

Spring 2026 Newsletter

Hauppauge Public Library

Inspiring our community to learn, grow, and connect

Annual Library Vote

Tuesday, April 14, 9:30am to 8:30pm

Please vote! See page 7 for details.

FREE HEALTH SCREENING

Friday, March 13, 10am-2pm

The Catholic Health Services mobile outreach bus will be in the library parking lot with a team of registered nurses to provide free health screening, BMI screening, and a simple blood test for cholesterol and glucose readings. *Registration is encouraged but not required.

BREAKFAST WITH A BUNNY

Families, with children of all ages

Saturday, April 4, 9:30-11:30am

Celebrate Spring at the library! Eat a delicious breakfast, take a photo with the bunny, listen to a story, and make a craft.

PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, April 11, 1:30-4:30pm

A shredding truck will be in the library parking lot for shredding of your personal documents. It's a perfect opportunity to protect your privacy and get rid of clutter.

NEW VOTING MACHINE DEMO

Tuesday, April 14, 10am-7pm

New voting machines are coming to Suffolk County for the primary elections in June. Stop by to see a live demonstration by representatives from the Board of Elections. Learn how the machines work, ask questions, and test the equipment so you are ready for election day.

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Tuesday, April 14, 11am-1pm

The Suffolk County Police Department will host Operation Medicine Cabinet at the library to help you safely dispose of your prescription drugs. Please remove pills from packages and bottles and place them in resealable bags for collection. Syringes, auto-injectors, and liquids will not be accepted.

HAUPPAUGE FLEA

Saturday, April 18, 10am-3pm (Rain date: Sunday, April 19)

Join us at our fourth annual Hauppauge Flea – an outdoor market with yard sale items, crafts, food, music, and activities for children. Community members and local businesses are encouraged to reserve a spot to sell their items.

Apply for a Spot at The Flea <https://hauppaugelibrary.org/hauppaugeflea>

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25

Celebrate National Library Week with the theme, “Find Your Joy!” Join us for storytime or a scavenger hunt to discover all the fun things your library has to offer. All Hauppauge Library cardholders who visit this week can enter to win a \$100 Target gift card.

Matthew Bollerman, Chief Executive Officer, Joseph Randazzo, Instruction and Research Specialist, Christa Zaros, Head of Community Engagement and Stefanie Torma, Children's Librarian thanked Assemblyman Michael Fitzpatrick for supporting \$20,000 of Bullet Aid for the library. The Hauppauge Public Library thanks the Assemblyman for his ongoing support of our mission to inspire our community to learn, grow, and connect.

CHILDREN'S & FAMILY CLASSES

FAMILIES

TAKE & MAKE: BIRD'S NEST COOKIE KITS

Families, with children in Preschool-Grade 5

Wednesday, March 11, 9am-8:30pm

Come pick up a DIY kit from Fanny Cakes. Have fun baking on Family Connect Night with your loved ones. **Registration is required.** Limit 1 per family. Kits that are not picked up by 8:30pm on Wednesday, March 11 will be passed on to a guest on the waitlist.

EID CELEBRATION STORYTIME

Families, with children of all ages

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30-7:15pm

Come to the library to celebrate Eid al-Fitr, the end of Ramadan. Join us for a story, craft, and snacks. Register all adults and children attending.

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FAMILY UNO GAME NIGHT

Families, with children in grades K-5

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-7:30pm

Looking for a fun, family-friendly night out? Bring the whole family for some relaxed competition with the classic card game Uno. See who can shout "Uno" first! We will provide the cards, both original Uno and different character cards. Play for fun, strategy, and to create family memories here at the library. Please register as a family.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK SCAVENGER HUNT

Families, with children ages 3 and up

Sunday, April 19-Saturday, April 25, all day

Whatever joy looks like to you, you'll find it in the library. Search the library for different things we offer that can spark joy (and possibly discover some fun new favorites).

FAMILY TRIVIA

Families, with children in grades K-5

Friday, April 24, 5:30-6:30pm

Families will answer questions about music, movies, Disney and more! The family with the highest score wins a prize. Please register as a family.

DÍA STORYTIME

Families, with children in grades K-5

Friday, May 1, 5:30-6:15pm

Join us to celebrate Día, also known as El día de los niños/El día de los libros (Children's Day/Book Day). We will read *A Maleta Full of Treasures* by Natalia Sylvester and make a suitcase craft inspired by the book. Please register as a family..

STAR WARS DAY

Families with children in grades K-5

Monday, May 4, 10am-8pm

May the 4th be with you, young padawan! Drop in for Star Wars crafts that'll have you feeling like a true Jedi. No registration necessary.

TAKE AND MAKE: SOFT BAKED SNICKERDOODLES

Families, with children in Preschool-Grade 5

Friday, May 8, 9am-6:30pm

Come pick up a DIY kit from Chef Rob Scott. Have fun baking yummy snickerdoodles on Mother's Day Weekend. **Registration is required.** Limit 1 per family. Kits that are not picked up by 6:30pm on Friday, May 8 will be passed on to a guest on the waitlist.

MUSIC BINGO FOR FAMILIES

Families, with children in grades K-5

Friday, May 15, 5:30-6:30pm

Families will play several rounds of Music Bingo while they eat snacks. Everyone receives a prize.

CREATIVE CRAFTING

Families, with children in grades K-5

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-7:30pm

Get creative at the library! Make your own crafts using leftover supplies from past craft programs. Dress for a mess! Register all adults and children attending.

FAMILY TORTELLINI MAKING

Families, with children in grades K-5

Friday, June 5, 4:30-6:30pm

Learn how to make and shape 4-cheese tortellini in this hands-on program. Please bring a mixing bowl, cutting board, and a rolling pin to the program. One registration per family.

BABIES, TODDLERS & PRESCHOOLERS

MUSIC WITH BLUEY

Ages 3-5 years, with caregiver

Monday, March 9, 4:30-5pm

Get ready to make family Bluey art together, learn the Bluey theme song, dance like the grannies, and even play Keepy Uppey!

GATHER & GROW

Ages Birth-PreK, with caregiver

Drop in, no registration necessary

Tuesdays: March 10-June 2, 10:30am-12:30pm

A fun, casual group for parents and caregivers. Build friendships, seek advice, and find encouragement while your children play.

TINY SONGBIRDS

Ages 1-5 years, with caregiver

Wednesday, March 11, 5:30-6pm

Tiny Songbirds is a fun, live music experience for children and the adults who love them! Class is jam packed with instrument experimentation, movement and dance, classic and new children's music, sung storytime, scarf and ribbon play, and more!

TODDLERS EXPLORE

Ages 2-4 years, with caregiver

Tuesdays, March 17 and May 12, 10-10:30am

Come explore some fun-filled activities that will stimulate the senses. Dress for a mess! Stay for play and socialization after class at Gather & Grow (see above). Register for each session separately.

TOT'S NIGHT OUT

Ages 18 months-5 years, with caregiver

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30-7:15 – Rumble in the Jungle

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30-7:15pm – Five Little Ducks

Thursday, May 28, 6:30-7:15pm – May Flowers

Join A Time for Kids for a family fun night out at the library! Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and storytelling. There will also be a themed craft. Register for each session separately.

BABIES BOOGIE

Ages 6-23 months, with caregiver

Fridays, March 20, 27, April 3, 10:30-11:15am

Boogie with your little one, sing along and have some fun! Nicole Sparling will be visiting for this wonderful movement class featuring instruments and music from around the world.

PRESCHOOL STEAM: SINK OR FLOAT

Ages 3-5 years, with caregiver

Sunday, March 22, 1-1:30pm

Have you ever wondered which things sink and which things float? We will read a story and do a hands-on experiment to find out.

LITTLE MOVERS STORYTIME

Ages 19 months-3 years, with caregiver

Tuesdays, March 24, April 21, May 19, 10-10:30am

Join us as we sing songs, read stories, and get those wiggles out as we help your child build important early learning skills. Stay and play after the class for Gather & Grow. Register for each session separately.

SPRING SENSORY BINS

Ages 3-5 years, with caregiver

Saturday, March 28, 11-11:45am

Explore a variety of squishy, smooth, textured, crunchy, colorful, and smelly Spring-themed sensory bins with your little one!

PLAY & CHAT

Ages 1-3 years, with caregiver

Thursdays, April 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, 10:30-11:30am

In this Family Place Parent-Child Workshop, enjoy free play with your child alongside other local families. Meet with community specialists to discuss child development, current parenting topics, and concerns. Please see the schedule below. Register once for all sessions.

April 2 – New York Therapy Placement Services

April 9 – Jump for Joy

April 16 – Dental Hygiene

April 23 – Water Safety

April 30 – Importance of Play

PETE THE CAT

Ages 18 months-5 years

Thursday, April 2, 4:30-5:15pm

Join A Time for Kids as we celebrate our favorite friend, Pete the Cat, in this groovy preschool program. Activities include: music, fine and gross motor development, and storytelling. There will also be a Pete the Cat craft.

BABY & ME

Ages Birth-18 months, with caregiver

Tuesdays, April 7 and May 5, 10-10:30am

Bring your little one to shake, rattle, and roll with this sweet introduction to library fun. Join us for a special time to bond with your little one through songs, stories, and movement. Stay and play after the class for Gather & Grow. Register for each session separately.

YOGATOTS

Ages 2-4 years, with caregiver

Fridays, April 10, 17, 24, 10:30-11:15am

Join us for an adventure through different yoga poses. Tots will learn how to stretch and grow tall as a tree, as well as connect to their breath, and connect to their emotions and feelings. Parent participation is encouraged. *Please bring your own yoga mats.* Register once for all sessions.

ARE YOU MY MOMMY?

Ages 3-6, with caregiver

Saturday, April 11, 10:30-11:30am

Every animal starts off as a smaller version of their parents. This presentation will reunite the baby with the mom as children use their observational skills to figure out whose mom belongs to a picture or stuffed animal of a baby animal. Then children will meet the actual animal mother. Come and meet a turtle, an opossum, a chicken, a frog, a rabbit mother, and who knows - maybe a baby will visit too!

DIY PLAYTIME FOR LITTLE ONES

Ages 6-36 months, with caregiver

Sunday, April 19, 1-1:30pm

Did you know that you can make your own toys for your little one using ordinary household objects? Come to the library and play with DIY toys that help your child develop fine motor skills, then learn how to make these toys at home.

PLAYDOUGH PLAYTIME

Ages 2 years and older, with caregiver

Saturdays, April 25, May 9, June 6, 11-11:45am

Come explore and create with playdough. Experiment with different tools and textures while strengthening fine motor skills. Register for each session separately.

SWAN WATERCOLOR PAINTING FOR LITTLE ONES

Ages 3-5 years, with caregiver

Sunday, April 26, 1-2pm

Join the Art Nanny to paint a framed masterpiece using a unique ColorShield Art Kit. Little hands will create, as caregivers guide with art tips and tricks provided by step-by-step instruction. One will be amazed at the outcome and proudly display.

ANIMAL ZOO TRAIN

Ages 3-5 years, with caregiver

Thursday, April 30, 4:30-5:15pm

Kids and families will enjoy creating a miniature moving zoo train with small wild animals. Participants will decorate a train car using paint sticks. Small wooden wheels will be added to allow the train to roll across the floor. Finally, children will enjoy selecting a group of small animals to ride along in the train cars.

GIGGLES AND GROOVES WITH REBECCA

Ages 1-5 years, with caregiver

Friday, May 1 and 15, 10:30-11:15am

Giggles and Grooves will join us for a morning of singing, dancing, and playing. In this high energy music class, children will listen to the guitar, explore different instruments, and play with puppets, scarves, bubbles, and the parachute. Get ready to make music together.

BABY START

Ages Birth-3 years, with caregiver

Friday, May 8, 10:30-11am

Introduce babies to the wonderful world of the library. Activities include music, movement, finger plays, fine and gross motor development, and circle time. Early literacy, socialization, and group play skills are introduced.

LITTLE SPARKS

Ages 3-5 years, with caregiver

Monday, May 11, 6:30-7:30pm

The Long Island Explorium will be here with a fun, engaging STEAM program for our littlest engineers. Enjoy a simple STEAM activity with your little one while encouraging critical and creative thinking.

STORYTIME IN THE PARK

Ages 2 ½ - 5 years, with caregiver

Wednesday, May 20, 1-1:30pm

Meet at Bretton Woods Park for stories, songs, and bubbles. Stay after for playground fun with friends. Park on Jane Road, and meet up under the trees. Rain cancels.

MISS DARA SINGS

Ages Birth-5 years, with caregiver

Friday, May 22, 10:30-11:15am - Spring Showers

Friday, May 29, 10:30-11:15am - Down on the Farm

Friday, June 5, 10:30-11:15am - Buggy Songs

Sing along with Dara Linthwaite as she plays her guitar. Young children will enjoy her stories, puppets, finger plays, and craft suggestions with a different topic to explore musically every week. Register for each session separately.

PLANTING PARTY FOR LITTLE ONES

Ages 3-5, with caregiver

Friday, May 22, 4:30-5:15pm

Roll up your sleeves, dress for a mess, and join us for a planting party. You'll design your own flower pot and then plant flowers in your new planter to take home and enjoy.

SCHOOL AGE

CATCH A LEPRECHAUN STORYTIME

Grades K-3

Tuesday, March 17, 6:30-7:15pm

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day with stories and a STEM activity to catch a leprechaun with Miss Marley.

CARTOONING FOR KIDS

Grades 2-5

Monday, March 23, 6:30-7:30pm

Learn how to draw some of your favorite cartoon characters from Disney, Simpsons, video games, Marvel, DC, etc. Learn from a step-by-step instruction.

JUNIOR EXPLORERS: DIVE INTO THE WORLD OF STEM

Grades 3-6

Friday, April 3, 5:30-6:30pm

Do you love to build, experiment, and discover how the world works? Join us for an unforgettable hands-on adventure. You'll be paired with an awesome high school mentor who will help you tackle epic challenges - from coding your first robot to launching chemistry experiments that pop. Whether you're a math whiz or just love to explore, come make new friends and become a future innovator.

GUMMY BEAR PAINTING

Grades K-5

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30-7:30pm

Children will enjoy painting a colorful gummy bear on canvas using complementary colors. Templates are included in this project and coloring mixing will be demonstrated, making it a successful program for all.

JUNK JOURNALING FOR TWEENS

Grades 3-5

Thursday, April 9, 4:30-5:30pm

Create a "Junk Journal" with Miss Marley and Miss Stefanie. It's part art journal, part scrapbook, and part diary, created using everyday "junk" materials.

SERPENTS, DRAGONS & LIZARDS

Grades 1-5

Saturday, April 11, 12-1pm

Reptiles, especially crocodiles, alligators, and snakes, are some of the most misunderstood animals. This presentation will share the amazing world of reptiles and their fascinating adaptations for survival. Come and meet a python, a snapping turtle, a bearded dragon, a box turtle, and more.

FLOWER CROWNS

Grades 3-5

Monday, April 13, 6:30-7:30pm

Celebrate Spring by creating your own flower crown perfect for frolicking in fields.

MAKE A CANDLE

Friday, April 17, 4-5pm Grades K-2

Friday, April 17, 5:30-6:30pm Grades 3-5

Learn a brief history of candle making and where wax comes from, then create your own scented colorful candle. Make awesome patterns like a rainbow, tie dye, or ombre.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK STORYTIME

Grades K-3

Monday, April 20, 6:30-7:15pm

Join Miss Marley to celebrate National Library Week with stories of the library and readers like you.

DRAWING WORKSHOP

Grades 2-5

Tuesdays, April 21 and 28, 6:30-7:15pm

Want to have some fun drawing? Join us for a two-week workshop to learn techniques and helpful tips. We will be exploring pencil, marker, and color too. Sign up once for both sessions.

OIL SPILL CLEAN UP: STEAM

Grades 3-5

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30-7:15pm

Celebrate Earth Day with a hands-on experiment to learn about oil spills and investigate the best ways to clean up an oil spill.

BLOCK PARTY

Preschool-Grade 5

Saturdays, April 25, May 9, June 6, 2-2:45pm

Put your creativity to work and join us for some building fun. The room will be filled with Lego® and Duplo® blocks, Playmags®, Keva® Planks and other building tools. Our May class will feature oversized foam dinosaur bones to build with. Register for each session separately.

SWAN WATERCOLOR PAINTING

Sunday, April 26, 2:30-3:30pm

Join the Art Nanny to paint a framed masterpiece using a unique ColorShield Art Kit.

3D PAPER SELF-PORTRAITS

Grades 1-5

Thursday, April 30, 6:30-8pm

Celebrate Día at the library and express yourself using your imagination to create a self-portrait with strong color paper.

GREEN CAR DESIGN

Grades K-5

Tuesday, May 5, 6:30-7:30pm

Using recycled materials, students explore physics and math by testing ramps, pathways, and the objects that roll on them. Students will find ways to make objects move just the right amount up or down a ramp while also developing a familiarity with angles, friction, and gravity and how they impact momentum.

K-POP DEMON HUNTERS

Grades K-5

Sunday, May 17, 1-2pm

The Golden Hunter is dropping in from the latest stop on her world tour to show the library how it's done, done, done! Sing and dance along to some of your favorite songs and learn how to slay demons—and the choreography—in this interactive library program.

PLANTING PARTY FOR SCHOOL AGE

Grades K-5

Friday, May 22, 5:30-6:15pm

Roll up your sleeves, dress for a mess, and join us for a planting party. You'll design your own flower pot and then plant flowers in your new planter to take home and enjoy.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS KICKOFF

Grades 5-8 ONLY

Friday, May 29, 5:30–6pm

Battle of the Books (a reading trivia program for middle-schoolers) is coming soon. This summer, each participant will be asked to read six selected titles and compete against other readers for a chance to represent Hauppauge in a county-wide trivia contest in August. All the details you need to know for this exciting program, including the official list of titles, will be available at this kickoff. Join us to learn just how much fun this summer-long program can be.

FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.

FAMILY CONNECT NIGHTS

There's no homework tonight – come down to the library with your family for some fun! Look in the Families section on page 2 for details.

TAKE & MAKE: BIRD'S NEST COOKIE KITS

Families, with children in *Preschool-Grade 5*

Wednesday, March 11, Pick up: 9am-6pm

FAMILY UNO GAME NIGHT

Families, with children in grades K-5

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30-7:30pm

CREATIVE CRAFTING

Families, with children in grades K-5

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30-7:30pm

TAKE & MAKE CRAFT KITS

Target Audience: Preschool to Grade 5

Kits are available for pick up starting on a first-come, first-served basis, while supplies last.

Friday, March 6 Mushroom Puppets

Friday, March 20 Pot O' Gold Craft

Friday, April 3 Rockin' Bunny Craft

Friday, April 17 April Showers Rain Cloud

Friday, May 1 **Caterpillar Craft**
Friday, May 15 **Fish Paper Plate Craft**
Friday, May 29 **Butterfly Paper Cup Craft**

TEEN CLASSES & EVENTS

All teen events and volunteer opportunities are for students in grades 6-12, unless otherwise specified.

100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

Reading is an important way to understand yourself and the world around you. Our new reading initiative "100 Books Before Graduation" challenges teens in Middle and High School to read more. How many books can you read before you finish High School? Take the challenge and get rewarded with milestone prizes along the way. See a librarian for more details.

Just for Fun

PATCHWORK TOTE BAGS

Monday, March 16, 6:30-8pm

Combine collaging with sewing to create your own custom tote bag design. Beginner to expert sewers welcome.

DONUT WARS

Friday, March 20, 5:30-6:30pm

Take part in a FUN Donut Wars competition. Decorate delicious donuts and try to win the grand prize. Please note that food programs contain allergens including nuts, dairy, gluten, eggs, flour, and more.

CROCHET CLUB FOR TEENS

Thursday, April 2, 6:30-7:30pm

Learn a basic beginner crochet stitch to create an easy and beautiful scarf. No experience necessary. Supplies, yarn and crochet hooks will be provided.

JUNK JOURNALING FOR TEENS

Thursday, April 9, 6-7pm

Create a "junk journal" with Miss Marley and Miss Stefanie. It's part art journal, part scrapbook and part diary, created using everyday "junk" materials.

TEEN GAME NIGHT - MARIO KART

Friday, April 24, 5:30-6:30pm

Friday, May 15, 5:30-6:30pm

Are you an expert Mario Kart racer? Do you have what it takes to conquer Rainbow Road? Come prove it by taking on your friends in Mario Kart. Pizza will be provided.

SKIN CARE WELLNESS FOR TEENS

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30-7:30pm

If you are a teen and are you interested in skincare, come to the library and gain valuable insights from a Northwell Health dermatologist about skin health and wellness practices.

DECOUPAGE JARS FOR TEENS

Thursday, May 21, 6:30-7:30pm

Create beautiful jars using printed tissue paper and upcycled jars. Use them to hold pens, pencils, makeup brushes, etc.

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TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

If you haven't already done so, please create a volunteer profile account by visiting hauppaugelibrary.galaxydigital.com or come in and speak with a librarian to get started! *If you are completing a volunteer opportunity to fulfill a specific requirement for school or another organization, please check with your teacher or advisor to make sure they will accept the community service hours.*

AUTHORS UNLIMITED

Saturday, May 2, 9:30am-2:30pm

(on location at St. Joseph's University in Patchogue)

Authors Unlimited celebrates reading by connecting tweens, teens and authors! The event will begin with a group panel followed by solo sessions from each author. Attendees can earn three hours of community service credit by attending and filling out a survey at the end of the day.

Registration is maintained, and community service credit is awarded through Suffolk Cooperative Library System, not the Hauppauge Public Library. Register at au2026.eventbrite.com

Helping Hands

TOY PARAMEDIC VOLUNTEERS

Saturdays, March 7- May 30, 11am-12pm

(no class on April 4)

Help keep the library's toys clean and in tip-top shape. **(1 hour credit per session)**

TEEN ADVISORY GROUP VOLUNTEERS

Friday, March 13 and May 1, 5:30-6:30pm

Meet new friends and work together to become the voice of the Teen Department. Pizza will be served. **(1 hour credit)**

CRAFT BAG ASSEMBLY VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, March 17, 6-7pm

Help us assemble the Take & Make bags we will give to children this season. **(1 hour credit)**

SENSORY BIN VOLUNTEERS

Friday, March 27, 5:30-6:30pm

Help Miss Marley create sensory bins for an upcoming children's class. **(1 hour credit)**

BREAKFAST WITH A BUNNY VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, April 4, 9:30-11:30am

Assist library staff during our family program with various helpful tasks, such as: clearing dishes from tables, helping children with crafts, handing out bunny ears, etc. Volunteer spots are limited. **(2 hours credit)**

PLAYDOUGH MAKER VOLUNTEERS

Wednesday, April 8, 1-2pm

Help the library make our own specialty playdough, which we will use at upcoming classes for children. **(1 hour credit)**

SEED BOMB VOLUNTEERS

Tuesdays, April 28 and May 19, 6:30-7:30pm

Help create dinosaur-shaped seed paper giveaways, using paper, water, seeds, and molds. **(1 hour credit per session)**

LEGO DECONSTRUCTION VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, May 26, 7-8pm

Help the library prepare donated Legos for shipping by helping to separate them. **(1 hour credit)**

Community Connections

PET PANTRY VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, March 24, 7-8pm

Create kits filled with some essential items for people and pets who have fallen on hard times. *Presented by Theresa Maritato.* **(1 hour credit)**

PRESSED FLOWER PET SILHOUETTE VOLUNTEERS

Monday, April 6, 4-5pm

Using pressed flowers, create adorable silhouettes of cats and dogs which will be donated to animal shelters for new adopters. *Presented by Theresa Maritato.* **(1 hour credit)**

FULL BLOOM VOLUNTEERS

Thursday, April 9, 1-2pm

Decorate a terracotta pot filled with dirt and seed packets to donate to senior centers. *Presented by Green Earth Crafts. (1 hour credit)*

RECYCLED TOTE BAG VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, April 21, 7-8pm

Create and decorate tote bags made from recycled t-shirts that will be used at local pantries to encourage a sustainable shopping experience. **(1 hour credit)**

SENIOR CAT PROM VOLUNTEERS

Tuesday, May 5, 7-8pm

Make royal placemats and special decor for the Patrica H. Ladew Foundation's senior prom for older cats. *Presented by Theresa Maritato. (1 hour credit)*

Virtual Volunteer Projects

Visit hauppaugelibrary.galaxydigital.com and click on Virtual Volunteer Projects for full details on how to complete various projects and instructions on how to obtain your service credit.

 Birthday Cards for Older Adults

 Cards for Hospitalized Kids

 Dog Treats for Charity

 Kindness Rocks

 Warm Up America

ADULT CLASSES & EVENTS

YARNCRAFTING CIRCLE

Mondays, 10am-12pm

Work on knitting or crocheting projects at the library while socializing and learning from others who also enjoy the craft. Please bring your own supplies. Registration is not required.

WOOD PLANK BUNNY

Tuesday, March 10, 6:30pm

Create this adorable wood plank bunny shelf sitter.

CRAFT WORKSHOP

Wednesdays, March 11, April 8, May 13, 10am

Join us for a fun and relaxing craft workshop with individuals from the People's ARC of Suffolk. Register for each session separately.

ADORABLE PAPERBACK BOOK HEDGEHOG

Thursday, March 19, 6:30pm

Make an irresistibly cute hedgehog from a recycled book. *Presented by Marley.*

INTRO TO STILL LIFE DRAWING

Wednesday, March 25, 6:30pm

Join artist Donna C. for an introduction to still life drawing. Learn composition, how to draw something from basic shapes, and how to work with negative space and shading. Beginner friendly, but even seasoned artists may benefit from the workshop.

Q-TIP LILACS

Thursday, April 9, 6:30pm

Learn how to use acrylic paint applied to a canvas and Q-Tips to create beautiful flowers.

PAPER WREATH

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30pm

Celebrate Earth Day! Make a paper wreath from repurposed paper.

DIAMOND PAINTING

Monday, May 4, 6pm

Diamond painting involves placing tiny resin rhinestones onto a pre-printed medium. This creates a stunning piece of art that sparkles and shines. *Presented by Donna.*

PATRIOTIC UNCLE SAM GNOME

Wednesday, May 6, 6:30pm

Make a gnome using a recycled bottle decorated with a sock, fur, wood beads and patriotic embellishments to help show off your patriotism.

PATRIOTIC WOODEN FLOWERS

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30pm

Vanesa will show you how to create a charming wooden flower using wood biscuits.

SPRING JUNK JOURNALING

Thursday, May 14, 6:30pm

Join us to craft a beautiful spring junk journal—where scraps bloom into art.

PERSPECTIVE DRAWING

Wednesday, May 20, 6:30pm

Learn the foundational skills for creating the illusion of depth and three-dimensionality on paper. This class will explore tools required and instruction on how to create a one-point perspective drawing.

BOOK DISCUSSIONS

LONG ISLAND READS

Long Island Reads is an islandwide reading initiative intended to bring together readers from across Nassau and Suffolk Counties to discuss one book and participate in library-sponsored activities and events associated with it.

THE DOORMAN BY CHRIS PAVONE

Thursday, April 16, 2pm

Read this fast-paced mystery set inside the Bohemia, one of New York City's most exclusive apartment buildings. Chicky Diaz, the building's beloved doorman, quietly observes the private lives of powerful residents—celebrities, financiers, and cultural elites. When a dangerous situation unfolds, Chicky is pulled into a web of secrets, lies, and hidden motives, forcing him to decide how far he'll go to protect himself and the people he serves. The discussion will be led by Helen.

LONG ISLAND READS BOOK DISCUSSION WITH AUTHOR CHRIS PAVONE

Sunday, April 26, 2pm

Chris Pavone will discuss his book at Half Hollow Hills Library (Dix Hills Branch). Register for a free ticket beginning March 1.

BUSINESS & FINANCE

7 THINGS TO DO THE DECADE BEFORE YOU RETIRE

Wednesday, April 8, 6:30pm

As you approach the finish line of your working career, learn what strategies you should implement to make sure that you can live your dream retirement. *Presented by Kyle Hauptman, Financial Advisor.*

RETIREMENT: HOW TO MAKE YOUR MONEY LAST

Wednesday, April 15, 6:30pm

Learn how to translate your retirement vision into tangible retirement goals. Whether you are 10 or 40 years from retirement, you'll learn investment strategies you can use now to help you design the retirement you want tomorrow. *Presented by Kyle Hauptman, Financial Advisor.*

THE FOUNDATIONS OF INVESTING

Wednesday, April 22, 6:30pm

This is an educational program for people who are either new to investing or need a refresher. The importance of developing a strategy, the impact of asset allocation and the influence of inflation on your long-term goals will be discussed. *Presented by Kyle Hauptman, Financial Advisor.*

SCRIPT YOUR FAMILY'S FUTURE: WHY YOU NEED AN ESTATE PLAN

Wednesday, April 29, 6:30pm

Learn about the importance of planning your estate and what documents make sense for you and your family. *Presented by Kyle Hauptman, Financial Advisor.*

COOKING

SPRING ENTERTAINING WITH CHEF ROB

Thursday, April 2, 6:30pm

Chef Rob will show you how to make panko parmesan chicken meatballs with a parmesan herb sauce. Dessert will be a warm marbled pound cake with apricot preserves, mascarpone, and toasted almonds.

COOKING WITH CHEF BRIAN

Tuesday, April 14, 6:30pm

Learn how to make shrimp scampi & pesto pasta with Chef Brian.

TIRAMISU COOKIES

Thursday, April 16, 6:30pm

Judy Boshnack will show you how to make delicious tiramisu cookies. Bring a mixing bowl, spatula, cutting board, and a cookie sheet or aluminum ½ sheet pan to class.

GREEK SOUTZOUKAKIA WITH CHEF BRIAN

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30pm

Join Chef Brian to learn how to make a delicious meal: soutzoukakia (a type of Greek meatball) with roasted vegetables and orzo pasta.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING

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Saturday, March 21, 10:30am-4:30pm

Saturday, May 16, 10:30am-4:30pm

This is a New York State-approved defensive driving class offered by the Empire Safety Council. The fee for this class is \$33 and will be collected by the instructor at the beginning of class. Cash or credit card.

GAMES & ACTIVITIES

MEXICAN TRAIN

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 11:30am-1pm

Join us each week to play this exciting game of dominoes. Registration is not required.

MAH JONGG

Wednesdays and Fridays, 12-4pm

Enjoy playing Mah Jongg? Bring your sets and friends and get a game-playing frenzy started. Registration is not required.

BINGO

Monday, April 13, 6:30pm

Monday, June 1, 6:30pm

Enjoy a fun game of bingo with your neighbors. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. Please register for each game date separately. **FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.**

LEFT, CENTER, RIGHT

Wednesday, March 11, 6:30pm

Monday, April 27, 6:30pm

Tuesday, May 12, 6:30pm

Join us for several rounds of this fun, fast-paced, easy to learn dice game. Prizes will be awarded to the winners of each round. *Presented by Donna.* **FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.**

PUZZLE PALOOZA

Thursday, April 23, 6:30pm

Thursday, May 21, 6:30pm

Do you love jigsaw puzzles? Join us for a fun and lively puzzle competition. Four-person teams will have 120 minutes to complete a 500-piece puzzle. The first team to completely finish the puzzle wins. Everyone on the winning team will be awarded a prize. *Presented by Kim.* **FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.**

HEALTH & FITNESS

EXERCISE WITH VICKI

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 10-June 4, 10am

Get fit with Vicki. She will motivate you through a series of weight bearing, resistance, cardio, balance, coordination, and flexibility exercises. All levels are welcome. Please bring water, light weights, a resistance band, a small ball the size of a grapefruit, and a scarf or kerchief to class. **AN EXERCISE WAIVER MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS. FOR HAUPPAUGE CARD HOLDERS ONLY.**

VIRTUAL EXERCISE WITH VICKI

Tuesdays & Thursdays, March 10-June 4, 10am

Join us on Zoom for Vicki's exercise class. **AN EXERCISE WAIVER MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS.**

CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, April 20-June 1, 11am

Wednesdays, March 11-May 27, 11am

This gentle chair yoga class will include a range of movements to rejuvenate your body and mind. *Presented by Sangeeta Gupta.* **AN EXERCISE WAIVER MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS. FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.**

VIRTUAL CHAIR YOGA

Mondays, April 20-June 1, 11am

Wednesdays, March 11-May 27, 11am

Join us on Zoom for Sangeeta's chair yoga class. **AN EXERCISE WAIVER MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS**

EXERCISE WITH JODI

Saturdays, March 14, 21, 28, April 11, 18, 25, May 2, 9, 16, & 30, 9:15am

If you're an early riser and want to get moving, come join Jodi for this great exercise class.

Please bring water and light weights. **AN EXERCISE WAIVER MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE THE FIRST CLASS. FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.**

TIPS FOR MANAGING ANXIETY

Thursday, March 26, 6:30pm

Join mental health expert Christina Stern for an informative and supportive session focused on practical strategies for managing anxiety. Learn coping techniques and ways to build resilience in stressful times.

WHEN DEMENTIA MEETS THE LAW

Thursday, April 9, 7pm

Dementia doesn't just affect memory and behavior—it can quietly trigger serious legal, financial, and ethical consequences. Families are often forced to make urgent decisions during moments of crisis, without understanding the legal tools that could protect their loved one (and themselves). *Presented by Uwe Ross.*

Meditation for Healing and Peace

Thursday, May 7, 6:30pm

John Bednarik, long time meditator and national speaker, will explore the healing power of meditation. Learn how to incorporate a time tested technique that can improve your life.

HISTORY & LOCAL INTEREST

SENATOR MARTINEZ: OFFICE HOURS

Thursday, March 5, 5:30-7:30pm

Senator Martinez's staff will be at the library to hold office hours and assist community members with questions and concerns. Current information and resources will be available to people who stop by.

FUNERAL PREPLANNING

Thursday, March 12, 6:30pm

Planning ahead provides peace of mind and relieves the emotional and financial burden on your loved ones. A representative from Moloney's will offer guidance and answer your questions about preplanning your funeral.

CRIME SCENE INVESTIGATION

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30pm

Explore how evidence interpretation shapes criminal investigations. Through real case examples and scene photographs, attendees will evaluate forensic clues and form hypotheses about how each incident occurred. Presented by Robert Genna, who has over 44 years of experience in Accident Reconstruction.

HIKE: BIRCH CREEK AND OWL POND

Friday, March 27, 10:30am

Join us for a hike in Flanders to explore Birch Creek and Owl Pond. We'll walk through an Atlantic white cedar grove, a kettlehole, as well as some beautiful rolling pine barrens terrain. The 2.5-3 mile walk will be led by Lee McAllister, author of the book *Hiking Long Island* and a naturalist/photographer familiar with the land and its history. Meet on Spinney Road, Flanders.

HOUSE & HOME

PAPER SHREDDING

Saturday, April 11, 1:30-4:30pm

A shredding truck will be in the library parking lot for shredding of your personal documents. It's a perfect opportunity to protect your privacy and get rid of clutter. **Paper only, please.**

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Tuesday, April 14, 11am-1pm

The Suffolk County Police Department will host Operation Medicine Cabinet, a program for proper prescription drug disposal. Please remove pills from packages and bottles and place them in resealable bags for collection. Syringes, auto-injectors, and liquids will not be accepted.

MUSIC & ENTERTAINMENT

MOVIE MATINEE

Tuesdays, 2pm

Watch a popular movie on our large screen. Movie titles will be announced two weeks prior to the showing. Registration is not required.

SENSORY FRIENDLY MOVIE

Wednesdays, March 18, April 15, and May 20, 12:30pm

Join us for a sensory-friendly movie. This event is geared towards adults 18 years and older with sensory issues, those on the autism spectrum, or those who have other needs. Open to all. Caregivers are welcome. Movie titles will be announced two weeks prior to the showing.

Register for each session separately.

PERSIAN POETRY EXTRAVAGANZA

Monday, April 6, 7pm

Join us for an enchanting evening of Persian poetry, music, and art. Experience the timeless words of Rumi (13th century) and Hafiz (14th century), two of Persia's most beloved Sufi mystic poets whose works have profoundly shaped world literature and spiritual thought. Through a rich blend of poetry readings, music, and visual art, this immersive night promises to fill both the room and your hearts.

NEW ADULTS

GAME ON AT THE LIBRARY

Friday, March 20, 6:30pm

Friday, April 24, 6:30pm

Friday, May 15, 6:30pm

Come play for a chance to win a prize, make new friends, and eat some pizza. Invite your friends to take part in the fun. *Presented by Joe and Julia.*

TECHNOLOGY CLASSES

TECHNOLOGY TUTOR

By Appointment

Schedule a one-hour appointment with a librarian or volunteer, who will work with you on developing the computer skills you need. Learn the basics of Microsoft Word, Excel, downloading e-books and other electronic media, database searching, or Internet use on our computers. We can help you with your mobile devices too. Instruction will be at an introductory level. Call the library at (631) 979-1600 or stop by the Guest Services Desk to request an appointment. **FOR HAUPPAUGE CARDHOLDERS ONLY.**

GROUND NEWS

Monday, March 16, 6:30pm

Join Christa to learn how to use GROUND News, a new library resource that helps you compare news coverage, spot media bias, and think critically about current events in real time.

AI APPS FOR BEGINNERS: WHAT CAN AI DO?

Tuesday, March 31, 6:30pm

Learn about beginner-friendly AI apps, the different types of AI tools available, and what they can help you do. *Presented by Michael Bartolomeo.*

LEARN BETTER WITH AI TOOLS

Tuesday, April 7, 6:30 pm

Discover how AI can help you review material, improve writing, create practice questions, and learn new topics and skills at your own pace and skill level. *Presented by Michael Bartolomeo.*

WISE & WELL

ONE-ON-ONE MEDICARE COUNSELING AND ASSISTANCE

Mondays, March 9, April 13, May 11, 10am-1pm

Register for a 30-minute appointment to speak with a Suffolk County RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program) representative from HIICAP (Health Insurance Information, Counseling & Assistance Program) to answer questions and provide information specific to your own needs regarding Medicare health insurance and benefits, Medicare Savings Programs and EPIC.

MEDICAID ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

Wednesdays, March 25, April 22, May 27, 10am-2pm

Facilitated enrollers trained by NYS Department of Health will assist the aged, blind and disabled populations to enroll into Medicaid programs free of charge. Service is on a first-come, first-served basis. No appointment needed.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE: AARP TAX-AIDE

Mondays, February 2-April 13, 9:30am-12:30pm (by appointment)

AARP tax aides provide free income tax assistance for senior citizens and low-income persons. Register for a one-hour appointment to have your taxes prepared. An intake form must be completed prior to your appointment. The form can be picked up at the library.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL

Wednesday, March 11, 3pm

Experience the luck of the Irish with good company, lively conversation, and scrumptious treats! Join us for a warm and festive St. Patrick's Day celebration filled with fun, friendship, and Irish cheer. *Presented by Fran.*

CHATGPT FOR SENIORS

Wednesday, March 18, 12pm

Wednesday, March 25, 12pm

Wednesday, April 1, 12pm

Wednesday, April 8, 12pm

This is a beginner-friendly introduction to using ChatGPT for everyday life. You are not required to have any technical background for this program, but if you are familiar with ChatGPT and have questions please join us. You will learn how to open ChatGPT, where to type a question and how to ask follow-up questions. You can even ask ChatGPT for a simple chicken dinner recipe with 5 ingredients. Presented by Jake Knorr.

CHALLENGE YOUR MIND

Thursday, April 23, 1:30pm

Give your brain a boost in this interactive activity where players will utilize their thinking, guessing, and problem-solving skills in a fun and challenging experience, as they participate in word games, fun facts, brain teasers, and more.

CINCO DE MAYO SOCIAL

Wednesday, May 6, 3pm

Join your neighbors and friends for a fun and festive Cinco de Mayo celebration filled with community spirit. *Presented by Fran.*

HAUPPAUGE PUBLIC LIBRARY ANNUAL VOTE
Tuesday, April 14, 2026, 9:30am-8:30pm

Voting will take place at the Hauppauge Public Library

Voting will be for the election of two Library Trustees and to adopt the library budget for the period from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027.

You may vote in the library election if you are (1) at least 18 years of age; (2) a citizen of the United States; (3) you have lived in the library district for 30 days; and (4) you are registered to vote (you are already registered if you have voted during the last four years in any general, school district or library election).

Voter Registration: Tuesday, April 7, 2025, 5pm-7pm, in the library (only required if you have NOT voted in a general, school district or library district vote during the last four years).

Absentee Ballots: Absentee ballot applications are available and may be picked up at the library's guest services desk.

Trustee Candidate: One five-year position and one three-year position on the Library Board of Trustees will be up for election. Candidates have until 5pm on Monday, March 16, 2026 to submit their nominating petitions. There will be a meet the candidate session where community residents can ask questions of the candidates running for the position of library trustee on Monday, March 30, 2026. Information about the candidates will also be available online at hauppaugelibrary.org.

Budget Information Meeting & Meet the Candidates Night: A budget information meeting and a meet the candidate forum will be held on Monday, March 30, 2026 at 7pm at the library.

Proposed FY 2026-2027 Library Budget:

Expenditures:

Materials & Services

\$469,979

(Books, e-content, periodicals, children's materials, games, computer software, services, and adult, teen and children's programs)

Operations

\$84,500

(Library supplies, equipment, public information, elections, telecommunication and postage)

Personnel

\$2,204,999

(Salaries, taxes, social security, insurance and benefits)

Professional Services

\$55,500

(Accounting, attorney, memberships and conferences)

Facilities

\$835,300

(Rent, utilities, contracts, insurance, furniture, computers, custodial services and supplies)

Total

\$3,650,278

Revenues:

Tax appropriation

\$3,385,633

Other incomes

\$264,645

(Fees, copiers, grants, gifts, sales, interest and miscellaneous)

Total

\$3,650,278

Estimated Homestead Tax Rate per \$100 of Assessed Value:

FY 2025-2026 Hauppauge Public Library tax rate

\$1.034

Proposed FY 2026-2027 Hauppauge Public Library tax rate

\$1.32

What this proposal means for Hauppauge homeowners:

If your Home is Assessed At:	Proposed Yearly Increase	Monthly Increase
\$30,000	\$85.80	\$7.15
\$50,000	\$143	\$11.91
\$70,000	\$200.20	\$16.68
\$90,000	\$257.40	\$21.45

To Our Community:

On March 28, 2022 we adopted a strategic plan with a vision toward “building meaningful connections and opportunities.” The library has been working to do so each day. Our visits, use of e-resources, wifi access, events and seminars attended, computer use, outside groups use of the library and summer reading club registrations have all increased over the prior year. And the majority of our cardholders would recommend us to their friends and family.

More of the community is using their library and we could not be happier. Our events - including Fridays Out Front and Trunk Or Treat - remain popular with all ages, as do our summer reading clubs. We are proud of the library and hope you are too.

The increases in expenditures include rent, electronic materials, and events and seminars, in addition to personnel costs that are helping us retain our staff. We are asking for an increase in your support of the library to continue our mission of “inspiring our community to learn, grow, and connect.”

We hope the library remains a vital place for you. We hope it is a point of pride in describing what Hauppauge has compared to other communities. We also hope you take advantage of what we offer and let us know what you need. It is our pleasure to help this library be as responsive to the community's needs as possible.

Take advantage of all that your public library has to offer and please take the time to vote on Tuesday, April 14. If you have any questions, please contact our CEO, Matthew Bollerman, at 631-979-1600 or matthew@hauppaugelibrary.org.

The Board of Trustees, Hauppauge Public Library

CLASS REGISTRATION GUIDELINES FOR ALL AGES

Hauppauge cardholders: In-person, online, and telephone registration for spring classes begins Wednesday, March 4, at 9am. Out-of-District guests: Registration for spring classes begins Wednesday, March 11, at 9am. Registration is required unless otherwise indicated. Please note: We occasionally take pictures in our classes and may post the pictures in our newsletter, on our website, or on social media. In signing up for classes, you agree to let us use any pictures we take for publicity purposes only. If you don't want your picture used, please notify a staff member. The library will provide reasonable accommodations for guests with special needs. Please let us know in advance if you will need an accommodation that will make the event accessible to you.