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Readers are well served by our online resources as well. In addition to Jay's Book Connection blog, we offer resources to help find your next favorite author or book, such as Dear Reader and Novelist. We also have an email book club that will deliver sections of chapters Monday to Friday with up to eleven different clubs! Join up to receive nonfiction, romance or fiction titles, to name a few.

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Sometimes we need to read an article in a magazine or newspaper that a friend told us about, or to explore a topic for a school project. Enter our Virtual Reference Collection for these extensive holdings. In addition, we subscribe to Reference USA, a database of millions of phone numbers, both residential and business, that allow for advanced searching. The free online phone directories cannot compare with this resource.

If you are interested in historical information, we offer the New York Times from the its first issue to today. We also have a growing collection of historic Long Island newspapers available online. In addition, we also subscribe to Ancestry Plus, this is the only product not available from home, but it can be accessed in the Library on our computers whenever we are open.

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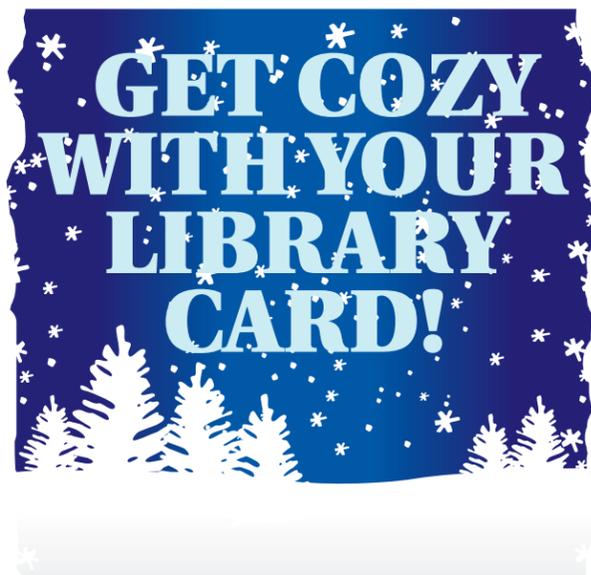
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Adult Programs for January & February

(Registration begins Saturday January 5th at 9:30 am)



January and February are here, bringing short days, long holiday weekends and plenty of cold weather. What better time to put your library card to work? Whether you're planning a cozy evening at home, a weekend ski trip or a dash to warmer weather, your library card can help put the wonder in the winter wonderland. Curl up with a good book or download your favorite author or music from the library website and you can still travel far and wide! Make a cup of hot chocolate and browse the latest in winter gear in magazines such as *Outsider* or *Skiing* magazine or dream spring garden dreams over *Horticulture*, *House & Garden* or *Fine Gardening*.

Speaking of hot chocolate, join us for **Hot Chocolate Day** at the Library on Saturday January 25. We'll have several varieties for you to sample, from plain to spicy! Or knit yourself a warm new poncho in our **Poncho Knit-Along**. Then maximize your New Year's Resolutions with our **Yoga, Pilates or Senior Stretch and Tone** classes.



You can also enjoy the New Year twice by joining us for a celebration of **The Chinese New Year** on Saturday February 9. Sample some Chinese food, try a Chinese craft, experiment with some martial arts moves and more. And be sure to join us throughout February for **Brown Bag Movies** that continue the celebration!

Save the Date: Saturday March 1 is **Fiesta Day** and it's bigger, better and more delicious than ever. And don't forget that the next **Do Your Own Thing Bus Trip** to New York City is scheduled for Wednesday March 26.

So let it snow! You've got your library card to keep you warm!

Top Ten Websites for the New Year

Can't make it to our Knit-Along? Then get out your yarn and needles and follow the instructions at Lion Brand yarns website to make your own Martha Stewart-inspired poncho. You can even crochet one too!

www.lionbrand.com/patterns/khs-scallopEdgePoncho.html (knit pattern)

www.lionbrand.com/patterns/chs-scallopEdgePoncho.html (crochet pattern)

If this is the year you've promised to conquer the clutter check out the Flylady and sign up for her helpful emails that will help to keep you on track.

www.flylady.net

The good folks at Merriam-Webster will send you a Word of the Day if you are hoping to improve your crossword skills! You can sign up to get a text email or a word of the day podcast with cool music! www.m-w.com/cgi-bin/mwwod.pl

Did you know that the Chinese New Year begins February 7, 2008? Will 4706, the year of the Rat, be the year you explore the culture and delights of New York's Chinatown?

www.explorechinatown.com/Gui/ExploreChinatown2.aspx

Devoted to the pleasures of food and drink, Chowhound can help you locate wonderful eateries where the food is great and the prices are reasonable too. Find just what you're craving at www.chowhound.com

If you're inspired by our Hot Chocolate Tasting, you can read all about hot chocolate in history and find some great recipes at What's Cooking America.

www.whatscookingamerica.net/Beverage/HotChocolate.htm

Wikihow is a cool website for learning how to do all sorts of new things. Most of the "projects" are fun and entertain as well as educate. www.wikihow.com/Main-Page

Looking for a good book? Novelist can recommend the perfect book for you based on books you have already read and enjoyed. You'll find Novelist on our homepage under databases – plus our amazing book blog penned by one of our ace reference librarians! (Just click on Book Connections on our homepage.) www.westhamptonlibrary.org

If all else fails, think about Spring and gardens! Then visit the Netherlands Flower Bulb Information Center for North America, find out everything you need to know about flowering bulbs for U.S. and Canadian gardeners. www.bulb.com

BUS TRIP

Do Your Own Thing Bus Trip to New York City:



Wednesday March 26. The bus leaves the library at 9:00 am, leaves New York City at 6:00 pm. Drop off and pick up in the city are in front of the New York Public Library lions

Patience and Fortitude on 5th Ave at 42nd Street. \$25.00 non-refundable fee payable by check or money order only to register.

HEALTH & EXERCISE

Pilates:

Mondays January 7th – February 4th (excluding January 21) at 6:30 pm. \$20.00 non-refundable registration fee for 4 classes.

Yoga for All:

Mondays January 7 – February 25 (excluding January 21 and February 18). \$30.00 non-refundable registration fee for 6 classes.

Nicotine Anonymous:

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm

CLUBS AND GAMES

Bingo:

Tuesdays January 29 & February 26 @ 7:00 pm

Canasta Club:

Fridays @ 10:00 am



Duplicate Bridge Club:

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm.

French Club:

Mondays

Beginners: 2:30 – 3:30

Intermediate: 3:30 – 5:00



Mah Jong Club:

Thursdays at 2:00 pm

Knitting Club:

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, January 9th and February 6.

COMPUTERS

Computers En Espanol:

Sundays January 20th – February 10 at 11:00 am.

The Westhampton Free Library Friends love to accept your book donations. Please be reminded that we cannot accept the following:

- Newspapers and Magazines
- Books dated after 1950 that have no dust jacket
- Textbooks
- Books that have mold or smell of mildew
- Books with torn or missing pages
- Books with torn or missing covers and bindings

Adult Programs for January & February

(Registration begins Saturday January 5th at 9:30 am)

Hot Chocolate Day!

Hot Chocolate Tastings All Day: *Saturday January 26 from 9:30 am – 5:00 pm*

Chinese New Year Celebration

Saturday February 9. Stretch out the New Year festivities by joining us in an all day Chinese New Year Celebration featuring Chinese food, culture and crafts for the whole family.



Children's Story and Craft: 10:00 am

Family Martial Arts Demonstration: 11:00 am
–Wear comfortable clothes!

Chinese Food Tasting: 12:00 pm

Feng Shui Presentation: 1:30 pm



Chinese Tea Ceremony: 3:00 pm

Special Chinese New Year Movie Night *Saturday February 9 at 7:00 pm.*

Eat Drink Man Woman directed by Ang Lee. A delicious classic!

CRAFTS

Poncho Knit-Along:

Wednesdays February 13 – March 5th at 6:30 pm. Make a warm and beautiful poncho! It's easy and fun. Materials list available at Circulation Desk.



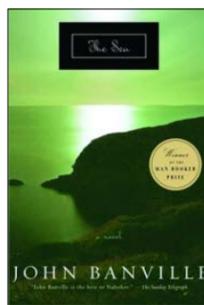
Winter Sparkle Jewelry Class:

Saturday February 23 at 2:00 pm. Make beautiful earrings! Design a unique necklace! Your imagination is the only limit.

BOOK CLUBS:

Monday Night Book Club:

Monday January 28th and February 25th at 7:00 pm, The book for January is *The Sea* by John Banville. The book for February will be chosen at the January meeting.



Thursday Book Club:

Thursday February 7 at 2:00 pm. The book for February will be *Uncle Vanya* by Anton Chekhov. Books are available at the Circulation Desk.

FOR SENIORS

Senior Stretch and Tone:

Wednesdays January 16 – February 20 (6 classes): 9:30 am. A workout routine to increase flexibility and build strength designed especially for seniors. Wear comfortable clothes and bring light weights (3-5 lbs) if you have them!

AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course:

Saturday February 16 from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm. \$10.00 registration fee payable by check or money order only to the AARP.

BROWN BAG MOVIES



Join us at the movies from classic to contemporary on the first three Fridays of every month at Noon. You bring lunch – we'll supply dessert and coffee!

Friday January 4: **Laughing Gravy** starring Laurel and Hardy

Friday January 11: **3:10 to Yuma** starring Russell Crowe

Friday January 18: **Klimt** starring John Malkovich

Friday February 1: **The Shanghai Express** starring Marlene Dietrich

Friday February 8: **Huo Yuan Ji** starring Jet Li

Friday February 15: **Curse of the Golden Flower** starring Chow Yun Fat

Please note that the Library will be closed **Monday January 21 for Martin Luther King Day** and **Monday February 18 for Presidents Day.**

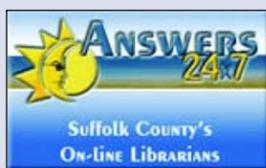
For more information about all the programs and clubs the library offers, go online to www.westhamptonlibrary.org and click on "Events Calendar." Or to sign up, visit the library – and don't forget your library card!

Young Adult Programs for January & February

(Registration begins Saturday, January 5 @ the Reference & Young Adult Services Desk)

Winter Fun @ The LIBRARY!

With the cold nights of winter looming ahead, look towards the library for something warm and fun to do. This year the Teen Department will hold it's first Teen Winter Reading Club. Beginning Saturday, January 5, every time you read a book, fill out an evaluation card at the Reference & Young Adult Desk. You will be eligible for a raffle for great winter prizes. Drawings will take place on Saturday, March 1st @ 4:30 as we celebrate the arrival of Spring with Fiesta Day!



Have you ever had a school assignment due that you needed research for, but the library was closed? Then check out Answers 24/7! Go to our homepage at <http://www.westhamptonlibrary.org> and click on Answers 24/7 located on the bottom left corner of our homepage. Answers24/7 provides online reference service using electronic resources to answer your questions, or can provide assistance searching the Internet.

Teen Winter Reading Club – Winter Fun @ The Library

Saturday, January 5 – March 1
Signup at the Reference & Young Adult Desk

Runescape Club

Saturday January 5, 19, February 2 & 16 @ 5:00 pm

Stop in and join the club! Librarian Dave Jones will be there to help all beginners and even seasoned veterans!

Poetry Coffee House

Friday January 18 & February 8 @ 7:00 pm
Express yourself – share your favorite poems and songs or just relax with friends and at our monthly poetry coffeehouse.

Guitar Hero

Saturday January 19 @ 3:00 pm

See how well you do as we pull out the Xbox 360 and test our skills on this popular video game! Will you be this month's Guitar Hero?



Halo 2 Tournament

Saturday February 2 @ 3:00 pm

Format will be 2 x 2 single round elimination. A parental consent form must be filled out in order to play! Drinks & Snacks will be served! All participants will receive a prize.

Teen Writing Club – Bring Your Own Vowels

Thursday February 7 @ 4:00 pm

Do you like to write stories or poems? Would you like to meet other people who like writing? Run by our local author Nola Thacker, this is a chance aspiring teen authors going into grades 7 - 12 to share stories, poems and tips on getting published.

Un-Valentines Party

Friday February 15 @ 7:00 pm

Are you sick of the color red or pink once Valentines Day is over? Then join us for an UN-Valentines Day party as we dress in black, make un-valentines, and STILL eat lots of chocolate!

Pizza & Pages

Tuesday February 26 @ 5:00 pm

Come discuss a very intriguing story, *Twilight* by Stephanie Myers, while enjoying pizza & juice or soda. Books are available at the Reference & Young Adult Desk. The story is about seventeen-year-old Bella who leaves Phoenix to live with her father in Forks, Washington. She then meets an exquisitely handsome boy at school for whom she feels an overwhelming attraction and who she comes to realize is not wholly human!

Anime / Manga Club

Tuesday Evenings @ 6:00 pm.

Discuss the latest Japanese Manga / Anime films & get the first look at what's new to our collection! Signup @ the Reference & Young Adult Desk.

Winter Programs for Children

(Registration for all the events listed begins Saturday, January 5 @ 9:30 am)

Happy New Year from the Children's Librarians!
We've planned an exciting winter that's full of fun so we hope to see you at the library!

SCHOOLAGE CHILDREN

Knitting Club 2

Fridays, January 4-25 @ 4:30 pm

For ages 9 and older.

Our popular knitting group continues through January so that everyone has plenty of time to complete their projects. If you already know the basics, you can join the fun.

Yoga

Mondays, January 7 -28

@ 3:30 pm

For grades 1-3

Yoga is a perfect form of exercise that relaxes both body and mind. This 45-minute stretching session will focus on classical and unusual poses with animal names. Herbal tea will be served.

American Girl Book Club: Meet the New Girl in Town!

Saturdays, January 12 & February 2 @ 10:00 am

For grades 4 & 5

Meet Julie Albright, the newest American Girl. The year is 1974, Julie's living in San Francisco and things are groovy! Stop in, checkout a book & get your special surprise!

Our January book is: *Meet Julie*
Our February book is: *Happy New Year Julie*



Kids In the Kitchen: Breakfast Bars

Thursday, January 17 @ 4:00 pm

For kids in grades 3-5

Make a tray of delicious and healthy treats that will make breakfast on the run a breeze.

Mitten Box

Friday, January 18 @ 4:00 pm

For grades 3-5

Wear old clothes and come ready to paint your own special mitten-shaped box.

Lego Club

Saturdays, January 19 and February 16 @

1:00 pm

Ages 5 and up

We'll bring the Legos and you bring the creativity! In January we'll build bugs and in February, undersea creatures.



Animal Lover's Club

Saturdays, January 26 and February 23

@ 11:00 am

For ages 5 and up

In January, we'll learn all about birds in winter and bring home a special treat for your feathered friends and if you're a fan of bugs, you won't want to miss February's meeting!



Make a Bracelet with Snowman Beads

Monday, January 28 @ 3:30 pm

For grades 1 & 2

Kids Workout

Fridays, February 1

through February 29 @

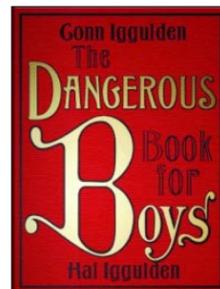
3:30 pm

For kids in grades 1-3

Do your kids have cabin fever? Then bring 'em on in and we'll give them a workout. Miss Gail will be bringing her equipment to the library!



Dangerous Boys and Dads:



Monday, February 11 @ 7:00 pm

Inspired by the *Dangerous Book for Boys*, we've planned a special monthly activity for boys and their Dads (or a significant other). This month we'll attempt to make the World's Best Paper Airplanes.

Kids in the Kitchen: Pancake Breakfast

Tuesday, February 19 @

9:30 am

For grades K-2

Come hungry because we're making breakfast in the library!



Kids In the Kitchen: Build your own Panini

Thursday, February 21 @ 11:30 am

For grades 3-5

Want to know what a Panini is? Then you'll have to sign up for this special vacation week program! Not only will you make your lunch, but you'll have lunch with the librarians!

PRESCHOOLERS

Play, Learn and Grow at the Parent & Child Workshop

for parents, grandparents or caregivers with children ages 14-30 months of age.

Mondays, January 7 - 28 @ 10:00am

Each 60 minute session includes a special topical speaker, book display, open play with all our great toys and a wonderful chance to interact with other families.

Mommy and Me Music with Dara

Thursdays @ 10:00 am

For all ages and a parent or caregiver

January 10: Snowsongs

January 24: Warm & Woolly

Winter Clothes

February 7: Love Songs



Drop in for Stories

Fridays, January 11-25 @ 10 am

For children ages 3 and up

Stop by the children's room to hear us read a few of our favorite new books.

Kidnastics

Mondays, February 25 through

March 17

Session I: from 9:45 - 10:45 am for children ages 12 - 20 months

Session II: from 11:00 am - noon for children ages 21 - 36 months

Session III: from 12:30 - 1:30 pm for children ages 3 - 4 years
Join Miss Gail for this gymnastics class for the pint-sized.



JUST FOR PARENTS:

Child Development Lecture: Sensory Integration

Tuesday, January 29 @ 7:00 pm

Krista Debler Seidel from Out East Occupational Therapy will be giving a presentation on sensory integration and children. Learn how your child utilizes their sense of touch, movement, taste, smell, vision and hearing to give meaning to their world.

FUN FOR EVERYONE:

Family Craft: Mitten Wreath

Sunday, January 20 @ 2 pm

Each family will assemble a pretty foam wreath to take home.

Family Bingo

Tuesdays, January 29 & February 26 @ 7:00 pm

Escape from the tv and spend an evening with us enjoying games and treats and playing for prizes!

Celebrate Chinese New Year

Saturday, February 9

Family events will include stories from China at 10:00 am. Then join us for a lunchtime tasting of some chinese delicacies! We'll even give you lesson on using chopsticks.

Save the Date: Fiesta Day

Fiesta Day will be held on Saturday, March 1
A complete schedule of events will be available beginning February 1.

EVERYBODY NEEDS FRIENDS...ESPECIALLY THE LIBRARY!

Please join and be a part of our continuing program of exciting events. All donations are tax deductible.
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