



# Emma S. Clark Memorial Library

*"The Heart of the Three Village Community"*

• January/February 2026 Newsletter •



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## LIBRARY HOURS

Mon.–Fri.: 9:30 a.m.–9 p.m.  
Sat.: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.  
Sun.: 10 a.m.–5 p.m.

## LEVEL UP KITCHEN CAFÉ HOURS

Mon.–Fri.: 10:30 a.m.–7 p.m.  
Sat.: 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.  
Sun.: 10 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

## Library closed on:

Christmas Day, Dec. 25  
New Year's Day, Jan. 1, 2026  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day,  
Jan. 19, 2026  
Presidents' Day, Feb. 16, 2026  
The Library will close at 3 p.m. on  
Dec. 24 & 31

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Meeting Schedule  
Wednesdays, Jan. 21 & Feb. 18, 2026  
All meetings begin at 7:00 p.m.

Pictures/Videos taken at or for Library events or activities may be posted online, printed in our newsletter and other print media or displayed in-house. If you do not want yourself and/or your minor child photographed, please notify the Librarian/photographer at the time of the event.



Welcome our new Library Director, Theresa Liguori, starting January 20, 2026.

Theresa comes to us with over 20 years of experience in library administration. Most recently, she is serving as Chief Public Services Officer for the Denver Public Library, overseeing public service delivery across 27 locations.

Theresa is also an adjunct faculty member within the Masters of Library and Information Science Online Program for the Morgridge College of Education at the University of Denver, teaching theoretical and conceptual foundations of management within library and information organizations.

She is looking forward to bringing her authenticity, creativity, strategic innovation and vision to the Three Village community.

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## Winter Treats



Gluten-free & vegan options available!

## Level Up Kitchen Library Café

Thank you for supporting local business!

For the latest menu,  
go to [emmaclark.org/Cafe](http://emmaclark.org/Cafe)

The Board of Trustees would like to welcome Timothy Austin as the Library's newest trustee. Thank you to Dave Douglas, who has stepped down after eight dedicated years of service. We appreciate all of his hard work. Please join us in congratulating Mr. Austin!



## DRIVES FOR CHARITY

donations

## GIVE Warmth Drive

Now through Jan. 18, we are collecting **new store-bought and handmade** mittens, scarves, hats, gloves and socks for local charities. Please drop off donations in the "Give Warmth" bin in the lobby. All sizes are welcome.



## LITTLE VALENTINES

*Baby Supply Drive*  
Sun., Feb. 1–Sat., Feb. 28

We will be collecting **new store-bought and handmade** baby clothes, as well as diapers, wipes, pacifiers, toys & other baby-related items for local organizations that help babies (and their families) in need. Please drop off donations in the "Little Valentines" bin in the lobby.

## Social Work Student Intern will answer your questions – each week at the Library.

Social work student intern from SBU's School of Social Welfare is available at the Library to answer questions, provide referrals & help with aid applications.

*The social work intern will not be in Dec. 15 through Jan. 4 and Jan. 9 through Jan. 15.*

## Hours of availability:

Tuesdays: 3:00–7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 3:00–7:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 2:00–8:00 p.m.

Visit [emmaclark.org/SocialWorker](http://emmaclark.org/SocialWorker) for more information.





## BLACK HISTORY PROGRAMS



The Civil Rights Movement  
on Long Island

Wed., Jan. 21, 7:00–8:30 p.m.



Ingenuity and Resistance:  
The History of African  
American Foods in Early NY

Thu., Feb. 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.



Remember Liss: A New  
American Founding Figure

Tue., Feb. 24, 7:00–8:00 p.m.

See pages 4 & 5 for details!

## Helen Stein Shack Picture Book Contest

Grades 6–12 • See page 10.



## Emma Clark Concerts



A New Year's Concert with the Harbormen Chorus  
Sun., Jan. 4 • 2:00–3:00 p.m.

Vincent R. O'Leary Community Room

The Day Trippers: Music of the Beatles  
Sun., Feb. 1 • 1:00–2:30 p.m.

Vincent R. O'Leary Community Room

See pages 3 & 4 for details.

## OLYMPIC-THEMED EVENTS

Savvy Sightseer's  
Destination  
Travelogue:  
Northern Italy

Wed., Feb. 4,  
12:30–1:30 p.m.

Miracle on Ice:  
The Story of the  
1980 Men's Olympic  
Hockey Team

Mon., Feb. 9,  
7:00–8:00 p.m.

Friday  
Matinee:  
Miracle

Fri., Feb. 20,  
2:00 p.m.

See page 5 for details!



## PRESCHOOL FAIR Find the perfect fit for your child!

Sat., Jan. 17

10:00 a.m.–Noon

Hop from preschool  
to preschool—without  
leaving the room!

No registration  
required &  
all are welcome.  
See pg. 12 for  
more info.

Location: Vincent R.  
O'Leary Community Room



If you have a local business and would like to support the Adults, Teens/Tweens & Kids Summer Reading, please consider donating a gift card for our raffle prizes! Your donation supports our young patrons with an extra incentive for their reading endeavors. In addition, your company name would be listed in our Library newsletter (which is distributed to all households in Three Village), on a banner in the Library throughout the summer, and on the Library's social media pages (Facebook & Instagram) in recognition of your contribution. If you give a gift worth over \$50, you will also receive an official 2026 Summer Reading Supporter certificate that you may hang in your establishment.

Please keep in mind the following:

- ➡ Gift cards, gift certificates, or checks only please.
- ➡ To have your name included in the May/June newsletter, please send in your donation by March 1.
- ➡ Please mail any gift card donations (along with your name and address for recognition and accounting purposes) to:

Emma Clark Library  
120 Main Street, Setauket, NY 11733  
Attention: Lisa DeVerna

## Catholic Health Mobile Outreach Bus



Thu., Jan. 8 • 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

No appointments are necessary, there are  
no fees and insurance is not required.  
See adjacent page for details!

## Hey Teens, Tweens & Kids...

Don't wait until the last minute to earn  
your community service hours!

We have plenty of opportunities you can participate in now.  
Teens/Tweens: [teen.emmaclark.org/Community-Service](http://teen.emmaclark.org/Community-Service)  
Kids: [kids.emmaclark.org/Volunteer](http://kids.emmaclark.org/Volunteer)



# ADULT WINTER READING CHALLENGE –

Mon., Jan. 12 – Sun., Mar. 15

There's snow place like the Library

Join our Adult Winter Reading Challenge! Each book you read during the winter will earn you one raffle ticket for a chance to win a prize! Here's how to get started:

1. **Starting January 12**, you can sign up at [emmaclark.org/Winter-Reading](http://emmaclark.org/Winter-Reading). Registration will continue throughout the winter.
2. You may use your computer or the Beanstack app (available on iTunes or Google Play stores). If you are unsure about how to do it online, call the Adult Reference Desk at 631-941-4080, ext.127, or visit us in the Library for extra assistance. One of our friendly Librarians will walk you through the registration process.
3. Read books in any format! *Audiobooks, eBooks and print books all count.*
4. Log books in Beanstack from the comfort of your home. For each book, you'll be asked to write a quick, 1-3 sentence review telling us what you thought of the book.
5. Earn one eTicket per book to enter raffles of your choice. Each participant can earn a maximum of 10 eTickets for the winter.
6. Winter Reading ends on Sunday, March 15. Winners will be selected and contacted at the end of the winter!

Emma Clark employees, trustees & members of their household are not eligible to enter raffles.

Happy Reading!

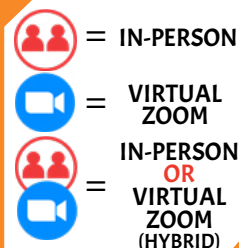
Special thank you to Level Up Kitchen Library Café & The Rinx for their continued support of our reading challenges.

## ADULTS

Registration with a valid Emma Clark Library card is required except where otherwise noted. Simply register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).

Registration for ONLINE CLASSES is ONGOING.

**LATE ARRIVAL GUIDELINES:** Out of respect for others & to minimize disruption, please arrive on time. Reserved seats will not be held for latecomers but will be given to stand-by guests whenever possible.



## January Registration for IN-PERSON CLASSES begins Mon., Dec. 22, at 9:30 a.m.

- Knit, Crochet & Chat** – Fri., Jan. 2 AND/OR Feb. 6, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Work on your current project. *No registration necessary. No instruction will be provided. Please bring your own supplies. Questions? Contact [eyohannan@emmaclark.org](mailto:eyohannan@emmaclark.org).*
- A New Year's Concert with The Harbormen Chorus** – Sun., Jan. 4, 2:00–3:00 p.m. They'll perform well-known songs, including those by Elvis Presley, Neil Diamond, and Neil Sedaka, alongside classics from Disney and the Great American Songbook. All in 4-part harmony!
- PC Clean Up** – Mon., Jan. 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m. See page 7.
- Simply Strong for Life** – Tue., Jan. 6, 13 & 20, 2:30–3:30 p.m. Please bring 2-5 lb. weights to each class. Taught by Joyce McCormack. *Offered simultaneously in person and virtually via Zoom, your choice! Registration for in-person class starts Mon., Dec. 22, at 9:30 a.m. Registration for the Zoom class is ongoing.*
- Cricut: Totebag** – Tue., Jan. 6, 6:00–8:00 p.m. See page 7.
- Envision Plum Island Preserved** – Wed., Jan. 7, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Plum Island, a federally owned part of Southold, is nationally significant for its natural beauty, wildlife, and cultural history. Louise Harrison of Save the Sound will share a photographic tour, explain the case for preservation, and provide an update on efforts to protect the island permanently.
- Catholic Health Mobile Outreach Bus [Library Parking Lot]** – Thu., Jan. 8, 10:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m. Registered nurses will provide flu vaccinations, as well as blood pressure, cholesterol, body mass index and glucose screenings. Nurses will also provide patient education and referrals as needed. The last screening will begin at 1:45 p.m. *No appointments are necessary, there are no fees and health insurance is not required.*
- The Heart of the Matter: Keeping Seniors Healthy** – Thu., Jan. 8, 11:00 a.m.–Noon Maura A Calio, MA, RN from St. Francis Hospital will share smart tips for staying healthy throughout your senior years.

### Evening Book Discussion

We meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month • 7:30–8:45 p.m.  
Copies of the book are available to borrow at the Circulation Desk.  
**No registration required.**

**Wuthering Heights**  
Emily Brontë  
Wed., Jan. 14  
Book pickup starts 12/9

**Agent Josephine**  
Damien Lewis  
Wed., Feb. 11  
Book pickup starts 1/14








# ADULTS *Continued...*

## January *Continued* Registration for IN-PERSON CLASSES begins Mon., Dec. 22, at 9:30 a.m.

-  **Brooklyn to Yellowstone: A 1933 Civilian Conservation Corps Odyssey** – Thu., Jan. 8, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Retired educator Michael LoMonico will share his fascinating family history. His book can be borrowed from the Library's Local Focus Collection.
-  **New Year Book Buzz** – Fri., Jan. 9, 2:00–3:30 p.m. Share the books you loved in 2025 and the new releases you are awaiting in 2026. Before you go, Librarian Emma Yohannan will tell you about some great new titles coming out this year.
-  **Needle Felting: Snowman** – Sun., Jan. 11, 2:00–4:00 p.m. **OR** Mon., Jan. 12, 6:30–8:30 p.m. Learn how to needle felt with local fiber artist, Shamma Murphy. *All materials and tools supplied.*
-  **Advanced Microsoft Excel** – Tue., Jan. 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Wonders of Ancient Egypt** – Thu., Jan. 15, 2:00–3:30 p.m. Professor Sandra Palmer will guide you through the wonders of ancient Egyptian civilization—from the Great Pyramids of the Old Kingdom to King Tutankhamun and beyond.
-  **Cricut: Tea Towel** – Thu., Jan. 15, 6:00–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Friday Matinee: Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale (2025)** – Fri., Jan. 16, 2:00 p.m. [Starring Hugh Bonneville] PG (123 min.) *No registration required.*
-  **Relax & Paint: Mountain Bear** – Fri., Jan. 16, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Led by art instructor Teresa Grant. ***Please check our online program calendar for supply list & tracers.***
-  **PC Clean Up** – Tue., Jan. 20, 10:00 a.m.–Noon See [page 7](#).
-  **Wednesday Film at Noon: The Simple Life of Noah Dearborn (1999)** – Wed., Jan. 21, Noon–2:00 p.m. [Starring Sidney Poitier, Dianne Wiest & Mary-Louise Parker] PG (87 min.) *No registration required.*
-  **The Civil Rights Movement on Long Island** – Wed., Jan. 21, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Using images from local archives & private collections, Long Island history professor & author Chris Verga will share how the region became a battleground for the civil rights movement.
-  **How to Manage Personal Finances with Microsoft Excel** – Thu., Jan. 22, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Puzzle Fun!** – Fri., Jan. 23, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Enjoy a spot of tea and a friendly jigsaw puzzle competition. Each team will be given a 500-piece jigsaw puzzle and the first team to complete the puzzle will win a small prize. ***Space is limited; each participant must register individually.***
-  **Agatha Christie, Reigning Queen of Mystery** – Sat., Jan. 24, 2:30–4:00 p.m. Fifty years after her death, Agatha Christie's novels continue to thrill readers and inspire common plots, characters and themes in a variety of creative mediums. Writer and producer Erin Coughlin will explore Christie's fictional works and her influence on modern literature, film, TV and pop culture.
-  **Winter Sowing with Native Plants Workshop** – Sun., Jan. 25, 2:00–3:30 p.m. Join local horticulturalist Kimberly Simmen to discover the magic of winter sowing, a simple method for starting seeds outdoors during the winter months. ***Please bring a plastic bag that will fit around a gallon jug. All other supplies provided.***
-  **Digital Dust: Protecting Your Privacy Online** – Mon., Jan. 26, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Debussy and Impressionism** – Tue., Jan. 27, 7:00–8:30 p.m. In this immersive audiovisual talk, Jeffrey Norwood will explore Debussy's evocative piano preludes and their inspiration and enduring influence.
-  **Intro to Canva** – Wed., Jan. 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Building Foundations of Caregiving** – Thu., Jan. 29, 10:30–11:30 a.m. A representative from the Alzheimer's Association Long Island Chapter will explore the role of caregiver for an individual with dementia. Caregivers will learn how to build a support team and manage caregiver stress. This class is offered virtually for caregivers who may be unable to leave home.
-  **Cricut: Cricut: T-Shirt** – Thu., Jan. 29, 6:00–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Feather String Art** – Fri., Jan. 30, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Create a colorful display piece! Led by Librarian Emma and Library Assistant Erin. *All supplies provided.*

## February Registration for IN-PERSON CLASSES begins Mon., Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m.

-  **The Day Trippers: Music of The Beatles** – Sun., Feb. 1, 1:00–2:30 p.m. Featuring a male-and-female co-lead duo inspired by Lennon and McCartney's harmonies, the band takes audiences on a musical journey from the early hits to the later masterpieces, all the while sharing fun insights about the songs along the way.
-  **Cancer Prevention and Screening** – Mon., Feb. 2, 2:30–3:30 p.m. Join Health Educators from Stony Brook Cancer Center to learn about which cancer screenings are available for you, when to get screened and best practices for cancer prevention.
-  **Tai Chi Flow** – Tue., Feb. 3, 10 & 17, 2:30–3:30 p.m. Wear flat shoes & comfortable clothing. Led by Judith Budd-Walsh. ***Offered simultaneously in person and virtually via Zoom, your choice! Registration for in-person class starts Mon., Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m. Reg. for the Zoom class is ongoing.***
-  **Cricut: Keychain** – Tue., Feb. 3, 6:00–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **FDR's Four Freedoms** – Tue., Feb. 3, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Marking the 80th anniversary of World War II's end, this session, led by Jeffrey Urbin of the FDR Presidential Library, explores Roosevelt's vision for a freer world. ***Note: Rescheduled from October.***

# ADULTS Continued...

## February Continued Registration for IN-PERSON CLASSES begins Mon., Jan. 12, at 9:30 a.m.

-  **Savvy Sightseer's Destination Travelogue: Northern Italy** – Wed., Feb. 4, 12:30–1:30 p.m. Join "Savvy Sightseer" Jeanne Schnupp for a picturesque tour of Northern Italy, just days before millions will flock to the area for the Winter Olympics! *[This program is made possible by the Philip Groia Global Studies bequest.]* 
-  **How to Manage Your Paper (Without Losing Your Mind!)** – Wed., Feb. 4, 7:00–8:30 p.m. Professional organizers Marie Limpert and Annmarie Brogan will teach you techniques for managing your everyday paperwork with ease. You'll discover tips for handling your daily mail, developing a simple filing system, protecting your important legal documents & more.
-  **Streaming 101: Cutting the Cord** – Thu., Feb. 5, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Knit, Crochet & Chat** – Fri., Feb. 6, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Work on your current project. *No registration necessary. No instruction will be provided. Please bring your own supplies. Questions? Contact [eyohannan@emmaclark.org](mailto:eyohannan@emmaclark.org).*
-  **Silk Road Reverie: A Journey in Dance and Rhythm** *[For Adults, Teens & Tweens]* – Sat., Feb. 7, 2:00–3:00 p.m. Celebrate Lunar New Year with internationally acclaimed dancer & cultural educator Wendi Weng and percussionist Chris Howard! The Silk Road was one of history's great trade routes. This performance invites you to explore its legacy through rhythm and movement. *Registration begins Tue., Jan. 13, at 9:30 a.m. [This program is made possible by the Philip Groia Global Studies bequest.]* 
-  **Miracle on Ice: The Story of the 1980 Men's Olympic Hockey Team** – Mon., Feb. 9, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Hockey fanatic and historian Jim Ward will tell the story of how head coach Herb Brooks united a group of college kids to defeat the Soviet powerhouse, eventually winning the gold medal at the 1980 Winter Olympics.
-  **Intro to Google Apps & Drive** – Mon., Feb. 9, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Cricut: Tumbler** – Tue., Feb. 10, 6:00–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Safely Stay Active During the Winter** – Wed., Feb. 11, 11:00 a.m.–Noon Katrina Agtuca, Physical Therapist at Catholic Health, will speak on how to safely stay active during the winter. Topics will include safety considerations for exercising indoors vs outdoors, types of exercises, population specific modifications, and sample exercises and balance activities.
-  **Cricut: Coffee Mug** – Thu., Feb. 12, 6:00–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Folk Traditions and Origins of Valentine's Day** – Thu., Feb. 12, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Join Professor Danielle DiMauro for this engaging talk about Valentine's Day traditions.
-  **Valentine's Day Card Making** – Fri., Feb. 13, 2:00–4:00 p.m. Spread love with some handmade cards! We'll provide the supplies, simple instructions and a relaxing space for your creativity to thrive.
-  **Disco Dance Night!** – Fri., Feb. 13, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Learn to dance the Hustle with professional dancer and instructor Michelle Vicalé. *No experience necessary and no partner required.*
-  **Galapagos: Darwin's Enchanted Islands** – Wed., Feb. 18, 12:15–1:45 p.m. Join Eco-Photo Explorers as they dive around the world-renowned Darwin and Wolf Islands and take you along on other awe-inspiring adventures both above and below the waters off these enchanted islands.
-  **Bedazzle Your Book Cover** – Thu., Feb. 19, 10:00 a.m.–Noon Bring a hardcover or paperback book and use rhinestones to make your cover shine! It is recommended that you bring a magnifying glass and tweezers. *All other supplies provided.*
-  **Ingenuity and Resistance: The History of African American Foods in Early New York** – Thu., Feb. 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m. Local historian Melanie Cardone-Leathers will discuss the culinary history of African Americans in the New York area.
-  **Start Your Own Youtube Channel & Monetize it!** – Thu., Feb. 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m. See [page 7](#).
-  **Friday Matinee: *Miracle* (2004)** – Fri., Feb. 20, 2:00 p.m. [Starring Kurt Russell] PG (135 min.) *No registration required.*
-  **Beginner Watercolor Painting: *Winter Scene*** – Sat., Feb. 21, 10:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. OR 2:00–4:00 p.m. Join artist Heather Williams to paint a winter wonderland watercolor scene. *All supplies provided.*
-  **Cooking with Chef Rob: Comfort Foods** – Mon., Feb. 23, 3:00–4:00 p.m. OR 6:30–7:30 p.m. Chef Rob will demonstrate how to make cheddar and broccoli soup. For dessert, you'll make a brownie-in-a-mug to take home and enjoy. *Food samples & recipes provided. You must bring a mug with you to class.*
-  **Introduction to Microsoft Excel [3-part class]** – Mon., Tue. & Wed., Feb. 23, 24 & 25, 10:00 a.m.–Noon See [page 7](#).
-  **Remember Liss: A New American Founding Figure** – Tue., Feb. 24, 7:00–8:00 p.m. Join historian and author Claire Bellerjeau for a captivating program exploring the remarkable story of Elizabeth "Liss", an enslaved woman owned by the Townsend family of Oyster Bay. Through Liss's extraordinary journey, Bellerjeau sheds new light on the Revolutionary era and the nation's founding, revealing this pivotal history through the eyes of an enslaved Black woman seeking liberty in a country fighting for its own.
-  **Bingo!** – Fri., Feb. 27, 2:00–3:00 p.m. Join us for a relaxing afternoon of bingo and conversation with friends & neighbors.
-  **Introduction to FamilySearch Genealogy Workshop** – Sat., Feb. 28, 10:00 a.m.–Noon Emma Clark is a FamilySearch Affiliate Library! Join the Terryville (Port Jefferson Station) FamilySearch Center's volunteer, Eileen Swanberg, to learn how to set up your free account and start your genealogy research using the world's largest collection of genealogical material available. Here you will learn how to use the different search functions to optimize your searches and build your family tree. *Space is limited.*



## ADULTS Continued...



### SENIOR BUS FUN!

*Especially for seniors, but open to all adults.*

Our "Senior Bus" transports those who can no longer drive themselves to the Library to take out materials & attend these events.

To learn more, call Rebecca at 631-941-4080.

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#### Wednesday Film at Noon

No registration—just show up!

January 21: *The Simple Life of Noah Dearborn* (PG, 87 min.)

## Knit, Crochet & Chat

**Fri., Jan. 2 AND/OR Feb. 6, 2:00–4:00 p.m.**

Join with friends, old and new, to work on your current project. Share tips, techniques & conversation.

Questions? Contact [eyohannan@emmaclark.org](mailto:eyohannan@emmaclark.org).

**No registration required • No instruction will be provided.**  
*Please bring your own supplies.*



#### We have the following for your convenience:

- **Charging Cords** – available to borrow while at the Library. At the Circulation Desk in the lobby.
- **Copy Machine** – 10¢ per page for black & white, 30¢ per page for color (letter or legal-size).
- **Fax Machine** – 50¢ per page (domestic only).
- **Public Scanner** – free to use. Scan to email, USB flash drive, Google Drive or mobile device.
- **Printers** – 10¢ per page for b&w, 30¢ per page for color. Patrons receive 50¢ free printing per day.
- **Microfilm/fiche Reader** – free to use.



## AARP SMART DRIVER COURSE

This 6-hour course for those aged 50 and up allows participants to receive a reduction of up to four points on their driver's license **OR** a 10% deduction on collision and liability auto insurance rates for a period of three years. Some insurance companies give both benefits. **Reservations may be made online, by phone or in person.** A valid Emma Clark Library card is required to make an in-district reservation. **The instructor must be paid by check (made out to AARP) on the first day of the class.** Classes are \$30 (\$25 for AARP members).



**Wed., Jan. 14 & Thu., Jan. 15**

**Both Sessions: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

*In-District Registration begins: Thu., Dec. 11*

*Out-of-District Registration begins: Wed., Jan. 7*

**Tue., Jan. 27 & Wed., Jan. 28**

**Both Sessions: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

*In-District Registration begins: Thu., Dec. 18*

*Out-of-District Registration begins: Tue., Jan. 20*

**Tue., Feb. 24 & Wed., Feb. 25**

**Both Sessions: 10:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m.**

*In-District Registration begins: Thu., Jan. 22*

*Out-of-District Registration begins: Tue., Feb. 17*



## HOMEBOUND Library Service



If you, or someone you know, is homebound and can't come to the Library because of a temporary or permanent disability, please contact Jeff Walden at 631-941-4080 or email [jeff@emmaclark.org](mailto:jeff@emmaclark.org).



## One-on-One Medicare Telephone Counseling

**Wed., Jan. 21 OR Feb. 18 from 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m.**

**HIICAP: Health Insurance Info Counseling & Assistance Program**

To schedule an appointment with a HIICAP volunteer, call Rebecca at 631-941-4080 or email [rebecca@emmaclark.org](mailto:rebecca@emmaclark.org).



## GAME DAY



**Fridays, 10:00 a.m.–Noon**

Bring your friends & a favorite board or card game to play!  
**No registration required • In person**



## ADULTS Continued...

### NEED TECH HELP?

**WEEKENDS TOO!**

Thu., Jan. 8 & Feb. 19 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Sat., Dec. 27, Jan. 10 & Feb. 21 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon

Local teens will be in our Technology Center to answer your simple tech questions & help you learn how to use your mobile devices, including cell phones, tablets & e-readers. **Appointments are required.**

Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs) or call 631-941-4080, ext. 127.



## Computer Skills, Technology & Online Learning



**JANUARY IN-PERSON CLASSES:** Reg. begins Dec. 22 at 9:30 a.m.











**FEBRUARY IN-PERSON CLASSES:** Reg. begins Jan. 12 at 9:30 a.m.

**ONLINE CLASSES:** Registration is ONGOING









Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).

### Technology Classes

-  **PC Clean Up — Mon., Jan. 5, 6:30–8:30 p.m.** Have a PC laptop? Bring it with you and learn how to clean and speed it up. If you don't have one, don't worry, you can use ours to learn. This class is specifically tailored for PCs and not applicable to Mac systems. Taught by Tech Librarian Jen Mullen. [Tech Center]
-  **Advanced Microsoft Excel — Tue., Jan. 13, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Learn advanced features such as VLOOKUP, data validation, subtotals & much more! Presented by Sharper Training Solutions.
-  **PC Clean Up — Tue., Jan. 20, 10:00 a.m.–Noon** Have a PC laptop? Bring it with you and learn how to clean and speed it up. If you don't have one, don't worry, you can use ours to learn. This class is specifically tailored for PCs and not applicable to Mac systems. Taught by Tech Librarian Jen Mullen. [Tech Center]
-  **How to Manage Personal Finances with Microsoft Excel — Thu., Jan. 22, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Use your computer to help manage your personal finances: learn how to create a check register and format for a bank reconciliation, keep track of investments and expenses and create a simple database. Presented by Sharper Training Solutions.
-  **Digital Dust: Protecting Your Privacy Online — Mon., Jan. 26, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** From social media and email to online banking and the Dark Web, we will provide an overview of changes you can make to provide a safer and more secure online experience. Taught by IT Manager Bob Johnson & Tech Librarian Jen Mullen.
-  **Intro to Canva — Wed., Jan. 28, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Whether it is a photo editor, picture collage, logo, invitation or poster, Canva makes online graphic design easy. Presented by Sharper Training Solutions.
-  **Streaming 101: Cutting the Cord — Thu., Feb. 5, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Learn about Amazon's Fire Stick, Roku & Chromecast with Google TV, and find the best option for you. Taught by IT Manager Bob Johnson & Tech Librarian Jen Mullen. [Vincent R. O'Leary Community Room]
-  **Intro to Google Apps & Drive — Mon., Feb. 9, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Learn how to create a Google account and how to use the following Google applications: Calendar, Maps, Photos, Google Drive & more! Presented by Sharper Training Solutions.
-  **Start Your Own Youtube Channel & Monetize it! — Thu., Feb. 19, 6:30–8:00 p.m.** Want to share your creativity or expertise with the world? Learn how to create a Youtube channel in just a few easy steps. Presented by Joe Lodato, SBU Campus Lead for Navigate, Video & Tutorial Media Specialist.
-  **Introduction to Microsoft Excel — Mon., Tue. & Wed., Feb. 23, 24 & 25, 10:00 a.m.–Noon** (3-part class) Electronic spreadsheet program used for storing, organizing & manipulating data such as address lists & budgets. Must be able to attend all 3 sessions. Taught by Tech Librarian Jen Mullen. [Tech Center]

### High Demand Classes by Lottery

**\*\*\*We heard your feedback... Due to the overwhelming popularity of our Cricut classes, we're introducing a lottery system for registration. Each lottery will open at 9:30 a.m. two weeks before the class date and remain open for only 28 hours. As each lottery winner is chosen, their name will be moved from the waitlist into the class. Participants will receive a confirmation email. Thanks for your enthusiasm & understanding!**

-  **Cricut: Tote Bag — Tue., Jan. 6, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Create a stylish & personalized tote bag. Taught by Jackie Parente. *All supplies provided.* [Tech Center] **Reg. begins 12/23**
-  **Cricut: Tea Towel — Thu., Jan. 15, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Create a trendy kitchen tea towel to elevate your decor. Taught by Librarian Brieanne Kocka. *All supplies provided.* [Tech Center] **Reg. begins 1/1**
-  **Cricut: T-Shirt — Thu., Jan. 29, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Create a customized T-shirt. **Please note: Each participant MUST bring ONE PLAIN WHITE COTTON T-SHIRT (LONG OR SHORT-SLEEVE) with them to design. All other materials will be provided.** Taught by Jackie Parente. [Tech Center] **Reg. begins 1/15**
-  **Cricut: Keychain — Tue., Feb. 3, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Customize a keychain that's both functional & stylish! Taught by Jackie Parente. *All supplies provided.* [Tech Center] **Reg. begins 1/20**
-  **Cricut: Tumbler — Tue., Feb. 10, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Create a unique, personalized tumbler for yourself! Taught by Jackie Parente. *All supplies provided.* [Tech Center] **Reg. begins 1/27**
-  **Cricut: Coffee Mug — Thu., Feb. 12, 6:00–8:00 p.m.** Use infusible ink to create a personalized mug. Taught by Librarian Brieanne Kocka. *All supplies provided.* [Tech Center] **Reg. begins 1/29**



# TEENS & Tweens (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders)



= COMMUNITY SERVICE



= IN-PERSON



= TAKE & MAKE

Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).

A valid Emma Clark Library card is required except where otherwise noted.

Location:

V = Vincent R. O'Leary Community Room

T = Technology Center

C = Children's Programming Room

B = Board Room [Lower Level]

**January** Registration begins Tue., Dec. 16 at 9:30 a.m.

- ★ Movie Night: *The Greatest Showman* – Fri., Jan. 2, 6:00–8:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Knit for a Cause – Wed., Jan. 7, 14 & 21, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Must attend all 3 classes in this session [B]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Thu., Jan. 8, 5:30–6:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Snowman Pillar Candles for Newly Housed Individuals – Fri., Jan. 9, 6:30–8:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Surprise Tabletop Roleplaying Game – Sat., Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 7, 28 & Mar. 7, 1:30–4:30 p.m. Must attend all 5 sessions, to keep a cohesive team [B]
- ★ Take & Make: *DIY Heating Pads* – Supply pickup Mon., Jan. 12 through Fri., Jan. 16 Pick up supplies at the Lower Level Service Desk (Sewing skills required)
- ★ Cyber Safety – Tue., Jan. 13, 6:00–7:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Fri., Jan. 16, 5:30–6:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Stitching Circle – Sat., Jan. 17, 2:00–4:00 p.m. AND/OR Fri., Jan. 30, 6:00–8:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Sun., Jan. 18, 11:00 a.m.–Noon [V]
- ★ Cocoa for Comfort – Sun., Jan. 18, 1:00–2:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Nintendo Switch Tournament – Sun., Jan. 18, 3:00–4:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Bring Your Own Adult: *Seashell Heart Frame* [Each registration covers one youth & one adult] – Fri., Jan. 23, 5:00–7:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Cutting Boards for Soup Kitchens – Wed., Jan. 28, 6:00–7:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Hands-Only CPR – Sat., Jan. 31, 11:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m. [V]

**February** Registration begins Tue., Jan. 13 at 9:30 a.m.

- ★ Take & Make: *Tie Dye Onesies for Babies in Need* – Supply pickup Mon., Feb. 2 through Fri., Feb. 6 Pick up supplies at the Lower Level Service Desk
- ★ Katie's Secret – Mon., Feb. 2, 6:00–7:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Knit for a Cause – Wed., Feb. 4, 11 & 18, 5:30–6:30 p.m. Must attend all 3 classes in this session [B]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Fri., Feb. 6, 5:30–6:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Stitching Circle – Sat., Feb. 7, 10:00 a.m.–Noon AND/OR Wed., Feb. 25, 6:00–8:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Silk Road Reverie: A Journey in Dance and Rhythm [Open to Teens & Tweens and Adults] – Sat., Feb. 7, 2:00–3:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ P.S. I Love You Day Awareness – Tue., Feb. 10, 6:00–7:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Tue., Feb. 10, 7:30–8:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Decorate Onesies for Babies in Need – Thu., Feb. 12, 6:00–7:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Volunteer at Hobbs Farm (Week of Winter Break) – Tue., Feb. 17, 1:00–3:00 p.m. [Bethel Hobbs Farm, Centereach]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Thu., Feb. 19, 4:30–5:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Movie Night: *Lisa Frankenstein* – Fri., Feb. 20, 6:00–8:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ After Hours: Laser Tag in the Library (Register for the session that correlates w/ your grade.) – Sat., Feb. 21, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> graders: 6:00–7:30 p.m. • 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders: 8:30–10:00 p.m. [V]
- ★ Nintendo Switch Tournament – Sun., Feb. 22, 11:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Book & Movie Club: *The Fault in Our Stars* – Sun., Feb. 22, 1:30–4:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Pressed Flower Bookmarks – Fri., Feb. 27, 5:00–6:00 p.m. OR Sat., Feb. 28, 3:30–4:30 p.m. [V]
- ★ Seed Packet Processing – Fri., Feb. 27, 7:00–8:00 p.m. [V]

The Library provides a variety of community service credit opportunities. When applying for a society or award (ex. Honor Society), it is your responsibility to confirm that the credit earned through the Library is accepted by the organization.

**PLEASE NOTE**

## Stitching Circle

★ January

Sat., Jan. 17 • 2:00–4:00 p.m.

AND/OR

Fri., Jan. 30 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

February

★ Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon

AND/OR

Wed., Feb. 25 • 6:00–8:00 p.m.

Are you already skilled in knit, crochet, felting, sewing, or another fiber-art, and want to put your skills to a philanthropic use?

Join us for a self-led stitching session!

Work on a project at the Library & from home, then get credit when you drop off the completed item! Items will be donated to local organizations. Attendees of this program are expected to have the skills needed to complete a project with minimal guidance, as well as be willing to assist fellow attendees in learning/reinforcing new skills. Attend one or more sessions!

★ Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs). Location: [V]



★ Don't know how to knit? Check out "Knit for a Cause" in January & February.



**– Surprise –**

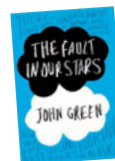
## TABLETOP ROLEPLAYING GAME

Sat., Jan. 10, 24, Feb. 7, 28 & Mar. 7 • 1:30–4:30 p.m.  
Game will be chosen once players are registered! Must be able to attend all five sessions to keep a cohesive team.  
To register, visit [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs). Location [B]

## BOOK & MOVIE CLUB

Was the book better?

Join fellow teens in reading popular titles. Then watch their movie adaptations & discuss your opinion! Discussion is led by Teen/Tween Library Assistant Kiera.



Sun., Feb. 22  
1:30–4:30 p.m.

*The Fault in Our Stars*

BOOK: by John Green  
MOVIE: 2014 (PG-13)

Location [V] • For info & to register, visit [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).



# TEENS & Tweens (6th-12th graders) continued...

## 2025 WINTER READING CHALLENGE

"There's snow place like the Library."

Registration begins on Mon., Jan. 12 and is ongoing through Sun., Mar. 15

To get started, visit [teen.emmaclark.org/winter-reading-challenge](http://teen.emmaclark.org/winter-reading-challenge).

### 3 REASONS TO JOIN

- #1. Read any books you want!
- #2. Enter to win tickets for raffle prizes!
- #3. You may "double log" your reading...enter the same book for both Winter Reading & the Teen 100 Books Challenge & earn credit for both challenges!

\*\*\*Thank you to Level Up Kitchen Library Cafe and The Rinx for the donation of gift cards for the Winter Reading raffle prizes.\*\*\*

Emma Clark employees, trustees & members of their household are not eligible to enter raffles.

## Seed Packet Processing

Thu., Jan. 8 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Fri., Jan. 16 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Sun., Jan. 18 • 11:00 a.m.-Noon  
Fri., Feb. 6 • 5:30-6:30 p.m.  
Tue., Feb. 10 • 7:30-8:30 p.m.  
Thu., Feb. 19 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
Fri., Feb. 27 • 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Count, pack & label seed packets for our Seed Library.

Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).  
Location: [V]

## BRING YOUR OWN ADULT

OPEN TO 6TH-12TH GRADERS & THEIR ADULTS!

### Seashell Heart Frame

Fri., Jan. 23  
5:00-7:00 p.m.

Each registration covers 1 youth & 1 adult.  
[Location: V]

## NINTENDO SWITCH TOURNAMENT

SUN., JAN. 18 • 3:00-4:30 P.M. AND/OR  
SUN., FEB. 22 • 11:00 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND MEET OTHER GAMERS AT THIS NINTENDO SWITCH 2 TOURNAMENT! SHOW OFF YOUR SKILLS DURING THE MULTIPLAYER SHOWDOWN! THE LIBRARY WILL PROVIDE ALL EQUIPMENT; TEENS ARE WELCOME TO BRING THEIR OWN WIRELESS CONTROLLERS IF THEY PREFER. GAME(S) WILL BE DECIDED AT THE PROGRAM. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED!

REGISTER AT [EMMACLARK.ORG/PROGRAMS](http://EMMACLARK.ORG/PROGRAMS) • [LOCATION: V]

## VOLUNTEER AT HOBBS FARM

(BETHEL HOBBS FARM, CENTEREACH)

Tue., Feb. 17  
(Week of Winter Break)  
• 1:00-3:00 p.m. •

This volunteer-run farm provides fresh, wholesome produce to local food pantries and soup kitchens. Teens/Tweens will be working in the greenhouse planting seeds. Please dress for a mess & bring gardening gloves if you so desire.

All Teens/Tweens must be accompanied by a supervising adult age 18 years or older. Teens/Tweens must complete the Library Teen/Tween Volunteering in the Community application & Parental Consent

form before volunteering:

[teen.emmaclark.org/Library-Volunteering](http://teen.emmaclark.org/Library-Volunteering)

Registration is ongoing.

In the event of extreme weather, this program may be rescheduled or cancelled.



## MOVIE NIGHT

*The Greatest Showman* (PG)

Fri., Jan. 2 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

*Lisa Frankenstein* (PG-13)

Fri., Feb. 20 • 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Join your friends for a movie night at the Library! We'll have snacks (Popcorn! Candy! More!) and settle in for a night of entertainment.

Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).



# TEENS & Tweens (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders) continued...



## Cyber Safety

Tue., Jan. 13  
6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join a representative from the Crime Victim's Center, Parents for Megan's Law to learn proper safety measures to take while using the internet, phone apps, texting, and social media, and tackle common misconceptions surrounding these things. The program discusses the positives and negatives of using various popular apps and concludes with several role-play scenarios where participants will learn to handle potentially harmful situations.

Register at ★▲  
[emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).  
Location: *M*



## Hands-Only CPR

Sat., Jan. 31 ▲  
11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

American Red Cross Disaster Service Manager Celia Vollmer will teach you how to perform this life-saving action effectively. Teens/Tweens will be provided with certification in Hands-Only CPR upon completion of this training. No community service credit will be given. *Please only register for one session.*

Register at  
[emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).  
Location: *M*

## Silk Road Reverie: A Journey in Dance & Rhythm

Sat., Feb. 7  
2:00-3:00 p.m.

(Open to Tweens,  
Teens & Adults)

Celebrate Lunar New Year with internationally acclaimed dancer & cultural educator Wendi Weng and percussionist Chris Howard! Featuring percussion instruments once traded along the route and dances that blossomed through cultural exchange, this workshop highlights the rich traditions of China, Persia, Türkiye & Egypt.

Register at  
[emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).  
Location: *M*

## Social Work Intern from SBU to Answer Your Questions—

Each Week at the Library

We have a social work intern from Stony Brook University at the Library to help you with any questions you may have such as mental health & substance abuse assistance, job search help & much more! We are a safe & welcoming environment. Conversations will be kept confidential.

Due to SBU's calendar, the social work intern will not be in Dec. 15 through Jan. 4.

Tuesdays: 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
Thursdays: 3:00-7:00 p.m.  
Fridays: 2:00-8:00 p.m.

More info at  
[emmaclark.org/  
SocialWorker](http://emmaclark.org/SocialWorker).



## AFTER HOURS: LASER TAG AT THE LIBRARY

• SATURDAY, FEB. 21 •

RISING 6<sup>TH</sup>-8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS: 6:00-7:30 P.M.  
RISING 9<sup>TH</sup>-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS: 8:30-10:00 P.M.

Participants will be broken into teams and get to play several rounds of Laser Tag in the Library! Battle it out with your friends to see who is the laser tag champion! Between rounds, games and snacks will be available in the "home base" room.

Staff will be on hand to moderate the games. This will be a locked-in event; the Library will be closed to all but the participants. Teens & Tweens must have a permission form on file and arrive promptly at the start time. Teens & Tweens may not leave the building until their adult picks them up. Teens & Tweens will be asked to adhere to all rules and safety protocols so we can all have the most fun possible!

Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs). Permission form [teen.emmaclark.org/After-Hours](http://teen.emmaclark.org/After-Hours).

REMEMBER...  
YOU HAVE  
TO BE IN  
IT TO  
WIN IT!

The holiday break  
is a great time to work  
on your entry for the  
HELEN STEIN SHACK  
PICTURE BOOK CONTEST  
Deadline is January 31, 2026.  
Go to [emmaclark.org/  
PictureBookAward](http://emmaclark.org/PictureBookAward)  
for more info.

## KATIE'S SECRET

Mon., Feb. 2 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Join a representative from the Crime Victims Center, Parents for Megan's Law, to learn safety skills through role-playing, "what if" scenarios and dramatic improvisation. The program covers warning signs of abuse, teen concerns about reporting and available support services.

Register at [emmaclark.org/programs](http://emmaclark.org/programs).  
Location: *IV*





# CHILDREN (BABIES THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS)

## PROGRAM QUICK FACTS

- Register your child based on their grade/age.
- Registration begins when the Library opens, on the date noted.
- Register online ([kids.emmaclark.org](http://kids.emmaclark.org)), by phone (631-941-4080, ext. 123), or in person.
- Please have your child's Library card available.
- Please give us a call if your child is unable to attend or is going to be late (so we can hold their spot for them).

- After 5 minutes of the program start time, ALL unclaimed spots will be given to children on the "Standby List".
- The "Standby List" will open 30 minutes prior to each class at the Children's Reference Desk.
- Children on the "Waiting List" do not have priority over the "Standby List".

*Parents & caregivers must attend some programs with their child. If not, parents & caregivers must remain inside the Children's Library. Library policy dictates that children under the age of 11 years cannot be left unattended.*



## 2026 Children's Winter Reading Challenge

Mon., Jan. 12–Sun., Mar. 15  
(For Babies–5th Grade)

THERE'S  
SNOW PLACE  
LIKE THE  
LIBRARY

Starting Monday, Jan. 12, sign up with Beanstack, an online reading tool that is also an app (Beanstack Tracker). Go to [kids.emmaclark.org](http://kids.emmaclark.org), click on "Winter Reading Challenge" and follow the instructions, or call us at 631-941-4080, ext. 123.

*There will be 3 different Reading Programs based on your child's reading ability:*

- **Pre-Readers** → for children that have books read to them. Your goal will be to read at least **10 books** with your grownup.
- **New Readers** → for children that are just starting or have only recently begun to read by themselves. Your goal will be to read at least **5 books** on your reading level.
- **Confident Readers** → for children that read on their own. Your goal will be to read at least **2 books** on your reading level.

*When your child has completed their goal, they will earn an electronic raffle ticket for a chance to win a gift card to Level Up Kitchen Library Café, tickets to The Rinx or a special prize. Beginning Monday, Feb. 9, all kids who reach their goal can come into the Library to pick up their prize bag and reading certificate.*

*Emma Clark employees, trustees & members of their household are not eligible to enter raffles.*

**\*\*Special thank you to Level Up Kitchen Library Café & The Rinx for their continued support of our reading challenges.\*\***

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

### INFANT, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL

#### TIME FOR BABY

Babies–15 mos. w/ caregiver  
10:00–10:30 a.m.  
We'll enjoy fun songs, lively rhymes, and playful finger games that spark learning and laughter.

16–24 mos. w/ caregiver  
11:00–11:30 a.m.

Come laugh, move & groove with music & games!  
Fri., Jan. 16 & 30  
Reg. begins Jan. 2  
Fri., Feb. 13 & 27  
Reg. begins Jan. 30

#### PARENT-TODDLER WORKSHOP

18 mos.–3½ yrs.  
w/ caregiver  
9:30–10:30 a.m. OR  
11:00 a.m.–Noon  
Experience sharing, group participation & play.  
Wednesdays OR Thursdays  
Wednesdays:  
Jan. 14, 21, 28 & Feb. 4, 11  
Thursdays:  
Jan. 15, 22, 29 & Feb. 5, 12  
Reg. begins Dec. 31

#### TOT STORY TIME

2–3 yrs.  
w/ caregiver  
10:30–11:00 a.m.  
Explore themed activities designed for both little ones & their grown-ups.  
Mondays OR Tuesdays  
Mondays:  
Jan. 12, 26, & Feb. 2  
Tuesdays:  
Jan. 13, 20, 27, & Feb. 3  
Reg. begins Dec. 29

#### PRESCHOOL STORY TIME

3½–5 yrs.  
We'll share lively stories & crafts that spark imagination, build early literacy skills & bring lots of smiles & giggles!  
Mondays • 11:30 a.m.–Noon  
Jan. 12, 26 & Feb. 2  
Tuesdays • 1:15–1:45 p.m.  
Jan. 13, 20, 27, & Feb. 3  
Reg. begins Dec. 29

### ELEMENTARY/SCHOOL-AGED

#### AFTER-SCHOOL STORY TIME

Grades K–2  
4:45–5:30 p.m.  
Our story time brings books to life with engaging tales that will have kids laughing, listening & imagining long after the stories end.  
Mondays  
Jan. 12, 26, & Feb. 2  
Reg. begins Dec. 29

#### CRAFTS R FUN

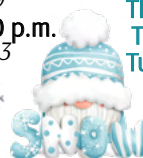
Grades K–5  
Make a new craft at each session!  
Friendship Bracelets  
5:30–6:15 p.m.  
Wed., Jan. 14, Reg. begins Dec. 31  
Blizzard Build  
5:30–6:15 p.m.  
Wed., Jan. 28, Reg. begins Jan. 14  
Corner Bookmarks  
5:30–6:15 p.m.  
Wed., Feb. 11, Reg. begins Jan. 28  
Mini Magnets  
5:30–6:15 p.m.  
Wed., Feb. 25, Reg. begins Feb. 11

#### LEGO CLUB

Grades K–5  
Bring your ideas to life at LEGO Club! Build, create & share your amazing designs with friends while exploring your imagination brick by brick.  
Fri., Jan. 23 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Reg. begins Jan. 9  
Fri., Feb. 6 • 6:30–7:30 p.m.  
Reg. begins Jan. 23

#### BARK: READ TO TRAINED THERAPY DOGS

**All skill levels welcome**  
Would you like to improve your reading skills? Come to the library & read stories to a trained therapy dog. You can register in person or by phone at 631-941-4080, ext. 123.  
Wed., Jan. 7, 4:30–5:30 p.m.  
Thu., Jan. 22, 4:30–5:30 p.m.  
Thu., Feb. 5, 4:30–5:30 p.m.  
Tue., Feb. 17, 3:00–4:00 p.m.



## INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

### INFANT, TODDLER & PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

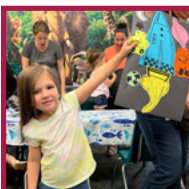
#### CRAFTERNOON

3–11 yrs.  
(Supervision may be needed)  
2:00–4:00 p.m.  
Fri., Jan. 2 AND/OR Sat., Feb. 14  
Stop by the Library to create a work  
of art with recycled materials!  
No registration required.



#### Babystart Storytime

Babies–24 mos. w/ caregiver  
Tue., Jan. 6, Reg. begins Feb. 23  
AND/OR  
Sat., Feb. 21, Reg. begins Feb. 7  
9:45–10:15 a.m.  
Come along with A Time for Kids,  
Inc. for an exciting program packed  
with music & activities designed to  
spark creativity & smiles.



#### A Time For Kids!

2–5 yrs.  
w/ caregiver  
Tue., Jan. 6, Reg. begins Feb. 23  
AND/OR  
Sat., Feb. 21, Reg. begins Feb. 7  
10:30–11:15 a.m.  
Have fun in this family  
preschool program.

#### Nursery Rhyme Sing-Along

Babies–5 yrs. w/ caregiver  
10:30–11:00 a.m.  
Wed., Jan 7, Reg. begins Dec. 23  
AND/OR  
Thu., Feb. 26, Reg. begins Feb. 12  
Enjoy music with Meghan while  
building communication &  
listening skills.



#### PRESCHOOL FAIR

Find the perfect fit  
for your child!

Sat., Jan. 17 • 10:00 a.m.–Noon  
Explore local preschools in one room.  
Visit [emmaclark.org/PreschoolFair](http://emmaclark.org/PreschoolFair)  
for an updated list of schools attending.  
No registration required &  
all are welcome.  
Location: Vincent R. O'Leary  
Community Room

#### Baby Boogie

Babies–17 mos. w/ caregiver  
10:00–10:45 a.m.  
Fri., Jan 23, Reg. begins Jan. 9  
AND/OR  
Thu., Feb. 19, Reg. begins Feb. 5  
Sing & play along with  
Nicole Sparling.



#### TODDLER TANGO

18 mos.–4 yrs. w/ caregiver  
11:00–11:45 a.m.  
Fri., Jan. 23, Reg. begins Jan. 9  
AND/OR  
Thu., Feb. 19, Reg. begins Feb. 5  
Led by Nicole Sparling.

#### Sundrops and Stories with the Lantern Princess

3–8 yrs. w/ caregiver  
Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Join Timeless Tales for a magical  
morning filled with songs,  
stories & fairytale wonder.  
Reg. begins Jan. 24.

#### Perler Palooza

Families w/ children 3–11 yrs.  
Tue., Feb. 17 • 10:30 a.m.–Noon  
Drop by the Library for some  
family fun with fuse beads.  
No registration required.

#### WINTERFEST

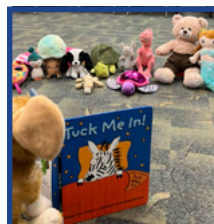


Families w/  
children 3–11 yrs.  
Wed, Feb. 18  
10:00 a.m.–Noon  
There's snow place like  
the Library! Drop by &  
enjoy winter-themed  
crafts & games together!  
No registration  
required.

#### SPROUTS & FRIENDS



Babies–5 yrs. w/ caregiver  
Wed., Feb. 25 • 1:00–1:45 p.m.  
Enjoy music and movement with  
Miss Kristin. Reg. begins Feb. 11



#### Stuffed Animal Sleepover

3½–5 yrs. w/ caregiver  
Fri, Feb. 27 • 6:00–6:45 p.m.  
Put on your pajamas, grab a stuffed  
friend, and head to the Library for a  
special story time and craft! Then, leave  
your stuffed animal to sleep over at the  
Library. Come back the next day to pick  
them up and receive some photos of the  
antics they were up to at the Library!  
Reg. begins Feb. 13



## INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMS

### ELEMENTARY/SCHOOL-AGED PROGRAMS

#### CRAFTERNOON

3–11 yrs.  
(Supervision may be needed)  
2:00–4:00 p.m.  
Fri., Jan. 2 AND/OR Sat., Feb. 14  
Stop by the Library to create a work of art with recycled materials!  
No registration required.

#### ENGINEERING CHALLENGE

Grades K–5  
Sat., Jan. 3  
2:30–3:30 p.m.  
Join the Ward Melville Robotics Team for an engineering challenge.  
Reg. begins Dec. 20

#### NEW YEAR, NEW HEIGHTS

Grades K–2  
Tue., Jan. 6 • 4:30–5:15 p.m.  
Build a paper mobile full of 3D hot air balloons featuring your New Year's resolutions.  
Reg. begins Dec. 23

#### RESOLUTION WREATHS

Grades 3–5  
Tue., Jan. 6 • 5:30–6:30 p.m.  
Create a colorful fabric wreath that will remind you of your goals for 2026. Reg. begins Dec. 23

#### Homeschool Hangout

5–11 yrs.  
Wed., Jan. 7 • 1:30–3:00 p.m.  
Do an activity, then have some "hangout" time with other home-schooled kids.  
Reg. begins Dec. 23

#### Junior Rocketry Club

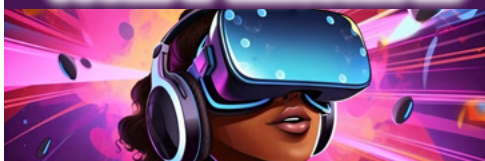
Grades 3–5  
Sat., Jan. 10 • 10:30 a.m.–Noon  
Learn about & launch your own model rocket, then see a real rocket launch with the Stony Brook School's Rocketry Club. This program will take place at The Stony Brook School.  
Reg. begins Dec. 27



#### Social Identity Quest

Grades 3–5  
Tue., Jan. 13  
5:00–5:30 p.m.  
An interactive experience to help children learn the basics of digital safety & online friendships. Reg. begins Dec. 30

#### VR EXPEDITIONS



Grades 3–5  
Tue., Jan. 27 • 4:45–5:45 p.m.  
Explore destinations like the Great Barrier Reef, the moon, and the Great Wall of China with virtual reality goggles!  
Reg. begins Jan. 13

#### DECORATING WITH CHEF ROB: POLAR BEAR CUPCAKES

Grades K–5  
Fri., Jan. 30,  
5:30–6:00 p.m. OR  
6:00–6:30 p.m.  
Decorate a cupcake to look like a polar bear!  
Reg. begins Jan. 16

#### DIY MINI HELICOPTER

Grades K–5  
Tue., Feb. 3 • 5:00–5:30 p.m.  
Decorate, assemble & fly your very own helicopter powered by energy stored in a rubber band. Reg. begins Jan. 20



#### Sundrops and Stories with the Lantern Princess

3–8 yrs. w/ caregiver  
Sat., Feb. 7 • 10:30–11:30 a.m.  
Join Timeless Tales for a magical morning filled with songs, stories & fairytale wonder.  
Reg. begins Jan. 24.

#### Bead Buddies

Grades K–5  
Tue., Feb. 10 • 4:45–5:30 p.m.  
Get creative & design your own little "bead people!"  
Reg. begins Jan. 27

#### Love Potion Valentines

Grades K–2  
Fri., Feb. 13  
4:45–5:30 p.m.  
Craft a magical squishy Valentine's card for someone you love!  
Reg. begins Jan. 30

See PAGE 14 FOR WINTER BREAK PROGRAMS!

#### MAGAZINE MASH-UP

Grades K–5  
Thu., Feb. 26 • 4:30–5:15 p.m.  
Turn a pile of magazine scraps into a burst of color & creativity.  
Reg. begins Feb. 12

#### Musical Journey

Grades K–2  
Sat., Feb. 28 • 11:00 a.m.–Noon  
Bring a story to life by playing musical instruments. Presented by Healing with Music.  
Reg. begins Feb. 14





# CHILDREN (BABIES THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS CONTINUED...)

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

### Penguin Snow Globe

Families w/ children Grades K-5  
Fri, Jan. 16 • 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Create a joyful family memory that will sparkle all season long! Make an adorable penguin snow globe together with Lisa Colon. (One snow globe per family)  
*Reg. begins Jan. 2*



### Cloud Dough

Families w/ children 3-11 yrs.  
Sat, Jan. 24 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

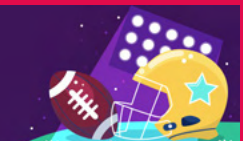
Join us for a family fun activity using household ingredients to create cloud dough, then listen to a story. *Reg. begins Jan. 10*



### SUPER BOWL SATURDAY

Grades K-5 • Sat., Feb. 7 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Enjoy our football festivities! Enter a raffle to win a special prize. Wear your favorite team's jersey, if you'd like.  
*No registration required, just come in!*

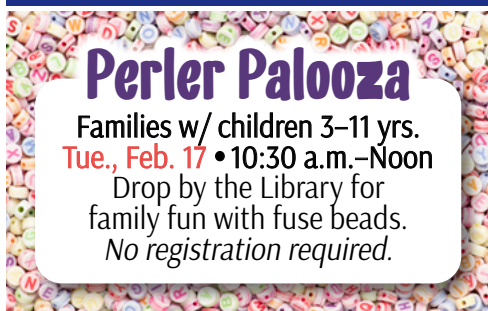


## MID-WINTER RECESS



### Perler Palooza

Families w/ children 3-11 yrs.  
Tue., Feb. 17 • 10:30 a.m.-Noon  
Drop by the Library for family fun with fuse beads.  
*No registration required.*



### Baby Boogie

Babies-17 mos. w/ caregiver  
10:00-10:45 a.m.

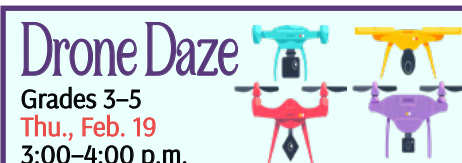
Thu., Feb. 19 • *Reg. begins Feb. 5*  
Sing & play along with Nicole Sparling.



### TODDLER TANGO

18 mos.-4 yrs. w/ caregiver

Thu., Feb. 19 • 11:00-11:45 a.m.  
Led by Nicole Sparling. *Reg. begins Feb. 5*



### Drone Daze

Grades 3-5

Thu., Feb. 19  
3:00-4:00 p.m.

Experience an exciting introduction to flight, and fly mini drones through obstacles. Presented by NYS certified teacher & Naval Aviation veteran Danielle Alaimo. *Reg. begins Feb. 5*

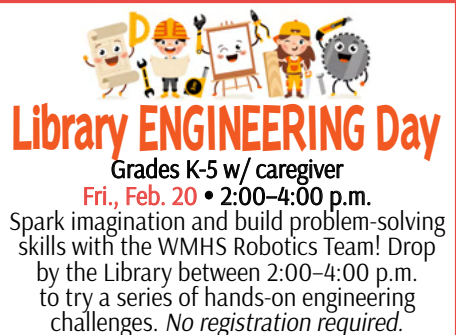


### Library ENGINEERING Day

Grades K-5 w/ caregiver

Fri., Feb. 20 • 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Spark imagination and build problem-solving skills with the WMHS Robotics Team! Drop by the Library between 2:00-4:00 p.m. to try a series of hands-on engineering challenges. *No registration required.*



### WINTERFEST

Families w/ children 3-11 yrs.

Wed, Feb. 18

10:00 a.m.-Noon

There's snow place like the Library! Drop by & enjoy winter-themed crafts & games together!  
*No registration required.*



### Snow Much Love

Grades 1-5

Wed., Feb. 18 • 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Draw & paint a polar bear with Art Teacher Amy.  
*Reg. begins Feb. 4*



### Sports Sampler

3-5 yrs. w/ caregiver

Fri, Feb. 20 • 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Learn the ABCs of sports with Lil Athletes. *Reg. begins Feb. 6*

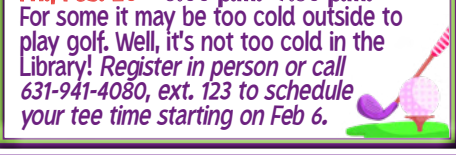
Grades K-2  
Fri, Feb. 20 • 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
Have fun learning the fundamentals of sports with Lil Athletes. *Reg. begins Feb. 6*

### INDOOR MINI-GOLF

4-12 yrs.

Fri., Feb. 20 • 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

For some it may be too cold outside to play golf. Well, it's not too cold in the Library! Register in person or call 631-941-4080, ext. 123 to schedule your tee time starting on Feb. 6.



### Babystart Storytime

Babies-24 mos. w/ caregiver

Sat., Feb. 21 • 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Come along with A Time for Kids, Inc. for an exciting program. *Reg. begins Feb. 7*



### A Time For Kids!

2-5 yrs. w/ caregiver

Sat., Feb. 21

10:30-11:15 a.m.

Have fun in this family preschool program.  
*Reg. begins Feb. 7*



BE SURE TO CHECK OUT PAGE 15 FOR COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS DURING WINTER BREAK!



# CHILDREN (BABIES THROUGH 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS CONTINUED...)



## COMMUNITY SERVICE PROGRAMS



### Assisted Living Appreciation Kits

Grades 3-5  
**Mon., Jan. 5 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
 Join us with Theresa Maritato to decorate cards & small canvas bags filled with essential items to donate to assisted living staff.  
*Reg. begins Dec. 22*



### Take & Make Painted Hearts

Grades 3-5  
**Mon. Feb. 2**  
 Let your heart shine on canvas! Help us paint colorful hearts to be part of a beautiful, collaborative art project that celebrates creativity & community. Pick up your art kit (flat canvas, acrylic paint set & paintbrush) starting on Mon., Feb. 2 and return your creative work of art by Sun., Feb. 15.  
*Only one kit per child. Reg. begins Feb. 2*

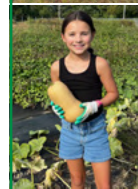


### Volunteer at Hobbs Farm

(Bethel Hobbs Farm, Centereach)

Grades 3-5  
**Tue. Feb. 17 • 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
 Kids will be planting seeds in the farm's greenhouse. Dress for a mess & the weather! In the event of extreme weather, this program may be rescheduled or cancelled.  
*Reg. begins Feb. 3*

**Please note this program is offsite & parents/caregivers (over the age of 18) must stay with their child at the farm.**



### Valentine's Day Cards for Seniors

Grades 3-5  
**Wed., Jan. 21**  
 4:30-5:30 p.m.  
 Spread some love and brighten a senior's day! Join us for a crafty afternoon as we create handmade Valentine's Day cards for the Nursing Home Card Project.  
*Reg. begins Jan. 7*

### Tabletop Smiles

Grades 3-5  
**Wed. Feb. 4 AND/OR Tue. Feb. 24**  
 4:30-5:30 p.m.

Join us to make placemats filled with color, creativity & kindness for people receiving meals from local charities & organizations. Come spread joy - one placemat at a time! Register for one or both! *Reg. begins Jan. 21*

### Create for a Cause: Baby Bibs

Grades 3-5  
**Wed. Feb. 18**  
 4:00-5:00 p.m.  
 Kids will hand-paint baby bibs with fun, colorful designs to be donated to families in need.  
*Reg. begins Feb. 4*



### Helpers Helping Helpers: Baby Blankets

Grades 3-5  
**Wed., Jan. 28 • 4:30-5:30 p.m.**  
 Make a new buddy while making a difference! Kids will team up with Teens & Tweens to make baby blankets to donate to families in need. *Reg. begins Jan. 14*

The Library provides a variety of community service credit opportunities. When applying for a society or award, it is your responsibility to confirm that the credit earned through the Library is accepted by the organization.



## COMMUNITY SERVICE FROM HOME

- For elementary-aged children -  
 Visit [kids.emmaclark.org/Volunteer](http://kids.emmaclark.org/Volunteer).

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### Wonderbook

Books that read out loud!

Explore our collection in the Children's Library.

# SELF-PACED LEARNING

*Let's learn together!*

Unlock a world of knowledge from the comfort of your home! The Library offers a variety of online classes designed for all ages & interests. Whether you want to enhance your skills, explore new hobbies or dive into a subject you've always wanted to learn about, we've got something for you.

- ✓ Brainfuse
- ✓ Business Insights
- ✓ Career Cruising
- ✓ Creativebug
- ✓ Learning Express
- ✓ LinkedIn Learning
- ✓ Muzzy
- ✓ Pronunciator
- ✓ Universal Class



Learn more by visiting [emmaclark.org/You-Beyond](http://emmaclark.org/You-Beyond).

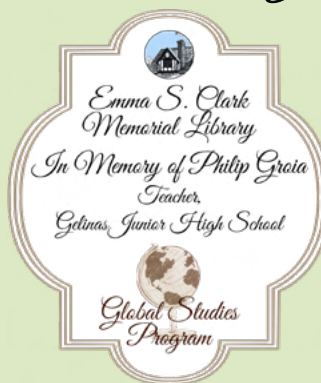
Looking for something to do on a cold winter day?



Check out our **Museum Pass program!**

Visit [emmaclark.org/museum-passes](http://emmaclark.org/museum-passes).

## ~ Philip Groia Collection ~



Philip Groia, who taught social studies at Paul J. Gelinas Jr. Junior High School for over 30 years & who passed away in 2014, left a substantial bequest to build a global studies collection at the Library.

New items added to the Philip Groia Global Studies Collection can be found in the Delaney Room on the main floor of the Library.

### RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION INCLUDE:

**Captives and Companions: A History of Slavery and the Slave Trade in the Islamic World** by Justin Marozzi

**Economica: A Global History of Women, Wealth and Power** by Victoria N. Bateman

**The History of Money: A Story of Humanity** by David McWilliams

**A History of the World in Six Plagues: How Contagion, Class and Captivity Shaped Us, From Cholera to COVID-19** by Edna Bonhomme

**Goliath's Curse: The History and Future of Societal Collapse** by Luke Kemp

### GLOBAL STUDIES PROGRAM:

**Savvy Sightseer's Destination Travelogue: Northern Italy**  
Wed., Feb. 4, 12:30–1:30 p.m.

**Silk Road Reverie: A Journey in Dance and Rhythm**  
Sat., Feb. 7, 2:00–3:00 p.m.  
(see page 5 for details)

thank you

We are so very appreciative of our 3V community for generously donating over 650 items for the *Pet Supplies Drive* in October and the *Pajamas Drive* in November. And remember, we're currently collecting new store-bought and handmade mittens, scarves, hats, gloves and socks for our "Give Warmth" Drive through January 18. All sizes are welcome.

### • LOBBY DISPLAY •

**JANUARY**

*Lunar New Year of the Snake*  
by Asian American Association of Greater Stony Brook

**FEBRUARY**

*Daughters of the American Revolution*

**JANUARY/  
FEBRUARY  
DISPLAYS  
at the Library**

### • ART DISPLAY •

**JANUARY**

*Spatial Rhythm*  
by Ray Burrell

**FEBRUARY**

*Small Wonders*  
by North Shore Art Guild

## Important Information...

When Library hours are changed due to inclement weather or an emergency, information can be found through:

- Online: [emmaclark.org](http://emmaclark.org)
- Facebook: [@EmmaClarkLibrary](https://www.facebook.com/EmmaClarkLibrary)
- Instagram: [@EmmaClarkLibrary](https://www.instagram.com/EmmaClarkLibrary)

If uncertain, visit [emmaclark.org](http://emmaclark.org) before you make the trip. When the Library is closed or has a delayed opening, an extra day will automatically be added to the loan period for all items due that day.

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