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MARCH/APRIL 2024

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

**MARCH: REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY.**

#### APRIL REGISTRATION:

**Residents – Wednesday, March 6.**

**Non-residents – Wednesday, March 20.**

#### MAY REGISTRATION:

**Residents – Wednesday, April 3.**

**Non-residents – Wednesday, April 17.**

### SOCIAL WORK INTERN

Wednesdays, 10 am-3 pm & Thursdays, 10 am-2 pm

Our social work intern Tara will be here to assist patrons with important social services and provide referrals to: housing, unemployment help, food pantries, shelters, mental health facilities, care coordination, support groups, and finding legal assistance. Patrons will also be able to get help filling out forms and applications for various social services. Please call the Library for more information.

### EMPIRE DEFENSIVE DRIVING

March 16 WBA302

April 27 WBA303

May 18 WBA304

10 am-4 pm

IN PERSON

Attend this class and you may be eligible for an auto premium discount and reduction of violation points. A \$35 non-refundable check or money order (NO CASH) payable to **Empire Safety Council** is due within 48 hours of signing up to keep your spot. One registration per Library Card.



### COUNTRY LINE DANCING

Mondays: March 18 & 25, 7-8 pm

WBA422

IN PERSON

Kick up your heels for some fun country line dancing lessons with **Natalie Boyle**. Come to one session or attend both.

**Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**



### BETHPAGE VITA FSA TAX ASSISTANCE

Wednesday, March 6 or Tuesday, March 26

10 am-5 pm

IN PERSON

Representatives from **Bethpage Federal Credit Union** and the **New York State Department of Taxation and Finance** will help you prepare and e-file your income tax return for free! To qualify, patrons must have earned \$73,000 or less in 2023, have basic computer skills & an active e-mail account, and have a smartphone, tablet, or other internet enabled device with access to their personal email. To register, call Adult Reference at 631-669-5445, option #4.

### ART TALK: REMBRANDT

Thursday, March 28, 7-8:30 pm WBA229

VIRTUAL

Explore the life and work of one of the leading artists of the Dutch Golden Age of Painting, Rembrandt van Rijn, with art historian **Jay Schuck**. Artwork to be examined includes Rembrandt's self-portraits, the Night Watch, and more. A Zoom link will be provided by the Library.

### FRIDAY FLICKS: ECLIPSE OVER AMERICA

Friday, April 5, 1-2 pm WBA720

IN PERSON

This week join us for a viewing of the documentary **Eclipse Over America**. WB patrons who attend and watch the documentary will be given a pair of eclipse viewing glasses to watch the eclipse on April 8, 2024. **Please Note: Glasses will only be given to WB patrons with an active WB library card. Patrons must stay for the duration of the documentary in order to receive their glasses. There is only one pair of glasses per library card and patrons must be present in person.**

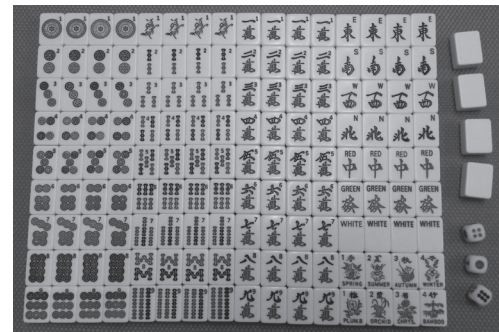
### LEARN TO PLAY MAHJONG

Thursdays: April 25-May 30

1-2:30 pm WBA203

IN PERSON

Join us to learn how to play Mahjong. **Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$12.**



### INTRODUCTION TO ACUPUNCTURE

Monday, April 29, 7-8:30 pm WBA204

IN PERSON

Learn the art of acupuncture and all of its healing qualities.

### MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR

Thursday, May 2, 6-8 pm

Join us and several organizations from all over Suffolk County to increase recognition and promote mental health, care, and overall wellbeing. Resources will be provided to get you and your family the support you need. Open to all. No registration required.



### SWEET INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 4, 11 am-12 pm

WBA207

Join our friends from **The Zen Den** in a meditation & relaxation workshop and embrace regaining your feeling of inner and outer beauty. Relish in relaxation by balancing your mind, body, and spirit.

## ADULT AND OLDER ADULT SERVICES

- These programs are offered virtually through Zoom, In Person, or as Take Home Kits.
- Patrons must have an email address to attend virtual programs. Please enter your email address into the Note field when registering.
- Kits must be picked on the program dates listed. If not, they will go to those on the waitlist.
- In person programs cannot be converted into kits. You must attend and participate in the program to receive the supplies.
- Program fees must be paid within 48 hours of registration.

## GARDENING

### WEST BABYLON SEED LIBRARY

We welcome you to take part in our Seed Saving Library! Our mission is to preserve, grow, and share seeds with the community. **ADULT WBPL Cardholders** may get 6 seed packets per month (**Limit of 2 per seed**) – flowers, vegetables, and/or fruit. Once you've made your selection, please visit the Adult Reference Desk and let us know which seeds you'll be borrowing. Sign up for one of our programs to grow your knowledge about the art of seed saving & gardening! Don't forget to ask us to show you our great gardening books available for check out. Happy Gardening!



### NOW SOWING: SEEDS

Monday, March 4, 7-8 pm WBA511

VIRTUAL

Sowing seeds in March? You bet! Learn about what seeds to sow now to get a jump start on your spring and early summer vegetable garden. Learn how to start your own greens and roots at this virtual hands-on workshop and learn how easy it is to grow these healthful and delicious plants. A Zoom link will be provided by the Library.

### GROW YOUR OWN GARDEN!

Thursday, April 4, 7-8:30 pm WBA501

VIRTUAL

Learn the basics on growing successful vegetables. A Zoom link will be provided by the Library.

### DIY: SEED KIT

April 9-14 WBA502

TAKE HOME KIT

**West Babylon Card holders only.**

### POLLINATOR SEED KIT

May 2-7 WBA505

TAKE HOME KIT

**West Babylon Card holders only.**

### POLLINATOR PATHWAYS

Tuesday, May 7, 7-8:30 pm WBA504

VIRTUAL

Have you read the latest news?: Monarch Butterflies are in trouble...and they are not the only ones. Learn how you can help these beautiful animals and other good insects by creating a beneficial-friendly garden this year. A Zoom link will be provided by the Library.



## TECHNOLOGY

### PHOTO SCANNERS DROP-IN DEMONSTRATIONS

Tuesday, March 12 & Thursday, March 21

Tuesday, April 9 & Thursday, April 25

Tuesday, May 7 & Thursday, May 23

6-8 pm

IN PERSON

Do you have old photographs, negatives, or slides? Do you want to preserve and share the memories you have in these formats with your loved ones? Drop in on one of the above dates and receive a demonstration of our scanners and photo editing software available for use by West Babylon cardholders. Can't make it to our drop-in demonstrations? Schedule an appointment by calling the Adult Reference Desk.

### LEARN HOW: CRICUT MUG PRESS

Monday, March 18, 6:30-8 pm WBA850

Monday, April 22, 6-8 pm

Thursday, May 30, 10 am-12 pm

IN PERSON

Learn how to make a mug with the Cricut Mug Press. This class will cover choosing a design and using the Mug Press to put that design on a mug you can take home. Please come to the class with a design idea for your mug. Pre-requisites: Basic computer skills and a working email address.



### LEARN HOW: CANVA POSTER PRINTING

Monday, March 25, 6:30-8 pm WBA850

Wednesday, April 17, 6:30-8 pm

Tuesday, May 14, 10-11:30 am

IN PERSON

Learn how to set up your own FREE Canva account which will allow you to create different custom print materials. This class will cover setting up and using Canva and creating a poster to be printed after class to take home. Please come to the class with a design idea for your poster. Pre-requisites: Basic computer skills and a working email address that can be accessed during the class.

### LEARN HOW: BUTTON MAKER

Mondays: April 8 & May 6

6:30-8 pm

IN PERSON

Learn how to use the Makerspace Button Maker. Surprise – it's not just for buttons! Patrons will be able to design and create their own 3-inch button to take home.

### VHS CONVERSION MACHINES

Come in and check out our VHS conversion machines available for use by West Babylon cardholders. Our conversion machines allow you to convert your VHS tapes into DVDs or onto a USB Flash Drive. VHS C tapes and those from some camcorders with the correct inputs (composite (RCA)-yellow, red, and white cables) can also be converted to flash drive. Call the Library for more information or to schedule an appointment.





## LITERARY ELEMENTS

Books for book groups will be available at the Circulation Desk  
on the date of the previous meeting.

### ENGLISH: BEGINNERS

Tuesdays: March 5 & 19 WBA200

April 2 & 16

May 7 & 21

6:15-7:15 pm

IN PERSON

Join us for this monthly class to help enhance your English language skills.

### WBPL WRITER'S CLUB

Wednesdays: March 13, April 10,

& May 8

11 am-1 pm WBA25 IN PERSON



### BUSY PERSON'S BOOK GROUP

7-8:30 pm WBA10 IN PERSON

Thursday, March 14 – **We Are the Light** by Matthew Quick

Thursday, April 11 – LI Reads Selection: **Better Living Through Birding**  
by Christian Cooper

Thursday, May 9 – **Lessons in Chemistry** by Bonnie Garmus

### BOOKS & BITES BOOK GROUP

7-8 pm WBA50 VIRTUAL

Monday, March 25 – **The Measure** by Nikki Erlick

Monday, April 15 – LI Reads Selection: **Better Living Through Birding**  
by Christian Cooper

Monday, May 20 – **The Minuscule Mansion of Myra Malone** by  
Audrey Burges

### LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

1:30-3:30 pm WBA40 IN PERSON

Thursday, March 28 – **The Magnolia Palace** by Fiona Davis

Thursday, April 25 – LI Reads Selection: **Better Living Through Birding**  
by Christian Cooper

Thursday, May 30 – **The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry** by Gabrielle Zevin

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

### YOGA

March 6-27 WBA408

April 3-24 WBA401

May 1-29 WBA402

6-7 pm

IN PERSON

**Non-refundable/transferable fee for the 4-week March & April sessions  
respectively: \$8. Non-refundable/transferable fee for the 5-week May  
session: \$10.**

### ZUMBA

March 1-29 WBA418

April 5-26 WBA410

May 3-31 WBA411

10:15-11:15 am

IN PERSON

**Non-refundable/transferable fee for the 5-week  
March & May sessions respectively: \$10. Non-  
refundable/transferable fee for the 4-week April  
session: \$8.**



### MEDICAID ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

Wednesdays: March 13, April 10, & May 8, 10 am-2 pm

IN PERSON

Sign up is first-come, first-served and free of charge. For more information,  
call the *Nassau Suffolk Hospital Council* at 631-435-3000.

### SENIOR ADVOCATE

Thursdays: March 28 & May 23, 10 am-12 pm

IN PERSON

A *Suffolk County Office for the Aging* representative will be here to help  
with Medicaid, Senior ID Cards, food stamps, & more. Patrons will be  
helped on a first-come, first-served basis.

## FOOD & CRAFTS

In person programs cannot be converted into kits. You must attend and  
participate in the program to receive the supplies.

Registrants will be contacted when kits are available for pick up.

Program fees must be paid within 48 hours of registration.

### THINK GREEN FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Thursday, March 7, 7-8 pm WBA123

IN PERSON

Join us and create this lucky floral arrangement. **Non-refundable/  
transferable materials fee: \$5.**

### BRAZILIAN BBQ

Monday, March 11, 6:30-8:30 pm WBA621

IN PERSON

Join *Pit Master Brian* to learn to make some authentic Brazilian BBQ  
favorites.

### FOREVER FLOWER JAR

March 14-19 WBA125

VIRTUAL WITH KIT

Join us to make this stunning craft to add to your décor.

**Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**



### PAINT NIGHT: LITTLE BOY WITH DUCKS

Tuesday, March 26, 6:45-8:30 pm WBA127

IN PERSON

Join us and add this adorable painting to your collection.

**Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**

### MEDITERRANEAN COOKING

Monday, April 8, 7-8:30 pm WBA601

IN PERSON

Join *Chef Naela* and learn to make some Mediterranean favorites.

### MIGHTY BIRCH ON WOOD

April 11-16 WBA101

VIRTUAL WITH KIT

Join us virtually and learn how to make this beautiful decoration.

**Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**

### CHOCOLATE FONDUE

Monday, April 15, 7-8:30 pm WBA602

IN PERSON

Join us and learn the art of chocolate fondue.

### DIY: SPRING SIGNS

April 23-28 WBA102

TAKE HOME KIT

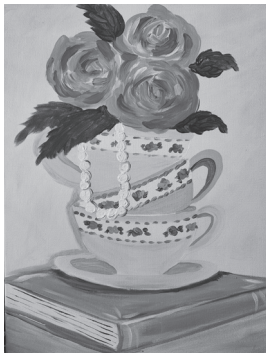
**West Babylon Card holders only.**



### PAINT NIGHT: TEACUPS

Thursday, April 25, 6:45-8:30 pm WBA103  
IN PERSON

Join **Kathy Reccardi** and paint this beautiful painting. **Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**



### CASUAL CRAFTING

April 30-May 5 WBA104

May 28- June 3 WBA110

TAKE HOME KIT

**West Babylon Card holders only.**

### CARIBBEAN BBQ

Monday, May 6, 6:30-8:30 pm WBA604

IN PERSON

Join **Pit Master Brian** and learn to make authentic Caribbean BBQ favorites.

### BUTTERFLY VOTIVE

May 9-15 WBA106

VIRTUAL WITH KIT

Join us virtually and learn how to make this decorative butterfly votive.

**Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**

### DIY: CLOTHESPIN DRAGONFLY

May 13-18 WBA107

TAKE HOME KIT

**West Babylon Card holders only.**

### PAINT NIGHT:

#### AMERICAN FLAG WITH TRUCK

Tuesday, May 14, 6:45-8:30 pm

WBA108

IN PERSON

Join **Kathy Reccardi** and paint this patriotic masterpiece.

**Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**



### SPRING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Monday, May 20, 7-8 pm

WBA109

IN PERSON

Join florist **Irene** in person at the Library and create this beautiful floral arrangement. **Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.**



### INTERNATIONAL CHOCOLATE

Tuesday, May 21, 7-8:30 pm WBA605

IN PERSON

Join us and learn the art of chocolate fondue.

## CHILDRENS PROGRAMS

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

A **West Babylon Public Library** Card is required for all registrations.

Please adhere to all posted age requirements for programs.

You must enter the child's NAME and AGE or GRADE.

**March Registration is underway.**

**April Registration begins Wednesday, March 6.**

**May Registration begins Wednesday, April 3.**

### THE INCREDIBLE YEARS: PRE-K

Thursday, April 4, 6-7 pm WBJ402

Nursery & Preschool with caregiver

Join **Hope For Youth** for a class on how to strengthen your child's social & emotional wellbeing, such as understanding and communicating feelings, using effective problem solving strategies, managing anger, practicing friendship and conversational skills, and behaving appropriately in the classroom.

### PARENT/TODDLER WORKSHOP

Wednesdays: May 1-29 WBJ08

1- 4 years with caregiver

11 am-12 pm

This workshop gives you and your child the opportunity to spend time playing together, exploring sensory activities, and socializing with peers. Resource professionals will be available to answer any developmental questions you may have.

### HATCHING BABY QUAILS

This spring marks another year of hatching Bobwhite Quails. We have been busy learning and training with CEED, Center for Environmental Education and Discovery, and we can't wait for you to experience this adventure with us. This spring, our eggs will arrive and be nestled safely in the incubator. Within 25 days, we hope to have a successful hatch. The chicks will be with us for 14 days then will be transported to their outdoor flight cages on a farm out east on the Island. CEED will train them and prepare them for release into the wild to eat ticks! Visit our website for more up-to-date information about the arrival of our eggs!



## EARLY LITERACY

### BILINGUAL PLAY STORY TIME: BABIES

Saturday, March 2, 11-11:45 am WBJ301

6 - 18 months with caregiver

Play & learn bilingual social skills with **Miss Vianna**.

### BILINGUAL PLAY STORY TIME: TODDLERS

Saturday, March 2, 12:15-1:15 pm WBJ302

2 - 4 years with caregiver

Learn bilingual social skills, listen to stories, and do crafts with **Miss Vianna**.

### BABY & TODDLER SIGNS

Tuesdays: March 12 & 26 WBJ31

Tuesdays: April 9 & 23

Tuesdays: May 7 & 21

10:15-10:45 am

3 months - 5 years

Learn sign language in a meaningful and playful way with Registered and Licensed Occupational Therapist and Certified Signing Time Instructor,

**Lisamarie Curley.**





### WORRY BOXES

Thursday, March 14, 11-11:45 am WBJ303

3 - 5 years with caregiver

Miss Liz will help you make a worry box to eat all your worries away.

### BABIES BOOGIE AND TODDLERS TANGO

Monday, March 18 WBJ01

Monday, April 15

Monday, May 20

10:15-10:45 am: 3 – 24 months

11:15 am-12 pm: 2 – 4 years

Dancing and movement classes to help develop music appreciation, improve motor skills, provide self-confidence, and foster body awareness.



### TOTS NIGHT OUT

Thursday, March 28 WBJ28

Tuesday, May 7

7-8 pm

18 months – 5 years

Join *A Time for Kids, Inc.* in this family-fun preschool program. Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and storytelling.



### TOTS DAY OUT

Thursday, April 11, 11 am-12 pm WBJ27

18 months - 5 years

Children will play, learn, and grow together through music, movement, fine and gross motor activities, and storytelling. There will also be a craft to make and take home.



### DROP IN PROGRAMS

These programs do not require advance registration.  
Please adhere to the age and times listed.

#### MERGE CUBE DROP IN

Saturday, March 30, 11 am-2 pm

Grades K - 5

Explore and learn with our Merge cubes.



#### WATERCOLOR BUTTERFLIES DROP IN

Saturday, April 27, 11 am-2 pm

Grades K - 5

Create these beautiful & colorful butterfly decorations.

#### MOTHER'S DAY DROP IN

Saturday, May 4, 11 am-2 pm

Grades K - 12

Create a craft and card for a favorite lady in your life! Moms, aunts, grandmas, and friends all deserve cards too!



### KIDS PROGRAMS

Please adhere to the age and grade registration requirements.  
Please note: In-Person programs cannot be offered as kits.

#### LEARN TO CODE

Thursday, March 7, 6-7 pm WBJ305

Grades K - 5

Have fun and learn to code.

#### FUN WITH LITERACY

Thursday, March 28, 6-6:45 pm WBJ304

Grades K - 5

Learn the proper placement of letters in handwriting and hear a fun story.

#### SOLAR ECLIPSE KIT

April 1-7 – Kit pick up

Monday, April 8, 2:45-3:30 pm - Eclipse

Grades K - 8

Get all the information you need to experience the 2024 solar eclipse on April 8! All are welcome to join us on April 8 in the Backyard (weather permitting) to watch this out-of-this-world event together! No registration required.

#### KIDS PAINT NIGHT

Tuesday, April 9 WBJ400

Monday, May 6 WBJ500

6:30-7:30 pm

Grades K - 5

Get painting with *Miss Kathy!* Each month is a different canvas!

#### FUN WITH LITERACY

Thursday, April 11, 6-6:45 pm WBJ405

Grades K - 5

Games for this month are: "Vocabulary Dice" and "Checkers."

#### RATTLE DRUM

Saturday, April 13, 12:30-1:30 pm WBJ404

Grades 1 - 5

This class from *Crayola Imagine Arts Academy* cultivates the art of writing with Chinese calligraphy. Learn the importance of movement and flow with brush technique and turn ideas into images. Preserve Chinese characters on a rattle drum to play at home.

#### FINTASTIC MINI AQUARIUMS

Tuesday, April 16, 11-11:45 am WBJ401

3 years – grade 2 with caregiver

Make little aquariums with gravel, plants, and floating plastic fishie!

#### PAWS FOR READING

Thursday, April 25, 11 am-12 pm WBJ409

Wednesday, May 15, 6-7 pm WBJ505

Grades K – 5

Grab a story and get ready to share with our **Therapy Dog, Markus!**

#### BACKYARD BIRDING

Thursday, April 25, 6-7 pm WBJ408

Grades 2 - 6

What was that flash of color that just flew by? Who made that interesting sound? Join *WHYScience* to sharpen your observation and listening skills necessary for successful birding. Create a simple bird feeder to invite neighborhood bird visitors!

## LEARN TO CODE

Thursday, April 25, 6-7 pm WBJ406  
Grades K - 5  
Explore the basics of the Dash robot.

## FUN WITH LITERACY

Thursday, May 9, 6-6:45 pm WBJ502  
Grades K - 5  
Games for this month are: "Sight Word Parking" & "Dominoes."

## LEARN TO CODE

Thursday, May 16, 6-7 pm WBJ504  
Grades K - 5  
We will introduce the basics of the Bloxels video game creator.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS

Please adhere to the age and grade registration requirements.  
Please note: In-Person programs cannot be offered as kits.

## LET'S GIVE BACK: LOCAL HEROES

Saturday, March 2, 11 am-2 pm  
All ages up to Grade 12 with family  
The first responders in our community do so much for us, so let's say thank you by making treat bags. All bags will be given to West Babylon Fire Departments and Suffolk County Police Department. No registration necessary – stop in between any of the above times. **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service.**

## FRUIT ICE SLIME FAMILY PROGRAM

Thursday, April 18, 6-7 pm WBJ407  
Families up to Grade 5/1 registration per family  
Kick in the spring season with a refreshing slime craft.

## MUTTIGREES FAMILY NIGHT

Tuesday, April 23, 6-7 pm WBJ403  
Open to all families up to Grade 12  
Gather the family and join our friends from *North Shore Animal League* as we move through arts & craft stations revolving around MuttiGreens and Social Emotional Learning. It will be a night of learning, fun, giveaways, kits, and much more!



## BLOOM BAR: MOTHERS DAY

Saturday, May 4, 12-1 pm WBJ507  
3 years – Grade 12  
Celebrate spring & moms by creating your own mini bouquet in a vase to take home to mom (or another special lady!). **1 vase per child or teen.**  
*Special thanks to Margie's Flowers of West Babylon for helping make this program possible!*

## SHOE TYING WOOD CRAFT

Saturday, May 11, 11 am-12 pm WBJ501  
Families up to Grade 5/1 family per registration ONLY  
Paint super cute wood shoe shapes with *ACD Vinyl* to help you learn how to tie your own shoes.

## STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER

Thursday, May 23, 4-5 pm WBJ503  
Families up to Grade 5  
Have your favorite stuffed animals, dolls, or action figures spend the night at the library! After a craft and a bedtime story, your friends will spend the night creating all sorts of fun adventures! When you pick up your friend, you will receive a storybook of their adventures.

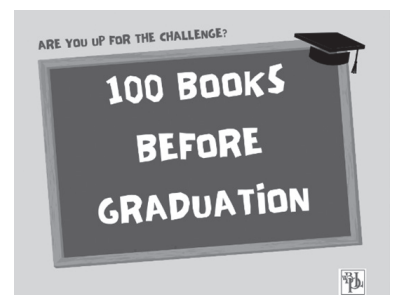
## TEEN PROGRAMS

### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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## 100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

Grades 6-12  
**Introducing our NEW & IMPROVED 100 Books Before Graduation Program!**  
Take the challenge and read 100 books before graduating high school! Teens can begin this challenge at any time and choose any books they want to read, including graphic novels and books read for school. Prizes will be given out at different milestones including a sign-up prize. If you complete your challenge, reading 100 books before graduation, you will win a Grand prize! Visit our website for more information!  
*Special thanks to The Barn West Babylon for supporting this program.*



## MARCH MADNESS ROOM HOOP KIT

March 4-9 WBYA300  
Grades 6 - 12  
Get ready for March Madness! Decorate your own DIY basketball hoop to hang up in your room to shoot hoops while you watch the games!

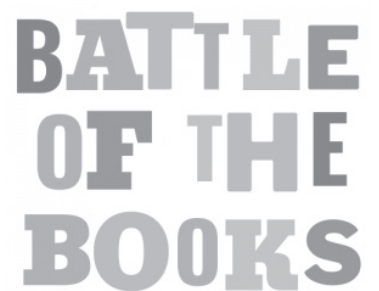
## TWEEN COMIC BOOK HEROES

Saturday, April 13, 11 am-12 pm  
WBTW400  
Grades 3 - 8  
Superheroes look their best when drawn in action poses with faces that tell their story. Create and dress up your own superhero using templates and textiles with *Crayola Imagine Arts Academy*.



## BATTLE OF THE BOOKS ORIENTATION

Wednesday, May 15, 6-6:30 pm WBYA501  
Entering grades 6 – 9  
This county-wide competition tests your reading knowledge against other Suffolk County Teens! The 6 books to be battled will be announced at the meeting. Battle of the Books is scheduled for Saturday, August 10. West Babylon Teens entering grades 6-9 only.







## TEEN VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteer programs are only open to West Babylon School District residents in grades 6-12 unless otherwise stated.

For more information you can email us at [teen.department@wbpl.us](mailto:teen.department@wbpl.us).

If you need a certificate of completed volunteer hours, please let us know at least 48 hours in advance by contacting the Teen Department.

### CARDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Request a Community Card Kit from the Adult Reference Desk. Create get well soon and sympathy cards for a local Veterinary Emergency Hospital, kindness cards for patients in hospice or nursing homes, and sunshine cards for their families. **5 cards = 1 hour of community service.** **Teens can earn a maximum of 4 hours of community service a month.** No registration required.

### TAKE HOME VOLUNTEER KITS

February & March Kits – registration is underway (completed kits due by March 31)

April & May Kits – registration begins March 6

These projects are designed to be completed at home and returned to the Library. Teens will earn different community service hours for completing and returning kits within the given months listed. 1 registration per kit. Projects change every two months and require registration with a West Babylon Public Library Card. Please allow at least 1 week to process and record community service hours. Certificates available upon request.

### LET'S GIVE BACK: LOCAL HEROES

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### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Tuesdays: March 19, April 23, & May 21 WBYA05

Grades 6 - 8: 6-7 pm

Grades 9 - 12: 7:15-8:15 pm

This program is open to tweens and teens who are interested in helping with various activities within the Library including: developing fun programs, choosing book displays, and so much more! **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service for each TAG meeting they attend.**

### TWEEN TALES & TREATS

Tuesday, March 26: *The Ogress and the Orphans* by Kelly Barnhill

Tuesday, April 30: *The Line Tender* by Kate Allen

Tuesday, May 28: *Small Spaces* by Katherine Arden

WBTW100 6-7 pm. Grades 6-8

Each month we'll read a book chosen specifically for tweens and enjoy snacks while we discuss the book. **Tweens will earn 1 hour of community service for participating in the book discussion.**

### HOT TOPICS BOOK CLUB

Tuesday, March 26: *Monday's Not Coming* by Tiffany D. Jackson

Tuesday, April 30: *Rising Class: How Three First-Generation College Students Conquered Their First Year* by Jennifer Miller

Tuesday, May 28: *We Are All So Good at Smiling* by Amber McBride

WBYA01 7-8 pm. Grades 9-12

One book will be chosen each month around a controversial topic that teens will discuss with Ms. Peters. **Teens will earn 3 hours of community service each month for feedback on the chosen monthly book and topic, which will be highlighted on our Teen Talk! webpage.**

### TEENS DIY DOG TREATS

Thursday, April 18, 6-7 pm WBYA400

Grades 6 - 12

Make dog biscuit dough with Miss Katie from *Dog Savvy!* **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service for participating in this program.**

### EARTH DAY TERRARIUM

Wednesday, April 24, 11 am-12 pm WBYA401

Grades 6 - 12

Celebrate Earth Day and learn how an ecosystem works by making your own terrarium! **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service for participating in this program.**

### MAY IS FOR MUTTIGREES KIT

May 1-18 WBYA500

Grades 6 - 12

West Babylon loves our **Muttigrees!** Complete the activities in the kit and return it for credit. Kit must be returned no later than **May 18** to receive credit. **Teens will earn 2 hours of community service upon completion and return of their kit.**

### TEA TASTING KIT

May 13-18 WBYA503

Grades 6 - 12

May is Asian/Pacific American Heritage Month – a celebration of Asians and Pacific Islanders in the United States. Celebrate and learn about this amazing culture with a sampling of teas from China, Japan, India & more. Enjoy your teas while listening to samples of songs from different AAPI cultures. **Teens will earn 2 hours of community service by completing and submitting the included question sheet to [teen.department@wbpl.us](mailto:teen.department@wbpl.us).**

### GARDENS OF WEST BABYLON: TEEN VOLUNTEERS

Saturday, May 18, 11 am-1 pm WBYA502

Grades 6 - 12

Build our gardens to get ready for the season and help your community grow! Plant flowers and vegetables to share at our Community Garden Table. **Teens will earn 2 hours of community service for participating in this program.**

### TEEN MOVIE CLUB

Monday, May 20: *Hunt for the Wilderpeople* (PG-13)

6-7:30 pm WBYA04

Grades 6 - 12

Lights, camera, ACTION! Do you love movies? Then join our new Movie Club – just for teens! It's like a book club...but for movies! Watch a movie (chosen by the club!) at home for FREE through Hoopla and then join us in-person to discuss the movie, what you liked and didn't like, and more! Snacks included! **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service each month for feedback on the monthly movie and topic. For information on how to access Hoopla please visit the library's website.**



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# WEST BABYLON PUBLIC LIBRARY

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Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm  
Sunday: 1 - 5 pm  
www.wbpl.us open 24/7



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## GENERAL SERVICES

### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Sunday, March 31 in observance of Easter  
Monday, May 27 in observance of Memorial Day

### BOARD MEETING

Monday, March 25, 6 pm – Regular Meeting & Budget Hearing  
Monday, April 29 – Regular Meeting  
Wednesday, May 29 – Regular Meeting

### FRIDAY FLICKS

Movies begin at 1 pm WBA720 IN PERSON  
Friday, March 1: Barbie (PG-13)  
Friday, March 15: Gran Turismo (PG-13)  
Friday, April 5: Eclipse Over America (TVG)  
Friday, April 19: Wonka (PG)  
Friday, May 3: The Color Purple (PG-13)  
Friday, May 17: Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom (PG-13)

### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Monthly Meetings: Tuesdays: March 26, April 30, & May 28, 3-4 pm  
Book Sale: Saturdays: March 2 & May 11, 10:30 am-4 pm  
IN PERSON

Dear Community Resident,

Evaluating costs and finding ways to save money is challenging. The Board of Trustees has always operated in a fiscally conservative manner and through continuous analysis, we have consistently worked to moderate expenses while avoiding cuts that might adversely affect the services the Library provides. This past year, we replaced our outdated HVAC units, utilizing a 50% NYS Construction grant and PSEG rebate to significantly lower the cost while continuing to grow our Library of Things and Museum Pass collections. **Despite being faced with a stringent tax cap of 2% as required by the NYS Office of the Comptroller, we have managed to stay within this limitation and meet the tax cap required by the State.** We encourage you to visit the Library on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, and vote, so we can continue to provide our residents with the services that are valued so highly in our community.

Sincerely,

**Board of Trustees**

Rachel Scelfo, President  
Jolene Siena, Vice President

Kathryn Gambill  
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## SENIOR SERVICES

For information on our Senior Services, please contact  
Ms. Canosa at 631-669-5445.

### HOME CONNECT

Do you know someone living in the *West Babylon School District* who is homebound (has difficulty leaving home, cannot leave home without assistance, is confined to home for medical reasons, etc.)? Let them know about our Home Connect delivery service so they can have books and/or audiobooks delivered to them at home every other week.



### SUNSHINE FOR SENIORS

The Library has Sunshine for Senior bags to help brighten your day. Stop by the Reference Desk to pick one up today. Open to **WB Cardholders** only. One per Library Card holder.

### SENIOR SCENE

Our Senior Scene newsletter has helpful contact numbers, brain games, program information, and more. Stop by the Library to pick up a copy or subscribe to the electronic version by visiting our website at [www.wbpl.us](http://www.wbpl.us) and click on the "Subscribe to Library eNews" link.

### TRUSTEE

There will be an election to fill one open position on the Board of Trustees, for a five-year term commencing on July 1, 2024.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots are available beginning March 5 and must be returned to the Library no later than 5 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2024.

### MILITARY BALLOTS

Military ballot applications are available beginning February 15 and must be returned to the Library no later than 5 PM on Thursday, March 7, 2024.

### HEARING

A Hearing on the Proposed Budget will be held on Monday, March 25, 2024, at 6 PM. All are invited to attend.

### VOTE

The Trustee Election and Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, April 2, 2024, from 1 - 9 PM, in the Library.

### BUDGET

The proposed budget may be viewed at <https://wbab.suffolk.lib.ny.us/about/board-director/budget/> and is available upon request.