

Center Moriches Free Public Library

Newsletter

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Community members are warmer this winter because of all the donations of lovingly knitted, crocheted or purchase of new mittens, hats and scarves for our mitten tree! Your donations make a difference for those in need during the cold winter months.

Our community also responded overwhelmingly with bags upon bags of new toys that were donated and distributed to children in the 7th Precinct, INTERFACE program at Brookhaven Town and by the United States Marines' Toys for Tots program. Your donations made a child's holiday a little brighter!

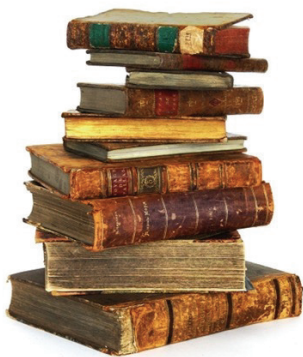
WE'RE UPGRADING!

We're excited to announce that we're moving to an upgraded software system for program registration. LibraryCalendar will make it easier than ever to browse, register, and manage your program participation. Take a look at the website for further details and instructions on how to register for programs using this new product.



ANTIQUES, VINTAGE & PREMIUM BOOK SALE

The Friends will be holding a sale of these special books on Friday, January 30th between 9:30 AM – 4:30 PM and Saturday, January 31st between 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. There is a great selection of items to choose from and your purchase helps support the Library.



Congratulations, Charli on finishing 1000 Books Before Kindergarten!



GRAND OPENING AND RIBBON CUTTING

On Saturday, December 6th the Library Board of Trustees was excited to welcome the community to celebrate the official ribbon cutting for the new outdoor Children's Play Area. It marked the culmination of dedicated planning, collaboration, and the vision to enhance services for all who visit. Children led the crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance as they waited for the gates to officially open. A special thank you to retired Assemblyman Fred Thiele, who helped secure a \$125,000 grant that made this project possible. Additional photos of the ceremony are on our website.



HEALTHY LIBRARIES AND SOCIAL WORK INTERN

The Healthy Libraries Program (HeLP) consists of students who are currently training in the fields of social work, public health, library science, and nursing, who are available at the library to provide blood pressure screenings, and

to answer questions and provide reliable, evidence based information on a wide variety of health topics such as heart disease, diabetes, understanding medications and much more. Students are also available to direct patrons to community resources, help filling out paperwork for social services, finding housing, and assist with finding a healthcare provider and scheduling appointments. This program will be available to all community members on February 3rd and 17th and March 3rd from 2:00 pm - 4:30 pm.

Additionally, our Social Work Intern, Jake is available on Mondays between the hours of 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Wednesdays between the hours of 10:00 am - 2:30 pm and Saturdays between 12:00pm-4:00pm. Our Intern can assist with emergency clothing and shelter, family matters and food assistance. To schedule an appointment please call the Reference desk at 631- 878-0940 ext. 5. All are welcome and there is no fee to use these services.

NARCAN TRAINING

Wednesday, January 22nd at 7:00 PM

This training led by 7th Precinct COPE Officers will help you learn the signs of an overdose, how to administer intranasal Narcan and teach what steps to take until emergency services arrive. Each participant will be given a kit that contains nasal Narcan. All are welcome but please register.

MOBILE HEALTHCARE AT THE LIBRARY

Wednesday, February 4th from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Come to the mobile health clinic, run by Catholic Health Services. No appointment is necessary, and all are welcome. Services include:

- Brief cardiac history
- Blood pressure screening
- BMI screening
- Simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose
- Health education
- Referrals as needed
- Resources for those without insurance



FRIDAY AFTERNOON MOVIE

All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.

MONTY PYTHON AND THE HOLY GRAIL

Friday, January 16th 1:00 pm – 3:00 PM

King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table embark on a surreal, low-budget search for the Holy Grail, encountering many, very silly obstacles.

LITTLE SHOP OF HORRORS

Friday, February 20th 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

Shy amateur botanist Seymour finds his chance for success and romance with the help of a giant man-eating plant who demands to be fed.

NEW BOOKISH BINGO

Tired of reading the same old thing? Our new Bookish Bingo is here! This year-long program features five unique Bingo sheets, each packed with engaging reading prompts. We've got everything from different genres and book settings to unique tasks like reading a book with a green cover. When you complete a Bingo on one sheet, come to the Reference Desk for your next sheet. Finish all five boards to qualify for the final drawing and your chance to win a fun gift card!

CMOR Cardholders only.

CONCERTS



MIXED VIBES

Sunday, January 25th, from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

Mixed Vibes is a band that plays a wide variety of genres from soul, pop, R&B and many more! Come on down and hear some of your favorites!

All are welcome, but please register.

FAST TRACK

Sunday, February 22nd from 2:00 pm-3:30 pm

A Classic Rock, Pop and Dance cover band with a large following, come on down and hear songs that cover a wide variety of genres, from pop, rock, dance and even country!

All are welcome, but please register.



ARTIST ALLEY

January features Julia DiPeri, a graduating student at a local High School whose photography focuses on landscapes, wildlife, and distinctive architecture from her travels around the world. Her work is inspired by research on the therapeutic potential of creative expression for individuals with traumatic brain injury and she hopes that it evokes connection, curiosity, and a sense of human experience. A reception will be held on Sunday, January 11th between 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM. All are welcome to attend.

The February showing celebrates the creativity of our community's young artists with a vibrant winter-themed exhibit. Local teens showcase their talent through pieces crafted on canvas using a wide variety of artistic mediums. Stop by to experience fresh perspectives, seasonal inspiration, and impressive emerging talent.

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Adult Programs

Adult Registration Guide

Unless otherwise stated, Registration is **Saturday, December 20th at 9:00 am**. DUE TO THE POPULARITY OF THE FOLLOWING CLASSES, programs are for adults only (16 years and above), and a Center Moriches Library Card is required, unless advertised as "All Suffolk County Library Cardholders Welcome". **Registration begins for MOST Monthly Events on Saturday, December 20th at 9:00 am** and must be done online

on our website at www.centermoricheslibrary.org, or in person. Click on Programs & Events and choose "Library Calendar". There is also a tab with directions on how to register online for programs. If you are going to be absent for a program that you are registered for, please call the Adult Department so that someone on the waiting list may be called.

Some programs are offered as both in-person and Zoom/YouTube classes. With the exception of exercise programs, we ask that you choose between taking it in person or online (not both)

Registration for Defensive Driving has a different registration date than the rest of the programs. Please read the class description for registration information.

POETRY CLUB

Friday, January 2nd from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Friday, February 6th from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Join Shannon for an informal poetry club! January's theme is New Beginnings and February's theme is Platonic Love. Bring in your own writing, an author you enjoy, or just come as you are. All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.

THE WRITER'S TABLE

Saturday, January 3rd from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, February 7th from 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

This is an informal gathering for anyone interested in writing or listening to poetry. Each person will have an opportunity to recite and talk about a poem of their choosing. On occasion, the group may indulge in an essay or short story. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library. All Suffolk County Library cardholders are welcome.

BREWICHES BOOK CLUB

Wednesday, January 7th at 6:00 pm

Wednesday, February 4th at 6:00 pm

Get ready to escape the cold with two great reads at Moriches Field Brewing Company for pints and puzzling plots as we dive into a new year of mystery, fantasy, and thrillers! For January, we'll be reading *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley. It's a classic locked-room mystery/thriller set on a remote, storm-swept island off the coast of Ireland—a perfect, atmospheric escape from the winter cold. For February, we'll be reading *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave. This novel is a gripping thriller focused on family loyalty, trust, and the desperate search for answers, with an emotional history of a powerful but threatened love at its core. All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.

January: *The Guest List* by Lucy Foley

February: *The Last Thing He Told Me* by Laura Dave

ONE ON ONE CAREER COUNSELING NOW THROUGH THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

Career Coach Richard Gluck will answer any questions you may have regarding resumes, job interviewing, and anything career related. Follow-up counseling to more in-depth questions will also be available. All inquiries will remain private and confidential. Please e-mail rcgluck0120@yahoo.com. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

KNITTING AND CROCHET CIRCLE

Monday, January 5th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Monday, February 2nd from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Whether you knit or crochet, join Mrs. Ceramello for an informal monthly meeting. Bring your current needle project to work on and share with the group. Light refreshments will be served. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

SNAP INFORMATION

Thursday, January 8th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 12th from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Find out if you are eligible for monthly benefits to buy food from the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP). For additional information and/or to make an appointment, please call or text 631-579-7051. **All are welcome.**

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, January 13th at 11:30 am

Tuesday, February 10th at 11:30 am

Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center (ADRC) will offer a monthly caregiver support group. ADRC's support groups are an opportunity for caregivers to discuss challenges, share feelings and find emotional support. Talking with people who truly understand helps caregivers feel less alone as they confront the many challenges of caring for a person with Alzheimer's Disease or other dementias. Participants will also be helped to develop methods and tools to balance their own personal, physical, and emotional needs while caring for their loved one. For additional information, email sharon.reichman@adrcinc.org or call 631.580.5100. **All Suffolk County Library Cardholders are welcome.**

ONE ON ONE MEDICARE COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE BY PHONE

Friday, January 16th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

Friday, February 20th from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm

HiICAP is now offering one on one Medicare counseling by phone! Appointments are half an hour long and you will be called between 10:30 am-12:30 pm on the day you register for. Please make sure you have a valid telephone number on file when registering. **All Suffolk County Library Cardholders are welcome.**

BOOK-A-LIBRARIAN

Friday, January 23rd from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Monday, February 23rd from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Did you get a new tablet or e-reader over the holidays? Unlock Your Digital Library! Sign up for a 20-minute Book-a-Librarian appointment for tailored assistance with our e-resources. We can guide you through installing and using our popular apps like Libby (for ebooks/audiobooks), Hoopla (for streaming TV shows and movies, ebooks/audiobooks, and music), and Kanopy (for streaming TV shows and movies), and show you how to maximize our online databases such as Pressreader. This service is for library tech support only; we cannot assist with personal tasks like learning non-library software, banking, or general hardware issues. **CMOR Cardholders only, you must pre-register for your spot.**

HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAMS

GENTLE TONING AND MUSCLE STRENGTHENING ON ZOOM

(attend all 6 sessions) Tuesdays January 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Kim R. in this 6-week class to gently tone and strengthen your body. Exercises will be done in a chair, in your house. Please have weights and a towel ready.

This program will be presented on Zoom. Link (invite) to join the class will be sent to you before the program starts.

All Suffolk County Library Cardholders are welcome.

GENTLE CHAIR YOGA WITH SUSAN ON ZOOM

(attend all 6 sessions) Wednesdays, January 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, and 18th from 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Join Susan Semerada as she shows you gentle, yet effective yoga moves that can be done sitting in a chair or using a chair for support. ***Please use a sturdy kitchen chair (no wheels) *** **This program will be presented on Zoom. Link (invite) to join the class will be sent to you before the program starts. All Suffolk County Library Cardholders are welcome.**



IN-PERSON EXERCISE PROGRAMS

Join us for these fun and effective exercise programs. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

IN-PERSON GENTLE TONING AND MUSCLE STRENGTHENING WITH KIM

(attend all 6 sessions) Wednesdays, January 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, and 18th from 8:30 am - 9:15 am Join Kim R. in this 6-week series to gently tone and strengthen your body. Exercises will be done in a chair and can be adapted to different fitness levels. Please bring your weights and a towel to class.

IN-PERSON CARDIO SCULPT TRAINING WITH KIM

(attend all 6 sessions) Fridays, January 16th, 23rd, 30th, February 6th, 13th, and 20th from 8:30 am - 9:15 am Join Kim for this energizing class, which involves cardio intervals mixed with strength training intervals using resistance bands. You can use your own bands or checkout resistance band kits from our Library of Things collection in the library. Please bring a mat as mats are not provided.

LECTURES

FINANCIAL EDUCATIONAL SEMINAR ROUNDUP

Tuesday, February 3rd from 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

Join us for an informative and engaging afternoon as local professionals discuss important topics to help you and your family plan for the future. The topics are presented in 15-20 minute increments covering the following topics below. **Light Refreshments will be served. All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.**

- **Longevity Planning with New Ways to Purchase Long-Term Care Insurance:** Presented by Rona Loshak, MBA, CLTC (Founding Partner, Karp Loshak LTC Insurance Solutions)
- **If You Don't Have Long-Term Care Insurance - Understanding Medicaid Options:** Presented by Mary Ann Kuntz (Owner, Guiding Light for Seniors)
- **Staying Safely in Your Home for Life - If Possible:** Presented by Lori Costello, R.N. (Founder, PeaceWellCare.com)
- **Estate Planning Essentials:** Presented by Mary K. Kelly, Esq. (Founder, The Kelly Law Group P.C.)

HOW TO SURVIVE RISING FOOD PRICES

Wednesday, February 25th from 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm



If rising grocery prices have you concerned, this is the class for you! Join Home Economist Janice I. and learn creative ways to shop economically, save money with proper food storage and sustainability practices and create low-cost meals, and much more in this

informative lecture. **All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.**

PROGRAMS



GRAB & GO CRACKLE BRACELET AND EARRING SET

(Pickup begins on January 5th)

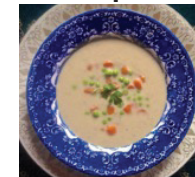
The kit comes with the supplies needed to make this craft and will include a link to a pre-recorded video. Jewelry kits are available for checkout if needed. **YOU MUST REGISTER** to receive a kit. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

CHEF ROB LIVE! CHICKEN A LA REINE SOUP AND HEALTHY MEDITERRANEAN BEAN SALAD

(choose one time)

Monday, January 5th from 2:00 pm-3:00 pm

OR 6:00 pm - 7:00 pm



Join Chef Rob for this delicious demonstration and tasting of the soup formally served at Disney World, among other places, followed by a nutritious bean salad. Recipes included! **CMOR Cardholders only.**

ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE SERIES

(attend all sessions) Tuesdays, January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd, 10th, and 17th from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Join certified ESL teacher Nia O. for this 6-week series that will improve your English language skills. Aimed specifically at high beginners and low intermediate students, this class will cover basic themes such as work, time, families, shopping, community activities, food, the weather, and health.

All are welcome but please register.

JAPANESE FOR TRAVEL/BEGINNERS

NEW DAY AND TIME

(attend all 8 sessions) Wednesdays, January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th, 11th, 18th, and 25th from 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Thinking about visiting Japan, or just interested in the language? This course offers a quick introduction to the Japanese language as well as Japanese customs, which can be very helpful for first-time travelers to Japan. Through this course, you will be introduced to basic Japanese phrases for greeting, ordering food, shopping and other aspects of daily life. We will try to speak Japanese as much as possible, throughout the class. The class focuses on speaking Japanese, rather than reading or writing Japanese. Instructed by native Japanese speaker Ms. Ryoko Mochizuki! **CMOR Cardholders only.**

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Teen Zone

Teen Registration Guide. Programs for Teens Grades 6 – 12.

Teens are required to have their own valid Center Moriches library card to register for programs. Many of our programs can now be registered online. In person and online registration begins at 9:00am. In fairness to all patrons, please do not ask to register early or over the phone. To register online, go to www.centermoricheslibrary.org and click on the "Program Registration" tab and follow the prompts.

*Please Note: Unless stated otherwise, these programs are for Center Moriches Cardholders only.
**Unless stated otherwise, registered patrons will receive an email indicating that the program materials are ready for pickup.

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100 BOOKS



BEFORE GRADUATION

100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

100 Books Before Graduation is an initiative that challenges 6th – 12th graders with Center Moriches Library cards to read 100 books before they graduate high school. Ask a librarian for more information or to sign up today!

ADVANCED BATTLE OF THE BOOKS

We are so excited to take part in the Advanced Battle of the Books 2026! Ask a librarian for more details!

WOLF MOON CANVAS

Saturday, January 3rd at 3:00 pm

January's Full Moon is known as the Wolf Moon, because of the howling wolves that are more likely to be heard in winter. Join us to celebrate the beauty of the Wolf Moon by creating a majestic scene. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

KNITTING & CROCHET CIRCLE

Monday, January 5th at 6:00 pm

Monday, February 2nd at 6:00 pm

Whether you knit or crochet, join Mrs. Ceramello for an informal monthly meeting. Bring your current needle project to work on and share with the group. Light refreshments will be served. Registration is now open!



HOJALATA MEXICAN TIN FOLK ART

Tuesday, January 6th at 7:00 pm

Lisa from Create Programs is here to teach you how create your own Mexican tin folk art piece. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, January 7th & 21st at 6:00 pm

Saturday, January 24th at 2:00 pm

Thursday, February 5th & 19th at 6:00 pm

Join us for an hour full of Lego's! Use your imagination or one of our instruction booklets to build your Lego creation. Sign up for one session or all! Registration is now open.

CRAFT WARS

Saturday, January 10th at 3:00 pm

Take part in a fun and crafty challenge. A gift card will be awarded to the winner PLUS everyone keeps their creation!

*Dress for Mess. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Sunday, January 11th at 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Sunday, February 8th at 12:30 pm – 3:30 pm

This game craze is back! Transform yourself into a powerful hero and join The Quest Masters Guild to prepare for an epic journey of mystery and magic where you can meet fellow adventurers, battle monsters, and win treasure. Beginner friendly but all levels of experience are welcome. This program is for teens only. Dice and character sheets provided. Limited availability. Please bring your own pencil and notebook. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.



RUBBER DUCKY DAY



Wednesday, January 14th at 6:30 pm

Celebrate rubber ducky day by enjoying some fun rubber ducky themed activities, including decorating your own duck! Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

SCRAPBOOKING

Thursday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm

Join Miss Shannon for a scrapbooking event! Bring photographs, mementos, etc. We will supply blank notebooks, scrapbook paper, and lots of fun crafting supplies! Create a keepsake book to record the awesome memories of your life. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

BIG GAME BITES WITH FANNY CAKES*

Saturday, January 31st at 2:30 pm

Teens will have a blast whipping up fun treats and snacks to take home and bake, perfect for the Big Game! *This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

MARBLE EFFECT VASE TAKE & MAKE

Tuesday February 3rd

Who knew using nail polish and water could make any basic item look like marble? Pick up a kit and see for yourself! You will receive an email when your kit is ready for pickup. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

GLASS SNOW GLOBES

Saturday, February 7th at 2:00 pm

Environmental Artist Tony V. is here to show you how to make this cool craft! Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

POTHOLDERS FOR SOUP KITCHEN

Wednesday, February 11th at 6:00 pm

Teens will decorate potholders with special messages and art. These will be donated to a soup kitchen for those in need. *One hour of community service will be awarded to each teen upon completion. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.



VALENTINE'S CANDY BUILDING CHALLENGE*

Saturday, February 14th at 2:30 pm

How structurally sound could a tower made of candy be? Join Miss Cecilia for a sweet STEM challenge using Valentine's candy and engineering creativity to find out. *This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

MOVIE & SNACKS*

Wednesday, February 18th at 1:30 pm

Get out of the cold and watch a movie with friends. Snacks will be provided. *This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies. Registration is now open.

GEODE CUPCAKES*

Tuesday, February 24th at 7:00 pm

Join us in creating these beautiful, crystallized creations. Using fondant and rock candy you'll create cupcakes too beautiful to eat! *This program may not be suitable for teens with food allergies. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

MONOPOLY

Thursday, February 26th at 6:00 pm

Join Miss Shannon for a casual monopoly night! Come as you are and be ready to play! Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

NEW BOOK REVIEWS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Hey Teens! Submitting book reviews for community service is so easy! Just go to <https://centermoricheslibrary.org/in-library-resource/community-service-opportunities/>.

There you will see a list of new teen books that are eligible as well as a form to submit your review. Once we receive your review, we will email you a community service certificate for 3 hours! *Limit of one review per month.*

KANOPY FILM REVIEWS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Now you can review films on our streaming service, Kanopy, for 2 hours of community service! The instructions and review form are available to pick up in the Teen Zone or you can go to <https://centermoricheslibrary.org/departments/teens/community-service-opportunities/teen-film-review/> for the instructions and the review form. If you submit online, we will email you a certificate for your community service. *Restrictions apply. Please see instructions for more details. **Limit of one review per month.

4TH ANNUAL TEEN ART SHOW

Calling all Teen Artists! Help us put on our fourth annual teen art exhibit this winter! Each teen who registers will get a canvas to create a winter themed masterpiece! Use whatever art materials you have on hand and bring back your completed piece by January 24th for a February art exhibit in our Library's Artist Alley! *Each teen will receive 3 hours of community service. Registration begins on Saturday, November 1st.

NATIONAL SPAGHETTI DAY COLLECTION - JANUARY

In honor of National Spaghetti Day, we will be collecting boxes of spaghetti to give to people in need for the month of January. One hour of community service will be given to each teen who donates.



READING RESOLUTION PUNCH CARDS FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE

Tuesday, January 27th at 6:00 pm

New year, new reading goals. Use your creative skills and join Miss Cecilia at the library to make reading resolution punch cards to help build a community of readers. The punch cards teens make will be available at the circulation desk for library patrons to use and track their reading. *One hour of community service will be awarded to each teen upon completion. Registration begins on Saturday, December 27th.

LEGO DONATIONS - FEBRUARY

Hey Teens! Have any old Lego pieces you're not using anymore? For the month of February, the Teen Zone will be collecting gently used Lego pieces. Please, do not bring in new Lego sets. One hour of community service will be given to each teen who donates.



Childrens' Programs

Children's Registration Guide

Children are required to have their own valid Center Moriches library card to register for programs. If your child does not have a library card, please take a moment at the Circulation Desk and apply for one. In person and online registration begins at 9:00am. In fairness to all patrons, please do not ask to register early or over the phone. To register online, go to www.centermoricheslibrary.org and find the link to the Events Calendar. When the calendar loads, click on

the desired program and enter the child's library card number and password. If this is your first time registering online, you will need to create a password and verify it twice. Continue to register for the program by following the prompts. *Please speak to a Children's Librarian if you have any questions. ****Please Note: Unless stated otherwise, these programs are for Center Moriches Cardholders only****

Unattended Child Policy

Library Policy States "Parents or guardians are prohibited from leaving children under the age of ten." The staff of Center Moriches Free Public Library wants your child's library experience to be happy and positive. Please remain in the Library.



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Pre-School Programs

KIDNASTICS

Mondays, January 5th, 12th, 26th, and February 2nd
Ages Walking- Not Yet 3 Years Old at 9:30 am
Family Kidnastics (Mixed aged children)

Walking- Not yet in Kindergarten) at
10:30 am or 11:30 am OR

Tuesdays, January 6th, 13th, 27th, and February 3rd

Ages Walking- Not Yet 3 Years Old at 9:45 am

Ages 6 Months- Not Yet Walking at 11:00 am

Ages 3 Years- Not Yet in Kindergarten at 12:15 pm

Join Miss Gail for four weeks of fun and educational Kidnastics classes! *In fairness, we ask that you only register if you plan on attending all 4 classes. Please choose ONE day (either Mondays OR Tuesdays) to attend the classes for your child's age group.* Registration begins Monday, December 29th.

***Please note that with the exception of infants in strollers, extra siblings are not permitted into Kidnastics unless they are also registered for the same class and fit the age limits. For families with multiple preschool aged children, please sign up for a Family Kidnastics class.*

TODDLER & ME WITH MISS CECILIA!

Ages Walking- 18 Months

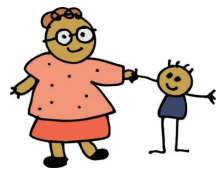
Wednesday, January 7th at 10:30 am and/or

Wednesday, January 21st at 10:30 am

and/or

Wednesday, February 18th at 10:30 am

Bring your little one to shake, rattle, and roll with Miss Cecilia in this sweet introduction to library fun. Registration is ongoing.



BABY & ME WITH MISS CECILIA!

Ages Birth-Not Yet Walking

Wednesday, January 7th at 11:30 am and/or

Wednesday, January 21st at 11:30 am and/or

Wednesday, February 18th at 11:30 am

As above but for the littlest library users!

Registration is ongoing.

LET'S PRETEND!

Ages 2 years -Not Yet in Kindergarten

Thursday, January 8th at 11:00 am

Thursday, January 22nd at 11:00 am

Come join us as we explore different professions. Read stories, and have fun pretending, and let your child's imagination soar! Registration begins Monday, December 29th.

STORYTIME

Ages 2- Not yet in Kindergarten

Fridays, January 9th and/or 23rd at 10:30 am and/or

Fridays, February 6th and/or 20th at 10:30 am

Join us for 30 minutes of songs, stories, activities and flannel board fun! Open to all; no registration required!



SENSORY SATURDAY WITH PEDIATRIC OT DR. HEIDI MACALPINE

Ages 18 Months- Not yet in Kindergarten
Saturday, January 10th at 11:00 am

Join us for this special edition of Sensory Saturday! Pediatric Occupational Therapist Heidi MacAlpine will be here to answer your questions as you interact with your child. Sensory play offers a fun, natural way for kids to discover and explore their world. Dress for mess. *These activities require close adult supervision by parent or guardian.* Open to all; no registration required!!

MOMMY AND ME YOGA

Ages Birth - 17 months and their grown up*

Wednesdays, January 14th and/or 28th at 11:00 am

Join us for this creative class where grownups and children connect through simple movements, playful poses, and gentle communication. Support your child's growth and development while strengthening your bond. *Please note, grown up must be physically able to lift or support child. Register for each session one week before.

THURSDAY OPEN PLAY!

Ages 2 years - Not yet in Kindergarten

Thursdays, January 15th and/or 29th at 11:00 am

Come down to the library and see what fun we will have for you! Cars and Trucks? Blocks? Sensory Bins? You'll have to be here to find out! No registration required.

MANIPULATION STATIONS

Ages 2 years - Not yet in Kindergarten

Fridays, January 16th, 30th and/or

February 13th and 27th at 10:30 am

Children will have a great time using all their senses in this unstructured program. Dress for mess. These activities require close adult supervision by parent or guardian. No registration required!

SATURDAY FAMILY KIDNASTICS

Walking- Not yet in Kindergarten

Saturday, January 17th and/or 31st at 10:00 am

Join Miss Gail for this special Saturday edition of Family Kidnastics. Register for each session one week before.

***Please note that school-aged siblings are not permitted into Kidnastics classes.*

INFANT OPEN PLAY

Ages Birth - Not yet walking

Wednesday, February 4th at 11:00 am

Join us for this special open play for our littlest patrons No registration required.

LIL' ATHLETES SPORTS SAMPLER

****NO SIBLINGS PLEASE**

Thursdays, February 5th, 12th and 26th

Ages 18 months- Not Yet 3 Years Old at 9:30 am

Ages 3- Not Yet in Kindergarten at 10:30 am

Join Lil' Athletes for an introduction to various sports, including soccer, baseball, and lacrosse. Each class is filled with a mixture of learning basics of each sport and fun! Registration begins Monday, January 26th. ****Please note that this is a no sibling class. For safety reasons, ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING must fall within the age parameters of the program. This includes infants in strollers.**



BABY START

Ages Birth- 17 Months

Saturday, February 7th at 9:30 am and/or

Saturday, February 28th at 9:30 am

Join A Time for Kids, Inc. as we introduce our littlest patrons to the wonderful world of library programs. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and circle time! Register for each session one week before.

A TIME FOR KIDS

18 Months - Not yet in Kindergarten

Saturday, February 7th at 10:30 am and/or

Saturday, February 28th at 10:30 am

Join A Time for Kids, Inc. for a super fun program that focuses on early literacy, language development, fine and gross motor development as well as music. Register for each session one week before.

BABIES BOOGIE

Ages Birth- 17 Months

Tuesdays, February 10th, 17th, and 24th at 9:45 am

OR

TODDLERS TANGO

Ages 18 months-not yet in Kindergarten

Tuesdays, February 10th, 17th, and 24th at

10:45 or 11:45 am

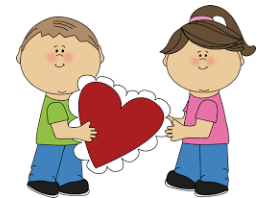
Enjoy tons of wiggles and giggles with your young one as you clap your hands, stamp your feet and wiggle to the beat of this music appreciation program. Registration begins Monday, February 2nd

PRESCHOOL VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT

Ages 3- Not yet in Kindergarten

Wednesday, February 11th at 1:00 pm

Love is in the air, and we have the perfect craft for you! Registration begins Monday, February 2nd.



School-Age Programs

Children registered for school age programs enter the activity room on their own! In alignment with the Center Moriches School District, children must turn 5 before December 1, 2025 to attend School Age Programs.

500 BOOKS BEFORE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Grades K-5th

500 Books Before Middle School is a nationwide reading program for elementary school kids in kindergarten to 5th grade. The goal is to complete 500 books before entering 6th grade, earning prizes along the way! See a children's librarian for more information!

WOLF MOON PAINTING

Grades 3rd - 6th

Saturday, January 3rd at 1:00 pm

January's Full Moon is known as the Wolf Moon, because of the howling wolves that are more likely to be heard in winter. Join us to celebrate the beauty of the Wolf Moon by creating a majestic scene. Registration begins Monday, December 29th.

SOCK SKI BUNNY

Grades K - 6th

Tuesday, January 6th at 5:00 pm

Lisa from Create Programs is here to show you how to make the sweetest bunny who is ready to hit the slopes! Registration begins Monday, December 29th.



LEGO BUILDERS CLUB

Grades K- 6th

Wednesdays, January 7th and/or 21st at 5:00 pm and/or

Thursdays, February 5th and/or 19th at 5:00 pm and/or

Saturday, January 24th at 1:00 pm

Join us for this 45-minute free play Lego workshop and create an awesome structure using your imagination or one of our Lego building guides! Register for each session one week before.



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Childrens' Programs

School-Age Programs: unless otherwise noted, children enter the Activity Room independently.

PAWS TO READ!

Grades K – 6th
Thursday, January 8th and/or Wednesday,
February 25th at 6:00 pm*

Want to practice your reading skills? These pups LOVE to be read to! Bring your own book or choose one here at the library. *15-minute time slot will be assigned once registered* Registration begins Monday, December 29th.

CRAFT WARS!

Grades 3rd – 6th
Saturday, January 10th at 1:00 pm

Work in teams to complete crafty challenges. Teams will create items to keep + display at home! Prizes will be awarded to the winning team! *Dress for A Mess. Registration begins Monday, December 29th.



STORYLAB - **AFTER THE FALL**

Grades 3rd - 6th
Thursday, January 15th at 5:00 pm

If all the king's horses and all the king's men couldn't put Humpty Dumpty together again, can you build a vessel to protect him? Join us and share the story After the Fall by Dan Santat and use your engineering skills to try to keep Humpty safe. Registration begins Monday, January 5th.

SATURDAY SCHOOL AGE KIDNASTICS

Grades K- 2nd
Saturdays, January 17th and/or 31st at 11:00 am

Join Miss Gail for this special Saturday edition Kidnastics for kids in Kindergarten through Second Grade. Register for each session one week before.

CRAFTY TALES- HOW TO CATCH A STAR

Grades K- 2nd
Tuesday, January 20th at 5:00 pm

Join Miss Cecilia to make a spectacular watercolor craft inspired by the book How to Catch a Star by Oliver Jeffers. Registration begins Monday, January 12th.

LIL' ATHLETES SCHOOL AGE **SPORTS SAMPLER**

Grades K – 3rd
Thursday, January 22nd at 5:00 pm and/or
Thursday, February 26th at 5:00 pm



Join Lil' Athletes for an introduction to various sports, including soccer, baseball, and lacrosse. Each class is filled with a mixture of learning basics of each sport and fun! Registration for January class begins Monday, January 12th.

Registration for February class begins Tuesday, February 17th.

CURSIVE CLUB

Grades 2nd-5th
Mondays, January 26th, February 2nd and
February 9th at 5:00 pm

Join Miss Dominique for this three-week program where you will practice your cursive handwriting and signature through fun games and activities. Registration begins Tuesday, January 20th.

YOGA

Grades K – 4th
Wednesdays, January 28th, February 4th
and February 11th at 6:00 pm

Join us for some fun and exciting yoga classes where you will learn breathing techniques and basic yoga poses as well as ways to promote a calm body! Please bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. Registration begins Tuesday, January 20th.

BIG GAME BITES WITH FANNY CAKES!

Grades 3rd – 6th
Saturday, January 31st at 1:00 pm

Kids will have a blast whipping up fun treats and snacks to take home and bake, perfect for the Big Game! *This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.* Registration begins Tuesday, January 20th.

GLASS SNOWGLOBES

Grades K - 6th
Saturday, February 7th at 1:00 pm

Environmental Artist Tony V. is here to show you how to make this cool craft! Registration begins Monday, January 26th.

CRAFTY TALES- VALENTINE'S **STORY AND CRAFT**

Grades K- 2nd
Tuesday, February 10th at 5:00 pm

Read a book with Miss Caitlin and then create a special craft perfect for someone special. Registration begins Monday, February 2nd.

STORYLAB – VALENTINE'S DAY POP ART

Grades 3rd - 6th

Thursday, February 12th at 5:00 pm
Share a story and then create your own Valentine themed pop art with Miss Dominique. Registration begins Monday, February 2nd.

VALENTINE'S CANDY BUILDING **CHALLENGE***

Grades 3rd-6th
Saturday, February 14th at 1:00 pm

Put on your thinking caps and roll up your sleeves! Join Miss Cecilia for a sweet STEM challenge using Valentine's candy and your engineering creativity. **This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies* Registration begins Monday, February 2nd.

STACKED SNOWMAN CUPCAKES WITH **FANNY CAKES!**

Grades K – 6th
Tuesday, February 24th at 5:30 pm

Cupcakes and frosting come together to make this cool treat! *This program may not be suitable for children with food allergies.* Registration begins Tuesday, February 17th.

PROGRAM ATTENDANCE

In order to maximize attendance and offer as many CMFPL children as possible the opportunity to enjoy library programs:

- Please arrive on time for your child's program.
- If you are more than ten minutes late, your child's place may be given to someone waiting. Your place will be held if you call us to tell us you will be late.
- Unregistered children will be admitted as space permits, on a first come first served basis, with priority being given to CMFPL cardholders.

Family Programs

Family Programs are for children and their grownups! Children need an adult with them to attend family programs. Unless otherwise indicated, please register each child attending.

TAKE HOME CRAFT*

Starting the first week of each month, stop by the Children's Reference Desk, show your library card and we'll give you a craft to take home and make. One craft per child please. *While Supplies Last.

INDOOR SNOWBALL FIGHT!

Ages 4 years – 6th Grade
Friday, January 2nd at 11:00 am or 12:30 pm

It's a snow day! Inside the library...? Join us for some indoor snowball fun (no coats or mittens needed!) Registration begins Monday, December 22nd.

DESIGN A CALENDAR

Ages 3 Years – 6th Grade
Saturday, January 3rd at 10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Ring in the New Year with a calendar that you design! Markers, stickers, crayons and other embellishments will be provided. All you need is your imagination. No registration required.

RUBBER DUCKY DAY!

Ages 3 years-6th Grade
Wednesday, January 14th between 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Celebrate your favorite little yellow pal, the Rubber Ducky! There will be crafts, fun games and prizes! Come on in, it will be quackers! No registration required.



GROUNDHOG CRAFT AND MORE

Ages 3 years – 6th grade
Thursday, January 29th at 4:00 – 6:00 pm

Will the groundhog see its shadow this year? Make your prediction while doing this and other fun crafts! No registration required.

LIBRARY MINI GOLF

Ages 3 years–6th Grade
Sunday, February 8th at 12:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Swing your way through the stacks! With a golf club that is! Come play a short round of mini golf in the Children's Room. Sign up for a tee time beginning Monday, February 2nd.

LUNAR NEW YEAR

Children ages 4 years–6th Grade
Tuesday, February 17th at 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Gung Hay Fat Choy! Come celebrate the Year of the Horse with some special crafts. No Registration Required.



FAMILY PUZZLE CHALLENGE

Families with Children 6 Years – 6th Grade
Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30 pm

Think your family has what it takes to piece it all together? Join us for a Family Puzzle Challenge, where families will compete to see who can complete a jigsaw puzzle the fastest! Prizes and bragging rights await the fastest puzzlers! Registration begins Monday, February 9th.

NOT-A-BOX PARTY- CASTLES!

Thursday, February 19th at 1:00 pm
Families with children ages 3 years – entering 6th grade

A box can become anything with a little imagination! We provide boxes and you supply the creativity! Families join together to see what their imaginations can create during this STEAM program inspired by the book Not a Box, by Antoinette Portis. *Please register once for the whole family* Registration begins Monday, February 9th.

STUFFIE SLEEPOVER!

Children ages 3 years- entering 3rd grade
Friday, February 20th at 4:00 pm and Saturday, February
21st at 10:30 am (Stuffie Pickup)

Bring your stuffed animal to the library for an evening of who knows what! Come back the next morning at 10:30 am to pick up your friend and hear about all the fun the animals had the night before. Registration begins Monday, February 9th.

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Friends of the Library

Bus Trips



Please be on the lookout for the Friends of the Library trips of 2026. We have some exciting adventures that we are working on for Spring 2026 and Fall of 2026.

The Maurine Rose and Carroll Gerard Donnelly Scholarship

The Friends of the Library invite you to donate to our scholarship to support the high school seniors of 2025.

Please make checks payable to
The Friends of the Library Scholarship Fund and mail to:
The Friends of the Library Scholarship Fund,
P.O. Box 704, Center Moriches, New York 11934.
Your donation is greatly appreciated.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY WEEK

The Friends of the Library Week was celebrated with great programs. We sponsored a spider plant program in which 30 people had a Web-tastic good time. We also sponsored pumpkin decorating for the children (60 attended), teenagers (15 attended), and IGHL residents (25 attended). PLEASE BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR NEXT YEAR'S FOL WEEK PROGRAMS OCTOBER 18 to OCTOBER 24, 2026.

Our Annual Book Sale brought in over \$1,700. All proceeds of which will go to support the Library according to our Mission Statement. There were tons of books that found new homes. PLEASE WATCH OUT FOR OUR ANNUAL BOOK SALE IN 2026. In the meantime, we will be having pop-up sales at the Library in 2026.

CHAPTER AND CHATTER:

The Friday Chapter & Chatter Book club will meet on Fridays, January 9th, January 30th and February 20th at 11:00am.



The Friends of the Library will once again open their donation box on March 1, 2026.



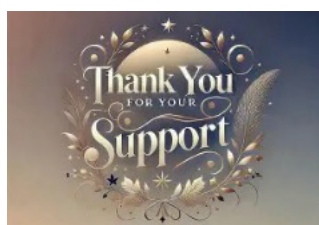
THRIFT SHELVES:

The Friends of the Library need YOUR help. The current members that take care of the thrift shelves are retiring at the end of 2025. We need at least 5 members to step up and volunteer to:

- Empty the donation bin outside
- Refill and straighten the shelves upstairs
- Run the book sales
- Decorate the top shelves in our thrift area

If you are interested, please come to our monthly meetings and let your interest be known. Someone will meet with you and show you how the thrift shelves operate.

A Huge Thank you to all that came to our Jewelry Sale in November. The sale was a major success. We were so excited to see and speak to so many people at the sale who got gifts for the Holidays or even just for themselves. All the money raised will go to support the Library. We will be accepting donations of jewelry year-round.



Thank you to everyone who came out to the Shredding Event held at the library. Through the generous donations of the public, the FOL was able to purchase many gift cards that were delivered to the local food pantries. The pantries were ever so grateful to receive these donations so that they could stock up their shelves with food.



Who doesn't love a Raffle? The Friends of the Library are in the process of putting together some 2026 Raffles in order to support our organization. It is going to be a long winter so come down, get some good books off our Thrift Shelves and have some fun!

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Friends of the Library give out scholarships each year. The Application Requirements are as follows: Essay; Valid Center Moriches card for the applicant; graduate high school in 2026; Include an acceptance letter from the institution of higher learning; Include a letter of recommendation from someone other than a family member; and documentation that you volunteered 10 hours at the Center Moriches Library. DEADLINE IS MAY 15, 2026. Please get an application online at the Friends of the Library site which is located on the Library's webpage or pick up the application located by the Thrift Shelves.



ANTIQUES, VINTAGE & PREMIUM BOOK SALE

The Friends will be holding a sale of these special books on Friday, January 30th between 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM and Saturday, January 31st between 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM. There is a great selection of items to choose from and your purchase helps support the Library.



BUS TRIPS, POP-UP SALES, RAFFLES AND MORE

will be advertised on the FOL section of the Library's Website, on social media and signs posted by the Thrift Shelves.

The Friends of the Library will hold their January meeting on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, and February 11, 2026, both meetings at 10:00am.



FOL Membership Donation Application

Become a Friend by sending your membership donation and this form to:
Friends of the CM Library, PO Box 704, Center Moriches, NY 11934 OR drop your envelope in the FOL box next to the Thrift Shelves
(Cash or checks. Make checks payable to Friends of the CM Library and mark "Attn: Membership" on the envelope.)

CHECK ONE: \$10 INDIVIDUAL (annual) \$25 FAMILY OR BUSINESS (annual) \$100 INDIVIDUAL (lifetime) \$125 FAMILY OR BUSINESS (lifetime)

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____ Date: _____

Send in your new or renewed membership application today for a chance to win a great prize in our quarterly membership raffle!

visit us at www.centermoricheslibrary.org/fol

Dedications in Memory of . . .

Bob Christie

*Wine Country Chef's Table:
Extraordinary Recipes from Napa and Sonoma*
Donated by Carole Proce

Harry Heberd, Jr.

*Antique Cars and Motor Vehicles: Illustrated Guide
to Operation, Maintenance, and Repair*
Donated by the Leger and Strebel Families

*British Steam Fire Engines
Buckboard Fire Apparatus: The Original Cab-Forward
Those Magnificent Old Steam Fire Engines*
Donated by Tony and Frances Nizza



Janet Penney

Snowy Owl: A Visual Natural History
Donated by Maureen and Ralph Schneider

*What an Owl Knows: The New Science
of the World's Most Enigmatic Birds*
Donated by John and Nan Peel

Jean M. Ryan

An Imaginative Play Bin of Dinosaurs
Donated by the Drivas Family

Stanley's Library
Donated by Diane Smith

Dedications in Honor of . . .

*Congratulations on Completing the Teen Program:
"100 Books before Graduation Challenge"*

Alex Castro

Tomorrow When the War Began
Donated by the Young Adult Department
Center Moriches Library

In Appreciation of

Center Moriches Library

*Classical Mythology A to Z: An Encyclopedia of Gods & Goddesses,
Heroes & Heroines, Nymphs, Spirits, Monsters, and Places*
*Discovering the Okapi: Western Science, Indigenous Knowledge,
and the Search for a Rainforest Enigma*
*The Sheet Pan: 150+ Easy, Creative Meals
from Your Most Versatile Pan*
We the People: A History of the U.S. Constitution
Donated by
Villas on the Bay at East Moriches

To make a dedication, please pick up one of our Dedication forms at the Library's Circulation Desk (or call the Library at 631-878-0940, extension 4, to have one mailed or faxed to you). Your donation will be applied towards the purchase of a new library book representing the life and interests of the person whom you are remembering in this very special way.

Adult Programs *(continued from page 2)*

WATERCOLOR WITH CAMILLE: WINTER SCENES

(attend all 3 sessions) Thursdays, January 8th, 15th, and 22nd from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Capture the majestic beauty of winter landscapes in this relaxing series that requires very little drawing experience. If you are new to watercolor, a supply list can be sent to you, please indicate this when registering. Please email watercolorbycammille@gmail.com for weekly project handouts or you may come to the Reference Desk for a copy.
CMOR Cardholders only.

ADULT AFTERNOON BINGO

Friday, January 9th from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Friday, February 13th from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Come on down to the library for a fun afternoon of BINGO and see if you're lucky enough to win one of our fun prizes!
CMOR Cardholders only.

ACRYLIC FOR EVERYONE

(Attend all 5 sessions, please choose one time) Saturdays, January 10th, 17th, 24th, skipping January 31st, resuming February 7th, and 14th from 10:00 am – 12:30 pm OR 1:30 pm – 4:00 pm

Join artist Kenn Beck from Artistik Visual Arts for lessons in acrylic painting to anyone who wishes to learn a relaxing hobby or polish existing skills they seek to refine, in which session providing an individual lesson on different styles and techniques of acrylic painting. Best of all, no supplies are required! **CMOR Cardholders only**

NAUTICAL HEART SHADOWBOX

Join Melissa from MD Studio and make this ocean themed shadowbox featuring shells and rope.

IN-PERSON (choose one date)

Monday, January 12th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm OR

Tuesday, January 13th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

This program will also be presented as a grab and go program. Please register for only one class. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

GRAB & GO

(pickup begins on January 20th)

This program will also be presented as an in-person program at the library. Please register for only one class. A pre-recorded link will be included with the kit, and/or will be sent to your email.
CMOR Cardholders only.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS

Saturday, January 17th from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Saturday, February 21st from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm

This game craze is back, live and in person! Transform yourself into a powerful hero and join us for an epic journey of mystery and magic where you can meet fellow adventurers, battle monsters, and win treasure. Beginner friendly. This program is for adults only. Bring a pen and some paper.
CMOR CARDHOLDERS ONLY. SPACE IS LIMITED.

ADULT LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, January 21st from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 18th from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Unlock your inner child and join us for a casual LEGO night! We will provide the LEGOs and creative ideas, so all you have to do is bring yourself! Light refreshments will be served. All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.

AARP SMART DRIVING COURSE

Monday, January 26th from 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

Claim your safe driver discount! When you take the AARP Smart Driver course, you could be eligible for a multi-year discount on your auto insurance. Plus, safer driving can save you more than just money. The course teaches proven driving techniques to help keep you and your loved ones safe on the road. Plus, AARP members save over 20% on the classroom course!

FOR AARP MEMBERS: \$25.00 check or money order payable to AARP SMART DRIVER at the door on the day of the class NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARD/CASH ACCEPTED

FOR ALL OTHERS: \$30.00 check or Money Order payable to AARP SMART DRIVER at the door on the day of the class. NO CREDIT/DEBIT CARD/CASH ACCEPTED.

YOU MUST PRE-REGISTER TO SECURE YOUR SPOT IN THE CLASS

CMOR CARDHOLDERS may register in person or online beginning on Monday, January 5th

NON-CMOR CARDHOLDERS may register in person or online beginning on Monday, January 12th

GRAB & GO VALENTINE'S DAY BRUNCH CHOCOLATE CHIP SCONES WITH A VANILLA DRIZZLE

(pickup begins on February 1st)

Pick up all the dry ingredients and the recipe to make this delicious and decadent treat! **CMOR Cardholders only.**

BEE MINE FOLIO CARD

Join Teresa from the Silhouette Spot and make this adorable Valentine's card for that special someone in your life.

IN-PERSON

(choose one date)

Monday, February 2nd from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

Wednesday, February 4th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

This program will also be presented as a Grab & Go program. Please register for only one class. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

GRAB & GO

(Pickup begins on February 6th)

This program will also be presented as an in-person program at the library. Please register for only one class. A pre-recorded link will be included with the kit, and/or will be sent to your email.
CMOR Cardholders only.

IN-PERSON MOSAIC COASTER

(choose one date)

Thursday, February 5th from 10:00 am – 11:30 am OR

Friday, February 6th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Come on down and craft your troubles away by making this beautiful coaster using Diamond Art. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

HOBBY HANGOUT

Saturday, February 7th from 2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Are you looking to try a new hobby or want to work on your own project around like-minded people? Come down to the library and hang out! No talent required; some supplies and light refreshments will be offered. Be sure to bring your current hobby project! **CMOR Cardholders only.**

GRAB & GO CZECH BEAD BRACELET

(pickup begins on February 9th)

Featuring Czech and clear beads, this eye-catching bracelet will add sparkle to your wrist.

A pre-recorded link will be included with the kit, and/or will be sent to your email. Jewelry tools are available for checkout if needed. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

CHEF CHERYL PRESENTS: VALENTINE'S DAY DINNER AND DESSERT SURPRISE

(choose one date)

Monday, February 9th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm OR

Thursday, February 12th from 12:00 pm – 1:30 pm

Join Chef Cheryl for a delicious Valentine's themed tasting, followed by a decadent dessert in this cooking demonstration.
CMOR Cardholders only.

WOODEN JEWELRY BOX

Join Melissa from MD Studio and paint a jewelry box that features a stylized flower inlay in this fun class. Dress for mess!

IN- PERSON

(choose one date)

Monday, February 23rd from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm OR

Tuesday, February 24th from 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

This program will also be presented as a grab & go program. Please register for only one class. **CMOR Cardholders only.**

GRAB & GO

(pick up starts on February 25th)

This program will also be presented as an in-person program at the library. Please register for only one class. A pre-recorded link will be included with the kit, and/or will be sent to your email.
CMOR Cardholders only.

SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAMS

WINTER SEED SOWING

Tuesday, January 27th at 6:30 pm

Winter is the time to start seeding, but NOT indoors. Learn how to successfully start seeds OUTSIDE in the winter. No greenhouse needed. Winter sowing techniques outside are easier than the windowsill or with light lamps in the basement.
All Suffolk County Cardholders welcome, but please register.

COMPOSTING METHODS

BY REWILD LONG ISLAND

Tuesday, February 10th at 6:30 pm

Get started with composting! Join this informative survey of different composting methods to find out what might work well for you depending on your composting goals and space, and how you can combine resources with your neighbors in a community facility. **All Suffolk County Cardholders are welcome, but please register.**

EXPANDING HORIZONS

These programs are designed to be easily adaptable for adults accompanied by their aide/caregivers. All Suffolk County cardholders are welcome. Registration begins on Friday, December 19th at 9:00 am. To register please call: 631-878-0940 ext. 6.

COLLAGES

Friday, January 9th at 10:30am

Listen to a story while you look through magazines and cut out pictures and words that inspire you, make you happy or that you just enjoy. Registration begins on Friday, December 19th.

VALENTINES

Friday, February 13th at 10:30am

Listen to a story and create a unique valentine to keep or give to someone else. Registration begins on Friday, December 19th.

BINGO

Monday, January 12th at 10:30 am

Monday, February 23rd at 10:30 am

Join Miss Laura for a slower paced version of Bingo where all participants are winners. Registration begins on Friday, August 29th.