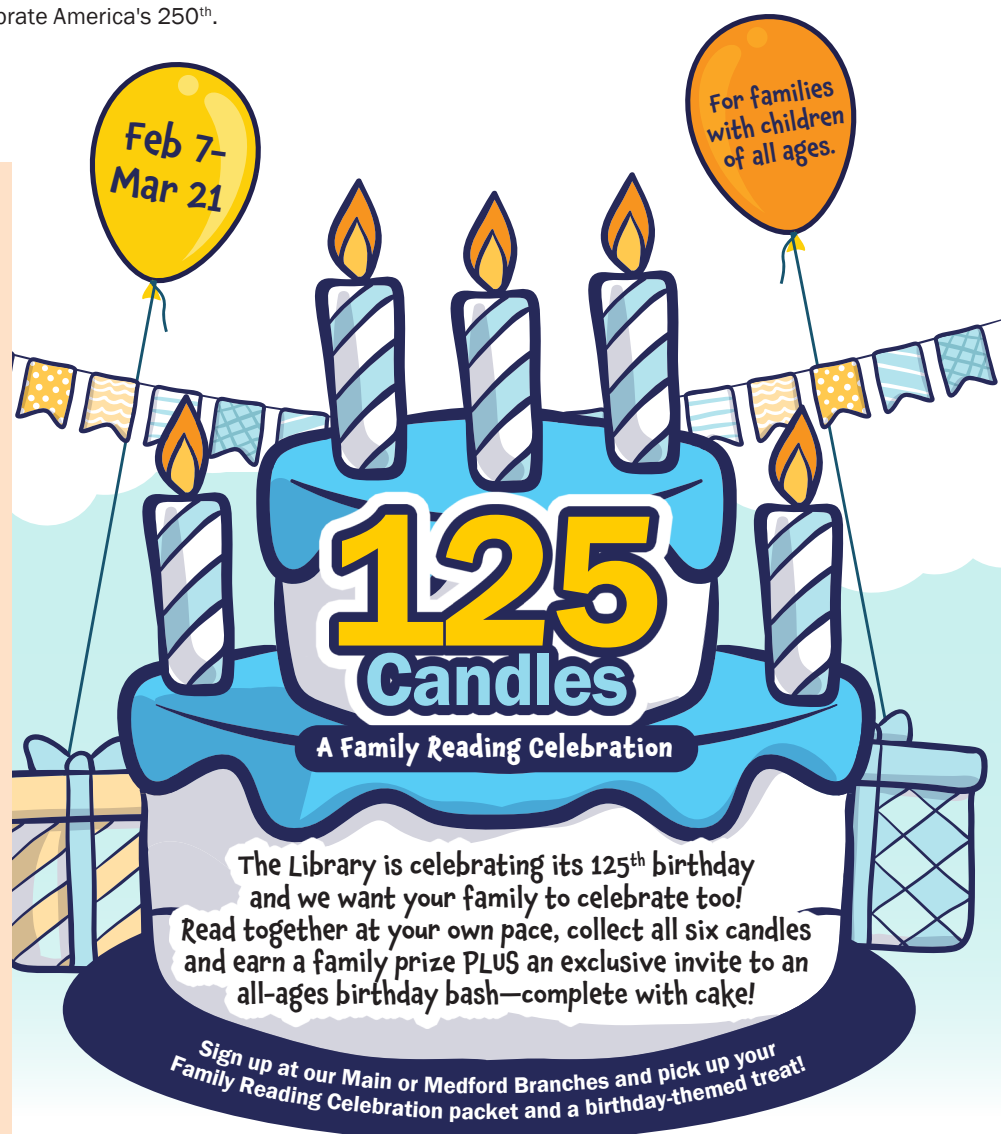
#### Homeschool 101

##### Math Without Workbooks

Thursday, January 15  
from 10:30-11:30 am (P)  
This workshop is designed to help homeschooling parents support their children's mathematics without workbooks but instead, simple and engaging activities.

##### Creating Authors at Home

Tuesday, March 31  
from 10:30-11:30 am (P)  
This workshop is designed to help homeschooling parents support their children's writing skills so they can unlock the author inside every child!





# CLASES EN ESPAÑOL

Para cualquier programa, regístrese en línea en [pmlib.org](http://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

## Inglés para Principiantes

Los lunes,  
26 de enero – 4 de mayo a las 7 pm  
ó los sábados, 31 de enero – 9 de mayo  
a las 10 am (P)  
La inscripción empieza el 12 de enero.

## Inglés Intermedio

Los martes,  
27 de enero – 5 de mayo en 7 pm (P)  
Cada clase se reúne una vez por semana en persona en la biblioteca. Para adultos mayores de 18 años. El cupo es limitado. La inscripción empieza el 12 de enero.

## Inglés para Principiantes

Los miércoles,  
28 de enero – 6 de mayo a las 6:30 pm (M)  
Cada clase se reúne una vez por semana en persona en la biblioteca. Para adultos mayores de 18 años. El cupo es limitado. La inscripción empieza el 12 de enero.

## Inglés para Pre-Principiantes con LIEOC

Todos los lunes y miércoles,  
9 de febrero – 13 de mayo de 10 am-12 pm (P)  
Cada clase se reúne dos veces por semana en persona en la biblioteca. Para adultos mayores de 18 años. El cupo es limitado. La inscripción empieza el 5 de enero.

## 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 4:30-7:30 pm (en persona/virtual) (P)  
Nuestra consejera profesional bilingüe está disponible para ayudar con currículums, asesoramiento profesional y solicitudes de empleo. Regístrese para una cita de 30 minutos.

## Grupo de Conversación en Inglés

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

## Madres Latinas Amigas

Los lunes 5, 26 de enero, 9, 23 de febrero y 9, 23 de marzo en 7 pm (P)  
Grupo de apoyo y educación para mujeres que hablan español.

## Consejería de Inmigración Bilingüe

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

## Años Dorados

Los miércoles, 7, 21 de enero, 4, 18 de febrero y 4, 18 de marzo de 10:30 am-12 pm (P)  
Viva sus años dorados con nuevas amistades, juegos, diversión y un delicioso cafecito.

## Curso de Manejo Defensivo en Español

Sábado 3 de enero 10:30 am-4:30 pm (P)  
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.

## Club de Lectura en Español

Los lunes 12 de enero, 2 de febrero y 2, 16 de marzo de 7 pm (P)  
Aumente su motivación por leer, potencia la confianza y la autoestima, fomenta la socialización y motivación en nuestro club de lectura.

## Plan de Negocio: Tote Bag

Domingo 18 de enero de 2:30-4:30 pm (P)  
¡Aprenda, cree y emprenda con DecorArt!  
Únase a nuestra clase especial donde aprenderá a pintar su propio Tote Bag y recibirá una guía práctica de DecorArt para iniciar su emprendimiento creativo, aplicable no solo a tote bags, sino a cualquier negocio que quiera construir.

## 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.

## Manteles Individuales Decorativos

Martes 20 de enero de 10:30 am-12 pm (P)

## Tarjetas de Felicitación DIY

Martes 17 de febrero de 10:30 am-12 pm (M)

## Pintura de Pajareras

Martes 17 de marzo de 10:30 am-12 pm (M)

## Clase de Ciudadanía

Los jueves, 22 de enero – 23 de abril de 7 pm (P)  
Cada clase se reúne una vez por semana en persona en la biblioteca principal, para adultos mayores de 18 años. El cupo es limitado. La inscripción empieza el 12 de enero.

## Planificación Patrimonial

Lunes 26 de enero a las 7 pm (P)  
Participe en nuestro taller de planificación patrimonial, donde aprenderemos todo lo relacionado con documentos como testamentos, poderes legales, poderes para la atención médica y testamentos vitales.

## Mini Figuras de Macramé (bilingüe)

Miércoles 28 de enero de 6:30 pm (P)  
Crea muñecas colgantes en miniatura de macramé con adornos.

## Computación Básica en Español

Los miércoles, 28 de enero – 29 de abril de 7 pm (P)  
Aprenda cómo usar una computadora, crear una cuenta de correo electrónico y cómo navegar el internet. Cupo limitado. La inscripción comienza el 12 de enero.

## Dulces Cubiertos de Chocolate

Jueves 12 de febrero de 6-7:30 pm (M)  
Aprenda a hacer dulces cubiertos de chocolate para fiestas de cumpleaños, graduaciones, bodas o para iniciar un negocio.

## PARA NIÑOS

### 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.

### ¡Exploradores Divertidos!

Sábado 31 de enero de 2:30-3:15 pm (P)  
Para niños de 3 a 5 años. ¡Explora el español y el inglés en esta aventura bilingüe de cuentos! Inscribbase a partir del viernes 2 de enero.

## PARA FAMILIAS

### Día de Llevar a tu Hijo a la Biblioteca: Carnaval de Cuentos

Visita el sábado 7 de febrero de 11 am-2 pm (P) (M)  
Para familias con niños de todas las edades. ¡Acérquese y celebre los 125 años de maravillas de los cuentos en su biblioteca! ¡Nuestra biblioteca principal es la atracción principal! Disfrute de juegos de carnaval, encuentros con personajes, actividades prácticas y la magia encantadora de los cuentos en cada rincón. En la sucursal de Medford, acompáñenos en los juegos de carnaval, las actividades, la búsqueda del tesoro y muchas sorpresas. Premios y entrada gratuita en ambos lugares.



## CLASES DE MAKERSPACE



La inscripción comienza un mes antes de la fecha de la clase. ¿No puede asistir a una clase? Reserve una cita para una tutoría individual en [pmlib.org/makerspace](http://pmlib.org/makerspace) escanee el código QR. Los usuarios tienen un límite de 2 citas por semana.

### Placas de Identificación para Perros Mediante Sublimación

Miércoles 14 de enero de 6-7:30 pm (P)  
O Sábado 17 de enero de 3-4:30 pm (M)  
Para todas las edades. Con la ayuda del personal de Makerspace, los usuarios pueden utilizar equipos de sublimación para personalizar las placas de identificación de sus mascotas de forma divertida y creativa. Se proporcionará una placa de identificación por usuario. Los niños pequeños pueden necesitar la ayuda de un adulto.

### Abrebotellas en Forma de Corazón e Imán para el Refrigerador

(Visita sin cita previa)  
Jueves 12 de febrero de 10 am-8 pm (P)  
Para todas las edades. ¡Ven y graba con láser un abridor de botellas de madera con forma de corazón que también puedes colgar en tu refrigerador! Se proporcionan todos los materiales, ¡solo trae tus ideas! Uno por cliente hasta agotar existencias. Los niños pequeños pueden necesitar la ayuda de un adulto.

### Marcadores Impresos en 3D

Miércoles 18 de febrero de 4-6 pm (C)  
Para adolescentes de 6-12 grado.  
¡Usaremos Tinkercad e impresiones en cinco colores para dar vida a tus ideas para marcapáginas! Con la ayuda de nuestro equipo de Makerspace, aprenderás a crear y personalizar tu propio diseño en 3D. Este programa está diseñado para que los adolescentes asistan de forma independiente.

### Marcadores Impresos en 3D

Sábado 21 de febrero de 3-4:30 pm (P)  
Para todas las edades. Este es un PROGRAMA INSTRUCTIVO DE USO INTENSIVO DE COMPUTADORAS. La ayuda individual será limitada. Los participantes utilizarán TinkerCAD para crear marcadores de libros tridimensionales y multicolores. Los marcadores se podrán recoger más adelante, después del programa. Los niños pequeños necesitarán la ayuda de un adulto.

### Taza de Café Espresso Festiva

(Visita sin cita previa)  
Lunes 9 de marzo de 10 am-8 pm (P)  
Para adultos. Venga y celebre su orgullo irlandés personalizando una taza de acero inoxidable para espresso de 2 onzas con recubrimiento de polvo negro y un diseño grabado con láser de su elección. Una por persona hasta agotar existencias.



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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](http://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 Socks

Tuesday, January 6 at 6:30 pm (P)  
OR Thursday, January 8 at 6 pm (M)  
For adults. Design your own cozy sublimation socks using our sublimation printer and heat press—add any images you like.

### Sublimation Dog Tags

Wednesday, January 14 at 6 pm (P)  
OR Saturday, January 17 at 3 pm (M)  
All ages. Customize a fun pet ID tag using sublimation equipment with Makerspace staff help! One ID tag per patron. Young children may need adult assistance.

### Engrave and Paint Picture Frame

Tuesday, January 20 at 6 pm (P)  
All ages. Personalize your own 4x6 wooden heart frame! We will use our laser engraver to add personalized words and then color the frame using paint. Young children may need adult assistance.

### Sublimation Cutting Board

Monday, February 2 at 5 pm or 7 pm (P)  
All ages. Create a wooden cutting board with your own full-color design using our sublimation printer and heat press—perfect as a gift for you or someone special. Young children may need adult assistance.

### Drop-in Heart Shaped

#### Bottle Opener and Fridge Magnet

Thursday, February 12 from 10 am-8 pm (P)  
All ages. Laser engrave a wooden heart bottle opener that also works as a fridge magnet! All materials provided. One per patron while supplies last. Young children may need adult assistance.

### 3D Printed Bookmark

Saturday, February 21 at 3 pm (P)  
All ages. This is a COMPUTER-INTENSIVE, INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM; 1-on-1 help is limited. Use TinkerCAD to design a multi-colored 3D bookmark for later pickup. Young children will need adult assistance.

### Adult Acrylic Jewelry

Saturday, March 7 at 1 pm or 3 pm (P)  
For adults. Use our laser engraver to cut out your own unique pair of earrings or a pendant for a necklace! Patrons must choose either earrings or a necklace to design during program. All jewelry accessories will be provided.

### Drop-in Festive Mini

#### Espresso Glass Engraving

Monday, March 9 from 10 am-8 pm (P)  
For adults. Celebrate your Irish pride by customizing a black powder coated 2-ounce espresso stainless steel glass with a laser engraved design of your choosing! One per person while supplies last.



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## Budget Vote & Trustee Election

Tuesday, April 14 from 9:30 am-8 pm

### VOTER REGISTRATION

In order to vote you must be:

- a citizen of the United States
- 18 years of age or older
- registered to vote
- a resident of the Patchogue-Medford School District for at least 30 days prior to the vote

## Public Information Meeting

Tuesday, March 31 at 6 pm

If you are not already registered, you may do so at Patchogue-Medford Library: Tuesday, March 31 from 11 am-8 pm or any weekday up to April 2 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. Petitions to elect a Trustee of the Patchogue-Medford Library will be available at the Main Desk beginning February 4.



Complete budget information will be available at the Library and on the Library's website in March and in the April/May 2026 newsletter.