

# LIBRARY LINKS

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The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is closed today in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The federal holiday is usually observed on the third Monday of January, but since King was born on January 15, 1929, this year, the federal holiday actually falls on his birthday!

His achievements and legacy are celebrated on this day, plus this is also a Day of Service where many Americans perform volunteer service in honor of King.

If you would like to read more about Martin Luther King Jr. and his efforts for racial equality and nonviolent social change, check out the book displays in the Adult Room and Children's Room.

Today also marks the midway point of January 2024. It seems like we just said hello to the New Year, but time marches on, and we will be starting another month soon.

Have you made any new resolutions for 2024? There is still plenty of time left in the year! We hope that you will make one of your resolutions for 2024 to visit the library to borrow books and other materials, to attend a program, and to take advantage of the many services and events we offer.

Or, maybe you will make a resolution to read at least one book a month – if you are really ambitious and are a fast reader – one book a week?

Some readers may challenge themselves to read different genres of books this year – maybe fiction one month, non-fiction another month, science fiction, fantasy, mystery, biography, poetry, etc.

If you are looking for some ideas for different books to read, check out our rotating displays in the Adult Room and Children's Rooms. For example, books around the theme of "Winter Thrills & Chills" are being featured. Plus, a selection of fresh-start novels to kick start your new year are featured in the "Starting Fresh" display.



Plus, you can pick up a free copy of *BookPage*, a monthly magazine featuring new books, at the Adult Circulation Desk.

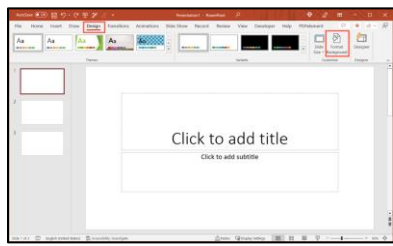
Happy Reading!

**Mamie Eng**  
**Library Director**

## COMPUTER CLASSES VIA ZOOM



The library will be holding various basic computer classes **via Zoom** on Saturday mornings at 10 am. Each class will focus on different Microsoft Word/Excel/PowerPoint skills and techniques:



### January 20, 2024 Microsoft PowerPoint Basics:

- Adding Sound Links
- Adding Video Links
- Adding Transitions
- Adding Animations

### January 27, 2024 Microsoft PowerPoint Basics:

- Playing Your Slide Show
- Printing Your Slides

You can attend all or any of the classes, depending on your schedule. Check the Eventkeeper calendar for which topics will be covered each week and register for each class by clicking on the register button at each the

Eventkeeper listing. The Zoom information will be sent to you prior to the class.

Participants (or those who request it) will receive a link to the recording of class after the class to review. Contact Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) for questions regarding these classes.

## LIBRARY BOARD MEETING



**Wednesday January 17, 2024  
7:30 pm**

### Children's Room

Ring bell at Children's Room  
Entrance for admittance.

Send an e-mail to [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) with subject line "Board Meeting" and a copy of the tentative agenda and other documents will be sent to you via email.



## VALLEY STREAM BOOK CLUB MEETS



On Tuesday, January 30, 2024, at 7:30 pm, the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will be hosting a virtual meeting of the Valley Stream Book Club to discuss *The Helsinki Affair*, by Anna Pitoniak.

Amanda Cole is a brilliant young CIA officer following in the footsteps of her father, who was a spy during the Cold War. It takes grit to succeed in this male-dominated world—but one hot summer day, when a Russian defector walks into her post, Amanda is given the ultimate chance to prove herself.

*The Helsinki Affair* is a riveting, globe-trotting spy thriller—but this time, with a refreshing female-centric twist. Perfect for fans of John le Carré and Daniel Silva, this book introduces Pitoniak as a singular new talent in the world of spy fiction.

Pitoniak will be joining the meeting via Zoom to discuss her book. To register for the program and to borrow a copy of the book, with a discussion guide, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) or click on the REGISTER button on the Eventkeeper listing for the event.

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## Navigating College Admissions Successfully in 2024

ZOOM Workshop

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

7:00 pm

This Zoom presentation will help families understand how the lingering effects from the pandemic have changed the college admissions landscape and how it affects Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen.

The presentation will be led by Ron Feuchs and Jackie Tepper,  
partners at Stand Out For College, LLC. ([www.standoutforcollege.com](http://www.standoutforcollege.com))

They will discuss how the Supreme Court decision will impact the college admissions process and how a student's ability to express their insights, experiences and personal growth will become even more important.

The recent college admissions cycle was the most competitive to date. With most colleges continuing their test-optional policies as well as increasing their virtual outreach to high school students, many schools had record numbers of applicants. Record high numbers of applications result in record low acceptance rates which is what most popular colleges and universities experienced this past admissions cycle.

They will discuss current college admissions trends, the importance of researching and visiting colleges to find schools that can be a good fit for your child, a timeline and other action steps that can be taken to make this second half of the school year productive and help reduce the stress around the college admissions process.

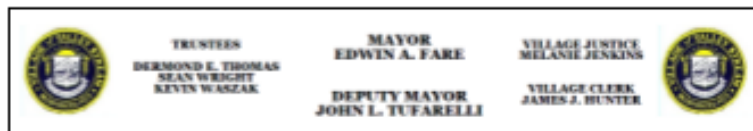
They will examine the holistic admissions review process, what admissions officers consider important when they review applicants, and how students can position themselves to develop a compelling narrative to increase their chances for admission.

They will also discuss the importance of community service, how it can provide an opportunity for personal growth and a way to showcase a student's character. Admissions officers place great emphasis on a student's character and how the student has been able to give back and help others. This program is recommended for parents and their high school teens.

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# Take Your Child to the Library Day



[www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org](http://www.takeyourchildtothelibrary.org)

## WHAT IS TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY?



On Saturday, February 3, 2024, thousands of libraries across the world celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day by offering free, fun, fabulous activities for families.

Stop by the Children's Room between 10am-4pm on Saturday for a Bookmark Craft and enter the Raffle for a prize!

### Bookmarks, Coloring Sheets & Stickers

**No registration required.**

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# DONATIONS TO THE LIBRARY

The library would appreciate it if all book donations were placed in the two **Better World Books** bins at the rear of the parking lot to the right of the building. If the bins are full, do not leave the donations outside the bins. **If they get wet, they cannot be used and they end up in the dumpsters!**



Please do not leave donations on the Children's Room Entrance landing. Books left there will be picked up by the Valley Stream Sanitation Department. for each event.

From January to September 2023, the library received commissions from Better World Books totaling **over \$600**, so the books placed in the green bins do benefit the library. So, please continue to make your donations to the Better World Books bins!



# Fiber Crafters Get-Together

**Saturday, January 20, 2024\***  
**2:00-3:30 pm**  
**\*Revised Date**

## Children's Room



All fiber crafters (knitters, crocheters, needleworkers, rug hookers, etc.) are invited to work their craft at the library in good company. So, grab a WIP (work-in-progress) and join us!



To register, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) or click on the REGISTER button on the Eventkeeper listing for the event.



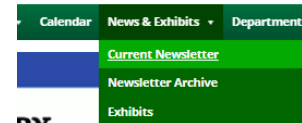
Did you know that you can access Consumer Reports online for FREE using your Valley Stream library card?

*Consumer Reports* is a Quick Link on the Adult Page under "Departments", or you can find it under "Research and Homework Help – Research Databases." Enter your library barcode, you will get access to product reviews for laptops & Chromebooks, air fryers, refrigerators, and over 8,500 different products.

## LIBRARY LINKS IS BI-WEEKLY



*Library Links*, the library's online newsletter, is being published on a bi-weekly basis. Back issues are archived on the Valley Stream library's website at: <https://valleystreamlibrary.org>



Click on "News & Exhibits" on the green navigation bar for the "Current Newsletter," the "Newsletter Archive," and "Exhibits" information.

## WINTER FUN ACTIVITY!

# PENGUIN SCAVENGER HUNT



Look for the penguins hiding around the Children's Room. Fill in the letters to answer the riddle.



## One Entry per Child

Turn in your entry in at the Children's Room Desk for a prize! Entries with the correct answer will be entered into a raffle for a Grand Prize.

## Scavenger Hunt

extended to

**Saturday,  
January 20, 2024.**

## FREQUENT LIBRARY VISITOR PROGRAM

The library continuing its **Frequent Library Visitor** program in 2024. As in previous years, the library recognized its frequent library visitors – whether adult, teen, or child. So, the next time you visit the library, pick up a Frequent Library Visitor Card at the Adult or Children's Room Circulation Desk.



After 30 visits, redeem your Frequent Library Visitor Card for a prize and then start a new Frequent Library Visitor Card. At the end of the year, all cards will be entered into a raffle for a fabulous prize. Over 10 cards were submitted in 2023, representing **300 visits** to the library.

## LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THE READ?

Pick up a free copy of *BookPage* at the library while the supply last.



## A to Z the USA

### Database Available

With your Valley Stream library card, you have access to the A to Z the USA database. Go to the library website at [www.valleystreamlibrary.org](http://www.valleystreamlibrary.org) and click on "Research & Homework Help" on the green navigation bar at the top of the website. Scroll down to the list of "Research Databases."

An advertisement for the 'A to Z the USA' database. At the top, it says 'A to Z the USA by World Trade Press'. Below that, it says 'From Sea to Shining Sea' and shows a photograph of the United States Capitol building. The text continues: 'A to Z the USA™ Bringing the diversity and history of the USA to life in a beautifully illustrated resource designed especially for libraries and schools.' It lists 'COVERING THE USA' as '50 States • 5 Territories • Washington, DC'. Under 'KEY TOPICS INCLUDE:', there are two columns: 'FOR THE STATES' (Animals &amp; Plants, Biographies, Education &amp; History, Geography &amp; Geology, Government &amp; Politics, Map Collection) and 'FOR THE USA' (Country Profile, Culture &amp; Society, Famous People, Historical Timelines, Life Stages, National Symbols). At the bottom, it shows a laptop displaying the database interface and says 'Available on library computers and at home from the library website.' The World Trade Press logo is at the very bottom.

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**2024 Dates \***

January 13  
January 27  
February 3  
March 9  
March 23  
April 13  
May 4  
May 18  
June 8  
June 22

\*Subject to change

Attend all or as many programs as you would like!



**1:30-3:30 pm**

Come join us at the library for fun and socialization.



**Social Program for Individuals with Special Needs**

**Ages 14+**

**Open to All Long Island Teens**

To register (OR for further information), contact Library Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) or click on the REGISTER button on the Eventkeeper calendar listing for each program at <https://www.valleystreamlibrary.org>.

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## The New York Times Online



The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is now offering access to NYTimes.com, including international, national, and regional news, podcasts, and newsletters (excludes Games and Cooking) – **free onsite library and home access!** Articles are available in English, Mandarin, and Spanish.

Onsite library access requires users to register for an account. Remote home access requires users to enter a Valley Stream library card barcode, to request a 24-hour remote access pass, and to register for an account.

Click on the “Research and Homework Help” on the library’s website navigation bar, and then scroll down to “New York Times.”

## The New York Times

Please Enter Your Library Barcode:  
Library Barcode

Contact Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) for any questions or additional information.

## LAUNCHPADS: FUN & EDUCATIONAL

Did you know that the library has Launchpads available for loan? What is a Launchpad?

Launchpads tablets that are pre-loaded with games, books, and other content for children, teens, and adults. There is no need to download programs, and there is no need for WiFi.



There is a protective bumper around the Launchpad tablets, they can safely be used by children. There are learning games such as “A World of Letters” and “World of Adventure,” plus videos from kid favorites such as Clifford the Big Red Dog and Richard Scarry. The contents are vetted by educators.

Parents can borrow up to two launchpads at one time for a 14-day loan period. Launchpads are a great way to entertain and educate your children.

The library also has some learning launchpads for teens and adults – SAT programs, language programs, and brain games.

Stop by the library to check out our launchpads!



The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library has instituted Eventkeeper registration for most of its programs. This will help the staff keep track of how many people and who are registering for programs.

All library programs are listed on the Eventkeeper calendar on the library’s website by clicking on the “Calendar” link on the green navigation bar at the top of the homepage or by clicking on:

<http://www.eventkeeper.com/mars/xpages/W/WALDINGER/ekp.cfm?curOrg=WALDINGER>

Scroll down for the various programs and then if registration is required for a program, click on the green registration button at the bottom left of the event listing.

There are 3 spaces available.

The number of spaces available for the program will be indicated, and you will receive notification that your registration has been received.

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## Valley Stream Book Club Virtual Author Visit & Zoom Book Discussion

Tuesday, January 30, 2024  
7:30 p.m.



Andrew Bartholomew

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## FREE PUBLICATIONS AT THE LIBRARY

The following calendars and newsletters are available for FREE at the library while supplies last:

- *BookPage – Courtesy of the library for booklovers!*
- *ABLE Newsletter*
- *Creations Magazine*
- *Long Island Press*
- *Natural Awakenings Magazine*
- *Senior Advocate*
- *Town of Hempstead Monthly Calendar of Events*

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## DIGITAL LIBRARY CARDS STILL AVAILABLE

Do you need a digital library card? The application for the digital library card is available through the Nassau Library System at:

<https://www.nassaulibrary.org/digital-card-application/>

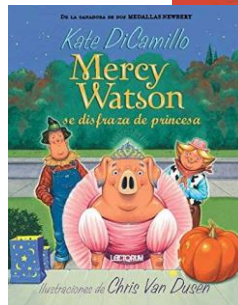
Digital library cards are still being issued for a 3-month expiration period, even though the library is open for library visits and curbside/lobby service. Please note: We recommend that you come in for a regular library card as soon as possible since digital library cards have a short expiration period. A regular library card is good for three years.

## LIBROS EN ESPAÑOL PARA NIÑOS

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library has re-organized and expanded the Children's Room Spanish language collection. The collection includes:

- Spanish Easy Picture Books
- Spanish Fiction
- Spanish Non-Fiction
- Spanish Biographies

We have added many popular books such as *Wimpy Kid* books, *Dr. Seuss* books, and *Captain Underpants* titles in Spanish.



Recent additions include the *Dork Diaries*, the *Harry Potter* series, and more of the *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* titles.

## TRY PRONUNCIATOR



Do you want to learn Spanish? Italian? Japanese?

You can learn one of these languages, and many other languages, including ASL and ESL), using the library's online language program, **Pronunciator**, for **FREE**.

**pronunciator:** 

It is the world's largest language-learning resource, with over 20,000 instructional videos, downloadable audio lessons, integrated drills and quizzes.

On the library's homepage, click on **Research & Homework Help** on the green navigation bar, and scroll down to Pronunciator to try it out.

**Research & Homework Help** ▾



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Tutor.com is a fully online tutoring service. You can get a tutor 24/7 in **more than 40 subjects** including Math, Science, Social Studies, English, AP® Support, Foreign Languages and Business. This service is available for **FREE** to any Valley Stream library card holder.

Tutoring sessions take place in an easy-to-use online classroom through a web browser. Set up an account today using your library card bar code to start using Tutor.com.

Tutor.com is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 361 days a year — the service is closed on New Year's Day, Independence Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.



*Tutor.com* is a Quick Link on the Kids and Teen Pages under “Departments” or you can find it under “Research and Homework Help – Research Databases or Online Services.”

## HAVE YOU TRIED A WONDERBOOK YET?

Each Wonderbook is a print book with a ready-to-play audiobook inside. Kids can press the “Play” button to read along with their favorite books on their own.

Some of the Wonderbook titles available include *Corduroy*, by Dan Freeman; *Frog and Toad Together*, by Arthur Lobel; *Big Nate* books, by Lincoln Peirce; Amelia Bedelia books, by Herman Parish; and *The Cricket in Times Square*, by George Selden.

In 2023, the library added more new titles, including chapter books such as *Junie B. Jones and the Yucky Blucky Fruitcake*, by Barbara Park; *Big Nate In a Class By Himself*, by Lincoln Peirce, and *Captain Underpants and the Perilous Plot of Professor Poopypants*, by Dav Pilkey. Just added in December 2022 are books from the *Daniel Tiger* series!



If you are interested in receiving a current list of all the titles available, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) and the list will be e-mailed to you for you to browse at your convenience. Select your titles and place holds for them or call the Children’s Department with your selections.

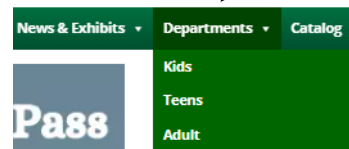
## CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE

Have you checked out the new library website that was launched last month? The web address or URL remains the same: [valleystreamlibrary.org](http://valleystreamlibrary.org) so if you have it bookmarked or it is in your favorites list, there is no change necessary.

It is now easier for you to search the online catalog for books and media using the search box at the top of the page (right under the picture of the library):



There are separate webpages for Kids, Teens, and Adults. Click on “Departments” on the green navigation bar.



Check out the new website, and let us know if you have any questions or suggestions.

**Mamie Eng**  
**Library Director**

## WIFI HOTSPOTS AVAILABLE FOR LOAN



The library is pleased to announce that Valley Stream library patrons can now borrow a T-Mobile Franklin T-9 mobile hotspot for a 14-day loan period! The hotspot may be renewed for another 14-day period if there is no waiting list for it.

During the first few days of November, there was a Verizon service disruption in Valley Stream, and the library loaned out several WiFi hotspots to families who would have had no internet access!

This WiFi hotspot is a device that you can use to connect a mobile-enabled device, such as a laptop smartphone or tablet, to the internet. It is portable, so you can connect your device almost wherever you are – at home, on bus or train, or in the park. **And when you are on vacation!**

Borrowers must sign a Borrowing Agreement form and provide a valid adult Valley Stream library card in good standing. In addition, as with our family museum passes, all family members must be in good standing as the portable hotspot can accommodate up to 15 devices in your home at the same time.

The late fee is \$5.00 per day, and a \$100 replacement fee is billed after 10 days overdue, plus internet service will be turned off if a hotspot is not returned on the due date.

T-Mobile Franklin T-9 mobile hotspots were purchased with a Special Legislative Grant awarded to the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library by New York State Senator Todd Kaminsky (S.D. 9). Without this grant, the library would not have been able to purchase multiple devices to loan to our patrons, so we are very grateful for his generosity to the community.

Some patrons have taken advantage of the WiFi hotspots when they have had disruptions in their Internet service, when they have been on vacation, or when they have travelled to an area where Internet service is spotty. Remember, there is no charge to borrow a hotspot (if you return it on time) for free WiFi access!

Contact Library Director Ms. Eng for further information at [hwmlcontact@hotmail.com](mailto:hwmlcontact@hotmail.com) or 516-825-6422. Depending on availability, you can reserve to borrow a WiFi hotspot if you are planning a vacation or trip out of town where Internet access may not be available. (Unfortunately, they cannot be used outside the United States.)

## NEW ONLINE EXAM & TESTING WEBSITE

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is pleased to offer its patrons a new online exam and testing website from Mometrix.



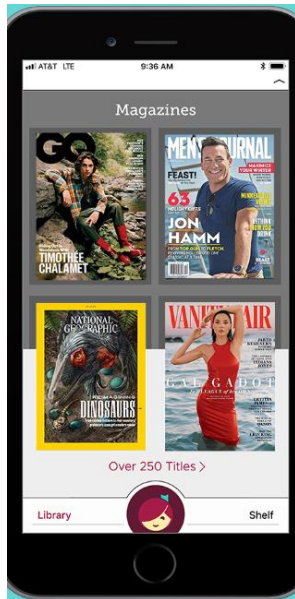
The website includes study guides, flashcards, and practice questions for over 1,500 different standardized exams including Praxis, GRE, ATI TEAS, NCLEX, HESI A2, medical technology certifications, computer technology certifications, LSAT, MCAT, and GMAT.

This is available to all Valley Stream library cardholders by going to the library website at [www.valleystreamlibrary.org](http://www.valleystreamlibrary.org), and under “Research and Homework Help,” selecting **Mometrix** in the list of online resources.

The latest study guides are available here, you do not have to wait to borrow a copy of a study guide and you don’t have to return, and you can print sections of the study guides if you want to review a particular section of an exam.



## ONLINE MAGAZINES ON LIBBY



Online magazines, supplied by Zinio, are now available using the Libby app!

Magazines have a checkout period of 21 days. There is no wait time, no reserves, and no limit to the number of times a magazine can be checked out. There should be no delay in getting the latest issue of a magazine. Checkouts of magazines will not count toward NDD limits.



Some of the titles that are available through Libby include:

Bon Appetit  
Car & Driver  
Food Network Magazine  
Good Housekeeping  
HGTV Magazine  
In Touch  
Kiplinger's Personal Finance  
National Enquirer  
National Geographic  
National Geographic Kids  
National Geographic Little Kits  
The New Yorker  
Newsweek  
People  
Prevention  
Reader's Digest  
Smithsonian  
Soap Opera Digest  
Taste of Home  
US Weekly  
Vogue  
Woman's World



Contact the Adult Reference Desk for further information about online magazines!



- Search for a job
- Take career assessments
- Download resume templates
- Send your resume to the Resume Lab
- Get personalized feedback from a Live Job Coach
- Online career certification prep
- Prepare for your interview



Do you want to find a job that really fits your skills and interests? Go to [www.valleystreamlibrary.org](http://www.valleystreamlibrary.org), and under "Research and Homework Help," select **JobNow** in the list of "Online Services," to discover your dream job. Then explore career ideas by learning about job details, salaries, and more.

## TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES

Library patrons are reminded to take advantage of the library's family museum passes. Families can visit various museums or gardens for FREE and, in many cases, avoid lines!

**Please note that most museums require that visitors be vaccinated.** Check their websites for the latest policies and restrictions on visits. In addition, many museums have revised hours during the winter months.

### BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN

**Free admission for 2 adults and accompanying children under 17**

Brooklyn Botanic Garden is an urban botanic garden that connects people to the world of plants, famous for its Cherry Walk and Japanese Hill-and-Pond Garden.

### CLARK BOTANIC GARDEN

**Free admission for two**

This 12-acre walkable living museum features specialty gardens of roses, wildflowers, herbs, rock garden plants, etc., set among 3 brook-fed ponds, sweeping lawns, and majestic trees.

### COLD SPRING HARBOR FIRE HOUSE MUSEUM

**Free admission for up to 6 visitors at a time CALL PRIOR TO MAKING RESERVATION FOR FULL TOUR**

This museum is dedicated to the original Cold Spring Fire House, with three fire trucks, plus various photos and memorabilia.



### COLD SPRING HARBOR FISH HATCHERY & AQUARIUM

**Free admission for one family (2 parents and up to 4 children under the age of 18)**

This non-profit educational center features two aquariums and fishing ponds, with the largest living collection of New York State freshwater reptiles, fishes, and amphibians.

### CRADLE OF AVIATION

**Free admission for two adults and up to**

**children (18 years & younger)**

Long Island's aviation and spaceflight museum commemorates Long Island's part in the history of aviation.



### GARVIES POINT MUSEUM AND PRESERVE

**Free admission for four adults or Family group of two adults and up to 4 children (5-12)**

Garvies Point features collections of archaeological artifacts and dioramas of Long Island Indian culture.

### GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM

**Free admission for up to four adults or students**

This Frank Lloyd Wright-designed museum features modern and contemporary art.



### HECKSCHER MUSEUM OF ART

**Free admission for 2 adults and accompanying children under 18**

The Museum provides a dynamic schedule of changing exhibitions on American art. Additionally, public programs for adults, families, and children, include *First Friday* concert series, gallery talks, festivals and workshops.

### HOFSTRA UNIVERSITY MUSEUM OF ART

**Free admission for 2 adults and 2 children per visit**

The Museum welcomes visitors to its galleries Tuesday through Sunday during the school year. Galleries are closed on major holidays, during Hofstra University recesses and is closed on weekends in the summer.



### INTREPID SEA, AIR, AND SPACE MUSEUM

**Free admission for up to 4 people on a day**

This non-profit, educational institution features the legendary aircraft carrier *Intrepid*, the space shuttle *Enterprise*, the world's fastest jets and a guided missile submarine.



### LONG ISLAND CHILDREN'S MUSEUM

**Free admission up to 6 people**



LICM is a hands-on museum for kids and their grown-ups with interactive exhibits to encourage a child's natural curiosity and educate them through exploration and play.

### NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS' MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER

**Free admission for four visitors**



Museum features historic and contemporary firematic memorabilia and equipment. Goal of the Center is to educate and inform the public about fire safety and prevention and to display the proud history of volunteer firefighting in Nassau County.

### NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART

**Free general admission for two adults & four children**

The museum features rotating collections of 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> century art and an outdoor sculpture garden.



### NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN\*

**Free admission for 2 adults and children under 16**

This 250-acre site's supports over one million living plants in extensive collections. The Haupt Conservatory features remarkable diversity of tropical, temperate, and desert flora.



### NEW YORK HALL OF SCIENCE

Free admission for 2 adults & up to 6 children per day

Discover over 450 exhibits, events, and workshops designed to engage ages 1 to 100. With over 100,000 square feet of indoor exhibition space, plus 60,000 square feet of outdoors, you've got room to explore! Includes Science Playground & Rocket Mini Golf.

### NEW YORK HISTORICAL SOCIETY & DIMENNA CHILDREN'S HISTORY MUSEUM

Free admission for two adults and children under the age of 18 residing at the same address

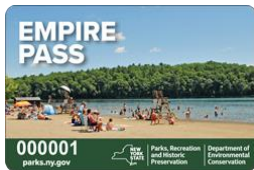
The Society focuses on the political, cultural and social history of New York City and State and the nation. The DiMenna Museum targets children 8-13, with a wide range of family learning programs for toddlers, children and preteens.



### NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE PASS

Free vehicle access to most facilities operated by the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation and the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation

Empire Pass may be used at Jones Beach, Bayard Cutting Arboretum, Heckscher, Orient Beach, Planting Fields Arboretum State Historic Park, etc. for free vehicle entry (non-commercial), except during special events.



### NEW YORK TRANSIT MUSEUM

Free admission for 2 adults and up to 2 children

Housed underground in an authentic 1936 subway station in Downtown Brooklyn, the Transit Museum's working platform level spans a full city block and is home to a rotating selection of twenty vintage subway and elevated cars dating back to 1907. Visitors can board the vintage cars, sit at the wheel of a city bus, step through a time tunnel of turnstiles, and explore changing exhibits that highlight the cultural, social and technological history – and future – of mass transit.



### OLD BETHPAGE VILLAGE RESTORATION & THE MUSEUM OF AMERICAN ARMOR (April – December ONLY)

Free admission for four visitors during normal museum hours

This 209-acre recreated mid-19th-century American village, with an assortment of homes, farms and businesses, provides visitors with a unique and wonderful opportunity to step back in time.



### OLD WESTBURY GARDENS\*

Free admission for two adults and 4 children

This site includes 200 acres of formal gardens, landscaped grounds, woodlands, ponds and lakes, plus Westbury House, a magnificent Charles II-style mansion.



### VANDERBILT MUSEUM

Free admission for one family – 2 adults & 4 children under 18

Pass includes access to the Grounds, the first floor of the Hall of Fishes marine museum; the Habitat and Stoll Wing animal dioramas; and the natural-history and cultural-artifact galleries on the first floor of the Memorial Wing. (Does not include Planetarium Show, Mansion Tour, or Mini-Golf.



Call the Adult Reference Desk to find out which passes are available and to reserve a pass. Museum and garden hours have changed due to COVID, and new rules are in place for the safety of all visitors.



Did you know that you have access to the *New York Times* from 1851-2015 and *Newsday* from 1940-1988 with the library's database, **ProQuest Historical Newspapers**? This database is a definitive newspaper digital archive with full-text and full-image articles dating back to the nineteenth century. It includes the complete paper, cover-to-cover, with full-page and article images in easily downloadable PDF format.

For example, here are the articles from *Newsday* about the Mets winning the World Series in 1986:



Check it out by clicking on "Research & Homework Help" on the green navigation bar of the library's website, and then select "Research Databases" and scroll down to "ProQuest Historical Newsday" or "ProQuest Historical New York Times."



**Tuesday, Jan 16, 2024, 12pm. Zoom: New Year: Fresh Start Through Meditation.** Join Dave Buck for this powerful program and learn a simple meditation technique to bring joy, peace, positivity, and relaxation in your daily routine. This program will offer the attendees the opportunity to experience a powerful meditation technique and ask questions about how to use it in your life. This will be explained and practiced during the session. This workshop will help you be better prepared to start the New Year with a fresh practice and approach. <https://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=HILLSIDE&curID=676994>

**Thursday, January 18, 2024, 6:30pm. Zoom: Legal and Financial Update for Families of Adult Children with Special Needs.** How can I protect my adult child legally and financially? Learn about government benefits for persons with disabilities; Estate planning and special needs trusts; Transitioning to the workforce or a day habilitation program; Housing options; Legal quandaries – contracts, credit cards, crime, etc.; and, Marriage and children.

<https://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=HILLSIDE&curID=670959>

**Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2024, 6:30pm. Zoom: Nutrition and Your Gut Health.** Lifestyle and diet play a role in gastrointestinal health. Registered dietitian Prina Mohr will discuss common complaints and offer practical approaches to combat popular digestive disorders you may be experiencing daily. Pnina will also offer simple recipes to try out in the kitchen. <https://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=HILLSIDE&curID=654066>

**Thursday, Feb. 8, 2024, 1pm. Zoom: Go Red for Women! Women and Heart Disease.** Community Health Educator Nurse Maura Calio presents: **Go Red for Women! Women and Heart Disease.** Celebrate American Heart Month by learning how women's hearts differ from men's hearts and also learn some heart healthy nutrition tips. <https://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=HILLSIDE&curID=674908>

**Tuesday, Feb 13, 2024, 12pm. Zoom: Lung Cancer and the Harms of Tobacco, Nicotine, Vaping.** Stony Brook Health Education Series: *Having trouble quitting smoking or know a loved one who is struggling to quit?*

<https://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=HILLSIDE&curID=671941>

**Tuesday, Feb 27, 2024, 12pm. Zoom: Peace in 2024 with Meditation.** Many of us worry about the future or dwell upon the past and our mind is constantly in turmoil. Join Nirav Sheth, long time meditator, and explore the healing power of meditation and share techniques on how to unlock the door to a life of improved emotional and physical wellbeing. There will be a chance to try this out! <https://www.eventkeeper.com/code/ekform.cfm?curOrg=HILLSIDE&curID=676995>



## UPGRADE TO LIBBY

The OverDrive app has been discontinued.



Upgrade to Libby to continue using your library's digital collection.

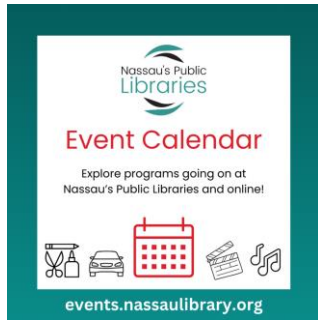
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Check out the [Nassau's Public Libraries Event Calendar!](https://events.nassaulibrary.org)

On this calendar, Nassau libraries list all programs **that are open to all** (not just one library's patrons). Programs can be in-person, virtual, or hybrid. **The only requirement for all programs is that anyone can register and/or attend it, even if it is not offered by your home library.**

This event calendar will help you find library programs you are able to attend, regardless of where you live. Programs are labelled as: Art & Crafts, Author Visit, Book Discussion, Computer & Tech, Defensive Driving, Exercise & Health, Food & Cooking, Gaming, Language Learning, Lecture/Workshop, Performance & Film, Special Event, or Tax Help.



## RECYCLE RIGHT NEW YORK



Are you recycling right? Most New Yorkers (83%) believe that recycling is important. And, while residents are recycling many items "right," (such as metal cans and milk jugs), there are certain items that are commonly tossed in the recycling bin that don't belong.

Start off 2024 with good recycling habits that will last throughout the year by learning about the [top 5 items that are most confusing to New York State residents when it comes to recycling.](#)

And remember, if you're confused by some of these items you're not alone. With so many different products and materials we encounter each day, it's no wonder many people are confused about what belongs in the recycling bin. To avoid mistakes it is important to remember that:

- Just because an item contains plastic, metal, glass, or paper does not necessarily mean it belongs in the recycling bin.

- A recycling symbol on an item does not always mean it is recyclable., and
- Local recycling guidelines vary from place to place. That is why it is essential that you know before you throw and [check your local recycling guidelines.](#)

From the NY State Dept. of Environmental Conservation's *Solid Waste & Recycling Newsletter*, 01/11/24.



The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is pleased to partner with other libraries in Nassau County to participate in **WiFi Whenever**. It is a county-wide project initiated by the Nassau Library System to boost Internet access outside library buildings such as ours. The project is supported with federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funds allocated to the New York State Library by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS).

Look for the library's network name in your Wi-Fi settings on your phone, tablet, or computer. There is no password. If you do not see it in your network settings, try moving closer to the library.

# COMMUNITY NEWS



**BRUCE A. BLAKEMAN**  
NASSAU COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Nassau County Office for the Aging presents our

## MEMORY CAFE

Join us for our Memory Cafe, a free early-stage social engagement program that offers a fun and comfortable way for people with early-stage Alzheimer's disease/dementia and their care partners to get out, get active and connect with one another. There will be live entertainment & lunch will be served.

**Friday, January 19, 2024**  
12:00pm – 2:00pm

**BETHPAGE SENIOR CENTER**  
103 Grumman Road West, Bethpage

Reservations Required - Call 516-571-9910

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES | OFFICE FOR THE AGING  
60 Charles Lindbergh Boulevard, Uniondale | 516-227-8900 | seniors@hhsnassaucounty.ny.us



**NEW YORK STATE** | Department of State  
Consumer Protection

## Stay Connected with the Division of Consumer Protection

The New York State Department of State's Division of Consumer Protection mediates and gets results for consumers. For help, call the Consumer Helpline at: [1-800-697-1220](tel:1-800-697-1220)

Remember, the best way to be empowered is to be informed of emerging scams, new recalls, and new identity theft tactics.

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- ◆ Chinese American Association of Long Island (CAALI) is a non-profit organization (c.1987)
  - ◆ Small classes grouped by ability and socially-appropriate ages
  - ◆ Students learn to listen, speak, read, and write in pinyin, traditional/simplified characters, and zhuyin
  - ◆ Instruction includes Chinese cultural education, speech contests, and cultural performances
  - ◆ Recruiting students 4-17 years



### 學中文與中國文化 Learn Chinese & Chinese Culture

長島南灣中文學校歡迎你來學中文！學生將會有聽、說、讀、寫華語的能力。還有機會參與校內或地區比賽與活動。招生4-17歲



Classes held on Saturdays,  
9:00am-12:00pm at Valley Stream  
Memorial Junior High School,  
320 Fletcher Avenue  
Valley Stream, NY 11580

Please email/call/text for  
registration form.  
Email: [caali@outlook.com](mailto:caali@outlook.com)  
Phone: (646) 326-2034  
Judy C. Hwang, PhD, CAALI Principal  
黃菁蔚博士，長島南灣中文學校校長

## Keep the Heat on with HEAP

New York State makes it easy for low-income New Yorkers to get HEAP benefits that help them pay for their heating bills.

*The only way to know if you qualify is to apply.*

To find out when HEAP benefits are available during the year, visit [otda.ny.gov](http://otda.ny.gov) or call **800-342-3009**.

*Check your eligibility for a range of benefits and apply for HEAP at*

**myBenefits.ny.gov**



**NEW YORK** | Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance  
OPPORTUNITY

[otda.ny.gov](http://otda.ny.gov)

# VILLAGE UPDATES

## Winter 2024 Fitness

There will not be any classes on President's Day.

Class	Days, Dates & Times
Candlelight Yoga*	Tuesdays, 1/23 - 3/12, 7:45pm to 8:45pm *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Cardio Kickboxing	Mondays, 1/22 - 3/18, 9:30am to 10:30am Tuesdays, 1/23 - 3/12, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Chair Body Strengthening*	Thursdays, 1/25 - 3/14, 9:15am to 10:15am *Please remember to bring resistance bands*
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays, 1/23 - 3/12, 11am to Noon Thursdays, 1/25 - 3/14, 11am to Noon
Chair Zumba	Wednesdays, 1/24 - 3/13, 10am to 11am
Gentle Aerobics/Flow Yoga*	Fridays, 1/26 - 3/15, 10am to 11am *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Pilates Mat for Beginners*	Mondays, 1/22 - 3/18, 11am to Noon *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Step Aerobics	Tuesdays, 1/23 - 3/12, 9:15am to 10:15am
Yoga*	Mondays, 1/22 - 3/18, 6:30pm to 7:30pm Thursdays, 1/25 - 3/14, 7:30pm to 8:30pm *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Zumba	Thursdays, 1/25 - 3/14, 6pm to 7pm Saturdays, 1/27 - 3/16, 10am to 11am

Classes are held at the Valley Stream Community Center. There will be no refunds or make-up classes. All programs are 8 weeks long, each class is 1 hour. Please arrive 15 minutes early for class, if you are late, you will not be able to enter the class. For all classes requiring a chair, chairs will be provided. To apply your senior & veterans discount, register in person at the Community Center! Discount is listed below in the blue box! Upon registration, a parking coupon will be issued for parking in the Community Center lot during class. For all classes, please wear comfortable clothing & sneakers!

For more information call (516) 825-8571

Register online at <https://www.vsrc.org>

Village Resident	\$50	\$30
Non-Village Resident	\$65	\$45

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## Beautiful Valley Stream

Valley Stream is a great place to live!  
Look around and see what makes our community outstanding!

Send us your photos from around the Village for a chance for them to be featured on our website and social media outlets with a shout out to the photographer!

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## Silver Threads Paint Party With Matt

An Art Class Designed for Those Who Can't Draw a Straight Line!  
**Excellent Results Guaranteed!**

12/7/2023 - 3/14/2024

December 7th	December 21st
January 4th	January 18th
February 1st	February 15th
February 29th	March 14th

1pm, Community Center  
• This session is for Silver Threads Members Only.  
• Class fee is \$5 due on the day of class.  
• Register in advance by calling the Community Center at (516) 825-8571.  
• Class fee covers all art materials.  
• Complimentary light refreshments will be provided by Matt.

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## 2024 Open Enrollment! Saturday 10/07/23!

### Camp Barrett

Inc. Village of Valley Stream  
Thursday, June 27th - Friday, August 9th (No camp on July 4th)  
Half Day Program: 9am-12noon  
Full Day Program: 9am-3pm

- Program open to Inc. Village & CHD residents 4 years of age and/or entering kindergarten up to, and including, residents entering 7th grade in 2024.
- Open enrollment will take place on Saturday, October 7th at 10am via our online Camp Dashboard. Camper application can be obtained and completed at the Village website at that time. Scan the QR code below for the website!
- 2 proofs of residency & birth certificate are required to be uploaded with camper application within 24 hours of submission. Failure to upload required documents may affect eligibility.
- Trips and other add-ons will become available only to enrolled campers in spring 2024. Due to limited availability, registrations will be on a first come, first serve basis. All submitted applications are subject to review.
- The submission of an application does NOT guarantee enrollment into the program.
- Call (516) 780-1189 for more information.

	Village Resident Fees	CHD Resident Fees
1/2 Day	\$475 for first child	\$550 for first child
Full Day	\$725 for first child	\$850 for first child

20% off 2nd sibling and all subsequent siblings

Morning Care*	
30 Minutes	\$125
60 Minutes	\$175

\*If a child is still present 20 minutes after the automated call, families will be subject to a late pick up fee of \$40 (first time) and \$75 (second time) per every half an hour thereafter.

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# 2024 Holiday Sanitation & Recycling Schedule

Please Save This Handy Reference Guide!

Observed Holidays	If Your Regular Garbage Collection is: Monday & Thursday	If Your Regular Garbage Collection is: Tuesday & Friday	Recycling Changes (If your recycling day is not listed, your recycling pick up is not changed)
New Year's Day Monday, January 1st	Tuesday & Thursday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday & Friday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Monday Recycling Pick Up on Tuesday
Martin Luther King Jr. Day Monday, January 15th	Tuesday & Thursday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday & Friday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Monday Recycling Pick Up on Tuesday
Presidents Day Monday, February 19th	Tuesday & Thursday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday & Friday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Monday Recycling Pick Up on Tuesday
Memorial Day Monday, May 27th	Tuesday & Thursday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday & Friday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Monday Recycling Pick Up on Tuesday
Juneteenth Wednesday, June 19th	Regular Pick Up Schedule	Regular Pick Up Schedule	Regular Pick Up Schedule
Independence Day Thursday, July 4th	Monday & Friday Pick Up	Tuesday & Saturday Pick Up	Thursday Recycling Pick Up on Saturday
Labor Day Monday, September 2nd	Tuesday & Thursday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday & Friday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Monday Recycling Pick Up on Tuesday
Columbus Day Monday, October 14th	Tuesday & Thursday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday & Friday Pick Up No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Monday Recycling Pick Up on Tuesday
Election Day Tuesday, November 5th	Regular Pick Up Schedule	Regular Pick Up Schedule	Regular Pick Up Schedule
Veterans Day Monday, November 11th	Regular Pick Up Schedule	Regular Pick Up Schedule	Regular Pick Up Schedule
Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 28th	Monday & Friday Pick Up	Tuesday & Saturday Pick Up	Thursday Recycling Pick Up on Saturday
Christmas Day Wednesday, December 25th	Regular Pick Up Schedule No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Regular Pick Up Schedule No Yard Waste Pick Up This Week	Wednesday Recycling Pick Up on Thursday

## 2024 Weekly Recycling Calendar



**LEGEND**

- Plastic, Metal and Glass Pick Up
- Paper & Cardboard Pick Up
- Holiday Schedule

**REMEMBER!**  
**DO NOT** place anything scheduled for pick up at the curb prior to 6pm the night before your collection **OR** after 6am on the day of your collection.

- Garbage may be placed in trash pails with lids or sealed bags NOT to exceed 32 gallons or 50 pounds.
- For regular updates, be sure to check the sanitation section of our official Village website: [www.vsnv.org/sanitation](http://www.vsnv.org/sanitation)

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