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Serving Westhampton Beach, Westhampton, East Moriches, Eastport, East Quogue, Manorville, Quogue, Remsenburg & Speonk

Friends of Our Planet Poetry Contest

The Friends of the Westhampton Free Library are sponsoring a poetry contest themed, "Friends of our Planet." The beauties of this land with which we are blessed and must protect should be expressed in poetic form with particular emphasis on our immediate

A winner from each category will receive a gift certificate of \$50 and second place \$25, redeemable at the Open Book in Westhampton Beach.

environs here on the East End of Long Island. Up to three original poems may be submitted, not to exceed 32 lines each. Each should be identified with the student's name, address, phone, grade, and school. Submissions should be postmarked no later than March 10, 2008 and must be accompanied by a signed entry

form that is available in the Library or on www.westhamptonlibrary.org and mailed to: Friends of the Westhampton Free Library, Attn: Poetry, PO Box 318, Westhampton, NY 11977.

Winners will be announced the first week of April. A party/poetry reading will be hosted by the Open Book on April 15 at 5 pm.

The contest is open to children who live in the Westhampton, Westhampton Beach, East Moriches, Eastport, East Quogue, Manorville, Quogue, Remsenburg and Speonk areas.

Entries will be judged in four categories: Kindergarten to Grade 2, Grades 3 to 6, Grades 7 to 9 and Grades 10 to 12.

A winner from each category will receive a gift certificate of \$50 and second place \$25, redeemable at the Open Book in Westhampton Beach. Four honorable mention prizes will also be awarded. All entrants will receive a certificate of appreciation. Selected poems will be published in upcoming issues of this newsletter.



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

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Library News

As we begin the process of creating our beautiful new library, please be aware that it will be necessary to present some of our programs at locations throughout our community. When you register for a program, you will be provided with information on where the class, club or performance will meet. Printed directions will be available and library personnel will be present at all off-site activities. We appreciate your patience during this exciting and challenging time.



Library Welcome Quilt

Moving day is almost here! Before you know it we'll be open for business in our new temporary home. Please join us in welcoming the community to our new home by creating a quilt square. (No sewing is necessary.) See one of our friendly children's librarians for details.

Look for representatives from the library at the Wellness Fair on March 28 in the Westhampton Beach High School.

Welcome New Trustees!

After a call for trustees went out in July 2007, the Board of Trustees of the Westhampton Free Library at their February 12 meeting have appointed Jane Lapple and Maria Zetes Moore

to the board. They will begin their terms immediately. The Board thanks all who expressed an interest in serving.

To Our Remsenburg, Speonk, Eastport, South Manor, Manorville, East Moriches and East Quogue Residents:

We invite you to join the Westhampton Free Library. The library contract vote, approved by voters in your district, provides you with an opportunity to receive full library services from us. You may designate only one library as your "home" library for the period beginning July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008. It is important that you

choose the best library to suit the needs of you and your family, as you only have one opportunity to make this selection each year.

If you have questions, please call and ask for Jan Camarada at 288-3335 x 11.

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Adult Programs for March & April

(Registration begins Saturday March 1 at 9:30 am)

IT IS EASY BEING GREEN AT THE LIBRARY!

St. Patrick's Day is March 15 (look for the Library's surprise entry in the parade!), the swallows return to Capistrano on March 19, the First Day of Spring is March 20 and Earth Day is April 22. So when March winds begin to bring warm weather our way, it's easy to see the green everywhere. You can "go green" at home both inside and out. When you're spring-cleaning why not make the change over to energy-efficient compact fluorescent lightbulbs? Or maybe you'd like to learn how to clean up your computer so it runs at peak efficiency? Whether you are giving the green light to a new exercise plan, closet cleaning regime or creative endeavor, the library can put a spring perspective where you need it.



Take it to the garden with books and magazines offering the latest and best tips on when, where and how to plan and plant for low maintenance, attracting birds (check out **Bird World Magazine!**). Maximize your flower power with **Organic Gardening**. Or if it is too early to think flowers in the garden, join us for our **Vase & Flower Classes**, where participants will decorate their own vases and create the flowers to fill them. Take a swing at the sports of spring with one of our many **DVDs** on golf and tennis. We also have **Golf Magazine, Golf for Women** and **Tennis Magazine**.

Or just sign up for our **Do Your Own Thing Bus Trip** to see how far along Spring is in New York City. We even have a new collection of Playaways that you can check out to take on the trip!

Don't forget you can reserve library materials right from home using your library card. And if you want to make sure your computer is virus free, spyware safe and working right, be sure to register for our **Computer Clean Up Class**.

Celebrate our 3rd Annual Fiesta Day on Saturday March 1!

Hot Sauce Tasting: All Day!

Come in and see how *hot* hot can be! Rate the sauces! Try them all (if you dare)!



Children's Drop-In Craft: 10:00 am

Stop in at the Children's Room and make a Fiesta Day picture frame. For school-age children.



Folk Art Papercrafts: 1:00 and 2:00 pm

Artist Miguel Cossio will teach us how to create traditional Mexican banners, flowers and flags. All ages.

Fiesta Art and Stories Performance: 3:30 pm

Miguel Cossio takes us on a journey through Mexico through story and art. Folk Art by this acclaimed artist will be on display throughout the afternoon. Recommended for school-age children and adults.

A Taste of El Salvador: 5:00 pm

Sample the delights of Salvadorian cuisine from Los Tres Diamantes.

Roger Tincknell presents "Across the Americas: A Folk Music Journey" at 6:15 pm

Join us for this exciting and unique concert performed on a wide variety of stringed, wind and percussion instruments. All ages welcome.

Something sweet to end the day... 7:15 pm

Dessert from Funcho's and coffee will be served following the final performance of the day.



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 March 10 – April 28 at 6:30 pm. \$40.00 non-refundable registration fee for 8 classes.

Yoga for All: Mondays March 10 – April 28 @ 11:30 am: \$40.00 non-refundable registration fee for 8 classes.

CLUBS & GAMES

Bingo: Mondays March 17 and April 21 @ 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

Poker and Mah Jong Clubs: Thursdays at 2:00 pm



COMPUTERS

Computers En Espanol: Sundays March 2nd – 30th (excluding March 23) @ 11:00 am.

Computer Clean Up: Wednesday April 2 @ 6:00 pm. In this lecture and demo class, you will learn how to speed up a slow computer, protect it from viruses and spyware, minimize junk email and stop annoying Internet pop-up windows. Also covered will be file deletion, emails, cookies, programs and more, and maintaining the general health of your computer. For intermediate and advanced users. Bring your own laptop if you like for hands-on experience.

CRAFTS

Knitting Club: Wednesdays March 19 and April 16 at 7:00 pm. For all levels. Join one of the best knitting circles around!

Flower and Vase Classes:

Wednesday April 9 and 16 @ 6:30 pm.

April 9:
Decorate a beautiful vase for your spring flowers.

April 16:
Explore the ancient art of paper flower making to make flowers for your new vase. \$15.00 non-refundable materials fee to covers both classes.



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BOOK CLUBS:

Monday Night Book Club

meets at 7:00 pm:

March 31:

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night

Time by Mark Haddon

April 28:

Aloft by Chang-rae Lee

Thursday Book Club: with Professor Mosca

meets at 2:00 pm:

March 27:

Oedipus the King by Sophocles

May 15:

Summer in Baden-Baden by Leonid Tsypkin

FOR SENIORS

Tai Chi for Seniors:

Thursdays March 10 – April 29 @ Noon.

For ages 50 and up. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a towel, if you have them!

AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving

Course: Saturday March 8 from 9:30 am -

5:30 pm; or Friday & Saturday March 21 & 22

from 9:30 am - 1:30 pm. \$10.00 registration by

check or money order only payable to the

AARP.

Playaways are Coming!

Playaways are a new format for audio books that need no special equipment to use. Each book is contained on a small light-weight unit, about the size of a cell phone. Just plug in your headphones and press play to begin listening to your audio book. The controls are simple, similar to a cassette deck, and you never have to worry about being frustrated by a scratched CD or old tape again!



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 March 7:

Rhubarb

starring Ray Milland

Friday March 14:

The Darjeeling Limited

starring Owen Wilson

Friday March 21:

I Am Legend

starring Will Smith



Friday April 4:

The Kite Runner

Friday April 11:

Sweeney Todd

starring Johnny Depp

Friday April 18:

War Dance (documentary)

Winner of the Sundance Director's Award

TOP TEN WEBSITES for the SPRING

Thinking baseball? Start with a look back at the great players honored in the Baseball Hall of Fame: [web.baseballhalloffame.org](http://www.baseballhalloffame.org)

Or if you're thinking golf, then swing on over to: www.golf.com/golf



Ready to make some eco-friendly changes? Then check out the Worldwatch Institute's ten simple tips that will help the planet (and save you some cash too!):

www.worldwatch.org/node/3915

To learn more about the swallows of Capistrano, check out

www.factmonster.com/spot/swallows1.html

The history of St. Patrick's Day and more can be found at the History Channel's website:

www.history.com/minisites/stpatricksday

If our recent Hot Chocolate Day, Chinese New Year menu or the upcoming Fiesta Day tasting inspires you, you'll like

www.topsecretrecipes.com

Want to know more about Earth Day?

www.earthsite.org



Which book to read, listen to, download? We can help. Check out

Reference Librarian Jay Janoski's Library blog on books of note (or that he's noticed) here at the library. You can find it by clicking on "Book Connection" on the Westhampton Free Library Homepage, or by going here: http://wham.suffolk.lib.ny.us/pages/f_book_connect.html

If that's not enough, there's always

www.gutenberg.org which has over 20,000 public domain books online for you.

And for that other day in April that involves a different kind of green: www.irs.gov



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

Young Adult Programs for March & April

(Registration begins Saturday, March 1 @ the Reference & Young Adult Services Desk)

Spring Forward @ The Library!

Spring is almost here, and with it comes March winds and April showers. But there is still plenty to do @ the library! First we'll kick off the month with our annual celebration of Spanish Culture with Fiesta Day on Saturday, March 1st. There will be children's crafts, hot sauce tasting, a sample lunch menu, music and more! Don't forget, we will be holding our Teen Winter Reading Club raffle on Fiesta Day @ 4:30 pm in the Library's Teen Area! Be sure to come and see if you are one of our grand prizewinners!



Do you enjoy listening to audiobooks, but don't have the time to go to the library? Then go to our homepage and check out Suffolk Wave! Suffolk Wave offers best selling fiction, nonfiction, children's books, music, movies and how-to videos that you can download onto your

computer or MP3 player. Just go to our homepage at <http://www.westhamptonlibrary.org>, click on Databases & Websites and choose "Suffolk Wave" from the dropdown menu.

Runescape Club

Saturday March 1, 15, April 5 & 19 @ 5:00 pm

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

Anime / Manga Club

Thursday 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.

Teen Writing Club – Bring Your Own Vowels

Thursday March 13 & April 17th @ 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 for aspiring teen authors going into grades 7 - 12 to share stories, poems and tips on getting published.

Guitar Hero Tournament

Friday March 14 @ 6:00 pm

See how well you do as we pull out the PS2s and test your skills at one of this years most popular video games! Will you be our next Guitar Hero?



Pizza & Pages

Friday, April 25 @ 6:00 pm

Enjoy pizza while discussing *The Thief Lord*, by Cornelia Funke. Wacky characters bring energy to this entertaining novel about thieving children, a disguise-obsessed detective and a magical merry-go-round. After their mother dies, 12-year-old Prosper and his brother, five year old Bo, flee from Hamburg to Venice where they live in an abandoned movie theater with several other street children under the care of the Thief Lord, a cocky youth who claims to rob "the city's most elegant houses." Books will be available at the Reference & Young Adult Desk.

Please note that the Library will be closed Sunday March 23 for Easter Sunday.

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

Programs for Children - March & April

(Registration for all the events listed begins Saturday, March 1 @ 9:30 am)

We've added Tumblebooks & World Book Online to our children's webpage. Stop in a let us show you how much fun these new services are!

TumbleBooks is an online collection of animated, talking picture books. You can read or have these books read to you online. You can even create your own list of favorite stories by selecting one or more of the 140 available titles. There are also chapter books online for older listeners.

World Book Online is a great resource for students with those late night, last minute homework questions. It's also fun to browse since it's full of interesting video and sound clips.

FOR FAMILIES

Winter Reading Club and PARP Unite!

We are so excited to link the library's winter reading club to the Westhampton Elementary School's Parents As Reading Partners program. Yes, the library is now a PARP Partner. So what does this mean? It's simple. The Westhampton Elementary School will be distributing calendars to students, and we'll have calendars available for preschoolers in the Children's Room. Families will be challenged to read together each day during the month of March. Any family that completes 21 or more days of reading should bring their completed calendar to the library by April 10th, and they will receive a special prize packet from the library. Each child will also get to post their name on our "Cone of Fame."

Fiesta Day

Saturday March 1!

Check page 2 of our newsletter for a complete listing of events.

Bunnies...Bunnies...Bunnies

Friday March 28 @ 4:30-5:15 pm
and 6:00-6:45 pm

For children ages 3- 11 (children under 5 must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver)

FOR PRESCHOOLERS

Mommy & Me Art Workshop

Thursday March 13 or Tuesday March 25 @ 10:00 am

For children ages 2-5 and a parent or caregiver. Make a beautiful collage while you learn all about shapes.

Bunnies...Bunnies...Bunnies

Tuesday March 18 @ 10:00- 10:45 am

For children ages 3- 5 and a parent or caregiver

Did you know that spring is when baby bunnies are born? Come meet a new bunny and hear some bunny stories.



Babies And Books

Wednesdays, April 2-30 (5 weeks)

@ 10 -10:20 am for pre-walkers and parents or caregivers

@ 11 -11:20 am for walkers and parents or caregivers

Join us for 20 minutes of books, nursery rhymes and fingerplays.

Babies Boogie

Mondays April 7-28 @ 10:00-10:45 am (4 weeks)

For children ages 3-23 months and a parent or caregiver

Let Miss Nicole show you how to get moving and grooving to the music with your infant or toddler.

Toddlers Tango

Mondays April 7-28 @ 11:00-11:45 am (4 weeks)

For children ages 2-4 years and a parent or caregiver

Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle with the beat! Miss Nicole will lead children and parents through a morning of musical fun.



Mommy And Me Music

with Dara Linthwaite

Thursdays, April 3 and 17 @ 10:00-10:45 am

For children ages 1-5 and a parent or caregiver

Share the songs of the season and sing along with and to your child!

FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Knitting Club

Fridays, March 7 & 14 @ 4:30 pm

For ages 9 and older.

Our popular knitting group continues through February. New members are welcome but you must have supplies and understanding knitting basics.



American Girl Book Club

Saturdays March 8 and April 5 @ 10:00 am

For grades 3 and up

Our March book is: Julie tells her story
Our April book is: Julie and the Eagles
Make matching bracelets for you and your doll in March. In April, we'll celebrate Earth Day the American Girl way!

Animal Lover's Club: Southampton Town Animal Shelter & Adoption Agency

Saturday March 8 @ 11:00 am

For ages 5 and up

Chris Russell will come and talk about adopting vs. buying a pet and responsible pet care. Topics will include old and hot weather care and caring for older pets. He will also demonstrate proper dog and cat grooming.

Yogacize with Amy

Tuesdays March 11 - 25 & April 1 @ 4:00 pm.

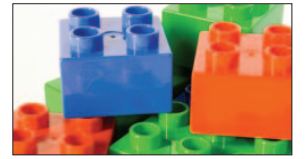
For children in grades K-3. Stretch your muscles and get limber for all those spring sports.

Lego Club

Saturdays, March 29

and April 19 @ 1:00 pm

Ages 5 and older.



Kids Workout with Miss Gail

Fridays April 4-25 @ 3:30 pm

For grades K-3

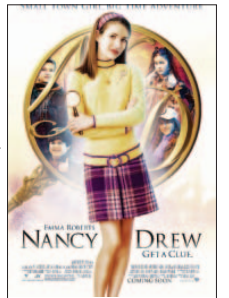
Stretch your muscles as you run and tumble during this hour-long workout.

Nancy Drew Movie & Scavenger Hunt

Saturday April 12 @ 1:00 pm

For ages 8 and up

We're showing the new Nancy Drew movie starring Emma Roberts. Then it's time to see how good you are at solving mysteries!



Animal Lover's Club: Wildlife Rescue Center at the Hamptons *

Saturday April 26 @ 11:00 am

For ages 5 and up



Meet at the park for this guided walking tour of the center's trails. We will be introduced to rescued animals and bird residents.

* Please note: You must provide your own transportation and all children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Animal Lover's Club: Quogue Horse and Pony Farm *

Saturday May 3 @ 11:00 am

For ages 5 and up

Enjoy a tour of this 20 acre farm and take part in a grooming session of the horses. Then we'll be treated to a demonstration by the hunter/jumpers who live & train there.



* Please note: You must provide your own transportation and all children must be accompanied by a parent or caregiver.

Dangerous Boys and Dads:

Mondays March 10 and

April 14 @ 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).

At the March meeting, each team will build a wooden bi-plane.

At the April meeting, we'll learn "The Five Knots Every Boy Should Know."



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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**Friends Book Sale,
Saturday, March 15,
10 am to 4 pm**

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