#### **PROGRAM REGISTRATION**

#### JANUARY

Registration is underway.

#### **FEBRUARY REGISTRATION**

Residents – Wednesday, January 8. Non-residents – Wednesday, January 22.

#### **MARCH REGISTRATION**

Residents – Wednesday, February 5. Non-residents – Wednesday, February 19.

#### **UEPI ISLAND:**

#### SCUBA DIVING AT THE EDGE OF THE WORLD

Monday, January 13, 7-8:30 pm WBA204

IN PERSON

Travel halfway around the world to go diving with the *Fish Guy* on a small tropical island perched on the edge of the longest lagoon in the world!



#### PSEGLI CONSUMER ADVOCATE TABLE

Thursday, January 23, 10 am-12 pm & Wednesday, March 12, 10 am-1 pm IN PERSON

**PSEGLI Consumer Advocates** will be available to explain programs that are available to assist low to moderate-income customers.

#### **BALLROOM DANCING: SALSA**

Thursday, January 23, 12:30-1:30 pm WBA424 IN PERSON

Join dance instructor, *Michelle* to learn how to dance this timeless classic. **Non-refundable/transferable fee: \$5**.

#### WINTER SEED SOWING

Thursday, January 30, 7-8:30 pm WBA501 VIRTUAL

Winter is the time to start seeding, but NOT indoors. Learn how to successfully start seeds OUTSIDE in the winter. No greenhouse needed. A Zoom link will be provided by the library.



#### **EMPIRE DEFENSIVE DRIVING**

Saturdays: February 1 WBA303 March 1 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.

#### **ESTATE PLANNING BASICS**

Thursday, February 6, 4-5 pm WBA206

#### IN PERSON

Join us as we discuss the importance of having basic estate planning documents in place including advance directives. We will also touch upon new changes that could affect your estate planning.



#### **BALLROOM DANCING: TANGO**

Tuesday, February 11, 12:30-1:30 pm WBA427 IN PERSON

Join dance instructor, *Michelle* to learn how to dance this timeless classic. Non-refundable/transferable fee: \$5.

#### PROTECT YOURSELF AGAINST CYBER SCAMS

Monday, February 24, 7-8 pm WBA207 IN PERSON

Join us to learn how to avoid cyber scams and the best ways to protect yourself.

#### WILLS & TRUSTS 101

Thursday, March 6, 4-5 pm WBA209

#### IN PERSON

Do I need to be concerned about probate if I have a will? How can I best protect my assets? Join us as we gather to discuss the importance of estate planning documents, the process of probate, and common misconceptions in Elder Law.



#### **CREATING HEALTHY NATURALLY**

Tuesday, March 18, 7-8 pm WBA210 IN PERSON

Join *Dr. Chris Hansen* to discover how to have amazing health, reduce stress & tension, and to clear your mind of clutter. Learn what foods could be destroying your health and how to improve your immunity, prevent disease, and eliminate pain.

#### **SEED GRAB BAG**

Monday, March 31, 4-6 pm IN PERSON

Looking to start your garden? Stop by the library to choose from our seeds! No registration necessary.





#### 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 up 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.
- Adult programs are for adults only.
- Program fees must be paid within 48 hours of registration.

#### **MAKERSPACE**

These programs are open to West Babylon card holders only.

#### **LEARN HOW: CRICUT**

- Learn How Cricut programs will cover choosing & cutting a design and making the final project.
- Pre-requisites: basic computer skills and a working email address.
- Please come to the program with a design idea.
- Patrons who sign up for more than one session of the same series will be contacted and cancelled from one of the sessions.

#### MAKERSPACE DROP-IN

Mondays 6-8 pm

Drop in for an overview of the Library's Makerspace. The Makerspace is an area that allows patrons an opportunity to produce projects using a variety of Library-owned resources including Cricut cutting machines, a poster printer, button makers, and more!

#### LEARN HOW: WINTER BEANIE

**IN PERSON WBA806** 

Monday, January 6, 6-8 pm

Wednesday, January 22, 11 am-1 pm

Learn how to design your own winter beanie using our Makerspace Cricut machine. Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.

#### **CRICUT CRAFTING: PERSONALIZED WINE BAG**

Monday, February 10, 6:30-8:30 pm WBA801 IN PERSON

Learn how to design your own personalized wine bag using our Makerspace Cricut machine. Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.

#### INTRODUCTION TO CRICUT

Tuesday, February 25, 3-4:30 pm WBA802

IN PERSON

Learn the ins and outs of Cricut Design Space, then use what what you've learned to make some simple paper cut-outs.

#### **CRICUT CRAFTING: MUGS**

Monday, March 10, 6-8 pm WBA808

IN PERSON

Learn how to design your own personalized coffee mug using our Makerspace Cricut machine. Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.

#### **CRICUT CRAFTING: SASSY SOCKS**

Friday, March 28, 11 am-1 pm WBA809 IN PERSON

Learn how to design your own personalized socks using our Makerspace Cricut machine. Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.

#### LITERARY ELEMENTS

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

#### **ENGLISH: BEGINNERS**

Tuesdays: January 7 & 21 WBA200

February 4 & 18

March 4 & 18

6:15-7:15 pm

IN PERSON

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

#### **BUSY PERSON'S BOOK GROUP**

7-8:30 pm WBA10 IN PERSON

Thursdays: January 9 – **The Berry Pickers** by Amanda Peters

February 13 – **Take My Hand** by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

March 13 – **The Glassmaker** by Tracy Chevalier

#### **BOOKS & BITES BOOK GROUP**

7-8 pm WBA50 VIRTUAL

Mondays: January 27 – **Under the Whispering Door** by TJ Klune

February 24 – **Part of Your World** by Abby Jimenez

March 24 – Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

#### LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

1:30-3:30 pm WBA40 IN PERSON

Thursdays: January 30 – **The House of Eve** by Sadeqa Johnson

February 27 – **Tom Lake** by Ann Patchett

March 27 – **Wandering Stars** by Tommy Owens

# HEALTH & WELLNESS

#### MEDICAID ENROLLMENT ASSISTANCE

Wednesdays: January 8, February 12, & March 12, 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.

#### **YOGA**

Wednesdays: January 8-29 WBA401

February 5-26 WBA402

March 5-26 WBA403

6-7 pm

IN PERSON

Non-refundable/transferable fee for the 4-week January, February & March sessions respectively: \$8.

#### **ZUMBA**

Fridays: January 10-31 WBA411

February 7-28 WBA412

March 7-28 WBA413

10:15-11:15 am

IN PERSON

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

#### **SENIOR ADVOCATE**

Thursdays: January 23 & March 27, 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.

#### **BLIZZARD VASE KIT**

January 16-22 WBA114

VIRTUAL WITH KIT

A YouTube Link will be provided by the Library. **Non-refundable/ transferable materials fee: \$5**.

#### SAND & SEASHELL ART: BE MY VALENTINE

Monday, February 3, 7-8:30 pm WBA117

IN PERSON

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

#### VALENTINE'S CHOCOLATE TALK

Tuesday, February 4, 7-8:30 pm WBA601

IN PERSON

Forget the pressure of grand romantic gestures and embrace the reality of life's everyday chaos. We'll explore how chocolate can be the perfect companion to those busy, messy, and real-life moments that make up our relationships.

#### DIY: DECORATIVE CERAMIC TILE KIT

February 5-10 WBA118

TAKE HOME KIT

West Babylon Card holders only.

#### PAINT NIGHT: LOVE

Monday, February 10, 6:45-8:30 pm WBA119

IN PERSON

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

#### VALENTINE'S DAY FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Tuesday, February 11, 7-8 pm WBA120

IN PERSON

Join florist *Irene* to create a beautiful floral arrangement. **Non-refundable/ transferable materials fee: \$5**.

#### **SKY TOTE KIT**

February 13-19 WBA121

VIRTUAL WITH KIT

A YouTube Link will be provided by the Library. **Non-refundable/ transferable materials fee: \$5**.

#### **DIY: P.S. I LOVE YOU DAY KIT**

February 14-20 WBA122

TAKE HOME KIT

P.S. I Love You Day is a registered non-profit organization in New York state, dedicated to eradicating the stigma around mental health. Register for this take-home DIY sign kit and help us spread a little kindness. **West Babylon Card holders only**.

#### **HUMMUS DIPS**

Thursday, February 20, 7-8:30 pm WBA602

IN PERSON

We'll learn how to make oatmeal raisin, chocolate chip, and savory hummus flavors.

#### **CASUAL CRAFTING KIT**

February 27-March 4 WBA123

March 27-April 1 WBA130

TAKE HOME KIT

Get crafty in your down time. Each kit comes with a small DIY craft to be completed at your leisure. **West Babylon Card holders only**.

#### **BEGINNER CROCHET**

Monday, March 3, 7-8:30 pm WBA125

IN PERSON

Join us for this beginner crochet class. Patrons will learn in a comfortable, relaxed environment, practice the chain (slip) stitch, single and double crochet. Those with some crochet knowledge can start a small project to bring home with them to finish. Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.

# CHOCOLAT & EMILY IN PARIS: A SWEET JOURNEY THROUGH FRANCE!

Monday, March 3, 7-8:30 pm WBA604

IN PERSON

Are you a fan of Chocolat and Emily in Paris? Explore the cultural clash, personal growth, and indulgence in both stories—all while tasting three delicious French chocolates along the way.

#### **DIY: BIRD FEEDER KIT**

March 4-9 WBA126

TAKE HOME KIT

West Babylon Card holders only.

#### PAINT NIGHT: SPRING GNOME

Tuesday, March 11, 6:45-8:30 pm WBA127

IN PERSON

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

#### **OUR HAPPY PLACE DÉCOR KIT**

March 13-18 WBA128

VIRTUAL WITH KIT

A YouTube Link will be provided by the Library. **Non-refundable/ transferable materials fee: \$5**.

#### **EASY TURTLE BARS KIT**

March 17-22 WBA605

TAKE HOME KIT

West Babylon Card holders only.

#### **VEGGIE & BLACK BEAN QUESADILLAS**

Thursday, March 20, 7-8:30 pm WBA606

IN PERSON

A nutritious and delicious option for lunch or dinner. You'll learn the best techniques and sample them with salsa and sour cream.

#### HERE COMES SPRING FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS

Monday, March 24, 7-8 pm WBA129

IN PERSON

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

#### PAINTED LIGHTED WINE BOTTLE

Tuesday, March 25, 7-8:30 pm WBA131 IN PERSON

Join *Betty* to paint your own lighted wine bottle. Non-refundable/transferable materials fee: \$5.





#### **CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS**

#### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

A *West Babylon Public Library* Card is required for all registrations. Please adhere to all posted age requirements for programs.

All programs are one registration per Library card and require a West Babylon Public Library card unless otherwise noted.

January registration is underway. February registration begins Wednesday, January 8 March registration begins Wednesday, February 5

## EARLY LITERACY

#### 1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN

Our 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten reading club promotes the importance of reading aloud with children, starting in infancy. For West Babylon families with children birth – 5 years old (not yet in kindergarten), this is an ongoing reading club that promotes child and parent bonding through reading. Children will receive a prize for every 100 books read and recorded. To register please download the ReadSquared app on your phone, visit our website, or contact the Children's Department.

#### **BABIES BOOGIE AND TODDLERS TANGO**

Mondays: January 13 WBJ01

February 24 March 24

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.

#### **BABY & TODDLER SIGNS**

Tuesdays: January 14 & 28 WBJ31

February 4 & 11 March 11 & 25 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.

#### **STICKY SNOWMAN**

Tuesday, January 14, 11-11:30 am WBJ105

2 - 5 years with caregiver

Create a snowman with sticky paper, cotton, and mini mallows with Miss Liz!

#### PINE CONE BIRD FEEDERS

Tuesday, January 21, 11-11:45 am WBJ106

2 - 5 years with caregiver

Keep the birds full for the winter months and make peanut-free bird feeders with Miss Liz.

#### **TOTS NIGHT OUT**

Thursdays: January 23 WBJ28

March 13

7-8 pm

18 months - 5 years

Activities include music, movement, fine and gross motor development, and storytelling.

#### **YOGURT PAINT**

Tuesday, February 4, 11-11:30 am WBJ206

2 - 5 years with caregiver

Good for snacks and art! Join Miss Liz for some creative painting.

#### HANDPRINT CANVAS PLACEMATS

Tuesday, February 11, 11-11:30 am WBJ210

1-5 years with caregiver

It's almost Valentine's Day! Make keepsake placemats for someone special with Miss Liz! Dress for a mess.

#### **TOTS DAY OUT**

Thursday, February 13, 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.

#### LITTLE SCIENCE BUDDIES

Thursday, February 20, 11-11:45 am WBJ204

Preschool ages: 3 - 5 years with caregiver

Team up with our teen volunteers to work together as you rotate through science and STEAM stations meant for young science explorers.

#### DROP-IN PROGRAMS

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

Please note: supplies are limited and are on a first come first served basis.

#### **CRAFT BUDDIES**

Saturdays: January 18: WINTER

February 8: LOVE March 1: LUCK 11 am - 2 pm

Up to grade 5 with family

Drop in for a seasonal craft to make and take! Teen volunteers will be available to help with all your craft needs!

#### **DISNEY MOVIE DAY & PLAY**

Wednesday, February 19, 11 am-4 pm

Families up to grade 5

Spend the day with open play, friends, and a Disney movie marathon! No registration required.

#### CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

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

#### **500 BOOKS BEFORE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Keep on reading! 500 Books Before Junior High is an ongoing literacy program for elementary-age children in Kindergarten through 5th grade. Children are encouraged to read (or have read to them) any book, earning prizes along the way! The goal is to read 500 books before entering Junior High School. Participants will earn a prize for every 100 book milestone they reach. Just reading 2 books a week equals 104 books a year, which is plenty of time to complete the challenge! Visit our website or stop in the Children's Room to sign up! Club must be completed by June 30 the summer before entering Junior High School.

#### **LEARN TO CODE**

Thursdays: January 9 WBJ102

February 6 WBJ211

March 13 WBJ304

6-7 pm

Grades K - 2

Explore the basics of early elementary coding with the Dash robot in this monthly, early elementary coding series!



#### **INTERMEDIATE CODING**

Thursdays: January 30 WBJ104 February 27 WBJ213 March 20 WBJ305

6-7 pm

Grades 3-5

Designed for older elementary students, this monthly series will continue coding Dash at your own pace.

#### FAMOUS PHOEBE OF LONG ISLAND

Tuesday, February 18, 11 am-12 pm WBJ203

Grades K - 5

Join our friend and local author, *Jean Derespina*, for a book talk, activities, and a sea turtle craft.

#### **POKEMON SCIENCE CLUB**

Tuesday, February 18, 1-2 pm WBJ208

Grades 2-5

Join *Creatology Kids* as they combine the world of Pokémon with the realm of science.

#### **SCIENCE BUDDIES**

Thursday, February 20, 12:15-1:15 pm WBJ205

Grades K – 5

Team up with our teen volunteers to work together as you rotate through science and STEAM stations.



#### **KIDS PAINT NIGHT**

Thursday, February 20, 6:30-7:30 pm WBJ201 Tuesday, March 25, 6:15-7:15 pm WBJ301

Grades K – 5

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

#### **ERUPT YOUR IMAGINATION WITH VOLCANOS**

Thursday, February 27, 6-7 pm WBJ209

Grades 1-5

Get ready for an explosive adventure with *Creatology Kids*. Discover the process of volcanic eruptions and conduct a hands-on experiment to stimulate volcanic activity.

#### **HOGWARTS POTION MAKING 101**

Monday, March 10, 6-7 pm WBJ303

Grades 1 - 5

Become a wizarding world potion master with *Creatology Kids*! Learn the science behind potion making and play a Harry Potter Trivia game!

#### FAMILY PROGRAMS

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

#### **CHINESE NEW YEAR VOTIVE CANDLES**

Thursday, January 16, 6-7 pm WBJ103

Families up to Grade 5. 1 registration per family

Ring in the Chinese New Year with these festive candle holders.

#### HOT CHOCOLATE MASON JARS

Thursday, February 13, 6-7 pm WBJ212

Families up to Grade 5. 1 registration per family

Cozy up with a story about everyone's favorite drink this winter and make a hot chocolate mason jar gift to take home.

#### STUFFED ANIMAL SLEEPOVER FAMILY PROGRAM

Thursday, March 27, 4-5 pm WBJ306

Families up to Grade 5. 1 registration per family

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'll receive a storybook of their adventures!

#### TWEEN PROGRAMS

These programs are specifically for our patrons who are in-between Childrens and Teen.

Please adhere to the grade registration requirements.

In-Person programs cannot be offered as kits.

#### TWEEN TALES AND TREATS

Tuesday, January 7:

*Malamander* by Thomas Taylor

6-7 pm WBTW100

Grades 5 - 8

Each month we'll read a book chosen specifically for tweens and snack on treats.



#### MARIO VIDEO GAME TRIVIA

Tuesday, January 21, 7-8 pm WBTW101

Grades 4 – 12

Think you really, truly know Mario video games? Put your knowledge to the test and see who the real ultimate Mario master is!

#### YARN BOOKMARKS

Tuesday, February 4, 5-6 pm WBTW201

Grades 4 - 7

Do you love to read or use household materials to create new, useful things? Join Miss Serena to learn how to weave a bookmark using straws and yarn!

#### LONG ISLAND CHESS NUTS SERIES

Tuesdays: February 4-18, 6:30-7:30 pm WBJ202

Grades 3 - 12

All learning levels welcome to join *Long Island Chess Nuts* for this 3-week series.

#### **SMASH BROS ULTIMATE**

Wednesday, February 19, 6-7 pm WBTW200

Grades 3 - 8

More Mario gaming with Joe!

#### JON KNOWS HOW: BUILD YOUR OWN WIND-UP CAR

Wednesday, March 5, 6:30-8 pm WBTW11

Grades 4 - 12

Build your own 3D printed windup car step by step with an interactive presentation with *Jon Greene*.

#### PAPER ROLLERCOASTERS

Tuesday, March 25, 5-6 pm WBTW300

Grades 4 - 7

Do you enjoy riding rollercoasters? What is your favorite theme park? Join Miss Serena to create a rollercoaster using a variety of craft materials. Your mission will be to create a rollercoaster to send a ping pong ball into a cup.





#### TEEN PROGRAMS GRADES 6-12

#### PROGRAM REGISTRATION

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

In person programs are noted as such.

Please adhere to all posted age requirements for programs.

You must enter the teen's NAME and GRADE.

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

January registration is underway.

February registration begins Wednesday, January 8 March registration begins Wednesday, February 5

#### LEARN HOW: CREATE YOUR OWN POSTER

Tuesday, January 14, 6-7 pm WBYA105 Grades 9 - 12

Learn how to create and print your own poster using Canva and the poster printer in our Makerspace! Create an inspirational poster for the new year - or upload pictures of you and your friends from your phone to create a personalized one-of-a-kind piece of art for you room! Please have an idea in mind and an active email address.

#### TIKTOK MADE ME COOK IT

Thursday, January 16, 6-7:30 pm WBYA101 *Miss Maria* is back! Choose from two simple and fun TikTok inspired recipes!

#### TEEN MAKERSPACE: DIY CERAMIC MUGS

Wednesday, January 22, 6:30-8 pm WBYA104

Create your own design using Cricut Design Space & our Cricut Mug Press. Please come to the class with a design idea. Pre-requisite: Working email address.



#### LEVEL UP

Tuesday, January 28, 6-7:30 pm WBYA110 Welcome to Level Up! Our new Teen Video Game Club. Join Teen Librarian Jo-Ann to compete against other teens while playing Mario Kart Deluxe on our Library's Nintendo Switch. Whether you're a seasoned player or just starting your gaming journey – all are welcome! Registration is recommended but not necessary.

#### TEEN PAINT NIGHT

Tuesdays: January 28, 7:30-8:30 pm WBYA103 March 25, 7:30-8:30 pm WBYA300 Calling all teens! Get painting with *Miss Kathy*!

#### **WALKING TACO IN A BAG**

Thursday, January 30, 6-7:30 pm WBYA102 Miss Maria is back! The trend everyone loves; pick from a selection of chips and add all the taco elements!

#### **TEEN MAKERSPACE:**

#### **BLUETOOTH SPEAKERS & DECALS**

Monday, February 3, 6-8 pm WBYA207 Join Ms. Daphne and build your own Bluetooth speaker! Unleash your inner graphic artist and create decals through Cricut to jazz up your speaker. Basic computer skills and an email address are required.



#### HANDMADE FLORAL BOOKMARKS

Wednesday, February 5, 7-8 pm WBYA206

Using dry pressed flowers, clear plastic sheets, and colorful tassels, unleash your creativity to create a unique bookmark that reflects your personal style.

#### TEEN MAKERSPACE: MUGS OF HOT CHOCOLATE

Tuesday, February 18, 7-8 pm WBYA204

Create your own design using the Cricut Design Space. Your design will be cut, then applied on a mug. An active email account will be necessary to be able to use the Cricut Design Space. All materials included.

#### THE ART OF HENNA

Wednesday, February 26, 6-7 pm WBYA203

Explore the art & history of henna with certified henna artist *Tracey from* Freebird Henna. You'll learn basic designs and Tracey will adorn you with Henna as well.

#### CREATE A COMIC IN CANVA

Tuesday, March 11, 7-8 pm WBYA302

Join Miss Serena in our Makerspace to create your own comic strip in Canva. Your comic strip will be printed so you can share with friends and family!

#### **DIY POM-POM CACTUS**

Tuesday, March 18, 7-8 pm WBYA305

Add some fun color and whimsy to your home with a potted pom-pom cactus! A modern take on any plant and best for the plant lover with a black thumb!

#### SPRING LANTERN FESTIVAL

Monday, March 31, 6:30-8 pm WBYA306

Grades 4 - 12

Join Chris Vivas to make a beautiful lantern with modge podge and tissue paper.

# 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.

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

#### **MUSEUM PASS EXPLORATION**

Check out a museum pass and visit a museum! Send a picture of yourself at the museum with a short write up about your experience to Teen. Department@wbpl.us to be shared on our social media pages. Visit our website for a full list of museums. Please note that passes can only be checked out with an Adult WBPL Library Card. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.

#### LIBRARY OF THINGS RESEARCH

Check out an item from our Library of Things or S.T.E.A.M. Kit Collections and review it! Send a picture of yourself using the item with

a short write up about your experience to Teen.Department@wbpl.us to be shared on our social media pages. Visit our website for a full list of items available. Please note that LOT items and S.T.E.A.M. Kits can only be checked out with an Adult WBPL Library Card. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.





#### **CARDS FOR OUR COMMUNITY**

Request a Community Card Kit from the Adult Reference Desk to complete in the Library. Create get well soon and sympathy cards for a local veterinary emergency hospital, kindness cards for patients in Hospice and their families, or sunshine cards for seniors in local nursing homes. 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

December/January – Registration Underway/Completed Kits Due January 31

February/March – Registration begins January 8/Completed Kits Due March 31

Can't make it into the Library to earn volunteer hours? These projects are designed to be completed at home and returned to the Library. **Teens** 

will earn 2 hours of community service 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.



#### **MINI CANVAS KIT**

January 6-11 WBYA106

Create artwork incorporating the new year which will be sent to local nursing homes. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service for returning a completed kit by January 18.

#### LET'S GIVE BACK: MAILED IT

Saturday, January 11, 11 am-12 pm WBYA107 Let's take some time to thank our postal workers for all of the hard work they do every day! We are going to put goodie bags together and give them to our local USPS locations! **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service**.

#### **SEED LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS**

Saturday, January 11, 12-1 pm WBYA108
Wednesday, January 15, 7-8 pm WBYA109
Earn volunteer hours by putting together seed packets for our 2025 Seed Library. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit for each program they attend.

#### TEEN MOVIE CLUB

Mondays: January 13, 6-8 pm: **The Mighty Ducks (PG)** February 10, 6-8 pm: **Movie: Godzilla x Kong (PG-13)** March 10, 6-8 pm: **The Way Way Back (PG-13)** WBYA04

This movie club is just for teens! It's like a book club...but for movies! Watch a movie (chosen by the club!) and then 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.

#### **CRAFT BUDDIES: TEEN VOLUNTEERS**

Saturdays: January 18 WBYA111 February 8 WBYA205 March 1 WBYA303

11 am - 2 pm

Looking to earn volunteer hours? Volunteer to set up, run, and assist children during our drop-in craft programs. **Teens will earn 3 hours of community service credit**.

#### TEEN ADVISORY GROUP

Mondays: January 27, February 24, & March 24 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. Please note this is a monthly commitment. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service for every TAG meeting they attend.



#### **TEENS: P.S. I LOVE YOU**

Tuesday, February 11, 7-8 pm WBYA201 Help us get ready for *P.S I LOVE YOU DAY* on February 14. Teens will work with Social Work Intern Jen to create different *P.S. I LOVE YOU DAY* themed giveaways for our community. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.

#### LET'S GIVE BACK: HOPE FOR YOUTH

Saturday, February 15, 2-3 pm WBYA202 Create different care packages for teens experiencing homelessness across Long Island. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.

#### TEEN VOLUNTEERS: SCIENCE BUDDIES

Thursday, February 20, 10:30 am-1:30 pm WBYA200

Team up with kids Pre-K & Grades K - 5 to work on science projects and STEAM kits. We will provide snacks and water too! **Teens will earn 3 hours of Community Service**.



#### TEEN COMMUNITY PHOTO CONTEST

Submissions: March 1-28

Voting: April 1-29

Unleash your photographic talent and compete in our first ever Teen Photo Contest! Photos must incorporate the theme, "Our West Babylon Community" and be submitted to Teen.Department@wbpl.us by March 28 to be displayed and voted on. Winner will be announced after April 30. Visit our website for more information and rules of the contest. Teens will earn 2 hours of community service after submitting their photo during the dates listed.

#### LET'S GIVE BACK: CRAFT KITS

Saturday, March 15, 11 am-12 pm WBYA304 Create different care packages for teens experiencing homelessness across Long Island. Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit.

#### **STREET SMARTS**

Saturday, March 22, 2-3 pm WBYA301

Policemen, doctors, and security guards are just some of the authority figures you might run into while you're out with your friends. Together, you and our Social Work Intern Jen will discuss different ways to interact with authority figures. **Teens will earn 1 hour of community service credit**.





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#### **LIBRARY HOURS**

Check our website for the most current hours Monday - Thursday: 10 am - 9 pm Friday & Saturday: 10 am - 5 pm Sunday: 1 - 5 pm www.wbpl.us open 24/7









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#### **GENERAL SERVICES**

#### LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Wednesday, January 1 in observance of New Year's Day Monday, January 20 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents Day

#### **BOARD MEETING**

Meetings begin at 6 pm Mondays: January 27 – Regular Meeting February 24 – Regular Meeting March 31 – Regular Meeting & Budget Hearing

#### FRIDAY FLICKS

Movies begin at 1 pm WBA720 IN PERSON Fridays: January 10: The Age of Adaline (PG-13, 112 min) January 24: A Quiet Place: Day One (PG-13, 99 min)

February 7: It Ends with Us (PG-13, 131 min)

February 21: The American President (PG-13, 129 min) March 7: Beetlejuice Beetlejuice (PG-13, 104 min)

March 21: Leap Year (PG, 100 min)

#### FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEETINGS

Saturday, January 25 & March 15, 11 am-12 pm IN PERSON

# BUDGET VOTE INFORMATION

#### **TRUSTEES**

There will be an election to fill one position on the Board of Trustees. The term commences July 1, 2025 with a five- year term. Petition forms for West Babylon School District residents seeking election to a trustee office are available beginning Thursday, January 30. Completed forms must be received in the office of the Library Director no later than 5 pm on Monday, March 10.

#### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Absentee ballots will be available beginning Tuesday, March 11 and must be returned to the Library no later than 5 pm Tuesday, April 8.

#### **MILITARY BALLOTS**

Military ballot applications are available beginning Thursday, February 20 and must be returned by Thursday, March 13. Military ballots are due by Friday, March 14.

#### **HEARING**

A Hearing on the Proposed Budget will be held on Monday, March 31 at 6 pm.

#### **VOTE**

The Trustee Election and Budget Vote will be held on Tuesday, April 8 from 1 - 9 pm, in the Library.

#### 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 and click on the "Subscribe to Library eNews" link.

#### **BLOOD PRESSURE LOANER KIT**

The Library is offering patrons the opportunity to borrow a blood pressure monitor for a period of 28 days. Along with the monitor, we'll provide patrons with information on how to have a healthy blood pressure level, how to find heart healthy recipes, and how to find follow up information on blood pressure self-monitoring. Thank you to our partners at Stony Brook Medicine and the American Heart Association for their assistance with this program.



Ask about borrowing a blood pressure monitor

## ADULT DROP-IN PROGRAMS

#### Sit & Stitch – Wednesdays: 6-8 pm

Unleash your creativity and join our drop-in craft club! Bring your knitting, crocheting, or any other needlework project that you're working on. Share tips and learn from each other as you work on your creations. Beginners and experienced stitchers are welcome! It'll be "sew" fun! Materials not provided.

#### Well Played – Thursdays: 12-2 pm, 6-8 pm

Do you like playing games with friends? Stop by to enjoy some of the new board games the Library has added to our collection or bring your favorite game to share. Meet up with members of the community or bring your friends to enjoy our new community space.