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Assemblyman Fred Thiele: Thank You!



*Assemblyman Fred Thiele is thanked by
Library Board members Esther Glazer
and Hank Tucker and Library Director
Matthew Bollerman.*

On April 3 the Westhampton Free Library thanked Assemblyman Fred Thiele for his support of the Library. The Assemblyman and Senator Kenneth LaValle supported legislation in providing \$14 million in construction aid to libraries, of which the Library received over \$77,000. The Assemblyman also secured us a \$1,000 member item to help support our summer programming.

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Friends of the Stars Poetry Contest Results

The Friends of the Westhampton Free Library held their poetry contest for students in kindergarten to 12th grade. Entries were submitted by 61 students. Gift certificates to the Open Book were given for the first and second place and an honorable mention. A poetry reading was held on April 26 at the Open Book. Below are the winning poems. Look for more poetry in upcoming issues of the newsletter.

Galileo's Machine by Jimmy Moran

400 years ago people
would sigh and say,
I can't see the stars
so far away
they look so beautiful
in the night sky
but they aren't big
enough for my naked eye.
Then into Galileo's
machine
they did lean
and in their eye they
felt a tear
when they saw the
constellations so clear.

Galileo Who Helped Change Minds by Jackson Parli

When I look up at the sky at night,
I see the stars shining bright.
I think of Galileo, who most feared,
because he made the stars seem near.
They were terrified of in his looking glass,
what he spied.
They had pictured they were standing still,
and they thought that until,
Galileo said otherwise.
Then they locked him up,
like a jewel encrusted cup,
because they thought he was telling lies.
Then in the looking glass they started looking,
and inside their head something was cooking.
They believed they were spinning,
and that sensation started winning.
His telescope helped us see so far,
now we can see way past Mars.

I think a star should be named after him,
if one is I hope it doesn't go dim.
With his glass he helped us understand our days,
as we spin round and round the sun's warm and
wondrous days.

My Hero Pegasus by Ashlyn Burbano

The god of sea invented me.
Neptune molded me from a scoop
of white sea foam
He called me the "Winged Horse"
I am the first sun - like star in my
constellation with my own extrasolar planet
I fly higher than the Comets.
Across the northern sky I fly carrying
thunderbolts.
I look up in the sky
and see you smile at me
I do not wink, I do not smile,
but I know you can carry me.
They call me Pegasus

Illegible Stars by Liana Fitt

I ask myself perpetually
Why things happen the way they do -
Has destiny been set for us?
Or can we make our own choices?
I lock myself inside myself
Pondering these questions
While chilly night breezes caress my solitary
being.
The answers are provided for us
I suddenly comprehend,
Keenly hidden in the stars
Written in the heavens
Etched throughout the cosmos
And if the answers are so obvious
Why can't we read them?

EVERYBODY NEEDS FRIENDS... ESPECIALLY THE LIBRARY!

Please join and be a part of our continuing program of exciting events.

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May/June Adult Programs

(Registration begins Friday, May 1 @ 9:30 am)

Building on the Past, Building for the Future

Planting, growing, building and renewing are all associated with Spring and with the Library. As we celebrate Spring in our temporary building and watch the new Library grow, we plant the seeds for renewal and growth.



You can easily join us in a journey of revitalization. Take your walking/running workout to the next level. Our special **ChiRunning/ChiWalking Intensive Master Class** will show you new techniques to maximize your potential. Renew your wardrobe and exercise your creativity. Join our monthly **Jewelry Club** to learn to work with Swarovski crystals, pearls and more.



Join our **Staging Your House Workshop** so you can design your house to sell (or rent). **Building Your Business?** Learn how to promote it from a master of media relations. If you're thinking about taking your career in a new direction, we'll help you get started with an **Online resume & portfolio**.

For self-renewal and stress reduction, we have everything from meditation and exercise to book clubs and games. Our **Meditation Classes**, feature guided and silent meditation practice. Our **Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi and Senior Aerobics Classes** also offer tools for renewal and growth. Stretch your mental muscles with our **Monday Night Book Club**. We're also offering **Bridge for Beginners**.

And don't forget our **Big Bang the Drums Percussion Beach Party with Charles Woodcheke** - just for fun!

The future begins now at your Library!

The Library Budget

The Library's operating budget will be appearing as a proposition on the school district budget. The vote is Tuesday, May 19 and will be held in the High School LGI from 7 am to 9 pm. A budget hearing will take place on Monday, May 11 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

Congratulations to our Oscar! Oscar! contest winner Mr. Murray Miller!



Who is that Green Librarian?

Check out the Westhampton Free Library Book Cart Drill Team on YouTube.com See our St. Patrick Day performance by following the link on our homepage.



Top 10 Web Sites for the Spring

Discover what ChiRunning/ChiWalking is all about (and an introduction to our instructor) walk (or run) to <http://www.chidude.com>

For craft ideas beyond Etsy and to get ready for our **Beyond Etsy Workshop** and our Jewelry Club, try <http://craftzine.com> and <http://www.craftychica.com>

Are you a do-it-yourself geek? Check out this site: <http://www.fixya.com/> A geek and proud of it? Celebrate here: <http://www.geekculture.com/joyoftech>

For the people's review of everything from business to shopping to pets: <http://www.yelp.com/nyc>

At <http://www.apartmenttherapy.com> you'll find inspiration for decorating ideas that can help you stage your house or apartment for sale or rental (or just for fun!).

The "gastronomic hub" that is Nibbledish (<http://www.nibbledish.com>) serves up salad and world of wonderful food.

Drums, percussion instruments, sound bytes and so much more can be found at: <http://www.drumsdatabase.com>

And don't forget www.westhamptonlibrary.org

Sign Up for Our New DVD List

The Library is now able to send you, via email, a list each Tuesday of all our recent DVD purchases. The email will have links to our catalog. Follow these links to be able to place holds on the titles you want. Ask a staff member for help in signing up or look for the box on the bottom of our website.

The Westhampton Free Library So Much More Than Books...

It is the gateway to a world of wonders

- A children's workshop
- An adults' skills class
- A child's poetry contest
- A senior citizen's enrichment program
- A recital - a lecture - a reading - a field trip

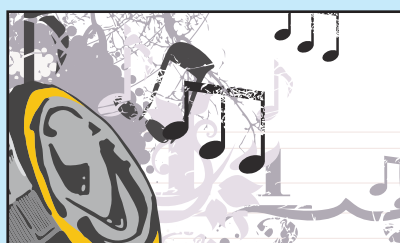
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BIG BANG THE DRUMS PERCUSSION BEACH PARTY with drummer Charles Woodcheke:

Saturday June 20 @ 7:00 pm at the Westhampton Beach Pavilion. Drumming at its best and most fun - and more. Join in the percussive fun! If you like to drum, you won't want to miss this! If you've never tried it, now's the time! And what better treat for Father's Day? All are welcome. Tickets required.



PROGRAM REGISTRATION BEGINS

Friday May 1 @ 9:30 am
Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.
Please confirm program locations with library when you register.

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.

May/June Adult Programs

(Registration begins Friday, May 1 @ 9:30 am)

BUS TRIP

Do Your Own Thing Bus Trip to New York City: *Wednesday May 6.* Bus leaves from the Westhampton Beach Municipal Parking Lot at Parlato Drive at 9:00 am, leaves from 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue in New York City at 6:00 pm. \$25.00 non-refundable registration fee payable by check or money order only to the Westhampton Free Library.

COOKING & CRAFTS

Chef's Night Out: Crazy Salad! *Thursday May 28 @ 7:00 pm.* Spring salads can't be beat for flavor, health benefits and possibilities. Join us as we boldly go where no salads have gone before, using classic ingredients, culinary newcomers and local delicacies. Lots of samples will be served!



Meets at the Westhampton Presbyterian Church

Esty and Beyond:

Monday June 22 @ 7:00 pm. Learn Esty website skills, build on the ones you have and go beyond Esty to other sites and sources!
Meets at Westhampton Community Center.

Jewelry Club:

Join the jewelry club to create your own signature jewelry. Each month we'll explore new materials and techniques and provide help with your current projects.



Wednesday May 19th at 7:00 pm: Swarovski Crystals night!
Wednesday June 17 at 7:00 pm: Seed Beads and Pearls!
Meets at Westhampton Community Center

HEALTH & EXERCISE

ChiRunning/ChiWalking Intensive Workshop:

Saturday June 20 at 10:00 am. Join Certified Instructor Joel Matalon as he leads you through this intensive course geared toward healthy, balanced and efficient movement. Begin with basics and end with a gentle ChiRunning/ChiWalking workout. Registration required. Limited space.



Pilates: *Mondays June 1 - July 13 @ 6:45 pm.* (No class Memorial Day, May 25) \$56.00 to register for 7 classes; \$48.00 to register for 6 classes.

Yoga for Everyone. *Wednesdays May 13th - June 24th at 10:30 am.* \$56.00 to register for 7 classes; \$48.00 to register for 6 classes.

Meditation: *Thursdays May 14 - June 25 @ 7:00 pm.* (no session June 11) A combination of guided and silent meditation to focus your energy, reduce stress and help achieve a centered perspective. \$30.00 for 6 classes; \$25.00 for 5 classes.



All courses are held at Westhampton Presbyterian Church

HOME AND CAREER:

Staging Your House:

Tuesday June 9 @ 7:00 pm. Whether you're ready to sell, rent or just freshen up, our staging expert will teach you the tricks of the trade to make your house look its best and most appealing. Registration required.



Building Your Business:

Tuesday June 16 @ 7:00 pm. New business? Looking for promotional ideas? Want to make all the new media work for you? Time to explore new markets or reach out to new customers? Let our media guru Donna Giancontieri, author of **Master Media Relations: The Complete Guide to Getting Better Press Coverage**, show you how! Registration required.

Creating an Online Presence:

Wednesday June 24 @ 7:00 pm. From online resume to e-portfolio, this introduction to using cyberspace to your best career advantage will show you how. Take the introductory class, then sign up with our LibraryGeeks for one-on-one assistance! Registration required.
Please check with the Library for location of above programs.

BOOKS & BOOK CLUBS

Monday Night Book Club

meets on Mondays @ 7:00 pm:
Book for Monday May 18 T.B.A.
Monday Night Book Club meets at Simon's Beach Bakery.



Summer Book Club with Professor Frank Mosca

starts Thursday June 11 @ 2:00 pm with a discussion of: **Diary of A Bad Year** by J.M. Coetzee

Summer Book Club meets at Immaculate Conception Church Parish Hall Library.

Books available at Circulation Desk.

FOR SENIORS

AARP 55 Alive Defensive Driving Class: *Monday June 22 @ 9:00 am - 5:00 pm* at the Westhampton Community Center. \$12.00 for members, \$14.00 for non-members, payable by check or money order to the AARP.

Tai Chi for Seniors: (ages 55 up) *Thursdays @ Noon, May 21 - July 2:* \$14.00 to register for 7 classes, \$12.00 to register for 6.



Senior Aerobics: (ages 55 up) *Fridays at 9:00 am: June 19 - July 31:* \$14.00 for 7 classes; \$12.00 for 6.

Please check with library for location.

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!

LIBRARYGEEKS! AND COMPUTERS

LibraryGeeks:

Appointments are now available at your convenience in the library to help you unravel the mystery of how things work! Learn your digital camera's secrets. master your I-Pod. Spend some time with the new Kindle and see if it's for you.



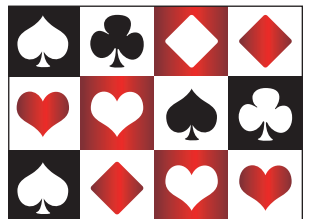
Compare it to the Sony e-reader. Sign up for a lesson in computer-cleanup, spyware removal and virus protection. Get a new e-mail account. Do some research on what you want in your next computer. Design and print new business cards...and much, much, much more. Call and reserve your **LibraryGeek** now!

Personal Computer Classes with a LibraryGeek!: *Wednesdays and Sundays beginning Sunday May 10:* Your library card now entitles you to personal, one-on-one computer classes, beginning to advanced, with a **LibraryGeek**. Classes are one hour and are available beginning at 6:00 pm on Wednesdays and 1:00 pm on Sundays. Appointments required.

CLUBS & GAMES CLASSES

Beginners Bridge Classes:

Wednesdays May 20 - June 24 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm \$48.00 for the course.



Duplicate Bridge Club:

Tuesdays at 12:00 pm. \$1.50 per person. *Meets at St. Mark's Episcopal Church*

French Club: *Mondays from 2:30 - 4:30 pm*
Meets at Westhampton Community Center

FRIDAY FILM AT NOON

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



- May 1: **Frost/Nixon** starring Frank Langella
- May 8: **Hotel for Dogs** starring Emma Roberts
- May 15: **The Curious Case of Benjamin Button** starring Cate Blanchett
- June 5: **He's Just Not That Into You** starring Ben Affleck
- June 12: **Revolutionary Road** starring Kate Winslet
- June 19: **Gran Torino** starring Clint Eastwood

The movies are screened at the Westhampton Community Center.

May/June Children's Programs

Program registration begins Friday May 1 @ 9:30 am Registration is required for all programs unless otherwise noted.

Building on the Past, Building for the Future

Spring has definitely sprung and we're busier and greener than ever here at the library. We have plants growing in our very own children's area hydroponic garden and you can also see plants growing in see-through gel! In June we're going to have ladybugs in the library and it will be exciting to follow them as they change from teeny tiny dots into fully grown ladies.

We also have some great green activities planned including a Kayak Trip and our Babies and Buggies walking group. And the outlook on the future is looking sunny too. Just take a walk past our "growing" new library building and check out the second floor where our wonderful new children's room will be. On a smaller scale, you can join us to build your own dinosaur and create family birdhouse beautify your yard. So break out that library card and join the fun!

FOR FAMILIES

Babies and Buggies

Thursdays, May 7 - June 25 @ 10:00 am

Everyone's welcome to join this walking workout led by Miss Malinda. The group meets at the Toddler Park on the north side of Main Street. The group walks for approximately 60 minutes.



Design a Birdhouse Workshop

Wednesday May 20 @ 4:30 pm and 6:30 pm
For families. What do you get when you take a basic birdhouse and add paint and lots of cool decorations? A stylish, personalized birdhouse for your backyard. One birdhouse will be created by each family.

FOR PRESCHOOLERS

PlayHooray

Tuesdays May 12 - June 9 @ 10:00-10:45 am

For children ages 1-2 to 4 and a parent or caregiver. PlayHooray is a fun-filled music and movement program.



Music with Miss Deb

Fridays, May 22 & 29, June 5 & 19 @ 9:30 am

For ages birth - 30 months and a parent or caregiver (siblings welcome) Little ones will clap their hands and giggle away as Miss Deb leads us in a selection of tunes and finger plays. You'll be glad you started your day with a song.

Story and Craft: A Color of My Own

Saturday May 30 @ 10:00

For ages 3 and older and a parent or caregiver. Inspired by Leo Lionni's story, create a painted chameleon.

FOR SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

Kids in the Kitchen: Corn Muffins

Wednesday May 13 @ 4:30 pm

For children ages 5-7
Learn how to make delicious muffins from scratch. Each child will prepare a batch to take home and bake.

American Girl Doll Club

Saturday May 23

@ 10:00-11:00 am for children ages 6-8
@ 11:30 am-12:30 pm for children ages 9 and older

American Girl Tea

Saturday June 13 @ 2:00 pm

For ages 5 and up.

It's time for tea with all our favorite American girls (that's you!) Bring your favorite doll and a teacup and



we'll supply the treats and the fun. Party dress is encouraged but not required.

Fishy Earring Workshop

Wednesday June 3 @ 7:00 pm

For ages 8 and older.

Create your own pierced earrings. Basic beading techniques will be demonstrated.



Kayak Trip

Saturday June 6 @ 10:30 am

For children ages 8 and older.

Join us at the Quogue Wildlife Refuge as we discover how the pond comes to life in the spring.

Build a Dino-Skeleton

Monday June 8 @ 10:00 am for ages 4 & 5 with a Parent or Caregiver and Monday June 8 @ 4:30 pm for ages 6 and older

Assemble and paint your own wooden dino skeleton.

Kids in the Kitchen: Ice Cream

Friday June 12 @ 4:30 pm

For ages 5-8

Make a Secret Gift for Father's Day

Saturday June 20 @ 3:00 pm

For ages 5 and older

May/June Young Adult Programs

(Registration begins Friday, May 1 @ 9:30 am)

Magic the Gathering

Saturdays, May 2, 16, 30, June 13 & 27 @ 5:30 pm. Bring your Decks, or use some of the library's cards to make one & battle your friends in a friendly contest!

Game On! Saturdays May 9, 23 June 6, & 20 @ 5:30 pm. Join us as we play some of your favorite games on the library's PS2 & Xbox 360.

Anime / Manga Club

Thursday, May 14, 28, June 11, & 25 @ 5:00 pm. Discuss the latest Japanese Manga / Anime films & get the first look at what's new to our collection! Program to be held at the Westhampton Community Center.

Pizza Smack!

Thursday, May 21 @ 6:00 pm. Join us as we indulge in the countless varieties of pizza! We'll taste test and vote for your favorite in our monthly search for the best local pizza!

Make Your Own Pocky!

Thursday, June 18 @ 5:00 pm.

Pocky, the delicious Japanese biscuit stick covered in chocolate or other yummy flavors, is a hit with teenagers in Japan! Now you can make pocky with the help of our anime guru Nola Thacker. She will take you through each step while you make this delicious candy!

June is National Candy Month!

We are celebrating National Candy Month by giving away a free piece of candy every day! Just go to the Reference desk and tell a librarian the name of your favorite book and don't forget to say "I'm here to celebrate National Candy Month"! At the end of the month we will publish a list of the favorite titles to share.

Safe Boating Course

Saturday, June 20 @ 9:30 am.

The U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary is returning to help everyone have a safe summer on the water. A \$50 materials fee by check or money order made payable to U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Flotilla 18-06 is due at the class. Call Ed Wanamaker @ 631-960-5295, to register.

Teen Summer Reading Club - Get Creative Online @ Your Library!

Friday, June 26 @ 9:30 am.

The teen summer reading club is going online! Save paper by keeping track of your summer reading via computer. In between reads, join us for programs, including Cornell Cooperative Extension's hands-on environmental programs, a tasting tour of our Westhampton Farmers' Market, and many others. The club continues until Saturday, August 15, so don't miss out on the fun! See a librarian for more details.

Farmers' Market Tasting Tour

Saturday, June 27 @ 10 am.

Taste the best fresh local produce and treats! Our very own Westhampton Farmers' Market is a great way to support local farms and artisans, saving on environmental damaging transportation costs. Savor the best of the season!

Battle of the Books!

Tuesday, June 30 @ 7 pm.

The Suffolk County Battle of The Books, a program for teens entering sixth through ninth grade, consists of teams of readers, representing their local public libraries, competing in a series of trivia contests concerning eight novels. The teams strive to be one of the two Regional Champions who go on to compete for the Suffolk County Battle of the Books Championship! Our first meeting is on Tuesday, June 30 @ 7:00 pm. The Regional Battle takes place on Saturday, August 15 @ Stony Brook University. Read books and win prizes! This year we will have 2 meetings each week, which will include snacks, & assorted activities.



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