



DECEMBER 2016



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**The Café is Back in Business!**

We are pleased to announce the opening of Tend Coffee @Sachem Library, a new outpost of Tend Coffee in Shirley, featuring coffee and lattes, along with healthy snacks, fresh-baked pastries, sandwiches, and salads. Owners Susan and Dan Kennedy are certified organic coffee roasters and graduates of Johnson and Wales University in Providence, RI. Stop in for a bite!



**Scrooge**

**Sunday, December 4  
2:00pm**

Plaza Theatricals brings to life Charles Dickens classic novel, *A Christmas Carol*, in this entertaining musical production. Follow miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he learns the true meaning of the holidays.

**Holiday Toy Drive**

**Rock Show & Flea Market**

**Friday, December 9 • 4:00pm**

Local bands and performers will be playing in the name of toys! See page 6 for details.



**Town of Brookhaven  
Interface Toy Drive**

Help bring holiday happiness to boys and girls across Brookhaven. Place a new, unwrapped toy in Santa's bag in the Library lobby by Monday, December 19.

**Holiday Jazz Concert**

**Sunday, December 11 • 2:00pm**

An afternoon of holiday music will be presented by composer/pianist Paul Joseph and his jazz quartet. You'll hear inspiring instrumental jazz renditions of secular and sacred favorites of different faiths including *Let It Snow*, *S'vivo*, and *O Holy Night*. Joseph will be joined by drummer Mike Corn and bassist Edgar Mills, both seasoned performers, and violinist Susan Mitchell, one of New York City's finest musicians.



**Helping Hands  
Food Drive**

Remember the less fortunate members of our community during this holiday season. Place non-perishable items in the designated containers in Teen Services or the Library lobby by December 9.



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**Once again, we've been nominated as Best Public Library on Long Island!**

If you agree, please click the link on our webpage or go to [bestof.longislandpress.com](http://bestof.longislandpress.com) and vote for us in the Education category. You may vote once per day through December 15.

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Sunday, January 1, Monday, January 2  
Closing at 3:00pm, Saturday, December 31  
Monday, December 26  
Saturday, December 24, Sunday, December 25

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Monday-Friday 9:30am-9:00pm

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# Adults

**ADULT REGISTRATION INFORMATION:** Register online, by phone, or in person. Registration for food programs and programs with fees begins at 9:30am on **MONDAY, November 21**. Registration for other adult programs is ongoing. You may pay for programs using your credit card when you register online. Otherwise, please make your payment by cash or check at the Welcome Desk within **3 days** of registering or your reservation will be cancelled.

## Monthly Series

### Veteran Community Resource Table

Thursday, December 1 • 12:00pm-2:00pm

The Joseph P. Dwyer Veterans Peer Support Project will host a table where you can learn about programs and services available in Suffolk County for veterans and their families.

### Heartfulness Meditation

Fridays, December 2 & 16 • 3:30pm

Saturday, December 10 • 1:30pm

Take a break and de-stress to achieve a calmer disposition and a more balanced and fulfilling life. *No registration required.*

### News & Views

Monday, December 5 • 10:30am

**TOPIC: The Big Stories of 2016**

Discuss hot topics and come away with a deeper understanding of our complex world at this monthly meeting led by Sachem resident Peter Hanson. *No registration required. After this month's meeting, this series will resume in March 2017.*

### Accepting Life's Changes

Saturday, December 10 • 10:00am

Program code: SAAALC12

This group will focus on transitioning through life's constant changes. Whether it be the loss of a loved one, a new career path, a love relationship gone awry, the empty nest, aging parents, or an unforeseen illness, share with others and learn to put on the NEW you! Richard Murdocco, PhD, Stony Brook University Medical Center, will help you explore these feelings as well as how closure and healing can occur through difficult times.

### Picture This!

**TOPIC: Spot Focusing**

Thursday, December 15 • 10:00am

Photographer Robert Silvering will share tips to help improve your skills as you meet with others interested in photography. At this month's meeting, Robert will also critique your photos reflecting November's topic, "Composition Using Clouds." *No registration required.*

### Garden Thyme: Apple Pie Centerpiece

Monday, December 19 • 7:00pm

Materials fee: \$15 (non-refundable) • Program code: SAAGT12

Fill a basket with fresh greens, shiny red apples, and fragrant cinnamon sticks, all tied up with a red satin bow ready for your holiday table.

### Socrates Café

**TOPIC: Food & Holidays: What Do They Mean in Your Life?**

Tuesday, December 20 • 7:00pm

Exchange ideas with others while engaging in the Socratic practice of questioning, led by local resident Charles Payret. *No registration required.*

### Holiday Poetry Read-Around

Tuesday, December 27 • 7:00pm

"The first winter rain/and my name shall be called/"Traveler" ~Bashô

Join us by the fireplace in the café for the annual holiday Poetry Read-Around. Come to share your own work or the work of your favorite poet or simply listen and enjoy. *No registration required.*

### On-Your-Own Train Trip to NYC

Saturday, December 31 • 9:40am

**\$10 round trip (non-refundable)**

Leave as a group at 9:40am out of Ronkonkoma Station, and return on your own. Register by Wednesday, December 28 at the Welcome Desk.

### Retirement Reality

No meeting in December.

### BUS TRIP: New York Botanical Garden

#### The Holiday Train Show

Friday, December 9 • 9:30am departure • Fee: \$70

Begin your day with a delicious lunch at Emilia's Italian Restaurant on Arthur Avenue, in the "heart of Little Italy" in the Bronx. After lunch, you'll enjoy a visit to the Holiday Train Show, one of New York's most beloved winter traditions, featuring an enchanting world of model trains and trolleys winding their way through replicas of more than 140 NYC landmarks. **REGISTRATION INFO:** Limit of two tickets per Sachem Library cardholder. PLEASE NOTE: Registered guests must also be Sachem Library cardholders. Seats on the trip will be assigned randomly to registrants of an online lottery. Enter the lottery via our website or at the Welcome Desk at any time before Monday, November 28 at 4:00pm. Winners will be notified on Tuesday, November 29 and must pay by Wednesday, November 30 at 5:00pm.



### Identity Theft

Monday, December 5 • 2:00pm • Program code: SAAIT12

An estimated 17.6 million Americans—about 7% of U.S. residents age 16 or older—were victims of identity theft in 2014. Jeannette Stevens, Workplace Advantage Banking Specialist at Astoria Bank, will explain what identity theft is, how to protect yourself from it, and what to do if you become a victim.

### Improv Night @Your Library!

Wednesday, December 7 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAAIN12

Do you enjoy *Whose Line Is It Anyway?* This entertaining evening of improv led by actor, writer, and director Eric Young will provide you with the opportunity to be in front of an audience just for the fun of it. Act out a comedic scene, play strange characters, and boldly go where you might not have gone before.



### Simply Creative Holiday Sweets

Wednesday, December 14 • 6:00pm

Program code: SAASC12 • Fee: \$5 (non-refundable)

Chef Rob Scott will help you make chocolate-painted cannolis and "cone-olis." Prepare your own filling from scratch and paint the shells and cones with melted chocolate. You will complete 3 of each. Please bring a pastry or Ziploc bag, bowl, spoon, and whisk to class.

### Holiday Desserts

Monday, December 12 • 12:00pm

Program code: SAAHD12 • Fee: \$5 (non-refundable)

KimLi will demo these mouth-watering holiday confections that will add a sweet indulgence to your holiday entertaining: egg nog truffles, warm gingerbread with tangy lemon sauce, and holiday rugelach.

**Sachem residents only. Registration begins at 9:30am on MONDAY, November 21 at 9:30am.**

### Winter Yoga: De-stress & Connect

Tuesdays, December 6, 13, 20 & 27 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAAWY12 • Fee: \$20

At this busy time, take a break to consider your health and wellbeing. Laura Gallagher will help you de-stress and connect in this gentle yoga series. Please bring a yoga mat to class. *Sachem residents only. Registration begins at 9:30am on MONDAY, November 21 at 9:30am.*

### Ballroom Dancing: FOXTROT

Friday, December 2 • 7:30pm • Program code: SAABD12

Vernon and Irene Castle made it popular; Fred and Ginger did it cheek to cheek. Instructor Kelly Ficarra of Rhythms & Soul Dance Studio will teach this ballroom classic. All levels are welcome. Come alone or bring a partner.





# Staff's Best of 2016



## BOOKS

**Head of Community Services Lauren Gilbert**

***The Summer Before the War*** by Helen Simonson

Featuring the same skillful character development and deep insights into human behavior that made her debut novel *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand* such a delightful read, Helen Simonson returns with a historical novel set in a small town in England just before and during World War I. This is a deeply satisfying novel with a smart and plucky heroine and old-fashioned storytelling that successfully combines romance, heartbreak, tragedy, and humor.

***The Wonder*** by Emma Donoghue

In a poor town in Ireland not long after the potato famine, a young religious girl has reportedly been subsisting for months without food, and a skeptical English nurse is sent as an impartial observer to prove or disprove the "miracle." Though it takes place in a very circumscribed space, this novel by a master of historical fiction is fully absorbing and suspenseful, raising questions about belief, prejudice, and the limits of faith.

***Patient H.M.*** by Luke Dittrich

Author Luke Dittrich is the grandson of the surgeon who performed the disastrous operation that resulted in the near total and crippling amnesia of Patient H.M., the world's most famous neurological case study and inspiration for the film *Memento*. In this fascinating and well-researched account, Dittrich tells the parallel stories of Patient H.M.'s life and contributions to our understandings of the human mind along with the author's own interconnected family saga.

**Head of Reference Lynne Kennedy**

***American Ulysses: The Life of Ulysses S Grant***

by Ronald C. White

An insightful biography that offers a much-needed reevaluation of Grant's life, military career, and presidency.

**Head of Circulation Virginia Pfeiffer**

***Truly Madly Guilty*** by Lianne Moriarty

This masterful novel is about the complexity of friendship, marriage, family dysfunction, parental guilt, and the impact of unforeseen events on our future selves. The suspenseful writing in this novel slowly builds up to the "big reveal" of a life-altering event at an impromptu barbeque that ripples through the lives of every character. Lose yourself in a tale about ordinary people and get caught up in their deepest desires, hidden fears, and complex relationships, leaving you questioning your own life's "what if's?"

**Teen Librarian Stacey Sansone**

***Wolf Hollow*** by Lauren Wolk

This is a beautifully crafted coming-of-age story that is about a young girl named Annabelle who lives in rural Pennsylvania during WWII. What I love most is that this book is gritty, truthful, and pulls at your heart. You can't help but feel for the young heroine who is struggling to make sense of the world around her, as she witnesses injustice, lies, and prejudice. Readers of all ages will appreciate this story's integrity and courage.

**Reference Librarian Jamie Edrich**

***Sing Street***

A crowd-pleasing tale about brotherhood, family and young love in Dublin during the 1980's, with a catchy and original period soundtrack.

***Green Room***

A punk band is trapped backstage by a gang of neo-Nazis after witnessing a murder in this brutal, suspenseful and intelligent thriller.

***Man Up***

A delightful and charming romantic comedy about a woman who goes along with a blind date when the man mistakes her for someone else.

**Children's Librarian Marybeth Kozikowski**

***All Rise for the Honorable Perry T. Cook*** by Leslie Connor

For all of his 11 years, Perry has lived with his mother and a loving, extended family in a minimum security correctional facility. His unusual upbringing has given Perry an understanding of and faith in human nature that brings out the best in everyone around him. He'll need those qualities when the local district attorney places Perry in a foster home and threatens his mother's impending parole. Uplifting, heartfelt, and original, this book's characters linger in readers' minds long after the final page.

**Anne Marie Tognella, Community Services**

***My Name is Lucy Barton*** by Elizabeth Strout

This novel encompasses a roller coaster of emotions, from extreme pain to ultimate joy, where the spotlight is placed on a complex mother/daughter relationship, one where the protagonists have been estranged for many years.

**Reference Librarian Brad Silverman**

***The Underground Railroad*** by Colson Whitehead

In Whitehead's ingenious conception, the Underground Railroad is not a metaphor, but a real railroad of engines and rails built beneath the southern states. Cora is a young woman escaping from a cotton plantation in Georgia. The South she's trying to escape is not quite the South as it was. This is a brilliant book, a powerful look at the history we all share.

***The Mandibles: A Family, 2029-2047*** by Lionel Shriver

Set in the not too distant future, the book chronicles the adventures of the Mandibles after the economy of the United States completely crashes due to a total- and voluntary- default of the nation's debts. American currency becomes valueless. The book is funny, well written, and offers a controversial look at America, both now and in the future.

***Grunt: The Curious Science of Humans at War***

by Mary Roach

This excellent book discusses the science behind soldiers' most serious problems in combat—panic, exhaustion, heat, noise, wounds, etc. It is not a war story, but a story instead of the doctors, scientists, and engineers trying to solve the problems and trauma of soldiers both before and after battle. The book is very witty and entertaining, but some sections are a bit grisly and may not be for the squeamish.

***Valiant Ambition: George Washington, Benedict Arnold, and the Fate of the American Revolution***

by Nathaniel Philbrick

We are all familiar with our high school history of the notorious traitor Benedict Arnold. Philbrick retells the story from a different perspective. Arnold was the hero of the Battle of Saratoga and Washington's favorite and most effective general. His defection called into question what the revolution was about and instilled a new resolve in the men who were trying to make a new nation. This is a really fine and different history.

## MOVIES

**Head of Community Services Lauren Gilbert**

***Hail Caesar!***

A hilarious and clever farce by the Coen brothers about studio royalty in Hollywood's golden age features spot-on sendups of classic Hollywood tropes.

***Everybody Wants Some!!***

A nostalgic journey (for those of us of the right age), Richard Linklater's latest follows the exploits of a group of likeable, raunchy college athletes in the 1980s.

**Anne Marie Tognella, Community Services**

***Effie Gray***

An account of the scandalous love triangle between Victorian art critic John Ruskin, his young bride Effie Gray, and his protégé, painter John Everett Millais, makes for an intriguing historical production.

## THURSDAY MOVIES

For R-rated movies, those under 17 must be accompanied by an adult. Assistive listening devices are available for your use and all movies will be shown with closed captioning.

### New Releases!

#### **Infinitely Polar Bear**

**December 1 • 1:30 and 6:30pm**

A manic-depressive mess of a father tries to win back his wife by attempting to take full responsibility of their two young, spirited daughters, who don't make the overwhelming task any easier. *Directed by Maya Forbes. Starring Mark Ruffalo, Zoe Saldana, Imogene Wolodarsky.* (R-1:30)

#### **Eye in the Sky**

**December 8 • 1:30 and 6:30pm**

Col. Katherine Powell, a military officer in command of an operation to capture terrorists in Kenya, sees her mission escalate when a girl enters the kill zone triggering an international dispute over the implications of modern warfare. *Directed by Gavin Hood. Starring Helen Mirren, Aaron Paul, Alan Rickman.* (R-1:42)

#### **Love and Friendship**

**December 15 • 1:30 and 6:30pm**

Lady Susan Vernon takes up temporary residence at her in-laws' estate and, while there, is determined to be a matchmaker for her daughter Frederica – and herself too, naturally. *Directed by Whit Stillman. Starring Kate Beckinsale, Chloë Sevigny, Xavier Samuel.* (PG-1:32)

#### **Now You See Me 2**

**December 22 • 1:30 and 6:30pm**

The Four Horsemen resurface are forcibly recruited by a tech genius to pull off their most impossible heist yet. *Directed by Jon M. Chu. Starring Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson.* (PG13-2:09)

#### **Eddie the Eagle**

**December 29 • 1:30 and 6:30pm**

Eddie Edwards, the notoriously tenacious British underdog ski jumper, charms the world at the 1988 Winter Olympics. *Director Dexter Fletcher. Starring Taron Egerton, Hugh Jackman, Tom Costello.* (PG13-1:46)

### Reel Rebels Film & Discussion: **Life, Animated**

**Tuesday, December 6 • 6:00pm**

This heartwarming and inspirational documentary shares the story of an autistic young man who learns to communicate with his family via the world of animated Disney films. Intriguing, informative, sometimes controversial, but always thought provoking, this monthly series combines the best in film and discussion. *Directed by Roger Ross Williams.* (PG-1:29) (3 hours)

### Saturday Foreign Film: **Maria Full of Grace**

**December 10 • 1:30pm**

A pregnant and poor Columbian teenager named Maria is the sole breadwinner for her extended family. In a desperate attempt for the possibility for a better life, she ingests narcotics and travels to New York City for Columbian drug dealers. *Spanish with English subtitles. Directed by Joshua Marston. Starring Catalina Sandino Moreno, Yenny Paolo, Vega Sanchez.* (2004, R-1:41)

### Special Film Presentation: **Moonstruck**

**Tuesday, December 6 • 1:30pm**

A superstitious Brooklyn widow is ready to get married again. Only this time, she plans on doing it right – even if she has to say “yes” to a man she doesn't really love. When she unexpectedly falls in love with her fiancé's estranged brother, what happens next is a wonderful romantic complication. *Directed by Norman Jewison. Starring Cher, Nicolas Cage, Olympia Dukakis.* (2006, PG-1:42)



Looking for a rewarding volunteer opportunity? We need moderators for a one-hour weekly book club for adults with intellectual disabilities, offering members the chance to read, discuss books, and socialize in the community. No prior experience is required; training will be provided. If you are interested or would like more information, please contact Lauren Gilbert, Head of Community Services, at 631-588-5024 x247.

## Book Discussions

Our other book discussions will not meet in December.

### **Murder Among Friends**

### **The Twelve Clues of Christmas**

by Rhys Bowen

**Thursday, December 15 • 7:00pm**

### **America's Law**

### **Lincoln and Chief Justice Taney:**

### **Slavery, Secession, and the President's War Powers**

by James F. Simon

**Tuesday, December 27 • 12:00pm**

## THANK YOU!

We would like to thank the following individuals and organizations for volunteering their time and expertise for library programs this year: Vandana Adulkar, Krys Baum, Don Bastedo, Pamela & John Bednarik, Karen Bliss, Marie Camenares, Linda Casatelli, Fred Coste, Joan Drewes, Anne Florio, Isaiah Frater, Stanley Gatland, Mary Anne Geskie, Jasmine Gilmore, Richard Gluck, Geraldine Grasso, Tom de Gruyl, Carolyn Hasler, Pam Hiron, B.J. Intini, June Kiefer, Bev Killeen, Pashant Kumar, France Landro, Dawn LaTourette, Megan Lazzaro, Christine Malenda, Bridget Martinez, Dorothea Menze, Pearl Michalow, Judy Osterburg, Charles Payret, Nicole Pocchiare, Leslie Popko, Matthew Raider, Mike Romas, Barbara Russell, Howard Schnell, John Sciacchitano, Robert Silvering, Janis Stoller, Chiara Torquato, Tom Tulipan, Bob Winowitch, and all of our Teen Volunteers! (And we can't forget our therapy dogs: Emma, Maureen, Nephertiti, Obi, Orlagh, Rameses, Sally, and Ziggy.)

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We would like to thank the following businesses for offering discounts and specials for our Outside the Lines campaign: BLD's, Crazy Crepe Café, Lake Ronkonkoma Diner, Shennanigans Café, Brownstone Brewery, Mamma LaRosa's, and Strathmore Bagels

We would like to thank Sachem Quilters for donating beautiful quilts for our annual holiday display. ...And special thanks to the Friends of Sachem Library for their hard work and ongoing support!



## In the Gallery Yellowstone National Park

### Vito Morrone

Vito Morrone has been photographing nature for over 40 years, and concentrating on Yellowstone National Park for the past 20. Every time he goes to Yellowstone he discovers something new, and he plans to keep going back for the rest of his life. Celebrate the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service with a display of Vito's photos and watercolors depicting Yellowstone, the nation's first national park.

**Art Reception: Saturday, December 3 • 1:00pm**

## Language Learning & Conversation

### English

Tuesdays at 10:30am

Fridays at 10:00am

Saturdays at 11:00am

No class Tuesday, 12/27 & Saturday, 12/31

### French Language & Culture

Tuesdays at 1:30pm

### Italian Language & Culture

Fridays at 1:00pm

No class Friday, 12/23 & 30

## Display Case Lake Ronkonkoma Homemakers Holiday Display



### Museum Adventure

The Frick Collection provides a tranquil environment to enjoy superb examples of Western European painting, sculpture, and decorative arts dating from the Renaissance to the end of the 19th century, housed in one of New York City's few remaining Gilded Age mansions, the former residence of industrialist Henry Clay Frick. (PLEASE NOTE: Children under 10 are not admitted to the Frick Collection.) Experience history, science, nature, and art with free admission to a number of area museums. Reserve your *Museum Adventure* online, by phone, or in person at the Welcome Desk.



## Business Counseling

Our business counselor, Jennifer Ross, will help you turn your big idea into a business, construct a business plan, develop innovative marketing strategies, and work through existing challenges. She will provide assistance with both for-profit and not-for-profit ventures.

## Career Counseling

Need help updating your resume, creating a LinkedIn profile, or preparing for an interview? Our professional career counselor Richard Gluck will help you develop a strategic job search plan that will get results.

**As a Sachem resident, you may make an appointment for a FREE one-on-one session. Call the Welcome Desk for an appointment.**



# Express Yourself

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## The Art Encounter

Wednesdays at 11:00am

Artist Tom de Gruyl leads this weekly gathering of art enthusiasts. Work in your favorite media, share ideas, and learn new techniques in a relaxed atmosphere. Bring your supplies and a work-in-progress or start something new. *No registration required.*

### Knit & Crochet @Night

Thursday, December 1 • 7:00pm

### Knit & Crochet in the Morning

Tuesday, December 13 • 10:00am

"Knot" doing well with your knitting project? Need help unraveling the mysteries of crochet? Marion Reiter will provide the guidance you need in this friendly and informal group. *No registration required.*

### Quilters Sew-In

Saturday, December 3 • 10:00am

In this open sew-in, share your ideas with others and learn hands-on cutting and blocking techniques. Bring your project-in-progress or start something new. *No registration required.*



### Gingerbread House

Monday, December 5 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAAGH12 • Materials fee: \$13 (non-refundable)

Decorate and take home a gingerbread house with all the trimmings, sure to last throughout the holiday season, with the help of Guy Gagliano, owner of Swan Bakery. *Sachem residents only.*

### Adult Coloring

Friday, December 10 • 10:00am

Enjoy this popular relaxation technique for adults. We'll provide the coloring pages and pencils. *No registration required.*

### Culinary Garland

Wednesday, December 14 • 6:00pm

Program code: SAACG12

Materials fee: \$12 (non-refundable)

Diana Conklin, owner of Everlastings by Diana, will help you create a 15-inch garland of dried fruit slices, dried zucchini, herbs, hot peppers, and more, finished with raffia ties. Diana will also share tips on drying techniques and sources for supplies to make longer garlands at home. *Sachem residents only.*

## #TBT All Ages Craft Night: DIY Holiday Edition

Thursday, December 15 • 6:00pm

Throw it back to your favorite classic crafts and make a scented sand art candle, personalized cozy-time mugs, and frosty fun ornaments. Fun for the whole family! *No registration required. Materials are limited, first come first served. (2 hours)*

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### Apple Pie Centerpiece

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Program code: SAAGT12

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### Quilting Circle

Tuesday, December 27 • 7:00pm

Love to quilt or want to learn how? This monthly gathering provides quilting companionship and direction in a friendly, supportive environment. *No registration required.*

# desTEENation

Registration for Teen programs begins on Friday, November 18 at 9:30am. You may register online or by phone in Teen Services. When registering online, fees must be paid within 3 days of registration. All program fees are non-refundable.

## Helping Hands Food Drive

Remember the less fortunate members of our community. Place non-perishable items in the designated containers in Teen Services and the library lobby by December 9.

## Holiday Toy Drive Rock Show & Flea Market

Friday, December 9 • 4:00pm

Local bands and performers will be playing in the name of toys! We will be collecting new unused and unwrapped toys for Toys for Tots. There will be crafters, makers, and record labels selling their goods so you can buy locally this holiday season. Bring a toy to be entered into raffles to win prizes donated by record labels from across the country! No registration required. Suggested for grades 8 and up. (4 hours)

## Ramen Con @Patchogue-Medford Library 54-60 East Main Street, Patchogue

Saturday, December 3 • 11:00am-5:00pm

All the awesomeness of a CON without the hype! Get your cosplay on and share your love of all things anime, manga, and comics. Play D&D, CCGs, make crafts, take live trivia challenges, watch live animation demonstrations, meet special guests, and more. You must provide your own transportation. No registration required.

## Advanced Battle of the Books

Are you in grades 9-12? Love to read? Sign up to represent Sachem Public Library in the 12th annual Suffolk County Advanced Battle of the Books, which will be held at Connetquot High School on Friday, March 24, 2017. Stop by Teen Services for more information and a list of titles.

## desTEENation Friday Nights

Fridays, December 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30  
5:30pm-8:45pm

Program code: SAT108

Register for each week. Play video games on our gaming computers, challenge a friend on our Xbox One or PS4 gaming consoles, check out pre-loaded apps on our iPads, or meet up with friends for an evening of games, crafts and fun. Each week will have a different activity from 6:00pm-8:00pm:

Friday, December 2 • Anime Night

Friday, December 9 • Strawbee Challenge

Friday, December 16 • LED Lamps

Friday, December 23 • Holiday Classics

Friday, December 30 • Nintendo Night

## Lego Mindstorms

Tuesday, December 6 • 6:00pm

Program code: SAT134

Experiment with building and programming robots made from Legos. (2 hours)

## Digital Artists

Wednesday, December 7 • 3:30pm

Program code: SAT211

Learn how to make your own digital illustrations, comics, manga, animations, and other graphics using our new Wacom Intuos graphic tablets or iPads. Bring a flash drive to save your work. (90 minutes)

## Teen Book Raffle

Teens in grades 6-12 can drop by Teen Services any time during the month of December and fill out a raffle ticket for an autographed copy of *Sisters* by Raina Telgemeier.

## Meet Raspberry Pi

Thursday, December 8 • 3:30pm

Come meet the mini-computer known as Raspberry Pi in this interactive demonstration that will kickstart your own project ideas! No registration required. (90 minutes)

## Learn Something Saturday

Saturday, December 10 • 12:00pm

Fuel your mind with the hit documentary *March of the Penguins* and episodes from Animal Planet's *Growing Up: Arctic*. (2 hours)

## Mini Hot Chocolate Cookie Cups

Saturday, December 10 • 3:00pm

Program code: SAT194

Make four adorable and delicious cookie cups that will make you feel cozy on a cold winter day! (1 hour)

## Finding the Right Job

Tuesday, December 13 • 6:00pm

Program code: SAT423

Business teacher Kevin Corey will discuss how to search for a job that will match your skills, experience, and interests. (1 hour)

## Thinking Ink – Writers' Workshop

Wednesday, December 14 • 6:00pm

Program code: SAT349

Meet other writers, try out a few fun creative writing activities, and share your written work. (90 minutes)

## #TBT All Ages Craft Night: DIY Holiday Edition

Thursday, December 15 • 6:00pm

Throw it back to your favorite classic crafts! Make a scented sand art candle, personalized cozy-time mugs, and frosty fun ornaments! Fun for the entire family. No registration required. Materials are limited, first come first served. (2 hours)

## Pre-Licensing Course

Saturday, December 17 • 9:30am-2:00pm

Fee: \$40

Getting ready to take your road test? Take this five-hour course required by the Department of Motor Vehicles. Walk-ins accepted with cash payment only. Bring your learner's permit.

## Animation Studio: Ice Age

Wednesday, December 21 • 3:30pm

Program code: SAT112

Teen librarian Stacey will help you learn to draw your favorite characters and other prehistoric creatures from *Ice Age* while you watch the movie. (90 minutes)

## Minecraft Blockheads

Wednesday, December 21 • 6:00pm

Program code: SAT200

Play, battle, and build on our Minecraft servers reserved just for teens! Access does not require a paid account! (2 hours)

## Music Making in desTEENation

Tuesday, December 27 • 2:00pm

Try your hand at creating music using guitars, drums, and a keyboard or experiment with our Korg digital music making components. You may bring your own instruments to jam. No registration required. (4 hours)

## Sachem Teen Volunteers

Program code: SAT365

Open to teens in grades 6-12. You may choose **one** registered opportunity per month.

### Pieces of Energy

Thursday, December 1 • 7:00pm

Create two pendants, one for yourself and one to donate to Paws of War to benefit their canine companions. (1 hour)

### Ramen Con Helpers

@Patchogue-Medford Library

Saturday, December 3 • 10:00am OR 1:30pm

Help set up, run, and break down various activities. You must provide your own transportation. (4 hours)

### Crafts for a Cause

Monday, December 5 • 6:00pm

Make crafts that will be shared with the community. (90 minutes)

### Toy Drive Helpers

Friday, December 9 • 4:00pm

Collect and sort toys during our Holiday Toy Drive. (4 hours)

### Block Party Helpers

Monday, December 12 • 4:30pm

Help younger children build with Legos. (1 hour)

### Craft Night Helpers

Thursday, December 15 • 6:00pm

We are looking for some crafty teens to help out at our All Ages Craft Night. (2 hours)

### Snoopy Birthday Party Helpers

Saturday, December 17 • 11:00am

We need teens to wear the costume and be assistants. (1 hour)

### Designer Bookends

Thursday, December 22 • 6:00pm

Get creative with paint, markers, and other supplies to make beautiful bookends for desTEENation. (90 minutes)

### Audio Newsletter

Wednesday, December 28 OR

Thursday, December 29 • 10:00am

We are seeking well-spoken teens to create an audio version of our monthly newsletter for patrons who are visually impaired. (2 hours)

You may participate in the following in addition to your one registered volunteer program:

### Drop-In Community Service

Sunday, December 4 • 2:00pm

Need extra service hours? Stop in to assist the Library with a few projects. Limited to 20 teens. (2 hours)

### Mutt-i-grees® Club

Meet other teens with a passion for animals, earn community service hours by completing different tasks each month, up to 3 per month. Stop by Teen Services for an interest form and more information.

**There will be a Mutt-i-grees Meet-Up on Tuesday, December 20 at 3:30pm.** (90 minutes)

### Teen Book Reviews

Earn community service credit by reviewing award-winning Young Adult books. The application and list of books are available online or in Teen Services. You will earn 3 hours of community service for each submitted book review, up to 9 hours per month.

### Teen Reporters

Film a video, write an article, create artwork or sign up to help edit and lay out projects. Earn 3 hours of community service for each completed assignment. **There will be a Teen Reporters meet up on Thursday, December 1 at 3:30pm.** (90 minutes)

# Children

For a full listing of children's programs, check out our seasonal program brochure, available online and in the Children's Room.



## Mitten Tree

**Monday, November 21 –  
Monday, December 19**

**Help warm the hands and hearts of someone in need.**

You are invited to bring in NEW or handmade children's mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, and hats to be hung on our mitten tree. Items

will be donated to local agencies and distributed to children in need.

## Habitat for Humanity Visit Family Storytime and Information Session

**Monday, November 28 • 6:30pm**

Come listen to a reading of *The Carpenter's Gift* by Wendy Scharf, Outreach Coordinator at Habitat for Humanity in Suffolk County. Afterwards, Wendy will talk about the many ways Habitat for Humanity contributes to our community and answer your questions. *Families welcome. Story is appropriate for grades K to 5. No registration required.* (30-45 minutes)

## Drop In for Fun

No registration is required. Tickets will be given out 15 minutes before the start of the program on a first-come, first-served basis. Materials for this program are appropriate for children ages 3-5, but all are welcome to attend.

### Little Listeners

**Tuesday, December 6 • 10:00am**

**Monday, December 19 • 10:00am**

### Pajama Storytime

**Friday, December 9 • 6:30pm**

### Family Fun Night

**Wednesday, December 14 • 6:30pm**

### Friday Night Family Matinee

## The Santa Clause

**Friday, December 23 • 6:30pm**

Because of "the Santa Clause," Scott inherits the job of Santa one fateful Christmas Eve and he finds himself magically recruited to take his place. (1994, PG:1:37)

## Book Time with a Dog

Grades 1 to 6

**20-minute appointments most**

**Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm**

Program code: SAJ311

These positive and supportive sessions are especially helpful to children who are struggling to read. Pick your favorite book and your favorite certified therapy dog and practice reading in a fun environment. You may book two 20-minute appointments over a five-week period. *Registration is ongoing. Register online, by phone, or in person. Ask about our "Standby List" if you want to be called on Thursday afternoons in the event of same-day cancellations.*



**NO Shots for Tots in December**

## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Our Winter & Spring Program brochure, including a full listing of programs, will be available in December. Winter programs will run from January to February; Spring programs from March to May.

### Crafty Kids

Kindergarten to Grade 2

**Tuesday, December 6 • 4:30pm**

Program code: SAJ301

See what everyday materials and simple craft supplies can turn into when you tap into your creative juices. Please dress for a mess. (45 minutes)

### Invisible Friends

Kindergarten and Grade 1

**Wednesday, December 7 • 4:30pm**

Program code: SAJ309

Discover how some animals adapt in order to survive. Create a craft and meet some live creatures that use camouflage. (45 minutes)

### Tween Movie @the Spot

## The Muppet Christmas Carol

Grades 3 to 6

**Friday, December 16 • 7:00pm**

Program code: SAJ313

The Muppet characters tell their version of the classic tale of an old and bitter miser's redemption on Christmas Eve. (1992, G-1:25) (90 minutes)



### Hour of Code

Grades K to 6

**Thursday, December 8 • 4:30pm**

Program code: SAJ317

Kids from all around the world will be part of the Hour of Code movement and you can too! Use our computers to try out coding activities suitable for all levels. (60 minutes)

### LEGO® Block Party

Grades 1 to 3

**Monday, December 12 • 4:30pm**

Program code: SAJ312

Calling all LEGO® fanatics. Show some of your building skills! We will provide the materials, you bring the inspiration. (45 minutes)

### Take Apart Tuesday

Grades 3 to 6

**Tuesday, December 13 • 4:30pm**

Program code: SAJ316

Taking stuff apart is a great way to learn how technology works. Deconstruct common household electronics to see what's inside, and discover what each part does and how they work together in an afternoon of hands-on science exploration. (60 minutes)

### Ugly Sweater Cookie Party

Grades K to 6 with caregiver

**Saturday, December 17**

**1:00pm or 2:30pm**

Program code: SAJ536

Using sugar glaze, fondant, and royal icing, each family will decorate 13 ugly sweater cookies to take home in a bakery box. *This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies. Registration begins on Tuesday, November 22 at 9:30am by telephone or online.* (60 minutes)

### LisaJoy's Circle of Friends

Partner with your child in a calm, relaxed environment that will provide an intimate setting for learning through sensory activities. Taught by a NYS certified special education teacher with over 20 years of experience, these three-week enrichment programs are designed for children with developmental delays or special needs, including those on the autism spectrum. It is an inclusive program and all children, including siblings, are welcome to attend. *If you need special accommodations to attend, please contact us 2 weeks prior to the program. Registration begins Tuesday, November 22 at 9:30am.* (45 minutes)

### Preschool Session

Ages 2-5 years with caregiver

**Saturdays, December 3, 10 & 17 • 10:00am**

Program code: SAJ275

### After School Session

Grades K-to 6 with caregiver

**Fridays, December 2, 9 & 16 • 4:30pm**

Program code: SAJ276

### Study Buddies

Grades 1 to 5

**Wednesday, December 7**

**5:15pm or 6:15pm • Program code: SAJ318**

45-minute appointments

Getting ready for a big test? Need help in a specific subject? Sachem teens will be on hand to assist with homework or reinforce basic skills. *Registration is ongoing. Register online or by phone.*

### December Birthday Bash

4 years old through grade 2 without caregiver

**Saturday, December 17 • 11:00am**

Program code: SAJ612

The Library is celebrating its 100th anniversary! Each month, we are hosting a birthday party for children whose birthdays fall within that month. Join Snoopy, our anniversary mascot, for games, a craft, and a cupcake. *Registration begins Tuesday, November 22 at 9:30am.*

## WINTER PROGRAMS REGISTRATION PREVIEW

Our Winter & Spring Programs Brochure with a full listing of all programs is due out in December. Winter programs run January to February and Spring Programs run March to May.

**Friday, January 6 • 9:30am:  
babies (birth-24 months) &  
school age programs for January**

**Monday, January 9 • 9:30am:  
toddlers (15-36 months) &  
preschoolers (3-5 years)**

**Tuesday, January 10 • 9:30am:  
2 & 3 year olds and family programs**

**Friday, January 13 • 9:30am:  
PARP Winter Reading Club &  
program restrictions lifted**

**Tuesday, January 31 • 9:30am:  
school age programs for February &  
February Recess Week**

# December Monthly Programs and Services



An audio version of this newsletter is available on our website. Building is wheelchair accessible. If you require disability-related accommodations, please call the Library.

## Holiday Closings

Saturday, December 24  
Sunday, December 25  
Monday, December 26

## Free Blood Pressure Testing

Thursday, December 1  
12:00pm – 1:00pm

## Writers' Workshop

Tuesday, December 13 • 6:45pm

## Senior Advocate

Thursday, December 15  
(every other month)  
1:00pm – 4:30pm

## Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Monday, December 19 • 7:00pm

## Health Care Counseling

Tuesday, December 27  
Call for appointment.

## Notary Public Services

Monday – Wednesday:  
10:00am – 12:00pm  
2:00pm – 4:00pm

## Career Counseling

Call for appointment.

## Defensive Driving

Call for availability.

## Arthritis Exercise

Thursdays at 11:45am. Fee: \$40  
Registration for the next 8-week session begins Thursday, December 1.

## Tai Chi Classes

Mondays at 10:00am. Fee: \$40  
Registration for the next 8-week session begins Monday, January 9.

## LIRR to New York City

Saturday, December 31  
\$10 round trip (non-refundable)  
Leave as a group at 9:40am out of Ronkonkoma Station. Register by Wednesday, December 28 at the Welcome Desk.

## Attendance at library

programs or public spaces constitutes consent to be photographed or videotaped for use in library publicity. If you do not want us to capture a photo or video of you or your child, please tell the library staff member coordinating the event PRIOR to the program.

# COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

Sign up online, in person, or by phone at 631-588-5024, ext. 232, beginning Wednesday, November 23 at 9:30am. Seating is restricted to district residents only until the day prior to the scheduled class. All sessions are 90 minutes, unless otherwise noted.

## Tech 30 Appointments

**One-on-One, 30-Minute Technology Help**  
Call for an appointment: 631-588-5024 x232

**Need device advice?** Have questions about your computer, tablet, eReader, or smartphone? Make an appointment with one of our technology librarians for 1-on-1 help. Library staff cannot perform computer repairs or virus removals.

## Word 2013: Tabs & Tables

Thursday, December 1 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAEWTT

Tabs and tables are effective ways to organize content in Word documents. Basic Word skills are required.

## Tech Talk: Technology Gift Guide

Monday, December 5 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAETT

Tech Talk is a monthly series of lectures and/or demonstrations coordinated by our technology librarians on current, new, or upcoming technology. This month's discussion is designed to help you decide which device to purchase as a holiday gift. Learn about the devices and their functions, and discover which are appropriate for different ages and skill levels. Bring your questions and your curiosity!

## iPad/iPhone Settings

Wednesday, December 7 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAEIS

Do you own an iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch and don't understand all the settings? We will cover all of the settings on your IOS device, from Airplane Mode to WIFI setup, and everything in between. Please bring your iPad, iPhone, or iPod Touch to class.

## Word 2013: Format Text & Paragraphs

Thursday, December 8 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAEWFTP

Learn to use formatting to emphasize the text and paragraphs in Word documents. Basic Word skills are required.

## Internet 202: Advanced Searching

Tuesday, December 13 • 10:00am

Program code: SAEI202

Take the next step in using the Internet – use search engines more effectively, shop safely online, and discover online databases. Basic computer skills are required.

## Word 2013: Tips & Tricks

Thursday, December 15 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAEWTPS

Learn how to troubleshoot difficult documents, utilize shortcuts, and use the extended clipboard and Spike to copy and move information. Basic Word skills are required.

## Online Photo Sharing

Saturday, December 17 • 10:00am

Program code: SAEOPS

Share your pictures online with your family and friends! In this hands-on class, learn how to copy a photo from your digital camera to your computer, edit it using an image editing program, post it online, and send invitations to view your pictures. You will also learn how to create an account with an online photo sharing site. Intermediate computer skills required.

## Excel 2013: Tips & Tricks

Thursday, December 22 • 7:00pm

Program code: SAETT

Learn helpful shortcuts and time-saving techniques for this popular spreadsheet program. Basic Excel skills are required.



## TECHNOLOGY SERVICES @SACHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY

- Convertors: Cassette to CD, LP to CD, VHS to DVD
- Digital Display Screen for collaborative projects
- Personal Assistive Hearing Devices at movies
- Public Computers, Printers & Scanner
- Document/Text Enlarger
- Device Charging Station in The Loft
- B&W & Color Copiers
- Fax Machine
- Public WiFi



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Name please print

Address

Email Phone

Annual Membership (1 year): \$10 Lifetime Membership: \$100

Please fill out this form, attach a check made out to

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