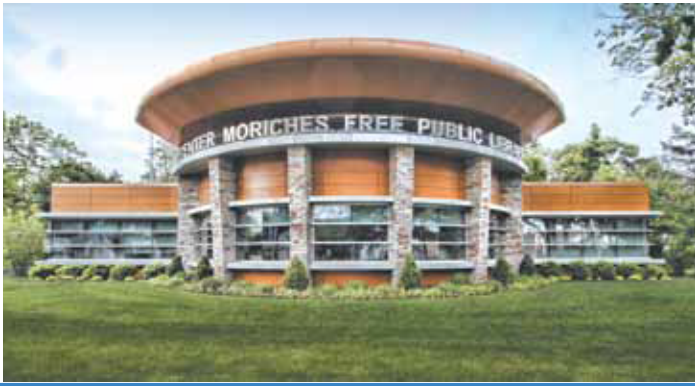


# Center Moriches Free Public Library Newsletter

Serving Center Moriches, East Moriches, Eastport, Manorville,  
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April - May 2020



## A Message from the Director

Dear Community,  
I would like to start by saying I hope you and your loved ones are healthy and I want to thank you for your continued support and patience during this difficult time.

During this closure staff is committed to serving you virtually through our website, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and through email. We are able to assist you with renewing your library card, issuing a temporary card, instructing you how to download e-books, audiobooks or movies using your device or computer, offer reader's advisory or help direct you to proper resources for your reference questions. In this special edition of the Newsletter we've highlighted some of our online databases that may be of interest to you for information, educational purposes or entertainment. We've even added a new online database called Creativebug for all of you crafters who are looking for a new project to start!

Although we've had to temporarily cancel our programs at the library we've been working with your favorite programmers to bring back classes for you to enjoy while at home. Check out our website under Programs & Events to see what cooking demonstrations, exercise classes, and storytimes have been scheduled.

Our community is strong and resilient and it is that strength that will carry us through these uncertain times. I speak for all the staff when I say that we can't wait to reopen our doors and welcome you back into our building. Until then, I wish you health, comfort and peace.

With Warm Regards,  
Marcie Litjens,  
Library Director

## A Message from the Library Board of Trustees

The April 14, 2020 vote has been canceled. The Library Board of Trustees realizes the financial impact that this pandemic has had on our community. We have unanimously decided that there will be no tax increase for this upcoming fiscal year and are committed to providing the same quality of service that the community enjoys and deserves. More information will be available in the future regarding the trustee election.

### A message from our Social Work Intern:

Joanne Spataro ASN, BSHS, Certified Health Coach, MSW Intern

## Do You Need to Talk?

The Center Moriches Library wants to extend support and commitment to the community as we navigate this difficult time in which so many individuals are being impacted by COVID-19. You may have a variety of reactions including (but not limited to) fear, anxiety, stress, confusion, isolation, uncertainty, depression and grief/loss.

For many, changes in daily routine, loss of employment and even adjusting to new changes in work and school environments can compound the stress of the pandemic. As a social work intern here at the library, I am available to the community for support through this time of uncertainty. If you would like to speak, email me at [socialworker@centermoricheslibrary.org](mailto:socialworker@centermoricheslibrary.org) to set up a teleconference appointment. These services are offered at no charge through the library and available to all in the community.

## Some Helpful Hints . . .

### Finding Inner Peace at a Time of Uncertainty

The news surrounding COVID-19 can bring fear and uncertainty to families and loved ones.

Social isolation can be a precaution against contraction but can also bring loneliness, depression and anxiety to those experiencing this isolation, especially those living alone and with mental health issues.

Here are some ways to help promote positive mental health during this crisis.

#### Self-Care

- Try yoga, guided meditation or Tai Chi on YouTube
- Try a new online workout
- Treat yourself and family members to a Spa Day at home
- Write a thought of the day and share with others
- Go for a walk or a hike and connect with nature
- Do something for someone in need

#### Family Activity Suggestions

- Do some family baking and watch movies
- Start a garden and plant some seeds
- Learn to play that old guitar in the basement
- Reorganize the garage, basement, closets and drawers or paint a room in the house
- Throw a party using social media platforms or Zoom

## Most Importantly

Take time to turn off the news and social media updates. Mentally detach from the negativity for a little while.

## Wifi Availability



We know that not everyone has access to high speed internet at their homes. During these times, when news changes constantly and the need to feel connected is the most important, we are trying to help. We installed new equipment to extend our coverage throughout the Library's main parking lot. Of course, signal strength is best closer to the building. Just look for the network "CM Library Wifi", accept our terms of use, and enjoy! If you have problems, please email us at [cmorlib@centermoricheslibrary.org](mailto:cmorlib@centermoricheslibrary.org) and of course, please practice social distancing from any of your neighbors who are also using our Wifi.

## Social Media

Center Moriches Free Public Library has a new Facebook Page specially made for Children and Teen Services. Search "Center Moriches Free Public Library Youth Services" and like us to hear the latest news, programs and trends!



## Making a Difference



The library purchased a 3D printer that, in conjunction with over 40 other Suffolk County Libraries, is being used to make face shields for healthcare workers at Stony Brook Hospital. This "printer farm" is set up at the Suffolk Cooperative Library System in Bellport and once the need for personal protection equipment has ceased, it will be at the library for patrons to use and enjoy!

## Library Cards

If you do not have a card, or have misplaced yours, visit <https://search.livebrary.com/selfreg> to get a temporary 90-day card.

## Virtual Programming

Check out our program calendar at [www.centermoricheslibrary.org](http://www.centermoricheslibrary.org) and look under "Programs and Events" to see what new virtual programs the library is offering!

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT COVID-19 – Helpful Resources

### Economic Stimulus Checks

The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service have announced that the economic stimulus checks, as called for in the coronavirus stimulus bill, will begin to be sent out in three weeks. They will be distributed automatically using the information from your 2018 or 2019 tax filings (if you have filed). Most people will not be required to do anything to receive their checks. If you are not usually required to file tax returns, you MAY need to file one in order to receive your check.

For more information, please visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/economic-impact-payments-what-you-need-to-know>

### Federal Income Tax Information

The deadline to file and pay federal income tax has been extended to July 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/payment-deadline-extended-to-july-15-2020>

### New York State Income Tax (personal and corporate) Information

The deadline to file and pay New York State income tax has also been extended to July 15, 2020.

For more information, please visit <https://www.tax.ny.gov/press/alerts/nys-tax-response-to-covid-19.htm>

### Student Loan Information

As part of the national coronavirus relief bill, repayment of federal student loans has been suspended from March 13, 2020-September 30, 2020.

For more information, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/coronavirus>

### New York State DMV Information

All driver's licenses, learner's permits, Non-Driver IDs and registrations that were due to expire on March 1, 2020 or later have been extended until further notice.

Vehicles that were due for inspection in March 2020 have had their inspection deadlines extended until further notice.

For more information, please visit <https://dmv.ny.gov/dmv/questions-and-answers>

If you have not yet upgraded your driver's license to comply with the Federal REAL ID Act by getting either a REAL ID or an Enhanced License, the deadline to do so has been extended until October 1, 2021.

For more information, please visit <https://www.dhs.gov/news/2020/03/26/acting-secretary-chad-wolf-statement-real-id-enforcement-deadline>

### Census 2020

The US Census has extended its deadline to self-respond online to August 14, 2020. To fill out the census, please look out for the invitation in your mailbox and go to <https://2020census.gov/en.html> For more information about the census response to COVID-19, please visit <https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/factsheets/2020/dec/2020-census-operational-adjustments-short-version.pdf>

### Unemployment Benefits

New York State's Unemployment Benefits have been expanded through July 31, 2020, to assist those out of work because of COVID-19. You may file a claim online at [labor.ny.gov](http://labor.ny.gov) or by phone by calling 1-888-209-8124.

For more information about NYS Unemployment Benefits and COVID-19, please visit <https://labor.ny.gov/ui/pdfs/ui-covid-faq.pdf>

### Small Business Grants and Loans

There are several funding programs available through the Small Business Administration for small business loans and several temporary funding programs to assist small business owners with the effects of the COVID-19 outbreak.

Please visit <https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options> for relief options and <https://www.sba.gov/page/coronavirus-covid-19-small-business-guidance-loan-resources#section-header-0> for more general guidance for small businesses during this crisis.

### COVID-19

For updates on COVID-19 in Suffolk County, including numbers of cases, recoveries and deaths, as well as important county updates, please visit <https://suffolkcountyny.gov/Departments/Health-Services/Health-Bulletins/Novel-Coronavirus>

OR

Text COVIDSUFFOLK to 67283

For national updates and general information about COVID-19 and how best to protect yourself, others and ensure that the spread of the disease is slowed, please visit the CDC's website at <https://www.cdc.gov/>

### The New York State Office of Mental Health has launched a COVID-19 Emotional Support Helpline

The helpline provides free and confidential support to anyone experiencing increased stress and anxiety due to the coronavirus emergency. The helpline is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals who are trained in crisis counseling. If you need to reach out, the number is 1-844-863-9314.



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