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HENRY WALDINGER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
Enriching Valley Stream lives

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It's hard to believe that there are only 9 days until Christmas! The Village of Valley Stream welcomed in the holiday season with two fantastic Winterfest Weekends in Hendrickson Park. The Christmas lights are still on until the end of the month, so take a walk through the park to see the beautiful decorations.



And the tree at the Gibson Train Station was lit yesterday night!



These are last days for the 2024 Toys for Tots Drive, so bring an unwrapped toy to the library or one of the other collection boxes throughout the village as soon as possible.



Your generosity will bring joy and happiness to many children this Christmas.

And the library is still accepting letters for the 2024 Letters for Santa drive. For each letter submitted, Macy's will a \$1.00 donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation.



And did you know that Hanukkah starts on December 25th this year, so this will be a joyous holiday season for many of us.

During the school winter break, the library will be holding various activities for children and teens of all ages. Be sure to check out the library calendar for dates, times, and registration information for craft programs, STEM workshops, winter challenges, and New Year's Day activities:

<https://www.valleystreamlibrary.org/events/>

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CHRISTMAS COUNTDOWN

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Starting today, the library is also challenging our patrons, young and old, to complete the 2025 Winter Reading Challenge.



The winter challenges end on January 18, 2025, so stop by the library to get your challenge card as soon as possible! Prizes and raffles for all winter challenge participants!

Stay warm and enjoy the holidays! Hope to see you at the library to attend a program, to participate in the winter reading challenge, or to borrow books, DVDs, and museum passes during the holiday season.

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.

During December 2024, the library will offer virtual computer classes on E-Mail basics and internet security.

December 21, 2024

Internet Security

- Passwords
- Phishing
- Scams



Check the library calendar for which topics will be covered each week and register for each class by clicking on the registration link in each event 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 for questions regarding these classes.

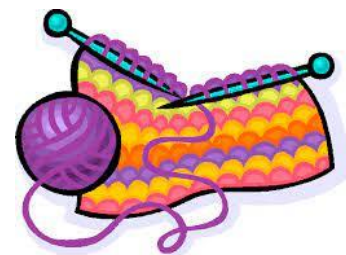
Fiber Crafters Get-Together

Saturday, January 18, 2025
2:00-3:30 pm

Children's Room



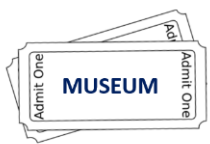
All fiber crafters (knitters, crocheters, needleworkers, rug hookers, etc.) are invited to work their craft at the library in good company. So, grab a WIP (work-in-progress) and join us!



To register, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com or click on the registration link here <https://forms.office.com/r/czWnPUtaM2> or on the calendar listing for the event.

NEW MUSEUM PASSES

Don't forget to check out our family museum passes. The library subscribes to over twenty museum passes, including the Long Island Children's Museum (**FREE** for up to six people), the New York Botanic Garden, the Intrepid, and many more. The full listing is included in this newsletter, and an updated museum pass brochure is available at the Adult Reference Desk.



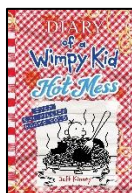
In addition, the library now offers discount codes to a variety of local attractions, including Splish Splash, Adventure Park, and the Wildlife Conservation Society zoos and aquarium. **Get 20% off on admission tickets to the Bronx Zoo!**



If you would like to receive a PDF of the museum pass brochure and/or a PDF the discount code brochure, send an email to Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.

FOR WIMPY KID FANS

One of the most popular children's books are those in the Wimpy Kid series by Jeff Kinney. The newest book in the series came out last month, #19 – *Diary of a Wimpy Kid: Hot Mess*.



In *Hot Mess*, Greg Heffley is in for a particularly awkward summer with his whole family.

On Thursday, November 7, 2024, Jeff Kinney participated in a Mackin Storyteller Spotlight webinar, where he talked to students across the country about his Wimpy Kid books. You can view the recording by clicking on this link:

<https://vimeo.com/1027427102/b3610528bf>



Learn about how Jeff Kinney writes his books and why all the Wimpy Kid books are 217 pages long!

DECEMBER 2024 CLOSINGS

CHRISTMAS



Tuesday, December 24
Library Closes at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, December 25
Library Closed

Library Reopens
Thursday, December 26, 2024
10:00 am



NEW YEAR'S DAY



Tuesday, December 31
Library Closes at 1:00 pm

Wednesday, January 1, 2025
Library Closed

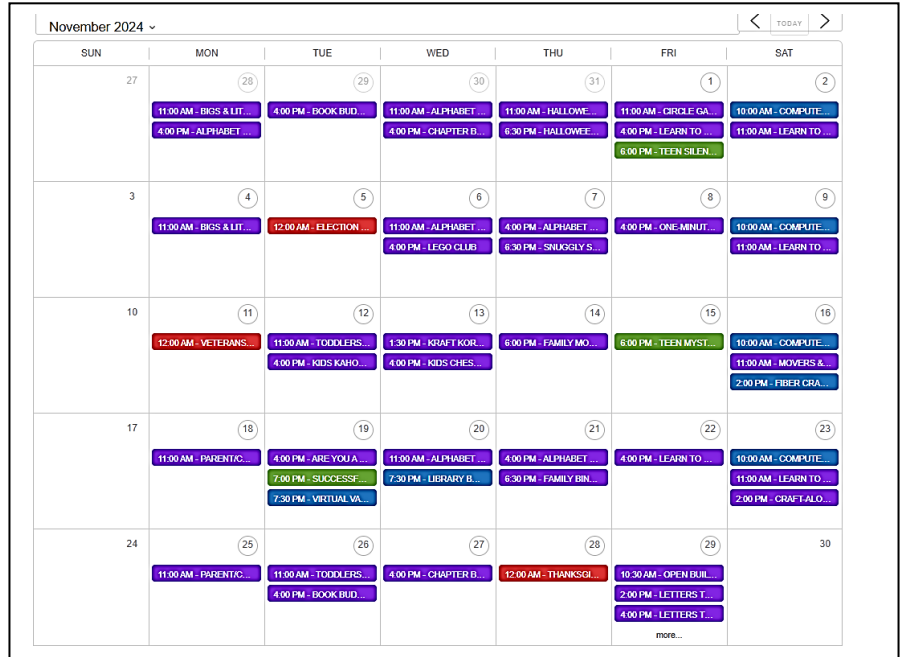
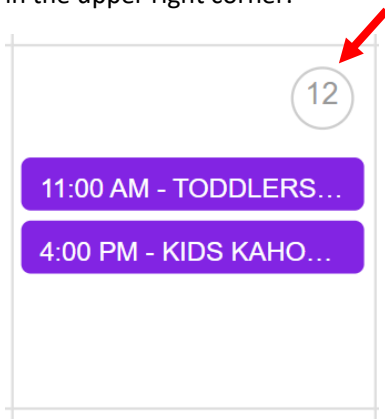
Library Reopens
Thursday, January 2, 2025
10:00 am

NEW LIBRARY CALENDAR

Library patrons, who check the library calendar on a regular basis and who register for programs, have probably noticed that there has been a problem with the library's Eventkeeper calendar and registration system. Unfortunately, the company that hosted Eventkeeper ran into a major problem while migrating to a new server and no longer supports the calendar.

Starting in November, the library is using a WordPress calendar to list its programs and events. It looks a little different, but you can find all information you need about a program and the link to registration for the program by clicking on the event listing.

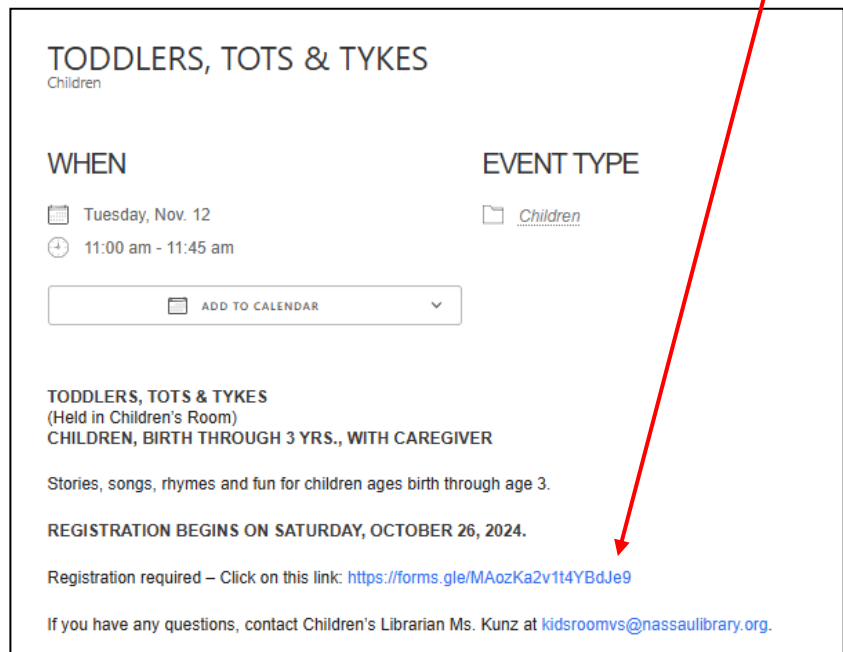
To see all the events on a particular day, click on the circle in the upper right corner:



Events are color-coded for your convenience as follows:

- **RED** = For All Patrons
- **BLUE** = For Adults
- **GREEN** = For Teens
- **PURPLE** = For Children

When you click "MORE" in the short listing for an event, you will see details about the program and the registration link. And, you can always contact the staff if you have any questions!



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CONCERT
with Grey Wilson & The Afternoon Grifters



Friday, December 20, 2024
6:30-7:30 pm

Join us for a concert with Valley Stream musician Grey Wilson and the Afternoon Grifters!

These programs are made possible with funds from the Statewide Community Regrant Program, a regrant program of the New York State Council on the Arts with the support of the Office of the Governor and the New York State Legislature, and administered by The Huntington Arts Council, Inc.



Go to the event listing on the library to register or click here: <https://forms.gle/jZguw5xz87ydPmYDA>
For further information, contact Director Ms. Eng at (516) 825-6422 or hwmcontact@hotmail.com.

The library reserves the right to use photographs, taken at programs, for the purposes of advertising and promoting the library in printed literature, electronic publications, or any similar way. Parents of children who do not wish to comply with this policy must notify the library in writing when they register for programs.

Serving the residents of the Incorporated Village of Valley Stream and the Mill Brook Library District
www.vstny.org



Go to the event listing on the library to register or click here: <https://forms.gle/jZguw5xz87ydPmYDA>

ORION 4.5" STARBLAST REFLECTOR TELESCOPE



With the donation of an Orion 4.5 StarBlast Reflector telescope from the Amateur Observers' Society of New York, the Henry Waldinger Memorial Library has a Library Telescope Program. The telescope come through a grant from the Astronomical League and the Horkheimer Foundation, and local astronomer Tom Lynch prepared it for use and circulation to library patrons.

Valley Stream adult cardholders in good standing will be able to borrow the telescope for a seven-day loan period. To schedule a telescope loan period, contact Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com.



LOOKING FOR SOMETHING THE READ?

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



BookPage highlights the best new books across all genres chosen by its editors. Every book that is covered is one that they recommend to readers.

REMINDER FOR MILL BROOK LIBRARY DISTRICT CARDHOLDERS

On Tuesday, August 20, 2024, the residents of the Mill Brook Library District voted for its 2025 to 2029 contract for library services. The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library will continue to be the home library for this area.

If your Mill Brook library card is expiring on December 31, 2024, please come in at your earliest convenience and present two current forms of identification to verify your address, and your library card will be updated for another three years.



- 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, 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.

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.



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.

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:

Contact Director Ms. Eng at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com for any questions or additional information.

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**.



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.



SUPPORT *FREE BLOCKBUSTER VALLEY STREAM*



The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library now offers LOTE4Kids, an online database that offers children's picture books in various World Languages. It is available through PC browsers and mobile apps (IOS and Android).

Visit the library website and click on "eBooks & Digital Magazines" under the Research & Homework Help Tab. Then click on "L" for LOTE4Kids and enter your library board code to start reading children's picture books in over 50+ world languages with English translations.

Some of the languages represented are American Sign Language, Arabic, Chinese, Dutch, French, Tagalog, German, Greek, Hindi, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Persian (Farsi), Russian, Urdu, Vietnamese, and Turkish.



Make it a Blockbuster night!

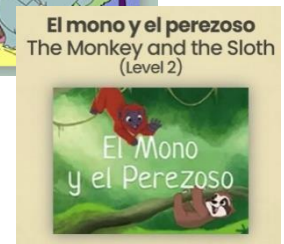
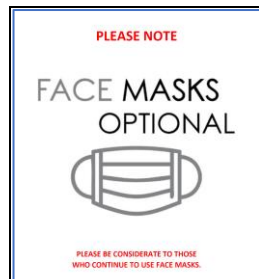
Free Blockbuster Valley Stream was launched in 2022 by the Castillo family to bring back the nostalgic days of video stores and give local residents a place to donate their unwanted movies. Located on Cornwell Avenue near the intersection of East Oxford Street, *Free Blockbuster Valley Stream* is filled with DVDs, Blu-Rays, and even some VHS tapes, all available to you free of charge.

Just remember: Be kind, rewind.

NOTE: Many donations of DVDs, Blu-Rays, and VHS tapes made to the library are forwarded to *Free Blockbuster Valley Stream*.

More information about *Free Blockbuster Valley Stream* can be found at:

[instagram.com/freeblockbuster_valleystream](https://www.instagram.com/freeblockbuster_valleystream)



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!



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.



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.

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.

UPGRADE TO LIBBY

The OverDrive app has been discontinued.



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

In Libby, you'll find the same great titles from your library, in a beautiful, modern, easy-to-use app. Your loans, holds, and wish list items will be waiting for you in Libby. [Learn more about this change.](#)



Or, go to libbyapp.com in your browser



Scan this QR code to learn how to install Libby on your device (including Kindle Fire tablets), review FAQs, register for free training, & more!

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!

NEW STEM WORKSHOP

OZOBOT FUN



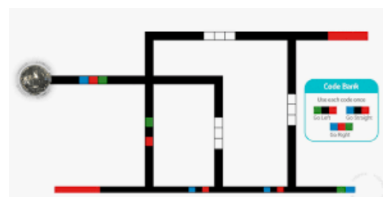
**Saturday,
December 28, 2024
11am**

Children, Grades 2-6

Have fun learning about Ozobots! Teen volunteers Alisha and Zahbia will show how Ozobot robots work using color coding and/or Blockly.

Registration required – Click on this link to register:

<https://forms.office.com/r/9zS3HedbQT>



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!*
- *Creations Magazine*
- *Long Island Press*
- *Natural Awakenings Magazine*
- *Senior Advocate*
- *Town of Hempstead Monthly Calendar of Events*

NOTE: The *ABLE News* is now digital for \$18.00 per year at <https://ablenews.com/subscribe/>.

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.

DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED AT THE LIBRARY UNTIL JANUARY 20, 2025.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE THIS WINTER



URGENTLY NEEDED For folks living on the street

- **Non-perishable food:** peanut butter, crackers, chips, canned tuna with pop top lid, fruit cups, nuts, protein bars, granola, applesauce, water bottles
- **Toiletries:** baby wipes, deodorant, mouthwash, tissues, handwarmers
- **Warm weather clothing:** winter coats water-proof gloves, long johns, warm socks, boots, scarves
- **Outdoor items:** tents, sleeping bags and tarps
- **Bags:** Backpacks, Drawstring bags, Ziploc bags, Reusable bags
- **Blessing bags** filled with non-perishable food and/or toiletries
- **\$5-\$10 gift cards** for food: Dunkin, 7/11, McDonalds, etc.



DROP OFF BY 1.20.25

Long Island Coalition for the Homeless (LICH)
600 Albany Avenue, Suite 2, Amityville, NY 11701
Questions? Call Bailey at 631.464.4314 x125
Open: M-F 9-5/**DROP OFF hours T-Th 10-3**
www.addresssthehomeless.org
Facebook: @LongIslandCoalitionfortheHomeless



AMAZON WISHLIST





Log in to Tutor.com free online tutoring from subject experts year-round.

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 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.

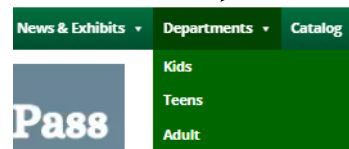
CHECK OUT OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE

Have you checked out the new library website that was launched last month? The web address or URL remains the same: valleystreamlibrary.org 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

LEARN TO CODE WITH SCRATCH



Learn basic coding with SCRATCH. The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is hosting a series of SCRATCH classes each month. Our student volunteer Ilanna will explain how SCRATCH works and help children make simple coding programs.

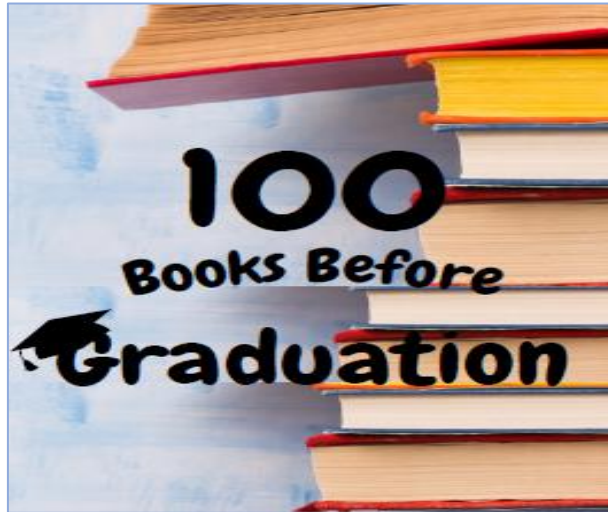
Library iPads will be available for students to use during class, but you can bring your own iPad or laptop too.

Ilanna is taking a break during December, so the next class will be in January 2025.

Saturday, January 4, 2025

11:00 am

<https://forms.office.com/r/YkPD7a3yQZ>

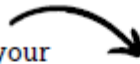


100 BOOKS BEFORE GRADUATION

is a challenge for Teens to read 100 books before they graduate High School.

There will be a prize for every 25 books read!

Log your books here



tinyurl.com/Vs100Books

Participants, in grades 7-12, may only record each book once.

They may also only record books they've started after Sept 2024.

Questions? Email Ms Kenney at VSTeens@NassauLibrary.org

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 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, 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! And, the newest edition to the online collection of magazines is *Time!* Three years of back issues are also available.

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 other 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!

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 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."

TAKE ADVANTAGE OF FAMILY MUSEUM PASSES

Updated August 2024

The Henry Waldinger Memorial Library is pleased to offer free museum family passes to selected local museums and/or cultural institutions such as:

9/11 MEMORIAL & MUSEUM Manhattan,



<https://www.911memorial.org/>
Free, expedited admission for four adults and four children, 17 and under

Located at the World Trade Center in New York City, the 9/11 Memorial Museum tells the story of 9/11 through media, narratives, and a collection of monumental and authentic artifacts, presenting visitors with personal stories of loss, recovery, and hope.

BROOKLYN BOTANIC GARDEN Brooklyn, NY



<https://www.bbg.org/>
Free admission for two adults and accompanying children, 17 & under

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* Albertson, NY



<https://www.clarkbotanic.org/>
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 FIREHOUSE MUSEUM

Cold Spring Harbor, NY

<https://www.cshfirehousemuseum.org/>
Free admission & tour for up to 6 visitors
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, including firebombs, vests, and original fire ladders.



COLD SPRING HARBOR FISH HATCHERY & AQUARIUM



Cold Spring Harbor, NY
<http://cshfishhatchery.org/>

Free admission for one family
(two parents & children in same family under age 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 MUSEUM Garden City, NY

<https://www.cradleofaviation.org/>

Free admission for six visitors

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



GARVIES POINT MUSEUM & PRESERVE Glen Cove, NY

<https://www.garviespointmuseum.com/>

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

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



GUGGENHEIM MUSEUM Manhattan, NY

<https://www.guggenheim.org/>

Free admission for up to four adults or students, plus half-price tickets for additional guests. Children under 12 years are free.

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



HECKSCHER MUSEUM OF ART Huntington, NY

<https://www.heckscher.org/>

Free admission for two 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 Hempstead, NY

<https://www.hofstra.edu/museum/>

Free admission for one family – up to two adults & two children per visit

The museum contains more than 5,000 works of art and cultural artifacts, dating from 1500 BCE to the 21st century, representing six continents.



INTREPID MUSEUM Manhattan, NY



<https://intrepidmuseum.org/>

Free admission for up to four 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 Garden City, NY

<https://www.licm.org/>

Free admission up to six people

Long Island Children's Museum is a not-for-profit learning space devoted to the busy work of play. Its exhibits, programs, and performances fuel creativity and collaboration to inspire millions of *aha* moments.



NASSAU COUNTY FIREFIGHTERS MUSEUM & EDUCATION CENTER Garden City, NY

<https://ncfiremuseum.org/>

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 Roslyn, NY

<https://nassaumuseum.org/>

Free general admission for two adults & four children

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



NEW YORK BOTANICAL GARDEN* Bronx, NY

<https://www.nybg.org/>

Free admission for two adults and up to five children (ages 2-16)

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
Corona, NY**



<https://www.nysci.org/>

Free admission for two adults & up to six 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
New York, NY**

<https://www.nyhistory.org/>

Free admission for two adults and up to four children 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.

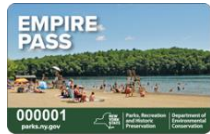


NEW YORK STATE EMPIRE PASS

<https://parks.ny.gov/admission/empire-passport/>

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
Brooklyn, NY**

<https://www.nytransitmuseum.org/>

Free admission for two adults and up to two 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
Old Bethpage, NY**

<https://www.oldbethpagevillagerestoration.org/>

(April – December ONLY)

Free admission for four visitors (two adults and two seniors/children) during normal museum hours. Not valid for complimentary or discounted admission to special events, private and third party rentals or programs held at Old Bethpage Village Restoration.

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*

Old Westbury, NY

<https://www.oldwestburygardens.org/>

Free admission for two adults and four children

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



OYSTER BAY RAILROAD MUSEUM

Oyster Bay, NY

<https://obrm.org/>

Free admission for two adults and children under the age of 18

The Oyster Bay Railroad Museum features a historic railroad station building and a display yard with full-size vintage rail cars.



PLANTING FIELDS

Oyster Bay, NY

<https://plantingfields.org/>

Free admission for six individuals

Planting Fields is a dynamic and vibrant site that features numerous historic structures, Olmsted Brothers-designed landscapes, and world class art and horticultural collections.



PLANTING FIELDS

**VANDERBILT MUSEUM & PLANETARIUM
Centerport, NY**

<https://www.vanderbiltmuseum.org/>

Free admission for one family – two adults and four 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.)



*Pass is also valid in other gardens in the American Horticultural Society Reciprocal Admissions Program. Check at the Reference Desk for additional gardens, etc.

Museum family passes may be borrowed, free of charge, by Henry Waldinger Memorial Library cardholders, 18 years or older. All family or household library cardholders must be in good standing.

Ask at the Adult Reference Desk for further information, reservations, and availability of passes.

NEW

DISCOUNT CODES

AVAILABLE FOR

Adventure Park at Long Island

Horton's Flower Farm

Splish Splash

Wildlife Conservation Society

The Bronx Zoo,

Central Park Zoo,

New York Aquarium,

Prospect Park Zoo,

Queens Zoo



Contact Library Director Ms. Eng at hwmlcontact@hotmail.com or 516-825-6422 for further information.

SPECIAL WINTER & HOLIDAY EVENTS

The following events are being offered at some of the museums or cultural institutions for which the library has Family Museum Pass subscriptions.

Be sure to reserve a pass in advance of your visit.

Brooklyn Botanic Garden

Lightscape

November 22, 2024–January 5, 2025

The after-dark, illuminated trail returns to Brooklyn Botanic Garden with brand new works of art, taking visitors on an otherworldly nighttime journey through light-splashed landscapes and luminous installations specially curated for BBG. Explore the Garden under moonlight while enjoying seasonal treats and festive music.



Check website to purchase tickets and schedule your visit:
<https://www.bbg.org/lightscape>

Clark Botanic Garden

Holiday Pajama Party

Thursday, Dec. 19, 2024, 5-7pm

Wear festive pj's, enjoy a dance party and special visit from Santa.



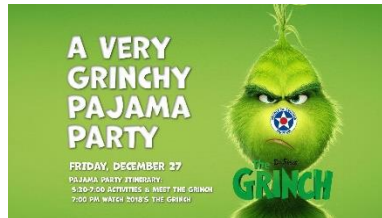
Cradle of Aviation Museum

A Very Grinchy Pajama Party

Friday, Dec. 27, 2024

Activities - 5:30 pm Activities

Movie – 7pm



Wear your favorite pajamas and immerse yourself in a world of Grinchy mischief and holiday cheer. This special family evening is packed with activities, a beloved holiday movie, and delicious treats.

Explore, Create, and Play! - 5:30-7:00 pm

- **Grinch Sled Challenge:** "What if Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" Design and pack the Grinch's sled to save Christmas for Whoville.
- **Face Painting:** Transform into the Grinch himself
- **Museum Galleries:** Explore the museum galleries and uncover winter stories
- **Grinch Photo Opportunity:** Snap a photo with the Grinch before he sneaks away!

The Grinch (2018) – 7pm

Grab your hot chocolate and cookies (nut-free) and meet in the theater for The Grinch (2018).

Tickets are \$22 for adults (13-62) and \$20 for children (2-12)/seniors (62+)

Museum members can use the discount code 'memb5off' at check-out for a \$5 discount per ticket. A membership card or photo ID is required at check-in. Space is limited!

Long Island Children's Museum

Snowy Day Snowflakes

2:30-4pm



Snowflakes come in many different shapes and no two are the same. Throughout the month of December, we will be making unique paper snowflake to bring home.

All Ages – Free with admission

This is a drop-in program; it takes approximately 10 minutes and is yours to keep..



Nassau County Museum of Art



Holiday Family Night

Thursday Dec. 19, 2024, 6-8pm

Enjoy a holiday-themed scavenger hunt, art-making activity, story-telling, refreshments and more. Wear your PJs and bring your favorite plushie for an extra cozy experience.

Advanced registration: \$10 per family
Day-of registration: \$15 per family

Holiday Break for Art

Saturday Dec. 28, 2024, 11am-2:30pm

Create and innovate with us, children and their adult caregivers will create together in a fun, relaxed environment.

New York Botanical Garden

Holiday Train Show

From Nov. 16, 2024–Jan. 20, 2025,
10am-6pm



Enter a winter wonderland unlike any other at the Holiday Train Show, where cherished seasonal traditions find a home in our enchanting train displays, by

day...or night. After dark, our roving Train Conductors welcome you to Holiday Train Nights, and set you on your journey through the warm glow of the Holiday Train Show. **Remember to reserve the Family Museum Pass to purchase discounted tickets in advance:** <https://www.nybg.org/event/holiday-train-show-2024/>

Everett Children’s Adventure

Garden Pop-Up

From Nov. 16, 2024–Jan. 20, 2025

All aboard everyone’s favorite kid-sized stationary play train, the Evergreen Express! Get eye-level and take to the tracks at our tiny wooden train table. Enjoy a good winter book on our story walk. Whip up a cold weather feast in our play kitchen and put on your own puppet show. While you’re here, pick up the Evergreen Express Family Activity Guide full of plants, trees, and wildlife to search for around the Garden.

New York Hall of Science

Ski-Skate

From Nov. 30, 2024 through Feb. 2025 –
Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays
5-7pm



Glide into the holiday season on our indoor, Glice rink, get a scoop of Alkemy Ice Cream, and color on the Queens Winter Wonderland Wall!

New York Historical Society

Holiday Express Exhibition

From Dec. 26-31, 2024



Chugga-chugga choo-choo!

The annual *Holiday Express* exhibition will celebrate all things trains! Each program includes a hello song, silly interactive activities, a train-themed story book reading, and a train-themed craft. Each day will feature a new book and craft activity so come join us again and again!

Visit the [family calendar](#) for a variety of train and holiday-related activities, including story time and crafts, throughout the festive season.

New York Transit Museum

Holiday Nostalgia Rides

Every Sunday in December



This holiday season, NY Transit Museum continues the annual tradition of Holiday Nostalgia Rides on the New York Transit Museum’s 1930s *R1/9 train cars*! Operating between 2nd Avenue – Houston Street on the uptown F line and 96th Street – 2nd Avenue on the Q line, the Holiday Nostalgia Train will transport straphangers back in time every Sunday in December. Don’t miss your chance to travel through time – for just the cost of a MetroCard swipe or OMNY tap!

Old Bethpage Village Restoration



Candlelight Evenings at Old Bethpage Village Restoration

Dec 20, 21, 22, 23, 26, 27, 28, & 29, 2024
5:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. (last admittance is at 8:15 p.m.).

During the annual Candlelight Evening events, you'll be able to walk through our candlelit village just as it would have looked and sounded during the 19th Century. Revel in numerous historical musicians, warm up by the bonfire, purchase hot cider, and stroll the grounds. Enjoy a visit with St. Nicholas, learn about 19th Century holiday traditions, and so much more! This is an event you won't want to miss, where you can make new holiday traditions of your own! Tickets are available online and at the door until 8:15 p.m. on December 29th. Admission prices are \$20.00 for Adults (13 years old and above), \$15.00 for Children (between the ages of 5 to 12 years old), \$15.00 for Seniors (60 years old and above) and Children 4 and under are free of charge. These ticket prices do not have the fees included. Active-duty service members are free with Military ID! There are no reserved parking spots on site. Parking is

on a first come serve first serve basis and limited. For additional information please call (516) 572-8409. No refunds or exchanges. **Library passes are NOT accepted for this event.**

Flashlights are not authorized to be shined indoors, nor into the windows of our historic buildings, to not injure our historic interpreters/other guests. Gas lanterns and candles are not permitted into the village.



Old Westbury Gardens



THE SPARROWS in The Merry 'Twenties

Friday,	Dec.	20,	2024,	7pm
Saturday,	Dec.	21,	2024,	7pm

\$50

Check the website for details:
<https://www.oldwestburygardens.org/christmas-at-westbury-house-2024>

Planting Fields Arboretum – Coe Hall

Winter Birding 101 Workshop

Sunday, December 22, 2024, 10am – 12pm

Discover everything you need to know about birds at the Winter Birding 101 Workshop. Participants will learn birding basics, how birds survive over the winter, and how we can help support them on their migration journeys! They'll also make their very own bird feeder to bring home and a handmade native bird identification guide, with a special surprise! Ages 5 – 12. \$25 per child. Located at Planting Fields Foundation's Education Center at the historic Laundry Building.

Check the website for additional information and the purchase tickets:

<https://plantingfields.org/happenings/category/programs/>

Vanderbilt Museum and Planetarium

Season of Light

From Dec. 6 to 28, 2024
Fridays & Saturdays, 7pm



This planetarium show explores the fascinating historical, religious, and cultural rituals practiced during the time of winter solstice – not only Christian and Jewish but also Celtic, Nordic, Roman, Irish, Mexican and Hopi. Adults \$12; students with ID and seniors \$10; children 12 and under \$8; members, children under 2 free.

COMMUNITY NEWS



Kiwanis
CLUB OF VALLEY STREAM

Breakfast with Santa

APPLEBEE'S®
1126 Green Acres Mall
Valley Stream

Saturday, December 21st
8:00 - 10:00 am

Questions? Natalie 516-388-0912
natalietoler2@gmail.com

Scan to purchase tickets
\$15 in advance
\$20 at the door

Raffles
50/50
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SHORT STACKS FOR A
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Meal includes: Pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a beverage (coffee, juice, soda or tea.) Ticket valid for pancake event only. Applebee's® menu items are not included as part of purchase.



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Call or text 988 for free, confidential mental health support. We're here to listen and help 24/7.



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CAALi.org

- ◆ 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
Phone: (646) 326-2034
Judy C. Hwang, PhD, CAALI Principal
黃菁齡博士，長島南灣中文學校校長

Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)

Address Confidentiality Program

A cost-free program that shields the addresses of individuals who file for this safety.

The New York Department of State hosts an **Address Confidentiality Program (ACP)** that can provide peace of mind with a secure address.

The **ACP** is a free program that lets persons shield their home address to help maintain their safety.

The **ACP** is available to persons and their immediate family who have experienced **domestic violence, stalking, sexual offenses, human trafficking** and **reproductive healthcare services** (including patients, volunteers, providers and their employees).

If a person qualifies they will receive a secure Albany post office box as their official mailing address.

The **ACP** forwards all first class and certified mail from their private P.O. Box to their home address. The service is private, secure and safe.

More information, [here](#).

VILLAGE UPDATES



Overnight Parking Restrictions
Suspended
3:30AM-5:30AM

Begins on Morning of	Concludes on Morning of
Wednesday, 12/25/24	Thursday, 01/02/25



Centennial Kick Off

Monday, January 27, 2025 – 7pm
Flag Raising Ceremony

Valley Stream Village Hall
Front Lawn



CREATE A FREE ACCOUNT ON THE ONLINE PORTAL

CLICK ON THE FORM THAT YOU NEED TO UPLOAD IT TO YOUR PORTAL

VILLAGE UPDATES



Sanitation

During the week of December 16th, we will be collecting Plastic, Metal & Glass.

APPLICATION AVAILABLE AT:
WWW.VSVNY.ORG/BARRETT

INC. VILLAGE OF VALLEY STREAM

CAMP BARRETT

JUNE 30th-AUGUST 8th

REGISTRATION STARTS 10/5 AT 10AM

Due to limited availability, enrollment will be on a first come first serve basis. All applications are subject to review. 2 proofs of residency and campers' birth certificates are required to be uploaded with camper application within 24 hours of submission. Trips and other add-ons will become available to enrolled campers in Spring 2025.

AVAILABLE PROGRAMS:

- Morning Care
- Half/Full Day Camp Options
- Field Trips
- NEW** Teen/Purple Division

Contact Us: campbarretts@gmail.com (516) 780-1189



Class	Days, Dates & Times
Candlelight Yoga*	Wednesdays, 1/22 - 3/26, 7:30pm - 8:30pm *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Cardio Kickboxing	Tuesdays, 1/21 - 3/25, 6:30pm to 7:30pm
Chair Body Strengthening*	Thursdays, 1/23 - 3/27, 9:30am to 10:30am *Please remember to bring resistance tubes with handles*
Chair Pilates	Tuesdays, 1/21 - 3/25, 9:30am to 10:30am
Chair Yoga	Tuesdays, 1/21 - 3/25, 11am to Noon
Chair Zumba	Wednesdays, 1/22 - 3/26, 10am to 11am
Gentle Aerobics/Flow Yoga*	Fridays, 1/24 - 3/28, 10am to 11am *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Pilates Mat for Beginners*	Mondays, 1/27 - 4/7, 11am to Noon *Must Bring Your Own Mat No Class on Presidents' Day
Yoga*	Thursdays, 1/23 - 3/27, 7:30pm to 8:30pm *Must Bring Your Own Mat
Zumba	Thursdays, 1/23 - 3/27, 6pm to 7pm Saturdays, 1/25 - 3/29, 10am to 11am

Programs open to residents & non-residents alike!

Classes are held at the Valley Stream Community Center.

There will be no refunds or make-up classes.

All programs are 10 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 card will be issued for parking in the Community Center Lot during class.

For all classes, please wear comfortable clothing & sneakers!

For more details call (516) 825-8572
Register online at <https://www.vvrec.org>

Village Resident	\$62.50	\$37.50
Non-Village Resident	\$81.30	\$56.30

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Valley Stream, Celebrating 100 years, 1925 - 2025



"Art for Kids" is an art class designed for children ages 7-12 where your child will explore the basic elements of art such as color, line and value while gaining an appreciation for art history. Students will learn how to take their artistic abilities to the next level!

Class Details & Schedule

- This class is for children ages 7-12 & open to Village residents and non-residents alike.
- Classes will meet at the Lake Room in the Valley Stream Community Center.
- There will be no refunds or make up classes.
- This is a 6 week program. Class will meet on Wednesday afternoons on the dates below.
- February 5th, 2025 - March 19th, 2025*
Class will not meet on February 19th
- Classes will meet between 4:30pm - 5:30pm.
- Please arrive 15 minutes early for class.
- The fee per student is \$90. A \$15 material fee which covers all materials for the entire course is due to the instructor on the first day.
- Register in person at the Community Center or online at www.vvrec.org. For more info, contact the instructor, Matt Khan, at (917) 929-8110.



Learn about famous pieces of artwork like the *Starry Night!*

Take your artistic abilities to the next level in an enriching & supportive environment!

Develop hand & eye coordination!

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