



The Bookmark

September/October 2007

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LIBRARY INFO

7 Library Avenue
Westhampton Beach
New York 11978
Phone: 631.288.3335
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www.westhamptonlibrary.org

Library Hours

Mon. - Fri. 9:30 a.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Sat. 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Board of Trustees

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Library Director

Matthew Bollerman

E-mail Addresses

Those of you who give us your email addresses will receive notices of when your hold is ready for pick up or when your items are due. Just ask the Check Out desk to add it to your record or log on to your account and add it there.

Lost and Found

We have a Lost and Found box at the front desk. There are also coat hooks to the left of the front hallway where we hang jackets, sweaters and gloves that are left behind.

Library Vote October 2nd

After two years of community input and development, voters will cast their ballots on a plan to fund construction of a new library to replace the existing building/annex on Library Avenue. This plan will preserve the library's presence in its current location and maintain a strong connection to the existing architecture, while establishing a LEED's-rated 'green' building, one of the first sustainable public libraries on Long Island. It will offer our residents vastly improved space and services, including:

- Expanded books & materials
- Expanded technology
- Expanded children's library and young adult library
- Quiet reading/research space
- Flexible program room
- Cost: \$10/month for an average Westhampton household
- Vote at the library annex from 1:30 pm - 9 pm
- You must be registered with the County or School District to vote!

Come See Our Plans for the New Library, Saturday, September 15, 10 am to 12 pm

The Board of Trustees of the Westhampton Free Library invite you to join us for an open house on September 15 at 10 am to see the plans for the new Library building. They will be present to discuss the project and answer any questions. We look forward

to seeing you there. If you are unable to attend, stop by and see the plans anytime the Library is open. Any questions can be directed to Matthew Bollerman, Library Director at 288-3335 x. 16.

This newsletter contains only a small sample of the scheduled events and programs. For details about these programs and information about all of the exciting things we have planned, please visit the library or view the event listings on our library's website.

On the last Sunday of each month each department (adult, teen and childrens) will open registration for the next month's programs. i.e. We will begin registration for events list in this newsletter on Sunday, August 27 and Sunday, September 24.

All programs require advance registration except where noted. Program fees must be paid at the time of registration. As always, Westhampton Free Library cardholders will be given priority. Patrons of other libraries will be placed on a waiting list.

WESTHAMPTON FREE LIBRARY

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Westhampton Beach, New York 11978

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What Can You Find on our Website?

Reference USA

Reference USA is a leading source of information on businesses and individuals. Whether you're looking for information about a corporation, medical office or long lost love, this easy to search database can help you find all the information you need.

Rosetta Stone

Rosetta Stone is an online language learning center that uses an award-winning method utilizing thousands of real-life images, written text and voices of native speakers. Each lesson taps the learner's intuitive ability to connect words and meanings "from the inside." You will learn to speak, read and write the new language quickly, naturally and easily. The library currently subscribes to the ESOL (English for Speakers of Other Languages) program.

Suffolk Wave

Do you need to get an audio book for a trip, but don't have time to go to the library? Audio books are just a click away with Suffolk Wave! Explore the growing collection of audiobooks, videos and music for adults, teens and children. Use your library card to download to your selections to your PC or portable device 24/7, anytime, anywhere! Catch the Wave!

NextReads

Have you just finished a book & can't decide what to read next? Get great reading suggestions via email from the Westhampton Free Library when you subscribe our Nextreads newsletters. To subscribe, visit the library's homepage, and click on "Databases & Web Sites". You can link directly from the newsletter's recommendations to the library catalog and request a title immediately.

A Special Thanks...

Beach days and swimming may be just a memory but we wanted to acknowledge the people who helped make Summer 2007 at our library terrific.

Thanks to the Friends of the Library for another wonderful book sale. It's the highlight of every booklover's summer. Through their generosity, we were able to provide: our Children's and Teen Summer Reading Clubs; the Battle of the Books team and we were able to bring more than 175 programs to the community.

Thanks to Lynne Jones and Toni Oppenheimer of the Westhampton Youth Alliance. Together with the Greater Westhampton Chamber of Commerce, Rotary and donations large and small, we put together the Kids on the Green performances that made each Tuesday afternoons such a delight!

Thanks to Terry Lucas, the staff of the Open Book and all of the "spirited" community members who volunteered at our Harry Potter Celebration. To the children who attended (100+) it meant the world to have you all turn out in such beautiful costumes and make Hogwarts come alive here for one brief evening.

Thanks to the lovely Sari Fishman whose weekly delivery of bagels and cream cheese had kept our staff energized for months. And thanks to Sabina Trager who kept our blood sugar up by providing us with a dozen boxes of Girl Scout cookies.

The Library is a Cool School Tool If You Know How to Work It

1 Get Your Library Card

September is National Library Card month, so it's a good time to do it.

2 Go Online and Check It Out

Access your school's AR and required reading lists. Find info on everything from Ancient Egypt to how to get a learners permit. You can download books, movies and music too!

3 Don't Wait Until The Last Minute

The teacher assigned the project, and you put it off. Now you're standing at the reference desk and it is due tomorrow.

The problem is, the kid with the library card went online when the project was assigned and reserved all the books. Now you might have to wait until those books can be ordered from another library.

Scary.

So ask us right away. We can set you up with what you need to get that report in on time.

Teen Programs of Note



LOL @ THE LIBRARY

Celebrate the love of laughter and reading by participating in this year's Teen Read Week. *During the week of October 14 - 20*, we will be celebrating things that make us laugh out loud. There will have lots of activities lined up, all you have to do is check out the Teen Blog on our homepage for details!



CAMERA CLUB

Friday September 7 & October 12 @ 5:00 pm
Have an interest in taking pictures? Then join the Library's Teen Photography Club! Each month we will go over new techniques, select a new theme, and decide on which photos to display. Bring in your own camera, or use one that we will provide for you.

CAKE DECORATING CLASS

Friday September 21 @ 5:00 pm
Enhance the creativity of your decorating experience by learning the ever-changing aesthetics of cake decorating. Explore color, developing new motifs and creative experimentation.

TEEN MOVIES

Friday September 7 @ 6:00 pm
DELTA FARCE (PG13). Starring Larry The Cable Guy. Running Time: 1 hr. 30 min.
Friday October 5 @ 6:00 pm
FANTASTIC FOUR - RISE OF THE SILVER SURFER (PG13). Starring Jessica Alba, Andre Braugher, & Michael Chiklis. Running Time: 1 hr. 32 min.

HALO 1 TOURNAMENT

Saturday September 29 @ 5:00 pm
First you discovered the thrills of playing Halo 2 on Xbox. No try out your skills at playing Halo 1 on the computer! We will be playing various formats including "Free-For-All" As before, a parental consent form must be filled out in order to play! Drinks & Snacks will be served! All participants will receive a prize.

Top Ten Web Sites to Bookmark or Put on Your Refrigerator

MEDICAL

www.medlineplus.gov

FINANCIAL

www.wealth.com

CARS

www.edunds.com

GENEALOGY

www.accessgenealogy.com

TRAVEL

www.fodors.com

PAY YOUR TAXES

www.irs.gov

WEATHER FORECAST

www.nws.noaa.gov

ONLINE DICTIONARY WITH AUDIO PRONUNCIATION GUIDE

www.bartleby.com/61

ADOPT A DOG, CAT, BIRD, HORSE

www.petfinder.com

LIBRARY

www.westhamptonlibrary.org



And finally, we'd be remiss if we didn't thank several dedicated teens who joined our Battle of the Books Team:

Rose Davis, Violet Davis, Sammy Distler, Sarah Laadt, Isabella Marchal, Erica Mule and Stephen Profeta.

They did us proud at the 11th Annual County Competition. Team Peace, Love & Ice Cream rules!



Programs require advance registration. Westhampton Library cardholders will be given priority. Other library cardholders will be placed on a waiting list. A portion of the Library's programs are supported by the Friends of the Westhampton Free Library.

Back-to-School Lists Are Not Complete Without the Smartest Card

Students and parents are flocking to stores armed with school supply lists, but the smartest and most helpful item may not be on their list and yet it doesn't cost a thing ... it's a Library card. And did you know that September is National Library Card Sign-Up Month? Well it's no coincidence that it comes in September. That's when school is back in session. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school and are more likely to continue to use the library as a source of lifetime learning.

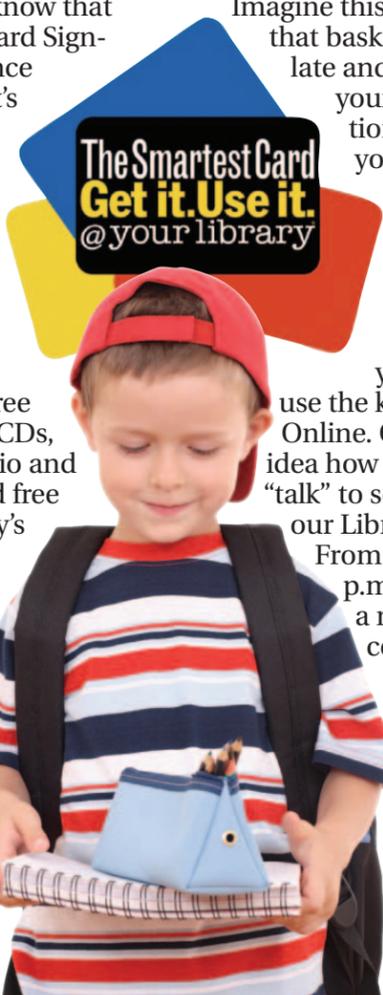
Students with a Westhampton Free Library card can: access books, CDs, magazines; download print, audio and video; use computers and attend free events and programs. Our library's web site even has a Virtual Reference Collection (VRC) that provides access to dozens of reference databases that can be accessed by simply logging in with a Library card number.

Another valuable resource for students, or anyone else, is the library's professional staff. As trained experts in information technology, our librarians are here to help you

locate materials suitable for all ages and interests. Remember, there are always librarians on duty in our library to assist you!

Imagine this: You just finished dinner after that basketball practice that ran way too late and all of a sudden you find out that your child has to answer ten questions about ancient Egypt. What do you do? Well, you whip out your library card and make like a super hero and look to the library for answers. You could go on to our website at www.westhamptonlibrary.org and check out the online Grolier Encyclopedia you'll find there. Or maybe you'll use the kid-friendly database Daily Life Online. Or maybe you haven't the faintest idea how to get started and you just want to "talk" to someone. Then why not log on to our Library's "Ask-A Librarian" service. From Monday – Thursday (3 p.m. to 11 p.m.) you can get reference help from a research expert right from the comfort of your own home!

Please visit the library for more information on giving your child the gift of a lifetime... their own library card. You can also reach us at 631-288-3335 with questions about these services and much more.



Homework 101

School bells are ringing and backpacks are coming home full of assignments. If you've got homework, we're here to help. Here are a few pointers that will make your visit to the library a success:

- **Know what your assignment is and when it is due.** If you have a written copy of the assignment, bring that with you. If your teacher has certain sources you can or cannot use, or a certain number of sources you need, make a note of that, too. If the topic or subject is broad, narrow it down before doing the research, but be flexible in case you can't find all the information you need.
- **Bring your library card with you,** as well as pens, pencils, paper, calculators, and any other tools you'll think you'll need. And don't forget change for the photocopier and any other printouts.
- **Use all the library can offer you** – books, magazines, government documents, the Internet and, of course, the librarians. Librarians are trained to help sniff out information, but remember, it is your assignment and your class, and you'll know best what you need to complete that work.

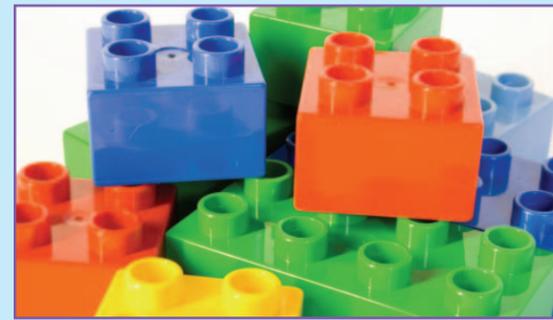
- **Do your research early.** Assignments, especially in middle and high school, are often given to several classes and our materials may not be available if you wait too long.
- **Be creative.** Try to think of a topic or project that is not being done by ten other students. A good way to find a unique topic is to browse the library shelves for your area of interest or flip through a reference book for ideas. Not only will you find something your teacher hasn't seen many times before, but you'll have a lot of information in hand before you know it!
- **Remember our hours.** Plan ahead and give yourself enough time to find your books, search and print from the Internet and make photocopies. We are here Monday – Friday 9:30 am – 9:00 pm, Saturday 9:30 am – 5:00 pm and Sunday 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm.
- **Are you a teacher?** Take some time and drop by early in the year to see what materials are available for your students to complete the assignments you have planned. If you're not finding what your students will need, talk to one of the librarians in the appropriate area (children's or adult services) and see what we can find or for other suggestions.

ASK a Librarian



Coming this Fall to the Children's Department

LEGO CLUB



Did you know that we're starting a Saturday Lego Club? The club will meet once a month (on the 3rd Saturday) and is open to children in kindergarten- grade 4. Each month will have a "theme" and the children will work in small teams with Legos that belong to the library. (Donations of Legos will be greatly appreciated.) Based on the "theme", each team of 3-5 children will work to create a structure in the allotted time. In September, our theme will be "Monsters". We will choose different size shapes, colors and accessories each month to spark creativity. Each meeting will begin with a discussion and end with a group cleanup. The sessions will last 90 minutes.

TRAVELING TALES KITS

Are you a mom on the run? Nursery school or kindergarten teacher? Home-based day-care provider? We have something new and wonderful for you: our Traveling Tales Kits. Specially prepared by our librarians, each traveling tales kit is full of wonderful books on a specific topic and a few other "goodies". The kits have been specially selected for use with children 3 to 6 years of age. By late October, our library will have 75 kits available on a wide variety of topics including trains, bedtime, food and all your favorite animals.



KIDS CAN KNIT



Children ages 9 and up are invited to join Miss Stephanie for simple knitting lessons in November. The classes will meet on Thursdays beginning Nov. 9th and continuing through Dec. 7th (just not on Thanksgiving) from 4:30-5:30 pm. A list of materials will be provided at registration.

GRAPHIC NOVELS FOR KIDS

Who doesn't love a story with pictures? Our new graphic novels combine the best of words and pictures to tell stories in an exciting new form. Although graphic novels have existed for many years, these books are not the Sunday funnies or illustrated classics of long ago. Talented artists use edgy drawings and minimal text to tell stories about everything from pigs in outer space to teenage super spies. And what's even better, there's a graphic novel for every interest and reading level. We know you are going to love them!

Do You Have A Library Card?

It is easy to apply for one, renew or replace a lost one.

Some library services from A to Z:

- A** Art Exhibits, Audio Books & Access to 56 Suffolk Libraries
- B** Bestsellers, Bibliographies & Book Sale
- C** Create Personal Ratings, Computers & Books on CD's
- D** DVD's & Downloadable Audio and Video
- E** Electronic Databases
- F** Fax Machine, Friends of the Library & Freezing Holds
- G** Group Tours
- H** Handicapped Access & Homebound Service
- I** Interlibrary Loans & Internet Access
- J** Job Info
- K** Kids Computers
- L** Laptops, Large Print Books, Librarians & Lost and Found
- M** Magazines, Maps & Maintain Your Library Record
- N** Newsletter & Newspapers
- O** Open 69 Hours Weekly
- P** Play Area
- Q** Quality Programs & Classes
- R** Renew and Reserve From Home & Reference Librarians
- S** Story-time, Summer Reading Clubs & Self-Check Out
- T** Turn On Your Reading History & Trips
- U** Useful Links
- V** Value Line & Videos
- W** Wireless Network
- X** Xerox Machine
- Y** Young Adult Services
- Z** Zagats

Visit our Web Site at:
www.westhamptonlibrary.org
 for more information.

Adult Programs

It's Not Such a Lonely Planet When You Have Your Library!

September is National Library Card Month

and your library card is your passport to anywhere you need to go! Whether you are a life-long learner who makes frequent trips to the library or just thinking about getting your card to begin the journey, the library is waiting for you!



Planning a trip to Italy?

We can help you get the information for a passport. It's as easy as <http://travel.state.gov/passport> to download the application. Then take a look at our current travel books, including Fodor's Italy. Want to brush up on your language skills before you go? Check out Italian language lesson tapes and CDs or let us help you find the best online Italian language tutorials. And that's only the beginning! Italian food, climate, politics and history are all at your fingertips at the library.



Doing some medical research?

Concerned about gastric reflux or diabetes? A good place to begin might be the library reference collection's Oxford Illustrated Companion to Medicine. But the best place to begin is with your librarian who can guide you to some of the most reputable and reliable websites, such as <http://medline-plus.gov/> or <http://caphis.mlanet.org/> to access up-to-date information. Lifestyle changes ahead? Books, DVDs and magazines on diet and exercise are available. And if we don't have it, we can get it for you!



Thinking about investing in AAA Bonds?

The library can provide the latest weekly Value Line Investment survey, monthly edition of Standard & Poor's Security Owner's Stock Guide, or Morningstar's Mutual Funds. Or we can connect you with our Virtual Reference Collection, which you can access from home. With it, you can research such databases as "The Business and Company Resource Center", which contains company histories, company profiles of both public and private companies, reports, articles from business magazines and newspapers, chronologies, rankings, and more.



Come to the library, get your library card and check out the world!

Here are a Few of Our September & October Programs You Will Not Want to Miss!

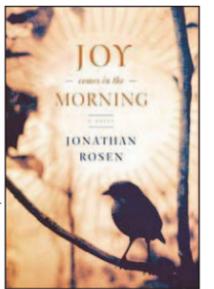


NORTH FORK WINE AND CHEESE BUS TOUR

Tuesday October 9. Join us for a guided tour of the North Fork led by tour guide Ann Lewis. Sample wines, cheese and history and have a delicious day on the beautiful North Fork, with a stop in Greenport for lunch. \$35.00 non-refundable cost per person includes all transportation and admission costs.

PERFORMANCE READING BY DAVID HOUSTON

October 7 @ 2:00 pm
 Join us for a reading of Jonathan Rosen's book *JOY COMES IN THE MORNING* with actors Gail Merzer Behrens and David Houston. Enjoy the dramatic exploration of the book by about which the New York Times Book Review wrote: "...like a Heller or Roth complete with sardonic social commentary."



ADULT COMPUTER CLASSES

from First Grade (for beginners) to Sixth Grade (more of everything you wanted to know about computers). You asked for it, so we did it! Three days. Six classes. \$10.00 non-refundable fee per class to register.

DAY OF THE COMPUTERS I:

Tuesday October 9

- **Computer 1st Grade** from 10:00 am – Noon
- **Computer 2nd Grade** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

DAY OF THE COMPUTERS II:

Tuesday October 16

- **Computer 3rd Grade** from 10:00 am – Noon
- **Computer 4th Grade** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

DAY OF THE COMPUTERS III:

Tuesday October 23

- **Computers 5th Grade** from 10:00 am – Noon
- **Computer 6th Grade** from 1:00 – 3:00 pm

BELLY DANCING with Leonora Dome.

One of our most popular classes is back! Saturdays September 8 – 29 @ 4:00 pm. \$20.00 non-refundable fee to register.

For more information about all the programs and clubs the library offers, go online to www.westhamptonlibrary.org and click on "Events Calendar." Or come into the library and use your library card to sign up!

EVERYBODY NEEDS FRIENDS...ESPECIALLY THE LIBRARY!

Please join and be a part of our continuing program of exciting events. All donations are tax deductible. Make checks payable to Friends of the Westhampton Free Library.

Membership Levels Name: _____

\$500+ Benefactor

Summer Address: _____

\$100 Patron

\$50 Sponsor

Winter Address: _____

\$25 Family

\$10 Individual

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