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

We invite you and your family 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, 2008 to June 30, 2009. 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 Camarda
at 288-3335 x. 11**

Friends of the Stars Poetry Contest



The Friends of the Westhampton Free Library are sponsoring a poetry contest themed, "Friends of the Stars." The 400th anniversary of Galileo's use of the telescope to study the skies, along with many other advances in observation and exploration have convinced the UN to make this year the Year of Astronomy. If you would like to express in poetic form your inspiration by the stars, the heavens and how the stars reflect us please submit up to three original poems, 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 16, 2009 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.

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. 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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January/February Adult Programs

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YOUR LIBRARY: A WINTER WONDER LAND

Do you ever wonder what happens at the Library in Winter? Visit our snug new temporary quarters and learn – literally. We have lots of new books, new DVDs, new magazines, new websites, new technology and wonder-full new programs to warm your winter days!

For example, do you wonder if the **Kindle** or the **Sony e-Reader** is as much fun as it seems to be? Or if you'll ever figure out how to load your **i-Pods**, choose a new digital camera, make the TV remote cooperate or manage all those photographs you took over the holidays? Wondering about the **Wii**? Game to try games? The **LibraryGeeks** can help! We're your own personal technical assistance squad and you can make an appointment with one of us for one-on-one help!



If you're wondering how to celebrate the amazing presence of things Presidential in January and February, from the inauguration to Washington's and Lincoln's birthdays, why not sign up for our **Presidential Cherry Pie Making Class**? Or stop in to view the amazing array of artwork depicting our founding fathers (and mothers) on display at the Library thanks to our **Picturing America** grant! We are also hosting a **Presidential Readers Map** on our Home Page featuring information, websites and books about our Founding Fathers. Don't forget the fabulous (and wonderful) **American Girl Bus Trip** to New York City on February 14.

If you're wondering whom the Academy Award winners are going to be this year, pick up an entry form in our **Oscar! Oscar? Contest** next time you're in and make your predictions. The patron with the most correct choices will win and we'll have a runner-up prize too! The next star in our February calendar will be **Hot Chocolate Day** all day Saturday February 7. A **Cupcakes Workshop** will then take center stage, followed by a **Romance Readers Book Swap** and a **Teen Make A Heart Pillow Workshop**.

Then there are our exercise classes, from **Senior Aerobics** to **Yoga** to **Pilates**; our **Poe** and **Tea Read Around**; our **Tibetan Prayer/Wish Flag Workshop** and so much more.

It's all going to be, well, just wonderful!

TOP TEN WEBSITES for the WINTER

Here are ten favorite websites from the Westhampton Free Library staff (including the LibraryGeeks):

If you're in need of a cute fix ("so cute it's terminal") Jackie recommends www.cuteoverload.com

Our resident Anglophile, Carole, has bookmarked www.bbc.co.uk and the homepage of Manchester United: www.manutd.com

Jay and Jan don't believe everything they've read until they check with www.snopes.com

Terry goes to www.chowhound.com first, and then she goes out to dinner!

Newshound Bob reads all the news that's fit to print at www.nytimes.com and then the commentary on the spin at www.salon.com

For Dave, it's www.narutocentral.com – believe it!

When a website crashes or then goes back up, Leslie knows it because she's wired to www.dingitsup.com

And don't forget www.westhamptonlibrary.org!



COOKING & CRAFTS

Dream Pillow Workshop

Saturday January 17 @ 2:00 pm.

Using herbs in special pillows to influence dreams and soothe sleep is an ancient tradition. Now you can join us to create your own dream pillow (and sweet dreams) in this special class.

Presidential Cherry Pie

Wednesday January 21 @ 7:00 pm.

Cordon Bleu-trained pastry chef Jennifer Brandt returns by popular request to teach you the secrets of perfect cherry pie (including a tasting, of course!). \$3.00 registration fee.



Tibetan Wish/Prayer Flag Workshop

Thursday January 29 @ 7:00 pm.

Waving from Tibetan mountain passes, temple roofs and mountain base camps, these colorful flags are believed to spread blessings and good will on the wind as it travels around the world. Sign up to make a flag of your own!



Cupcake Workshop

Wednesday February 11 @ 7:00 pm.

Join Sugar Sugar Pastry Chef Ilona Lowenthal for a class on Creative Cupcake Decoration, sample fabulous cupcakes and cupcake frosting and leave with lovely, luscious cupcakes and your own decorating set. \$7.00 materials fee to register.

Master the Masters

Monday February 23 @ 7:00 pm.

Explore your creativity and pick up where the Masters left off. Compare the techniques employed by the Masters and use them to create your own art.



HEALTH & EXERCISE

Pilates for All

Mondays January 26 – March 9 (excluding February 16) @ 6:45 pm. \$48.00 to register for 6 classes; \$40.00 to register for 5 classes.

Yoga for All

Wednesdays January 14 – February 18 at 10:30am. \$48.00 to register for 6 classes; \$40.00 to register for 5 classes.



Intermediate Yoga

Mondays January 26 – March 9 (excluding February 16) @ 6:46 pm. \$48.00 to register for 6 classes; \$40.00 to register for 5 classes.

Classes will be held at the Westhampton Presbyterian Church.

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LIBRARYGEEKS! & COMPUTERS

LibraryGeeks

Saturday January 24 from 1-5 pm;
Wednesday January 28 from 1-9 pm;
Thursday February 19 from 1-9 pm;
Saturday February 21 from 1-5 pm;
Friday February 27 from 1-5 pm.

Half-hour appointments are available to help you unravel the mystery of how things work: we'll geek TV remotes, cell phones, e-mail, basic computer clean-up, digital cameras and photograph management, the Wii game systems, Google docs, i-Pods, Kindles and Sony e-Readers for you. Call and reserve your LibraryGeek now, appointment required!



Day of the Computers

Thursday February 26

10:00 am: Computer 1st Grade

1:00 pm: Computer 2nd Grade

\$10.00 for each 2 hour class

Meets at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall

CLUBS

January

French Club: Mondays

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

Meets at Westhampton Community Center

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

Presidential Readers Map

To celebrate all things Presidential in January and February, including our collection of art from the **Picturing American** grant, we're posting a reader's map on our Home Page. Click on Book Connection and then on Presidents Reading Map for a sampling of books about George Washington, Abraham Lincoln and more!

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!

Oscar! Oscar? Academy Awards Contest

Come into the Library anytime from Saturday January 17 to Monday February 2nd (until 5:30 pm) and pick up an entry form. Choose who (and what) you think will win this year. We'll be giving out a grand prize and a second prize for the entry that gets the most right. One entry per patron! (And don't forget to check out our collection of Academy Award winning movies and the books they were based on!)

Hot Chocolate Day at the Library!

Saturday February 7 from 10: am – 2:00 pm.

Join us for our 2nd Annual Hot Chocolate Day at the Library as we share hot chocolate with our favorite people – you! Sample everything from classic to mint hot chocolate and leave with delicious recipes. Yum!



CLASSES IN SPANISH/ CLASES DE EN ESPANOL

Computadoras en clases de español/Computer classes in Spanish

Sundays February 8 – March 1 from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Clases de conversación/ English Conversation Classes for Spanish Speakers

Sundays January 18 – March 1 @ 3:30 pm.

Classes will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall

FOR SENIORS

Tai Chi for Seniors

(Ages 55 and up)

Thursdays January 22 – February 26 at Noon.

\$12.00 for 6 classes;

\$10.00 for 5 classes.



Senior Aerobics (Ages 55 and up)

Fridays January 9 – February 6 at 9:00 am.

\$10.00 for 5 classes; \$8.00 for 4 classes.

Classes will be held at the Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall

AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving Class

Contact Library for date and time.

\$12.00 for members, \$14.00 for non-members, payable by check or money order to the AARP.

BOOKS & BOOK CLUBS

Tea and Poe Read Around

Saturday January 31 @ 2:00 pm.

This year marks the 200th Anniversary of the birth of the quintessential master of the macabre, the sultan of suspense, the captain of the creepy... Edgar Allan Poe. We're celebrating his birthday month (he was born on January 19, 1809) with a read-around from his works. *Pit and the Pendulum*, anyone? Refreshments will be served. Meets at Sunset Café.



Romance Readers Book Swap

Wednesday February 18 @ 2:00 pm.

Ahhh, love is the air. So why not drop in on our Romance readers group to share books and authors we've enjoyed? Bring a book or two to swap, and browse our collection to choose a book of your own to keep – for free. Refreshments will be served. Meets at Simon's Beach Bakery.

Monday Night Book Club

Mondays January 12 and February 23 @ 7:00 pm.

Book for January is *The Kitchen Boy* by Robert Alexander

Books 'n Brew Book Club

Monday January 26th @ 7:00 pm.

Book for January is *Blind Man's Bluff* by Sherry Sontag.

Books available at Circulation Desk.

FRIDAY FILM AT NOON

Join us at Noon three Fridays of every month the latest film release! No registration required.

January 2 *Mama Mia*

starring Meryl Streep and Pierce Brosnan

January 9 *The Duchess*

starring Keira Knightly and Ralph Fiennes

January 16 *The Women*

starring Meg Ryan and Annette Bening

February 6 *Brideshead Revisited*

from Evelyn Waugh's classic British novel

February 13 *Bottleshock*

starring Alan Rickman and Bill Pullman

February 20 *Blindness*

starring Julianne Moore and Mark Ruffalo

The movies are screened at the Westhampton Community Center.

January/February Young Adult Programs

(Registration begins Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 and is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Please confirm program locations with library when you register.)

Magic The Gathering

Saturdays January 3, 17, 31, February 14 & 28 @ 5:30 pm

Bring your own cards, or use one of the library's pre-made decks and play with your friends!

Anime / Manga Club

Thursdays @ 5:00 pm

Watch your favorite Anime series, while discussing your favorite Manga.

Getting Ready To Babysit

Wednesday January 28 @ 4:30 pm

This 3 hour course is designed to help teens develop the skills necessary for the responsibility of being a sitter-- child safety, developmental stages of children and how to plan activities that are age appropriate. Hands-on activities and course certification are included.

Game On!

Saturdays January 10, February 7 & 21 @ 5:30 pm
Bring your own, or check out the library's collection of video games for our PS2, Xbox 360.

Calligraphy

Wednesday January 21 @ 7 pm

Learn to write with style! Using calligraphy pens, decorative paper, and matching envelope, you can create a beautiful note for someone special! You get to take home the calligraphy pen and alphabet for practice!

Madden 09 Super Bowl Tournament

Saturday January 24 @ 5:30 pm

A double elimination tournament consisting of two minute quarters using the Library's PS2 systems.

Heart Pillow

Wednesday February 11 @ 7 pm

Learn some basic sewing skills while creating a gift for someone special! Finish your pre-cut and pre-sewn calico heart by filling, decorating with ribbon, and hand stitch to close!

Be An Academy Awards Judge Contest!

Go to the Teen blog, & make your 2009 Academy Award predictions! The person with the most correct answers wins a prize! Academy Award nominees will be announced on January 22, Academy Awards presentation on February 22, and contest winners will be announced on Monday, February 23.

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.

January/February Children's Programs

(Registration begins Friday, Jan. 2, 2009 and is required for all programs unless otherwise noted. Please confirm program locations with library when you register.)

It's 2009 and we are hoping this year we'll be seeing you around the library and at our programs more than ever. We will be kicking off 2009 with new programs, new collections and our 3rd annual winter reading club. We know that life can be hectic in the winter months, so we've come up with a special game. We are challenging kids to play our own version of Bingo, called BOOK BINGO. (details below)

In January we will be celebrating all things presidential. You'll want to see the famous portraits of George Washington and Abraham Lincoln that will be on display along with some great books. We have also planned an afternoon game of Presidential Trivia with prizes!

In February love is in the air. Why not make a special Valentine's Day card or treat? Don't miss out on all our fun school vacation week programs that are planned.

Finally, we have just begun to purchase PLAYAWAYS for kids and teens. Checkout our collections of these handy little digital recordings that are perfect for listening to in the car or a bedtime.

FAMILIES PROGRAMS

Book Bingo Winter Reading Club

Here's how you play. Children will be bringing home a BOOK BINGO card from school during the first week of January. Don't worry if it doesn't make it home, you can pick up one at the library on or after Saturday January 10. (We'll even have special BINGO cards for families with children ages 3-5 years.) The next step is to start reading.

Just like traditional BINGO, you can choose a couple of different paths to get to the same goal. Once a child gets BINGO, bring the completed card to the library.

Everyone who turns in a completed BOOK BINGO card will receive a raffle ticket and a ticket to our BOOK BINGO Extravaganza on Saturday February 28. This special family event will include an amazing show by Dinoman, cool raffle prizes and refreshments.

Remember, you have to turn in your BOOK BINGO card by Saturday February 27 in order to get a ticket to the show!!

American Girl Bus Trip

Saturday, February 14

Tickets are just \$40.00 per person and including lunch and round trip transportation. We are taking a wonderful trip to the American Girl store in New York City. This is the perfect way to spend the day with the special little girl (or boy) in your life. Our coach bus departs at 9:00 am and returns at (approximately) 4:30 pm. (That gives you a chance to have a Valentine's night out with your honey!) In addition to visiting their displays and lunch, there will be time for shopping. You might even want to treat your doll to a new hairstyle* or take a souvenir picture* in the photo studio. Register quickly as there are a limited number of places for this special trip. (*There are fees for all extra services.)

PRESCHOOL PROGRAMS

Lilly Stories and Mousey Crafts

Wednesday January 21 @ 10:00 am

Everyone loves Lilly the mouse and her purple plastic pocketbook. Come hear another Lilly story and make a special mouse puppet.

Babies Boogie

Tuesdays February 3-24
@ 10:00 am

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

Tuesdays February 3-24
@ 11:00 am

For children ages 2-4 years and a parent or caregiver. Clap your hands, stomp your feet and wiggle with the beat at this popular morning of musical fun with Miss Nicole.

Fancy Nancy Valentine's Fun

Thursday February 12 @
10 am

For children ages 3-5 years and a parent or caregiver. Make some dazzling Fancy Nancy inspired Valentines!



SCHOOLAGE PROGRAMS

Knitting Club

Fridays, January 9 - February 27 @ 4:15 pm
(no meeting on 2/20)

For children ages 9 and older. Stephanie will be back to help you out with your projects or get you started on a new one.



Play Presidential Trivia

Tuesday January 13 @ 4:00 pm

For children in Grades 4 & 5. We all enjoy our President's Day vacation, but how much do you really know about the Presidents? Join us for fun facts, trivia, snacks and prizes!

Craft for almost teens: CD Rack

Thursdays, January 15 and 22 @ 6:30 pm

For 11s and 12s (that's ages folks). Not quite a teen? Looking for something cool to make? Why not paint and decorate a CD rack for your room?

Lilly Stories and Mousey Crafts

Wednesday January 21 @ 4:00 pm

For children in Kindergarten and 1st Grade. Everyone loves Lilly the mouse and her purple plastic pocketbook. Come hear another Lilly story and make a paper pocketbook that's full of surprises.

Chicken Soup Chefs

Thursday January 22 @
4:00 pm

For children in Grades
3-5

Chef Lisa from The Baking Coach will be on hand to teach children to make the perfect tasty soup.



Create a Valentine Cake

Thursday February 12 @ 4:00 pm

For children in Grades 4 and up

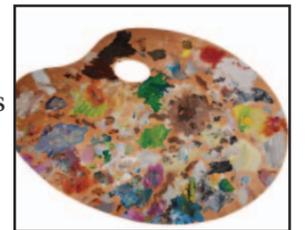
Chef Lisa from The Baking Coach will return to give kids some cake decorating tips. You even get to bring home the cake you decorate!

Picturing America: Master the Master's Techniques

Monday February 23 @ 5:00 pm

For children in grades 3 and up

Caroline from The Passionate Palate will be here to teach students about the works by several of the Picturing America artists. Then use their techniques and your imagination to create an original work of art.



SCHOOL VACATION WEEK PROGRAMS

Bingo Bash

Tuesday February 17 @ 7:00 pm

For children and families

Come one, come all! We're looking for the luckiest player in Westhampton.

Make-A-Tray Workshop

Wednesday February 18 @ 10:00 & 11:30 am

For ages 6-12. Maybe you've made a plate before but this time we are making a snack tray (9 by 11 inches) for you to keep.

Gamer's Universe

Thursday February 19 @ 6:30 pm

For ages 8-11. Want to play on our new Wii? Then get your name on the list because only a few kids will be lucky enough to play and have popcorn and drinks too.

Kids Movie:

Kit Kittredge (and sample a surprise Depression-era dessert)!

Friday February 20 @ 2:00 pm

Come see the newest feature-length American Girl film. BYOMC: bring your own movie candy!

The Westhampton Free Library will be closed Monday January 19 for Martin Luther King Day and Monday February 16 for Presidents' Day.