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New Library Card

The Library has a new library card. Local artist Liz Duerschmidt has allowed her award winning water color "Beach Bouquet" to be used as the artwork for the library card. She has been "painting the town" of Westhampton Beach and the surrounding area for nearly twenty five years. Raised on the East End and a mail carrier with the Westhampton Beach Post Office for 27 years, she has been influenced by the area's forms, waters and unique small towns. "Beach Bouquet" offers the viewer a rusty old blue bicycle propped up against a red snow fence in the dunes with a basket full of daisies and rosa ragosa. The picture was selected as the 2007 Chamber of Commerce Outdoor Art Show poster.

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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.

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Friends of Our Planet Poetry Contest Results

The Friends of the Westhampton Free Library held their poetry contest for students in kindergarden to 12th grade. Entries were submitted by 45 students. Gift certificates to the Open Book were given for first and

second place and honorable mention. A poetry reading was held on April 15 at the Open Book. Below are the winning poems. Look for more poetry in upcoming issues of this newsletter.

My Earth by Christian Hinck

*Beautiful blue sky.
Big yellow sun.
White clouds.
Clear green ocean.
Colors of my Earth.
Colors of the rainbow.
Rabbits, deer, seals, turtles, ducks, birds, fish.
My home.
My Earth.*

Butterfly by Maddison Raffel

*Flutter by butterfly, you always go
Swinging your wings to and fro
Smelling the flowers on the way
And with the others you always play.*

*Making your home in a bush
Keeping you safe while the wind goes whoosh
Busy butterfly take a break
Over there by the lake.*

*Bright and beautiful you always are
The prettiest thing I ever saw
To your jobs you now must tend
So go on my little friend!*

*The butterfly with its delicate features
One of the earth's many creatures
That must be cherished and protected
As well as loved and respected.*



The Library Budget

The Library's operating budget will be appearing as a proposition on the school district budget. The vote is Tuesday, May 20, and will be held in the High School LGI from 7 am to 9 pm. A budget hearing will take place on

Monday, May 12 at 7 pm in the High School Auditorium. If you have questions about the proposed library budget, please feel free to contact the Director for details at 288-3335 x. 16 or mbollerm@suffolk.lib.ny.us

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Adult Programs for May and June

(Registration begins Thursday May 1 at 9:30 am)

LIBRARY DECLARES: SPA SEASON OPENS MAY 1!

Your library is all about more: more information, more access, more to read, think about and do. To celebrate all of our fabulous patrons becoming even more fabulous, we are declaring May and June Spa Season in Westhampton.

What does that mean?

Well, join our **Spring Spa Raffle** and you can win gift certificates for luxurious services at local spas and salons. Every time you check out a nonfiction item about anything from exercise to travel (or anything in between) or attend one of our great adult programs, you can fill out a raffle entry. The winners' names will be drawn on Saturday June 21.



We are also offering a number of new programs for the spring. You can join the **Beach Book Walk Club**. Talk, walk, get in shape and get sharp and have fun!

We're also offering a new **Buff for the Beach Workout** – sign up and get ready for shorts and swimwear season! Pilates and Tai Chi for Seniors continue, too, so mark your calendar.

Then there's our series of **Spa Nights**—our do-it-yourself nights where you will create your own aromatherapy goodies to take home- and more. Plus you won't want to miss the final spa night! That's the night of our **"Death by Chocolate" Murder Mystery Party**.

You can exercise your brain, of course, with our **Monday Night Book Club** for more contemporary books. For the classics, join our the **Thursday Book Club**. We are also offering Computer Instruction in English and in Spanish, too. If you want to add a little sparkle to your life, create some bling in our monthly **Jewelry Design Club**.



To take a day away from it all with some town or country culture, get on board the **Do Your Own Thing Bus Trip** to New York City in May or our **Secret Garden Bus Trip** in June.

Don't forget: your library card makes the fabulous possible – from books to programs to dreams, we have it all for you.



BUS TRIPS

Do Your Own Thing Bus Trip to New York City:



Wednesday May 21.
The bus leaves Westhampton 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.

The Third Annual Secret Garden Bus Tour:

Wednesday June 18: Join us for a tour of Old Westbury Gardens in Old Westbury, New York. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this beautiful estate is not to be missed!. \$45.00 non-refundable fee includes transportation, admission, tour guide and gourmet box lunch. Bus will leaves at 9:00 am and will return at 5:30 pm.

HEALTH & EXERCISE

Pilates:

Mondays May 19 – June 26 @ 6:30 pm: \$35.00 non-refundable registration fee for the course.

Buff for the Beach:

Thursdays May 15 – June 26 @ 1:30 pm: A workout with light weights, stretching and toning to help you get ready for the summer! \$40 non-refundable registration fee for the course.



Beach Book Walk Club:

Walk the walk and talk the talk about books from favorite authors to cookbooks, from childhood favorites to current bestsellers. If you can read about it, you can talk about it! *Tuesday mornings from 9:00 – 9:30 am.* Registration requested. All are welcome.

Yoga for All:

Mondays May 19– June 26th. \$35.00 Non-refundable registration fee for the course.

Spa Nights:

Tuesdays May 6– 27th @ 7:00 pm. Join us to create aromatherapy goodies: soap, bath crystals, sugar scrub, a candle and more designer spa specialties for personal pampering...AND

Death By Chocolate Mystery Party

on the final Spa Night, May 27th. Solve a mystery, win prizes and indulge yourself with our special spa party.

Registration required.

CLUBS AND GAMES

Tuesdays are Game Club Day:

Duplicate Bridge Club:

Tuesdays at 12:30 pm.

Mah Jong Club:

Tuesdays at 1:00 pm

Poker Club:

Tuesdays @ 1:00 pm

French Club:

Mondays
Beginners: 2:30 – 3:30
Intermediate: 3:30 – 5:00



TOP TEN WEBSITES for the SPRING

Two sites are spa search winners this spring: www.concierge.com/bestof/spa and www.spaindex.com/homespa/homespa.htm

What is health food, really? Or healthy food? Or the healthiest foods? For answers go to: www.whfoods.com. If you've got a nose for more news and information about aromatherapy, click on www.aromaweb.com

If you're going to join us to walk the walk and talk the talk, walk your fingers over to: www.thewalkingsite.com for information on everything from gear to calorie counts. Signing up for our Third Annual Secret Garden Bus Trip? For more information on Old Westbury Gardens go to www.oldwestburygardens.org to learn more about the beautiful house and gardens we will be touring.

Want to join what is described as "the world's

NEW MAGAZINES!

We've added fourteen new magazine subscriptions to our collection. Check them out! Really!

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Finally for a tech tips, trips and downloads for getting things done right, go to www.lifehacker.com or to for the ultimate how-to on everything from scented candles to make book earrings, you'll want www.wikihow.com



*Please note that the
Library will be closed
Sunday May 11 for
Mother's Day and
Sunday June 15 for
Father's Day.*

*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.*

Adult Programs for May and June

(Registration begins Thursday May 1 at 9:30 am)

COMPUTERS

Computers En Español:

Sundays May 25 and
June 1st and 8th (3
classes) @ 11:00 am
(in the Library).



Day of the Computers: Thursday June 5:
Computer 1st Grade from 10:00 am – Noon
Computer 2nd Grade from 1:00 pm – 3:00 pm
\$10.00 non-refundable registration fee for
each course (computers provided).

CRAFTS

Knitting Club:

Wednesdays May 14th and June 16th at 7:00
pm. For all levels. Join one of the best knitting
circles around!

Jewelry Design Club:

Thursdays May 29th and June 26th @ 7:00pm.
Join us for a monthly jewelry creation work-
shop. \$5.00 materials fee or bring your own
materials. All are welcome. Registration
required.

BOOK CLUBS

Monday Night Book Club:

meets at 7:00 pm on Mondays May 19th
& June 30th:

Book for May:

One Hundred Years of Solitude
by Gabriel Garcia Marquez

June 30:

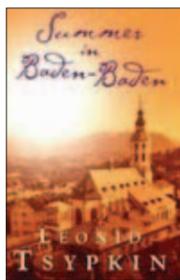
Shantaram by Gregory David Roberts
(Soon to be a film starring Johnny Depp! For
more information go to
<http://shantaram.com/> or <http://imdb.com>)

Thursday Book Club

with Professor Frank Mosca:
Thursdays May 15 and July 10
@ 2:00 pm:

The book for May is **Summer
in Baden-Baden** by Leonid
Tsyarkin

Books are available at the
Circulation Desk.



FOR SENIORS

Aerobics for Seniors:

Fridays May 16th - June 27th @ 9:00. \$25.00
Registration fee for course.



Tai Chi for Seniors:

Thursdays May 15 – June 26 @
Noon. For ages 50 and up.
Wear comfortable clothes!

AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving Course:

Tuesday June 3 from 9:30 am – 5:30 pm.
\$10.00 registration fee payable by check or
money order only to the AARP.

Excellence in Library Service Award

Dear Westhampton Free Library patron.
You're invited to participate in the
Excellence in Library Service (ELSA) Award.
Is there a library staff member that you have
found very helpful through the years, who
goes that extra mile to assist you with your
questions or concerns? Do you appreciate
that friendly face across the check out desk
who remembers your name and goes out of
their way to make your library experience a
pleasant one? If so, you now have the oppor-
tunity to recognize that person by nominat-
ing them for the ELSA award.

This award is designed to recognize dedica-
tion to public library service demonstrated
by any staff member of a public, school, spe-
cial or academic library. Pick up a brochure
at the library for more details.

BROWN BAG MOVIES



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

Friday May 2:

Charlie Wilson's War

starring Tom Hanks

Friday May 9:

27 Dresses

starring Ed Burns and Kathleen Heigl

Friday May 16:

I'm Not There

starring Christian Bale and Cate Blanchett

Friday June 6:

National Treasure: Book of Secrets

starring Nicolas Cage

Friday June 13:

The Bucket List

starring Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson

Friday June 20:

Fools Gold

starring Matthew McConaughey and
Kate Hudson.

*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 May and June

(Registration begins Thursday, May 1 @ the Reference & Young Adult Services Desk)

EXPRESS YOURSELF @ THE LIBRARY!

Get ready for another Great Summer at the Westhampton Free Library! This year's theme is Express Yourself @ The Library! All summer we will be exploring different ways to show who we are through different activities, such as photography, drawing, and writing. Registration begins Monday, June 30, and the fun continues until Friday August 8. See a librarian for details!

SUFFOLK COUNTY BATTLE OF THE BOOKS!

Once again it's time for us to compete against other Suffolk County Libraries in the 12th annual Suffolk County Battle of the books! Last year our library was voted the Southern Suffolk Sportsmanship Award, and we need your help to improve on that success! The program, for teens entering grades six through nine, consists of teams of readers, representing their local public libraries, competing in a series of trivia contests concerning eight novels. The teams work together, striving to be one of the two Regional Champions who will then go on to compete for the Suffolk County Battle of the Books Championship! Our first meeting is on Monday, June 30 @ 3:00 pm with the Regional Battle taking place on Saturday, August 16 @ Stony Brook University. Read books and win prizes! We will have weekly meetings, which will include snacks, & a victory party after the battle.

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.

Runescape Club

Saturday May 3, 17, June 7 & 21 @ 5:00 pm

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

Magic The Gathering

Friday May 9 &
June 13 @ 5:30 pm

Do you have an interest
in Magic The Gathering?
This program is for fans
of the collectible card
game. Match wits with
fellow players, discuss
strategies and built
powerful decks!



Teen Writing Club – Bring Your Own Vowels

The Teen Writing Club has moved to
Wednesdays beginning on May 14 & June 18 @
4:00 pm! Do you like to write stories or
poems? Want 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.

DIY Aromatherapy

Tuesday, May 20 @ 4:30 pm

Make your own sugar scrub and bath crystals
to get your skin silky smooth for summer!
We'll supply everything you need!

Friday Night Cinema

Bring your friends and watch great movies
while enjoying your favorite snacks. Signup @
the Reference & Young Adult Desk.

• Friday June 6 @ 6:00 pm. **Meet The Spartans**
(Rated PG13). Running Time: 1 hr. 24 min.

• Friday June 24 @ 6:00 pm. **Superhero Movie**
(Rated PG13). Running Time: 1 hr 25 min.

Getting Ready To Babysit

Saturday, June 7 @ 10 am

If you are thinking about a summer job,
babysitting can be a good way to earn extra
money, as well as gain valuable experience
with young children. Each student will receive
a certificate upon successful completion of
this course. This program is given by Cornell
Cooperative Extension.

Programs for Children - May and June

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

SUMMER IS JUST AROUND THE CORNER AND THAT MEANS OUR BUILDING BETTER READERS CLUB WILL BEGIN BEFORE YOU KNOW IT!



The children's librarians will be out visiting area schools during the month of June. Be on the look out for a cool packet of information to come home with your student. Each child will receive a copy of our summer newsletter (detailing all the great programs and events we have planned just for you) and some special reading club goodies to get your student started. Parents of preschoolers will be able to pick up a copy of the newsletter beginning Saturday, June 21 in the library or at the Farmer's Market.

NEW ONLINE SERVICE: TUMBLEBOOKS

In the mean time, enjoy all the fabulous spring weather and our equally fabulous spring programs. And don't forget to check out, Tumblebooks, a new online service that reads you picture books and novels right over the Internet. You can find the link to Tumblebooks on the front page of the library's website at: www.westhamptonlibrary.org
Just click on the blue book and let Tumblebooks tell you a story tonight!

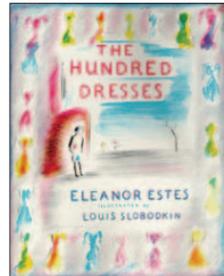
See you at the Farmer's Market!

Beginning Saturday, June 21, the library will be at the Westhampton Farmer's Market on Mill Road from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Look for our mobile library right in the front and check out all the goodies we've got for you. We'll even have story time at 10:00 am every week. Be sure to leave some room in your basket for books!



The Hundred Dresses in 3 Days

Wednesdays, June 4-18 @ 4:30pm
For children ages 6 and older and a parent or caregiver
Join us for three very special afternoons as we read the classic story The Hundred Dresses by Eleanor Estes. Each week we'll share a special activity.



Babies and Buggies

Every Thursday beginning May 8 @ 10:00 am
For children ages birth-5 and a parent or caregiver.
Join us for a fitness walk and talk. All you need is a stroller and some sneakers!



Knitting Club

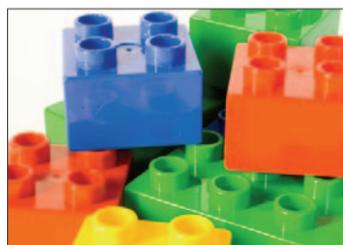
Fridays, May 9-June 13 @ 4:30 pm
For ages 9 and older. Continuing program but new members are always welcome. See a children's librarian for the supply list.

American Girl Book Club

Saturdays May 17 and June 7 @ 10:00 am
For grades 3 and up
Our May book is: Julie's Journey
Our June book is: Changes for Julie

Lego Club

Saturday, May 17 @ 1:00 pm
Ages 5 and older.



Make It Yours: Sparky Bath Crystals

Tuesday, May 13 from 4:30-5:45 pm
For ages 5 - 11
Who wouldn't love a scented tub full of floating flowers? Come find out how to make beautiful little pouches full of bath crystals.



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 hunter/jumpers who live & train there.

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

Animal Lover's Club Photo Shoot

Saturday, June 14 @ 11:00 am
Bring your best four-legged friend and a smile and let us take your picture. (The photos will be on available for pick-up at our July meeting.)

Dangerous Boys and Dads:

Saturday, May 17 @ 2:30 pm and
Saturday, June 21 @ 11:00 am
For ages 7 - 11
Inspired by the Dangerous Book for Boys, we've planned more activities for boys and their Dads (or a significant other). Practice your first aid skills in May and study seeds and plants in June.



HAVE WE GOT TICKETS FOR YOU!



Splish Splash

Is a trip to Splish Splash in your future this summer? Then reserve tickets now and save \$9 per ticket. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 pm. The group price is \$25.99 per person. **



Long Island Ducks

Or maybe you're into baseball? Then you'll want to be sure to reserve tickets for the Long Island Ducks game on Saturday, July 19. The game is at 7:05 pm. This is always a fun night out for families. Ducks tickets are \$11 each and will be sold on a first-come, first served basis. **

** You must provide your own transportation to these events. Tickets will go on sale Sunday, June 1 at 1:00 pm. Tickets can be paid for by cash or check payable to the Westhampton Free Library. All tickets must be paid for at the time of registration. No refunds will be made.

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**.

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- \$100 Patron
- \$50 Sponsor
- \$25 Family
- \$10 Individual

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